

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The School of the Arts Advisory Board is dedicated to fostering excellence, innovation, and belonging within our artistic community. We serve as advocates, advisors, and champions for the School of the Arts, striving to enhance its educational programs, amplify its impact, and enrich the experiences of students, faculty, and staff. We champion the role of the university as a cultural anchor that is connected to our city, region, state, and beyond.

### Mission

Through our dedication, expertise, and passion for the arts, we strive to enrich the educational experience, elevate the reputation, and advance the mission of the School of the Arts, empowering individuals to inspire, innovate, and transform the world through the power of creativity. Our mission is to:

**Support Academic Excellence:** We share and tell the stories of artistic integrity and creative excellence across all disciplines for our faculty, undergraduate students, and graduate students.

**Enhance Experiential Learning:** We help identify opportunities for our students to engage in experiences outside traditional classroom settings to further their artistic and creative growth through a range of career and civic paths

**Foster Creativity and Innovation:** We cultivate an environment that nurtures creativity, experimentation, and interdisciplinary collaboration, empowering students to push boundaries and explore new artistic horizons to address opportunities and challenges in our communities.

**Promote Belonging, Access, and Inclusion:** We champion diversity in all its forms, fostering an inclusive environment where individuals from diverse backgrounds feel valued, respected, and empowered to express themselves authentically.

**Strengthen Community Engagement:** We engage with alumni, donors, industry partners, and the broader community to forge meaningful connections, create opportunities for professional development, and promote the value of the arts in society.

**Ensure Sustainability and Growth:** We help work to secure resources, develop strategic partnerships, and implement innovative initiatives that support the long-term sustainability and growth of the School of the Arts, ensuring its continued success for generations to come.

