Biographies for the 2020 Nominees for the NAIS Board of Trustees

The nominations for a first term on the trustees' slate are:

Madeleine Hewitt, executive director, Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (Greece)
Madeleine (“Maddy”) Hewitt is the executive director of Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESA). Before taking on the position in July, 2017, Ms. Hewitt had served previously in five international schools: The International School of Tanganyika, Taipei American School, Cairo American College, the American International School of Johannesburg, and The KAUST School in Saudi Arabia. She holds a bachelor’s in English Literature from Mount Holyoke College, and an M-Ed from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Ms. Hewitt has served in various positions during her tenure in schools. She started her education career as a classroom teacher and then assumed positions of middle leadership for over ten years. Ms. Hewitt also served as a curriculum director (Cairo American College), high school principal (Cairo American College and American International School of Johannesburg), and as head of school at The KAUST School, a preK-12 International Baccalaureate World School serving a science and technology university in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Ms. Hewitt has presented at international conferences on a wide range of topics, including the architecture of deep learning, gender issues in schools, transforming school culture through inquiry-based education, diversity and inclusion in schools, teacher-led appraisal, adult learning, and data-informed decision-making. Ms. Hewitt appreciates the case study method, and believes it is an effective way to promote deep learning, practice skills, and drive change.

Adam Weinberg, president, Denison University (OH)
Adam Weinberg is the 20th president of Denison University. Dr. Weinberg joined the university in 2013 and has been focused on positioning Denison to address and overcome the major issues facing higher education. This work has included an expansion of the curriculum with a next generation liberal arts program, increasing global opportunities for students, and a deepening of the university’s commitment to the arts, including the construction of the Michael D. Eisner Center for the Performing Arts. Denison also has launched the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Career Exploration, and the college is breaking ground on a new center for student health and well-being. Under Dr. Weinberg’s leadership, applications have increased 85 percent and Denison is completing the largest fundraising campaign in the college’s history.

Dr. Weinberg’s intellectual roots are in civic engagement, especially the role of higher education in creating civic agency. Prior to Denison, Dr. Weinberg served as president and CEO of World Learning, where he led education programs in more than 70 countries, including overseeing The Experiment in International Living, The School for International Training, and a large portfolio of USAID grants and programs focused on K-12 education, cultural exchange, and institutional capacity building.

Dr. Weinberg started his career at Colgate University from 1995 through 2005, where he was a member of the sociology and anthropology department. He also served as vice president and
dean of the college, overseeing the student affairs division.

Dr. Weinberg graduated from Bowdoin College. He studied at Cambridge University before earning his master's and doctoral degrees in sociology at Northwestern University. He has published widely and is a member of The Council on Foreign Relations and serves on a variety of national and local boards, including: The Great Lakes College Association, The Ohio Foundation for Independent Colleges, The North Coast Athletic Conference, The Talloires Network, The Council on Competitiveness, The Columbus Partnership, Global Citizen Year, and The Works.