

Dear Parents of TCA,

My name is Laura Moffat and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you why I would like to serve as a board director for The Classical Academy. It is an honor and privilege to represent your voice and earn your vote.

As Colorado natives and parents of three boys in 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, my husband Michael, and I, share a commitment and love for our school and city that runs deep. Our family's strong roots here have instilled in us a profound appreciation for community and education. Prior to being an active and involved mom, I worked with a local non-profit for 6 years, using my communication degree in both guest relations and interior design. I continue to use these skills as I partner with my husband and serve Colorado Springs in our real estate business.

I am running as a representative of the collective voice and strength of our community and not merely as an individual. The unwavering encouragement, prodding and support from fellow parents have inspired me to step forward and run for this position. For the past 11 years, I have made it a priority to build lasting relationships with our teachers, staff, administrators, coaches and parent community. Witnessing the growth and development of our boys at TCA has been immensely rewarding and it's been a privilege to interact with and listen to the experiences of our incredible students.

It is my firsthand involvement as room mom, volunteer and observer of our amazing teachers and staff, that fuels my dedication to safeguard and secure the distinctive qualities that define us. I have a passion for preserving and upholding the mission, core values and character that make us so special at The Classical Academy.

With children at multiple campuses that span elementary, junior high and high school, I have the experience necessary to speak into the strengths and challenges at each level. I regularly attend our monthly board meetings and stay informed. Our family is having the same dinner time conversations that many of you are having. I've walked through the peaks and valleys with friends and fellow TCA parents. I've watched the examples of past and current TCA families and have served alongside many of you. Together, we have proudly watched our children embody the Titan Creed inside and outside of these doors. I know the wisdom and strength of this community. We are unique and inspiring!

But being unique also requires courage. Our school, while indeed remarkable, is not immune to the shifting tides and invasive culture that surround us both locally and nationally. The educational landscape has changed dramatically in recent years. While we are blessed with tremendous leadership and are somewhat insulated with our guiding core values, it would be naive to think that we are untouchable. In a society rife with confusion and distraction, if we take our eyes off what fundamentally makes us different, we will lose it.

We must be vigilant in our efforts to preserve and actively champion the qualities and values that make The Classical Academy the exceptional learning environment it is today. Just as our

core values state, I believe all human beings deserve dignity and respect, I believe in the self-evident truths found in the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator, I believe all students should be educated in a way that equips them to be exemplary citizens and I believe that parents are ultimately responsible for the education of their children.

Motivated by a strong sense of responsibility, I vow to serve with integrity, clarity of principle, a heart that truly listens, and a willingness to be decisive in the face of hard decisions. You can count on me to stand firm for traditional values. Serving on the TCA Board of Directors is a chance to utilize my skills in communication and bridging relationships. I desire all our stakeholders to feel heard, cared for and seen and I am dedicated to collaborating with board members while being in tune with our community. By doing so, we can ensure that The Classical Academy remains a beacon of excellence with honor, providing a nurturing, distinctive and counter-cultural environment for all our students.

I pledge to do everything in my power to carry on the legacy we have inherited for an even greater future and use my experience in elementary, junior high and high school to be a voice for you, our parents. In closing, I humbly ask for your support and vote.