



A native Oklahoman, **Rick van Nostrand's** career began not in a boardroom, but by launching a couple of companies to fund his computer science engineering degree at Southern Methodist University. Apparently, student loans were less appealing than entrepreneurship. He also worked as a computer engineer, helping build the stuff that made the 90s internet screech to life. After graduation, Rick joined Accenture. He quickly discovered that being a telecom management consultant in the 90s mostly involved perfecting the art of downsizing. After three years of telling people their jobs were "being re-engineered," he sought refuge at the Wharton School for an MBA.

He then joined McKinsey & Co, contributing to research for the book, "What Really Works." In a moment of supreme irony, he realized what would *really work* for him was a career change. This epiphany led him to Atlanta and the world of investment, first at Invesco and then at Earnest Partners, earning his Chartered Financial Analyst designation along the way.

Over 20 years ago, the entrepreneurial bug bit again. Rick left to help institutionalize Cornerstone Investment Partners, which has since grown from less than \$100 million to over \$3 billion in assets. Today, he serves as Chief Investment Officer, Senior Portfolio Manager, and Board Member, proving he's still not great at sitting still.

Rick and his wife, Darlene (a Managing Director at Artisan Partners and native of Panama), are the parents of three daughters. Caneel is currently an MBA student at Wharton, bravely following in her father's academic footsteps. Vivienne, a proud AIS alum ('22), is studying Public Health and Psychology at the University of Alabama with plans for law school. His daughter is a rising sixth-grade francophile on the Spanish track at AIS and a burgeoning soccer player. The van Nostrands can typically be found hiking, running trails, or finding any other excuse to be active outdoors together.