

Meet Your HR Team

Meet your HR Dean Roxanne Armbruster

A little about me:

I grew up in Connecticut but have lived in Massachusetts since I was stationed here on Active Duty in the Coast Guard in 2000. I have three lovely children, Emma, Noah and Addison, a wonderful husband, Joe, two dogs and one cat. Busy house. We love to travel and spend time outside, skiing, hiking, swimming or languishing on beaches.

Favorite Podcast: Revisionist History (Malcolm Gladwell)

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Hobby: Skiing!

Favorite Sports Team: New England Patriots

Favorite Dessert: Yes.

Favorite Restaurant: Armsby Abbey

Favorite TV Show: The West Wing

Favorite Book: A Tale of Two Cities

Superpower of Choice: To Control the Weather

Fun facts: I can ski backwards. I was once in a Toyota Prius commercial with my husband. I enjoy baking (check in the HR suite regularly and you may get to sample my skills and reading!

Meet our HR Director Stacey Emerton

A little about me:

I am originally from Green bay, Wisconsin but have lived in Illinois, Colorado, Nevada, and New Hampshire. I am a graduate of Marquette University & University of Denver. I live in Southern NH with my partner, Tim and our dog, Brady!

Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese

Favorite Hobby: Riding my Peloton bike

Favorite Sports Team: Green Bay Packers

Favorite Dessert: anything with oreos

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers

Favorite Restaurant: Corridor 44 (Denver, CO)

Favorite TV Show: Schitt's Creek

Favorite Music Genre: Hip Hop and EDM

Fun facts: I ran the Chicago marathon in 2019! In college, i was an intern for all professional sports teams in Wisconsin - Packers, Bucks, and Brewers. my favorite peloton instructors are Alex, Robin, Tunde, and Emma.

Meet your HR Business Partner Rachel Gallagher

A little about me:

I was raised in Salem, NH but have lived in Cambridge, Jamaica Plain, and now Revere, ma. I studied life science and particularly love the ocean and spending as much time at the beach as possible.

Favorite Food: Pasta, or cheese (maybe pasta with cheese!)

Favorite Hobby: Beach combing

Favorite Dessert: Cheesecake

Favorite Tv Show: The Sopranos

Favorite Music: I love so many different kinds but my favorite is probably punk

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Pumpkin when it's in season, or vanilla soft serve

Favorite Color: Orange

Fun Facts: I have a big orange senior cat named Terror who is not actually a terror, he's really friendly and acts more like a dog.

Although i can be a little shy i am the vocalist of a punk band.

Meet your HR Business Partner Lauren Reed George

A little about me:

I'm originally from upstate New York (near the Canadian border). I love spending time in nature, whether it be hiking a mountain or collecting shells on the beach. I have a puppy named Penny!

Favorite Podcasts: This American Life, Armchair Expert, Code Sw!Tch & Worklife with Adam Grant

Favorite Movie: Almost Famous

Favorite Book: The Phantom Tollbooth

Favorite Food: French baguette, good cheese & charcuterie & red wine

Favorite Flower: Lavender

Favorite Music: anything from 70's

Fun facts: I used to be a fitness instructor and rowed crew in college. I lived in France for a year and am working on hiking all of the 46 Adirondack high peaks.

Meet your HR Business Partner Dalila Santos

A little about me:

I went to the University of Miami for Undergrad and loved it so much I stayed for my Master's Degree. I love to travel and have a long bucket list of places I want to visit. My happy place is a tropical beach. I live in Andover with my fiancé, Jemmy, and our two kids, Jaylen and Alina and two cats, Shiloh and Dembe.

Favorite Hobby: Traveling

Favorite Dessert: Cheesecake

Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor Chocolate Chip

Favorite Season: Fall

First Job: Brooks Pharmacy (now Rite Aid)

Superpower: Teleportation

Favorite Drink: Margarita

Fun facts: I have lived in Hawaii, Connecticut, and Florida

Meet your Assistant Director of HRIS Karen Gray

A little about me:

I currently live in North Andover, but was raised in Arlington. I'm a big Boston sports fan. I once met Devin McCourty at an HLS event. I've been at Harvard over 30 years, but have enjoyed my time at HLS the most.

Favorite Food: Tacos, Sushi, and Pizza

Favorite Sports Team: New England Patriots

Favorite Podcast: Smartless

Favorite Hobby: Kickboxing

Favorite TV Show: Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, The Lost Kitchen

Favorite Music/Guilty Pleasure Music: 90's R&B

Childhood Nickname: Kegler, KG

Fun facts: I started at Harvard when I was 19 and never left, and I'm crazy sarcastic, which hasn't always translated well in HR.

Meet Your HR Recruiter Trina Burrous

A little about me:

I grew up in Connecticut, but called Boston home for more than half my life. I moved to Tampa Bay last year with my husband, Tom, to be closer to family and escape the long winters. We love it here for the coastal vibe and the many happenings we can discover on any given weekend.

Favorite Food: Chips & Guac

Favorite Dessert: Chocolate Anything

Favorite Hobby: Stand up Paddleboarding (SUP)

Favorite Sports Team: New England Patriots Favorite

Season: Summer in MA, but Winter in FL

Favorite Book: Anything from Jen Sincero's Bada\$\$ series

Happy Place: The Beach

Weirdest Obsession: Hamilton, It's my jamilton

Fun facts: I follow a vegan diet for my health and for the planet. I'm a 4x marathoner but seem to be trading in my running shoes more often to spend time on my SUP. My new favorite mode of transportation is a street legal golf cart

since our town, Dunedin, is golf cart friendly. We also have 7 craft breweries within a mile of our house. What's not to love!?

Meet Your HR Recruiter Monique Henriques

A little about me:

I'm from Brooklyn, NY. My career has taken me from Brooklyn to New Jersey to Kansas, and now I live in New England. As someone who believes you never stop learning, working at HLS is an exciting opportunity for me.

Favorite Food: Acai bowl

Favorite Dessert: Tres Leches Cake

Favorite TV Show: Power & Power Book II: Ghost

Favorite Restaurant: Cooper's Hawk

Favorite Podcast: On Purpose with Jay Shetty

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Grape Nuts

Superpower of choice: Time Travel

Favorite Hobby: Thrifting Vinyl Records

Fun facts: The best advice I ever received was to build a personal brand you would invest in. I created a Podcast called Momo's Favorite Things, which is an ongoing personal project.

Meet Your HR Generalist Ciara Swan

A little about me:

I am born and raised in Massachusetts. I graduated from Sacred Heart University where I discovered my passion for personal growth – both mentally and physically. I enjoy traveling, any activity to express my creativity and spending time with my loved ones. A coffee in the morning and a good laugh is a necessity in each one of my days!

Favorite Food: Anything and everything that has pasta

Favorite Hobby: Crafting the Perfect Playlist

Favorite Sports Team: Patriots

Favorite Dessert: Creme Brule

Favorite Tv Show: This Is Us

Favorite Podcast: How I Built This with Guy Raz

Superpower of Choice: To stop time

Favorite Season: Summer

Happy Place: Cape Cod

Fun facts: Music has always been a big part of my life; I have been to over 30 concerts!

Meet your HR Program Specialist Gloria Alonzo

A little about me:

I was born and Raised in Huntsville, AL, but relate more to my Midwestern relatives. My favorite part about living in Boston is all the history that has happened here. When I meet you, one of the first things I will do is show you a picture of my dog, Frankie.

Favorite Food: Pasta with an Italian Red Wine

Favorite TV Shows: The Good Place, Parks & Rec, and Glow (to name a few)

Favorite Podcasts: Hidden Brain & The Adventure Zone

Favorite Dessert: Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

Favorite Movie: The Princess Bride

Favorite Restaurant: Sarma

Favorite Historical Figure: Queen Elizabeth I

Favorite Hobby: BoardGames (i'm very competitive)

Hogwarts House: Ravenclaw

Fun facts: I have a Master of Arts in Theatre Theory & History. I always make pie crust from scratch, and I own over 40 dresses.

Meet your Student Employment Coordinator Abe Medeiros

A little about me:

I was born and raised in Framingham, MA. My parents are originally from Brazil, so as a kid I would spend my summers in Brazil going to school and living with my Grandparents. As a kid, I hated year-round school, but now I am grateful for the cultural experience! I am also fluent in Portuguese.

Favorite Color: Maroon or Olive

Favorite Food: Brazilian Barbecue

Favorite Sports Team: Boston Celtics

Favorite TV Show: Breaking Bad or Game of Thrones

Favorite Music: R&B

Favorite Season: Spring or Fall

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Strawberry

Superpower of choice: Teleportation

Favorite Hobby: Listening to full albums on vinyl

Fun facts: I volunteer at the Ron Burton Training Village, a nonprofit organization that's committed to educating and mentoring kids from lower economic backgrounds. I love volunteering here especially because I attended the program from age 11 until I graduated from High School.

Meet Your HR Assistant Martha Peña

A little about me:

I have two cats, Julito and Whiskey. I like to travel. Some of my favorite places are Portugal and Cuba. In my free time I like to volunteer with middle school aged girls.

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite TV Show: Sense 8

Favorite Book: Homegoing

Favorite Historical Figure: Assata Shakur

Nicknames: Marty

Superpower of Choice: Teleportation

Best Advice You've Ever Received: Take charge of my own happiness

Fun Facts: My weirdest obsession is cat paws, have you seen those little beans?

Meet your Title IX and Equal Employment Officer Sasha Tulgan

A little about me:

I grew up in the Boston area, and have since lived in Northern California, St. Louis, Kyoto, NYC, and Rochester. I have two boys and a Golden Doodle.

First Job: Sales Associate at the Gap

Favorite TV Show: Friends

Favorite Movie: When Harry Met Sally

Favorite Restaurant: Mamaleh's Deli

Favorite Dessert: Chocolate Lava Cake

Favorite Hobby: Karaoke

Childhood Nickname: Squasha

Fun facts: I was a contestant on a Japanese Singing Game Show. I sang in an all-women's college A cappella group

Meet your Assistant Director, Student Accessibility & Support Carolyn Hubbard

A little about me:

I'm from the Ocean State, Rhode Island, and I love the beach since I grew up surrounded by it! I have my Masters in Early Childhood Education and Grateful for the Opportunity to Work in Higher Ed.

Favorite Food: Anything with butter on it

Favorite Dessert: Ice Cream Cake

Favorite Movie: Life is Beautiful

Favorite Restaurant: Posto

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Chocolate Peanut Butter

Superpower of choice: Time Travel

Fun facts: I was my 5th Grade Hula-Hooping Champion. I'm obsessed with True Crime Documentaries. I was in a traveling Improv group in college.

Meet your Accessibility Services Coordinator Laurie Lower

A little about me:

I've lived in Rochester, MN; Munster, Germany; Madison, WI; and Boston, MA. I can read and write Braille (although I cannot read braille by touch). My first Job was at a Baskin Robbins.

Favorite Food: Cheeseburger with Onion Rings

Favorite Hobby: Reading

Favorite Movie: You've Got Mail

Favorite TV Show: The Good Place

Favorite Podcast: My Favorite Murder

Favorite Historical Figure: Abraham Lincoln

Favorite Music: Anything 80's

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Fun facts: in 2016 I was highlighted in the magazine Highlights for Children, "What a Pro Knows: Making Books in braille". Hopefully it inspired a book-loving kid to want to be a braille transcriber, as braille literacy is actually quite low.

Meet Your Equal Opportunity Specialist Edgar Filho

A little About Me:

I am originally from a small town in the south of Brazil called Guairá (Paraná State) and my family lives in Cuiabá (Mato Grosso State). I have lived in Medford with my husband Brian since 2009 and we enjoy any outdoor activity but also love movies! I have been working at Harvard for many years and most recently moved from The Dean of Student's Office to HR!

Favorite Movie: Doubt, 12 years a slave, Misery, Pan's Labyrinth, silence of the lambs

Weirdest Obsession: anything to do with UFO's

Favorite Season: If i have to choose - Fall

Favorite Podcast: what's the t with Ru Paul

Favorite music: Adele, Whitney Houston, Imagine Dragons, Sugarland & Brazilian pop

Super Power of Choice: Travel in Time

Best advice: Kindness and well manners will open any door (- my mom)

Favorite Food: American breakfasts, Brazilian, Thai, Mexican, Korean & Italian - anything as long as it's not spicy!

Fun fact: my first job was selling homemade bread on a bike in Mundo Novo to help my family. I helped make the bread, sell it after lunch and then i went to school at night. Tough times but the most amazing memories with my mom - this was my most important job!

Meet your HR Support Intern Melani Baez

A little about me:

I was born and raised in Boston, MA. My family is originally from the Dominican Republic. I am part of the Year Up Program, with a specialty in Project Management. I also love getting out of my comfort zone and experiencing new things.

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Favorite Restaurant: TGI Fridays

Favorite Dessert: Brownies

Favorite TV Shows: Grey's Anatomy & The Vampire Diaries

Favorite Music: Bachata (Latin Music)

Favorite Season: Spring

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip

Favorite Color: Brown

Fun Facts: I have watched Grey's Anatomy and the Vampire Diaries probably 20 times. I used to work at an ice skating rink and I'm still terrible at skating. I have two nephews, who I absolutely adore.