Welcome to



Elementary Academy


WELCOME BACK!
You have been missed!

Anya Coggin, Grade 1

Anya Coggin is a passionate and dedicated 1st grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Ormond Beach, Florida, and pursued higher education at Florida State University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, crafting, eating delicious food - even if it requires travel, and Disney! She has a wonderful family which includes her husband of 13 years Terry, 3 kids (2 are Eaglets!) - Eva 4th grade, John Preston PK, and Miles 6 months. Lastly, we mustn't forget Juice, their loving 16 year old dog.

"The time is always right to do what is right."



Josilyn Parker, Grade 2

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Josilyn Parker is a passionate and dedicated 2nd grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia. She pursued higher education at Georgia State University . With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2024. In her free time, she enjoys nature hikes. She has a daughter, Aubrey, who is smart, creative, and a talented Drew Eagle and another daughter who is a fiery 3 year old!

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Frances Smith, Grade 2

Frances C. Smith is a passionate and dedicated 2nd grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Decatur, Georgia. She pursued higher education at Emory University. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2015 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling. She is very close to her family which includes her 84-year old father and her 80-year old mother. This past year she had the amazing opportunity to visit her birthplace, Sierra Leone, West Africa, and this past summer had a family reunion with her mother's Canadian side of the family.

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."'



Kiera Martin, Grade 2

Kiera Martin is a passionate and dedicated 2nd grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Mableton, Georgia and pursued higher education at the University of Alabama. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies. She is very close to her family and loves to travel with them.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”



Emaline Johnson, Grade 2

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Emaline Johnson is a passionate and dedicated 2nd grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Altamont, New York. She pursued higher education at SUNY Geneseo and the University of Rochester. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling the world and chasing after her toddler! She married her college sweetheart and they have an energetic toddler son, named Hobie, who is a future Drew Eagle.



Staci McElroy, Grade 3

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Staci McElroy is a passionate and dedicated 3rd grade homeroom teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Saratoga Springs, New York. She pursued higher education at Buffalo State University and Georgia State University. With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys basketball and outside adventures.

"Be good, do good, God bless, and Go Bills!"



Michelle Green, Grade 3 para

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Michelle Green is a passionate and dedicated 3rd grade para at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia and pursued higher education at University of Georgia. With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2018 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys swimming and hiking. Her 5 year old son, Harte, starts Kindergarten this year at Drew.

"If at first you don't succeed, then dust yourself off and try again."



Melissa Ford, Grade 3

Melissa Ford is a passionate and dedicated 3rd grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Savannah, Georgia, and attended Georgia Southern University and the University of West Georgia. With Over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2013 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family. She has one daughter who will graduate in the class of 2026. She is also an amazing harp player!



"Nothing will work unless you do."

Markel Elkins, Grade 3

Markel Elkins is a passionate and dedicated 3rd Grade Teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Dothan, Alabama, and pursued her undergraduate degree at Troy University, and earned her Master's and Educational Specialist degrees at the University of West Alabama. With more than 15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2018 and she has continued to make meaningful contributions ever since. In her free time, she enjoys making memories with her family! She lives in East Atlanta with her wife and their daughter, Emersyn, and dog, Kaito.

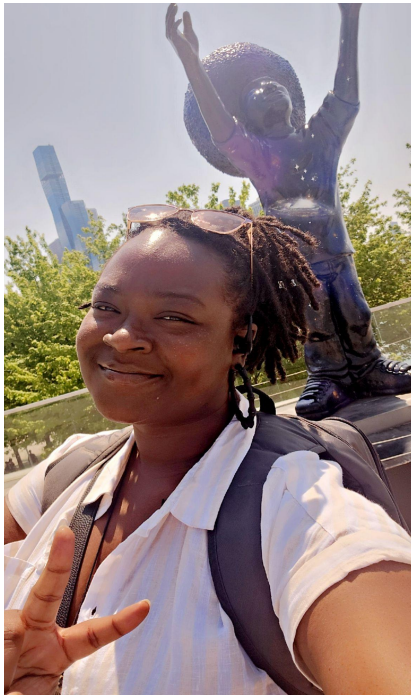


Aris Campbell, Grade 4

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Aris Campbell is a passionate and dedicated 4th grade math teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Flint, Michigan, and pursued higher education at the University of Michigan. With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has continued to make meaningful contributions ever since. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, singing, and dancing. Her closest family in Georgia are her brother and his wife, who have two children, her 11-year-old niece and 2-year-old nephew.

"Don't ask what's wrong, ask what's possible."



Renee Seabrook, Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Renee Seabrook is a passionate and dedicated BCBA at Drew Charter School. She hails from Lithonia, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University, Clark Atlanta University, and Lipscomb University. With Over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2024. In her free time, she enjoys weight lifting .

"Without change nothing will grow, and without growth nothing will survive."



Joi Thrash, Dean of Students

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Joi Thrash is a passionate and dedicated Dean of Students at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Clark Atlanta University and Troy State University. With Over 30 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2016 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, shopping, pampering herself and spending time with family and friends. All three of her kids are proud graduates of Drew. Her oldest daughter is currently teaching 7th grade science at Drew and excited to come back home to the place that nurtured her as a child. She is very close to her family and enjoys traveling and celebrating holidays with them.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Kendall Miller, Substitute

Kendall Miller is the passionate and dedicated long term substitute at Drew Charter School. He hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, and pursued higher education at SAE Institute. With 2-5 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball and video games.

“Be yourself, everybody else is taken.”



Amadi Cofield, Substitute

Amadi Cofield is the passionate and dedicated long term substitute at Drew Charter School. He hails from Atlanta, GA, and pursued higher education at Albany State University. With 2-5 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys live streaming.

“Just keep swimming.”



Mark Peay, Chorus

MARK A PEAY is the passionate and dedicated EA Chorus and Music teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Baltimore, Maryland, and pursued higher education at Peabody Conservatory of Music. With more than 10 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and playing piano and is also the youngest of 10 children.

One of their favorite quotes is: *“Children don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”*



Jere Chang, Gifted

Jere Chang is a passionate and dedicated EA Gifted Education (SOAR) teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Sugar Hill, Georgia, and pursued higher education at the University of North Georgia and University of Georgia. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2007 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out at the lake with her family. She is married with two kids, Jackson (6th grade) and Fox (4th grade), who have attended Drew since PreK. Her family loves living near Drew where they walk to school with other Drew families and embrace the Drew community.

"Be the change you need in the world."



Hannah Pariseau, Orchestra

Hannah Pariseau is a passionate and dedicated EA Orchestra teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Somerset, Massachusetts, and pursued higher education at The University of Massachusetts. With over 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting. She lives with her incredible husband, their dog, Chico, and ball python, Mr. Slithers.

"It does not due to dwell on dreams and forget to live."



Stacey Bradley, Environmental Science

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Stacey Bradley is a passionate and dedicated Environmental Technology teacher at Drew Charter School. She pursued higher education at Auburn University and Georgia State University. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2009 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and listening to music. She lives in Kirkwood with her family including, husband Chris, and Drew students, Owen (15) and Kappie (13). They also have a goofy dog, named Bootsie LaRoux.

"It's not where you are, but who you're with that matters!"



Twana Cannon, Media Specialist

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Twana Cannon is the passionate and dedicated EA Media Specialist at Drew Charter School. She hails from Inman, South Carolina. She pursued higher education at the University of South Carolina, Clark Atlanta University, and the University of West Georgia. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Cannon joined Drew Charter School in 2016 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with family and friends and going to the movies. She has a daughter named Zoe, who is a junior at the Senior Academy.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Sydney Robinson, Special Education

Sydney Robinson is a passionate and dedicated EA Special Education teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Clark Atlanta University (BA) and the University of West Georgia (Masters). She joined Drew Charter School in 2023. In her free time, she enjoys reading books, binge watching shows, and listening to music.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”



Katie Riggan, Grade 5

Katie Riggan is a passionate and dedicated fifth grade science teacher and AIS at Drew Charter School. She hails from Jacksonville, Florida, and pursued higher education at the University of Central Florida. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys to read, do puzzles, and spend time outside.

"In a world you can be anything, be kind."



Moriah Ammons, Kindergarten Para

Moriah Ammons is a passionate and dedicated first grade para at Drew Charter School. She hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and pursued higher education at LSU and is currently enrolled at SNHU. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Ammons joined Drew Charter School in 2016 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and watching movies. She loves animals and recently added a cat to her small family.



"Don’t stop believing!"

Adrianne Jenkins-Batey, Grade 1

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Adrianne Jenkins is a passionate and dedicated first grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Hendersonville, Tennessee, and pursued higher education at the University of Alabama for her undergraduate degree, at Lipscomb University for her masters, and is currently seeking an Ed.S. at the University of West Georgia. With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Jenkins joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys shopping! She has 3 nieces who are her pride and joy!

“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”



Laura Hutchins, Grade 1

Laura Hutchins is a passionate and dedicated first grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Somers, New York, and pursued higher education at the University at Albany, SUNY. With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2016 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time she enjoys reading and spending time by the pool. She also loves spending time with her husband and pets by the pool.

"Work hard. Play hard."



Gianna Romo, MTSS

Gianna Romo is a passionate and dedicated K-12 MTSS/504 Intervention Specialist at Drew Charter School. She hails from Los Angeles, California, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Romo joined Drew Charter School in 2018 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys cooking and reading . Her daughter, Milania, has been at Drew since pre-k and she is now starting fifth grade.



Evonia Elam-Jack, STEAM Careers

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Evonia Elam-Jack is a passionate and dedicated K-5 STEAM Teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from New Orleans, Louisiana, and pursued higher education at Southeastern Louisiana University and Kennesaw State University. With more than 15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2009. In her free time, she enjoys tinkering, building, designing, and making! She has been married for 24 years and her 3 sons have all attended Drew since Pre-K (class of 2020 Alumni, Senior- Class of 2026, and 3rd grader Class of 2035). They love having Bible study, traveling, eating out, gaming, and just being together.

“We spend a lot of time designing the bridge, but not enough time thinking about the people who are crossing it.”



Lauren Isaac, Grade K Para

Lauren Isaac is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Stone Mountain, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Hampton University. Ms. Isaac joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys dancing.



Sharon Starks, Kindergarten Para

Sharon Starks is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Decatur, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia Piedmont Technical College. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and shopping.



Miriam Moore, Kindergarten

Miriam Moore is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Mt. Vernon, New York, and Jonesboro, Georgia. She pursued higher education at Livingstone College, Central Michigan University, NOVA Southeastern University, and Walden University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2017 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, shopping, and spending quality time with family. She is happily married to her husband, Brandon, and they have two children at Drew Charter School, Brendon and Serenity. The also have a pet turtle named Georgia.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

Tiera Stuckey, Kindergarten

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Tiera Stuckey is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Charlotte, North Carolina, and pursued higher education at North Carolina A&T, SU and Mercer University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Stuckey joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling & reading.

"Every student won't remember the lesson, but they'll remember how I made them feel; seen, safe, and unstoppable."



Tonya Allen, Literacy Center

Tonya Allen is a passionate and dedicated Literacy Center teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Dothan, Alabama, and pursued higher education at the University of South Alabama and Walden University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mrs. Allen joined Drew Charter School in 2006 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys family, playing board games, and doing physical activities. She has been married for 31 years and has 4 young adults who all went to Drew (2 from cradle to college). Her daughter's art is displayed at the upper campus and her husband and son play in the band at DesignORama every year!

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning."



Jennifer Henderson, Literacy Coach

Jennifer Henderson is a passionate and dedicated Literacy Coach at Drew Charter School. She hails from Roswell, Georgia, and pursued higher education at UGA. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2014 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys watching football and working out. She has two children, Reese and Chase, who are her world!



"Less, but better."

Danaques Powell, Mindful Nest

Danaques is a passionate and dedicated Mindful Nest Coordinator at Drew Charter School. He hails from Hartford, Connecticut, and pursued higher education at Central Connecticut State. With over 20 years years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys attending art shows and open mics. He is very proud of his Jamaican heritage as both of his parents hail from the island of Jamaica!

"The veil will be lifted by the one that woven it."



Devan Watson, MTSS/SST Chair

Devan Watson is a passionate and dedicated MTSS Coordinator at Drew Charter School. She hails from San Diego, California, and pursued higher education at Spelman College. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, they enjoys kayaking.

"Gratitude elevates your vibrations."



Ashley Lowe, 2nd Grade Para

Ashley Lowe is a passionate and dedicated paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Ellenwood, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Mercer University and Georgia SouthWestern State University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading and she is a proud godmother to two incredible boys!

"Readers become thinkers."



Eleanor Daniel, Kindergarten Para

Eleanor Daniel is a passionate and dedicated paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Albany State University and Brenau University. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Daniel joined Drew Charter School in 2000 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys crafting and cooking. She is a mother of 3 handsome young men and their wives, and grandmother of four boys and 1 beautiful girl.

“Respect your parents they passed school without Google.”



Mallory Davis, Grade 2 Para

Mallory Davis is a passionate and dedicated paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Columbus, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Clark Atlanta University. She joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, decorating, and dancing.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."



Natasha Jenkins-Jones, PBL & SEL Coach

Natasha Jenkins-Jones is a passionate and dedicated PBL/SCI/SS Instructional Coach at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Brenau University and Purdue University. With over 20 years years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Jenkins-Jones joined Drew Charter School in 2003. In her free time, she enjoys movies, crocheting, journaling, fragrance findging, and bowling. She is a proud "distant" cousin of Walter Payton and Brandy Norwood and also proud that both of her grandmothers lived to be well over 90 years old. She has a son who completed the CtoC Drew pathway in 2021, and two daughters who are Eaglets that are rising 5th and 8th graders.

"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within."



Tirrica David, Pre-K

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Tirrica David is a passionate and dedicated Pre-K teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Mercer University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. David joined Drew Charter School in 2013 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys binge watching TV shows and going out to listen to live music.



Julia Watkins, Pre-K

Julia Watkins is a passionate and dedicated Pre-K Teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Snellville, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Berry College and Kennesaw State University. With more than 10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. She joined Drew Charter School in 2012 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, going to concerts, and cooking. She has been married for 13 years and has two wild and loving boys, John and Silas. They have two pups, Marigold and Rosie, who keeps them on all on their toes!



"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Laurie Dunaway, Registrar

Laurie Dunaway is a passionate and dedicated registrar at Drew Charter School. She hails from East Hartford, Connecticut, and pursued higher education at Liberty University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Dunaway joined Drew Charter School in 2018 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading. She has two children and three grandchildren. Family is everything!

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."



Lily Fries, Resource 3rd-5th

Lily Fries is a passionate and dedicated resource teacher for 3rd-5th grades at Drew Charter School. She hails from Trumbull, Connecticut, and pursued higher education at Florida Southern College and University of Georgia. With more than 5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Fries joined Drew Charter School in 2024. In her free time, she enjoys baking. She has a husband named Derek and a stepson named Bradyn! She also has 2 tuxedo cats named Deion and Doja Cat!

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”



Joe Weems, Robotics

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Joe Weems is a passionate and dedicated robotics teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Athens, GA and pursued higher education at Austin Peay State University and Clark Atlanta University. With over 20 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Weems joined Drew Charter School in 2014 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys painting, playing golf, and video games. He has 7 children and 3 grandchildren and will be celebrating 30 years of marriage!



“Everyone can be great because everyone can be of service.”

Ain Drew, RTI & EIP Teacher

Ain Drew is a passionate and dedicated RTI & EIP teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Detroit, Michigan, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Drew joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, dining out, and going to museums.

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”



Chad Yonce, RTI Teacher

Chad Yonce is a passionate and dedicated RTI teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Knoxville, Tennessee, and pursued higher education at the University of Tennessee. He joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys golfing.



Lauren Tippins, Grade 2

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Lauren Tippins is a passionate and dedicated second grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Plattsburgh, New York, and pursued higher education at SUNY Purchase College. With more than ten years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Tippins joined Drew Charter School in 2020 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, running, and baking sourdough! She is the youngest of four and has eight nieces and nephews that keep her busy. She also has a husband and their beloved dog, Paisley.



She is very grateful to work at a school where she considers my coworkers and students family!

Morgan Feeney, Special Education

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Morgan Feeney is a passionate and dedicated Special Education teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, and pursued higher education at Miami University and Georgia State University. With more than ten years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Feeney joined Drew Charter School in 2016 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys walking on the beltline, hiking up Stone Mountain, trying new restaurants, and exploring her neighborhood! She also enjoys traveling and experiencing different cultures.



“We can all dance when we find the music that we love.”

Matthew Lathrop, Visual Arts

Matthew Lathrop is a passionate and dedicated Visual Arts teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Ames, Iowa, and pursued higher education at Iowa State University. With more than ten years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2013 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys reading.



Shakayla Barrow, SPED Para

Shakayla Barrow is a passionate and dedicated Special Education paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With more than ten years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Barrow joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys exploring nature trails.



Robert Galerstein, Grade 3

Robert Galerstein is a passionate and dedicated Special Education teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Dunwoody, Georgia, and pursued higher education at the University of Georgia. With more than ten years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys snowboarding.



Cheryl Johnson, Literacy Center

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Cheryl Johnson is a passionate and dedicated Literacy teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Thomasville, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Morris Brown College. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Johnson joined Drew Charter School in 2015 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and being around friends and family! She has a daughter, son-in-law, and 3 grandchildren.



“Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.”

Bethany Loria Rico, Grade 1

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Bethany Loria Rico is a passionate and dedicated first grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Lawrenceville, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With more than ten years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Loria Rico joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys baking and gardening! She lives in East Lake Terrace with her husband, Leo, and three sons, Sebastian, Orson, and Hadley.

“Take chances, make mistakes, get messy!”

Rachel Strobel, 2nd Grade RTI

Rachel Strobel is a passionate and dedicated RTI teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With more than five years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Strobel joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, arts and crafts, and enjoys live music! She has a husband and they are expecting a baby boy in December!



Tiffany Harris-Hall, Grade 3

Tiffany Harris-Hall is a passionate and dedicated third grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Augusta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia Southern University and Clark Atlanta University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Harris-Hall joined Drew Charter School in 2017 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys photography and interior decorating!



“Don’t be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.”

Christopher Grier, Physical Education

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Christopher Grier is a passionate and dedicated Physical Education teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Stone Mountain, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Virginia State University. With more than five years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. He joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies and he is ecstatic about his brother getting married in October!



Willisha Davidson, 4th Grade

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Willisha Davidson is a passionate and dedicated fourth grade math teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Washington, D.C. and pursued higher education at Fort Valley State University, University of Oklahoma, and Georgia State University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Davidson joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends.

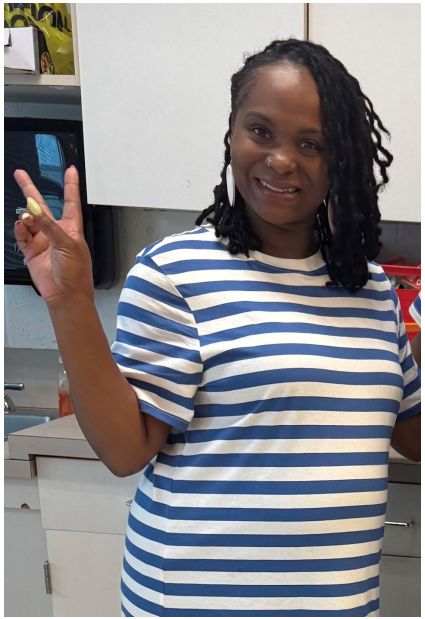
“Don’t have a Good Day, have a Great Day!”



Erica Rhem, RTI Teacher

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Erica Rhem is a passionate and dedicated RTI teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Marietta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Kennesaw State University. With over ten years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Rhem joined Drew Charter School in 2017 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading. She has two daughters and can’t wait to welcome her son soon!



Alicia Dawkins, Strategic Partnerships Program Coordinator

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FLY HIGHER

Alicia Dawkins is a passionate and strategic partnerships program coordinator at Drew Charter School. She hails from Birmingham, Alabama, and pursued higher education at Vanderbilt University. With over fifteen years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Dawkins joined Drew Charter School in 2008 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and relaxing!



Eric Wells-Shivers, Behavior Specialist

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Eric Wells-Shivers is a passionate and dedicated behavior specialist at Drew Charter School. He hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Clayton State University. Mr. Wells-Shivers joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys listening to music.



“Everything happens for a reason.”

Ariel-Zena Graves, 2nd Grade Para

Ariel-Zena Graves is a passionate and dedicated second grade Special Education Para teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Riverdale, Georgia, and pursued higher education at the University of Arkansas. Ms. Graves joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys roller skating and reading!



Jermain Hundley, 4th Grade

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Jermain Hundley is a passionate and dedicated fourth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Gadsden, Alabama, and pursued higher education at Stillman College. With over 20 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Hundley joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. He enjoys traveling in his spare time!



“Everybody loves the sunshine.”

Keyidis McCune, 1st Grade

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FLY HIGHER

Keyidis McCune is a passionate and dedicated first grade teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Atlanta and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. He brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. McCune joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis and traveling!



Jimez Alexander, Theater Arts

Jimez Alexander is a passionate and dedicated theater arts teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Decatur, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Belhaven University. With more than ten years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Alexander joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys playing chess. He is a proud father of three children that mean the world to him.

“You are always auditioning.”



Andria Wynn, Kindergarten

Andria Wynn is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten Special Education teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and pursued higher education at Tennessee State. With more than fifteen years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Wynn joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys cooking and is ecstatic about her first grandchild due in September!

“Teamwork makes the dreamwork.”



Claudia Fitzwater, Spanish

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Claudia Fitzwater is a passionate and dedicated Spanish teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Columbia and pursued higher education at Kennesaw State University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Fitzwater joined Drew Charter School in 2013 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys cooking and working out!



Megan Pepper, Kindergarten

Megan Pepper is a passionate and dedicated Kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Tampa, FL and pursued higher education at Auburn University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Pepper joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading and cooking!



Bridgette Ukah, Kindergarten

Bridgette Ukah is a passionate and dedicated Kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Fort Valley State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Ukah originally joined Drew Charter School in 2012 and returned in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading, attending festivals and concerts, traveling, and taking naps!

“Be You. The world will adjust.”



Kai Jackson, Kindergarten

Kai Jackson is a passionate and dedicated Kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Southwest Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Georgia Southern University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Jackson originally joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies, shopping, and listening to music. Ms. Jackson also loves spending time with her two children, Tai and Skye!

“Students don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”



Kimani Freeman, 3rd Grade

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Kimani Freeman is a passionate and dedicated third grade special education teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Newark, NJ, and pursued higher education at Smith College and Johns Hopkins University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Freeman joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys reading, olympic weightlifting, and brazilian jiu jitsu. He is a ecstatic to be marrying his college sweetheart in September!



Mayah Wheeler, 3rd Grade

Ms. Wheeler is a passionate and dedicated third grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Detroit, Michigan, and pursued higher education at the University of Michigan and Georgia State University. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Wheeler joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys walking and doing yoga, and he is ecstatic to get married to her fiancé!

“No level of individual self-actualization alone can sustain the marginalized and oppressed. We must be linked to collective struggle, to communities of resistance that move us outward, into the world.”



David Brown, 3rd Grade

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

David Brown is a passionate and dedicated third grade teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from College Park, GA and pursued higher education at Clark Atlanta University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Brown joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys long walks on the beach.

“He who most greatly loves most greatly lives.”



Javious Canty, 4th and 5th Grade

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Javious Canty is a passionate and dedicated Math teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Milledgeville, GA and pursued higher education at Georgia Southern University and Kennesaw State University. With 16-20 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Dr. Canty joined Drew Charter School in 2026 and excited to make an impact. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

“Decide what kind of life you actually want. And then say no to everything that isn’t that.”



Eternia Richmond, 1st Grade

Eternia Richmond is a passionate and dedicated first grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Charlotte, North Carolina, and pursued higher education at WSSU. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Richmond joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys sleeping!

“God is within her, she will not fail.”



Arielle White-Mitchell, Dance

Arielle White-Mitchell is a passionate and dedicated dance teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Oakland, California, and pursued higher education at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. White-Mitchell joined Drew Charter School in 2017 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys dancing!



Nadirah Ali, 5th Grade

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Nadirah Ali is a passionate and dedicated fifth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and pursued higher education at Spelman College. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Ali joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling! She comes from a big family and they are very close. She also has a son named Abbas in middle school.

“Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.”



Justin Clements, Grade 4 Para

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Mr. Clements is a passionate and dedicated para at Drew Charter School. He hails from Marietta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at the University of West Georgia. With 2-5 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Clements joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf and record collecting. He has a daughter, Sunnie, who started pre K at Drew this year and is ecstatic about his baby girl due in December!



“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”

Sasha Daniels, Pre-K

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Ms. Daniels is a passionate and dedicated Pre-K teacher at Drew Charter School. She was born in California but was raised in Lithonia, Georgia and pursued higher education at UGA. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Daniels joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys painting!



Brook Hewitt-Moore, Photography

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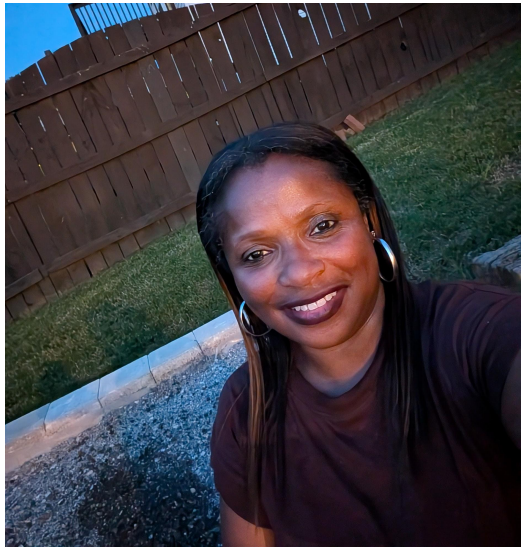
Ms. Hewitt-Moore is a passionate and dedicated photography teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta,Georgia, and pursued higher education at Dekalb College, WGU, and ACE. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Hewitt-Moore joined Drew Charter School in 2020 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, cooking, gardening, thrifting, and photography. She has 2 adult kiddos and a drummer husband who make up her bubble!



“Creativity is a survival skill”

Charisse Tate-Upshaw, 4th Grade Para

Charisse Tate-Upshaw is a passionate and dedicated para teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Erie, Pennsylvania, and pursued higher education at Kent State. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Tate-Upshaw joined Drew Charter School in 2007 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling.



“Be Still”

Stephen Ross, Band

Stephen Ross is a passionate and dedicated band teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Lawrenceville, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With 16-20 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Clements joined Drew Charter School in 2005 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys everything except being in charge.

“Living the dream”



Jade Burney, Special Education

Ms. Burney is a passionate and dedicated special education teacher at Drew Charter Schools. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia and pursued higher education at Georgia Southern University. She is a graduate of Drew Charter School and started teaching at Drew in 2024. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. In her free time, Ms. Burney enjoys reading fiction, going to escape rooms, and watching movies.



Britney Lee, 4th Grade

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER



Britney Lee is a passionate and dedicated fourth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Birmingham, AL and pursued higher education at Miles College & Georgia State University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Lee joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys reading and hiking. She has two beautiful children that attend Drew, Moses and Kennedy.

“Do everything with intention. ”

Nicole Tuttle, Pre-K Director

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Nicole Tuttle is a passionate and dedicated Sr. Director of Cox Pre-k at Drew Charter School. She hails from Youngstown,OH and pursued higher education at Duquesne University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Tuttle joined Drew Charter School in 2007 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, traveling, and reading. She has two children,Brady and Lilliana.



Jasper Bloomingdale, Pre-k

Jasper Bloomingdale is a passionate and dedicated pre-k teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Snellville, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Bloomingdale joined Drew Charter School in 2013 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys video games and fishing.



Molly Ederer, Kindergarten

Molly Ederer is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten special education teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Buffalo, NY and pursued higher education at University of Pennsylvania. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Ederer joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys arts and crafting.



Jasmine Adams Carpel, Special Education

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Jasmine Adams is a passionate and dedicated special education teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Cedar Bluff, Al and pursued higher education at Gasden State, Troy University, and University of West GA. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Adams Carpel joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, festivals, and being at the park. She is a newlywed and enjoys spending time with her partner and fur baby.



Bali Wise, Golf Teacher

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER



Bali Wise is a passionate and dedicated golf teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Kennesaw State University. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Wise joined Drew Charter School in 2023 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys golf, art, and physical activity. Her father taught and helped her foster a love for golf.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"

Murrellisa McLean, Grade 2

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Murrellisa McLean is a passionate and dedicated second grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Akron, Ohio and grew up in Montgomery, AL. She pursued higher education at Auburn University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. McLean joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys meditating an singing.



Keith Pettiway, Grade 2

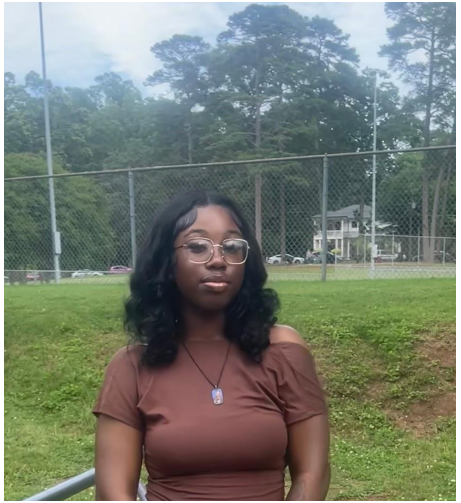
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Keith Pettiway is a passionate and dedicated second grade teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Marbury, Alabama and pursued higher education at the University of South Florida. With 16-20 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Pettiway joined Drew Charter School in 2026 and enjoys playing sports.



Quenesha Hall, Pre-K

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Quenesha Hall is a passionate and dedicated pre-k fellow teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and is a graduate of Drew Charter School. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Hall joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys journaling and working.

Brittni Swann, Pre-K

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Brittni Swann is a passionate and dedicated pre-k teacher and AIS at Drew Charter School. She hails from San Jose, CA and pursued higher education at North Carolina A&T State University. With 16-20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Swann joined Drew Charter School in 2007 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and dancing.



Jamie Chance, Resource

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Jamie Chance is a passionate and dedicated special education instructional coach at Drew Charter School. She hails from Brunswick, GA and pursued higher education at the University of GA and Georgia State University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Chance joined Drew Charter School in 2016 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys thrifting, concerts/music festivals, and being outside. She has been married to her husband for 8 years and they have two beautiful children, Silas and Cosmo.

"Softness is not weakness. It takes courage to stay delicate in a world this cruel."



Lisa Wilson, Kindergarten

Lisa Wilson is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Hartford, Connecticut and pursued higher education at Bentley College, University of Phoenix and Concordia University. With 16-20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Wilson joined Drew Charter School in 2005 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, reading, dancing, family and friend time, and listening to music. She is a very proud mother of 3 children, Jordan, Kylah, and Caiden.

“Stress less, love and forgive more, and breathe”



Carol Goolsby, Kindergarten Para

Carol Goolsby is a passionate and dedicated kindergarten paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Hemingway, South Carolina and pursued higher education at Georgia Perimeter. With 16-20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Goolsby joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys thrifting and spending time with love ones.



Rhamaia Taylor, 3rd Grade Para

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Rhamaia Taylor is a passionate and dedicated third grade paraprofessional at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Howard University. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Taylor joined Drew Charter School in 2025 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She comes from a big family of 8 siblings and is a first generation Guyanese and South African.



“At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel.”

Anne Martin, Grade 3

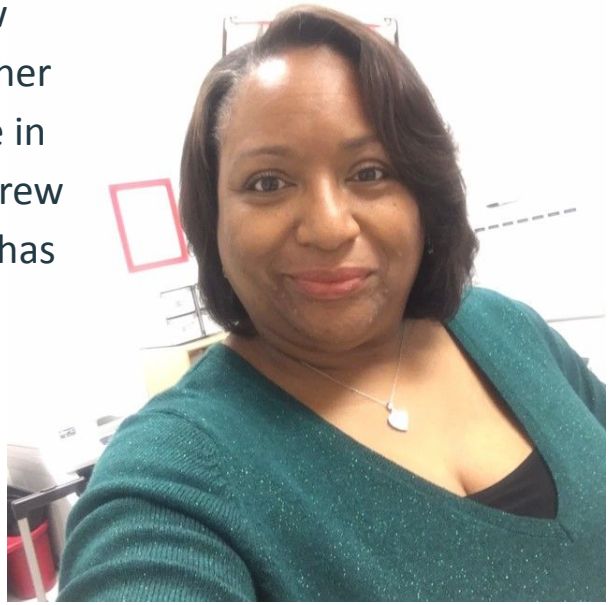
Anne Martin is a passionate and dedicated 3rd grade and AIS teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Wichita, Kansas and pursued higher education at Kansas State University and Georgia State University. With 16-20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Dr. Martin joined Drew Charter School in 2014 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys exercising and baking.



Kimberly Miller, Counselor

Kimberly Miller is a passionate and dedicated counselor at Drew Charter School. She hails from Cincinnati, Ohio and pursued higher education at Xavier University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Miller joined Drew Charter School in 2005 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies, spending time with her hubby and family, and crafting/creating. She is has been married to her husband for almost 30 years and they have two children.

“Whether you believe you can or you can’t, you are right.”



Breyuana Walker, Hall Monitor

Ms. Walker, originally from Atlanta, is a Drew Charter School alumni and is currently pursuing higher education at the University of West Georgia. She began working at Drew in 2022 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys creating custom party favors and spending time with her son.

“I'm not chasing success, I'm creating generational change.”



Andre Deas Jr., Long Term Substitute

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Andre Deas Jr is a passionate and dedicated substitute teacher at Drew Charter School. He hails from Decatur, Georgia, and pursued higher education at the University of California. With 2-5 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Deas joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys coaching and hiking.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in comfort and convenience but where stands in challenge and controversy.”

Kenya Hayes, Pre-K

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Kenya Hayes is a passionate and dedicated pre-k teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Atlanta Metropolitan College and is currently enrolled at Mercer University. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Hayes joined Drew Charter School in 2019 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys shopping. She cherishes her family and hold them close to her heart.

“A teacher takes a hand ,open minds, and touch hearts.”

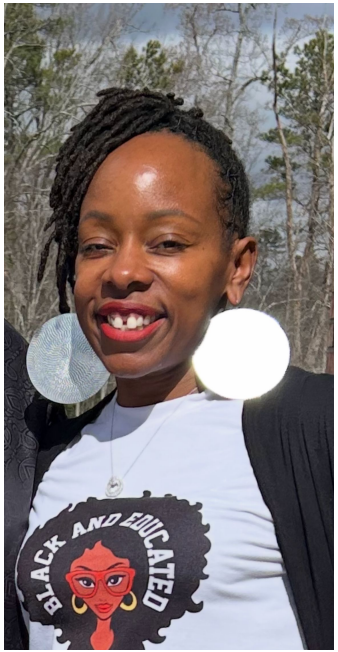


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Tiffany Edwards, Grade 5

Tiffany Edwards is a passionate and dedicated fifth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Decatur, GA and pursued higher education at Fort Valley State University, University of Minnesota, and Nova Southeastern. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Edwards joined Drew Charter School in 2015 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends.

“Our idea of success should be based on how well we serve others with our gifts.”



Shawanna Hindsman, Grade 5

Shawanna Hindsman is a passionate and dedicated fifth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at University of West GA, Mercer University, and Nova Southeastern University . With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Hindsman joined Drew Charter School in 2026 and is excited about making an impact. In her free time, relaxing, traveling, and shopping.

“Never let anyone—any person or any force—dampen, dim, or diminish your light.”



Jasmine Shortt, Grade 5

Jasmine Shortt is a passionate and dedicated fifth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Spelman College. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Shortt joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies.



Sivi Robinson, Grade 4

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Sivi Robinson is a passionate and dedicated fourth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Georgia State University and Morris Brown College. With 6-10 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Robinson joined Drew Charter School in 2018 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys stretching, traveling, eating, and watching movies. She is a recent empty-nester with 3 adult children and is enjoying spending quality time with her husband.

“When you don't give up, YOU CANNOT FAIL!”

Kayla Sledge, Grade 4

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Kayla Sledge is a passionate and dedicated fourth grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Marietta, GA and pursued higher education at Kennesaw State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Sledge joined Drew Charter School in 2026 and is excited about making an impact. In her free time, she enjoys making candles and going to the movies. She also enjoys spending time with her son.

"It’s not a resource if everyone can't use it. A school should be more than a place children attend. It should be a resource families trust and a foundation communities build on."

Britney Hines, Grade 1

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Britney Hines is a passionate and dedicated first grade teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Jonesboro, GA and pursued higher education at Tennessee State University and Georgia State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Hines joined Drew Charter School in 2026 and is excited about making an impact. In her free time, she enjoys reading and baking. She also enjoys spending time with her 2 daughters and husband.



Meyail Peoples, Grade Pre-K

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Meyail Peoples is a passionate and dedicated pre-k teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Mercer University. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Peoples joined Drew Charter School in 2022 and been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, trying new foods, fashion, and making fun crafts.

“When they go low, we go high.”



Julia Davis, Grade Kindergarten

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER



Julia Davis is a passionate and dedicated Kindergarten teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Detroit, Michigan and pursued higher education at Howard University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Davis joined Drew Charter School in 2026 and is excited about making an impact. In her free time, she enjoys yoga, reading, and journaling.

“I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's myself.”

Krickett Pflug, Enrichment

Krickett Pflug is a passionate and dedicated technology teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Biggers, Arkansas and pursued higher education at Memphis College of Art. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Pflug joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys knitting, gaming, thrifting, dungeons and dragons, playing pretend with her daughter, and walking trails. She has been married to her partner for 8 years and they have a beautiful 2 year-old daughter together.

"For small creatures such as we, the vastness is bearable only through love."



Caylene Augustin, STEAM Specialist

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
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Caylene Augustine is a passionate and dedicated STEAM specialist at Drew Charter School. She hails from Atlanta, GA and pursued higher education at Babson College. With 2-5 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Augustin joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys doing karaoke and dancing.



"Persistence does not always constitute perseverance."

Dominique Thompson, Physical Education

DREW CHARTER SCHOOL
FLY HIGHER

Dominique “Coach D” Thompson is a passionate and dedicated recess coach at Drew Charter School. He hails from East Atlanta, Georgia, and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, he brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Mr. Thompson joined Drew Charter School in 2021 and has been making an impact ever since. In his free time, he enjoys eating oysters and going to the beach. He has one daughter who attends high school at Drew.



“If you want to fly, you have to give up the things that weigh you down.”

Sherique Ransby, Gifted Specialist

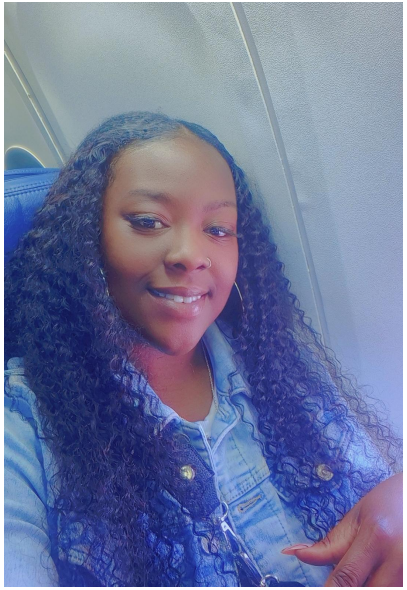
Sherique Ransby is a passionate and dedicated Gifted Education Specialist at Drew Charter School. She hails from Detroit, MI and pursued higher education at Spelman Cole and New York University. With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Ransby joined Drew Charter School in 2002 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys solving puzzles.



Ashley M. Johnson, Literacy Center

Ashley Johnson is a passionate and dedicated literacy lab teacher at Drew Charter School. She hails from Palm Springs, California and pursued higher education at Liberty University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Johnson joined Drew Charter School in 2017 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys being with family and friends.

“She remembered who she was and the game changed."



Krystal Reeves, Grade 1

Ms. Reeves is a native of Chicago, Illinois. She has been teaching for nineteen years and has been an employee of Drew for nine years. She loves teaching 1st grade and enjoys watching her students grow and become the best they can be. She believes that “students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." She loves her family and enjoys listening to music, dancing and bowling.



Christal Clonts-Cortanza, Secretary

Ms. Cortanza is from Atlanta, Georgia. She has been at Drew for nine years. As an Afro-Latina, she is passionate about teaching diversity and embracing different cultures and customs. She also believes that educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. So she tries her hardest to lead with her heart…While listening to the Clark Sisters!

"Education is not the preparation for life; education is life itself." -John Dewey



Courtney Bryant, Director of Fine Arts & STEAM

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Ms. Bryant has taught K-12 students in public schools and museums in Cleveland, Charlotte, and Atlanta, almost exclusively in low-income communities. Currently, she serves as the STEAM Project Manager, where she utilizes her research and passion for designing innovative curriculum in her work supporting teachers' implementation of STEAM at Drew.



Ms. Bryant has two Drew Eagles of her own; in her spare time she enjoys spending time making and camping.

Ashley Buchanan, Pre-K

Ms. Buchanan is a passionate and dedicated pe-k teacher at Drew Charter School. She is originally from Sharpsburg, Georgia. With more than ten years in education, she joined the Drew family eight years ago and has been making an impact ever since. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends.

“Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can be.”



Blossom Barker, Administrative Assistant

Blossom Barker is the Elementary Administrative Assistant at Drew Charter School. She is originally from Marietta, Georgia and pursued higher education at Georgia State University. With 11-15 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. Ms. Barker joined Drew Charter School in 2024 and has been making an impact ever since. In her free time, she enjoys being with family and friends.

“When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time".



Donna Gaudin, Secretary

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Ms Gaudin's smiling face is the first thing visitors see upon entering the building. She has been at Drew for 20 years! Her positive attitude and friendly disposition always brightens everyone's day. Ms. Gaudin hails from New Orleans, Louisiana. Her Father was in the Air Force so she grew up all over the United States and Japan. She loves working at Drew because she is passionate about positively impacting the lives of children so they may be successful in life. In her spare time you will find Ms. Gaudin cheering on her favorite NFL team - The New Orleans Saints, traveling, and spending time with her family.



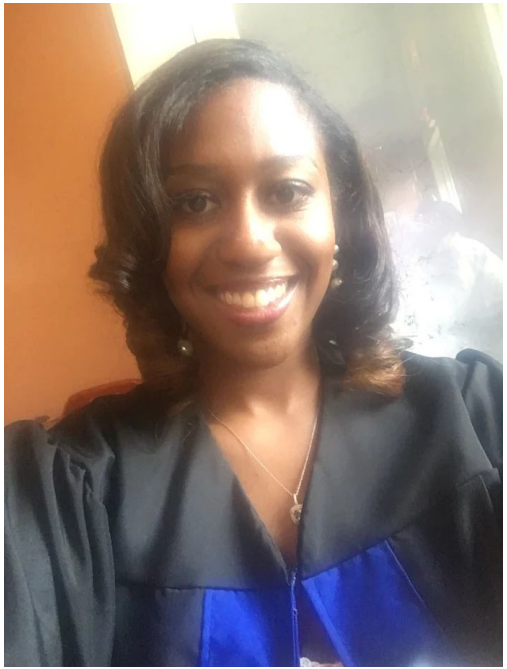
Kaye Gearring Graves, RN

Nurse Graves has served as school nurse for more than ten years. She believes in promoting a healthy lifestyle and works to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. Nurse Graves is also a proud wife and mother who enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Courtney Green, Grade 2

Ms. Green is from Flint, Michigan. She has been teaching at Drew for eight years. Not only does she feel that teaching is her purpose, but she considers being able to positively impact the youth a gift. Her overall goal is to empower her students to be the best that they can be. She believes that all students are capable of learning and it is the teacher's job to be responsive to the student's needs. By keeping in mind the whole child, students have the capacity to learn academically, socially and emotionally. Furthermore, learning is a lifelong process and just as she teaches her students, she learns from them.



Jasmine Hall, Math Lab

Ms. Hall serves as the Math Lab teacher at Drew Charter School. She has been a part of the Drew family for two years now, with twelve years of experience in education. She is a proud graduate of Tuskegee University and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Ms. Hall loves spoiling her niece and nephews, watching true crime shows, attending concerts and festivals, trying new foods, and traveling to new places.



Derrick Henderson, Pre-K

Mr. Henderson joined the Drew staff after relocating to Atlanta from Washington, D.C. He has spent the majority of his career in early education. He understands the importance of getting kids up and moving during the day. He loves spending time with his family, especially his six year old Dallas. He also is an avid traveler.



James Holmes,
Special Education Lead Teacher

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Mr. Holmes is originally from Richmond, Virginia. He has been in education for nineteen years, and this is his sixth year at Drew. As an educator, he has instructed students with various disabilities in a variety of academic settings. He has a passion for ensuring that the academic, social, and emotional needs of students with special needs are being met. He believes that given the proper instruction, tools, and support, all students can perform to their greatest potential. Mr. Holmes and his wife are the proud parents of two daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys sports, fitness, and time with his family and friends.



John R. Hughley Jr, School Resource Officer

Mr. Hughley has served as a police officer for the past 32 years, all within the Metro Atlanta Area! He has served in various positions as a police officer, from School Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and retiring as a Captain. He was raised in Columbus, Georgia, attended Tuskegee University, and obtained his MBA from American Intercontinental University. He has been a member of the Drew Family for the past three years, serving as an SRO. His hobbies are reading, cooking, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Hughley believes “The Children Are Our Future.” His motto is “We Must Keep The Main Thing, The Main Thing.”



Tamila Jackson-Whitaker, Counselor

Ms. Jackson-Whitaker was born and raised in Packer country, also known as Milwaukee, WI, but has been in Georgia for many years. Her hobbies include walking, jogging, and roller skating with friends. She is passionate about self-care, and believes that education is important because no one can take it from you. Mrs. Jackson-Whitaker and her husband, Tim, are the proud parents of an amazing son – Timothy Jackson – an incoming 8th grader at the Junior Academy here at Drew. They are excited to be part of the Drew Community.



Roxanne Johnson, Grade 4

Ms. R. Johnson is a native Atlantan. She has been teaching for six years. She believes that learning should be fun! Outside of Drew, Ms. R. Johnson can be found cooking, working in her garden, and spending time in the community.



Keisha Jones, Kindergarten Para

Ms. Jones is a Kindergarten paraprofessional. This is her twenty-second year at Drew Charter School. Her three children attended Drew during their elementary and middle school years. She is a proud grandmother of four little boys.



Lindsey Luczynski, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Development

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Ms. Luczynski, a native Atlantan and graduate of DeKalb County public schools, has a passion for education and the role that the community plays in achieving educational success. She is currently working with various organizations, companies, and funders to ensure Drew has the resources to remove barriers and give all Drew students access to enriching opportunities and an excellent education.

She received her bachelor's degree in English from Emory University and her master's degree in the sociology of education from Stanford University.

Ms. Luczynski and her husband, Kevin, have two children (both are Drew students) and live right here in East Lake!

Mary Ann Marcelin, 4-5 RTI

Ms. Marcelin is from Miami, Florida. She has been teaching for twenty-five years, and this is her eighth year at Drew. Teaching is Ms. Marcelin's passion, and she believes that all students can succeed. Ms. Marcelin loves going to the gym.



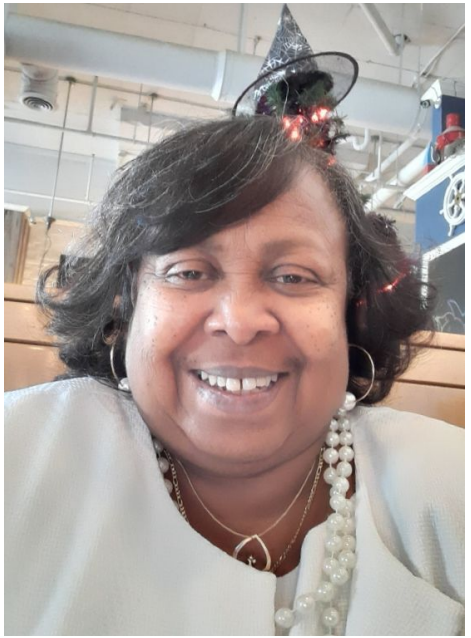
Chelsea Mitchell, Grade 5

Ms. Mitchell is from Macon, Georgia. This is her seventh year at Drew and twenty-first year teaching. She believes that her best results are achieved when her students work as hard as she does.



Joy Moore, Grade 1

Ms. Moore was born and raised in Savannah, GA as the youngest of her 7 siblings. She graduated from Spelman College for her undergraduate degree and earned her Master's in Early Childhood Education from Clark Atlanta University. This will be her 43rd year teaching and 8th year at Drew. She has plenty of experience, teaching kindergarten to 3rd graders throughout her career. Ms. Moore loves seafood and fun with family events.



Lauren Myers, Grade 4

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Ms. Myers is in her eleventh year of teaching, and this is her eighth year at Drew. She loves learning from her fellow colleagues, having conversations and watching her colleagues teach. Optimism and positivity have made her years of teaching rewarding. She believes teaching students to have a growth mindset is the key to a positive learning environment. Ms. Myers loves her family, traveling, and the beach!



Shelitha Nelms, Literacy Center

Dr. Nelms is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. She has been in education for twenty-six years and has been at Drew for ten years. She loves to learn and enjoys cultivating a love for learning among her students and others. Dr. Nelms believes that students learn best when they have a positive relationship with their teacher. She is a wife and mother who enjoys traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



Paul Nicolson, Engineering

Mr. Nicolson has more than twenty-seven years teaching experience. He brings Visual and Graphic Arts expertise to Drew and his excitement and innovation to our STEAM and PBL work.



Monishae O’Neill, Principal

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Ms. O’Neill is a career educator with more than twenty years of experience. She joined Drew Charter School in July 2013 and was named principal in May 2016. During her Drew tenure, she has worked collaboratively with staff to ensure effective instructional programming, evaluated teacher performance, monitored student behavior, and worked with parents and other stakeholders to maintain a strong school community.

A Minneapolis native, Ms. O’Neill and her husband live in the Kirkwood neighborhood and have three children (Rhyland, Marielle and Mayci) who also attend Drew.



Bethany Paquette, Dean of Students

Ms. Paquette is the Dean of 3rd-5th grade at Drew Charter School. She is originally from Seekonk, Massachusetts . With over 20 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge and heart to the Drew community. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and traveling with her 2 sons and husband. She is also lifelong Celtic, Pats, and Red Sox fan.



Katie Pulliam, Grade 5

Ms. Pulliam is a Decatur native. She has been teaching for over six years. She is incredibly passionate about teaching and working with the youth in her community.

She believes everyone has the right to an equal education. She also enjoys traveling and being outdoors.



KeA'yonnna Reaves, R.I.S.E. Site Coordinator

Ms. Reaves, hailing from Southeast Atlanta, has been a cornerstone of the Drew community and the R.I.S.E. After School team for over 15 years. Known for her unwavering dedication to students and her exceptional ability to forge strong relationships with families, Ms. Reaves has played a multitude of roles at Drew, from general school support to enrollment. Her commitment and enthusiasm are evident as she consistently goes above and beyond to create a welcoming environment for all. Whether she's the first to arrive or the last to leave, Ms. Reaves is the vital force that binds Drew together and ensures its continued progress and succes



Ashley Jones, Grade 2

Mrs. Jones is from Stamford, Connecticut. This is her eleventh year as an educator, and her 7th year as a Drew Eagle! Ms. Sparks believes that “good is the enemy of great -- never stop growing!” Ms. Sparks enjoys baking and DIY projects.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela

#LifeLongLearner



Jessica Stillwell, Grade 4

Ms. Stillwell is from Atlanta, GA. She has been teaching for 9 years. She loves Einstein's quote: "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." She also enjoys travelling and cooking new recipes.



Samantha Wade, 4 - 5 RTI

Ms. Strain has been teaching for sixteen years, and this is her 11th year at Drew. She wants all children to reach their full potential and will do whatever she can to help them achieve greatness. She believes that having a great education can be life changing. Ms. Strain has two children.



Ashley Thomas, Wellness

Ms. Thomas is native of Atlanta, and is going into her tenth year of teaching. She has been apart of the Drew family for 6 years. She is a passionate educator, committed to nurturing and empowering children through education. She believes that education transmits a way of being. It should function to form and transform. She enjoys traveling the world, dancing, and spending time in nature, and with those whom she loves.



TaiShara Twyman, Math Coach

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Ms. Twyman is a nineteenth year teaching veteran, and she is entering her fifth year with the Drew family. Originally from Rome, Georgia, she believes that all children should be given access to high-level instruction and educational opportunities, regardless of race or background.

Ms. Twyman finds word games and logic puzzles relaxing and is looking forward to supporting teachers to ensure students' needs are met.



Seth Leebo Tyler, Math Lab Para

Mr. Tyler is from Mobile, AL. This is his 4th year in education. He believes that student deserve instruction that encourages growth through curiosity. He enjoys fun activities like yoga, painting, and basketball.



Kenneth Jones, Special Edu. Para

Mr. Jones is a 2021 Alumni and now a staff member of the Charles R. Drew Charter School family. Born and raised in Atlanta, he has been working in education ever since he graduated high school and also while being a Drew scholar. He currently attends Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Mr.Jones enjoys traveling, spending time with loved ones, and getting to know others.



Quintavus Williams, 1st Grade

Mr. Williams is from Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Young Harris College. He actually attended Drew from kindergarten to 12th grade, so you can say he is familiar with the Eagle's Nest. He believes education is extremely important because as people we should try to grow by learning something new every day and strive to become our best selves. He looks forward to getting to know everyone in the school community and building more great relationships with the Drew family.

