

## 2019-20 CDS Board of Trustee Candidate Slate



**Joe Connolly** is the Chief Advancement and Enrollment Officer at Hillbrook School in Los Gatos, CA and oversees advancement, enrollment, alumni affairs, communications and marketing, community involvement and support, transportation, and summer and after-school programs. Before taking on his current role, Joe was the Middle School Head at Hillbrook. Prior to joining Hillbrook, Joe served several roles, including Dean of Students, Wellness Director, Athletic Director, Coach, and Teacher.

After a few years of teaching and coaching directly out of college, Joe enjoyed a 20 year career as a sales and marketing executive, including co-founding and being CEO of two companies.

Joe and Mary have three adult children and are proud grandparents of two grandchildren, one a current Hillbrook School student.

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**Patricia Kao** has spent most of her career in financial services - spanning public finance, fixed income trading, asset management, investment product development, sustainable investing, and commodities risk management. She and her family joined the CDS community in 2016 when they moved to San Francisco from Washington D.C., where she had served as a policy director at the U.S. Treasury Department in the Obama Administration. Patty graduated from U.C. Berkeley and holds an MBA from MIT Sloan.

At CDS, Patty has participated as a member of the Finance Committee, donations chair for Bid & Bash, and a one-off volunteer as needed. She and her husband Seth are the parents of Malia ('23) and Kaia ('25).



**Rishi Varma** was born and raised in Kenya and moved to the United States for further studies when he was 15. He has a bachelor's in Industrial Engineering and a master's in Decision Analysis, both from Stanford University. After five years as a decision strategy consultant, Rishi founded a firm focused on market research and consulting for the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. He now serves as an independent consultant to his long-term clients and spends time volunteering in numerous ways for CDS.

At CDS, Rishi has volunteered as the Fundraising Partnerships Coordinator for the PTTA for 3 years as well as organized grade level sports teams and classroom needs. Rishi and his husband Alex have two kids at CDS,

Kalyani ('27) and Kiaan ('30). Together they enjoy traveling to see family in Kenya and Brazil and spending time supporting the various communities they are a part of.