

Candidates for SLT Parent Representative for 2019-2021
Vote for one at the Election at the PA Meeting on June 12 at 7:00 pm

Jahan Ali

Dr. Jahan Ali is the Director of the BioVenture eLab at Weill Cornell Medicine, where she assists faculty and staff at WCM launch companies.

Jahan has spent the last 20 years on various sides of early stage biotechnology commercialization and startups. Previously, she was the Senior Vice President at the Partnership Fund for New York City Investment Fund, a private economic development fund founded by Henry Kravis, where she managed the fund's investments in the health care sector. Jahan is also an advisor to a number of organizations, including AmplifyHer Ventures.

Being at an educational medical institution, Jahan is interested in making valuable connections between Bronx Science and WCM.

Jerome Kramer

I have a ninth grader who's had a terrific year at Bronx Science, and I would be honored to offer my service to its School Leadership Team. I've served as a parent leader and advocate at several NYC public schools as my kids have progressed through the system, and this would be a great way for me to share the value of that experience.

After years working on the Executive Board of my children's elementary school, I spent the past three years serving as co-president of the PTA at Booker T. Washington/MS 54, a large Manhattan Valley middle school with a strong connection to Bronx Science. As part of my responsibilities as MS54 co-president, I've played an active role on its SLT, and have greatly enjoyed the collaboration between parent, teachers and administration. I believe the extensive work I've done in and around key issues—academic rigor; equity and diversity; and community building—will be valuable going forward on the Bronx Science SLT. I believe my experience helping to develop and implement important all-school events, such as Civics Day, will offer value as well.

In addition to having helped foster community-development initiatives on the school level, I've been heavily involved in district and city-level community relations and education issues, including the development and implementation of District 3's pioneering diversity plan; and the ongoing conversation around the NYC DOE's efforts to significantly change the admissions policies around the city's Specialized High Schools. I've done extensive work with CEC3's Middle School committee as well as with its High School committee, taking a keen interest in the ongoing discussion around the need for more high-quality high school seats in New York City. I recently traveled to Albany to discuss these issues with lawmakers; and helped craft CEC3's resolution and a citywide school coalition letter—both calling for use of other measures, including an increase in high-quality high-school seats—rather than the adoption of the mayor's plan.

I recognize the critical importance of solving the puzzles around repairing glaring equity and diversity problems that do exist throughout the NYC DOE, while maintaining and fostering the terrific educational opportunities that already exist within the system. Accordingly, I would value the opportunity to continue that work at Bronx Science. In short, I would be my pleasure to contribute to the team that helps lead Bronx Science toward a future as brilliant as its path has been so far.

I live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with my wife, Sarah; our Bronx Science rising sophomore, Max; and our daughter, Booker T. seventh-grader Cecilia. A former journalist and publisher working now as a media and communications consultant, I'm also the founding editorial director of Documentary Notes, a documentary arts-facing e-newsletter. I hope to serve you and appreciate your support.

