

JACKSON-REED PTSO SY2024-2025 ELECTION SLATE

<i>PTSO Board Position</i>	<i>Candidate</i>
President	Shanza Qureshi-Mufti
Vice President	Karl Khoury
Secretary	Vivienne Azarcon
Treasurer	Lexi Czwartacki
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Heritage
Communications	Shoshana Rosenbaum, Amy Hall
Fundraising	Susan Pultz, Sharon Bovelle
Grants	Barry Klein, Melissa Gragert
Hospitality	Patricia Lawson
Grade Representatives, 12th Class of 2025	Steven Brown, Sejal Dave
Grade Representatives, 11th Class of 2026	Alysa MacClellan, OPEN
Grade Representatives, 10th Class of 2027	Lisa Jordan, OPEN
Grade Representatives, 9th Class of 2028	Donna Chambers, OPEN
LSAT Representative	Hillary DeNigro
SHAPPE Representative	Amy Hall

<i>JRHS PTSO Board Position</i>	<i>Candidate Bios</i>
President	<p>Shanza Qureshi-Mufti. Shanza and her husband, Babar, are parents to Zayn, a 9th grader at JRHS, who attended Deal MS and Mann ES. Shanza joined the PTSO Board in SY23-24 as Fundraising Chair, which she found to be a rewarding experience that helped connect her with the greater Jackson-Reed community and alleviate some of her high-school-parent-anxiety! In her professional life, Shanza manages career programs for international students at American University Washington College of Law. She also serves on the selection committee for Critical Languages Scholarship program on behalf of US Department of State. Shanza is a staunch advocate for global education and for the constructive role international students play academically and professionally in broadening perspectives in the US. She and her family live in the Van Ness neighborhood.</p>
Vice President	<p>Karl Khoury. Karl and his wife, Stephanie Segal, have three children: a 9th grader at JRHS who attended Hardy MS and Horace Mann ES; a 2023 JRHS graduate now at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; and a rising sophomore at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Professionally, Karl is a co-founder and Managing Partner at Arborview Capital, a DC-based sustainability investment firm. Karl is on the Board of Trustees of the MD/DC Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and is a Founding Board Member of Impact Capital Managers. Karl served as a 9th grade parent rep on the SY2023-24 Jackson Reed PTSO Board.</p>
Secretary	<p>Vivienne Azarcon. Vivienne has lived across DC over three decades—Capitol Hill, Foggy Bottom, Adams-Morgan, and Tenleytown. She grew up in the Philippines, finishing college in Manila. Her son Luca is a rising 11th grader at JRHS; he and his college-aged sister attended Janney ES and Deal MS. At Janney, Vivienne was co-editor of the PTA newsletter and a room parent. Most recently she handled project management and proposals for an international aviation consulting firm, and marketing for nonprofits. Her interests include estate sales, languages (she speaks Tagalog and Spanish), writing, and aikido. Her husband Jamie Koppersmith is a realtor, former rocket scientist, and part-time rocker. They share co-parenting duties for a talkative Samoyed.</p>
Treasurer	<p>Lexi Czwartacki. Lexi has two sons at JRHS, a senior who was just accepted to West Point and a freshman. She also has two graduates of JRHS, both seniors in college at Penn State and Purdue. Lexi</p>

	<p>enjoys volunteering on the PTSO to support our teachers and administrative staff, who work hard each day to provide an excellent education for our children.</p>
<p>Assistant Treasurer</p>	<p>Chris Heritage. Chris is the parent of a JRHS freshman and was new to DCPS in SY23-24, when she first served as Assistant Treasurer for the PTSO. She comes from a military family and has volunteered in schools for the past 20+ years. She has an administrative background and has held treasurer positions for several organizations, most recently, MacArthur MS in Ft. Meade, MD.</p>
<p>Communications, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Shoshana Rosenbaum. Shoshana is the parent of a JRHS graduate, a JRHS 10th grader and a Hardy 6th grader. As a parent volunteer, she has helped with grade-level communication at Hardy and general PTSO communications at JRHS for many years. She is also a filmmaker and longtime resident of the Palisades neighborhood of NW DC.</p>
<p>Communications, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Amy Hall. Amy is the parent of two graduates of the school ('17 and '21) and a rising junior. She is excited to work with the Jackson-Reed community. Previously Amy served on both the PTSO and the LSAT, and she looks forward to connecting with new and current families in support of our students and educators. She is honored and excited to be a part of this wonderful school community.</p>
<p>Fundraising, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Susan Pultz. Susan is the mother of a current sophomore (Class of 2026), who also attended Deal MS and, for a few years, Hearst ES. She and her son left DCPS in 2014 to move to Hawaii for her job with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as an endangered species biologist, and returned to DC in 2019. She has a BS in Biology and a Masters in Environmental Studies from the Yale School of the Environment. Susan was involved in the PTSO in SY23-24 as a Class of 2026 grade rep and volunteer coordinator, a role she took on when she saw the need. She welcomes staying involved in the PTSO in SY24-25.</p>
<p>Fundraising, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Sharon A. Bovelie. Sharon has lived in the DC area for over 25 years. She and her husband, Nathan, Sr., have a 9th grader at JRHS, Nathan, Jr., who attended Deal MS and Shepherd ES. Nathan, Sr. was also born and raised in DC and attended Shepherd ES many years ago. Professionally, Sharon is the Chief Human Resources Officer at litigation law firm Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. She has been with the</p>

	<p>firm for 22+ years, and through that work she has volunteered for Lawyers Have Heart and Rebuilding Together. Sharon is very active with the track and field team at JRHS as her son is an athlete on the indoor and outdoor track teams. Sharon is also an avid photographer.</p>
<p>Grants, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Barry Klein. Barry is the father of a current 9th grader at JRHS and a JRHS graduate who is currently a freshman at Brandeis University. Barry is a political consultant working with candidates and organizations throughout the country on paid communications strategy. He is excited to work with the administration and students to support the school in its critical work, and help achieve successful and impactful lives.</p>
<p>Grants, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Melissa Gragert. Melissa has spent 20 years in DC, which has been an incredible home for her family, who lives in Spring Valley. She’s been active the last decade in multiple PTO roles at Mann ES and Hardy MS. She is mama to 9th grader Maia Hefuna. When not parenting, Melissa is a psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in trauma and addiction. She’s excited to get to know the Jackson-Reed community and be of service.</p>
<p>Hospitality</p>	<p>Patricia Lawson. Patricia is entering her last year on the PTSO Board, having served three terms as Hospitality Chair. Her son will be graduating from JRHS in 2025, and she has been a school volunteer since he started kindergarten at Janney ES. She believes it is important to give back to the community that is educating her son.</p>
<p>Grade Rep, 12th, Class of 2025</p>	<p>Steven Brown. An 18-year resident of DC, Steven lives with his family in the Palisades. He grew up in La Paz, Bolivia, and comes from a multicultural background. His twin daughters Sophie and Isabelle (Izzy) will be 12th graders at JRHS, having attended Hardy MS and Mann ES. Steven has served as the JRHS Class of 2025 Parent Rep since his daughters entered as 9th graders. He previously served as Co-President of the Hardy MS PTO and helped facilitate meetings for Spanish-speaking families. Working in Education since 2002, Steven is currently an educator at Washington-Liberty HS in Arlington, VA. His wife, Jessica Posner, is an epidemiologist with John Snow Inc.</p>
<p>Grade Rep, 12th, Class of 2025</p>	<p>Sejal Dave. A DC resident for almost 10 years, Sejal and her family live in AU Park. Her twins, Ishan and Anjali, are rising seniors at JRHS who started their DCPS journey at Murch ES, and then Deal MS. Sejal served as a room parent for three years at Murch ES. Professionally, Sejal works as a Registered Dietitian at Georgetown University</p>

	<p>Hospital and as an adjunct instructor in Health Sciences for American University. Her husband Apurva is an Oceanographer at the National Academy of Sciences.</p>
<p>Grade Rep, 11th, Class of 2026</p>	<p>Alysa MacClellan. Alysa and her husband have three children, a 10th grader at JRHS and two children attending Hardy MS, an 8th grader (who will be attending JRHS in the fall) and a 6th grader. They all previously attended Stoddert ES. Professionally, Alysa runs the non-profit DC Food Project, which supports schools throughout DC and Northern VA, providing students access to nutritious food, age appropriate toiletries, and other household items for which they are experiencing need. She is an active member of the Hardy PTO, and has served as parent representative for the class of 2026 on the JRHS PTSO since SY22-23.</p>
<p>Grade Rep, 10th, Class of 2027</p>	<p>Lisa Jordan. Lisa has lived in DC continuously for 21 years—and on and off for 32. She had a peripatetic childhood, growing up in India, Bangladesh, and Egypt, and while she loves to travel, she’s happy her kids have a place they consider home. Their family lives in Kalorama Triangle. Her son, Jordan, is in 9th grade at JRHS. He attended elementary and middle school at Oyster Adams, where his sister India is in 6th grade. Lisa is a yoga teacher and freelance writer and editor. Her husband, Nick Woodfield, is an employment lawyer.</p>
<p>Grade Rep, 9th, Class of 2028</p>	<p>Donna Chambers. Donna, a Jamaican transplant by way of Brooklyn, NY, has been a DC resident for 12 years. Donna is the parent of two daughters—an incoming JRHS 9th grader and a JRHS ‘23 graduate. From 2020-2023 Donna served on the JRHS PTSO, initially as class representative (9-11th grades) and as Treasurer. Donna is excited to rejoin the Jackson-Reed family. She has extensive experience working with educational institutions having served in various capacities on the board of directors of JanneyPlus and St. Albans Early Childhood Center.</p>
<p>LSAT Rep (Local School Advisory Team)</p>	<p>Hillary DeNigro. Hillary is the parent of a graduating JRHS senior and rising 11th grader. Her children previously attended Deal MS and Janney ES, and she has been a neighbor to the high school in Tenleytown for over two decades. She has served as the PTSO representative to the LSAT for the last two years, working to inform and coordinate the efforts of each group. Professionally, she is an attorney and Deputy Bureau Chief at a federal agency where she provides consultative, advisory, and management services on a variety of highly specialized and technical matters.</p>

SHAPPE Rep (Senior High Alliance of Parents, Principals and Educators)

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