



## Get To Know Dr. Lori-Anne S. Brogdon

### WHAT DREW YOU TO MPA?

Everything! I was so impressed by the level of participation across all the constituents for MPA community in the head of school search process. I felt welcomed in every space I visited and appreciated the incredibly thoughtful and necessary questions that were asked of me throughout my time on campus. I've always been a dreamer, and I believe in pouring my efforts into everything I do. Dream big, do right is a motto that I can not only stand behind but also stand with and champion for MPA's community and beyond.

### WHAT LASTING IMPACT DO YOU HOPE TO HAVE ON THE MPA COMMUNITY?

I hope to bring my unwavering passion for DEIB, curriculum development and integration, and building upon the already wonderful MPA community by expanding programs and exploring new opportunities. My sincerest hope is that during my time at MPA, we not only dream big together but we continue to do right for the school, the community, and beyond

### WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT BEING HEAD OF SCHOOL AT MPA?

I am most looking forward to having an integral role in students' lives as they grow and discover their identities, passions, and future ambitions. I look forward to establishing meaningful relationships with my colleagues, trustees, and families. I look forward to showing up each day knowing I can share who I am and celebrate the community we build together.

### WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY AS A HEAD OF SCHOOL?

As a head of school, you are given this precious and serious responsibility of leading and working with others to create a space where all community members should feel like they can share all the parts that make up their whole selves. This responsibility is something I do not take lightly. As head of school, I find incredible joy in engaging in conversations with all different members of a community. It is a gift to hear individual stories and learn of specific moments that have connected people to a school's mission. I also enjoy being surrounded by a community of learners. As learners, we have the opportunity to grow together, listen with intent to create meaningful connections, develop empathy, and support one another

when someone is in need. I also find extreme joy that, as a head of school, I see students shine and develop their confidence within and outside of the classroom, and I get to celebrate those little and big wins daily.

### IS THERE ANYONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO IN THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT?

I would especially like to express my gratitude to Betsy Van Hecke for creating such a thoughtful and thorough search process; Bill Hudson and Cherie Honan for their kindness; Tiffany Scott Knox for her incredible communication and leadership as chair of the board of trustees; the entire search committee for clearly representing the values of MPA in their active engagement throughout the selection process; the trustees for their honesty and relationship building; and the students, who in the end, made MPA the clear choice for me. Their compassion, curiosity, welcoming smiles, and conversation made me feel at home almost instantly.

### WHAT'S YOUR BIG DREAM?

My big dream is to make sure every person knows they have a person they can trust and go to whenever they are in need. My big dream is to continue to center MPA's mission and ensure that MPA is around for the many generations ahead of us to enjoy and experience.

### WHAT ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

We are passionate about being a family, animals, and traveling together. We are also passionate about exploring new places and enjoying all kinds of music, sports, and theatre.

### WHAT'S A FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD LOVE TO KNOW?

I'll give you a few ...

- I volunteer at a rescue shelter.
- My first job as a science teacher included having more than 20 animals in my classroom!
- I love to surf fish with my husband and father.
- My dad and I collect antique cars.
- I belong to a rowing club.
- I'm a big Taylor Swift fan, but I also love to go to all kinds of concerts with my daughter.
- I love to bake and cook.
- I'm the shortest on my father's side of the family and the tallest on my mother's side.