

Carver Board Member Nominations 2019

Candidate Biographies

Cecilia Mitchell



Cecilia has a background in Teaching and Corporate Training and Development. She has taught at Resurrection as a CCD teacher for 7 years. She is the PO President for RMS and the co-president of the Rye Middle School Parents' Organization. She is also an active volunteer in her community. She was previously a Carver Market volunteer and now is a POTS volunteer with her children. She first volunteered with POTS to tutor families but later started working in the kitchen to create programs for mothers to learn how to cook, manage weekly food budgets, and create plans. Also, she is the owner and designer of her jewelry store, Cecilia Jewel, and has showcased her work in galleries including Rye Historical society.

Cecilia lives in Rye with her four children who attend Rye Middle School and Rye High School.

Jason Kowlowitz



Jason is originally from New City in Rockland County. He holds a B.S. from SUNY Binghamton in Business Management. He has over 15 years of sales experience including being a Founder/CEO of an executive recruitment firm called Top Tier Candidates, which specialized in attracting and retaining top software engineering talent. He furthered his sales career by helping to build a sales team for some of the top U.S. websites including Indeed.com and a top 50 U.S. website StackOverflow.com where he was the number #1 salesman and ran the highest grossing sales team. Currently, he is a residential Real Estate Agent in Rye, NY for Julia B Fee Sotheby's. He volunteers with the Early Childhood Center at the Community Synagogue of Rye as a member of the Parent Association.

Jason moved from Manhattan in December 2017 to Rye, NY with his wife Felise, his 4-year-old son Landon and 2-year-old daughter Mia.

Yvette M. Hammel



Yvette was born in Harlem and grew up in the Bronx where she was raised by a single mother from Puerto Rico. After attending public school in the Bronx until fourth grade, she was selected to participate in “Prep for Prep” which was in its infancy. (Prep is now one of the leading programs identifying and promoting talented students from underprivileged backgrounds in New York City.) From there, Yvette went on ultimately to Dartmouth College where she majored in Romance Languages. She is fluent in English, Spanish, and French while also studying Italian and Russian. After college she gained public relations and event planning experience in New York City, working at Oppenheimer Funds, Ogilvy Adams & Rinehart, Devres Public Relations, and Lippe Taylor as Senior Vice President. Her children now attend Rye Country Day School where she has been involved in the Parents Association coordinating the book fair and assisting in fundraising auctions for the school.

Yvette is married with two children ages 14 and 16 and lives in Larchmont.

Donna M. C. Jarecki



Donna is a licensed social worker in the State of New York. As a part of her college degree, she worked with children who suffered with emotional and physical abuse and at a mental health advocacy agency that provided services for AIDS patients. She advocates for programs that allow all children to shine personally, socially, and academically with the goal of helping them professionally as well. She is a board member of the Brightwater Foundation and was introduced to Carver through this affiliation. She will be receiving her certificate as an Independent Educational Consultant from the University of Irvine at the end of May and is currently pursuing a certificate in Executive Functioning from The Landmark School in Vermont. She received a B.S. in Applied Psychology and a Masters in Social Work from NYU.

Donna lives in Rye with her husband and has three children. Donna's daughter Mackenzie has been an active summer volunteer at Carver and will be returning this summer.