

William Casperson joins Colonial Williamsburg's Board of Trustees



William Casperson joins The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Board of Trustees. Download high-resolution image [here](#).

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Nov. 14, 2024) – The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees welcomes finance strategist and Columbia Business School professor William Casperson as its newest board member.

Casperson retired in 2023 from Oaktree Capital Management, a global investment management agency, where he served as a co-portfolio manager for Oaktree's U.S. Private Debt strategy leading the team's investment professionals, portfolio construction and overall strategic management. Casperson was also a managing director within the Global Private Debt strategy where he served on the investment committee for its Direct Lending platform. Currently he is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business at Columbia Business School where he co-teaches a course on credit analysis focused on investing in below-investment-grade debt.

“William Casperson brings a wealth of financial expertise to the board. His career insights deepen the board's already excellent pool of financial experts, and his passion for our mission furthers our ability to expand Colonial Williamsburg's educational impact on the eve of America's 250th anniversary in 2026,” said Carly Fiorina, chair of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees.

Casperson's appointment complements the board's dedicated leaders who drive strategy supporting the educational mission of the world's largest U.S. history museum.

"Colonial Williamsburg's Board of Trustees comprises a diverse team of volunteer leaders who graciously give their time and talents to help the Foundation's dedicated staff tell a complete story of America's founding generation. Mr. Casperson is a welcome addition to the board, and I'm eager to tap into his expertise to help us bring stories of America's founding generation to life onsite and online for students of history wherever they live," said Cliff Fleet, president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

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About The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers and 18th-century inspired culinary options from historic taverns situated along historic Duke of Gloucester Street. Colonial Williamsburg Resorts complement the experience, offering guests five unique hotel properties including the iconic Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star, AAA Five Diamond Williamsburg Inn, newly renovated Williamsburg Lodge-Autograph Collection, Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Suites, the Griffin Hotel, and authentic 18th-century Colonial Houses. The resort offers a range of events and amenities including four historic taverns, 15 food and beverage outlets providing exquisite culinary experiences from casual to elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 36 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his son Rees Jones, a world-class full-service spa and fitness center, pools, meeting and flexible event spaces, and scenic gardens providing the perfect venue for weddings and special events. Merchants Square, built alongside the Historic Area in 1935 as one of the first planned shopping districts in the United States, features more than 40 specialty boutiques with products ranging from apparel to fine jewelry, art, specialty foods and gifts. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

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