

Board of Director Goodbyes – June 2025

Join us in thanking the following members of our community who are moving on to new adventures! We deeply appreciate all that they have done for our school and wish them the very best of luck!

Jessica (Jess) Barie, Building & Grounds Co-Chair



Loyalty and dedication are two words that come to mind for Jess! The Barie family joined GCS in 2012, and Jess joined the Board from 2012-2015. We are so happy that she returned to GCS in the fall of 2022, as a returning parent with her youngest, AND as a Building & Grounds Co-Chair! Layla, Eliza and Daniel are awesome GCS alums, and we've even had her oldest - Ava- as a helpful volunteer! As with the last time, Jess continued to stay on the Board *past* having a child enrolled. She is extremely hardworking and dedicated, not just to B&G tasks, but overall! She is informed, responsive, and supportive of any Board and GCS events and projects and follows through. As our Board "Historian" the past couple years, she has brought a wealth of knowledge to new Board members, which was especially invaluable

for our Home Tour this year. In addition to Board meetings, Jess also made an effort to visit Trustee and Staff meetings, too, and she would often bake/make something delicious for school gatherings. She is a veteran in coordinating our Fall Fix ups and Spring Spruce ups and has worked tirelessly on many independent B&G projects. An extra bonus with Jess, has been her talented husband Dan, following suit with his knowledge and skills for GCS projects. We couldn't be more grateful for all of Jess's efforts for GCS!

Otonye Braide-Moncoeur, Vice President



Since November 2022, Otonye has brought a wide range of experiences and knowledge to her position as Vice President, as well as a great sense of humor! She is thoughtful, observant, and honest. We could always count on Otonye for a fresh perspective and helpful insights on any topic. She is very supportive of others, giving sincere compliments, and she has been very generous in spreading sunshine with GCS Staff. Otonye is warm and welcoming to new families, and also welcomes new Board members, with an orientation and open arms. On the Board, Otonye helps to keep us on track during meetings, and gets us organized - and motivated -with detailed Action Items afterwards. As a member of the Executive Board, her work has been invaluable. We know she will miss fellow Board members and

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projects, but *maybe* not the GCS roadway sign coordination? We are so glad to have had the opportunity to get to know two of her three wonderful children well (Joshua and Anael). Luckily it is not good-bye yet, as Otonye will still be a GCS Parent next year. We know where to find her for good advice!

Lindsay Guaraldi, Treasurer



Speaking of dedication and continuity, Lindsay began on the Board in January 2022, and she has continued to share her valuable financial and GCS knowledge well past her time - *two years* - as a GCS Parent! She is incredibly helpful behind the scenes with so many things, quietly swooping in to lend a hand and offer perspective. As Treasurer, her attention to detail and organization with all things involving spreadsheets and finances is absolutely key. She has guided the school diligently with tracking fundraising, overseeing monthly reconciliations, participating during visionary finance meetings, and guiding us during our annual nonprofit audits. Lindsay and her family have also been thoughtful GCS contributors in so many ways! We are grateful for her generous donations, and how she often would share thoughtful “Stock-the-Staff-Room” goodies. We are delighted to have had Grace at GCS, and we have loved her visits with Mom ever since, sharing her smile and love of our school!

Kaitlyn (Kaitie) Phinney, Fundraising Co-Chair



Our sincere thanks to Kaitie for her work on the Board since December 2023! She has been a fabulous Fundraising Co-Chair! Kaitie was especially helpful in coordinating our Square 1 Art, Classroom and Family photos, and Raise Right Gift Card events. Friendly, positive and easy-going are three adjectives that quickly come to mind in describing her. Kaitie truly does not get ruffled by anything; she took everything in stride as a Board member and cheerfully worked behind the scenes for her Board projects. Thank you for sharing both of your children with the Aqua, Yellow, Big and Purple Room Classes and Camp at GCS. We are so lucky to have had fun with Declan and Addie the past four years, and so happy that we will still see them at Camp this summer!