

## **OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION**

### **President**

#### **Lucy Hodas**

My name is Lucy Hodas, and I'm mom to Ben (rising Acorn) and Charlie (rising Kindergartener). This will be our fourth year at Kinhaven, and I would love to get more involved and help contribute to the school's continued success. We have had a wonderful experience, and our kids have really thrived in the Kinhaven community.

I currently lead the communications department of a telecommunications trade association, which includes managing media relations, producing publications, overseeing events, and more. I am looking forward to this opportunity and connecting (hopefully more in-person!) with the Kinhaven community in the upcoming year.

### **Vice-President**

#### **Erin Heenan**

My name is Erin Heenan, mom to Ellie (current Acorn, rising Oak). We have had a wonderful two years at Kinhaven, and the school has exceeded our expectations in every way, even during the pandemic. I served as the Parent Representative for the Acorns class this year, and I would be thrilled to continue serving the Kinhaven community as Vice-President next year.

In my day job, I am a patent attorney, and work for a pharmaceutical company focused on rare diseases. Our family has enjoyed meeting the other Kinhaven families and becoming a part of the Kinhaven community. I'd be honored to continue representing Kinhaven and become more involved as Vice-President.

### **Treasurer**

#### **Courtney Raburn**

My name is Courtney Raburn and I'm mom to Nathan (current Oak, rising kindergartener), Haley (current Sprout, rising Oak) and Charlie (rising Seed). We have had an amazing three years at Kinhaven. I have had the opportunity to serve on the board as Parent Representative, and most recently Treasurer. I've truly enjoyed getting a better understanding of how the organization is run and managed, as well as the chance to get to know other families better.

Professionally, I have 18 years experience in commercial real estate banking and currently am a relationship manager responsible for leading a team to deliver banking solutions to our commercial real estate clients based in the Washington DC area. I hope that my prior experience on the board, my professional background, and my ability to collaborate with others to make decisions will allow me to be a valuable contributor to the board and an effective Treasurer this coming year.

### **Secretary**

#### **Julia Colarusso**

My name is Julia Colarusso, mom to Maxwell Vukicevich (current Sprout, rising Acorn). This year I served as the

Parent Representative to the Board for the Sprouts class. I have enjoyed my time on the Board and learned a great deal about Kinhaven, and I am excited about the possibility of applying the knowledge I gained this year by extending my service in the role of Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year.

Professionally, I have spent the last 12 years working as a trial attorney, first in private practice and now in the Division of Enforcement at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, where I investigate and litigate matters related to commodities markets on behalf of the federal government. These experiences have helped me understand the importance of communication and collaboration in any endeavor, and I would welcome the opportunity to use these skills to continue to serve the Kinhaven community.

### **Director at Large**

#### **Michelle Krieger**

My name is Michelle Krieger, mom to Amelia (Alum), EJ (Alum), Izzy (Alum) and Grayson (Seed). We have been fortunate to have been a part of Kinhaven for the past 5 years and our family is looking forward to our next year. For the upcoming school year, I would like to continue to serve the school and as such, I would be honored to serve as Director at Large. I am excited about this role, passionate about Kinhaven's mission, and devoted to the school's future.

I have been privileged to have spent the past 11 years working for the health and safety of children as a pediatric hospitalist. Through this I have contributed to the development of departments, and the creation and implementation of policies. I feel this background will provide a sturdy base to excel in this position. I look forward to serving our school and community as we move forward together.

## **REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **Danielle Hofmeister**

My name is Danielle Hofmeister, mom of Luca (Sprout/rising Shoot) and Lana and Nico (future Seeds). Next year will be my second year at Kinhaven, and I am looking forward to an opportunity to further immerse myself into this exceptional community. I am seeking to serve on the Board as a Parent Representative.

Prior to the birth of my twins, I was a first and third grade teacher at an elementary school in Fairfax County. I have had the pleasure of working closely with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to help build an environment where kids felt safe, happy, and ready to learn. I am passionate about learning and setting our kids up for success as kind friends, problem-solvers, and critical thinkers. I am eager to share my experience while fostering a deeper involvement with this school community.

#### **Miriam Matthews**

My name is Miriam Matthews. My son, James, is currently a Seed, and he will be springing into the Sprouts for the upcoming school year. Since James began attending Kinhaven, I have been impressed with the outstanding skills and abilities of Kinhaven's teachers, the thoughtful "learn through play" curriculum, and the truly awesome children in James's classroom. It has been a joy hearing James talk about the many fun activities and adventures that he has experienced with his Kinhaven teachers and

friends. It would be an honor to serve as a parent representative for the Sprouts.

Professionally, I am a Senior Behavioral and Social Scientist for a non-profit, independent think tank, and I am the associate director over one of the organization's programs. I am also a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University. I conduct research in the areas of political psychology and diversity and multiculturalism. As suggested by my professional background and experience, I have a deep appreciation for education and the importance of considering the whole person, including their cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being.

### **Jess Murray**

My name is Jess Murray and I hope to serve as a Parent Representative for the 2022-2023 school year. I am the mother to Sienna (rising Shoot) and Keira (rising Acorn). Next year will be our second year at Kinhaven and while we have only been here for one year, we have truly enjoyed every aspect of the school and the community. Back during our preschool search for the girls, Kinhaven was always at the top of my list due to the school's thoughtful approach to learning, its parent involvement, and the close community feel. During this past year, I have appreciated the careful nature of dealing with the pandemic, the way my twins were understood by their teachers, and the ease with which I could bring up questions or concerns, if needed. I would love the opportunity to become a more involved and to give back to the Kinhaven community by running for Parent Representative.

As far as my background outside of being a mother, I am a certified child life specialist with 10 years of experience both in the hospital and non-profit settings. Within this role, I have worked with kids of all ages helping them learn to cope with the stress and anxiety of hospitalization through therapeutic play, procedural support, and education. Since the pandemic, I have been home full-time working on my certification to become a lactation consultant. I hope that my experience in these fields will lend itself to the board as I do have an understanding of child development and an interest in helping families.

### **Sarah Vahora**

I'm Sarah Vahora and mom to Zayd who will be a Shoot next year and Saafia (18 months) who will hopefully join Kinhaven in 2023. I am grateful to be a part of the Kinhaven family and would be honored to serve on the board, deepening my connection with other parents and the school community. I remain inspired by Kinhaven's play-based curriculum and have been impressed by how students are empowered to be their fullest selves while learning how to be part of a larger classroom and school community.

I will draw on my diverse experience in international education where I focused on policy and programmatic work in early childhood development in Africa and Asia. I also remain committed to Kinhaven's approach to diversity and anti-bias education and will bring my experience teaching newly arrived refugees from a vast array of backgrounds. Finally, I'm continuing a Masters in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) with Erikson Institute and hope to apply what I'm learning in the classroom to service on the board, helping Kinhaven achieve its long-term goals. Thanks so much for your consideration.