

Academic Choice Parent Leadership Team, 2009-2010



Lawrence Grown, AC Secretary & Event Coordinator, lawrence@metrolighting.com

For the past 10 years I've either hosted or been deeply involved in school fundraisers, soliciting donations, and running silent auctions. Last spring I joined the AC "Jazz It Up" event committee and had a great time helping out. I recently organized the AC family-teacher freshman and sophomore potlucks, and I'm looking forward to working with you on a new community building event this coming spring. My wife and I own Metro Lighting on San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley (a certified green business and local manufacturer of quality lighting). We have a daughter who is a sophomore in AC, and two younger daughters who are in 7th grade and kindergarten.



Jon Marley, AC Fund Raising and Outreach Coordinator, marley@post.harvard.edu

I have been part of the AC leadership team for two years. As coordinator of fund raising, I oversee the process of asking each AC family to financially support the program. As coordinator of outreach, I work with parents to build networks of connection among AC families, in particular focusing on outreach to and support of African American and Latino parents and guardians. I am in my second year of serving as AC parent representative to the School Governance Council. Also, I am the parent liaison to AC teachers for the AC Social Living program. I welcome questions and volunteers in any of these areas. My son, Matt, graduated from Independent Studies in 2008 and attends Los Angeles Community College, and my daughter, Krietta, is a junior in Academic Choice. I work as Director of Development & Planning at the East Bay Community Law Center.



Karen Meryash, AC Student Support Coordinator, kspivey@ix.netcom.com

I have served on the AC leadership team for three years helping to set up school-wide tutoring resources, study skills workshops and other areas of student support. I also serve as the advisor to Mathworks, a student-run volunteer program that brings BHS math students to Willard Middle School for math tutoring. I have two daughters: one is a junior in AC and the other is a sophomore at UCSB. My profession is medical marketing for start-up device companies. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information regarding student support.



Kate Spohr, AC Parent Coordinator and Webmistress, kspohr@berkeley.edu

I have been part of the AC leadership team for two years. As AC parent coordinator, I provide an interface between our parent community, the AC Advisory Council, and the BHS administration. Feel free to email me with any questions or requests for assistance. I also keep the AC website updated and I welcome your comments and suggestions about how we can improve our site. I have two sons: one is a junior in Academic Choice and the other is a senior at UC Davis. I work as an academic program manager at UC Berkeley.

Roia Ferrazares, Treasurer, roia@sbcglobal.net

I am a Manager at UC Berkeley and I handle budgets as part of my daily work. As a parent of two teens in AC, I am deeply invested in maintaining the highest standards of quality and accountability in the education offered at Berkeley High. My past experience includes serving as PTA president at Malcolm X, as the citywide PTA Council President, and two years as a Berkeley Planning Commissioner.

2008/2009 ACAC Members

Teachers:

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Students:

To be determined

General ACAC Responsibilities:

The ACAC is charged with the responsibility of evaluating and supporting the AC program in whatever manner is deemed necessary and appropriate. ACAC responsibilities include:

- In collaboration with teachers, set curriculum goals and standards commensurate with those set by State, National, and International Standards and in agreement with UC admission requirements.
- Determine methods of assessing the goals and standards of Academic Choice.
- Develop a system from grade 9-12 to provide additional tutorial support, coordinating as required with the Academic Pathways program.
- Coordinate curriculum among departments.
- Give feedback to the BHS administration for teacher evaluations along criteria of professionalism determined by the standards of their profession and the program expectations.