

## **Summer Camp 2018 Instructor Introductions**

### **Hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School in Nassau Bay**

**Jill Abel** – is a chef, interior designer, home and commercial stager, artist, licensed realtor, real estate investor, portfolio manager, and consultant. To each endeavor she brings her knowledge and her passionate spirit.

**Lindsie Andrews** - A collegiate soccer player, she has played and coached soccer in our community for over 25 years. Ms. Andrews has a particular affinity for young learners.

**Louise Angel** – just completed her freshman year at the Colorado School of Mines, studying engineering and playing water polo. She really enjoys completing crafts and learning activities with children and loves working at St. Thomas summer camps.

**Veronique Angel** – moved to the US from France 13 years ago and has been a high school and college French teacher for 12 years. She is happy to rejoin us at St Thomas for Summer Camp 2018.

**Silvia Bischoff** – Teacher of Spanish at St. Thomas and Clear Lake Presbyterian MDO for a number of years, her joy in life is cooking and creating happy dining experiences. The St. Thomas cooking classes are lots of fun, and this class will be, too!

**Rikie Bowker** - is the mother of two St. Thomas alumni and a 8-year teacher at St. Thomas. In addition to her love of teaching, she volunteers with the Bay Area Assistance League and Clear Lake Panhellenic.

**Lisa Breaux** - has been teaching for twenty years, the last sixteen in CCISD. She loves animals, and is involved with several community animal programs. She also loves educating young minds using hands-on experiences and problem-based learning.

**Mary Brinkley** – was a 7<sup>th</sup> grade WAVE GT magnet science teacher at League City Intermediate. She is also the robotics coach, loves art, and is a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. Currently, she lives and teaches in the Texas Panhandle

**Jackie Buehler** – a former WAVE student and a UHCL graduate, she is currently a Kindergarten teacher in CCISD. Her interests include Gifted and Talented advocacy, ballet, and art in various mediums.

**Stacy Conley** – is an ERYT Certified Yoga Instructor. She had the honor of participating in a dynamic health and wellness program within HISD. Through a yoga-based curriculum, she personally served over 500 students, grade K-5. Her mission is to serve the community and your student with lifelong health and wellness skills that have been shown to minimize stress, lower incidences of bullying and violence, and to improve school attendance and academic performance.

**Rosemarie DeHaan** - - Although she is certified and experienced in teaching all areas, K – 8, her special interest and certification is art. She challenges students to reach their potential in all their artistic endeavors.

**Tom Dinardis** – has led the Westbrook (formerly Webster) Intermediate Orchestra program since 1998, where there are now over 200 students who have won many awards and competitions. He has also taught mini-courses as part of the WAVE GT magnet.

Kimberly Earl-Choate – has taught public and private school pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade for 17 years. She has two children and currently teaches middle school science in Oklahoma.

**Grant Freeman** – is a Houston-area professional magician with many large scale events, television appearances, and charity shows under his belt. He is also a recent graduate of Lamar University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

**Bo Githoro** – is a 2x Texas State Chess Champion with over 18 years of competition experience. He has over eleven years of teaching experience and has produced State Champions as young as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. His interactive and innovative methods of teaching can take all students to the next level of play.

Wyatt Griffis – is a recent graduate of Baylor University, who has 5 years of game master experience under the mentorship of Joshua Orsak. His games are legendary, and he has written papers linking the moral lessons from RPGs to legal attitudes.

**Amy Haddican** – has been a certified teacher and principal for 19 years. She volunteers for numerous youth sports and is Catechist for St. Bernadette's teen Edge Program. She has two sons, and they enjoy the outdoors, camping, and spending time with family.

**Hayley Halford** – is an elementary art teacher and mother of three. She has been teaching elementary for 8 years. She loves colorful artwork and people!

**Christine Humphries** – is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and a mom of three. She has been teaching elementary school for 12 years, and also enjoys writing curriculum for her school district and church.

**Madge Hunt** – is a long time, highly respected teacher of piano in the Clear Lake Area. She is a member of the Gulf Coast Music Association and the Bay Area Music Teachers Association.

**Elayni Kinsey** – is currently an Algebra I, geometry, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade WAVE math teacher at Westbrook Intermediate. She loves teaching math, coaching volleyball, and has just completed her third year in CCISD.

**Tamera Kriter** - received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. She loves to help children and adults express their creativity through a unique form of reclaimed glass art. Samples may be seen at Grand Central Station Gift Boutique in Seabrook. For more information, please visit [www.theshardyard.com](http://www.theshardyard.com)

**Michael Leedy** - has a degree in geology from the University of Houston. He is the owner-operator of Michael Leedy RPG Workshops, he is a professional game master and geographer, who works with Josh Orsak at Art Full of Joy. His 5 years of game master experience and his geography experience make him a master world-builder.

**Meg Matheny** – taught religion at St. Thomas for fifteen years. Both of her daughters graduated from St. Thomas, and she is most excited that her granddaughter is now a St. Thomas student. She loves to watch children grow in curiosity and develop creatively, and she strives to create an environment where that growth can occur.

**Gail Morris** – says that teaching children is her true passion. She is presently a special education para-professional with Clear Creek ISD. Prior to that, for 17 years, she was a teacher at a private pre-school in League City.

**Josh Orsak**, - youth minister at St. Thomas the Apostle and owner-operator of Art Full of Joy Studios, is a professional game master with over 20 years of experience. People have paid hundreds of dollars to have him construct games for them. He has helped to build RPG communities of all ages from the ground up.

**Nicole Purdum** – is the child care instructor at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School. She loves outside activities, nature, and making fun crafts.

**Jaime Rocha** – a piano teacher for over 20 years, and she has degrees and certifications in Biblical studies, piano performance, women’s studies, and floral design. She also has ten years of experience in theater for children, including running summer and school year drama clubs for children of all ages. Her avocation involves the adoption of five rescue Chihuahuas!

**Genna Rooke** – is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grade humanities teacher in the Westbrook WAVE gifted magnet, where she has been teaching for nine years. During her time at Westbrook, she has taught about 10 different types of mini-courses to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Michelle Schoenberg** –taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade math for several years in Clear Creek ISD, and currently teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade math in the WAVE GT magnet.

**Rachel Templin** – has 25 years of teaching experience, including 7 years at a GT teacher in CCISD – currently in the WAVE GT Magnet. 2018 marks her second summer at St. Thomas Summer Camp.

**John Trojanowski** - is a fencing coach and nationally ranked referee. He currently teaches the fencing courses for the Clear Creek ISD WAVE Program and the Deer Park ISD BIG Red Program. He serves as chair of the Gulf Coast Texas Division for USA Fencing.

**Kim Vetter** - graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a BS in Applied Learning and Development. Certified to teach K-8 in Texas, she has taught multiple grades in both public and private schools and has homeschooled her own children for several years.

**Cathy Wolfe** – taught Algebra I at the WAVE GT Magnet for several years and has taught all of the math courses at the high school level. She is currently a tutor of high school mathematics and science courses.

**David Wolfe** – has been teaching guitar in the Bay Area for 20 years and is co-owner of Clear Lake Music Lessons, Inc.