

2024-2025 TJ PTSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to all the candidates who self-nominated for the 2024-2025 TJ PTSA Executive Committee slate. The pool and caliber of the self-nominations were very strong. Our selection process included reviewing each candidate's self-nomination form and a panel interview. And, based upon a majority vote, we are pleased to announce the following slate of 2024-2025 TJ PTSA Executive Committee candidates:

- **President:** Ms. Nell Janardhan
- **1st Vice President:** Ms. Catherine Li
- **2nd Vice President:** Ms. Julia Li
- **3rd Vice President:** Ms. Maggy Li
- **Treasurer:** Mr. Dinesh Kumar
- **Secretary:** Mr. Sanjay Parthasarthy

The candidate bios are below. We support these candidates for the 2024-2025 TJ PTSA Executive Committee.

CANDIDATE BIOS

President, Neelam "Nell" Janardhan – Class of 2025 Parent



I'm the parent of a junior and currently serving as President at TJPTSA. My goal was to be able to continue to foster a stable and collaborative environment. We have exceeded that goal and had an amazing year with events and panels spanning across several committees thanks to our amazing board and a team of volunteers! We created multiple opportunities for community engagement, and I am proud of everything that we have accomplished this year. We have some amazing class of '24 parents leaving this year and I will be able to fill in any institutional knowledge gaps as I started as Treasurer with TJPTSA in January 2022 and have learnt a lot by serving on the board.

My professional experience is in HR, financial planning/analysis, operations, risk management and engineering. Aside from being President and Treasurer at the TJPTSA, I have held several leadership positions such as Treasurer, VP operations and fundraising, VP Afterschool activities with PTA and PTSA boards since 2017 (in Loudoun County). I have also been a room mom, an Odyssey of the mind and Science Olympiad coach and coordinator. All these experiences have provided me with opportunities to work in environments with diverse perspectives. I have enjoyed serving on the TJPTSA board since 2022. Thank you to the Nominating committee and the members for giving me an opportunity!

Vision Statement: We have had a phenomenal year with community engagement across multiple events. Our focus has been on students, parents, teachers and staff. I am thankful for our board and every single parent who volunteered in any form this year. I would like to continue this vision, fill any gaps in institutional knowledge and provide opportunities for student clubs to take on more leadership for events that they have expressed interest in. I am nominating myself again because I believe that my leadership will continue to provide a stable and collaborative environment to execute our vision. If given an opportunity to serve again, I am excited to keep the engagement going, transfer institutional knowledge, mentor the next set of leaders and provide them with tools and strategies to set them up for success!!

1st Vice President, Catherine Li – Class of 2027 Parent



I'm a mother of boy & girl twins in freshman year. My kids have studied in FCPS and private schools before, and I have volunteered a lot prior to TJ, doing class mom, grade parent, mentoring, chaperoning, and organizing various events for both students and parents.

I boldly took on the TJAB (Academic Boosters)'s president role for this school year, and we proudly surpassed our membership and merchandise sales target very early on and funded various academic clubs. I was a key organizer for the Lunar New Year celebration, and volunteered at various PTSA and school events, such as HOCO, JLC, and sports team activities. The TJ experience so far has been enriching and rewarding, allowing me to understand school dynamics, connect with numerous parents, and learn from the experienced volunteers.

For my full-time job, I work as a Sr. Consulting manager in a public high-tech company. I've stayed there for 15 years and work fully remotely, which gave me the flexibility to find time to volunteer in school. I also co-chair my company's global Parents ERG (Employee Resource Group) supporting over 800 employees.

Beyond work, I am passionate about community services, holding leadership roles in several non-profit organizations, including my alumni association and my hometown fellowship association. In short, I'm an energetic, thoughtful and a natural collaborator; I excel in efficient planning and seamless execution; and I genuinely care about others and work well with people from diverse backgrounds.

Vision Statement: I truly believe PTSA stands for "Partner Together for Strong Achievement". My vision of TJ PTSA is to fully enable the collaborative efforts of parents, teachers, and students in pursuing educational excellence and community well-being. I enjoyed our first year in TJ very much. I would love to continue serving, engaging, and contributing to our PTSA's mission, to enhance the students' educational journey, foster community involvement, and wholeheartedly support every member of our thriving TJ family! You have my full commitment to serve the TJ community to the best I can, and I'm eager to meet and work with many of you in the coming years!

2nd Vice President, Julia Li – Class of 2025 Parent



With a Master's degree in Computer Science and a robust background in the technology sector, I am currently working as a Principal Architect managing the video on demand system at Comcast. This school year, I have the honor to serve the position of Second Vice President in the TJPTSA, overseeing the membership and fundraising initiatives. Through collaborative efforts with the executive committee, we have not only met but also surpassed our fundraising targets, significantly expanding the community of members. My enthusiasm for volunteering and applying technology to effect positive change in our community motivated me to pursue the role of Second Vice President in the TJPTSA for a second term. I am confident that my expertise and skills will greatly benefit the organization's mission.

Vision Statement: As both a parent of a TJ alum and a current TJ junior, I have seen firsthand how the TJPTSA plays a critical role in supporting the academic and social development of its students. As a candidate for this role, my vision would be to continue fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment that prioritizes the growth and success of every student. I believe we should work together to create more opportunities for students to explore their interests, engage with their peers, and receive the support they need to achieve their goals. By building a vibrant and supportive community, we can help our students thrive and reach their full potential.

3rd Vice President, Ye “Maggy” Li – Class of 2026 Parent



My name is Maggy Li and I am TJ PTSA's current Vice President of Communications. When I served this role, my focus has been increasing awareness of TJ PTSA, promoting its various activities to parents and students, as well as ensuring an open communication channel among parents, students and school administration. Communications is key to uniting the TJ community. I trust my experience as the current VP as well as my wealth of knowledge and skills from my corporate human resources role would benefit the TJ community. I look forward to enhancing our communications programs if I am elected for the next school year.

Vision Statement: My vision for the TJPTSA is to serve as a trusted connection point that unites the TJ community, including students, parents, teachers and school administrators; a catalyst that helps form a school culture that respects each student, encourages diversity, and fosters a positive learning environment.

Treasurer, Dinesh Kumar – Class of 2027 Parent



Dinesh Kumar is a Treasury professional supporting federal and commercial customers in managing treasury financial management solutions. He has served as Treasurer at TJ PTSA EC before and continued his TJ PTSA community support during the past year. He and his wife, Kanthi Kumar, lives in Fairfax County and has a Freshman at TJ. They have been a PTSA member since 2016. He likes to improve the engagement across students, administrators and teachers with the PTSA activities and support treasury activities across all TJ PTSA programs and beyond.

Vision Statement: I have supported TJ PTSA as Treasurer before (2018-19 and 2019-20), and I would like to support it again during the next couple of years so that the TJ PTSA EC team can support TJ PTSA's mission through well-managed treasury and funding activities in a timely manner, establishing good standing with the IRS, VA PTA, and TJ PTSA's members—parents, students, alumni, teachers, and administration staff. I can help file regulatory tax paperwork and provide periodic updates in the PTSA meetings about the financial position of TJ PTSA. I will ensure all Treasury operations are performed in a timely manner. I recently supported resolving IRS tax activities during 2023 to establish TJ PTSA's good standing.

Secretary, Sanjay Parthasarthy – Class of 2027 Parent



I have engineering and management experience over the last 3 decades in regulated industries - these require stringent documentation, adherence to processes and strict compliance. I have led global teams and recognize the value of clear, concise and cogent communications. And, I have experience in delivering products and solutions in a timely manner. My professional background is summarized on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sparthasarathy/>

I have been the den leader for my son's Cub Scouts - a great learning experience in creating excitement and alignment amongst malleable minds. I also volunteer as a transportation driver for American Red Cross vehicles on weekends as needed. I believe my professional and personal experiences qualify me for the role. I have been serving as the Secretary for the TJPTSA since January 2024, and look forward to continuing the role

into the next academic year.

Vision Statement: As an involved parent of a TJ Freshman and a College Junior, I have always been grateful to the Parent-Teacher associations of my childrens' schools for providing resources and meet-ups that helped us navigate school life better. I yearn to give back to the community in a meaningful way. The opportunity to continue to serve as secretary of TJPTSA excites me, and I look forward to being part of the Executive committee that enriches our students' lives.

My vision for the PTSA is an organization that partners with the teachers, staff, students, community and parents to bring rich resources and a sense of belonging, while addressing the needs and questions from all stakeholders. I am looking forward to working with the team to bring balance, maintain effectiveness and build a vibrant community that our kids, their teachers and us parents will enjoy into the next decade.

We hope that all candidates will continue to volunteer with the TJ PTSA and participate in leadership positions.

In closing, again, we thank all the stellar candidates who raised their hands to volunteer their time for our community.

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