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Spring 2020 Newsletter
Dear Supreme Fellows, Current Fellows and Trustees,

Thank you all for the contribution that you’ve made and continue to make to the FAO Schwarz Fellowship community. Amidst all that is happening in the world, I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside each of you as we advocate for issues of social justice, equity, and positive societal change. It’s been an exciting past year for the Fellowship program, and I’m looking forward to sharing an update on the past year -- and a preview of the year ahead.

I’m so proud of our Fellows who completed their fellowship program last summer:

- **Molly Blake** (’19) was hired as the Outreach Partner at Panorama Education in Boston
- **Kayla Jones** (’19) started graduate school at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology pursuing a Master of Divinity
- **Jai Manni** (’19) started graduate school at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City for a Master of Arts in Teaching Urban Residency Program
- **Pam Martinez** (’19) was offered a permanent role as the Site Coordinator at Playworks Philadelphia upon completion of her Fellowship
- **Samantha Perlman** (’19) was hired as the Civic Engagement Manager at Scholars Strategy Network in Cambridge. Sam also became the youngest female ever elected to the Marlborough City Council, after winning the election for City Councilor At-Large in her hometown of Marlborough, MA.

Our current eleven Fellows are engaged in a range of projects, from improving access to affordable, nutritious food to increasing educational opportunities for students from under-resourced communities, closing the opportunity gap for urban young adults, and protecting the environmental integrity of the Hudson River. We will have six new fellows starting this summer – two each in Philadelphia, New York City and Boston – at The Trust for Public Land, Philadelphia Mural Arts, Museum of the City of New York, Reading Partners and Breakthrough Greater Boston. Reflecting back on the year, it’s been rewarding to
see a real deepening of interest in the fellowship program in college campuses across the country as we've continued to build our outreach initiatives to college seniors and their fellowship and career advisors. We led five information sessions this year, and introduced hundreds of students and college career advisors to the Fellowship. We received over 200 applications by the February 15 deadline for the six new 2020-2022 Fellowship positions.

As always, it's inspiring to see our alumni fellows thrive, both personally and professionally. As you'll see through the updates in this newsletter, our Fellows are making significant contributions in their day to day work, whether in their workplace, in their community, or in their field at large. Here is a visual that provides a snapshot of our alumni fellows.

Throughout the year, it's such a treat to catch up with alumni fellows, in one-on-one interactions around career advice or as a group through fellowship reunion gatherings like the ones we had in the fall in Philadelphia or this winter in Boston.

It’s gratifying to hear feedback about the fellowship program from our alumni fellows, too. Here are a few quotes:

To this day the things I learned during my fellowship years (I started 10 years ago!!) continue to contribute to my professional life and my understanding of myself as a professional. The unique opportunities and mentoring I received during the Fellowship directly contribute to my work today. I consider the Fellowship the jumpstart to my career path.

-Malley Mullin Parilla, ’12

I met incredible people (including my wonderful partner) through the fellowship, and these connections have guided me through impossible work and life situations. When I started at Breakthrough New York, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life, and now I spend nearly every waking moment of my life thinking about education, education reform, and student advocacy. I would not be the person I am today without the Fellowship, and I will forever be grateful!

-Joe Rosales, ’16

In addition to giving me such a strong network of connections, friends, allies, and loved ones, the Foundation also helped me to focus in on the areas I was most passionate about and could best serve my community. The retreats gave me a space to focus on and explore various aspects of nonprofits, the social responsibility they have to those they serve, and some of the social ramifications of them. These moments had a great impact on how I not only create programming, but the intention I deliver it with each time.

-Khari Graves, ’17

Lately I have been thinking about how the FAO Schwarz Fellowship has set me up to be a strategic thinker when it comes to my professional development. I find myself being excited to ask to take on different projects even when they fall outside of the scope of my role. This keeps me learning and growing and finding new passions within my work.

-Karen Wilber, ’18

The Fellowship has given me lifelong friends and a 'personal board of directors' I didn't imagine I'd have so early on in my career. It's reassuring to know that no matter what path I decide to go down career-wise, the FAO Schwarz Fellowship community will always be in my corner cheering me on.

-Allie Negron ’18

I look forward to seeing many of you at the reunion dinner in NYC on April 2nd. ’Til then, sending you all my best -- and my appreciation for the community we've built together.

Best,
Priscilla
Reunion dinner at 2019 Boston spring retreat hosted by Trustee Maureen Coffey

September 2019 Boston Gathering to welcome 2019-2021 Fellows from Boston

Fall 2019 Lunch with Trustees in New York City to welcome 2019-2021 Fellows from NYC and Philly
CURRENT FELLOWS

- Class of 2021 -

Marielena Fernandez, DREAM
Thus far, working at DREAM has been an incredible opportunity to learn about middle school development. My role has been to create, facilitate, and lead a lot of the social and emotional interventions that we know are critical to building culture in schools as well as builds a strong social and emotional foundation that leads to student academic success. Working at DREAM has also allowed me to work directly with some of the most incredible middle schoolers. They continuously remind me why this work is so important.

Emily Hynes, Year Up New York
My first six months in the Fellowship have opened me up to new avenues I hadn't previously considered or knew much about. My work with Year Up has furthered my passion for educational and hiring equity by opening me up to a cause I had only heard of in theory rather than practice, and my direct service as a professional development coach for young adults in our program has only solidified that passion. I am learning new hard skills like data analysis and visualization, and new soft skills like what it means to be a good coach. My special project work involves program analysis, including how our participants are performing, how our program is performing, and how we can further support our participants.

Meredith Jones, Jumpstart
My first few months at Jumpstart have been an incredible learning experience. I support the Policy and Government Relations department with biweekly news reviews, policy research, and by communicating with local elected officials. I also work with the Field Operations and Strategy department to plan and execute monthly literacy celebrations and strengthen our relationships with community partners. I’m grateful for the opportunity to use each of these roles to inform the other, and I’m looking forward to what the next year holds.

Jasmine Murray, Playworks New England
So far at Playworks New England, I have been able to explore my strengths and build on areas that I never knew could be attributes! Each day, whether it is through training a school or interacting with children, I am able to influence for a positive change for a recess program, but most importantly, a life.

Angela Ortiz, Generation Citizen
My first several months at Generation Citizen have been a whirlwind! I’ve learned a ton about how our action civics curriculum works and how we support teachers and college volunteers in facilitating it. I’m looking forward to taking the lead on our summer programming this year and being a part of the many changes happening at Generation Citizen over the next year. The unique position offered by the Fellowship has allowed me to really have a voice in my organization. While I’m sure much of my experience is also a product of the culture of Generation Citizen, I think that the necessary combination of direct service work and special projects that the Fellowship requires has facilitated my ability to take part in and lead change as a new staff member.

Taylor Reese, Year Up Philadelphia
My first seven months in my position with Year Up Greater Philadelphia have flown by! From the first day, I was a member of the team; my coworkers trusted me and wanted to know my thoughts and opinions on things. I feel really valued there, and like the work we do is important. I am a coach for six students, who just began their internships at Jefferson Hospital, Merck, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and Exelon. They have grown so much since beginning the program in August 2019, and I can't wait to see who they become when they graduate in July 2020. I am really excited to meet our next cohort in the beginning of March, too! My special project has been to develop and maintain YUGP's communications and marketing; we now have a newsletter, a blog that students and interns contribute to, a consistent social media presence, and more. It has been an amazing journey so far, and I cannot wait for what is to come!
**Erika Apupalo, Reading Partners**

At Reading Partners, I am on-boarding new tutors as part of the WPP program. I also onboard our CUNY Service Corp members who complete over 240 hours of service with us. Outside of RP, I will be participating at PEN America’s DREAMing Out Loud writing workshop this coming spring, where I will present and publish my stories!

**Lauren Hurley, Breakthrough Greater Boston**

In my second year at Breakthrough, I've continued to strengthen my relationships with 9th and 10th grade students and families and have seen increased engagement in our after school programming! I’m excited to continue pushing program forward and elevating the voices of our students as programming evolves. My special project work has resulted in the creation of an Alumni Committee. Through this work, I’ve had continued opportunities to strengthen my skills around both project and group management.

**Joyce Kim, uAspire**

In my second year as a Fellow at uAspire, I continue to grow as an advisor and in my project management skills. Having experienced a full program year, I am working closely with the MA post-secondary team to take our learnings and make adjustments to improve our program this year. In my project work, I have been leading a working group to create guidelines for addressing student mental health and well-being in our advising. I am also participating in a project to perform a complete assessment of our high school advising program, which has involved numerous interviews current and past staff at uAspire. In addition to this work, I've chosen to engage in a number of org-wide opportunities, such as joining Policy Crew, sitting on hiring teams and helping to plan our summer all-staff retreat.

**Nick Mitch, Riverkeeper**

Now in the second year of the Fellowship, I look back on a great amount of learning and growth during my time at Riverkeeper. I work on a number of our advocacy and community engagement programs, and it has been especially exciting to work with Ossining High School students on efforts to make the Ossining waterfront more resilient and accessible. Planning for our 9th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep is well underway, and I'd welcome any and all fellows to join us on May 2nd for a day of service for the Hudson.

**Annie Want, The Food Trust**

In my second year at The Food Trust I have been a part of applying for new grants, throwing a youth summit for over 200 students from around Philadelphia, and taking on new research and evaluation responsibilities. I continue to spend time at schools working with students to develop action plans at their schools to improve overall student health and wellness.
Molly Blake, Playworks New England
I am currently working at Panorama Education and supporting school districts with their social emotional work. I feel very proud and passionate about the work that I am doing and it has been exciting speaking with educators across the country!

Kayla Jones, Jumpstart
I recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia and started graduate school at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology.

Jaiwantie Manni, Museum of the City of New York
I am currently in graduate school at the American Museum of Natural History completing my Masters of Art in Teaching for Earth Science. I will be finishing up at the end of August and will be moving on to teach in a NYC school.

Pamela Martinez, Playworks Philadelphia
Now as a Site Coordinator I am able to own and consult three schools directly and make an impact by promoting a more positive and healthy community. I am empowering schools to have a safe, fun, and engaging recess and school culture. As a Certified trainer for my organization I am able to continue to grow our impact through professional developments at youth servicing organizations and teach the power of play to other educators.

Samantha Perlman, Generation Citizen
In November 2019, I made history as the youngest woman ever elected to the Marlborough City Council. I currently serve in this role as an elected official and as the Civic Engagement Manager at Scholars Strategy Network. In 2019, I also graduated from the Emerge Massachusetts program that trains women to run for office as well as the Institute for Nonprofit Practice Community Fellows Program.

Allie Negron, uAspire
I’m still working at Harvard Extension School in the Admissions Office and taking classes through the Extension School — this semester I’m taking a course called “Democracy and Its Discontents.” Outside of work and class, I’ve been volunteering often with a democratic presidential campaign and have really enjoyed being part of that community. 2020 might be the year I leave Boston and venture to a new city, only time will tell!

Claudia von Nostitz, Reading Partners
I am in my second year teaching preschool at the Washington Market School, a private preschool in Tribeca, New York. I am also pursuing a Masters of Education in Childhood Education and Special Education at Hunter College as well as managing the FAO Schwarz Fellowship, supporting the program’s outreach and operations.

Karen Wilber, uAspire
This has been my second year as a Program Director at uAspire (where I completed my Fellowship!). It's been wonderful to continue to work with Joyce, our current Fellow. This year in my role I took on a new geography of our program, so now I manage the Massachusetts and Bay Area postsecondary programs. It's been an exciting opportunity to learn more about college affordability in a new context!
Ciara Williams, Philadelphia Mural Arts Program
Ciara is the outreach and Communications Coordinator at Philadelphia’s Office of Sustainability.

- Class of 2017 -

Jen Benson, Riverkeeper
This fall I moved up to Kingston, New York in the Hudson Valley to pursue Masters in Environmental Policy graduate school part-time to at Bard College. I continue to work full-time at Riverkeeper, dividing my time between our Kingston Science Lab and Main Office in Ossining New York. I'm grateful to have spent the last 18 months working closely with FAO Fellow, Nick Mitch, on the Riverkeeper Sweep and our volunteer programs. Nick has been a joy to work with, and has grown tremendously during his time at Riverkeeper. I'm looking forward to seeing what his last 6 months hold as well as to see what path he pursues when his fellowship concludes in August.

Julia Fillman, Row New York
I am currently still living in Philly and working at the University of Pennsylvania, fundraising for The Penn Fund which supports the undergraduate student experience including scholarships and financial aid. I was recently accepted into grad school to the Nonprofit Leadership program at the University of Pennsylvania where I will get a master’s degree. On a personal note, I got engaged this past year to my partner Greg so we are very excited and looking forward to a busy year ahead of us!

Khari Graves, The Food Trust
I am now a Youth Counselor at the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, helping young people heal from trauma and develop strong tools to develop emotionally.

Ellie Sanchez, Generation Citizen
I am applying to graduate school! Specifically to Education Policy programs. I'm excited to take this next step in my career, and want to thank my FAO Schwarz family for their support throughout this process.

- Class of 2016 -

Gabriella Gomez, Breakthrough New York
By the end of 2019 I made a career shift from direct student programming to operational "behind the scenes" work. Currently I am working in the operations department for an educational nonprofit called SEO which is an academic program that gets high school students to and through college. I am enjoying the new focus and environment that fits my work style best. When I am not working, you can find me at home cooking with Joe and laying on the couch with our cat Kobe.

Sarah Kacevich, Strong Women, Strong Girls
I just began my third year as Program Director with Farrington Nature Linc, a nonprofit outside Boston that supports the health and well-being of youth from low-income communities with nature-introduction programs. I continue to live in Boston with my partner and am looking forward to some travel in the Northeast and Southwest this year along with meeting my soon-to-be second nephew.

Margaret Kearney, Philadelphia Mural Arts Program
I am still living and learning in Chicago with my partner and our two cats. I'm currently finishing up my MA in Art Education at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. My thesis work is about strategies and ethics of listening and storytelling in community engaged and collaborative art projects. I'm looking forward to graduating in May!
Dawn Lavallee, Playworks Massachusetts
In July 2019 I became the first ever Regional Partnership Manager for Playworks New England and now get to focus my time on launching new strategic partnerships across New Hampshire and Maine. This exciting new job has given me the opportunity to utilize a lot of the skills I developed as part of my fellowship and things I learned in my MBA program. On a personal note, my husband and I finally got a golden retriever puppy (Winnie) this fall to go with our cabin in the woods. Feel free to follow @wincolingoldens on Instagram for adorable pictures and more on our New Hampshire adventures.

Joseph Rosales, Breakthrough New York
As of July 2019, I am a Director of College Counseling at the Student Leadership Network in NYC. There, I am matched with a high school in Long Island City, where I am the school's number-one resource on all things college. Scary as the job change was, I am absolutely loving my new role! The opportunity to continue advocating for first-gen students as they navigate the college process is a continued evolution of my Fellowship work, and I am honored at the opportunity to do so. When I'm not reading college essays and writing letters of recommendation, I continue to live my best life with fellow Fellow Gaby Gomez '16 as we continue to dive deeper into cooking, Dungeons & Dragons, and spoiling our cat Kobe.

- Class of 2015 -

Amy McDermott, Jumpstart
Most recently, I’ve been the Director of Operations for Uncommon Schools’ largest high school in Brooklyn. The work is very challenging but extremely rewarding, and the community mirrors that of the Fellowship! I’m really grateful to have had that experience and to be continuing my work in education.

Juliana Noone, Please Touch Museum
I’m coming up on my fourth year working at the University of the Arts. Last year I took on the position of Program Assistant to the Creative Writing undergraduate program, in addition to my duties as assistant to the Professional Institute for Educators and MED programs. I’m using my Social Media Marketing certificate that I received at UArts to launch accounts for the Creative Writing program. Outside of work I am active in the Philadelphia sketch and improv comedy scene, and enjoy creating with my live painting troupe ROMPUS.

Deshaun Parris, The Food Trust
In January 2019, Deshaun was hired as the Study Manager, Center for Observational and Real-World Evidence. In this role, he coordinates all aspects of observational or non-interventional research studies which include the planning and implementation of primary data collection, chart review/survey and database studies.

Char Rendon, Row New York
Char is on a leave of absence from Row New York due to health issues — we all send Char warm wishes.

Shaina Spann, Jumpstart
Shaina is the Program Assistant, Office of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, at American University in Washington, D.C. She is also a second year graduate student with the International Training and Education Program in the School of Education and has a “passion for creating and cultivating safe spaces and educational programming for under-represented and under-resourced students and minority groups, in both formal and non-formal education settings.

- Class of 2014 -

Jonathan Baez, Breakthrough New York
It's been almost 6 years since I finished my FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship. I am currently a Transition Counselor at KIPP NYC College Prep, a charter school located in the South Bronx. I have been with KIPP since 2014 and I am working with high school students in figuring out their passion/purpose and helping them plan for life after high school. Personally, just last year I finished my Master's program in Counseling Education at Lehman College. I am now Jonathan Baez, M.S.Ed.
Katherine Evering-Rowe, The Food Project
Katherine completed grad school in 2019 at the University of Pennsylvania earning a Master of Social Work. Katherine is a post-graduate clinical social work fellow at Bryn Mawr College.

Kayla (Peck) Hopgood, Strong Women, Strong Girls
We welcomed our son, Felix Dana Hopgood, on November 4, 2019. I'm currently enjoying maternity leave and motherhood. I'm also a candidate for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Michael McNeill-Martinez, Zumix
I am finishing up my work in Rome, and will be moving to Belgrade Serbia to teach IBDP English and Psychology.

Caroline Smith, Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia
Caroline is an English/ESL teacher at Charlestown High School in the Boston area. She works with recently arrived English Language Learners in the 9th and 10th grade. Caroline recently completed a two-year Stanford GSE Hollyhock Fellowship, working with a team from her school and early-career educators from across the country to improve their practice.

- Class of 2013 -

Louis Berman, Jumpstart New York
I am living in DC for the fourth year teaching Pre-K at Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School. I love teaching and exploring the many restaurants, museums and fun activities DC has to offer.

Sara Wilson, Year Up
I recently began my masters program in cyber security. I am still enjoying working at Brown University and exploring Rhode Island scenes with my dog.

Greg Wright, The Food Trust
Greg is the Community Schools Coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Education in Philadelphia. He also serves as the board co-chair of Norris Square Neighborhood Project, a youth serving organization with a focus on gardening, arts and culture. “I was first connected to this organization years ago as a FAO Schwarz Fellow at The Food Trust and I’m happy to serve as a board member today.”

- Class of 2012 -

Lauren Brincat, Museum of the City of New York
Since the spring of 2016, I have been the curator of Preservation Long Island, a regional not-for-profit that works with Long Islanders to protect, preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage through advocacy, education, and the stewardship of historic sites and collections. This summer we are launching The Jupiter Hammon Project, a major initiative that will bring eminent scholars in conversation with community stakeholders to explore the life of Jupiter Hammon, the first published African American writer, and Long Island's history of enslavement and its impact on society today. This program is part of a multi-year initiative to reinterpret the 18th-century Joseph Lloyd Manor, where Jupiter Hammon was enslaved for much of his life, to encourage responsible, rigorous, and relevant encounters with Jupiter's story and the lives of the other people enslaved there.

Bridgit Paula Ganson, Wheelock College
This has been an exciting year for our family as we welcomed our son, Oliver, into the world in August! I’m taking a professional work break for a few months to spend precious time with Oliver. I am looking forward to continuing my work as an infant and toddler mental health counselor soon!
Lakeisha Gerald, The Food Project
Lakeisha is a school Counselor at the Attleborough High School in Massachusetts.

Maley Mullin Parilla, Jumpstart
In 2017 I earned my Master’s in Social Work at the University of Chicago. After working at a Therapeutic School in Dorchester, MA for two years, I transitioned this year to working as a Social Worker at the Carroll School in Waltham, MA. Carroll is a private special education school for students with language based learning difficulties like dyslexia. I work with 1st through 4th graders and I am loving learning more about this population with unique needs — it has been a wonderful change! My husband and I still live in Everett, MA.

Kerry Sorensen, Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia
Kerry is the Internship Coordinator at Mastery Charter School in Philadelphia.

- Class of 2011 -

Ariana Dugan, Year Up
It’s been a big year! I just moved to Washington, DC, where one of my sisters lives, and am now VP of Enterprise Product at General Assembly.

Mariah Peebles, Year Up
I continue to live in Brooklyn, NY - now with my partner James and our two cats. I am on the Leadership Team as a founding Director at the AI Now Institute at New York University — a research center focused on the social implications of Artificial Intelligence. We’ve grown from a team of three to a team of nearly 28 in under three years and it has been quite a journey! Building an organization from the ground up has been equal parts humbling and inspiring - and I’ve felt really honored to be a part of an incredible team that is making a difference.

Shameka Edmond Smith, Groundwork
I am having my second daughter in March. Shameka is a Kindergarten Teacher at KIPP NYC where she “plans and conducts activities for a balanced program of instruction, demonstration and work time that provides students with opportunities to observe, question and investigate.”

- Class of 2010 -

Liana (Mitman) Brodsky, Jumpstart
I am still working at the Mandel Foundation, coordinating the Mandel Institute for Nonprofit Leadership. I recently became a manager for the first time, and we are expanding our programming so I am very busy at the office! I had my first child, Ayla Brielle Brodsky, on August 6th, 2019. She is the sweetest baby and we are very happy.

Stephanie Dueño, Museum of the City of New York
2019 was a happy year both personally and professionally! This month my husband and I will celebrate our one-year wedding anniversary. I’m thankful to the FAO Schwarz Education Center at the Museum of the City of New York both for teaching me how to be an educator, a project manager, a leader, a teammate, and all the other wonderful early career lessons, as well as for introducing me to my husband — a fellow MCNY educator! Our first year of marriage was filled with time with family and adventures to both new and familiar places - Mexico, Puerto Rico, Vermont, Hawaii to name a few. This last year was also professionally challenging but rewarding. In early 2019 I was promoted to Director of Educational Services for the Division of Youth and Family Justice in the NYC Administration for Children’s Services. Most recently, our team has been working incredibly hard to shape the system-wide educational approach and policies for youth entering ACS care through the recent change in legislation - Raise the Age.
Julia MacMahon, Wheelock
I began working at Bottom Line in August and was just promoted to Managing Director of Programs for our Massachusetts site. I am excited to step into this regional leadership role, leading a team of 55 program staff to support our students through college access, success, and career supports. My son Jameson will be 2 in June and loves books, puppies, and running across the house while screaming "I fast!" It's a full and good life!

Alexis McConnell, Boston Children's Museum
Alexis is the Nutrition Education Supervisor with the Broward County Health Department in Florida.

Danielle Calnan Morassi, Tenacity
Danielle is the Client Director for Bright Horizons.

Brianne Studer, Boston Children’s Museum
I'm still living in DC, purchased our first home just outside the city last February, and received a promotion to Director of Programs for Friends of the National Arboretum this fall. Personally, I’m also excited to become a certified Master Naturalist this spring and learn more about my local ecosystem down here.

- Class of 2009 -

Tory Kline Dunkle, Please Touch Museum
I continue to work as the Director of Children's Ministries at Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, PA. We are in the middle of building a new fellowship/classroom building which has been a fun addition to my work load. Personally, my husband and I adopted a beautiful baby girl in December. She came home on Christmas day, making it the best Christmas of our lives!

Barbyose Noisette Sanders, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Barbyose is a therapist providing trauma and behavior therapy to youth ages 1-21, as well as their parents. She is also a parent to two children.

Massomeh (Muhammad) Spahr, Year Up
I was promoted last year to the Senior Director of Operations for our four schools managing all the operations, facilities, technology and security teams across campuses. On January 8, 2020, we welcomed our second daughter, Margot Eleanor Spahr to the family at 9lbs 14oz.

Bianca Van Heydoorn, Vera Institute of Justice
I was recently appointed by Mayor Jim Kenney of Philadelphia to lead the City's new Office of Reentry Partnerships.

- Class of 2008 -

CJ Anderson, BELL
I am still teaching 5th grade in Billerica, MA. Christyne and I are having a wonderful time with our three kids who will be nine, seven and five this spring.

Christyne (DeMango) Anderson, Associated Early Care and Education I am the Manager, Training and Compliance in the Office for Sponsored Programs at Harvard University and am the point of contact for sponsored audits, training and compliance inquiries.

Jordy Owen, Children’s Literacy Initiative
Jordy is in graduate school at Drexel University, getting a masters certification in Leadership in E-learning.
Joanna Steinberg, Museum of the City of New York
This has been a momentous year. In August 2018, my son Paxton Liev McConnell was born. I am now Curator of Education Programs at the Museum and aim to align our educational and curatorial vision through program design and the trainings I organize for our teaching staff. I am looking forward to mentoring the FAO Schwarz Fellow who will teach and develop STEAM programs beginning this summer.

Emily Kuross Vikre, Boston Children’s Museum
Emily co-runs a business with her husband where she leads product development, public relations, brand development, and brand management. Emily is also the mother of two sons who are six and two and a half.