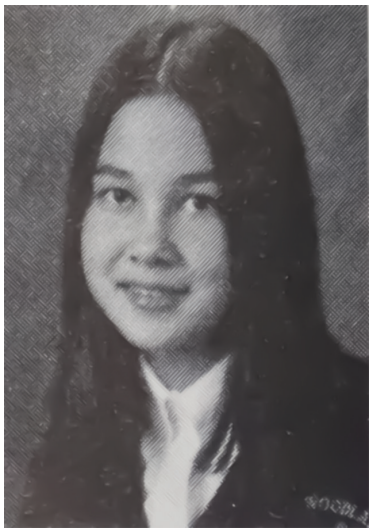
Woodland Alumni



Kelsey Stallings Lopez

Class of 2001

Parent, Class of 2032 and 2036



Matt, Brooklyn, Kelsey, and Maximo

Current occupation

People Strategy & Operations for Platforms & Devices at Google

Other Schools Attended

Sacred Heart Preparatory
Princeton University, Bachelors of Science and Engineering
University of California, Berkeley, MBA Haas School of Business

What brought you to Woodland

As a student - I joined Woodland in first grade after attending kindergarten at my neighborhood public school. I remember visiting Woodland, in what's now called a Shadow Day, and being awestruck by classrooms that had lofts with a reading nook up top. That was pure magic to me as a child! And I clearly remember the students were very kind and welcoming.

As a parent - Our daughter's daycare closed for months at a time during the pandemic and we eventually started looking for preschool options. Attending Woodland's open house and talking to parents and teachers brought back so many memories of the wonderful community here. And ample outdoor space was a treasure during COVID.

Favorite Memory

As a student, I have two - In first grade, my teacher Mrs. Simms was passionate about classical music, which came through in our field trip to the symphony and all that she taught us about famous composers and their musical styles. The eighth grade Outdoor Ed trip to Catalina Island was also a highlight. I loved science and it was even more fun to learn hands on while spending the week on a boat!

As a parent, I also have two - Our daughter loves the library, and I did, too, as a student, so we bond over that. I told her about the cards we used to check out books and she was excited to spot them in some of the older books at the library. I was also very touched the day she brought home a special Big Sister shirt from Woodland when her baby brother was born.

Fun Facts

Woodland already had the House system when I was a student, though we didn't yet have an induction ceremony (or a wizard!). Of course, our daughter was very excited to be inducted into Pine House with me and for her brother to join her in a few years.

I'm honored to be among a growing group of Woodland alumni who are also parents. Leana Wallace Fowler, Class of 1989, and her family joined Woodland as parents the same year we did. My mom also recognized a fellow Woodland parent turned Woodland grandparent at Santa Lucia last year!