

Jo Anna M. Larsen

As the daughter of a U.S. Navy veteran, JoAnna Larsen moved many times throughout her childhood – while born in South Carolina, she considers Virginia her ‘home’. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Middle Eastern Culture and a certificate in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management. She later earned her master’s degree in Crisis and Emergency Management from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in 2010. JoAnna has worked in Emergency Management for 16 years and is a member of the International Association of Women in Emergency Management Hall of Fame. She developed and implemented the annual city-wide drills in Lindon and Orem that give community members and first responders opportunities to practice life-saving measures that would happen in the event of an emergency. She also served as the PTO President at Timpanogos Academy.

She and her husband of 27 years have enrolled all six of their children at Maeser because of its unique focus on principles and classical education. When she isn’t busy with her kids, JoAnna enjoys traveling (something that stuck with her since childhood), quilting, and supporting the community through volunteerism.