



Lionsgate Academy Nomination Biography

Thank you for your interest in running for an elected position on the Board of Directors of Lionsgate Academy. The Nomination Committee, in accordance with Lionsgate Academy By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, requires all nominees to provide the following information. Nominee Names, Connections with the School, and Position Statements will be made public to the Lionsgate Community.

Please return this form to the Nomination Committee by March 13, 2011.

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Connections with School (i.e., employee, current board member, past board member, parent, community member): Past Employee, Community Member, Spouse of an Employee

Position Statements:

Please limit your responses to the following questions to 150 words (maximum) per question.

1. Why do you want to be on the Board of Directors of Lionsgate Academy?

Having had an opportunity to be a part of the Lionsgate staff family, I felt so connected to the school, students, and staff. When I made the difficult decision to shift career paths to a different organization, I knew I wanted to remain connected to the Lionsgate community. I believe in Lionsgate's mission and approach to promote and enhance the all around educational experience of its students.

Education has always been a passion and priority for me and my family. The staff dedication to the students and the overall approach of Lionsgate to be oriented to individual student needs is extremely impressive. My experience at Lionsgate taught me that it is important and possible to change one individual at a time and this is the outlook that all staff demonstrate everyday. My goal is to continue this experience and to be a part of furthering the mission of Lionsgate Academy.

2. What strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors of Lionsgate Academy?

When I first began working with the students of Lionsgate Academy, I immediately felt a connection and identified with their way of thinking, feeling, and interacting with their environment and people around them. The challenges they face daily are very similar to challenges that I faced coming to this country from Nepal. These challenges include feeling apart from/isolated, not knowing how to interact/cultural norms, and not knowing how to communicate or misinterpreting social cues.

My strengths throughout my career include collaboration, team building, and problem solving. I am able to provide a fresh perspective for collaborating to identify and implement solutions to balance the needs of the students, the organization, and the staff.

3. On what other boards/committees have you served?

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