

James E. “Trippe” Cheek III
Candidate for Trustee, The University of the South
Lay Order



As a 1984 magna cum laude graduate of Sewanee, Cheek says his interest and involvement with the university go back decades. He spent his time there serving in the Student Assembly and as the editor-in-chief of the newspaper, playing on the baseball team and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

After leaving the Mountain, Cheek served as the agent for his class, coordinating fundraising and activities such as alumni reunions. He also served as president of the Sewanee Club of Central Florida. Recently, he has been working to establish a senior living center on the Sewanee Domain by establishing connections between the university and a health care developer client.

Central Florida is home to Cheek, and for more than 20 years, he has been a member of St. Michael's in College Park, where he served on the Nursery School Board. He says he has been fortunate to serve on the diocesan Real Estate Committee and volunteer his legal services as needed.

In the greater Orlando community, Cheek is a shareholder and chairman of the board of Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, a firm he has been with for 33 years. He has also had the privilege to serve as the general counsel for Rollins College, gaining extensive experience in university law matters.

Solidifying the connection between the Diocese of Central Florida and Sewanee is a major personal goal, and Cheek says if elected, he will seek to serve in this position to the best of his ability.