

# Director of Alumni Relations/Major Gift Officer

The Park School Brookline, Massachusetts

The Park School is a Pre-K to Grade 8 independent school in Brookline, MA dedicated to excellence in education. The cornerstone of Park's program is academic excellence, combining both high standards of scholarship and the encouragement of each child to develop to their greatest potential. Our school community fosters a nurturing environment in which children develop curiosity, express creativity, appreciate the value of hard work and discipline, and experience the joy of learning. Park's faculty encourages each student to strive for intellectual, physical, and moral growth and to become contributing members of the community.

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The Park School seeks an experienced development professional for the role of Director of Alumni Relations/Major Gift Officer to join a five-member Development Office at an exciting institutional moment. Reporting to the Director of Development, the Director of Alumni Relations/Major Gift Officer will steward a stellar alumni engagement program and grow alumni support for the School's \$2.3M Annual Fund and \$30M+ capital campaign, SPARK. The Director oversees all aspects of Park's alumni program and serves as the School's primary liaison to the alumni community, working closely with the Head of School.





### Roles and Responsibilities

The Director of Alumni Relations/Major Gift Officer will:

- Cultivate and solicit a portfolio of 4-, 5-, and 6-figure Alumni Annual Fund and capital campaign prospects from within Park's alumni community, traveling as needed
- Partner with the Director of Capital Giving / Major Gift Officer in the development of campaign engagement strategies for Park's alumni community
- Partner with the Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Annual Fund Co-chairs to develop and execute strategy for the Alumni Annual Fund including several direct mail / email solicitations and phonathons per year
- Recruit and coach alumni volunteers in the successful engagement and solicitation of their Park peers
- Serve as the liaison between the School and the Alumni Committee in their work to strengthen the alumni experience at Park
  - o Plan and execute 4 Alumni Committee meetings per year
  - o Coordinate sub-committee work as needed
  - o Recruit and coach committee members
  - Manage recommendation of Alumni Representative to serve on the Board of Trustees
  - Manage the selection process and awarding of the Alumni Achievement Award and Young Alumni Achievement Award
- Conceive, plan, and execute impactful alumni events including Reunion, local engagement events, and regional receptions
- Partner with Communications on all alumni-related communications, including invitations to events, alumni features / profiles, Class Notes, etc.
- Support team-wide projects, events, and meetings such as Giving Day, phonathons, campaign events, etc.
- Enthusiastically participate in the life of the School







## Qualifications

- A minimum of 4 years of development experience, preferably with some experience in an independent school environment
- Bachelor's degree required
- A track record of frontline fundraising success
- Experience collaborating with senior staff and volunteer leadership to advance a high-level philanthropy program, earning respect, and motivating others toward greater engagement
- Commitment to inclusive fundraising practices, including demonstrated experience working successfully in a culturally and economically diverse community
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills
- Strong attention to detail, ability to multitask, and project management skills
- Advanced interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement impactful event programming
- Fluency with Raiser's Edge
- A flexible, collegial team player excited to work in a collaborative and dynamic small-shop environment
- Ability to travel and work nights and weekends as needed







#### **Interested Persons Contact:**

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