



Helen Ladds Marlette
Biography

Helen Ladds Marlette's career in education spans more than three decades in independent secondary schools. Perfectly positioned to become SEM's next Head of School, Mrs. Marlette has served SEM in a number of leadership positions since 2007. Currently SEM's Assistant Head of School, Mrs. Marlette is responsible for day-to-day operations working closely with Head of School Jody Douglass on all aspects of the school's management and planning.

Prior to this role, Mrs. Marlette served as SEM's Assistant Head for External Relations, overseeing SEM's admissions and development programs from 2011 to 2013. During this time, SEM's enrollment grew steadily in both its residential and day student populations, the school began planning for a capital campaign, launched its successful rebranding initiative, and strengthened its partnerships in the Buffalo community. Building deep and broad experience in many aspects of independent school education, Mrs. Marlette has also served SEM as Dean of Students, Director of Athletics and coach of the varsity field hockey team, and is a faculty member in the history department.

Before her appointment at SEM, Mrs. Marlette spent 24 years at Nichols School in Buffalo where she served as Director of Admissions, Director of Alumni Relations, Assistant Director of Athletics, history department faculty member, Form Dean, and Coach. She was also appointed Faculty Association Head, representing Nichols' Faculty and Staff on the school's Board of Directors.

A graduate of Nichols School and Middlebury College, where she earned a BA in Political Science with a concentration in Russian Literature, Mrs. Marlette began her teaching career at Oldfields School, a boarding and day school for girls in grades 8-12 in Glencoe, Maryland.

A member of the Nichols School Athletic Hall of Fame, Mrs. Marlette is also the recipient of the Nichols School's prestigious William Nichols Award and SEM's Koessler Award which honors her community service work in Buffalo and for SEM. Mrs. Marlette is an alumni interviewer for Middlebury College, a member of Leadership Buffalo Class of 1992, and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo.

Mrs. Marlette is married to Peter S. Marlette and the proud parent of three children. Their daughter Liza graduated from SEM in 2013.