

Brenda Flaherty `90 (Sociology)

Brenda Flaherty serves as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President at Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation. Brenda is accountable for clinical programs and services at Hamilton Health Sciences. She began her career at HHS as a registered nurse (RN) in the Emergency Department, and has held several clinical and leadership roles within the organization. Her experience as an RN has provided her with insight into the various complexities and challenges that front line staff experience within the clinical environment, a valuable asset in her current leadership role. Previously, she provided clinical leadership in emergency and perioperative services, as well as Vice President of Patient Services and Site Administrator for the Hamilton General Hospital. She is instrumental in creating and overseeing Hamilton Health Sciences' Management Services Agreements with five community hospitals.

She is devoted to serving her community. She actively volunteers in a number of capacities, and is Chair of the Board of YMCA Hamilton, Burlington & Brantford, is a member of the YMCA Canada Board and serves on the YMCA Canada World Relationships Committee. She has also been Chair of the Board of the North Hamilton Community Health Centre and a board member for Mark Preece Family House. She is a member of several provincial expert panels for clinical services, and is the co-chair of the Alternate Level of Care Committee of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). She was also a member of the Canadian Stroke Strategy Steering Committee, and provided leadership for the development of the "Live Well" partnership between the YMCA, Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University, which collaboratively links acute care hospital health services with community health and wellness programs.

Brenda is an assistant professor of nursing and is a part-time instructor in the MBA program at McMaster University. A registered nurse, Brenda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from McMaster University, and received her Master of Public Administration from Queen's University.

Jos Nederveen `78 (Physical Education)

Jos is a McMaster B.P.E. graduate, a teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School, a volleyball coach to numerous local athletes at both the high school and club levels, and a leader in coaching certification and education. His commitment to sport doesn't end there. He continues to innovate and develop new ways to impact our local community.

In 2007 he initiated, coordinated and served as the head coach for a developmental house league, the Mary Volleyball Program (MVP) in the Hamilton area. The house league develops male and female athletes from grades 5 to 8. This program was selected amongst groups across Canada to receive the GM Making Dreams Possible Community Club Coaching Grant. This program has now expanded to include both a summer volleyball camp and in 2012, the inclusion of the VolleyTotz program for

the athletes in junior kindergarten to grade 3. In 2011, Jos was named the co-chair of the Sports Focus Group with the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. He was instrumental in developing a code of conduct for athletes, coaches, parents/guardians and spectators with the school board. He also began leading a Catholic Coaching Program within the Catholic School Board. As a National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) instructor, he has helped to train countless coaches in the Hamilton community. The city of Hamilton is the home of many of his former players and students who have chosen to continue his tradition of giving back to the local community.