



## The Tuscan PTA Board 2020 - 2021

**Jess Horan Payne** – Jess is delighted to take on the role as **PTA President** for the 2020 – 2021 school year. She has a rising 3<sup>rd</sup> and rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Tuscan, as well as a child who will start kindergarten in 2021. Her Tuscan volunteering includes co-coordinating kindergarten Thanksgivings, and planning the incoming kindergartners' parent orientation. Jess served as class parent, was a Tuscan Show director, and a library volunteer. She can't wait to hit the ground running to support the Tuscan community.

**Ronni Schwartz** – Ronni is the **VP/President-Elect** for this school year. She has a rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Tuscan and a Tuscan alumna who is a rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader at MMS. Ronni was the Tuscan PTA Treasurer from 2017 through 2019, has been a class parent, a library volunteer and served on the SOMSD Intentional Integration Initiative committee. Ronni works full time in the financial services industry in Human Resources managing projects, fixing processes and monitoring laws and regulations. Ronni and her family have lived in Maplewood for almost nine years and she's excited to get back to work on the PTA supporting the Tuscan community.

**Nóra O'Rourke** – Nora was the Tuscan PTA's Treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year and continues in that role as **Co-Treasurer** for the 2020-2021 school year. Her experience is vast as she was also the Treasurer for the Prospect Cooperative Nursery from 2017-2019. Nóra moved from Ireland and commenced a twenty-two-year banking career between JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America, including all aspects of branch monetary operations, before taking a role managing high profile, high revenue corporate clients in Rockefeller Center for eight years. Nora transitioned to real estate sales in 2011 for flexibility in starting a family. Nora and her spouse have two fun and high-energy rising first graders.

**Coleen Stephenson** – Coleen has a third grader, Joshua, at Tuscan this year. Over the years she has been drawn to the close-knit Tuscan community and has enjoyed volunteering in various capacities, including: founding Committee member of the very popular International Night Event. She has also volunteered in the library, for class trips, various social activities, and as a Class Parent on more than one occasion. Coleen hopes that she can leverage her previous experience in accounting and finance into the role as **Co-Treasurer**, and looks forward to a fantastic year ahead with this wonderful group of people.

**Julie Hamilton** – Julie is a writer, educator, and mom to a rising Tuscan tiger fourth-grade cub. She believes community matters and involvement is essential, which is why she was thrilled to join the Tuscan PTA for the 2019-2020 academic year as the **Recording Secretary**, and was eager to continue in that role for the 2020-2021 school year. Julie lives with her husband and seafaring co-captain, Blake, their first-mate daughter, Leigha, and a 4-year-old stowaway, Ellis.

**Amy Schwinder** – Amy is excited to continue in the role of **Communications Coordinator** for the 2020-2021 school year.



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**Nalini Maloo-Jahangir** – Nalini has lived in Maplewood with her husband and three sons for seventeen years. Their family has been part of the Tuscan community for twelve years with three more years to go as tigers. Over the years, Nalini served as a class parent, volunteered in the library, on field trips, and at various other Tuscan events. She is most proud to be a coordinator for the popular event: Tuscan International Night. Nalini is eager to serve as a PTA Board Member in the capacity of **Social Media Communications**, a role that will be most important in the 2020-2021 school year.

**Meredith Brehm** - Meredith is **Co-Chair of Adult Programming** for a second year. She has lived in Maplewood for five years with her husband, Matt, and their two daughters, Lila, a 3rd grader at Tuscan, and Vivienne, who is four. Meredith worked for many years in the jewelry industry, in both engineering and in product development, and is now happily home full time with the girls. She is active in both the Tuscan and the Prospect Cooperative communities.

**Fabiana Glasby** – Fabiana, a makeup artist by trade, is also **Co-Chair of Adult Programming**. Since moving to the U.S. Fabiana has dedicated her time to raising her two boys, a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader at MMS and a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Tuscan. Fabiana has volunteered in the Tuscan community chairing the spirit wear committee, International Night for the passed three years, La Fiesta for two years, as well as the kindergarten kaleidoscope, kindergarten welcome, the 5th grade committee, and has been a class parent for numerous years. Outside of the school she has volunteered at St Joseph's as a Sunday School Teacher, and served as a translator for immigrants since the pandemic started.

**Alison Kuhlman** – Alison has been a member of the Tuscan school community since her family moved here in 2015. She has two children at Tuscan, a 5th grader and 2nd grader. Alison is an attorney with Mental Hugiene Legal Service, an agency of the New York State Court System. She is excited to serve as the **Special Education Liaison** for a second year, and is looking forward supporting the Tuscan community.

**Erin Scherzer** – Erin serves as **Co-Membership Chair** with Tracy Sham to welcome Tuscan Families to all the great work of the Tuscan PTA. Erin has one child, Ally, who is a rising 3rd grader. The 2020-2021 school year will be Erin's 4th year of being active in the Tuscan community, including most recently serving as the previous 2019-2020 PTA President. Outside of Tuscan, Erin is a full time working parent and is active with a number of local initiatives.

**Tracy Sham** – Tracy is also a **Co-Membership Chair**. She and her husband have two sons, both of whom have been at Tuscan since 2016, when their oldest entered kindergarten. Through the years Tracy has volunteered for various in-class and school social activities. She's been a class coordinator as well as a library, recess and lunch volunteer; and served on the International Night committee for the past three years; along with other Tuscan parents. In 2019, Tracy began to chair the Tuscan School Photos. When she's not helping at school, Tracy is a professional photographer who specializes in family, newborn, corporate and music photography. As a Maplewood resident, she served as one of the organizers for the best music event in the community: Maplewood Porchfest. Tracy looks forward to a productive and positive school year.