



Saint Mary's Hall Welcomes New Faculty & Staff 2020-2021 Academic Year



Len Miller
Head of School

Len joins Saint Mary's Hall as head of school. He has served independent schools with distinction for more than 25 years. His tenure has been hallmarked by a deep commitment to the quality of academic programming, the student life experience, and the long-term sustainability and growth of the institution. He joins us from The Hill

School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania where he served as associate headmaster since 2014. He also spent 14 years at The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Len completed a post-graduate year at Choate Rosemary Hall, has a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies with a concentration in Art History from Williams College, and a Master of Arts in American Studies from Columbia University. Len and his wife Penny have two children, Tyne (19) and Bo (Form 5). Tyne will attend Bucknell University, and Bo will join us in the Lower School this fall.



Jim Bob Womack
Assistant Head of School for Advancement

Jim Bob joins Saint Mary's Hall as assistant head of school for advancement where he will oversee the Office of Community Engagement, manage strategy for SMH, and work closely with the school's enrollment strategy. He

joins us from his alma mater, St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas, where he served for six years as director of development, eight years as director of alumni relations, and an advisor on the senior/junior rotation. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising from Pepperdine University. Jim Bob and his wife Sarah have four children: Braydon (age 20) and Bo (Form 5), Layne (Form 2), and Sloane (Kindergarten) who will join us in the Lower School this fall.



Sarah Visagie
Head of Middle School

Sarah joins Saint Mary's Hall as the head of Middle School. Sarah has more than 20 years of experience working with middle school students. Her roles have included 5th-8th grade English teacher, coach, advisor, dean of students, and Middle School director. She, her husband Chris, and

their two children, Tanya (Form 1) and Hunter (18 months) recently moved from South Florida where she had spent the past four years as Middle School director of The Pine School. Sarah earned her Bachelor of Arts from Bates College in Maine and her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Columbia University's Klingenstein Center for Independent School Leadership. Sarah, a native Bostonian, is an avid Boston sports fan.



Stephanie Alvarado
Lower School Teacher

Stephanie joins Saint Mary's Hall as a Form 1 teacher. She joins us from North East Independent School District, where she taught Kindergarten for four years and 2nd grade for two years. She was named North East Independent School

District's 2018 Teacher of the Year for her campus. She graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (EC-4) and an ESL certification. Stephanie and her husband, Jonathan, have been married for two years and they love to travel and spend time with their pups, Maxx and Astro.



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Maria Isabel (Marisa) Andreu **Lower School Teacher**

Marisa joins Saint Mary's Hall as an assistant Kindergarten teacher and will work with Kindergarten Teacher Jennifer Graf. She is a certified AMS Montessori Teacher for children 0 to 6 years old. Marisa has a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts from the Pontifical Catholic

University of Puerto Rico. She joins us from The Montessori School of San Antonio where she worked for the past six years as an in-house substitute teacher, materials maker, and assistant primary teacher. Before that, she worked as a Primary Lead Teacher for 4 years at Pinnacle Montessori. Marisa and her husband, Jose Juan, have been married for 28 years. Their triplets Lucas, Carla, and Marco are currently 14 years old.



Justin Felux **Upper School Teacher**

Justin joins Saint Mary's Hall as an Upper School social studies teacher. He previously taught at Johnson High School in North East Independent School District for 12 years, where he taught all AP history subjects and coached UIL

Current Events. He is a graduate of The University of Texas at San Antonio where he earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in History. He lives with his wife Veronica, who teaches 2nd grade at Northside Independent School District Fernandez Elementary.



Kristi Mueller **Upper School Teacher**

Kristi joins Saint Mary's Hall as an Upper School math teacher where she will teach both Geometry and Algebra II. She joins us after 10 years of teaching in Salt Lake City, Utah with four years of experience in middle school and six years of experience teaching in high school.

She also served as an SMH substitute teacher during the 2019-2020 school year. She has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education from Brigham Young University and a Master of Science in Mathematics with an emphasis in Teaching from the University of Utah. Kristi's family includes her husband, Robert, and her stepdaughter Ellie who is a current Form 10 student.



Katelyn Plucheck **Lower School Teacher**

Katelyn joins the Saint Mary's Hall Lower School as a Form 1 teacher. She has spent the past five years as an elementary teacher in the North East Independent School District during which time she was awarded the district's PTA Lifetime

Achievement Award and was named the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year. Katelyn graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She and her husband, Luke, moved to San Antonio in 2015 and have called the city their home ever since.



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Jessica Rivera
Lower School Teacher

Jessica joins Saint Mary's Hall as a Lower School Spanish teacher for Forms 3-5. She joins us from The Montessori School of San Antonio where she was the lead Spanish teacher for grades K-8 for the last six years. She previously taught Spanish at The

Pembroke Hill School, an independent school in Kansas City, Kansas for four years and has also worked as a 2nd, 4th, and 5th grade teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Baylor University and began her teaching career through Teach for America. Jessica has two children: Alejandro (who will attend The University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall) and Analía (Form 9), who join us in the Upper School. During her free time she enjoys running and staying active through biking and hiking.



Katherine Schmidt-Morrell
Upper School Teacher

Katherine joins Saint Mary's Hall as the Upper School Latin teacher. She will teach Latin 3, 3H, 4, AP, and 5. This will be her 11th year teaching Latin, and she previously taught Latin at St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas.

Katherine holds a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Languages from Trinity University, and recently moved back to San Antonio with her husband, Nick, and their two daughters Aurora (3) and Rhiannon (1).



Dillon White
Upper School Teacher

Dillon joins Saint Mary's Hall as the Upper School debate teacher. He was a professor of law at Minnesota State University, Mankato and is a licensed attorney (Minnesota). He is a National Champion in Speech and Debate, a member of the National Forensics Association Hall of Fame, and has

coached nine National Champions. He has a Bachelor of Science from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and a Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Minnesota. He earned his Master of Science in Communication Studies and J.D. from Illinois State University. Dillon and Suzanne have two children: Mason (1) and Riley (Montessori). Riley will join us in the Lower School. In his free time, Dillon is a Hollywood screenwriter, has three feature films in development, and consults on projects involving legal concepts.



Suzanne White
Upper School Teacher

Suzanne joins Saint Mary's Hall as the Upper School speech and drama teacher. She joins us from Minnesota alongside her husband, Upper School debate teacher Dillon White. Suzanne previously served as a tenured communication professor at Normandale Community College, where she was

named a 2019 Minnesota Board of Trustees' Outstanding Educator. She was also the co-head coach (with her husband) of the Woodbury High School Speech and Debate Team, where she was named the 2017-2018 Minnesota Coach of the Year. She has a Master of Science in Communication Studies from Illinois State University and a Bachelor of Arts from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Suzanne and Dillon have two children: Mason (1) and Riley (Montessori). Riley will join us in the Lower School.



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Matt Hayes
Lower School Teacher and
Coach

Matt Hayes joins Saint Mary's Hall as a Lower School physical education teacher and the women's varsity basketball head coach. Matt joins us from L.E.E. High School in San Antonio, where he served as the assistant women's basketball coach and a world history teacher. Prior to that, he spent nine years in the San Francisco Bay Area working as a history/physical education teacher and coaching basketball at all levels. Matt has a Bachelor of Arts from Trinity University and received his Master of Arts in Education from San Francisco State University. Matt enjoys spending time with his wife, Sarah, and his 1-year-old daughter, Quinn.

