

Classical High School Alumni Association

For immediate release:

The Board of Directors of the Classical High School Alumni Association has announced the engagement of **Patricia A. McLaughlin** as its new Executive Director commencing February 1, 2023. After a comprehensive search over a number of months, the Association has selected Patricia to fill this key position to lead it in its mission to enhance the educational experience of current students at Classical High School, preserve and support the tradition of the school, build and maintain relationships among its alumni and friends, and raise funds for both school and Association activities. The Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and the Executive Director has responsibility for much of the planning for and oversight of all facets of the Association's daily operations as well as manages the relationship with key Association stakeholders, donors, alumni, and most importantly, the faculty and students at the school.

Patricia joins the Association with an extensive background in the nonprofit and public sectors, in particular with more than 20 years' experience in higher education and N-12 schools. She has served in development, advancement, and marketing roles at several local, nonprofit independent schools and universities, working with teams of professionals to grow and manage planned giving and annual fund programs, advancement services and initiatives, and donor and community relations.

Patricia also served as Director of Administration of the City of Providence and, in that role, oversaw management of all city departments, including finance and administration, city services, and economic development. Her responsibilities included legal representation, department and program management, contract negotiations, labor relations, and lobbying. She worked for the City for fifteen years during two different administrations.

Patricia has also taught law in the political science department at Providence College for over twenty years, focusing on the principles and practices of the American legal system for upper-level students.

Patricia holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Providence College and a Juris Doctor of Law degree from George Washington University.

The Board of Directors was most impressed with Patricia's extensive experience in educational institutions with engaging school administration, faculty, students, alumni, and donors, as well as her fluency in the complexities and sophistication of city government. Patricia has already begun her new position and has plans to prioritize engagement and fund-raising in the next few months.

"I am honored to join the CHSAA during the school's 180th anniversary as we come together to build upon the great work the alumni have accomplished to date. I am inspired by the mission to ensure the excellence of the Classical experience continues for today's students and tomorrow's alumni. As the premier high school in Rhode Island and among the oldest public schools in the country, we are deeply committed to keeping Classical strong," McLaughlin said.

We welcome Patricia to the team and look forward to her goal-oriented guidance to help lead the Association in its efforts to fulfill its mission strategically and successfully, for the benefit of many future generations of students and alumni.

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