

Shaikymmia Albright



Children at the school (current and graduates): Aubrie (Kindergarten)

Number of years at the school: 1st year

Current occupation: I currently am working to receiving my bachelor's in business administration from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. Meanwhile, I work for Alamance Burlington School System as a Substitute Teacher and a coach for the Cummings High school Marching band.

What I specifically bring to the board: I bring a unique set of qualities and experiences to the PTA board that I believe will greatly benefit our school community. My professional background in marketing and communications enables me to effectively convey the PTA's message to both parents and the broader community, fostering greater engagement and support. My passion for fostering inclusivity and diversity within our school aligns with the PTA's goals, and I am dedicated to championing initiatives that promote a welcoming and equitable learning environment for all students. Furthermore, my collaborative spirit and willingness to actively participate in various PTA activities will contribute to the overall success of our endeavors.

Comments: As a parent and an employee of the school system, I have firsthand experience in navigating the challenges and opportunities within the school system. My background in communication and advocacy equips me with the skills needed to effectively represent the interests of both parents and teachers on the board. I am committed to fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment within the school community, and my track record of volunteering and actively participating in school activities demonstrates my genuine commitment to the PTA's mission. My diverse perspectives and open-mindedness contribute to a well-rounded approach to decision-making, ensuring that the best interests of our students remain at the forefront of our efforts.

Jasmine Battle



Children at the school: Carter (Kindergarten)

Number of years at the school: I am new to River Mill Academy, however, very excited for this new chapter!

Previous commitment to RMA: I'm currently a part of PTT and looking forward to the awesome opportunities to volunteer and serve in the community.

Current occupation: Corporate Recruiter at VF Corporation

What I specifically bring to the board: I'm in a role that allows me to work with different walks of life. I'm passionate about helping people in their career, how to go for stretch roles and achieve their personal/professional goals. Not only do I enjoy doing that, but I have a love for children and being a positive influence. I like to live with the mindset of a limitless culture, meaning, I blur the line between a career and a calling. This has allowed me to combine both my passions for HR and children. I've volunteered over the years for a program called Junior Achievement. This program empowers me to go into various middle schools to teach business topics, giving them the knowledge and skills to own their own economic success. I also have a fun side, I've coached 5U softball. It puts a smile on my face to see the joy on the kids' faces as they learn basic fundamentals of the sport and become great teammates/friends - most importantly having fun. All of this taught me to be a great communicator, build lasting relationships and show empathy.

Comments: I live by being authentically yourself and I'm excited for this new journey for my son and myself. And in the future to have my daughter join my son at a great, inclusive school.

Jessica Carden



Children at the school: Kinsley Carden (9th)

Length at RMA: 9 years

Previous commitments to RMA: I was a class parent for Elementary grades, I have chaperoned various field trips, help coordinate and support athletic fundraisers and events.

Current occupation: Manager of Physician Services at Envision Healthcare. I received my Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Volunteer organizations: Pleasant Grove Fire Department Auxiliary

I have always felt passionate about helping children of our community, and especially the students at RMA. I am blessed that Kinsley received the opportunity to be a student at RMA. Over the past 9 years it has been a blessing to create relationships with RMA teachers, coaches, staff, and students. The RMA family is like no other especially when it comes to the parents of RMA students working together for the same common goal. It's amazing to watch what the RMA community can do when we all work together.

I believe that with the collaboration of parents and community members we can come together to advocate what's best for the teachers, staff, and most of all, the students at RMA. I am looking forward to serving all collective parts of RMA for a brighter future.

Maribel Duran



Children at the school (current and graduates): Jordi 3rd Grade, Fabricio 5th Grade

Number of years at the school: 4 years

Previous commitments to RMA: Over the last 4 years I have participated in various aspects of the school community. As a parent of 2 children within the school, I understand the unique needs and challenges our students face. I have regularly donated school supplies and I have been an active supporter of the PTT during fundraisers and events.

What I specifically bring to the board: With 18 years of experience in the HVAC industry, I have honed my leadership skills, strategic thinking, and problem-solving abilities. These qualities are directly transferable to the responsibilities of a board member, where critical decisions are made to enhance our school's educational environment. My experience has also taught me the importance of fiscal responsibility and efficient resource allocation, skills that will prove valuable when managing the school's budget and resources. In addition to my professional background, I have actively participated in community organizations and youth sports. I served a term as a treasurer for my son's soccer team, where I managed finances and ensured transparency in financial transactions.

Comments: As a dedicated parent, experienced professional, and active community member, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the future success of our school and will commit to fostering a supportive and enriching educational environment for our students.

Jim Penrod



Children at the school: (James 10th grade)

Number of years at the school: 10 years

Previous commitments to the RMA: Served as a parent board member seat for the last 5 years. Through Covid. I have chaperoned several trips, volunteered several times in the classrooms, helped anywhere I have been needed. My wife (Laura) and I have been active in the athletics programs. We have tried to get to know our teachers so that we could support them anyway needed throughout the year. We have also tried to support as many of the events / fundraisers possible and of course many times over at the school enjoying lunch.

Current occupation: Vice President, Primerica Financial Services

What I specifically bring to the board: I have served on the school improvement board at a previous school, I have served on the leadership board of 2 different churches, currently I am the financial chair of our church. I have run a successful financial services business for over 25 years helping many families reach financial independence. Both of my parents were educators and having two boys at RMA both on the National Honors Societies, I feel very vested in making sure the school continues to grow and develop well rounded citizens that have the foundation to be successful in life. This is the next generation!

Comments: We had experiences at 3 other school before we found and got into RMA, so we know 1st hand how SPECIAL River Mill's culture is and want to protect and grow that environment. Every time I talk to other parents outside of RMA about their child's education experience, I am reminded how wonderful and blessed we are here in Jaguar country, and this is a small way I can give back.

Efren Saenz Jr



Children at the school (current and graduates): Ava (12th) and Harrison (9th)

Number of years at the school: 12 years

Previous commitments to RMA: 2 years as the Middle School baseball coach and am currently the High School baseball coach.

Current occupation: Outside Sales for Talbert Building Supply

What I specifically bring to the board: We have two children here who have both started in kindergarten and we have been a part of this school community for nearly 12 years. I have seen it grown and its rewards and challenges. From academic, arts and athletic clubs and teams I have first-hand knowledge of the rewarding aspect of being involved with these programs and their needs. I'll be an advocate for helping grow and expand all programs for the betterment of all.

Comments: I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to working to help promote the school, staff, and most importantly the students in all of their endeavors.

Johnna Stanley



Children at the school (current and graduates): Emma 3rd

Number of years at the school: 4th year

Previous commitments to RMA: I have been a member of the PTT, donated supplies and classroom needs, and contributed to the teacher lunch.

Current occupation: I am financial analyst at Leggett and Platt in Liberty.

What I specifically bring to the board: I have been a lifetime learner. I have worked in many positions in my life from a general manager of a restaurant where I worked directly with the community in a service role and mentored teenagers who worked for me, to an accountant at a firm helping mid to small businesses navigate their accounting and business needs to a human resource manager or staff accountant. I relate to people and love getting to know everyone I meet. I received my Associates in Accounting from ACC and my BA in business administration from UNCG as an adult student and parent. I am a graduate of Southern Alamance High. I have worked with board of directors in previous areas from HOA's as an onsite property manager to the accountant/HR manager at a coop. I know the importance of a quality education.

Comments: My daughter Emma started kindergarten during the pandemic, having to learn virtually for the first year we know how that impacted our children. I have a great appreciation for RMA and how they have navigated that difficult situation, I believe that this school is reason our children can be continuing to be successful. I have been blessed four children from ages 25 to age 6 months. I volunteer as a coach for Burlington Parks and Rec for the girls 8u softball team. Coaching has been something I have enjoyed since my oldest was little. I served in my church as a teacher in the 2's class and previously the 4/5's room, I love watching the children learn and understand. This is my 2nd year on the Angel Tree committee.

Kobie Whitaker



Children at the school (current and graduates): Tristan (Kindergarten)

Plan of commitments to RMA: I plan to chaperone class field trips, donate snacks and supplies annually, help with class activities, and support PTT.

Current occupation: Speech Language Pathologist Assistant for a private practice in Durham.

What I specifically bring to the board: I have 11 years of experience as a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant professional. Children are my passion. I have experience working with children and families from all types of backgrounds. I work with children with a variety of communication needs including expressive and receptive language disorders; articulation and phonological disorders; fluency; autism spectrum disorder; as well as Asperger's. I am team mom for my children's sports teams. I am very creative and always willing to lend a helping hand!

Comments: When I first heard of RMA, I was praying my son was accepted through the lottery. I have heard nothing but great things about the school. I look forward to partnering and adding to the greatness the school already exudes.

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