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The primary responsibility of the Board of Trustees is to see that the School operates in the best interests of its students, teachers, and parents. The Board sets the purpose and policies of the School, ensures its financial stability, plans for its future, and hires the Head of School, who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the School.



**Myles B. Amend,
President**

Myles B. Amend is Associate Head of School for Advancement at Trinity School, where he has worked since 2000.

Prior to that he served as Director of Development and Finance at Rice High School in Harlem; as Principal of Tampa Catholic High School in Tampa, Florida; and as Associate Director for Institutional Advancement and Governance at the Museum of the City of New York. He is a graduate of Iona College and holds master's degrees in History from New York University and in Independent School Leadership from Columbia University Teachers College. He is also a trustee of De La Salle Academy and a past president of the New York City Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Myles and his husband, Marc Thomas, are parents of a WSMS alumnus who completed her two-year career at WSMS in 2011.



**Lindsay Forbes,
Vice President**

Lindsay Forbes was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. She has a BSc in Forestry from the University of British Columbia and a JD from the University of Toronto. Prior to starting her family, Lindsay practiced commercial real estate law in Vancouver and New York. She is now devel-

oping the U.S. East Coast market for EAB Tool Co., a power tool accessory company founded by her father and marketed in over 2,700 retail outlets in North America. Lindsay and her husband, Ali Dibadj, are the proud parents of a WSMS alum and a current WSMS student.



**Joanna Rego,
Vice President**

Joanna Rego is the mother of two WSMS graduates. She is an active WSMS volunteer, having served as co-president of the Parents Association and co-president of the 50th Anniversary Celebration & Auction. Joanna received her BA in English Literature from Brown University. Before having children she worked for 15 years as a theater producer, overseeing such productions as Martin Short's "Fame Becomes Me" on Broadway, Nickelodeon's "Blue's Clues Live!" tour, and Wayne Brady in Las Vegas. She is married to Matthew Rego.



**Alexander H. Southwell,
Vice President**

Alexander H. Southwell is a partner at the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he is a member of the White Collar Defense and Investigations and Chair of the Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Consumer

Protection practice groups. Alex previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and is also an adjunct professor of law at Fordham University School of Law, where he teaches a seminar on cyber crimes. Alex graduated from Princeton University and New York University School of Law. He is also a proud alum of WSMS, having been born and raised on the Upper West Side, where he still lives with his wife, Sandy, and their three children who all graduated from WSMS. Alex has been a Trustee since 2009 and previously served as President of the Board of Trustees from 2013-2016.



**Jason E. Santiago,
Treasurer**

Jason E. Santiago is currently an investor at Stripes Group, a \$1.5B private equity fund that invests in Internet and consumer products companies. Prior to joining Stripes Group, Jason was an Investment Banker at Cowen and Company in both New York and San Francisco, responsible for the execution of growth equity financings. He was formerly a Director at PRIME-DIA, responsible for enterprise-wide Internet product development. Jason started his career as an entrepreneur, co-founding two Internet technology companies, and then leading them through acquisition and IPO. Jason was born in Puerto Rico and has an MBA from Columbia Business School, where he was an Alberto Verme Scholar, and a BA in Architecture and Planning from Columbia College. Jason and his wife, Casey, have two children. Their daughter is a current WSMS student and their son, who graduated WSMS in 2015, now attends The Dalton School.



**Jennifer S. Conway,
Secretary**

Jennifer S. Conway is a partner at the law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore, where she is a member of the Executive Compensation and Benefits Department. She regularly advises public and private companies on executive compensation and employee benefits matters, principally in connection with mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings and other business transactions. Jennifer is a graduate of Georgetown University and Columbia Law School, and she serves as a trustee for the Lawyers Alliance for New York. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Kate Stoneman Project, an organization devoted to the advancement of women in the legal profession. Jennifer and her husband, Victor Manuel, have two daughters, a current student at WSMS and a baby born May 2015. Jennifer and Victor also served as co-chairs of the first annual Fall Festival.



Nissa Booker

Nissa Booker is a graduate of Spelman College where she majored in English. After realizing journalism was her calling, she interned and eventually took a job with ABC News in Washington, DC, where she worked her way through the newsroom to the office of talent development. There Nissa discovered her calling in training and development. After several years of recruiting and hiring entry-level talent and spearheading development programs, she left ABC News and joined a start-up owned by AOL where she is responsible for managing the editorial recruiters. Nissa is the proud mom of two WSMS alumni. Nissa worked on her Montessori teaching certification through the WSMS-TEP program.



Mark Cicirelli

Mark Cicirelli is married to Lisa and is father to Emma and Alexandra. He works as a Portfolio Manager at Elliott Management, a NY-based investment firm. He joined Elliott in 2005, after working at TH Lee Putnam Ventures, a private equity fund, and at JPMorgan Chase & Co. Mark graduated from Dartmouth with an AB in Government and Economics, and from Harvard with an MBA. He serves on the New York board of All Stars Project, a non-profit that supports the development of inner city youth. He also serves on the boards of Opus Bank, Paraline Holdings, an insurance company, and Bernoulli Health, a medical technology company.



Tim Daileader

Tim Daileader, the father of Declan and Madeleine Daileader (WSMS '14) and husband of Maggan Daileader, has pursued a twenty-three year career in investment management and banking. Over the course of his career, Tim has been a senior analyst at Litespeed Management and Strategic Value Partners, a portfolio manager at Stanfield Capital Partners, and the Director of Research at Knight Capital. Tim is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and is a member of the New York Society of Securities Analysts. Tim also volunteers on the Board of Directors of 257 Central Park West, Inc., and has served on both the College Board of Advisors and the Admission Ambassador program for Georgetown University. Tim graduated from Georgetown University, where he was a Baker Scholar, with a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1992.



Victoria Feltman

Victoria Feltman is a nutritionist who specializes in family and childhood nutrition. Before going into private practice, Vicky worked at the New York Children's Health Project in the South Bronx, where she counseled kids and adults and taught nutrition education classes. Prior to becoming a registered dietitian, Vicky spent four years as an editor at O, the Oprah magazine, and later worked as a restaurant publicist in New York and Los Angeles. Vicky has a BA from Cornell University and a Masters of Science in Nutrition from NYU. Vicky and her husband, Josh, have three sons, one at WSMS, one in kindergarten, and a baby born in 2016. She is a member of the WSMS Admissions Committee and is actively involved as a parent volunteer.



Mort Haque

Mort Haque is a Portfolio Manager at Sound Point Capital, an investment management firm specializing in below-investment grade corporate and structured credit markets. Prior to Sound Point, Mort worked at Apollo Management in their capital markets group and spent a number of years as an investment banker at Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase in their leveraged finance and M&A departments. He is a graduate of Georgetown University (School of Foreign Service) and Columbia Business School. Mort is married to Henna Khan, who has been actively involved with WSMS as a member of various committees for the Spring Fair and Annual Auction, and in interviewing prospective families for the Admissions Committee. They have two daughters who graduated from WSMS.



Elise J.

Elise J. is a dentist and mother of two. She holds a doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Strasbourg, France, as well as a master's degree in cellular and molecular physiopathology. She relocated from France several years ago and lives on the Upper West Side with her husband and their two children. She has previously worked with several non-profit organizations, and is actively involved in the community. She has been class representative for the past year.



Natasha Kazmi

Prior to taking time off to raise her family, Natasha Kazmi spent 15 years in a number of roles in the financial services industry, ranging from corporate banking to restructurings and asset management, across diverse geographies like Pakistan, Indonesia and the US. Natasha was a member of the 2014 WSMS Online Auction Committee, and currently serves as a member of the Admissions Committee and Chair of the Annual Fund. She is also involved in projects related to furthering girls' education in Pakistan's remote areas and the improvement of interfaith relations. Natasha and her husband, Qaisar Hasan, are proud parents of one current WSMS student and one WSMS graduate. She earned a BBA and MBA from the University of Karachi.



Allen Lamb

Allen Lamb has been a Wall Street professional focused on the intersection of media and technology since the mid-2000s, and has also been a multiple time digital media entrepreneur. In his capacity as a finance executive, Allen was most recently with The Raine Group, a boutique merchant bank focused exclusively on entertainment, digital media and sports, while his latest concept as an entrepreneur was Cheddah, a mobile app that awards millennials instant cash credits to use at eateries in exchange for answering five quick questions about their day-to-day thoughts and insights. Allen holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering, a master's degree in Computer Science from Cornell University, and an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management. He resides on the Upper West Side with his wife, Angela (a dermatologist with Mt. Sinai), and two children, Mitchell, who completed three years at WSMS, and Darby, who is a current student.



Iva Mills

Iva Mills is the mother of twins—Dashiell and Morgan—who both began excitedly attending WSMS in the Fall 2013 Twos Program. During her children's first year at WSMS, Iva assisted the WSMS development office with the Annual Fund and volunteered with the Auction and Spring Fair committees. Currently, Dashiell and Morgan are in their third year at WSMS and thriving. After two years as co-president of the Parents Association, Iva continues to be an active parent at WSMS and is on the Admissions Committee. Iva also contributes to the Admissions Committee and Board as a parent representative. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles and Juris Doctorate from the American University, Washington College of Law. Iva practiced law for ten years at a law firm primarily in the area of advertising and marketing litigation and, later, in-house litigating intellectual property disputes. Iva also serves on the Acquisition Committee of the Studio Museum in Harlem and volunteers for the Harlem Children's Zone. She is married to Scott Mills.



Kyra Nelson

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Kyra Nelson spent the first 7 years of her career as an investment banker, primarily with the Credit Suisse First Boston Technology Group. She then worked in real estate in the Bay Area until she moved to Manhattan in 2013. Kyra holds a BA in History from Georgetown University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Kyra and her husband, Travis, are proud parents of a daughter and son who attend WSMS, a son who attends the Manhattan Childrens Center, and a fourth child born in 2016. Kyra has been actively involved as a parent volunteer at WSMS and serves on the WSMS Admissions Committee as a parent interviewer.



Jing Wang

Jing Wang grew up in China. He came to the United States for graduate study after earning his BS in Physics from Peking University. After receiving a PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004, he joined Tricadia Capital LLC, a \$4.2B multi-strategy credit hedge fund. Mr. Wang is now a partner and portfolio manager at the fund, trading US and European fixed income and equity derivatives, and focusing on generating stable and superior returns for investors. Besides work, Mr. Wang would like to dedicate more time to philanthropic efforts and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Wang is married to Yi Zhang. They have one son at WSMS and one who graduated in 2016.



Kelly West

Kelly West is currently the Director of Lower School Admission at The Browning School. Kelly first joined the Browning faculty in 2003, where she served as an Assistant Teacher, Head Teacher and then Acting Head of Lower School before moving to admissions. Kelly received her MA from the Steinhardt School of Education at N.Y.U and a BA in Psychology from The George Washington University.



Jeff Leaf, Parent Representative

Jeff Leaf (Parent Representative) is Partner, Group Creative Director at Ogilvy & Mather, where he has worked for the past 11 years. His work can be seen in advertising campaigns for a variety of clients including Nestlé, BlackRock, Tiffany & Co., NASCAR, Siemens and DuPont. Jeff has a bachelor's degree in Communications from Boston University, and a BFA from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA. He and his wife, Lindsay, are proud parents of a current WSMS student as well as a recent WSMS graduate. Jeff is currently serving as co-president of the WSMS Parents Association.



Bonny Whitcher, Parent Representative

Bonny Whitcher (Parent Representative) is currently serving her first year as co-president of the Parents Association. Bonny is a CPA and received her BS in Business and Economics from Lehigh University. Prior to starting a family, she worked at Ernst & Young for 9 years in their Financial Services Office and then spent several years as the corporate controller of a boutique investment bank headquartered in New York City. She also provides volunteer financial advisory services to the Harlem Educational Activities Fund. Bonny and her husband, Jonathan, reside on the Upper West Side and are the proud parents of two current WSMS students.



Joan Shisler, Faculty Representative

After graduating from Penn State University and earning her Montessori training at The Children's House in State College, PA, Joan Shisler (Faculty Representative) moved to New York to continue her teaching career at West Side Montessori School. She gained her Masters of Education Degree from Hunter College and has permanent New York State Teaching Certification for grades Pre-K through Elementary. Since 1979, she has taught in many of the different programs that WSMS has offered over the years. Currently Joan is a Head Teacher in the Late Afternoon Program and is the Nature/Science consultant and mentor for teachers. Joan has always been an avid gardener and has traveled extensively.