



Gayle Bicknell

School Board Chair, Leadership Lecturer

Gayle chairs the Board of Directors for Corning Christian Academy, a private pre-K through 12th grade school in New York. She has led the school for more than 10 years and has shared her drive, passion, and enthusiasm with the staff.

Prior to that, at Corning Incorporated she held different positions, including Senior Procurement Manager and Operations Manager of a prototype development facility manufacturing the next generation catalytic converter substrate.

Gayle served as an officer in the US Army and was stationed in Germany for four years. She held a variety of leadership positions, including Personnel Officer for a 1,200 person Maintenance Battalion. While in Germany, she and her husband traveled extensively in western Europe.

She is a graduate of Cornell University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree. She married her husband Van in 1983, and they have three grown daughters, one son-in-law, and a new grandson.

Gayle enjoys family, fitness, travel, skiing, wake boarding, playing clarinet in a college wind ensemble, and anything active. She also volunteers with many non-profit organizations and enjoys serving others.