



NEW FACULTY AND STAFF 2021-2022

ADMINISTRATION



PEGGY ENGLAND

Director of Strategic Communication

Peggy received a B.A. in Media Studies/Journalism from Fordham University. She has served as a trusted strategic advisor to senior executives in the private and public sectors. Peggy spent most of her career in Washington, D.C. serving in communication positions for members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives as well as serving two U.S. Presidents in the White House Office of Policy Development and the U.S. Department of State Bureaus of Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy where she finished her government career as a Deputy Assistant Secretary. Peggy also has held positions in public affairs agencies and trade associations in D.C. and New York. In Houston, she has worked in the educational sector as principal of Pirogue Communications, a strategic communication firm specializing in education and public policy.



MUJIDAT SHOTONWA

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Mujidat graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Psychology and from Brooklyn College with a M.A. in Mental Health Counseling. She served as a Clinician, Intake Coordinator, and Director of Intake at Eating Disorder Recovery Specialists. At Organizational Tutoring and Consulting, Mujidat worked as a tutor and counselor to address the underlying neurocognitive and emotional difficulties students faced in the context of their school work. She comes to Kinkaid from Prep for Prep having served as a guidance counselor, teacher, and most recently, the Assistant Director of the school's Preparatory Component. Mujidat has an incredible amount of independent school experience both through professional work and personal experience.



LOWER SCHOOL



HALEY BOONE

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Haley holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from Mississippi College. She taught third grade in Jackson, MS following graduation. Haley then moved to Thailand where she was an ESL teacher at Anuban School and a Field Director for World Teach, overseeing English instruction in local schools. For the past nine years, Haley has been a Pre-K teacher at School at St. George Place in Houston ISD. During the summers, she has been a team teacher at the Creative Writing Camp at Rice University and Writers in the Schools.



ALLISON ETZEL

Second Grade Teacher

Allison received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Southeastern Louisiana University and a M.Ed in School Counseling from the University of St. Thomas. She has spent her teaching career in second grade at Hyde Elementary School in the Clear Creek ISD. While at Hyde Elementary, Allison held numerous leadership positions, including student council sponsor, training mentor, and strategic planning committee member.



LOAN HUYNH

First Grade Assistant Teacher

Loan graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Applied Learning and Development. She taught first and second grades and served as a Language Arts/Social Studies Instructional Specialist at Holmquist Elementary School in the Alief ISD in Houston. Loan also has been a private tutor for elementary-aged students.



SARAH ALLEN

Lower School Specialist Assistant

Sarah received a B.S. in Exercise Science from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and a M.S. in Science and Technology Journalism from Texas A&M University. In addition to holding several teaching assistant positions while attending university, Sarah has also worked as a scene writer, editor, and social media manager for BioScience Writers in addition to serving as a long-term substitute for The Kinkaid School during the 2020-2021 school year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



LESA DuCHARME
English Teacher

Lesa holds a B.A. in English from Vanderbilt University. She began her career teaching seventh and eighth grade honors and on-level language arts classes at Doraville Jr. High School in Dekalb County ISD. After several years of teaching middle school language arts, Lesa transitioned to holding several different positions with The Kinkaid School, including Assistant Lower School Librarian, Administrative Assistant to the Middle and Upper School, and most recently long-term substitute for Middle School.



LESLIE GEMARINO
English Teacher

Leslie holds a B.A. in English from Texas Tech University. She began her career teaching ninth grade English and tenth grade Honors English at Clear Springs High School. She transitioned to teaching seventh grade English, Language Arts, and Reading and eighth grade Target Reading at Brookside Intermediate School. Since 2013, Leslie has taught seventh grade Language Arts and eighth grade English at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart.



JESSICA SOWELL
History Teacher

Jessica holds a B.A. in English and a M.A. in Liberal Arts from Houston Baptist University. While at Houston Baptist University, Jessica was a Teaching Assistant. She began her career teaching sixth grade English at Seven Lakes Junior High in Katy ISD. Jessica holds several certifications including the Texas Teachers of Tomorrow and Gifted and Talented Certification.



UPPER SCHOOL



EVAN CHASTAIN
English Teacher

Evan received a B.A. in English from Crichton College and a M.A. in English from Arizona State University. Since 2013, he has taught ninth, tenth, and twelfth grade AP English at Episcopal High School. While at EHS, Evan also served as the Freshman Level Lead Teacher and the Head Swimming and Diving Coach. He also has been a student advisor, faculty mentor, and Scholastic Writing Coordinator and has served on the ISAS review committee and Advisory subcommittee. Away from school, Evan has served as the lead developmental coach for the New Trier Swim Club in Illinois and the head age group coach for the First Colony Swim Team in Sugar Land, TX.



MEGHAN McDONALD
History Teacher

Meghan holds a B.A. in History and African American Studies from the University of Arkansas, a Masters of Research in History from Kings College in London, and a M.Ed from the Relay Graduate School of Education. She has taught AP World History at Achievement First East Brooklyn High School in New York and served as the school's Tenth Grade Level Chair. During college, Meghan served as an education intern at the Amelia Island Museum of History and the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor.



PIERCE ROBINSON
Physics Teacher

Pierce holds a B.S. from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in Chemical Engineering. While at UVA, Pierce served as a teaching assistant and advisor. Following graduation, he taught Physics and AP Physics at the Energy Institute High School in Houston. Most recently, Pierce has taught Physics, Chemistry, and AP Physics at YES Prep Northside.



LAUREN STUTTS
Chemistry Teacher

Lauren graduated from Mississippi State University with a B.S. in Chemistry and from Texas A&M University - Commerce with a M.S. in Physics. She began her teaching career at Westside High School in Houston ISD as a chemistry teacher. Lauren then served as a Program Director at One Goal in Houston where she fostered an equal opportunity learning environment for her students and created real world, culturally inclusive lessons and materials. Most recently, Lauren has taught Honors Chemistry at Victory Early College High School in the Aldine ISD and served as an adjunct professor in physics at Houston Community College.



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



MARY CABLE

Dance Teacher

Mary graduated with a B.A. in Dance and in Spanish. She went on to earn her M.F.A. in Dance from Sam Houston State University. Her professional experience includes serving as an instructor and choreographer for the Nevada Ballet Theatre and Broadway West Dance & Performing Arts Center, choreographer at the Henderson International School in Las Vegas, and adjunct professor at Houston Community College. Outside of the classroom, Mary is an instructor and choreographer for Zumba Fitness.



K'LYNN CHILDRESS

Theater Teacher

K'Lynn received a B.A. in Theatre Arts from East Texas Baptist University. She held several positions at Waco High School in the Waco ISD, including Head Director of Theatre Arts, Speech and Debate Instructor/Coach, UIL Academic Coordinator, and Performing Arts Facilities Manager. Most recently, K'Lynn has been the Head Director of Theatre Arts at Jersey Village High School in the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. She also has served as the Executive Director of the Ocotillo Performing Arts Center and an instructor at the McLennan Community College in Waco, TX.



CLAUDIA RODRIQUEZ

Costume Designer and Shop Manager

Claudia graduated from the University of Houston with a B.F.A. in Technical Theatre – Costumes and Design. Since 2010, she has taught at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Houston ISD. Focusing on costume design, costume sewing basics, and production, she served as the Costume Shop Supervisor for the school. Claudia also has worked as a costume designer for the Tulsa Ballet and the Opera Theatre of St. Louis. In her spare time, Claudia is a freelance pattern maker working with ballet and independent projects.



ATHLETICS



EMMA EGGLESTON
PE Teacher and Coach

Emma graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. in Child and Family Studies. Following graduation, Emma taught at River Oaks Baptist School as the Head of the Field Hockey Program, Assistant Soccer Coach, and Lacrosse Coach, in addition to being a first grade Teaching Assistant. In addition to working Camp Falcon as a Counselor, Emma has served as a Texas Pride Field Hockey Coach, worked at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Give Kids the World and AtcoDayhab Facility. Emma is a graduate of The Kinkaid School.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



LAURIE BIEBER
Major Gift Officer

Laurie holds a B.A. in American History and American Civilization and a M.S. in Secondary Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduating, Laurie worked as a tenth and eleventh grade social studies teacher prior to becoming the Founding Director of Development for KIPP Academy. Laurie held several positions within Kipp, with the most recent being the Deputy Chief of Development for KIPP Texas Public Schools.

BUSINESS OFFICE



CHRISTINE NGUYEN
Payroll Administrator

Christine joins us with over 20 years of payroll and benefits experience at Worldwide Oilfield Machine, Inc. Prior to this, Christine worked in accounting and administrative positions for Pride International and Greystar Multi-Family Services.



INTERNAL NEW POSITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOWER SCHOOL

Mayra Ayala has moved from Pre-Kindergarten Assistant Teacher to Kindergarten Assistant Teacher

Carol Baumgarth has moved from Lower School After School Director to Pre-Kindergarten Assistant Teacher

Eva Cux has moved from Kindergarten Assistant Teacher to Pre-Kindergarten Assistant Teacher

Morgan Dewhurst has moved from Third Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher

Becca Hobbs has moved from Fourth Grade Teacher to Third Grade Teacher

Jennifer Lewis has been named the Lower School History/Social Studies Chair

Brooke Smith has been named the Lower School Math Chair

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Evelyn Holm has moved from English Teacher to Middle School Support Specialist

Michelle Ludwig has moved from Theatre Teacher to part-time Middle School French Teacher

Alexis Reyes has been named the Seventh Grade Dean

UPPER SCHOOL

Christine Cepeda has been named the new World Languages Department Chair

DEPARTMENTS

The **Office of Admission** is being renamed the Office of Admission and Enrollment Management