

CHRISTOPHER R. TOBIN



Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement Executive Director, College of Charleston Foundation



Chris Tobin is the executive vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of the College of Charleston Foundation. As such, he leads an organization of professionals engaged in a coordinated, campus-wide approach to university development, alumni relations, stewardship and advancement services. Tobin is also responsible for overseeing institutional funds management and growing the endowed funds held for the College of Charleston by the College of Charleston Foundation. He works in close partnership with the president and executive team and volunteer boards.

Tobin joined the College of Charleston in November 2009 as vice president of development, where he directed the plans to design and execute *BOUNDLESS*, the College of Charleston's largest-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign. *BOUNDLESS* surpassed its goal of \$125 million by raising more than \$138 million.

Tobin joined the College from Tulane University, where he served as the associate dean for alumni and development at Tulane Law School and then as the assistant vice president for development, directing the university's major gifts department after the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster. During his tenure, Tobin and his team rebuilt the frontline major gifts program, provided development leadership to 12 principal schools and units, and expanded the overall major gift prospect and donor pipeline. These efforts helped Tulane successfully complete a \$700 million comprehensive campaign, as well as an emergency \$100 million drive for unrestricted hurricane recovery support.

Prior to Tulane, Tobin worked for Goizueta Business School at Emory University as a senior associate director of development and then as director of major gifts. He has also held positions in development and client relations for the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, SCANA Energy and Korn/Ferry International.

EDUCATION

1994: B.A., Emory University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2018-Present: Executive Vice President, Institutional Advancement, and Executive Director, College of Charleston Foundation, College of Charleston

2009-2017: Vice President of Development, College of Charleston

2005-2009: Assistant Vice President for Development, Tulane University; Associate Dean for Alumni and Development, Tulane University Law School

2001-2005: Director of Major Gifts; Senior Associate Director of Development, Goizueta Business School, Emory University

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2016: Leadership South Carolina graduate

2015: Led campus team that received the Overall Performance Fundraising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)

2006-2012: Former member, Emory College Alumni Board

2007-2009: Founding board member, Sojourner Truth Academy (New Orleans)