

Meet Dan Phillips

Mr. Phillips was born in Ohio, where he lived until he was 10. He moved to the West Coast of Florida and lived there until he went to FAU for college. He attended FAU and ran track until a knee injury caused him to retire from competitive athletics. "While the injury wasn't ideal, I did meet my wife, Lindsay, on the track team so that worked out for me."

What is your background and experience? I graduated from FAU in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science with a specialization in Secondary Social Science Education. I started to work at

Unity as my 2nd full-time teaching job when I was 24; I'm in my 11th year here and am a very proud parent of Charlotte who is in Pre-B.

I chose to work at Unity because it always felt like a place for family, and I think deep down I always wanted to work at a place where my child would be attending. I also appreciate that Unity has allowed me as a history geek to design a curriculum that fits and promotes history. I'm proud that the curriculum flows, and the kids graduate knowing a lot about history that will set them up for success in advanced-level classes in High School.

What is your teaching philosophy? My teaching philosophy is simple, just be yourself, and good teachers will find a way to teach.

What is my greatest personal achievement as a teacher? As a teacher, my greatest personal achievement and most gratifying are kind of the same. I really enjoy seeing the kids after they graduate, seeing how much they have grown from when they first had my class in 6th grade. Nothing makes me happier when they come back to tell me where they are going to college and what they want to do in their futures.