

# 2017-2018 WSMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**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 alumna who completed her two-year career at WSMS in 2011.



**Tim Daileader,  
Vice President**

Tim Daileader, the father of Declan and Madeleine Daileader (both WSMS '14) and husband of Maggan Daileader, has over twenty-five years of experience in financial restructurings, investment management and banking. Tim is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and has volunteered on the Board of Directors of 257 Central Park West, Inc., and the College Board of Advisors and the Admission Ambassador programs for Georgetown University. Tim graduated from Georgetown University, where he was a Baker Scholar, with a bachelor's degree in economics.



**Lindsay Forbes,  
Vice President**

Lindsay Forbes was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. She holds a BS in natural resources conservation from the Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia and a JD from the University of Toronto. Lindsay practiced commercial real estate law in Vancouver and New York. She later helped develop the U.S. East Coast market for EAB Tool Co., a power tool accessory company marketed in over 2,700 retail outlets in North America. Lindsay and her husband, Ali Dibadj, are the proud parents of two recent WSMS alums. During her time as a parent at WSMS, Lindsay served for two years as the co-president of the Parents Association, and before that helped run the Auction raffle and WSMS's annual Bulb Planting event. She remains an active participant in WSMS as a member of the Admissions Committee and a Board Trustee.



**Iva Mills,  
Vice President**

Iva Mills is the mother of twins who graduated WSMS in 2016. Iva was an active parent at WSMS, and assisted with the Annual Fund, the Auction and Spring Fair committees, and the Admissions committee. Iva received her BA in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her JD from the American University Washington College of Law. Iva practiced law for ten years, first 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.



**Jason E. Santiago,  
Treasurer**

Jason E. Santiago is currently an investor at Stripes Group, a \$2B 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 also a director at PRIMEDIA, 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: a daughter who graduated WSMS in 2017 and a son who graduated WSMS in 2015.



**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.

tions, 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 who are both current students at WSMS. 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 earned her degree in English. After graduating from Spelman, Nissa started

her career as a journalist at ABC News in Washington, DC, where she worked her way up from an entry level role in the newsroom into a management role in Talent Development. Nissa left ABC News in 2010 to pursue her interests in the emerging digital space. She found her way to AOL, where she supported hiring for Patch.com and The Huffington Post. After gaining digital experience managing recruitment for two digital brands, she was recruited away to lead the Talent Acquisition function at Vimeo. Nissa is currently the Head of Talent Acquisition at BuzzFeed. Nissa is married to Courtney Booker. They reside in Harlem where they are raising two amazing children: Dalyn and Aiden, who are both WSMS alumni.



#### Mark Cicirelli

Mark Cicirelli is a Portfolio Manager at Elliott Management, a NY-based investment firm. He joined Elliott in 2005, before which

he worked at TH Lee Putnam Ventures, a private equity fund, and at JPMorgan. 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 various companies engaged in banking, insurance, medical technology, and mining finance. Mark and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters: one a current WSMS student, and the other a WSMS alumna now attending Sacred Heart.



#### 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 an MS in nutrition from NYU. Vicky and her husband Josh have three sons: one who is a current student at WSMS, one in first grade, and a baby born in May 2016. She is a member of the WSMS Admissions Committee and is actively involved as a parent volunteer.



#### Justin Hamilton

Justin Hamilton is a media, message and strategy consultant based in New York City. He has spent over a decade

advising elected officials, candidates for higher office, federal cabinet members, CEOs, Fortune 500 companies, venture capitalists and entrepreneurs on how to develop and execute winning strategies. Prior to launching his business, Justin served as Chief of Staff and Head of Corporate Communications for News Corp's education technology division, Amplify. He also served as the national spokesperson for President Barack Obama's education reform efforts, where he helped to develop and execute the groundbreaking media campaign around the President's Race to the Top competition. Before joining the Obama Administration, Justin served on both the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team and as a battleground spokesperson for the President's 2008 Campaign. In addition to working on presidential and congressional races across the country over the past 10 years, Justin has served in both policy and management positions for members of the House and Senate. Justin lives on the Upper West Side with his wife Lucia, their two beautiful daughters Vivienne and Lyla, and their Boston Terrier, El Guapo.



#### 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 JP Morgan in their leveraged finance and M&A departments. He is a graduate of Georgetown University (SFS) and Columbia Business School. Mort is married to Henna Khan, who has been actively involved at WSMS. They have two daughters who graduated from WSMS.

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#### 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-for-profit organizations, and is actively involved in the community.



#### Natasha Kazmi

Prior to taking time off to raise her family, Natasha Kazmi spent fifteen 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 U.S. 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 serves on Manhattan's Community Board 7. 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 for over 15 years, and has also been a

multiple-time digital media entrepreneur. In his capacity as a finance executive, Allen currently serves as U.S. Head of Digital Investments for a large European media conglomerate; prior to that he was an investment banking/private equity professional with The Raine Group, a boutique merchant bank focused exclusively on entertainment, digital media and sports. His latest concept as an entrepreneur is Cheddah, an app-driven conversation platform that helps brands and venues offer cash-based incentives to con-

sumers in real-time in exchange for responses to quick surveys about their thoughts and insights. Allen holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in computer science from Cornell University, in addition to an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management. He resides on the Upper West Side with his wife, Angela (an on-faculty dermatologist at Mt. Sinai), and two children, Mitchell, who completed three years at WSMS, and Darby, who is a current student.



**Nigel-Ann La Qua Williamson**

Nigel-Ann La Qua Williamson was born and raised in Grenada, West Indies. She has a BS and a BArch in Architecture, from The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York. Prior to taking time off to raise her family, Nigel-Ann spent 9 years practicing Architecture, at HLW International and GKV Architects in New York City. She is currently developing her company and is pursuing an MBA at Columbia University. Nigel-Ann was a class representative at WSMS for two consecutive years, currently serves as a member of the Admissions Committee, co-chaired 2017 Sandsational, and is actively involved as a parent volunteer. Nigel-Ann and her husband, Marco Williamson, are proud parents of one current WSMS student and one WSMS Alum.



**Kyra Nelson**

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Kyra Nelson spent many years as an investment banker with Cowen and Company, where she focused on healthcare and technology, and later 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 bachelor's degree in history from Georgetown University and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Kyra and her husband, Travis, are proud parents of four children: a daughter who graduated WSMS in 2017, a son who currently attends WSMS, a son who attends the Manhattan Children's Center, and a son born in 2016. Kyra has been actively involved at WSMS as a parent volunteer and serves on the WSMS Admissions Committee.



**Kelly Morrison Opdyke**

Kelly Morrison Opdyke and her husband Jonathan are the proud parents of three children, including one WSMS alumna and two cur-

rent WSMS students. Kelly spent the past ten years as a senior technical advisor for Cicatelli Associates Inc., a public health non-profit headquartered in New York, where she led projects providing technical assistance to community-based organizations on the collection and use of data for nationally recognized initiatives, including the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and the Avon Foundation Breast Health Outreach Program. She previously interned as a research assistant with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and provided administrative support to continuing medical education programs at the School of Sleep Medicine in Palo Alto, CA. She spent her early career in digital marketing, co-leading an email marketing practice at online ad pioneer, Beyond Interactive. At WSMS, she has served as a class parent, a member of the Admissions Committee, and a co-chair for the Fall Festival. Since 2014 she has also served on the PTA Executive Board for The Anderson School. She received her Master of Public Health from Columbia University, and a BA in psychology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



**Jing Wang**

Jing Wang was born and grew up in China and came to the States to pursue graduate study after getting his BS in physics from Peking University. After receiving his PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004, he joined Tricadia Capital LLC, a \$3.5B multi-strategy credit hedge fund, and has since worked there for thirteen years. Jing is now a partner and portfolio manager at the fund, trading U.S. and European fixed income and equity derivatives, and focusing on generating stable and superior returns for investors. Besides work, Jing would like to dedicate more time to philanthropic efforts and nonprofit organizations. He is married to Yi Zhang. They have one son at WSMS and another 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.



**Tenille Skelton,  
Parent Representative**

Tenille Skelton is currently co-president of the Parents Association and an active WSMS volunteer, having served on several committees since 2015. Tenille received her BS in finance and accounting at Tulane University. She has ten years of experience in real estate finance and capital raising, having spent her career at The Carlyle Group, Goldman Sachs and TPG. Tenille is a member of the board of Grand Street Settlement, a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to over 10,000 under-served New York children, families and seniors, and serves on its Real Estate and Capital Committee. Tenille and her husband, Travis Skelton, are the proud parents of two current WSMS students, Alden and Quinn, and reside on the Upper West Side.



**Bonny Whitcher,  
Parent Representative**

Bonny Whitcher is currently serving her second 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 nine 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 a daughter who graduated WSMS in 2017 and a son who is in his second year at WSMS.



**Katherine Fordney,  
Faculty Representative**

Katherine Fordney received a BFA in acting from the North Carolina School of the Arts. A Montessori child herself, Katherine became reacquainted with the philosophy as an adult, receiving her AMS certification for children three to six from Midwest Montessori Teacher's Training Center in Evanston, IL. She completed her MA in Early Childhood Special and General Education from Bank Street College in Manhattan. She has taught in Montessori schools in Illinois and New York City. Katherine joined WSMS as a Head Teacher in 2009 and as an instructor for WSMS-TEP in 2014.