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## **Janna Hulstein - Faith CRC**

I grew up in the Chicagoland area in Lansing, Illinois, and attended Dordt University, where I earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree. After college, I moved back to the Chicagoland area and did social work at Mercy Hospital in Chicago and with the Healthy Families program in Northwest Indiana.

In 2003, I moved to Sioux Center and began working at Dordt University. I worked in the Admissions Office for 15 years, where I loved getting to know students and families and helping them discover what Dordt has to offer. In 2018, I transitioned to the Advancement Team, where I now serve as the Campaign and Advancement Events Director. I enjoy creating opportunities for connection and inviting others to invest in the mission of Christian higher education. My husband, Kris, is a Unity Christian graduate. He works at Interstates as a Senior Project Manager. We have two sons attending Unity —Brandon (senior) and Colin (freshman). We are members of Faith Christian Reformed Church.

Christian education isn't just something I value—it's something that has shaped who I am. I was fortunate to grow up in a home where it was lived out every day, with my dad serving as a Christian school principal and my mom as a teacher. That foundation has carried through my own education, my career, and now into how we've chosen to raise our family. I care deeply about the mission of Unity and the role it plays in helping students grow in both their faith and their understanding of God's world. I would be honored to serve on the Unity school board and to be part of a team committed to keeping that mission strong for the next generation.

## **Ryan Van Beek - Faith CRC**

My wife, Valerie, and I live on a small farm between Sioux Center and Orange City. We are blessed with three kids—Payton, a junior at Unity; Autumn, a freshman at Unity; and Dylan, a 7th grader at Sioux Center Christian. In addition to our own children, we occasionally have a “bonus” kiddo or two in our home as we are involved in foster care, which has been a meaningful and shaping experience for our family.

We attend Faith CRC in Sioux Center, where Valerie serves part-time as an office assistant. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to serve as both a deacon and an elder, along with being involved in a variety of church committees. Professionally, I work full-time as a Testing Technologist at Link Manufacturing in Sioux Center, and I'm also involved in farming on the side. As a family, we enjoy spending time outdoors and are passionate about investing in the lives of those God places in our home.

Valerie and I are both graduates of Unity, and we are deeply committed to Christian education. We are grateful for the role Unity has played in our own lives and now in the lives of our children. We strongly value the school's commitment to biblical teaching, academic excellence, and developing students who are prepared to live out their faith with purpose and integrity. It is a privilege to support and serve a community that is intentional about shaping the next generation in both faith and learning.

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## **Kristen Oostra - Bridge of Hope**

Hello, my name is Kristen Oostra. My husband, Mark, and I live in Sioux Center with our three children. Our oldest son, Rowan, is a senior at Unity, our daughter, Raleigh, is an 8th grader at Sioux Center Christian and our youngest son, Jaevyn, is a 4th grader at Sioux Center Christian. I have lived in Sioux Center over half of my life now & had the privilege of attending Unity my sophomore through senior years and then went on to attend Dordt University. I have many years of banking & accounting experience and currently work in Project Management in the Industrial Automation division of Interstates. Our family attends & serves at Bridge of Hope in Sioux Center. Most of my time is spent going to my kids' activities, but when I do have a spare moment I enjoy traveling with my family, reading & going for walks with our dogs.

While I have served on a variety of committees and boards in the past, this would be my first time being on a school board. Having a child that struggles in school has been a humbling journey for our family, but we have been so blessed by the partnership we have had with the Christian school and we have been able to see firsthand the love shown for our child & the value placed on them as an image bearer of God. I am passionate about making sure that every child is able to succeed at school regardless of their strengths or areas of growth. Every child should feel secure in who God made them to be & my prayer is that Unity will be a place that fosters each child's growth & helps them find their place in His world.

## **Lindsey Vander Pol - Bridge of Hope**

Hello! My name is Lindsey Vander Pol. My husband, Henry, and I have two kids. Anna is a Sophomore at Unity, and Joel is a 7th grader at Sioux Center Christian School. I was born and raised in Manhattan, Montana while my husband is from the Seattle, Washington area. I met Henry at Dordt where I earned my degree in Elementary education with a middle school endorsement. After Dordt we married and moved to the Seattle area. I spent 3 years teaching at Seattle Christian School before Anna was born in 2010. My husband's job moved us to Escondido, CA from 2010-2014. We moved back to Renton, WA in 2014 and lived there until we moved to Sioux Center in 2022. Henry works remotely for his family's Washington based trucking company and I substitute teach at SCCS and Unity. Many people have asked why we would choose to move to Sioux Center and our answer is "the people". We prayed we would find community for us and our kids in Sioux County and God has richly provided us with it.

We are members at Bridge of Hope church in Sioux Center. Over our years of raising kids I've had opportunities to serve as a middle school youth group leader, a MOPS group steering member, a Children's ministry coordinator, a homeschool Co-op teacher, and a Sunday School teacher. I've served on the Youth Discipleship committee for the past three years at Bridge as well as taught Sunday School there. I deeply love teaching and youth.

While I haven't served on a school board before I can say that I care deeply about Jesus and Education. I care about teaching kids how to think, what we believe and why we believe it. I care about our community loving each other well as the body of Christ and allowing God to use each of us to point those around us to Jesus.

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## **Teri Bos - Living Water, Orange City**

I am Teri Bos, a wife, mom, teacher, nurse, supporter of Christian education and child of God. I am married to Matt Bos. We live in Orange City and are active members of Living Water Community Church. After graduating from Unity Christian High School I earned a secondary education degree from Dordt College and taught high school Spanish and English for 14 years in Christian schools in Florida and Iowa. Following God's call on my life, I went back to school in 2009 and earned my BSN from Northwestern College. Since graduating in 2013 I have worked as a nurse at Orange City Area Health System and then at Community Health Partners, where I am currently the director of community health services. Our children include our daughter, Jordan, and her husband, Chris De Groot, and our son, Devin, and his wife, Eliana. We love playing pickleball and hiking tall mountains with our kids. When I have free time at home I enjoy reading and working in my garden.

I would be honored to serve on the Board of Unity Christian High School where both my husband and I and our children attended. Serving on the Board would not only be an opportunity for me to give back to a school that was instrumental in shaping our family's academic and spiritual development, but would also provide an opportunity to support and strengthen the ongoing mission and vision of Christian education in an ever-changing world. I believe that my educational background and teaching experience in Christian schools would be an asset to the Board as Unity Christian High School continues to cultivate academic excellence, encourage spiritual growth, and develop Kingdom citizens equipped to serve in God's world.