



Newburyport Education Foundation's Executive Director Carla Beaudoin

Meet Carla Beaudoin, the new Executive Director of the NEF!

Carla S. Beaudoin joined the Newburyport Education Foundation as its first ever Executive Director in April. After working in the nonprofit and public sectors for over 10 years, Carla brings extensive experience in strategic leadership, fundraising, and community engagement to the NEF.

“We are all so excited about what the NEF will be able to accomplish with a skilled Executive Director,” said Board President Megan Ashe. “Carla brings exceptional fundraising and leadership skills that will allow the NEF to expand its impact on Newburyport’s public schools, further enhancing educational opportunities for students in our community.”

A product of a public school education, Carla is a graduate of Suffolk University where she studied Political Science and Public Relations and has completed Boston University’s Sargent School of Management Institute for Nonprofit Management and Leadership Certificate.

Carla lives in Woburn with her husband, 2 year old son and puppy.

An Interview with Carla

What drew you to the NEF?

The Newburyport Foundation’s mission! How can anyone not want to be a part of and support an organization with the sole purpose of supporting the public education of our youngest citizens?

What are you looking forward to as the new Executive Director of the NEF?

The NEF is an amazing organization that has made such an impact on the Newburyport community and its youth with minimal professional staff support. As Executive Director, I am looking forward to being a part of creating and implementing the organization’s strategic direction for the next several year.

What was your favorite subject in school?

My junior year of high school there was a class that combined English and United States History called ***American Studies***. The books that we read and discussed in English class would coordinate with the time period we were studying in our United States History class. My favorite assignment was to write a paper about a song that resonated with one of the books we read during throughout the year.

What was your first job?

Starting my freshman year, I worked for a cleaning company that had contracts cleaning apartments when people moved out at the end of their leases. I remember being **SO** excited to be making **\$5.00 per hour**, even though I had to clean toilets.

What book has made a difference in your life?

It is hard to choose a single book that has made a difference in my life, but one book that has cemented my belief in the need for quality public school education is “The Children in Room E4: American Education on Trial” by Susan Eaton, a story that looks at the need to address urban school failures in the United States based on the historical and social roots of our public education system.

What do you do when you are not at work?

My favorite thing to do is spend time with my family and friends, which usually ends up with me chasing after my 2 year old son Riley. Beyond that, I enjoy traveling, finding new restaurants to try (especially if the chefs have been on the TV show **Top Chef**), reading any type of book and just relaxing.