

# MISS PORTER'S SCHOOL



## Sophie Paris

Director, Auxiliary Programs

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Sophie Paris (she/her) graduated from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio, and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in art and art history with a minor in sociology and anthropology from Colgate University, graduating with high honors. Prior to arriving at Porter's, Sophie had a 14-year career as a photojournalist working for the United Nations, the Bill Gates Foundation, Hillary Clinton, newspapers, and the wire services. In 2004, the United Nations sent her to Haiti to photograph the political insecurity. Within days her love for Haiti was

ignited and she made it her home until moving to Connecticut in 2012 to join the Miss Porter's School faculty.

At Porter's, Sophie has developed and implemented innovative global initiatives, including founding the Institute for Global Education, developing the 11th grade Global Intensive program through which every student travels abroad at no cost to them as a graduation requirement, developing partnerships with leading educational institutions to facilitate exchanges, developing and launching the Global Studies Certificate diploma designation, and developing and launching Porter's Capstone program. Sophie founded and launched Porter's Center for Global Leadership (PCGL) in May 2020 as an auxiliary arm of Miss Porter's School to bring girls together from around the world to experience authentic connections, to explore pressing issues they are facing, and to feel empowered to make change through in-person and virtual PCGL programs.

Combining her experience working in the field for the UN, traveling extensively as a photojournalist, and her love for teaching and learning on a global scale, Sophie brings her passions to her work at Miss Porter's School and beyond. Sophie is currently bringing her enthusiasm and love for creating new things to building and overseeing all auxiliary programming, including PCGL and its summer programs (e.g., Summer in Farmington, Daisy Days), facility rentals, strategic partnerships, and professional development and consulting opportunities.

Sophie has a genuine curiosity about the world and loves connecting with people. She lives on campus with her husband J.C., son Luka, and their rescue dog, Rōzy. When not in Farmington, they are traveling the world, experiencing new environments and communities to gain new perspectives while always finding new ways to have fun!

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