



Cantera Montessori School of Silicon Valley

Key Leadership Bios

Colleen Noll

Founder & Executive Director

Colleen Noll is the Founder & Executive Director of the Montessori School of Silicon Valley (MSOSV).

Her vision of “Children First, Always” is at the forefront of everything we do – surprisingly not every Montessori school is alike in this way. This focus on the child coupled with her commitment to a fully implemented Montessori Program very much sets MSOSV apart, particularly from most other programs.

Colleen has assembled a staff of wonderful Montessori Teachers, by focusing on recruiting teachers who love children, have a passion for the Montessori philosophy and who demonstrate a desire to continue growing as individuals as well as professionally.

She began her career as a Montessori Administrator in 1992 and is a formally trained AMS Montessori Teacher who leveraged her background in Business Management to open her first school, Calaveras Montessori, in the year 2000.

Michael Harding

Executive Director & Business Operations

After 25 years in various sales and management roles in tech companies ranging from the iconic (Netscape, Sun Microsystems) to the eclectic (Informatica & SOASTA), from a Fortune 20 company (Hewlett Packard) to one with less than 20 employees (Spectrum Semiconductor), Mike decided it was time to pursue his long-time dream of building his own great company.

Mike and Colleen began working together in 2009, when they teamed up to open Crescent Montessori, in a space that had previously been built and run as a child care center. Within a few years, they teamed up again to launch Main Street Montessori, transitioning space in a large empty warehouse building into the beautiful



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school it is today. As they expanded to open additional locations, his mission grew to ensure all members of our school communities – children, parents and staff – have an excellent experience with the Montessori School of Silicon Valley.

Our goal is for the Montessori School of Silicon Valley to become the gold standard for quality of experience within a Montessori pre-school community.



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