# **Kevin Albright**



I grew up in North County, went to St. Ferdinand and then graduated from DeSmet in 2002, Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH) in 2006 with a degree in accounting, and then St Louis University in 2007 with my master's degree. That's thirteen years of Catholic education.

Rochelle and I were married in 2008 after meeting the first day of our freshman year of college in 2002. She has a master's degree in social work from WashU and works at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

In 2011, Ace was born at Mercy, where I now work. Dash was accidentally born in our living room in 2014. Soccer and various other youth sports keep them quite busy.

Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.

Rochelle and I send Ace and Dash to St. Margaret. Dash is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Ace is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (he's headed to SLUH next year). Everybody who knows me knows how important coaching CYC soccer is to me. I started coaching Ace's team in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Dash's team in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I emphasize the importance of hard work, teamwork, and good sportsmanship.

As a school board member, I'd like to make sure that there's as much focus on the humanities as there is on STEM. Well-rounded students turn into all-around successful adults.

Describe relevant experience you have working on committees or boards at St. Margaret of Scotland or elsewhere. If you have policy, budget, fundraising or technology experience, please include information about those areas.

CYC soccer has been my focus with 25 to 30 games each Fall along with a roughly equal number of practices. I believe my professional experience will benefit me as a member of the school board. I'm a CPA with experience in corporate accounting as well as auditing small forprofit companies, non-profits, and governmental agencies. I've worked in the healthcare industry for the past 11+ years, and I'm proud to say that I work for Mercy in a position that aligns financial performance with high-quality care delivery. Right now, we're focused on developing our budget for the upcoming year as well as identifying opportunities to improve operations.

What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?

St. Margaret's greatest strength is its students. It only takes a second to think of something really impressive a student has recently done like math, speech, and history competitions, or theater and music performances. Students do all this while facing adversity like COVID, sick parents and grandparents, and social media pressure.

I'd like to see the middle school maintain its focus on improvement it's had over the past couple of years. A culture of continuous improvement is critical.

## **Carrie Crompton**



- I am the proud mom of 3 SMOS dragons
- We are proud parishioners at SMOS
- I am the Operations & Finance Manager at the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank – a nonprofit that provides diapers and menstrual products to the under-resourced in our community
- My background mostly includes non-profit work particularly in operations, finance, and compliance
- I am an attorney by education and brief practice but really find my passion working in the community

Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.

I am the proud mother of three SMOS dragons. My boys have all been at SMOS since Pre-K. We are active in sports and the SMOS community. We are proud parishioners at church. As my oldest graduates 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year, I've realized we have been a part of this community for 10 years. Lucky for me, we have another 4 years at school and lifetime at church. I am excited to see what has been accomplished in the past 10 years, and am more excited to see what we can accomplish in the next 10 years to provide the amazing community experience that my boys and I have experienced here.

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When my boys were young, I was very involved with the PTA and a room parent for many years. I am still a room parent for my three boys rooms and am getting back involved in the PTA. I sit on a couple community Boards – one Board President and one as Treasurer.

I do have experience both on a Board and in my current professional role with finance, budgeting and fundraising. I do operations and finance in my current role with an eye to control operational expenses but also thinking about how to fundraise with a growth mindset and inviting new people in to the great things that are happening within the SMOS community.

What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?

The community – our greatest strength. The people, the children, the parishioners who care deeply about SMOS. There are so many people who give so much to the school and church.

I think our greatest opportunity is in fundraising. We do a great job with the institutional fundraising we have but I know we can do more with some dedicated work in this area. Seeing fundraising and finance work together is a beautiful thing.

## **Justin Roth**



My wife Emily and I are the proud parents of our daughter, Novi, a second grader at SMOS. We've been parishioners for over 8 years and have greatly enjoyed getting involved in the school and parish. We couldn't be more grateful for this school — becoming part of this community has truly been one of the best decisions our family has made.

I work as an Associate General Counsel at NISA Investment Advisors, an investment management firm based in Clayton. I have a J.D. from Saint Louis University and a B.S. in Finance from Mizzou. My Catholic education started at a small local grade school and continued through high school at Vianney.

Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.

For the past two seasons, I have served as a basketball coach for my daughter's CYC team here at SMOS. Helping the girls make significant progress has been a very rewarding experience. I encourage every parent to lend a hand at coaching if you have the time.

I also volunteer at the church as a lector which has helped me grow in my faith. I grew up attending a very small Catholic school and watched my parents do everything they possibly could to help. This instilled in me a lifelong appreciation for the unique community atmosphere of Catholic schools. It is true that "In the end, it's the beginning that counts" and that beginning starts with great people. Great kids, parents, faculty, and administration make the all the difference and the SMOS community is truly blessed in this regard. It's our responsibility to sustain this special place for future generations.

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In 2024, I served on the Institutional Issues Committee for the SMOS School Improvement Plan. This was a very positive experience working with faculty members and other parents to make recommendations to the school.

Through my work as an in-house counsel, I have many years of experience drafting policies, assessing the impact and effectiveness of policies, and serving on committees responsible for advising management on business/legal issues. This experience has taught me to engage with issues critically and thoughtfully, while also building consensus and prioritizing teamwork above all.

What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?

I'm very proud of our school and believe that we've made many positive improvements over the past few years. We've seen this growth reflected through student testing results, parent survey results, and upgrades to school facilities. I'd like to do my part to help keep that momentum trending forward in the areas of student academic achievement, parent and teacher satisfaction and facilities upgrades. We can never rest on our prior achievements. St. Louis continues to lose a few once great Catholic schools each year, which serves as a painful reminder of what is at stake.

## Joshua Schum



Hi! If we haven't met before, my name is Joshua Schum. We've probably crossed paths at school pick-up, during Mass, or on the sidewalks of the Shaw neighborhood. Mary and I have Anson in fourth grade and Cormac in first grade (and if you've walked down Flad Avenue on a sunny afternoon you've probably heard their joy-filled shouts from the backyard). I'm a Director of User Experience Design at Fidelity Investments, and I have a master's degree in Telecommunications and a bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University.

Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.

Mary and I didn't grow up in St. Louis. We lived in Boston and Chicago before moving to St. Louis in 2019. We chose to settle in the Shaw neighborhood primarily because we were interested in joining the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and School. Our experience exceeded our expectations as we were happily welcomed into the community. I am interested in joining the school board to actively contribute to the continued success and growth of this incredible institution and community.

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I volunteer at school and community events as often as I can. I have been an athletic and Lego robotics coach, a PTA pizza lunch prep chef, and (perhaps most memorable for the first graders this year) the Halloween party sasquatch. I also have over 15 years of experience leading user experience projects at healthcare and financial services companies. My professional work requires empathy, creativity, strategic vision, and consensus building—skills that would help me serve as a member of school board.

What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?

By this point it should come as no surprise that I believe that our SMOS community is our greatest strength. It's a truly special community made so by the unique contributions of each of you reading this. As a member of the school board I would ensure we continue to foster the energetic, inclusive environment that has made SMOS a destination worth seeking out.