

# Board of Trustees

2020-2021 ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**S**t. Mark's Episcopal School was created in 1960 as an educational outreach ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. We are governed by a separate Board of Trustees, comprised of current and former parents and community leaders. The Board of Trustees of St. Mark's Episcopal School is a dynamic group of individuals that focuses on the long-term strategic goals and financial position of the school and the selection and support of its Headmaster, Garhett Wagers. The board entrusts the normal, day-to-day operations of the school to their sole employee, the Headmaster, and uses its position to approve the annual operating budget oversee the financial operations of the school.

**We would like to formally welcome the following individuals, newly elected to the St. Mark's Board of Trustees:**



## Alex Doan

Alex Doan was born and raised in New Orleans, where she attended schools accredited by the Independent

Schools Association of the Southwest. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching from Trinity University in San Antonio. She spent four years teaching in Spring Branch Independent School District before becoming the Pediatric School Teacher at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. After receiving another Master's Degree in Educational Psychology she returned to the classroom at Presbyterian School, where she was a 1st grade teacher and then a learning specialist in the Enrichment Center. She was privileged to be a Summer Klingenstein Fellow at Columbia University, a program that furthers the development of independent school educators. Alex and her husband, Matt, feel fortunate to have had two children grow up in the St. Mark's community, both of whom have graduated in the Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020. She has been involved extensively in Parent Guild activities and is looking forward to providing good stewardship to the mission of the school. Alex and her family are active members of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church and spend a lot of time hiking and exploring the mountains of Utah in the summer.



## Freda Lee

Freda Lee serves as Senior Vice President, Head of Relationship Management for AIG Retirement Services.

She has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry, with an extensive background in organizational strategy and the administration and implementation of defined contribution plans for clients in the healthcare,

government, higher education, K-12, and religious/charitable markets. Freda earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from Howard University and a Master of Business Administration in finance and strategy from the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business. Ms. Lee is active in the community, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Houston Independent School District (HISD) Foundation. As a member of the Texas Diversity Council Board of Directors, Ms. Lee is dedicated to helping women and men reach their highest potential. Freda and her husband, Michael, have lived in Houston for 20 years. They have one middle school daughter at St. Mark's. They love being a part of the St. Mark's community because it provides a supportive network of other parents, neighbors, and friends. When Freda isn't working or volunteering, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, and enjoying the many museums and restaurants that Houston has to offer.



## Walter Lynch

Walter Lynch is a native Houstonian (although when pressed is forced to admit he grew up in Dallas), who works as a trial attorney at

his firm, Jordan, Lynch & Cancienne, PLLC having previously practiced at Baker Botts from 2004-2017. Prior to attending law school, Walter worked as a management consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is a graduate of Baylor University (1993), has an MBA from the University of Texas (1998), and holds a J.D. is from the University of Houston Law Center (2004). Walter currently serves as the Treasurer of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Endowment Committee and serves as an Usher and a Lector for the Church. He has previously served on the Bellaire Little League Board, having spent one year as its President. Walter and wife, Dr. Emily Todd, have had their two children attend

St. Mark's Episcopal School from early childhood through middle school, with their youngest finishing in 2020.



## Winnie Powell, '98

Winnie Powell graduated from St. Mark's Episcopal School in 1998, having attended

from Pre-K through 8th grade. St. Mark's has been the cornerstone of her education, and she is grateful to share this foundational experience with her daughters, Claire, '27, and Leigh, '30. She also has a son, Ben, who just celebrated his first birthday. Since rejoining the St. Mark's community in 2016 as a parent, she has served as a grade level chair for the Annual Fund, been a Room Parent, and volunteered for numerous Parent Guild events. Winnie received her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from University of Virginia in 2006 and Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2011 from Texas Woman's University in Houston. She currently works as a physical therapist at Shriner's Hospitals for Children - Houston, specializing in pediatric neuro-rehabilitation. Winnie is also an active parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral, where she serves on the Altar Guild and recently completed a three-year term on the Children's Ministry Council. She has lectured extensively about the art market, volunteered her time for various arts organizations and continues to serve on the board of directors for multiple organizations in Houston.



## Kirti Saxena

Kirti Saxena and her husband, Sailesh Saxena, have two young children who have been students at St. Mark's for eight and six years,

respectively. Kirti completed medical school from the University of Szeged,