

Jim grew up in Calhoun, GA and attended Calhoun High School where he was active in sports and church, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. After high school, Jim matriculated to North Georgia College (University of North Georgia) in Dahlonega, GA on the Georgia Military Scholarship. He served in the National Guard for 8 years, attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and served as a tank commander for the HHQ company in the 108<sup>th</sup> Armor Division during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Jim Burke has been with Georgia State University for more than five years and is currently the senior director of development with the Honors College. Jim has more than 20 years of experience in the field of advancement and has a strong background in the secondary and higher education academic arenas and health and human services. Jim previously served as a senior director of development with MAP International, a health and human service non-profit based in Atlanta, and as development director for the American College of Rheumatology/Research and Education Foundation. Additionally, Jim served as annual fund director at Marist School, and began his career as a district executive and field director for the Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Jim has been married to Connie Bowman Burke for 25 years and they have four children, Matthew (24), Ashley (22), Grant (18), and Anna (16). Matthew is in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Ashley recently graduated from Georgia State University and is now a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the US Army stationed at Fort Hood, Grant will be attending Georgia State on a full ROTC scholarship in the fall and Anna is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Chamblee High School. In his free time, Jim enjoys running, triathlons, marathons and watching any sport his children are involved in at the moment. Jim is a huge Disney fan. To take that fandom to the next level, he and Grant are currently training for the Dopey races at Walt Disney World (5K run Thursday, 10K run Friday, 13.1 mile run Saturday, & 26.2 mile run on Sunday).