

All School Panel: National Adoption Month

Wednesday, November 20 | 8:15-9:15 a.m. | Chen Building Cafeteria



Ange Cahoon, Panelist

Ange Mercier Cahoon, a Minneapolis native and Chief Finance Officer at 91 Place Indianapolis, brings extensive experience in nonprofit leadership and public service. With an MPA from Indiana University's O'Neil School, she has dedicated her career to community impact, from leading local nonprofits to co-founding Sanctuary Indy in 2021. As a former therapeutic foster parent and adoptive mother through the U.S. foster care system, she brings a unique perspective on trauma-informed care and community building to the panel discussion.



Kim Pickett, Panelist

Kim is a seasoned businesswoman who spent 25 years in sales and executive management in healthcare distribution. She pivoted her career in 2022 and is currently a Realtor with Century 21 Scheetz, specializing in relocation and first-time home buyers in the central Indianapolis area. Originally raised in Ohio after her father retired from the Navy, Kim has called Indy home for the past 15 years and has embraced the community and diverse individuals she has met here. Outside of work, Kim lives with her husband, Jeff, and their blended family in Butler Tarkington. Their daughter Ella is a first grader in the Spanish track at ISI, where Kim enjoys volunteering and is currently serving as the interim President of the Parent Association.



Lisa White, Panelist

Lisa and her husband Jeremiah have been proud ISI parents for 9 years, sending all three of their boys to the school in the Spanish track. Their youngest child is adopted from Colombia, and at ISI, he is able to learn his native tongue from native Spanish speakers, including teachers from his home country. Lisa grew up on the East Coast in New Jersey and attended IU in Bloomington for undergrad and Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia for grad school. She has over 15 years of experience as a nurse practitioner, focusing on Head & Neck Oncology at Community Health Network, and is also the network's Lead Advanced Practice Provider for the Oncology Product Line. In addition, Lisa enjoys planning vacations as a travel advisor with Magic Bound Travel by Lisa White. Jeremiah, who is also an IU grad, has over 20 years of experience in the aviation and maritime sectors with his current role as the Director of Global Capital Markets for Seabury Capital. Jeremiah helps with the school garden each year, often known as the "dirt guy". The internationalism, diversity, and focus on language provided by the ISI community are greatly valued by Lisa, Jeremiah, and their sons.



Dan Willis, Panelist

Dan Willis is the father of ISI senior, Eduardo (Eddy) Willis, who has been at ISI since he was four years old. Eduardo was born in Guatemala and was adopted by Dan and his wife, Amy. They have lived in Indiana since 2006 and chose ISI for its size, language immersion component, and IB curriculum. Dan has been a business owner in various industries throughout his life, including hospitality, product development, and consulting. He has served on the Parent Association Board for ISI on two separate occasions and is involved in many social aspects of the school.



Darren Ho, Event Moderator
Founder of The Restored Leader
& Lower School parent