



### Development Committee Members



**Amy Yin - Chair, Development Committee  
Current Parent and Alumni Parent**

Amy Yin joined the Far Brook community in 2011. She and her husband, James Ooi live in Short Hills with their children Ben, Class of 2021, and Oscar, in Eighth Grade. At Far Brook, she serves as Chair of the Development and Audit Committees for the Board of Trustees and is Co-Chair of the Far Brook Fund. A graduate of Wellesley College with an MBA from The Wharton School, Amy began her professional career at Prudential before shifting gears to open a residential interior design studio that donated all profits to charity. The studio was honored as a Legacy Partner by Homefirst/Interfaith Housing & Family Services in Plainfield, NJ. Amy has served as vice chair for Rainbows, Inc. and treasurer and founding Board member of Good Grief, Inc. She is a long-time supporter and volunteer for Imagine NJ, a children's grief support center in Mountainside and Newark, NJ.



**Marc Schwartz  
Board Chair, Current Parent, and Alumni Parent**

Marc Schwartz joined the Far Brook community in 2011. He and his wife, Robyn Bennett, live in South Orange and are the parents of Nathan, Class of 2021, Juliet, Class of 2023, and Elizabeth in Sixth Grade. Marc graduated in 1998 from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in International Relations, cum laude. He minored in economics and political science and was a four-year member of the men's Varsity soccer team. He then worked for a year prior to attending the Fordham University School of Law, which he graduated from in 2002. Marc is currently a Principal at Taconic Capital Advisors LLP, an event-driven hedge fund that manages approximately \$9bn. Prior to Taconic, he spent two years at Morgan Stanley on their distressed/leveraged loan trading desk, analyzing distressed companies and structuring potential financing opportunities for distressed entities. He also spent more than three years at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP as an associate in their Corporate Reorganization and Bankruptcy group.



Diane Bakst joined the Far Brook community in 2003. She is married to Tommaso Zanobini, former Far Brook Trustee and Chair of the Board, and mother to two alumni - Isabella Zanobini '12 and Alessia Zanobini '15. Diane holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University (1990) and an M.S. from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (1993). She is currently the director of Women's Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, New Jersey's largest Jewish philanthropy, where she has been a member of the Campaign Department since 2016. She is an accomplished journalist with reporting and writing

experience for Gannett, The New York Times, and other news outlets. Here in New Jersey, she was a staff writer for several years at The Home News Tribune in East Brunswick and at The Asbury Park Press. At Far Brook, Diane co-chaired Far Brook's Imagine the Possibilities campaign, which raised over \$8.5 million for the construction of the Kronthal Science and Environmental Building, The Music and Arts Building, and the Founding Families Courtyard. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of Madison Cooperative Nursery School from 2000-2003.



**Lourdes Blanco**  
**Alumni Parent**

Lourdes Blanco joined the Far Brook community in 2008. She and her husband, Andres Lederman, live in Short Hills and have two sons, Martin, who attends Marist College, and Sammy, who graduated from Far Brook in 2018, Newark Academy in June 2022, and is a sophomore at Brown University. Lourdes graduated from Columbia Law School in 1997 and received a BA in economics and Hispanic Literature and Culture, with honors, from Brown University in 1991. Between Brown and Columbia, she worked at Citibank International Private Bank in New York for

over two years. After graduating from law school, she first practiced as a commercial real estate attorney at Pillsbury Winthrop (formerly Winthrop Stimson Putnam & Roberts) in New York City and later at Lowenstein Sandler in Roseland, New Jersey. Lourdes left private practice in 2006 and spent the next nine years as a stay-at-home mom. She volunteered her time at Far Brook, serving as a Class Parent, Annual Fund solicitor, and Hospitality Chair, amongst many other roles, both large and small. Lourdes came out of retirement in 2015 and was hired as a contract lawyer in the real estate legal team at Verizon. She was hired permanently as in-house counsel in 2018.



**Nadine Burnett**  
**Current Parent**

M. Nadine Burnett joined the Far Brook community in 2019. She is a parent of Christiane Burnett, a current 8th Grade student. She is also a mother to three older sons, and she resides in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. Nadine's career spans 25 years in financial services, and her experience includes relationship management, new business generation, optimal capital structure advisory, capital raising, financial modeling and analysis. As an Associate at J.P. Morgan, Nadine raised high-yield debt and leveraged loans for acquisition financing and general corporate purposes. As a Vice President at Citigroup, Nadine focused on the Healthcare and Telecom, Media, and Technology (TMT) sectors, responsible for broad client relationship management and cross-selling the bank's international franchise to meet client needs. As Executive Director at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Nadine more than doubled the TMT franchise with her leadership and client relationship efforts. While at SMBC, Nadine created a Mentoring Program for the Women's Inclusion Network and supervised and mentored dozens of junior bankers. In June 2021, Nadine joined Siebert Williams Shank & Co., LLC as Managing Director in the Corporate Finance group with primary coverage responsibility for Financial Institutions and Insurance companies. Nadine earned a BS in Management/Finance from Binghamton University and an MBA from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. Nadine is active in Jack & Jill of America and the Glen Ridge Congregational Church.



**Tanya Miller**  
**Alumni Parent**

Tanya Nicholson Miller joined the Far Brook Community in 2013, and her son Ellis attended Far Brook since Nursery and is a freshman in high school. Tanya joined the Board of Trustees in 2017 and has been a Far Brook Fund Co-Chair. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Williams College and Masters degrees in Early Childhood General Education and Special Education from Bank Street College of Education. In her early career, Tanya worked in arts in education programs in Portland, Oregon, with the Homowo Foundation/Obo Addy Legacy Project and in New York City, with Jacques D'Amboise, the founder of National Dance Institute. Tanya transitioned to working in the classroom as a head teacher in the Early Head Start Program at the Educational Alliance on the Lower East Side, then worked in media as an executive assistant at Harpo Productions in Chicago and in various roles at Kidro Productions in New York. Tanya later returned to her therapeutic and teaching background and is currently the Assistant Director of Montclair State University's Early Intervention Program and the Acting Associate Director of the Ben Samuels Children's Center. Tanya's hobbies include creative writing and poetry, photography, dancing, and yoga.



**Amy Ziebarth**

**Head of School and Alumni Parent**

Amy Ziebarth joined Far Brook as Head of School in 2010. Under her leadership, the School has seen dramatically improved facilities, adding nearly 13,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art learning spaces to the campus. She promoted and expanded professional development for faculty and led a School-wide commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Community. In 2016, the School launched and continues to host the annual Widening the Lens Diversity Conference attended by more than 200 members of NJ independent schools.

Prior to Far Brook, Amy served as Executive Director at NJ SEEDS, playing a pivotal role in expanding educational opportunities for young people in New Jersey. In this position, Amy substantially increased staffing and the annual operating budget to serve more students. She also launched the Young Scholars Program, which now brings its Summer Scholars to Far Brook for five weeks every July and August.

Amy began her career at Kent Place School in Summit, NJ, where she taught middle school history and then served as Director of Admission and Financial Aid. Amy has written about the need for educational opportunities for disadvantaged students in the New York Times and has appeared on CNN and other news programs. In 2003, she was the recipient of the Althea Gibson Award for Excellence in Public Service and was named a Woman of Influence by NJ BIZ.

Amy holds a B.A. from Colgate University and a Masters in American Studies from Drew University. She lives in South Orange with her husband, Miguel Brito, and their three college-age children, all Far Brook alumni.