

Board of Trustees Questionnaire

Name: Brian Cieslinski

How long have you been a member of Halifax Academy? student - 8 yrs parent - 2 yrs

What grade are your children in at Halifax Academy?

Name: Carah Cieslinski Grade: 6th

Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Why are you running for the Board of Trustees (BOT)?

My daughter has 6 more years at Halifax Academy. I want to be a bigger part in ensuring that her time here is as rewarding and memorable as mine. I want to be a part of guaranteeing that the values that were taught when I was here continue for many years to come

What experience and skills do you have which makes you a good choice for the BOT?

Professionally I am an operations manager where I manage 18 people and develop and adhere to departmental budgets. I believe these type of skills are required to make good decisions about the future of the school. I've also been apart of the HA family long enough to know that this board is also responsible for alot of the hands on task. I am capable of performing those task as well.

Why did you choose Halifax Academy to educate your children?

Halifax Academy is where I met some of my best friends and created some of my greatest memories. I wanted my daughter to have those same experiences.

What is Halifax Academy's strength?

The family and Christian values that they continue to teach and instill in the students.

What area does the BOT need to focus on to improve Halifax Academy?

I think the focus on improvement may be more of an increased focus on maintaining the values that the board leads with currently in these increasingly difficult times where some of our core values are being challenged.

What, in your opinion, is the most important issue facing Halifax Academy, and how would you address the issue as a member of the BOT?

The college admission landscape is constantly changing so adapting and ensuring Halifax Academy is providing the college requirements but also the other 'elective' credentials our students need to compete at that level.

How would you, as a BOT member, maintain affordable tuition and modernize the existing structures?

Making sure we are maximizing our class sizes relevant to the resource we have.

What would you tell prospective members about Halifax Academy?

I always tell people Halifax Academy is a second family. I had been away from the campus for 25 years, other than football, and the day I stepped back on campus I was welcomed by five different parents and teachers that I went to school with. You can't find that anywhere else.