

Lindblom welcomes 18 new staff members

Every year, Lindblom's teachers and students open their doors and their arms to welcome the new teachers and administrators that have joined the Eagle family. This year is no different. As we lost legends like Ms. Franklin and Mr. Diamond, we gained promising new talent in all departments and administration, as Lindblom adds 18 new teachers and administrators to the family.



Mr. Bucholtz
Physical Education

Mr. Bucholtz is one of two new physical education staff members at LMSA. Mr. Bucholtz received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and earned a degree in Physical Education. While at Michigan, he ran track and cross country. He also received a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) at Florida Atlantic University and a master's degree in mathematics from DePaul University. Prior to his move to the Eagles Nest, Mr. B taught PE at Gallistel Language Academy for eight years. So far this year, everything is going good for him. He did not know what to expect from the switch, but he is glad he made the transition.

—Salem Abughnaim



Ms. Fanning
Social Science

Ms. Fanning is welcomed to Lindblom's nest this new school year. This is her first year, officially, at Lindblom. Following in the footsteps of Mr. Van, Ms. Hollerbach, and Ms. Berdelle, Ms. Fanning recently earned her Master's in education at Northwestern. As part of her curriculum at Northwestern, she student-taught last year at Lindblom for both Mr. Linderman and Ms. Berdelle. Ms. Fanning is really looking forward to another year here at Lindblom. She's excited to teach Honors US History and AP Human Geography this year, as well as helping out the debate team alongside Mr. Van. Don't hesitate to greet her in the hallways; she's always wearing a smile.

—Oni Contreras



Ms. Johnson
Administration

Before LMSA, Ms. Johnson worked for the Academy for Urban School Leadership as a teacher coach. She says, "Lindblom is very awesome and different from other schools that I've worked with." Ms. Johnson likes that Lindblom students are geared towards college and career readiness and driven to succeed. Lindblom is her first principal residency.

—Jada Beasley



Ms. Koker
Administration

Ms. Koker is one of Lindblom's new principal interns. She previously worked at Gilmore Middle School located in hometown, Racine, Wisconsin. During the short time she's been at Lindblom, she's already enjoyed the time she's been here. She says it's a breath of fresh air seeing students learning and taking a sense of ownership in doing so. She also says she gradually learns more and more from the staff and students of Lindblom.

—Andrea Clark



Mr. Maher
Physical Education

Before working at Lindblom, Mr. Maher attended the University of Minnesota. Mr. Maher helped out his college football team as an undergrad and also took journalism while majoring in Physical Education. Mr. Maher loves Lindblom and thinks it's "awesome". He says it's a perfect place to learn and teach. He is currently an assistant football coach for the Lindblom Eagles.

—Octavia Coaks



Ms. Nemeth
Science

Ms. Nemeth graduated with a Bachelor's in Physics in 2008, and a Master's in Secondary Education in 2009 from Loyola University-Chicago. After graduating from college, Ms. Nemeth began her teaching career at Bogart High School as a physics teacher. She went to work for Adler Planetarium for a year before coming to Lindblom to teach Physics and Forensic Science. When asked what she likes most about the school, she said the students. She likes "the whole environment," and how "everyone is a part of [the school]." She hopes her time here will make her a better teacher. Lindblom welcomes you to the family.

—Olatade Olawale



Mr. Schmit
Math

Mr. Schmit grew up on the South Side of Chicago. Growing up, he always went to Catholic school. In college, Mr. Schmit got his undergrad and master's degrees from the University of Chicago and later became a student teacher at Farragut and Lindblom. He joined the staff full-time in August. When asked how much he likes Lindblom, Mr. Schmit replied, "I love working here; I like the diversity of the students, not just culturally but also their interests." He also thinks that the teachers at Lindblom are one of the best staffs he's seen.

—Diana Diaz



Mr. Aguilar
Fine Arts

Mr. Aguilar is an art teacher who also practices as a street (graffiti) artist. Miguel teaches a course on the history of street art at the School of the Art Institute, where he earned both his Bachelor's Degree in Drawing and Painting and his Master's in Teaching. Currently, an exhibition he curated is up at the Mexican Fine Arts Museum in Pilsen. He recently wrote a paper about the graffiti work that he does and how he integrates his family in that practice. This piece will appear in the upcoming issue of Art Education: The Journal of the National Art Education Association.



Ms. Villagrana
World Languages

Before Lindblom, Ms. Villagrana was a teacher at a charter school and then went on to teach Chinese at a magnet school. Ms. Villagrana went to the University of Illinois for a degree in Chinese and DePaul to get her masters in World Language. She also studied abroad in China for a year and a half when she was in her early twenties. Ms. Villagrana says she likes Lindblom so far and she sees that the students are capable of doing good things, but she wishes more students would be more inspired to do more in class. Ms. Villagrana then added, "but that is what I'm here for."

—Terryana Bonds



Ms. Lenthe
Math

Ms. Lenthe recently graduated from Northwestern University with a Master's of Education in Secondary Teaching. Her concentration was in mathematics. She completed her student teaching at Lincoln Park High School. She designed and taught units for 10th grade accelerated Geometry and 11th grade honors Algebra. In addition to her teaching experience, Ms. Lenthe has worked with students in engineering, robotics and astronomy enrichment programs.



Mr. Wall
Fine Arts

Before his LMSA debut, Mr. Wall taught music in Massachusetts. He moved to Chicago, Illinois to teach Percussion and Band ensemble at LMSA. Mr. Wall says he likes Lindblom a great deal and that he's thrilled to be here.

—Paul Oliver



Ms. Cushing
Computer Science

After receiving her Bachelor's degree from Loyola, Ms. Cushing began a 14-year career in Digital Marketing. She held jobs of increasing responsibility in the corporate offices of Ace Hardware, Rust-Oleum, Jockey International, and Allstate Insurance. She received her Master's of Education in Educational Technology from Loyola University Chicago. Her teaching experience includes a position as Technology Teacher at Young Women's Leadership Charter School in Chicago. In addition to teaching the Junior- and Senior-level Technology courses, she collaborated with other stakeholders to develop a cohesive technology curriculum for grades 7-12.



Mr. Hogan
English

After graduating from U of I in Urbana-Champaign with a major in English, Mr. Hogan went to work for City Year, where he got the teaching bug after organizing social awareness and service learning experiences for 45 students. That took him to National-Louis University where he earned his Master's in teaching. Since then, he has been with the Academy of Urban School Leadership, worked at Morgan Park, Team Englewood, and Ogden International School in a number of capacities.



Ms. Jammal
World Languages

Before LMSA, Ms. Jammal worked at Universal School and District 109. She was born and raised in an Arab country and wanted to continue to teach the language. She said, "I am a native Arabic speaker and I wanted to teach my children this beautiful language along with English." So far, she loves the school and is "impressed with the students' behavior and the respect toward their teacher."

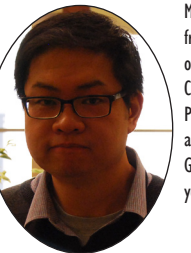
—Taylor Moses



Ms. Doyle
Fine Arts

The fine arts department has welcomed a new dancer, Ms. Doyle, to teach alongside them. Ms. Doyle was a long term substitute teacher at her old school. She was also involved in dance programs and performances. Outside of school, she teaches at a dance studio in Chicago. When asked about her thoughts on Lindblom so far, the Columbia graduate replied, "I'm very hopeful of the creativity and openness of the students in the Dance and CAS programs; everyone seems extremely motivated and interested in learning what I have to share with them. This year will be a great experience for these students and I can't wait to see what we achieve together!"

—Carlie Bibbs



Mr. Set
English

Mr. Set received a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching of English from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master of Arts in School Leadership from Concordia University Chicago. In previous years, he served as the July Summer Program Assistant Principal for three consecutive summers at the Pui Tak Center. He has worked as a 7th & 8th Grade/Middle School Writing Teacher for the past eight years at Haines Elementary School in Chinatown.



Ms. Martinez
Fine Arts

Ms. Martinez has a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from Columbia College. She attended the University of Illinois at Chicago to obtain her Master's of Education in Instructional Leadership. She possesses several endorsements including drama, middle school science, and ESL/bilingual education. Her most recent professional experience includes working as a CPS Framework for Teaching Specialist, Midway Network Teacher Leader and Lead Drama Teacher at Hurley Fine & Performing Arts Magnet School.



Mr. Atilano
Library

Mr. Atilano was a para-professional who worked with special needs students at Joseph E. Gary school before he came to the Eagles' nest. Though his career path is a lot different, he says "it's still enjoyable." Atilano loves the staff here at Lindblom and refers to them as very friendly people. He also has a soft spot for the students. Mr. Atilano said, "Lindblom is a lot different [from Joseph E. Gary]. The kids are a lot more respectful and the environment is a lot less stressful."

—Fiona Hill