

## Bio: FOAEA Website

My oldest son, Atticus, is in first grade and we have found a sense of community through embracing all that AEA has to offer in our first year here. I served as the room parent for my son last year, and I am excited to participate as a Board Member this year. I feel honored to have been elected into a role where I can help facilitate fun and bring important resources to our school and our children.

Born and raised in Modesto, California, I began dancing at the age of seven. Throughout my adolescence, my enjoyment for dance flourished into a serious hobby, becoming my major in college. My love for movement and activism through dance developed into my career as a teacher at Helix Charter High School. Since I started teaching in 2007 at Helix, I have served in multiple leadership positions. I am currently the Director of the Dance Program, the Performing Arts Chair, and the After-School Program Coordinator. My experiences in this field have fostered and guided my focus toward equity, justice and empowerment for my students, their families, and the community.

While not in the classroom, my family is our central focus. My husband and I have four children: Atticus (6), Avett (4), Etta (9 months) and Eleanor (9 months). As a result, I'm highly caffeinated at all times. We enjoy traveling and adventuring on the weekends and holidays. I also serve as a Board Member on the Barrio Logan Community Planning Group.