

# Michelle Stevens



Hello, my name is Michelle Stevens. In addition to being a proud SMOS parent, I'm a wife, mother, non-profit executive, chauffer, scheduling master and chaos coordinator—the time of day determines the most appropriate title.

I was raised in a career-military family and attended both public and Catholic schools growing up. I moved to St. Louis in 2003 and made it home after meeting my husband, Elliott.

In addition to my most important role as mom to Rebecca (5<sup>th</sup>), Sarah (4<sup>th</sup>) and Elliott (K), I serve as the Director of Development for FOCUS St. Louis, a civic leadership development nonprofit. I hold a bachelor's degree in communication from North Carolina State University and Master of Business Administration from Saint Louis University.

<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>As parishioners and parents of children attending St. Margaret of Scotland, my husband and I are committed to helping maintain a thriving school and church community. I believe my nonprofit background and past experience with strategic planning provide a unique perspective as our school community works to draft and to implement the required Archdiocese School Improvement Plan (7- year strategic plan).</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>I am a nonprofit executive with more than 25 years of experience and am passionate about developing meaningful relationships and collaborative partnerships. In all my professional roles, I have worked closely with governing boards, executive leadership teams, and community partners.</p> <p>In my current position at FOCUS St. Louis, I work in partnership with our President and CEO to set the organization's strategic priorities and am responsible for all fundraising activities, including corporate and foundation giving, major gifts, grant writing, membership, and special events. I am activity involved in creating and managing strategic, annual and operating plans and budgets for the organization.</p> <p>Prior to joining FOCUS, I was the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Bi-State Development and Grand Center, Inc.'s Vice President, where I was responsible for the organization's comprehensive marketing and fundraising efforts. I have also worked as the grant writer and director of the \$12M comprehensive campaign at Fontbonne University and in alumni relations at St. Louis Priory</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>We intentionally moved into the Shaw neighborhood to have our children attend St. Margaret's because of its reputation of having good academics, offering a variety of extracurricular activities and Catholic Faith formation. Our school community is blessed to have active parent</p>

volunteers supporting our PTA, sports program, afterschool clubs/activities, and library.

I would like to see our school strengthen our middle school program so that our students are academically, socially, and emotionally prepared for high school. In addition, we should be working to ensure that our school is well positioned to successfully navigate any future enrollment or fiscal challenges. I would like St. Margaret's to be seen as a school of choice for families and educators—a regional model for excellence in Catholic education.

# Christian Bruner



Growing up, I attended a small Catholic School in Murphysboro, IL – about 2 hours south of St. Louis. I graduated with a bachelors in Journalism and a masters in Strategic Communications from SIU-Carbondale. Over the course of my 15 year career I have worked in marketing for companies such as Saint Louis Public Schools, Monsanto, Bayer, and Edward Jones. I believe my experience in such large organizations, as well as my Catholic Education provide me a perspective that would be beneficial to the SMOS School Board.

<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>I am relatively new to the St. Margaret community – we bought our house in Shaw in late 2019 and officially became members of SMOS in 2020. My husband and I are lifelong Catholics and both attended Catholic Schools growing up. I would like to use my role as someone fairly new to the Parish, but not to Catholicism to advise the school.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>I have served on several boards in St. Louis including TEDxSt. Louis and Association of National Advertisers. I also worked in marketing for Saint Louis Public Schools. I have experience as a graphic designer, as well as more than a decade of experience in traditional and digital marketing, as well as a vast knowledge in many marketing and design technologies.</p> <p>I grew up going to Catholic school and Catholic education is close to my heart. I would be honored to serve on the SMOS School board and help grow the importance of Catholic Education.</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>It's clear to me that SMOS is a special school. I believe the community within the school is very solid. Growing up, I was involved in many community service organizations and would like to see SMOS students involved in service projects throughout the neighborhood and St. Louis as a whole.</p>

# Kate Mahoney



I am mother to Betty (4<sup>th</sup>), Nate (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Nora (K) Sherman, and work as a pediatrician at St. Louis Children’s Hospital. Bill and I returned home to St. Louis in July 2023 and feel thankful for your welcome.

<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>As an alum ('96), I have a deep love for St. Margaret's. Mrs. Hesel helped grow my mind and soul, Mrs. Meredith helped me find a voice, and Fr. Brown gave me hope. I wish to serve the community that served me.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>I have mentored students, residents, and faculty, developed curricula, sponsored observerships for students underrepresented in medicine, served on hospital committees (quality, safety, curriculum), and acted as the local site leader in a national quality improvement project.</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>We are an inclusive supportive community that incorporates service, community building, and social justice into our teachings and actions. We should re-invigorate efforts to broaden student diversity and work to improve compensation and ratios for our faculty and staff.</p>

# Jeremy Nolle



Jeremy is an IT consultant with Object Computing, Inc., focused on providing innovative solution, thought leadership, strategy, and technology that empowers.

Parishioners for 15 years, Jeremy and his wife Allyson are raising their family (2 children at SMOS and 1 waiting for her turn) to be kind, fight for justice, and challenge themselves to be better every day.

Coaching sports has helped Jeremy recognize the breadth of strengths and diversity of experiences among the students of SMOS, driving him to work for the best possible school environment for all.

He holds a BS in Computer Science from Washington University.

<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>When my wife and I found the SMOS community over 15 years ago, we knew it was a special place. As our family has grown, we realize how much support we have gotten from the entire community, and I'm excited to find ways to give back. As an SMOS sports coach and assistant coach for multiple teams, I am directly involved in shaping the attitudes, confidence, and physical abilities of dozens of our students. I want to contribute to academic excellence and fiscal responsibility of the entire SMOS school by advising and providing guidance to our Pastor and Principal.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This winter I began meeting with the SMOS School Board technology committee and have provided recommendations in the course of our meetings. For nearly 7 years I served on the elected executive board of the Southampton Neighborhood Association including 5 years as the Vice President and head of the membership committee, where responsibilities included complying with and updating bylaws, working with potential business owners on city statute compliance, budgeting for short and long term goals, and mediating occasional disagreements between residents and businesses.</p> <p>I have over two decades of professional experience in Information Technology and enterprise software; building, using, and selling technology solutions. I believe technology can provide benefits when used consciously, but it is not always the right answer.</p> <p>I am specifically interested in contributing to the SMOS School Board technology committee.</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>I am proud to be part of the extraordinarily strong community at SMOS. The spirit, compassion, generosity, support, and inclusivity surprise and impress me regularly.</p> <p>I have observed great strides in improving the emphasis on academics over the past year. I look forward to supporting our Pastor and Principal in further developing our academic excellence as well as consistent application of policies and standards across grades and disciplines.</p>



# Joe Wysocki



My wife Maureen and I have been St. Margarets parishioners since 2017 and moved to Shaw in 2018. You can often find us cruising the neighborhood with Florence (pre-school), Matilda (aspiring Dragon-Class of 2035) and our dogs Darwin and Shadow. A baby boy expected in late-May will add to our familial chaos. I hold a BA from the University of Notre Dame and an MA in Theology from Catholic Theological Union as well as an MBA. I've worked in Catholic ministry for the last 15 years previously in Catholic higher-education and currently in Catholic healthcare as the Vice President of Mission at Mercy Hospital South.

<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>We have been parishioners since moving to St. Louis from Joliet, IL in 2017 and have been school parents for the last two years since our daughter started preschool. St. Margarets is a school of choice for parents and students throughout the city and beyond; it is my hope that through the efforts of the school board and this community, we also continue to be a workplace of choice for teachers, administrators and support professionals. Continuing to provide a supportive environment for our school staff is essential to maintain and enhance the recent strides in retention and I look forward to supporting these efforts if chosen to be on the school board.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>I previously served on the board of the Vincentian Mission Corps and recently joined the advisory board of the South County YMCA. In my professional life, I have worked closely with community partners to find opportunities for collaboration and used my background in leadership development to help build strong teams and positive mission-aligned cultures. This experience has shown me that positive organizational cultures, like the one we enjoy at our parish and school, do not simply happen but are cultivated and maintained through thoughtful planning and considerable effort on the part of all.</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>A core component of my work and community involvement over the years has been helping Catholic organizations to enliven their faith in ways that are vibrant and engaging with a particular emphasis on reaching out to diverse groups that have not always felt included. The focus on appreciating and welcoming diversity is one of the reasons we are glad to be St. Margarets parents. It is also an area where we always have work to do. If I were on the school board, I would be excited to help continue efforts around diversity and belonging in a way that expresses our uniquely Catholic-worldview.</p>

# Marty Chorkey



My name is Marty Chorkey and I am the father of current 3rd grader, Evelyn, and 1st grader, Evander. We are completing our first year at SMOS and I've enjoyed the experience thus far. I am a structural engineer with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Louisiana State University. I design bridges for a local consulting firm named Horner & Shifrin Engineers. I also enjoy playing sports and playing music. I play the piano and guitar as well as sing and write songs.

<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>I've met and connected with many families at SMOS thru helping coach first grade soccer, attending 10am mass regularly, being involved with school drop-off and pick-up, playing basketball with some of the other dads on Sunday nights, and participating in and attending many other school functions over the course of the year. It's been a blessing to get to know the community and I am eager to contribute my time, energy, talents, and voice to the school board and have a positive impact on the community that I'm growing attached to.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>I've served on and/or started several committees throughout my career, predominantly in the realm of sustainability and public outreach. I've held many positions, including chair, and have overseen committee budgets. I believe I excel in communication and enjoy working within a group to achieve goals that reach beyond those attainable by individuals working on their own. With my engineering background, I also bring valuable skills regarding all things numbers. I have experience in bookkeeping, data analysis and overall project management.</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>I've been impressed with the communication from the school administration this year and view it as a strength. I'm interested to learn more about the SMOS offered opportunities to engage in community service with my kids and wonder about that as an area for growth.</p>

# Justin Rolwes



<p>Describe your role in the St. Margaret of Scotland community and what you are looking to contribute as a school board member.</p>	<p>My wife (Maria) and I have three kids at St. Margaret of Scotland School: Addie (4th), Jack and Ben (both Pre-K). We have been parishioners since 2016. As a School Board member, I would bring 14+ years of management, financial reporting, technical accounting and auditing experience, which I gained working as a CPA for large corporations and public accounting firms in the St. Louis area.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>I have served as a member of the St. Margarets' Finance Committee since 2018. In this role, I worked with current and past pastors, principals, parish administrators and Committee members to set the annual budget for the Parish and School, review monthly and annual financial statements, provide recommendations on investment initiatives, and manage the previous capital campaign. In 2023, I successfully applied for and received a \$40,000 grant from the State of Missouri on the school's behalf to replace the school's playground flooring. Looking ahead, I am eager to seek out and apply for further grant revenue and fundraise to replace and expand the playground equipment to match.</p>
<p>What do you see as areas of strength at St. Margaret of Scotland School? What are areas for growth?</p>	<p>St. Margaret of Scotland School's greatest strength is its vibrant community, fostered by dedicated teachers, staff, and engaged parents and students. However, in recent years, this strength has faced significant challenges. Like many schools, St. Margaret's has grappled with teacher retention rates and the impact of COVID-19 on student learning. As a prospective School Board member, I am committed to addressing these challenges head-on, leveraging my experience and dedication to contribute to the School's continued growth and success.</p>