

Dear Forest Park Families and Community Members,

My name is Maria Andrade, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new President of the Forest Park High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization. This role is especially meaningful to me because Forest Park has been my home in many ways for many years. I lived in this community for a long time, my two older children proudly graduated from Forest Park, and I have worked at FPHS since 2007. This school year marks my 27th year teaching in Prince William County.

Being part of the Bruin community as a parent, educator, former neighbor, and now PTSO President has been an honor. It only makes sense to give back to the place and the people I dedicate so much of my time, heart, and energy to.

As many of you know, Forest Park has not had a PTSO for quite some time. Relaunching it has required countless hours of behind-the-scenes planning and rebuilding. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Maloney, Ms. Ceron and Ms. Lunsford for helping reignite the spark and supporting this important effort.

Now is the moment for all of us teachers, staff, students, parents, and community partners to come together. Our students deserve not only a strong education but also a happy school experience filled with memories, opportunities, and support. With your help, we can create a PTSO that truly enriches their time at Forest Park.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to become a member. If you haven't yet, there is still plenty of time! As the saying goes, it takes a village, and with your talents, generosity, creativity, and participation, we can build a strong, united Bruin community.

I have many exciting ideas for this year, but I cannot bring them to life alone. I warmly invite you to get involved in whatever way you can whether it be volunteering, planning events, fundraising, speaking to students, helping with grants, assisting in classrooms, decorating, baking, donating, or simply sharing your ideas. There is truly a place for everyone.

We would also love to see you at our PTSO meetings, where your voice, experiences, and input can help shape the future of our school. It is also an opportunity to meet your neighbors and your students' friends and teachers.

Thank you for welcoming me into this role. I look forward to working together and building something wonderful for all our Bruins.

Hope to see you soon,

Maria Andrade

PTSO President

