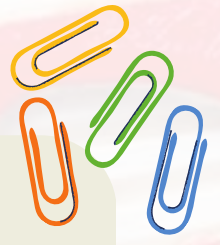




DISCOVERY GARDEN MONTESSORI SCHOOL



Discovery Garden Board of Directors

School Year 2023-2024



Caron Parnell

Chairperson/President

Caron Parnell and her family joined the DGMS community in 2015. She has been serving on the board since 2018. Caron & her husband Patrick have 2 girls who have loved their time at DGMS. She is a native of St. Louis and a lover of baseball and toasted ravioli. In her free time, Caron enjoys reading & spending time with her family in the outdoors.



Meghan Guthrie-Baker

Megan Guthrie-Baker, MD is a native of northwest Arkansas, where she grew up and went to college. She then moved to Springfield, MO for residency, where she met her husband. They now live in the Rountree Neighborhood, and raise their two children, Freya and Ezra. Meghan works as a family medicine physician in a rural health clinic, in Marshfield, Missouri, during the day, and in the evening she enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and interior design/old home restoration. As a product of Montessori education herself, she values the importance of the Montessori Method, and is very passionate about supporting the DGMS as a parent and board member.



Ximena Uribe

Originally from Mexico City, always an English learner, I pursued my passion for education by earning a PhD from the University of Delaware in 2007. As a dedicated program evaluator and educational researcher, I strive to enhance learning outcomes and make a positive impact. I am currently an Associate Professor in the College of Education at MSU.



Cynthia Barraza

Cynthia Barraza is originally from Chihuahua, Mexico. She holds Montessori certificates for Elementary (6-12) and Early Childhood (3-6). She also has a B.A. in Psychology, and a Masters in Elementary Education. She is one of Discovery Garden's founding Board Members and served our school as Head of School from 2011 to 2022. She now serves as a Board Member and is looking forward to helping DGMS with its strategic plan. In her spare time you can find her exploring town with friends and family, traveling, taking a bike ride or doing some art.



KRISTIE WEIDMANN

Secretary

Kristie grew up in the Springfield, MO area and graduated from Central High School in 1994.

Kristie has been a member of the Downtown Kiwanis, an organization that supports projects for underprivileged children in the area, since 2016. She served on their board as Secretary for 2 years and has a passion for helping children succeed. Kristie joined the DGMS board in May of 2022. She's excited to use her expertise in business, leadership and fundraising to help take DGMS to the next level.