

2018-2019 Monument Academy PTO Officers

Lisa Rogers, PTO President

I graduated from college as valedictorian and got my degree in biblical studies and social work. I have worked with children in many capacities. From babysitting at a young age to teaching Sunday school and worship in children's church. I was a youth pastor. I have worked with troubled teen girls who were abandoned by the foster care system, and taken the oath to become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) to speak before judges to help determine if it is in the child's best interest to be returned to their parents.

My best friend and I founded a successful non-profit five years ago in which I am the President. We provide small business loans to women in 3rd world countries so they can meet the basic needs of their children. We have found that the best way to stop human trafficking is to provide women with jobs so they can in turn provide for their children – We have given out over 400 loans and seen our impact reach thousands.

My family is new to Colorado and we moved here to enjoy the slower pace of life; the small town feel and SNOW! I am a wife of thirteen years, and a stay at home Mom who loves to play tennis, ski, read, camp, paint and play with our dog. My favorite movie is What About Bob. I am not a morning person or a night owl. I'm usually at my best around 11am. I'm excited to be a part in making Monument Academy an even better place for our kids to attend.

Shannon Fox, Co-Vice President

Born and raised in the South, Shannon and her husband, Jake, moved to Colorado 6 years ago. They have two amazing children. As a family, they love to camp, hike and spend time in nature. Shannon also likes to read and spend time with her friends.

Shannon graduated from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC with a B.S. in International Business and a minor in Spanish. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, she worked in the real estate field as a closing manager as well as a wealth management firm.

As a mom, she has kept her skills sharpened by being on the leadership team for the local MOPS group for four years. This included positions on the financial team, as well as Coordinator leading and planning for the entire group. She is active in her bible study and also lead small groups of women and couples.

She is also co-founder of Kingdom Trailhead with her husband. This is a ministry to help people rediscover their true hearts. Through this ministry, their first book is in the process of being published.

Shannon has a passion for kids and joined Monument Academy PTO to be involved in making the school the best it can be.

Sara Petrie, Co-Vice President

Sara Petrie, along with her husband Tim, moved to Colorado in 2007 from Rochester, NY. Since that day, she has worked for KKTV 11 News, in Colorado Springs. as an Account Executive in the advertising sales department. She has a B.A. degree in Broadcast Communications from SUNY Oswego. The Petries have been a Monument Academy family since 2014. The two oldest children are in the elementary school. Sara's favorite aspects about Monument Academy are the small class sizes, uniforms, special events, and Character First curriculum; as well as the passionate staff and parent volunteers. Her goal as a PTO board member is to aid fundraising efforts to provide new or improved amenities for Monument Academy students and staff; she hopes her organizational and communication skills will help to further strengthen the relationship between the MA PTO and all who represent the school body.

Brad Cheatwood, President-Elect

My name is Brad Cheatwood. My wife, Toni, and our two kids live east of Monument in north Colorado Springs. We moved to the area in 2011. Our kids are 4 1/2 and 1 1/2 years old.

I graduated Colorado State University with my B.S. in Business Administration. I started my career in the building materials industry managing several product lines for a national distributor. For the last nine years I managed the mountain states territory for a manufacturer of building materials before becoming a stay at home parent.

As a family we love to be outside. We enjoy camping, bike riding and family/neighbor "get togethers". Outside of those things I enjoy golfing and any small project I can do.

We are blessed to be part of a school that has such a strong philosophy and system built to positively impact the character of our children. We hope to give back to the school and the community as much as possible. My goal as president elect is to learn from the previous PTO team as well as the current team to most effectively support the organization in the coming years.

Lisa Bertsch, Treasurer

My name is Lisa Bertsch. My husband, Jay, and our two kiddos, Conner - 9 and Keira - 8, moved to Monument in December of 2014.

I was born and raised in Washington State and I served 5 years in the Army. I currently work for a federal contracting company that serves our Nation's servicemen and servicewomen both domestic and abroad. I have my Masters Degree from Penn State in Homeland Security with a concentration in Information Security and Computer Forensics.

Jay works for a law firm in Denver and will be going to DU to complete his JD. Conner is my little smarty pants that loves to play hockey and you can typically find Keira either looking for bugs or twirling on her toes with her head in the clouds. We have two dogs, Rumour and Sophie. Rumour is a Cinnamon

Siberian Husky and Sophie is a Chug, half Chihuahua / half Pug. We also have a black and white cat named Carl with enough personality to fit his name.

We love playing games together and movie nights. And I enjoy yoga and a good sci-fi novel.

I have been an active parent in the school since my children attended their first year in fall of 2015. Conner was in 1st and Keira was a kindie. This will be my last year as PTO Treasurer and I am excited for what we will do together over these next 12 months. I'm always smiling and I always have time, so stop me and say "HI" if you see me! Cheers!