

Pooja Bhatia-Nigam - Biography

Pooja Bhatia-Nigam is proud to be a nominee for the Oradell Board of Education. She is fortunate to have lived in and experienced the warmth of Oradell for the past 7 years, and extremely excited to bring her energy, passion and technology experience to the BOE.

After completing an undergrad degree in Computer Engineering, Pooja moved to the United States almost 20 years ago, for a graduate degree in Computer Science. She chose this country



because of the fantastic education and equal opportunities offered to people from all walks of life. She is currently employed with Dun & Bradstreet as a Sr. Product Director for Partnership products.

When the time was right to move to the suburbs, she and her husband, Nalin, put Oradell on the top of their list. Their children, son, grade 6th and daughter, who is a 2nd grader are truly blessed to be part of this fantastic community, where education is taken seriously and is a community affair. After all, it takes a village!

Pooja is passionate about Technology and Innovation and after a successful 15+ years in Technology, Data and Analytics, she felt strongly about giving back to the community in a more meaningful and structured manner. Having been a resident of Oradell for several years, and with two kids in the school system, she has a good understanding of the three pillars of the system – the Administration, PTA and BOE. She has also been an active member of the PTA, leading committees - with the latest being the Science Fun committee, as well as a volunteer at several PTA and community events.

Technology touches every field today, so ensuring kids are introduced to basic STEM concepts in their elementary years will help them, whether they go on to design homes, go into music production or a career in financial trading. Pooja plans to **influence and enhance the STEM curriculum and enrichment programs** in collaboration with our public-school ecosystem.

Despite having a tech career focus, Pooja is a creator by nature, trained in Indian Classical Vocal music and understands the importance of cultivating well-rounded personalities in children – teaching cookie decoration at Maker's day events, for example. She is confident that she will bring a unique skill set to the Oradell BOE and is thankful for the opportunity to represent the diverse community of Oradell for the next three years.



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