



Passionate about educational equity? Interested in supporting local youth achieve greatness? Find yourself wanting to give back? Beyond Walls Urban Squash is looking for people like you to join our board of directors!

Beyond Walls Urban Squash is an after school enrichment program located at the University of Minnesota combining educational support, civic leadership engagement and health and wellness through the racquet sport of squash. We support students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds from grades 6th-12th and the first four years post secondary. Working with several schools in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area, Beyond Walls works to close educational divides and bring exceptional out of school experiences to all students. Through long term relationship building and holistic program approach, Beyond Walls sees 100% on time high school graduation rates of its graduating seniors, 100% acceptance into post secondary institutions, and a 67% college graduation in the first five years post secondary. We are part of an international organization called the Squash Education Alliance. Organizations like Beyond Walls are found all over the world and two times each year, select Beyond Walls students have the opportunity to travel across the country to compete in squash tournaments with other urban squash students. All programming- airfare, gear, transportation, food, and support services- are at no cost to students and families.

We seek board candidates with the following interests and qualifications:

- Strong interest in youth development
- Passion for educational and/or health and wellness programming
- Strong connection to the Minneapolis and St. Paul communities and/or non profit work
- Ability and capacity to become an active member of our community both with direct programming and fundraising
- Ability and capacity to attend 6 annual board meetings (virtual and in person) and 6 annual committee meetings (virtual and in person) for at least one, three year term
- Ability to make Beyond Walls a top priority in annual giving considerations. Beyond Walls is a 100% giving board.

We are prioritizing candidates of color particularly candidates who identify as Black/African American, Latinx, Hmong or Karen as those racial identities are most reflected and represented in our student

body/community, candidates who identify as LGBTQ, candidates with a law or HR background, and/or candidates with strong corporate connections.

Ready to learn more and help Beyond Walls expand its mission? Please reach out to Sammy Loeks-Davis, Beyond Walls executive director- sloeksdavis@beyondwallsmn.org.