

2019–2020 WSMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 Amend,
President**

Myles 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 (WSMS '14), and husband of Maggan Daileader, is a partner in Drivetrain, LLC, a fiduciary services firm. Prior to this, Tim enjoyed a twenty-four-year career in investment management and banking. Over the course of his career, Tim was 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). Tim also serves as a director on two for-profit boards, and previously served on the College Board of Advisors and in 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.



**Iva Mills,
Vice President**

Iva Mills is the mother of twin WSMS alumni (2016). Iva served as co-president of the Parents Association for two years and assisted with the Annual Fund, Auction, Spring Fair and Admissions Committee. Iva received her BA in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her JD from 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 Board of Safe Horizon and 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,
Vice President**

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Kyra Nelson spent the first phase of her career as an investment banker with Cowen & Company and Credit Suisse First Boston, working in healthcare and technology. 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 Stanford. Kyra and her husband, Travis, are proud parents of four children: a daughter and son who graduated WSMS in 2017 and 2018, a son currently attending WSMS, and a son in a home-school special education program. Kyra has been actively involved at WSMS as a parent volunteer. Kyra is also actively involved with a number of special education organizations and special needs advocacy in the city.



**Mort Haque,
Treasurer**

Mort Haque is a portfolio manager at GoldenTree Asset Management, an investment management firm specializing in below-investment-grade corporate and structured credit markets. Prior to GoldenTree, Mort worked at Sound Point Capital as a portfolio manager and at Apollo Management in their capital markets group. He spent a number of years as an investment banker at Bank of America and J.P. 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, and they have two daughters who graduated from WSMS.



**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. 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, one who is a current student at WSMS and one who graduated in 2018. Jennifer and Victor also served as co-chairs of the first annual Fall Festival.



Dana Bliss

Dana Bliss is Executive Editor at Oxford University Press, where he oversees a book publishing program in social work and counseling. Prior to joining OUP in 2012, Dana worked at Taylor & Francis, another scholarly publishing company in New York. Dana was born and raised in downtown Manhattan, and began his educational journey at a Montessori preschool in Tribeca, before attending Friends Seminary and then Colgate University, where he earned his BA in philosophy and classics. He is a Fellow of the Library of America, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the publication and preservation of the

nation's cultural heritage through America's greatest writing. At WSMS Dana has served as co-chair of the Fall Festival, Class Rep Coordinator, and class rep, and has pitched in at the Auction and Hooked on Books events. Dana and his wife, Saya, live on the Upper West Side and have two daughters: one a current WSMS student and the other a WSMS alum.



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, and two who have graduated. She is a member of the WSMS Admissions Committee and is actively involved as a parent volunteer.



Lindsay Forbes

Lindsay Forbes holds a BS in Natural Resources Conservation from the Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia, and a JD from the University of Toronto. Born and raised in Vancouver, Canada, Lindsay practiced commercial real estate law in both Vancouver and New York, and later helped develop the U.S. east coast market for EAB Tool Co., an environmentally-focused power tool accessory company. During her time as a parent at WSMS, Lindsay was an active volunteer—she served for two years as the co-chair of the Parents' Association, and, among other things, planned the Auction raffle, Bulb Planting, and Fall Festival bake sale. She remains committed to WSMS as a member of the Admissions Committee and the Board of Trustees. Lindsay is also a member of the board of Trees New York, a non-profit dedicated to the care of street trees in New York City. Lindsay and her husband, Ali Dibadj, are proud parents of two WSMS alums.



Joseph Gilbert

Joseph Gilbert is married to Damaris Hernandez and is the father of Mariana, a WSMS graduate, and Ollie, who is currently at WSMS.

He joined NYU Langone Health in 2015, after working in the Preventive Medicine department at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS). He serves as a co-investigator for the NYU Children's Health and Environment Study (NYU CHES), a longitudinal study examining the environmental influences on growth and development of babies in utero, and the NYU Factors Influencing Reproductive Success and Time to Pregnancy Study (NYU FIRST), a prospective cohort study aimed at identifying environmental influences that lead to difficulties in attaining and sustaining a pregnancy to term. Joe graduated from Bridgewater State University with a BS in biology, and from ISMMS with an MPH.



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, 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 two WSMS graduates. She earned a BBA and an MBA from the University of Karachi.



**Nigel-Ann
La Qua Williamson**

Nigel-Ann La Qua Williamson was born and raised in Grenada, West Indies. She holds an MBA from Columbia University, and a BS and a BArch 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 nine years practicing architecture at HLW International and GKV Architects in New York City. She is currently developing her own company, one of the Columbia University ventures working from the Columbia Startup Lab. Nigel-Ann currently serves at WSMS as a member of the Admissions Committee, was a class representative for two consecutive years, co-chaired the 2017 Sandsational, and is actively involved as an alumni parent volunteer. Nigel-Ann and her husband, Marco Williamson, are proud parents of two WSMS alumni, Ayn and Adi Williamson.



Scott Li

Scott Li is currently a managing director with CRG, a healthcare-focused investment firm that has committed over \$3 billion of assets.

Scott has been dedicated to the healthcare industry as an investor, advisor, and executive for nearly 20 years. Prior to joining CRG in 2015, he worked at Hammond Hanlon Camp and Lazard Freres as an investment banker focused on mergers and acquisitions. He was previously the chief financial officer of pingmd, a venture-backed health IT company. Scott serves on the boards of several companies in the healthcare industry and is active in the community. He and his wife, Vernaliz, are committed WSMS volunteers, and were co-chairs of the 2017 WSMS Bulb Planting in Hippo Playground. A New Jersey native and long-time resident of New York, Scott, Vern and their two sons live on the Upper West Side. He received an AB in economics from Princeton University and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



Kelly Morrison Opdyke

Kelly Morrison Opdyke and her husband, Jonathan, are the proud parents of three children, including two WSMS alumni and one current WSMS student.

Kelly spent 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 rep, member of the Admissions Committee, and two-time co-chair for the Fall Festival. She is currently co-chair of the Annual Fund Committee. Since 2014 she has also served on the PTA Executive Board for the Anderson School, currently serving her second term as co-president. She received her Master of Public Health from Columbia University, and a BA in psychology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Tenille Skelton

Tenille Skelton is an active WSMS volunteer, having served on many committees since 2015, including two years as Parents Association co-president. 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 Executive Committee and Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee. Tenille is also a member of the board, as treasurer, at GrandLo Cafe, a social enterprise of Grand Street Settlement, that provides meaningful job skills for at-risk youth. Tenille and her husband, Travis Skelton, are the proud parents of one current WSMS student and one WSMS alum.



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 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004, he joined Tricadia Capital LLC, a \$4.2B multi-strategy credit hedge fund, and has since worked there for fourteen years as a partner and portfolio manager, trading U.S. and European fixed income and equity derivatives. In 2018 he joined Millennium Partners L.P., a \$36B hedge fund, as a portfolio manager. Besides work, Jing would like to dedicate more time to philanthropic efforts and nonprofit organizations. He is married to Yi Zhang. They have two sons, Dillon, who graduated in 2019, and Aaron, who graduated in 2016.



Kelly West

Kelly West is currently the Director of 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 Admission. Kelly received her MA from the Steinhardt School of Education at NYU and a BA in psychology from George Washington University.



**Mary Pat Dowhy,
Parent Representative**

Mary Pat Dowhy is serving her second year as co-president of the Parents Association. Mary Pat and her wife, Donna Canfield, are the proud parents of Pierce, who is in his third year at WSMS. Mary Pat received her BA from Fordham University and spent a decade working in theater before moving to Los Angeles to work in film and television. Mary Pat returned to New York to accept a position in marketing, managing high profile clients such as Absolut Vodka and MillerCoors. Mary Pat served on the board of the Empire State Pride Agenda, a statewide political advocacy organization that advocated for LGBT rights, including marriage equality. Mary Pat has been an active member of the WSMS community serving on several committees.



**Gillian Weindling,
Parent Representative**

Gillian Weindling is currently serving as co-president of the Parents Association and has been an active parent volunteer since 2014. Gillian received her BA in Women's Studies from Barnard College. Prior to starting a family, she worked in advertising at McCann-Erickson in their New York office as an account manager, and then moved to Tokyo for three years to teach English. Upon returning to the United States, Gillian spent eight years as the Chief Operating Officer of a boutique corporate financial restructuring firm with offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Gillian and her husband Adrien are the parents of Sofia (class of 2017), Margaux (class of 2019), and current WSMS student, Elyse.



**Latisa Gilmore,
Faculty Representative**

Latisa Gilmore is the second of twelve children, and knew since kindergarten that she wanted to be a teacher. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, NC, and earned her Montessori Infant Toddler credential as a member of WSMS-TEP's first Infant Toddler cohort in 2013. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education through WSMS' partnership with Concordia College.