

Parent Association Executive Officers 2011-2012

President 2011-2012

Dana Holmberg

Dana was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, and lived in Germany and England while her dad was an administrator for American schools overseas. She moved to the US at age ten and graduated from Lake George High in upstate New York. Dana has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Bridgewater State College, and has worked in various capacities with the Department of Mental Health for over 30 years. She is currently a Case Management Supervisor and Service Authorization Specialist, and her office is located on the grounds of Taunton State Hospital. She has also supervised undergraduate interns from the BSU School of Social Work for over ten years, and finds it to be one the most enjoyable aspects of her job.

Dana and her husband John have lived in Middleborough for twelve years, and have two sons, Erik 20 and Kyle 15. Erik is completing his junior year at BSU, and shares a 5 person suite in Miles Hall. He enjoys the experience of living on campus, and is majoring in Sociology with a minor in History. Son Kyle is keeping his parents very busy by participating on three (sometimes conflicting) baseball teams.

Dana has been active in the Parent Association for three years, participating in Family Orientation, the Parent Association Scholarship Committee, and as president this past year.

Advancement Liaison

Dianne Appleman

Originally from Norwood, Dianne lives in Hyannis with her husband, Joe. Their youngest daughter, Melanie, is a freshman at BSU, majoring in Communications and keeping herself busy by playing on the women's volleyball and lacrosse teams. Their older daughter, Allison, is graduating from Framingham State in May with a degree in Geography and Environmental Issues. Dianne attended Boston University and Western New England College and holds a degree in Business Administration. For over 25 years, she has been self employed, publishing a homebuyers guide for Realtors throughout New England.

Over the years, she has volunteered in her community in a variety of ways, mostly at the schools that her girls attended. Some of her work included: At the elementary school, she served as Co-Chair for the Parents Committee, brought in cultural performances, wrote grants, ran a literacy program, and raised funds. At the middle school, Dianne coordinated volunteers and sat on a Steering Committee for a program that recognized academic achievement. At the high school, she served as a parent representative on the School Council, Co-Chaired the Barnstable Volleyball Boosters, published an annual program to raise funds for the volleyball program and served on the After Prom Celebration Committee.

Dianne has always found great satisfaction in helping others and would like to contribute her time and abilities to serve the BSU community.

Secretary

Rachel Thackston-Dodge

Rachel, a life-long resident of Cape Cod, resides in Centerville with her husband Jeff and one child, James-ace. After 8 years as an at-home mom, Rachel returned to college and graduated from BSC in 2002 with her degree in Elementary Education. She taught 6th Grade English/Language Arts and Social Studies before switching departments. She currently teaches Information Literacy & Technology at Barnstable Intermediate School. In addition to her teaching, Rachel serves as both a board member and mentor for the BIS S.A.T. (mentoring program).

Her son James is a second-semester sophomore at BSU, majoring in Music Education. An avid woodwind player, James performs in BSU music ensembles such as Jazz Combo & Big Band, Concert Band, and Saxophone Quartet. He is actively

involved in MENC, attending conferences and events such as the annual Camp Sunshine performance. James also serves as President of the BSU Chapter of the MENC.

Wanting to stay involved in their son's college experience, Rachel and her husband have enjoyed attending BSU Parent Association meetings and volunteering at Family Orientation. In her leisure time, Rachel can be found engaged in her favorite activities: spending time with her family, reading, and walking. Of course, you will also find her in the audience of Boyden Hall when her son is performing.