


# 2026-2027 TJ PTSA Executive Committee Candidates

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the candidates who self-nominated for the 2026-2027 TJ PTSA Executive Committee slate. We acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of each candidate. The pool and caliber of the self-nominations were robust. Our selection process included reviewing each candidate's self-nomination form and a panel interview. And, based upon a majority vote, nominate committee are pleased to announce the following slate of 2026-2027 TJ PTSA Executive Committee candidates:

- **President:** Manisha Chhoda
- **1st Vice President for Program & Event:** Kokeb Kassa
- **2nd Vice President for Membership and Fund Raising:** Yuping Schellhaas
- **3rd Vice President for Communication:** Thomas Stauber
- **Treasurer:** Chloe Qiang
- **Secretary:** Raji Madhuvana

The candidate bios are below. We support these candidates for the 2026-2027 TJ PTSA Executive Committee.

President Manisha Chhoda - Class of 2027 Parent	
	<p>Manisha brings a service-first, collaborative leadership style shaped by many years of volunteering and PTA involvement. She has served in PTA leadership roles, including as Vice President of Hospitality, where she organized initiatives, coordinated volunteers, and worked closely with school administrators and teachers to deliver welcoming, well-run programs. Her experience includes leading STEM and enrichment programs, coaching FIRST LEGO League Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind teams to state and world-level competitions, and founding and leading a Science Olympiad program with regional and state-level success. Manisha has also volunteered at TJ hackathons and science fairs.</p> <p>Professionally, Manisha is a Senior Vice President at a bank, where she leads large teams, manage budgets, oversee large programs, and ensure long-term continuity. Manisha will bring strong organizational skills, clear communication, inclusive leadership, and a commitment to service to the TJ PTSA Executive Committee. She is committed to listening, collaborating, and working closely with the school and families to support the TJ community.</p>

## 1st Vice President for Communication

**Kokeb Kassa - Class of 2027 Parent**



Kokeb Kassa and her family have lived in Annandale, VA, in Fairfax County since 2012. Her children attended Wakefield Forest Elementary and Frost Middle School. Her son, Kaleb, is a senior at Woodson, and her daughter, Aden, is in the Class of 2027 at TJHSST. Kokeb is the AVP for Institutional Funding and Strategy with CARE, one of the longest-serving and largest international assistance groups. CARE has been working in humanitarian relief and development assistance in 60 countries globally since 1946. At CARE, Kokeb leads the USG fundraising team, which generates \$500MM/year from USG agencies for work in agriculture, education, and health. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Cornell University and her MBA from Georgetown University.

Kokeb was born in Ethiopia and came to the US in 5th grade. She has traveled extensively, enabling her to engage with and connect with diverse groups.

## 2nd Vice President for Membership & Fundraising

**Yuping Schellhaas - Class of 2029 Parent**



Like many families in the community, Yuping cares deeply about creating a supportive, engaging, and positive environment where students can thrive.

As a parent, she values connection—between families, students, and the school. She believes a strong PTSA starts with active participation and a sense of belonging. When parents feel connected and informed, they are more willing to get involved, contribute, and support the school in meaningful ways.

Her vision is for the TJ PTSA to be a welcoming and connected community that brings parents together, supports students, and helps create a positive and inclusive school experience for all.

She holds an MBA from Southern Oregon University and a Master's in Supply Chain Management from Georgetown University. She is a Director of Supply Chain with extensive experience leading cross-functional teams, driving operational improvements, and managing complex projects. She brings these transferable skills to community service, with a focus on organization, accountability, and results.

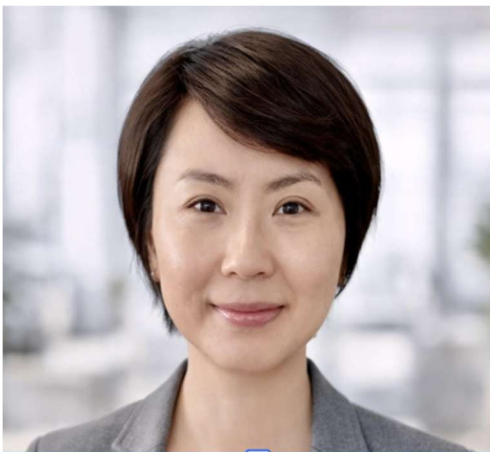
**3rd Vice President for Communication**  
**Thomas Stauber - Class of 2028 Parent**



Thomas Stauber is a seasoned entrepreneur, veteran, and advocate for STEM education. As the co-founder of the IT consulting firm Axiologic Solutions (2009), Thomas grew the company from a two-person startup into a large business where his leadership and vision have driven the development of innovative systems engineering solutions supporting national security. Thomas's career began in the Army, where he developed expertise in leadership, strategic planning, and systems engineering—skills that have been instrumental in his professional and community endeavors. Beyond his business achievements, Thomas is deeply committed to educating and fostering the next generation of innovators. He has led youth STEM programs since 2020, inspiring students to embrace engineering and problem-solving. Beginning this academic year, he served as the Academic Committee Chair of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology PTSA. A passionate advocate for STEM outreach, Thomas has partnered with the Northern Virginia Science Center since 2018, championing initiatives that bring science and technology education to underserved communities. From 2016 to 2018, he served on the board of trustees at the Montessori School of Northern Virginia, supporting programs that emphasize hands-on, inquiry-based learning and leading the search to find the next head of school. Married and a proud father of two high-schoolers, Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Virginia, both in Systems Engineering.

**Treasurer**

**Chloe Qiang - Class of 2029 Parent**



Chloe is a procurement category management professional with experience working in large, complex organizations. In her role, she focuses on strategic sourcing, cross-functional collaboration, and building strong partnerships—skills that translate well into community work. She is experienced in managing projects, aligning diverse stakeholders, and finding practical solutions that create value.

As a parent, she is deeply committed to supporting student success and meaningful family engagement. She served as Treasurer for the TJ Academic Booster during the past academic year and enjoys getting involved—whether organizing events, collaborating with educators, or helping create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all families. She looks forward to contributing her time, teamwork, and leadership to strengthen the PTSA and make a positive impact on the school community.

Secretary  
Raji Madhuvana – Class of 2028 Parent



Raji lives in Fairfax with her family and is the mother of two boys—one a TJ alum and the other a TJ Class of 2028 student. She has played an active role in their upbringing, supporting them through volunteering at their school and extracurricular activities, as well as serving as an Eagle advisor for their Boy Scout troop.

Professionally, she works at a leading consulting firm and brings over 20 years of experience. She has volunteered at various TJ events over the past five years and hopes to serve as PTSA Secretary in the coming school year.

We look forward to all candidates continuing to volunteer with the TJ PTSA and to participating in leadership positions.

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

TJ PTSA 2026-2027 Nominating Committee