

Henry J. Amoroso

Henry is an experienced educator and dedicated servant leader who has devoted much of his storied career to helping schools, foundations, hospitals, and other nonprofits establish and implement ethical and effective strategies to achieve their goals and attain their missions.

For the past decade, he has served as an active, engaged member of the Board of Victoria Foundation, one of the oldest private foundations in the U.S., formed by Hendon Chubb in 1924 to improve the lives of at risk-children in Newark, NJ. Henry is the very embodiment of the Foundation's mission to partner with Black and Brown residents, other marginalized communities in Newark, and nonprofit organizations to champion bold strategies that strengthen community power, foster economic justice, promote youth self-determination, and respond effectively to their pressing needs. A long-time community servant and dedicated organizational strategist, he has helped guide the Victoria Foundation through a period of Board diversification, resetting the balance of its leadership to ensure that members have roots, relationships, and lived experiences in Newark. Currently half of its current Board are people of color.

Henry's interest in and expertise in guiding educational institutions serving students from preschool through high school graduation are lifelong. As a member of the Board of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Newark from 2002 through 2021, he was intimately engaged shaping the services provided by its 58 elementary schools and 23 secondary schools, which enroll more than 22,000 students across Bergen, Hudson, Essex, and Union Counties. Since 2011, one-third of the Archdiocese's schools have been recognized as "Exemplary High-Performing Schools" and earned blue ribbons from the U.S. Department of Education.

In his leadership role with Catholic Charities, Henry also oversaw an array of services supporting children with behavioral disorders, including students requiring residential care for whom Catholic Charities developed an innovative residential treatment program in Jersey City in 2012. Also, during his tenure, the organization created an innovative continuum of services for students "aging out" of care that includes mentoring and other transitional supports to promote their independence. His passion for improving the life trajectories of at-risk, economically disadvantaged youngsters is likewise reflected in his work on behalf of the Bergen County Special Services District, which he played a major role in structuring as a joint venture to address the unique social, emotional, physical, intellectual and career needs of pre-K through 12 students by creating positive, stimulating, and encouraging learning environments in schools, homes, and communities. Henry served as lead attorney for this unique Special Services District for 14 years.

A tenured Associate Professor of Legal Studies in the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University, Henry received his J.D. from Delaware Law School of Widener University in 1985 and his B.S. in Accounting from Villanova University in 1981. He is the Director of the Stillman School's Micah Center for Business Studies and Chair of its Department of Economics and Legal Studies, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the legal environment of business, ethics, and public policy. He is renowned for integrating unique ethics-oriented case studies in his popular Social Responsibility course. He also provides leadership and guidance to the transition teams of newly elected public officials at the local, state and national levels. Henry is renowned for preparing the next generation of educators, nonprofit boards, and community leaders for positions of responsibility and leadership in the nation's public and private schools, foundations, charitable institutions, and public service organizations.

