Slate of Candidates:
2026 SJC Alumni Association Board Election

Secretary: Beth Martin (A94)



Beth Martin (A94) is completing her first term as Board Secretary and is seeking a second term. Prior to her time as Secretary, she served as an At-Large Director from 2021 to 2024, serving on the Chapters Working Group and as the Board's Project Manager.

Beth has dedicated her career to advancing the missions of nonprofit organizations by developing and leading programs that connect supporters' generosity with meaningful opportunities to serve others. As an alumna, Beth has supported the College by participating in career panels for current students and recent graduates, providing an alumni viewpoint at events for prospective students, serving as a class chair for the Annapolis Class of 1994 during their reunion years, and as an ongoing monthly donor for the College's annual fund.

Additionally, Beth is the President of the Annapolis Alumni Chapter and leads its monthly seminars. Beth lives in Baltimore with her husband, Alex Gammon (A94).

Treasurer: Hannah Ard (A92)



Hannah Ard (A92) is completing her first term as an At-Large Director, during which time she co-led the Alumni Giving Council and served as Project Manager, and is seeking to serve as Board Treasurer.

Hannah obtained her Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park, where she focused on gender, work, and family issues, and wrote her master's thesis on the impact of social capital on children's academic performance in school. Following that, Hannah attended Harvard Law School and graduated cum laude in 1997. She began her legal career in Washington, DC, and worked for the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services representing the Secretary in Medicare litigation, the Federal Trade Commission where she focused on consumer protection matters, and the Department of Justice where she litigated constitutional law cases for the Civil Division. Hannah moved to private practice in 2002 and worked at Wilmer Hale before taking time off to be at home with her young children. Hannah moved to the Seattle area in 2007. Hannah continued her legal practice in the Pacific Northwest, and is currently counsel to the firm at Ballard Spahr, LLP where she specializes in employment law, both advising clients on legal matters, and representing them in litigation.

Approximately 20 years ago while living in the DC area, Hannah served in an informal capacity with some other alumni, working with the then-Director of Annual Giving Maggie Griffin Fox and others, on increasing alumni giving to the College. She hosted several dinners for SJC seniors as they transitioned into the "real" world and informally mentored several of them for many years. She is excited about the prospect of continuing to engage with both the alumni community and the College itself.

At Large Director, Nani Detti (SF20)



Nani Detti (SF20) is completing her first term as an At-Large Director, co-leading the Career Services Working Group, and is seeking a second term.

After graduating from St. John's, she earned her Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Currently, Nani is a Research Associate at KRL International, an Africa-focused advisory and government relations firm in Washington., D.C. In this role, Nani supports clients in building relationships with U.S. Government agencies, development finance institutions, multilateral development banks, and regulatory authorities in frontier markets. Nani assists in the development and implementation of strategies to advance client objectives, prepares analytical reports and memos, and monitors media, congressional hearings, and other events for relevant client issues.

Nani previously worked at the International Forum on Sovereign Wealth Funds, the Clooney Foundation for Justice, and the Center for International Policy. In 2019, Nani founded the Misale Initiative, a non-profit in Ethiopia that provides mentorship and career development services to university students and graduates. Nani’s LinkedIn profile can be found here: https://www.linkedin.com/in/nanidetti/

At Large Director, Charles Bieneman (SF89)



Charles Bieneman (SF89) is completing his first term as an At-Large Director, co-leading the Communications Working Group, and is seeking a second term. Charlie is founding partner of the law firm Bejin Bieneman in Detroit, Michigan. He is a graduate of University of Michigan Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1992). Charlie and his wife, Ann, have donated to the college regularly (including stock).

He has previously volunteered to work on alumni newsletters and been involved with homecoming activities. He has been a fantastic mentor to Johnnies in the Odyssey program. As part of business development for his firm, Charlie has experience setting up and organizing legal blogs, client newsletters, and continuing legal education seminars. He also regularly contributes content to legal publications and has been involved with the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Charlie's son James recently graduated from the Annapolis campus.

At Large Director, Shannon Lynch Albritton (SF20)



Shannon Lynch Albritton (SF20) is completing his first term as an At-Large Director, co-leading the Student and Recent Alumni Working Group, and is seeking a second term. Shannon received his Masters in Public Administration from The George Washington University in 2024 and currently serves as Director of Operations for Congresswoman Kim Schrier of Washington State.

In his time in Santa Fe, Shannon was someone who could make things happen. He served as the student-elected representative to the BVG in his junior and senior years. He was on the Student Advisory Committee from 2018-2022, and the Senior Leadership Committee from 2019-2020. Shannon has been nominated twice to be the Alumni Association-elected representative on the BVG. With his long track record of service, he is particularly enthusiastic about the Student and Recent Alumni Working Group and the Career Services Working Group. He believes that he could be effective in getting younger alumni involved with the association and attending events. Shannon may also be a good resource for project management as he has experience tracking and organizing prospective legislation, bills, congressional reports, and constituent mail.

At Large Director, Michelle Baker (SF90)



Michelle Baker (SF90) is completing her term as an Interim Director, co-leading the Events Working Group, and is seeking her first term as an At-Large Director. Michelle grew up in downtown Annapolis, MD, with St. John's College as her backyard. After graduating, she studied art in Florence, Italy.

Ms. Baker has since lived in San Francisco, Santa Fe, and Asheville, NC, and has built a varied career spanning photojournalism, web development, and counseling — united by a lifelong interest in people's stories. Having recently returned to Santa Fe, she continues to paint alongside her private practice in counseling and career development.

Ms. Baker is also the mother of a Johnnie — her son is a current student on the Annapolis campus (class of '28). His enrollment at St. John's College inspired her to become part of the college's broader community of support.

At Large Director, Ethan Carrier (A00)



Ethan Carrier (A00) graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis in 2000 and earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2005. Ethan is a career public servant who has become an expert in government ethics and public integrity law, having developed a passion for good government early in law school.

Ethan has worked as an attorney for the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board since 2012, and, for the last nine years, has served as its General Counsel. In this role, he acts as the chief legal counsel to the Board and supervises a team of attorneys and paralegals in providing legal guidance about the City's Conflicts of Interest Law to New York City's 300,000 public servants. This work has been both deeply rewarding and profoundly challenging, as it involves justly administering and enforcing a complicated law that operates at the intersection of the private lives and public duties of City employees and appointees from every walk of life, serving the public as police, pension managers, teachers, criminal prosecutors, and so on.

Prior to his work in New York City government, Ethan served as a federal government ethics attorney in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Federal Election Commission, and the Office of White House Counsel. Additionally, he has also been an active member of the New York City Bar Association, where he recently served as a member of the Committee on Government Ethics & State Affairs. Outside of his career, Ethan enjoys writing, photography, and tinkering on his old farmhouse in the Catskills. Originally from Wisconsin, and having grown up in southern California and Texas, Ethan currently resides in Manhattan with his wife and their two cats, when they are not escaping the City for quieter weekends in nature. Ethan adopted a plant-based diet and lifestyle 17 years ago out of concerns for the environment and animal welfare. Keeping close to St. John's, he has attended alumni seminars in Washington DC and New York City.

At Large Director, Nick Urban (SFGI11)



Nick Urban (SFGI11) is an entrepreneur, executive, and software engineer based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He co-founded TalentWall, a software company, where he led engineering and operations for 6 years, growing to 20 employees, before its acquisition in 2022.

Alongside his career in technology, he has pursued a lifelong study of philosophy and the liberal arts, earning the MALA from St. John's College in Santa Fe and an MA in Religious Studies from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Nick has also served in nonprofit leadership roles, including as President of the Foundation for Enlightened Society, a public charity that supports Buddhist practice and study.

He remains deeply interested in the role of liberal education in building a principled, free, and prosperous society. Having attended five colleges and universities, he still thinks St. John's is the best!

At Large Director, Raymond Gifford (A89)



Raymond Gifford (A89) practices regulatory law, managing the Denver office of Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP. His primary professional focus is advancing electric transmission builds in the Western U.S. Before immersing himself in the gripping world of monopoly regulation, Ray ran The Progress & Freedom Foundation, a think tank in Washington, DC, focused on studying the law and economics of the digital revolution. He wandered into the regulatory cinematic universe after being appointed Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission in 2000.

In recent years, he has helped mentor Johnnies looking to go to law school, meeting with students in Santa Fe and through the Odyssey Program. This summer, his firm has an intern who will be a rising senior in Santa Fe, and he hopes to continue and expand that program. Gifford lives in Golden, Colorado with his wife, Lisa, and dog, Larry. Recent empty nesters, their three sons live in Colorado, Michigan, and Washington, respectively.

Board of Visitors & Governors: Alumni Elected Representative



Kelsey (Hennegen) Murray (SFGI20, EC21) joined the St. John's College Board of Visitors and Governors in 2023. Her career began in startups, first Graphiq (acquired by Amazon in 2017) and then Lever (acquired by Employ in 2022). After six years in the tech industry, she left Silicon Valley to study at St. John's College in Santa Fe.

Her poetry has received recognition, including first place in Narrative magazine's "30 Below" contest for writers under the age of 30 and an artist's residency with the Historic Santa Fe Foundation. Her published works include a poetry chapbook entitled To Keep the Name Daughter and a book of translations of the Argentine poet Camila Evia's work.

Murray also holds an MA in English from Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English and an MFA in Poetry from Boise State University, where she taught undergraduate poetry courses.

In 2023, she married fellow Johnnie, Patrick Murray (SF20) and they welcomed their first child in 2024. She now oversees the fellowship program of a nonprofit economic policy think tank in Washington, D.C.