

The 15th Annual IDEAL School of Manhattan Gala ~ Honorees

The IDEAL School of Manhattan is proud to honor four exemplary members of our community who have been instrumental in helping to develop, grow, and sustain the school's vision from the beginning and throughout the past 15 years.

Evan Azriliant was one of the initial five trustees at IDEAL's inception in 2005, and he continues to provide invaluable guidance and support as a trustee today. Mr. Azriliant is a principal with S & E Azriliant, P.C., a New York-based law practice specializing in taxation, trusts, and estates. He is president and owner of Evan B. Azriliant, Esq. P.A., a professional law firm based in Coral Springs, Florida. He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Dartmouth College and went on to obtain his JD from Brooklyn Law School and his LLM in taxation from NYU Law School. Mr. Azriliant is also an adjunct professor of mathematics at Bernard Baruch College (CUNY). Additionally, Mr. Azriliant serves as the Treasurer and Executive Council member for the Dartmouth Alumni Association of NYC, as well as a Board member and Treasurer of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association.

Annette Hayde spent 15 years as Director of Finance and Director of Development at Marymount School. She came to IDEAL in 2006 as part of the original administrative team, to bring the mission of inclusion to the NYC independent school community. She served as the school's Chief Financial Officer for nine years until retiring and joining the Board of Trustees. Ms. Hayde continues to support and guide the school as a member of the Advisory Council. Over the years, she has been a member of the Education Committee of the Yorkville Civic Council, on the board of the Randall's Island Metro Field Alliance, Chair of the Business Affairs Council of the New York State Association of Independent School (NYSAIS), served on several NYSAIS evaluation teams, and is on the Parish Council of St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville and the Advisory Board of St. Joseph's School.

Elisabeth Krents, PhD, is Director of Admissions at the Dalton School, a position she has held for over two decades. A graduate of Dalton herself, Dr. Krents graduated from Harvard College and received her Masters and PhD from Columbia University, studying the appreciation and comprehension of humor in young children. Before working at Dalton, Dr. Krents taught at the Lexington School for the Deaf, and after receiving her doctorate, wrote curricula and created and directed federal and state-funded research projects in a variety of areas, including the prevention of child abuse for youngsters with disabilities for the New York State Education Department. Dr. Krents is known for her passionate commitment to diversity and inclusion, ethics, and the challenge of making the independent school admissions process a more humane one for parents, children, and others involved in the process. Since the school's founding, Dr. Krents has been a member of the school's Advisory Council and provided key guidance to IDEAL's founders and administrators, particularly in the areas of diversity, inclusion, and admissions.

David Salsberg, PsyD, is a leading clinical neuropsychologist in New York City, an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Neuropsychology at Weill Cornell Medical College, and the Director of Pediatric Assessment, Learning, and Support (PALS), a multidisciplinary practice that performs consultations and evaluations throughout the U.S. and internationally. He helped develop and serves on the board of several not-for-profit organizations, professional advisory boards for schools, and special education programs throughout the area. Dr. Salsberg has been providing advice and guidance to IDEAL's founders since they first considered the idea of creating an inclusion school. He was a part of the initial brainstorming session in 2005 that led to the school's development and has been a key member of the Advisory Council since its inception.