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Incoming Board President Makes History

LOUISVILLE, KY. (March 3, 2020) —Justin "Jay" Miller's passion and commitment to helping Kentucky's most vulnerable populations earned him the nomination of becoming the next President of St. Joe's Board of Trustees in January 2020.



"We are overjoyed to announce that Dr. Jay Miller is our 2020 Board President of St Joseph Children's Home," said Grace Akers, St Joe's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). "Jay is recognized as a national expert on a host of issues related to foster care and child welfare workforce issues. His work to address disparate outcomes for youth and extensive leadership experience make him well suited to guide St Joe's into the future."

As incoming Board President, Miller is tasked with a number of governance duties aimed at sustaining an actualized vision for the agency and is the first African-American president to lead the board.

"It is such an honor to serve a venerable institution like St Joe's," explained Miller. "Under Grace's leadership the agency is

well-equipped to deal with the contemporary practice realities facing child welfare. I am happy to work with such a dynamic board, in coordination with a word-class staff, to deliver quality services to children and families throughout the state."

Miller brings a wealth of experience, governance and otherwise, to St. Joe's, having been most recently named 2020 Social Worker of the Year.

In 2019, he was named Dean of the College of Social Work at the University of Kentucky, making him the youngest dean in the country. Miller has bolstered an extensive research folio in the areas of foster care, adoption, and stress and burnout among child welfare workers. He has published a host of research papers, briefs, and books related to this work. Miller currently consults, presents, and lectures at academic and practice institutions around the world.

Miller has practiced as a social worker in child welfare at local, state, and federal levels. In addition to his role at St. Joe's, Miller has served as the Founder and Past President of the Foster Care Alumni – KY, Chair of Kentucky's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and Children's Justice Act Taskforce, and Chairperson of Kentucky's Board of Social Work. Last but not least, Miller is a loud, proud foster and kinship alum.

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