# Unity School's New Faculty and Staff 2023-2024



Susan Arts, originally from Central New York, has lived in Florida for over 30 years with her husband and two children. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from West Virginia University and spent many years as a licensed agent of personal lines insurance before changing careers to education. She is devoted to children and education and has spent the last 22 years at Saint Joseph's Episcopal School as the Elementary Educational Assistant for grades K through Fifth. She is excited and honored to be joining the Unity family and working in the elementary division as an Academic Coach. When not working, Susan loves running, biking, and spending time in her beloved north country with her children.



Vivienne Cameron has been working in Unity's Preschool program, most recently serving as lead Orientation Teacher, for the last few years. In her new role as Kindergarten Academic Coach, Vivienne will draw upon the teaching and learning strategies from our Montessori classrooms and combine it with her deep understanding of child development to help all students grow socially, emotionally, and academically. Vivienne holds a dual Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling and Play Therapy and worked in the psychology field for over 11 years before joining the education world. She is married and has 2 children who attend Unity, Dakari and Deja. When not working you can find Vivienne spending time with her family, at the gym, doing something creative and working on her sewing business.



Tricia Chatterton-Goldrick was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, but raised in the vibrant surroundings of South Florida. With a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelor of Fine Art in Photography and Film, she enjoyed a successful career as a post-production and visual effects producer in both New York City and Los Angeles. Now, back to her first love of teaching, she brings creativity and innovation to the classroom. Mrs. Goldrick has valuable experience teaching 3rd and 5th grade, and her students can expect an exciting and engaging learning experience in her 5th-grade class this year. She is excited and honored to join the Unity family and be an active member of the Delray Beach community again. When not teaching, Mrs. Goldrick enjoys art shows, music festivals, creating art, traveling, and going on adventures near and far with her husband, Stephen.



Samantha Frost was born and raised in South Florida and received her degree in Early Childhood Education at Lynn University. Samantha has had a love of teaching and nurturing since she was young and is both honored and excited to continue her passion here at Unity as both a preschool teacher and a parent. She enjoys creating art, traveling, riding horses, cooking, and spending her free time with her family out on the ocean. Samantha's teaching philosophy is to nurture the love of learning in each student and foster each child's own unique abilities. Samantha has a four-year-old son Devon, a dog Bohdi, and a horse Grace all of whom she adores. She is looking forward to an amazing year working in our preschool program and is excited to get to know her new students!



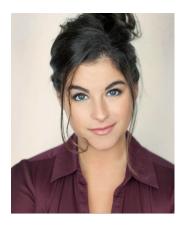
Navalee Hylton, MS, RDN/LDN, is excited to introduce herself as our new Food Service Director. With a background as a registered dietitian and chef, her main focus will be on providing delicious, healthful meals while prioritizing nutrition, food exposure, wellness, and garden nutrition. With over 18 years of experience in menu planning, therapeutic diets, and recipe development, her focus will be on the latest trends in child and school nutrition to promote lifelong healthy eating habits. Her background in Nutrition Education, Health Promotion, and Nutrition Marketing has provided her with a comprehensive understanding of the pivotal role food plays in our lives. Navalee is dedicated to positively impacting the lives of children; our next and best generation. She is thrilled to collaborate with our exceptional teachers, families, and faculty to establish a dining experience that not only nourishes but also educates and inspires.



Brittany Kiernan is excited to be a Mustang in the middle school ELA program! She was born and raised in Westchester County, New York. She completed her undergraduate and graduate work at Syracuse University, earning degrees in Secondary English Education and Literacy Education respectively. After teaching for five years, she went back to school to earn her 092/6th year in Educational Leadership and Supervision. Currently, Mrs. Kiernan resides in Boca Raton with her husband, daughter, and French bulldog. She is looking forward to a wonderful year at Unity!



Jeannette Llerena was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. At a very young age, she was sure that she wanted to be a teacher. She obtained her degree in Early Childhood Education at Universidad Metropolitana, Venezuela. She moved to Florida over 10 years ago. For more than 25 years, she has worked with children of different ages, from infants to high school. In Florida, she has been a lead teacher and Assistant Director at a local preschool. Jeannette enjoys traveling and crafts. Family is very important to her, and she enjoys visiting them around the globe. She is very excited to be part of Unity Preschool and create new adventures.



James (Jamie) Mattocks is looking forward to joining Unity School in a full-time capacity after assisting with our theatre programs for the last few years. Ms. Mattocks received her BFA in Musical Theatre from New World Conservatory/University of Florida in Miami, FL, after attending Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach. Theatre credits include The Actor's Playhouse, The Promethean Theatre, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, The Kelsey Theatre, Florida Stage, the Adrienne Arsht Center, Warner Brothers Live, The Lake Dillon Theatre, and the Tower Theatre, among others. She has appeared onstage in concert at the Isle Casino, the Breakers Palm Beach, and in multiple cabaret venues, including the Vermont, Los Angeles, and Hard Rock Live. She is also a commercial and television actress, and a member, of SAG-AFTRA. Jamie has directed and choreographed countless shows for children, first serving as the Artistic Director for Premier Musical Theatre. Jamie then founded PlayWell Performing Arts to provide quality, uplifting, positive educational experiences in an interdisciplinary performing arts setting to inspire the next generation of young people.



Our new middle school technology lead Linda Methol is no stranger to Unity, having taught elementary at Unity (namely 3rd & 4th grade) for the last 5 years. Always one to incorporate technology, creativity, and innovation into teaching, Mrs. Methol received her Bachelors's in Business Management from California State University Northridge and her Masters in Teaching Elementary from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. Prior to Unity, she started her teaching career at TH Rogers School in Houston, Texas, a school dedicated to serving gifted, deaf, and hard of hearing and multiply impaired students. She strongly believes that a teacher's job is to engage students in learning and inculcate a deep love of learning. When not teaching, she loves to spend time with her husband, as well as exercise, create and learn. Whether painting new watercolor prints, cooking up new recipes, or trying the latest technology gadget, Mrs. Methol loves to stay busy!



Abby Nevad is a 3rd generation educator with over 2 decades of classroom experience in early childhood education. Abby graduated from Hill University in 2007 and has always had a passion for working with preschool children. In addition to teaching, Abby helps run Whispering Pines Day camp during the summer. During her free time, she enjoys spending time in Miami with her son and watching the St. Thomas Bobcats College Football team. As a longtime educator and member of the Delray Beach community, Abby is excited to join the Mustang family as a preschool teacher!



Cathy Nevad is a dedicated, veteran teacher with 36 years of experience. She will bring her wealth of knowledge and experience to our preschool program. Cathy's joy truly comes from educating the youngest learners, and she has committed her life to this purpose. Cathy follows in her mother's footsteps. Her mother, who taught Kindergarten for 38 years, showed her the value of being a lifelong learner, and she models this belief in her work with students. Cathy shares that each year she spends with her students enriches her as much as she tries to enrich them. She is so excited and honored to start her next chapter at Unity School.



Margret Nuzzi is from Buffalo, New York, and now resides in Boynton Beach, Florida. Margret is married and has two young boys. She has been teaching Physical Education for the past 19 years and has taught Exceptional Student Education (ESE) for 1 year. She obtained her Associate's degree in Recreation Leadership and then received a Bachelor's of Science teaching Kindergarten through 12th from SUNY Brockport in New York. Margret enjoys the outdoors, nature, the beach, running, spending time with family, and watching her boys play football. She is enthusiastic, energetic, and creative when it comes to educating children. She is excited to start her new adventure at Unity in our preschool and physical education departments.



Megan Partridge was born in Boynton Beach but grew up in California, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development and received a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She has 10 years of experience teaching Kindergarten, First, and Fourth grade. Additionally, Megan has extensive experience in curriculum planning, assessment, and instructional delivery methods. When teaching in New York, Megan implemented the Reading and Writing Program by Lucy Calkins, the same program used at Unity. Her husband Ryan is an Assistant Athletic Director and football coach at Cardinal Newman High School. They have 3 children that attend Unity School: Tatum, Cooper, and Ty. She is excited about teaching first grade at Unity School and being an active member of the Delray Community!



Hector Ramirez was born and raised in Puerto Rico and moved to Orlando, FL, at the age of 13. He has been a part of athletics as either a coach, player, or teacher for his entire life. Hector previously worked as an assistant athletic director at North Broward Preparatory School, where he was the head coach of the girl's volleyball program. While at NBPS, Hector also worked in the on-campus residential facilities as a dorm parent, serving as a mentor and guide to the over 300 boarding students. For over 5 years, Hector has worked as a coach for the Tribe Volleyball Club, a nationally ranked program. Hector is passionate about encouraging and empowering children to boost their self-confidence and overcome challenges. During his time off, Hector enjoys spending time at the beach with his wife, daughter, and dog. He's ecstatic to join the Unity family as one of our physical education teachers and coaches. Go Mustangs!



Corinne Rea will be joining us this year as a Permanent Substitute, filling in wherever she is needed and adding extra teaching support across campus as well. This is Corinne's 10th year as a Unity Parent—her son Cameron started in Toddler and will be in 6th grade this year. Corinne holds a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate as well as a Master's Degree in both Teaching and Fine Arts and was a full-time teacher in her hometown of Chicago before moving to Delray Beach in 2011. She has been involved with Unity School in many capacities over the years as a Room Parent, USSO member, Art room volunteer, and substitute teacher. We are excited to have her on campus full-time this year.



Cami Ryder's passion for inclusion in education began as a sibling to a person with special needs. Born in Colombia and raised in Boca Raton, her unique upbringing informed her of various alternative therapies which allowed her brother to gain confidence, express himself, regulate emotions, engage socially, and find fulfillment every day. She received her Yoga Teacher Training in New York City under Paula Lynch and Ann Mosca, as well as a Bachelor's in Hospitality Management. She has been teaching yoga, art, and swimming to children and people with special needs for over a decade in New York, San Diego, Bend (OR), and South Florida. Since becoming a mother, she has been applying Montessori, Positive Parenting, and Positive Psychology in her child's upbringing. As a member of the Unity Church in Delray Beach, she is thrilled to be joining Unity School as a preschool teacher assistant and bring along her love for children and people of all abilities.



Anna Schuemann is originally from New Jersey and has lived in Florida for 11 years with her husband and two children. She has been an educator for 14 years; two of those years have been at Unity School as a fourth-grade teacher. In fact, Mrs. Schuemann will return to Unity as a fourth-grade teacher, right back in her original classroom! Anna holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Ramapo College in NJ. She is gifted and talented, certified K-6. Anna's passion for teaching students to read and write led her to attend Columbia University's Teachers College Summer Reading and Writing Institute in New York City. Anna strives to build curiosity in her students and uses her knowledge gained from her certification in the Project Lead the Way Launch Program. PLTW supports hands-on activities, projects, and problem-solving that relates to the real world. She uses the knowledge she has gained from her experience and training to encourage her students to think critically and creatively. She is looking forward to rejoining her fellow Mustangs this upcoming school year.



Hayley Singer attended Florida State University and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Child Sciences and a minor in Elementary Education. During her time at Florida State University, Hayley gained work experience as an assistant teacher in two elementary schools and was a leader in Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. She has spent the last two years working as a preschool teacher in Boca Raton and is thrilled to be making the move into Elementary Education again as a third grade teacher. Hayley loves to travel, spend time with family and friends, and embraces living a healthy lifestyle. She is excited to be joining the Unity family and looks forward to this coming year with much anticipation.



Jaclyn Tafaro is thrilled to officially return to Unity School full-time this year. She has worked at Unity since 2017 as a toddler teacher and as a substitute teacher across all grades. Jaclyn has practical experience working with many learning styles, and as the mother of a child with unique learning needs, she has the ability to differentiate her teaching to connect with each child's learning profile. Originally from Pennsylvania, Jaclyn earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University. After she met her husband, they moved to South Florida, and she obtained her MBA at Lynn University. She had a successful career in the medical sales industry for over 10 years and raised two girls before changing careers to education. She is looking forward to the upcoming year and her role as a fourth-grade teacher.



Tremaine Thomas is originally from Kingston, Jamaica, and immigrated to the US in 1997. He has over 25 years of expertise in technical support, Systems Administration, technical training, and customer service. His experience will come in handy as he helps oversee our 1:1 iPad program, internet, and tech support. Growing up in a teaching household, it has always been his dream to be a part of an institution such as this, and he is delighted to join the Unity School family. Hobbies include reading, fishing, and building computers. He also loves saltwater aquariums and keeping and caring for exotic reptiles.

# Teaching Teams 2023-2024

#### **Preschool**

Toddler: Jennifer Limage, Jeannette Llerena, Clemencia Rosado, Ann Visconti

Orientation A: Allison Morris, Maggie Nuzzi, Mindy Wecker Orientation B: Lisa Beira, Samantha Frost, Cathy Nevad

Pre-A: Darling Becker, Jorden Catanzaro, Amanda Donaghue, Niveen Mohammed, Cami Ryder

Pre-B: Brenner Brinkley, Breanne Cox, Cristina Gazso, Abby Nevad, Martha Puentes

### **Elementary**

Kindergarten: Stacey Smith (KA), Deb Klarfeld (KB), Vivienne Cameron (Academic Coach)

First grade: Jaclyn Daily (1A), Leidy Rodriguez (1B), Megan Patridge (1C)

Second grade: Ann Fox (2A), Sue Arts (Academic Coach) Third grade: Jessica Warner (3A), Hayley Singer (3B) Fourth grade: Anna Schuemann (4A), Jaclyn Tafaro (4B)

Fifth grade: Amanda D'Angio (5A), Tricia Chatterton-Goldrick (5B)

Preschool & Elementary Spanish: Marleen Bernstein

## **Middle School**

Language Arts & MS Director: Barbara Ferguson

Language Arts: Brittany Kiernan Math: Linda Simpson, Luis Bolivar

Science: Nathalie Charles Social Studies: Dan Phillips

5th & Middle School Spanish: Liliana Zambrano

#### **Specials**

Athletics: Sharon Gerry, Hector Ramirez

Fine Arts: KayLyn Bottiglieri, Jamie Mattocks, Erin Kronzek, Wesley Thompson

Lessons in Living: Rosanna Edwards, Darnelle Quinn

Library: Mandy Lamb

Technology: Linda Methol, Dana Fritzinger, Doug Mattocks, Tremaine Thomas