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What is your vision for VLS in the next five years?

There is no question that VLS is at a major turning point and it's an exciting time to be on the cusp of the next great chapter for our beloved school. I firmly believe we will quickly establish ourselves as a leading graduate institution with additional capacities and enhanced capabilities to educate the next generation of students. While at VLS I learned firsthand the impact a small, but dedicated and passionate, community can have in effecting change, from the smallest of levels up through major channels of government. Now, more than ever, we must harness our collective strength and wisdom to move forward into a better and more inclusive world. VLGS can be at the forefront of that movement given it's demonstrated success with educating bright, thoughtful, and compassionate individuals who travel out into the world with innovative ideas and inventive solutions to complex issues and problems.

What skills do you bring to the VLSAA to accomplish these priorities?

I believe we have worked on some notable accomplishments over the past 6 years, including most recently participating in the interview process for our new president. Our insight has been sought on multiple occasions by the school and trustees alike, for which we are grateful, and we have consistently raised our alumni giving rate every year since 2019. I believe we can continue working towards additional goals by continuing with our collective momentum and excellent working relationships.

How would you galvanize the energy and enthusiasm of alumni to increase participation in VLS events and giving?

There's nothing like a VLS education and to say we are unique as an alumni body is depthless. For all its quirks and personality, VLS is nothing if not authentic, and its ability to build life-long lasting bonds simultaneous with providing the choicest of educations is extraordinary. Last summer I participated in a branding study which brought together different groups from the school (alumni, current students, faculty, etc.) and I was not at all surprised in our first Zoom meeting that "community" was the first and most important word many of us related to when describing VLS. I believe we can build upon our current relationships with alums to continue generating more participation and enthusiasm for this next chapter by keeping all lines of communication open. We need

to continue being proactive in our disclosing unfavorable or difficult information to our fellow alums, and not rest on a reactive approach to major issues affecting the school. We should also explore, and capitalize on, in kind donations to the school as a valuable asset—the webinar series and book club have been tremendous hits and have highlighted some truly fantastic alums and their work.

List and describe your alumni service.

Regarding my ongoing alumni service, since joining the VLSAA Board I have served on the mentoring committee, executive committee, and co-chaired the regional groups committee. Reconnecting with alumni and regular visits to campus have been invigorating, and reignited my desire to deepen my engagement with more meaningful involvement in the VLS community.

List your activities as a VLS student.

My student activities while at VLS included the Student Bar Association (senator), the Women’s Law Group (PR chair), the Environmental Law Society, and as a Campus Ambassador. I also worked in the South Royalton Legal Clinic, and can say undoubtedly I learned as much inside of the classrooms as I did outside of them.

List any appropriate professional and community activities, and please describe how that experience would serve you as a board member.

I have taken to heart our *lex pro urbe et orbe* motto by actively participating in multiple regional and community groups including serving on the Board of Director for Womenaid of Greater Portsmouth and Girls on the Run NH, as a Steering Committee member of the NH Bar Association Leadership Academy, as well as various charitable giving endeavors through the United Way in conjunction with my employer, Sun Life Financial. I also serve as a co-steward for the Strawberry Banke Community Garden in my adopted hometown of Portsmouth, NH.

Having reviewed the standing committees on the VLSAA Board, which committee(s) would you choose to serve on and why?

I am fully prepared for the time and energy commitment required for this position, and am eager to serve. South Royalton and VLS are places I hold very dear and the opportunity to give back by continuing my work with the VLSAA Board is very exciting. I look forward to continuing to work with alumni and students in advocating for and continuing to enhance the reputation of our beloved and brave little school.

Discuss whether you have the resources and ability to make the board a priority over the next three years.

I have both resources and the ability to make the board a priority over the next 3 years.