



New Faculty and Staff

2021–22 School Year



Ashley Farris—English Teacher

Ms. Farris joins the Kent Denver family after teaching for more than a decade around the country—including positions at Renaissance Academy in Baltimore, Maryland, STRIVE Preparatory Schools and, most recently, KIPP Denver in Advanced Placement English Language and Composition. She's passionate about creating diverse and rigorous learning opportunities for students.



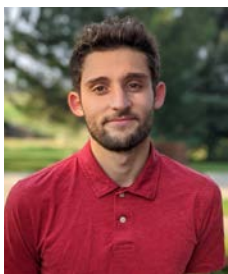
Sam Gubitz—History Teacher

Dr. Gubitz completed his Ph.D. in Political Science at Northwestern University, where he instructed courses on American politics and government. His research on incivility in politics has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the Mellon Foundation. He also published his original research in top journals in the fields of political science and communication. He hopes to help students use an evidence-based approach to work through problems and find solutions.



Nick Hehemann—Assistant Director of Communications

Prior to joining Kent Denver, Mr. Hehemann worked nine years in media and communications with KOMU TV-8, 9NEWS Denver and USA Triathlon. A videographer, writer, social media content creator and multimedia specialist, he's excited to work with the communications team to highlight the success of faculty and students and share their stories with the greater community.



Tristan Hess—Office of Innovation Resident, Biodesign Teacher

Before taking on his new role at Kent Denver, Mr. Hess worked as a student fellow at the design lab for his graduate program. His experience gave him the opportunity to explore the design process and learn more about digital fabrication. He's eager to help students pursue their goals and make a positive impact on the world around them.



Aleonya Hunter—Athletic Department Resident

Prior to joining Kent Denver's athletic department in 2021, Ms. Hunter was the assistant athletic director at Montview, where she also coached boys' and girls' soccer. She's excited to be a part of a successful Sun Devils athletic program that emphasizes personal development through sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership.



Mack Kemper—Technical Support Specialist

Mr. Kemper comes to Kent Denver from the Colorado School of Mines, where he provided support to faculty and students as a project coordinator and senior information technology (IT) service center consultant. Prior to that, he worked five years as an IT specialist at a high school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Amanda Lin—Chinese Teacher

Ms. Lin joined Kent Denver in January 2021. She spent six years in the Gahanna-Jefferson School District, where she taught and supervised the K-12 Chinese language programs. She served five years in the Houston Independent School District, first as a teacher and then as an administrator in math. Her experience includes student exchange programs to China and Mandarin curriculum development for Ohio State University and Brigham Young University.



Sara Larson—Dean of Students Class of 2024, English Teacher

A seasoned educator, Ms. Larson joined Kent Denver in 2021 after serving as a teacher, department chair, and most recently, assistant principal at KIPP Denver Collegiate High School in Denver. Before that, she taught at Sheridan High School and was the diversity and equity facilitator at Teach for America. She's excited to see how students will positively impact and influence our changing world.



Emily Noblesala—Math Teacher, Middle School Volleyball Coach

Ms. Noblesala joined Kent Denver in 2021 after serving as a teaching fellow, middle school advisor and volleyball coach at the Trinity School in New York City while pursuing her master's degree in Education. She is excited to learn from and contribute to Kent Denver's positive, supportive and passionate faculty and staff, and she's looking forward to joining a community of growth-minded people.



Andrew Teets—Information Systems Manager

Prior to joining the school's Information and Innovation Team in 2021, Mr. Teets helped build a startup oil and gas company, expanding the marketing, logistics and algorithmic trading operations using existing and new cutting-edge technologies. He looks forward to using his experience to support Kent Denver's extraordinary educational experience.



Seth Willden—History Teacher, Head Speech Coach

Prior to joining Kent Denver in 2021, Mr. Willden taught AP Seminar, Language Arts and Speech and Debate at Holy Family High School in Broomfield, Colorado, as well as Public Speaking and Rhetorical Theory at Colorado State University. He's excited to help students develop their unique voice, both in the classroom and beyond.