

# 2017-2018 PTO Exec Board

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## President:



**NAME:** Brandi Lilly McLean

**CHILDREN:** Morocco McLean KB, India McLean 2B Cuba McLean 4B

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 4

**ABOUT ME:** I am an adventurous spirit, love to travel, explore different cultures, learn new things and connect with people. I learned French in school and overseas study but would love to become fluent so am working to improve! I recently left my corporate career in retail product development & overseas sourcing traveling frequently to China and India with Macys, Brylane Home catalog & Ross Stores in order to pursue entrepreneurship, launch a children's bedding brand and spend more time with my 3 children - Cuba, India & Morocco and husband, Patrick. We are committed to bilingual education, global citizenship and access to opportunities for all. I look forward to leading the PTO again this year with our dynamic team of volunteers, teachers & administrators to serve the mission of NYFACS and our community of children & families.

## Vice-President:



**NAME:** Charmine Barnes

**CHILDREN:** Josiah Barnes, 2B and Charlotte Barnes, Pre-k

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 3

**ABOUT ME:** I enjoy life and live for my children. Watching them grow and develop into little adults with their own personalities is the highlight of my life. I reside in Queens with my family. For the past few years, I've been working for a company in the Flatiron District as a Controller, love it! I have watched my son grow with the NYFACS community over the past years and now that my daughter has joined NYFACS, it's the perfect time to take part and give back in all the ways possible to that wonderful community. I look forward to working with all the PTO members for the betterment of NYFACS

## Parent-Representative: (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)



**NAME:** Cecile Sene

**CHILDREN:** Augustine Diouf, 2B and Jacob Diouf, 1B

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 3

**ABOUT ME:** I am married with two beautiful children to whom I dedicate myself 100%. My family is my "raison de vivre". I have been living in the States for 13 years now. I completed my Master in Finance and Accounting in New York in 2012. However and ironically, I have been working in Information Technology as a Project Manager for 4 years now at Fairway Market, which I very much enjoyed. I also volunteered in a Non-Profit Organization for underprivileged children in Senegal called "Obbayo". I am friendly, fun, I enjoy talking to people from different background and culture because I believe it is the only to break barriers amongst people. I also love to try different food, I like to read and I am always curious about learning new things. I am thrilled to be part of the NYFACS PTO this year because I will have the opportunity to serve our children's and parents by listening to them and trying to accomplish their needs during this school year. I am confident that the PTO can participate in making NYFACS one of the best schools in the District and also one of the best place to be for our children. I am looking forward to working with you all!

## **Parent-Representative:** (Pre-K-2nd Grade)



**NAME:** Lyore Ayanru

**CHILDREN:** Eiliyah (2A) Jennah (Pre-k)

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 0

**ABOUT ME:** Professionally, I work in clinical trials as a program manager conducting HIV vaccine trials for a global non-profit named International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI). I volunteer with a program called Reading Partners. My favorite hobby is exploring the city with my kids. We are a multicultural family. My husband is from Ghana and is a recent immigrant. I am half Nigerian/half American. Understanding, exploring & appreciating different cultures is something we stress at home so NYFACS is a great fit to our family values. I have seen the power of a PTO, we were recently at Harlem Hebrew, & know with organization, enthusiasm & passion, we can make NYFACS a great community & school for all children. I am excited to bring a fresh perspective as a new parent to the school, convey the needs of parents to the board, & set actionable, achievable & reach goals. I am proud to work with such a dynamic group of individuals & looking forward to serving this community.

## **Treasurer:**



**NAME:** Nadine Kela-Murphy

**CHILDREN:** Luke Murphy (3B at NYFACS), Max Murphy (freshman in high school)

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 2nd year, Luke started last year

**ABOUT ME:** I am from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Born in Kinshasa, raised in Brussels, Belgium. I came to NYC 15 years ago with my husband. We have two sons, Max (14) & Luke (7). They are my pride & joy. My husband passed away 3 years ago. I am raising our two sons alone with the help of my in-laws. We live in Jackson Heights, Queens. I work in Queens conducting research on Hepatitis C care in NYC hospitals for the NYC Dept of Health. It is important for me that my sons are able to speak in French & English because they have roots in Congo & Ireland. It is also a global world. It is important that children are raised knowing that what they do is important for other people around the world. Education is the best opportunity for children to get to develop their potential & grow up confident. I want that opportunity for the children of NYFACS. I am honored to serve at NYFACS PTO Treasurer for the second year. Last year had its challenges but we stood the course. Giving up is not an option.

## **Communications Secretary:**



**NAME:**Halima Kaba

**CHILDREN:**Fatima Diallo from 1st to 5th grade and Bacary Diallo PreK

**YEARS AT NYFACS:**6 years

**ABOUT ME:** I am from Senegal

I grew up in France especially in Amiens a city in Northern France. After graduating from High school, I moved to Paris where I received my bachelor's degree in Education Science from the University of Nanterre (Paris 10). After moving to New York 12 years ago, I started a family and become a certified as a medical Ultrasound technician, but my love of teaching especially little ones drew me back to Education. For 8 years, I worked as a tutor of French in Brooklyn and then worked for 2 years at NYFACS community as an after school teacher while studying for my teaching certificate. I am currently working as a French teacher at Petits Poussins Too a bilingual preschool.

I am honored to serve at NYFACS PTO Communication Secretary. I am confident that we will have a great and exciting academic school year.

## **Recording Secretary:**



**NAME:** Ruth Alejo

**CHILDREN:** Natalia alejo 2B, Amanda Alejo KA

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 3

**ABOUT ME:** I'm an enthusiast mom, always living to provide my family a good care and a healthy lifestyle. Even Though French is not our first language at home, the results achieved by my child Natalia at this school made me believe that NYFACS has an amazing program and really exceeds our expectations. Now the time indicate that my second daughter Amanda is more than welcome into a great journey for Kindergarten and this is my good opportunity to part of the continued progress of this academic institution.

## **Vice President of Cultural Affairs:**



**NAME:** Noelle Epole Clecidor

**CHILDREN:** Sankara Epole Clecidor 2B

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 2

**ABOUT ME:** I'm from Cameroonian origin born and raised in France. I lived in Europe (France), Africa (Cameroon), and now USA (New York). Haiti is also a great part of my experience by the bonds of marriage. Nyfacs is the perfect environment to maintain our family's multicultural lifestyle. At home, our children are consistently exposed to French, English, Duala, Haitian Creole. Our son Sankara's favorite cheese is Camembert (French cheese); his favorite dish is African, Mafe (peanut sauce) and rice and the best juice according to him is jus Grenadia from Haiti...

We reside in Harlem and for the past few years I have been working as web content/business analyst (freelance) at home with the company of my "Irish twins" 2 and 3 years old! Quite challenging but I love it!

I will be working in pairs with the VP of cultural affairs and hope to bring my best...I'm very optimistic for NYFACS present and future and can't wait to start braving this year, upcoming challenges.

"To those who choose to work in the spirit of Ubuntu (Unity) even the sky is not the limits."

So, in the spirit of Ubuntu, I'm looking forward to work with all PTO members for a greater NYFACS.



**NAME:** Oumou Silibe

**CHILDREN:** Kadiata Mann - Prek

**YEARS AT NYFACS:** 1

**ABOUT ME:** I was born and raised in Mali, West Africa. I was a teacher in my country in High School before I got a scholarship to go to Paris and do my Master in History at La Sorbonne. I came in New York 4 years ago following my Husband. I am working now at Petits Poussins Too. And I very happy to be a member of nyfacs PTO this year. Thank you!