



# THE KING'S ACADEMY

## New TKA Staff & Faculty 2018-2019

### New Staff Biographies

**Anthony Argueta** (*new role*) will be serving as part of the **Spiritual Life Department team**. Anthony graduated with a BS in Christian Ministry leadership from William Jessup University and is excited to be apart of the TKA Family.

**Marilyn Alden** is a graduate from University of California, Berkeley where she double majored in Political Economies of Natural Resources and Business Administration with emphasis in Accounting and Finance. She carries over 25 years of experience in audit, accounting, finance, corporate development and management consulting. Mrs. Alden will be serving as a **Business Office Assistant**.

**Kim Althausen** has a BA in Child Development and a K-8 teaching credential from Chico State University. She taught 4 years as an elementary grade teacher, and she has been a stay-at-home mom. Mrs. Althausen will be a **Library Assistant**.

**Tami Chamness** has a BS in Speech and Hearing Sciences from the University of Washington and earned a teaching credential from Seattle Pacific University. She has 11 years of teaching experience. Mrs. Chamness will join the **College and Academic Counseling Office** this year as the **Administrative Assistant**.

**Stephanie Huber** earned her MA in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University and her BS in Communicative Disorders from San Jose State University. She will be filling the role of **Assistant Dean of Students**. Mrs. Huber most recently worked at Valley Christian for the past eleven years where she has been a teacher and the high school activities director.

**Julie Meadows** (*new role*) has a BA in Humanities from Pensacola Christian College and a Master of Educational Technology from Boise State University. Mrs. Meadows has 14 years of teaching experience in Christian schools. This coming year, she will be serving as a **College Counselor**.

**Darren Ngo** received his BA in Psychology at the University of California, Irvine. He then went on to earn a Master's Degree in Athletic Training at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. His prior experiences involve two small stints in the NFL, two different universities, and most recently a high school in Texas. He will be taking care of the athletes as the new **Assistant Athletic Trainer**.

**Brenda Rosé** (*new role*) will be coming out of the TKA English Department to serve in the **Spiritual Life Department** and teach two sections of Bible 7 this year. She has a BA from Columbia University, a California Teaching Credential in Secondary English, a Masters in Education from SFSU, and a Masters in Education Administration from Concordia University Irvine. She also has an ACSI Lifetime Credential and over 25 years of experience in Christian education and youth ministry.

**Karen Wilson** earned a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from DeVry Institute and Arizona State University. Karen worked 15 years in the satellite engineering and manufacturing industry for Ford Aerospace, Space Systems/Loral, and Lockheed Martin. She has spent the last 17 years raising a family and am will be joining us as the **Assistant Cook** for TKA.

**David Yu** joins us as the new **Academic Counselor**. He has a BA. in Sociology with a focus in Educational Studies from the University of California, Irvine. Mr. Yu is a Bay Area native and has been a high school counselor at his church in Santa Clara for over 10 years.

### **New Faculty Biographies**

**Norm Althausen** earned his MS in Civil Engineering from Cleveland State, his MA in Education Administration from University of San Francisco, and he is currently working on his Masters of Divinity from Liberty University and his BA in Geology from UC Davis. He will be teaching **Physics** and **AP Physics** which he has done for 28 years. He holds teaching credentials in California, Ohio, and Georgia. Mr. Althausen most recently taught at The Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology in Georgia.

**Lorraine Bursese** earned her MA from Harvard University in Political Science and her BA from University of Kansas in Political Science. She will be teaching **United States History**. Ms. Bursese has five years teaching experience, most recently teaching at Live Oak Academy.

**Marie Chin** earned her MA in Mexican American Studies at San Jose State and her BA in Sociology and American Studies at UC Santa Cruz. She will be teaching both **Mandarin** and **Spanish**, which she has done for the past ten years in a number of different settings. Ms. Chin has also earned her California teaching credential at San Jose State University. Last year, she taught at Yew Chung International School.

**Megan Goble** will be teaching **6th Grade Grammar and Composition** this year. Coming to us from Monroe Middle School where she taught English and World History, Ms. Goble has earned her BA in Psychology from Sacramento State University and her MA in Education, along with her multi-subject teaching credential, from San Jose State University. She looks forward to teaching daily in a Christian school environment.

**Fred Iacolleti** earned his BS in Mathematics from George Mason University and is currently pursuing a degree from Grand Canyon University in Education. He will be teaching **Algebra 2 Honors** and **Pre-Calculus** which he has done the past five years. He most recently taught at Community Christian School in Florida.

**Abigail Jiron** earned her MA in Education Administration from Concordia University and her BS in Integrative Biology from UC Berkeley. She will be teaching **Biology** and **Anatomy**. She has been a teacher and administrator the last nine years in Christian schools, most recently at Highlands Christian.

**Leanne Lopes** has served as core teacher at both Woodside and Cabrillo Middle Schools. She will be teaching **6th Grade World History**. Ms. Lopes earned her BA in English along with her multi- and single-subject teaching credential from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

**Maddie Martus** was hired last year by TKA as a long-term substitute for 7th grade life science. Ms. Martus distinguished herself as a gifted and relatable instructor, so she has been hired to serve as our **7th Grade Life Science** teacher this year. She earned her BA in Secondary Education from Hope International University. Previous to working at TKA, Ms. Martus was an outdoor education teacher at Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley.

**Maria Paydar**'s expertise includes linguistics, foreign language teaching and didactic management in lower and higher educational institutions with diverse cultural communities. Ms. Paydar's former education is in French Language and Culture. Currently she is working towards a Master's Degree in International Affairs at the American University of Paris. Ms. Paydar has lived in the United States and

France and is familiar with professional environment in both countries. She has broad interests from cultural diplomacy to research, social studies and peace education. She will be teaching many levels of **French** at TKA.

**Brian Robinson** earned his BA in elementary education from Hayward State University and his JD from Santa Clara University Law School. He has taught in the Newark Unified School District and at Challenger School. Mr. Robinson joins our faculty this year to teach various courses in **mathematics at the junior high level**.

**Sarah Zaldana** comes to us from Summit Denali Middle School in Sunnyvale where she taught 7th grade English. Mrs. Zaldana attended Stanford University where she earned her BA and MA in English, along with the single-subject teaching credential. Ms. Zaldana will be teaching **8th Grade English**.