

KEYS TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES

Andrews, MaryLou: (B.S.—Bob Jones University; M. Ed—Clemson University; Ed. S. Art Education—Georgia State University); was voted Teacher of the Year in Texas and again in Georgia; selected Elementary Teacher of the Year on the district level in Texas; Fulton County Mentor for district art teachers; National Board Certified Teacher from 2001 through 2021; retired art teacher with 44 years of experience; and is a new resident to Virginia since April 2017. From her early years, MaryLou had a love for art and people. The combination of these two gifts from God led her to major in art education during her college years. She detoured from art however, and taught elementary education until 1993, when at that point her principal asked her to fill a newly opened art position. Within a year and with her husband's encouragement, MaryLou also began to seriously create her own art. Her paintings have been accepted in local, state, national and international exhibitions and have accrued ribbons. Her work is currently on display until August 2 at the Virginia Watercolor Society's Annual Exhibition 2019 in Lorton, Virginia. Currently, MaryLou is actively painting, mentoring peers, and developing connections with the community. She is president of the Chesapeake Bay Watercolorists, an active member of the Southside Artists Association in Chesapeake, and the chair for the Virginia Watercolor Society annual exhibition and workshop that will be held at the Portsmouth Cultural Arts Center in 2021. Her goal is to bring glory to the One who gifted her and to encourage others to walk in His ways. The years of teaching have been rewarding for her. She would often tell her students that she had the best career because she got to teach two of the things that matter most to her: people and art. MaryLou and her husband of 50 years, retired to Virginia two years ago to be near her family which includes three grandchildren who are currently students at KEYS. She deeply appreciates the impact of KEYS on their lives, and is excited to become an integral part of this program by teaching Art at KEYS.

Ayers, Michael R.: Michael serves as a certified interpreter for the Deaf. He has a strong understanding of Deaf culture and is gifted with interpreting music as well as sermons, speeches, conversation, and drama. He holds an Associate in Applied Science in ASL - English interpretation from Tidewater Community College. Mr. Michael is currently attending Liberty University working on a degree in Secondary Education and minor in ASL. He has an amazing testimony of how God got hold of him, miraculously healed him, and made him a new man in Christ Jesus. His life is a walking testimony of the mighty work of our Father to change a life in an amazing way. Mr. Michael currently teaches American Sign Language (ASL) at KEYS.

Blake, Cheryl: Cheryl earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Michigan and her master's and nursing degrees from the Hurley Medical Center School of Nursing, where she received the Outstanding Graduate of the Year award. Cheryl is a registered nurse who gives CPR instruction, administers

standardized testing, and instructs nursing students at the Medical Careers Institute in Virginia Beach. A veteran homeschooler, Cheryl homeschooled her daughter, Kelly, for 12 years. Cheryl currently teaches Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Psychology with Christian Perspectives, and Forensic Science at KEYS.

Boystel, Gary: Gary earned his bachelor's degree in history from Capital University, a Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Master of Divinity from Regent University. A retired officer of the U. S. Air Force, Gary flew a variety of fighter jets and other aircraft in 5 countries during his 22 years of service. Gary and his wife Kim homeschooled their children, both of whom graduated from KEYS, and Gary serves on the KEYS Board of Directors. Gary currently teaches Government and Economics, and History classes at KEYS.

Brown, Marsha: Marsha has earned her Bachelor of Arts in Religion/Concentration in Education from Ambassador College, Pasadena, CA and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education from California State University at Los Angeles. After completing studies in Education, Marsha traveled to France, found employment as a bi-lingual executive assistant at UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and remained in Paris for over 12 years, where she obtained a General Diploma in French language under the auspices of the Sorbonne as well as the Paris Chamber of Commerce in Commercial French. Returning to the States in 1990, Marsha worked in a bi-lingual capacity in Manhattan, N.Y., at Ambassador University's Texas campus, and at the World Bank in Washington D.C. Acquiring teaching credentials in French K-12 extended Marsha's career to include classroom experience in Christian and public schools in Norfolk and Virginia Beach and as a French and ESL Trainer for individual and small groups. Marsha currently teaches French at KEYS.

Bryan, Cindy: Cindy graduated from the University of South Carolina with both a bachelor's and a master's degree in music education. While there, she gained valuable teaching experience working with beginning classes and private students, as well as directing orchestras in the USC String Project under the direction of Robert Jesselson and Pamela Tellejohn-Hayes (co-author of Essential Elements). She went on to teach music (K-12) and to direct several choirs at Okinawa Christian School International while her husband served in the USAF and they were stationed in Japan. She also played with the Okinawa Symphony Orchestra and taught private violin lessons. Upon returning to the states, Cindy taught beginning strings in Norfolk public schools until the birth of her two girls, then homeschooled them through graduation. She has been a guest conductor for All-City events in Virginia Beach and Newport News as well as an adjudicator for local orchestra festivals. Cindy currently has a large private violin/viola studio, and is Assistant Concertmaster of Symphonicity. Cindy currently teaches Chamber Strings at KEYS.

Bull, Kay: Kay earned a BA in Psychology and her Elementary Education certification from Virginia Wesleyan University. She worked in the public-school system, and as a second-grade teacher in a private, Christian school until the birth of her daughter. She has devoted her time and talents to her daughter's homeschool education since then and has been a "KEYS mom" since 2012. Kay has been involved in children's, youth, and women's ministries, and she played an integral role in bringing American Heritage Girls to the Hampton Roads area. Kay currently teaches Elementary Science and works part-time in the KEYS office.

Cook, Aaron: Aaron is a graduate of Virginia Tech, summa cum laude, with majors in music performance and music technology and minors in computer science and math. He served as rank captain for the Virginia Tech Drumline and as drummer for the Hokies Pep Band and has performed as part of the Showcase Performance Company at Carnegie Hall. He currently performs as a percussionist with Symphonicity and occasionally as a guest percussionist with Tidewater Winds. In addition to his technical proficiency, Aaron brings a rich understanding of the role that music can play in opening one's heart to the Lord. He is the worship leader at Abundant Life Fellowship in Chesapeake, Virginia, and the director of two regional worship ministries, David's Tent 757 and Burn 24/7 Hampton Roads. Aaron currently teaches Percussion at KEYS.

Delgado, Ileana: Ileana earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Old Dominion University and has worked as an interpreter at CHKD hospital. She is a native of Puerto Rico and is fluent in both Spanish and English. She has also taught Spanish at homeschool co-ops in the area. She has a warm personality that the students love. Senora Delgado currently teaches Spanish at KEYS.

Ebert, Debra: Debra earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism from West Virginia University as well as a master's degree in communication with a concentration on film and television writing and production from Regent University. She has taught English in the Virginia Beach Public High Schools in both core and honors programs. Debra is an accomplished keyboard musician and has coordinated many music programs for various churches over the years. Debra homeschooled her own son throughout high school. She has also been serving as Mrs. Parker's accompanist for the vocal ensembles at KEYS. Debra currently teaches American Literature, British Literature, and Creative Writing at KEYS.

Estes, Ed: Ed earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in engineering from Virginia Tech in 1979, and a Master of Business degree from Old Dominion University in 1987. He has been a licensed Professional Engineer in Virginia since 1983. He worked for Westinghouse as a Quality Control engineer for the naval nuclear program, MMM Design Group as a civil engineer, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command as a structural engineer and project manager for Middle Atlantic Division, and senior leader

for the Navy Crane Center. He has managed large facility projects such as the Hospital Portsmouth Medical Center and Norfolk Naval Shipyard carrier piers. He retired in 2016. Ed currently teaches Physics at KEYS.

Garcia, Heather: Heather graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor's Degree in Viola Performance, summa cum laude. While there, she assisted in the University of Memphis String Project under the direction of Lenny Schraze and received Suzuki violin training from Kimberly Meir-Simms. After graduating, she moved to Buffalo, NY and began teaching at Buffalo Suzuki Strings. While there she had a large private Suzuki violin and viola studio and held weekly group classes for four years. After having her son, Heather and her husband moved to Virginia Beach where she began working for the Academy of Music and later taught at Norfolk Collegiate. Heather has also been a guest conductor for Virginia Beach All-City events as well as a member of Symphonicity. In addition to her musical endeavors, Heather and her husband have also facilitated numerous Financial Peace University classes, and have a passion for seeing couples, and especially students, managing their finances to be able to live debt free. She has also been the treasurer for the Hampton Roads Suzuki Association for several years. Heather currently teaches Strings and Personal Finance at KEYS.

Gordon, Xianghan: A Chinese-Korean and now American citizen, Xianghan holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Ningxia University in China, a Master of Legal Studies from University of Technology Sydney in Australia and a Master of Education in K-12 General Curriculum from Cambridge College in Massachusetts. She has taught in Peizheng College of Commerce in China, worked as a legal consultant for international businesses, served American K-12 students as a paraprofessional, teacher and math tutor. Xianghan has been a Norfolk and Virginia Beach public school teacher for five years and is strong in Algebra, Geometry and AP Chinese. She has a talent to make difficult math questions easy to understand and fun to learn. Xianghan is also an ACE certified Personal Trainer and Functional Training specialist. She has provided free fitness training to people in the community since 1998. As a homeschooling parent and life-long educator, Xianghan is delighted to serve the students and the Lord at KEYS with all her love and strength. Xianghan currently teaches Chinese and Geometry at KEYS.

Henaghan, Mary: Mary has had a passion for teaching and performing as long as she can remember. Singing since an early age, she performed with several choral groups and ensembles including two groups she put together - a jazz quartet and female barbershop quartet, sang with the California State Honor Choir, and even had the thrill of singing with Barry Manilow in 1983. Over the years, she has choreographed and directed skits and puppet performances, performed in multiple sketches at church, and

directed a middle school youth drama ministry. Mary had the honor of being in the feature film “Cycle,” in 2015, performed in the cast of *The Women* at The Little Theater of Norfolk (LTN) in 2016, and was the assistant director for *Noises Off!* in 2017, also at LTN. Mary views the theater and film industries as great mission fields, and her desire is to train and equip students to use their gifts to further the kingdom of God and perform for an Audience of One. Mary currently teaches Drama and Technical Theater at KEYS.

Hudson, Susan: Susan attended Longwood University and Old Dominion University, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. She taught in Virginia Beach public schools for five years. During that time Susan produced “On the Spot”—a quarterly television program featuring her students—and was named “Teacher of the Year.” She also worked as Public Relations/Marketing Manager for Masterworks Performing Arts Company. She has written and directed many children’s musicals and ballets. Susan homeschooled all her children, and she was the co-founder of another successful homeschool co-op. She was named KEYS “Teacher of the Year” in 2009. She is also the CFO of K & S Industries and tutors Math students. She loves her family and being a grandma! Susan currently teaches Middle School Math, Pre-Algebra, General Science and Physical Science at KEYS.

McCormick, Amanda: Amanda received her bachelor’s degree in music education from Old Dominion University, where she was principal flute in the ODU Wind Ensemble and the ODU Symphony Orchestra. In her senior year, Amanda performed the last movement of the Reinecke Concerto with the ODU Orchestra as the winner of their Young Artist Competition. She is a student of Patti Watters and a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. Amanda currently maintains a large flute studio in Chesapeake in addition to teaching at KEYS. Her students have been selected for District II and IV middle school and high school bands and the Governor’s School for the Arts. She is a member of the advisory board of Hampton Roads Flute Flaire. Amanda currently teaches Band at Saint Matthew’s School and at KEYS.

Moore, Brian: Brian earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from The Citadel and a Master of Arts in Public Policy from Regent University. He is retired from the US Navy where he worked as a Foreign Area Officer and a Special Warfare Officer. He has worked with young people for many years as a troop leader and committee member of the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D.C., California, and Virginia. More recently, he served as the Southeastern Virginia Area Committee Chairman for Trail Life USA. Brian is pursuing a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership at Regent University and currently teaches Consumer Math at KEYS.

Parker, Sharon: Sharon graduated magna cum laude with a Master’s of Music Education from Old Dominion University. While pursuing her degree, she was chosen to sing in the F. Ludwig Deihn Chorale, and she also performed in the opera *Die*

Fledermaus. She performed in Richmond, Virginia at the Collegiate Composer's Symposium and in the Lincoln Center, in New York City, with the ODU Concert Choir. Old Dominion is also where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree. Sharon has been a part of the homeschooling community for over 25 years through participating in co-ops with her four children, serving as Fine Arts Director of Oaktree Academy, directing award-winning homeschool choirs, and teaching private voice and piano lessons in her home. Greenbrier Church is her home church, where she is on the worship team as a vocalist and directs seasonal adult and children's choirs. Sharon currently teaches Choir at KEYS.

Peterson, Eric: Eric earned a Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis in Music Theory and Classical Guitar from Florida State University. He served in the U.S. Army as a guitarist and arranger/copyist. Eric has also served as worship leader in various churches over the years and is very active in the Hampton Roads music scene. Eric currently teaches Guitar and Praise Team at KEYS.

Robbins, Catherine: A product of homeschooling herself, Catherine graduated cum laude from Regent University with a BA in Film Production in 2008 and graduated cum laude with a MA in TESOL from Azusa Pacific University in 2018. She has taught English in Turkey, Lebanon, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and China. She has also worked as a writing tutor and taught college composition at Azusa Pacific University and SIAS International University. An avid bibliophile and wordsmith, she has had a love for exploring and sharing language and culture for as long as she can remember. She also has a passion for empowering students to become excellent and skillful communicators. Catherine currently teaches Advanced Writing and Grammar and Writing for College at KEYS.

Schwarzwalder, Robert: Currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Aberdeen in history, Robert has completed graduate coursework in American diplomatic history at the University of Washington and George Washington University, holds a MA in Theology from Western Seminary (Portland, Oregon), and BA in Communication from Biola University. Robert was senior vice president for the Family Research Council for more than seven years, and has served as chief of staff to two members of Congress. He was also a communications and media aide to a U.S. senator and senior speechwriter for the Hon. Tommy Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He was also director of Communications at the National Association of Manufacturers. Schwarzwalder has also served on the staffs of members of both Senate and House Armed Services Committees. Schwarzwalder believes, *"We can fill our students' minds with valuable and professionally practical information, and help them learn to evaluate their workplace demands with honesty and thoroughness. We can then send them out ready to be productive employees or entrepreneurs whose eventual financial success will redound to the credit of the university. These are good and honorable things. But unless we also send them out with a recognition that Christianity is true; that Christ is not interested in having a place in our*

lives but demands and deserves to be Lord of the full circumference of them; and that His priorities and His values should govern how we use our time, knowledge, and energy; then we will have equipped our students only to be capable materialists,” Currently, Robert is Senior Lecturer for the Department of General Education at Regent University, Director for Center for Christian Thought and Action, and Director for Charles B. Koch Foundation Leaders program. Mr. Schwarzwald currently teaches Worldview Analysis at KEYS.

Shinn, Michelle: Michelle earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Berea College and a Master of Divinity in Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has served as Laboratory Director for Element Analysis Corporation. She tutored students through Classical Conversations, volunteered with student ministry, and homeschooled her own children for thirteen years. Michelle currently teaches Chemistry at KEYS.

Spear, Svetlana Razjivina: Sveta is a native from Russia. She has taught languages for over twenty-five years. She majored in English Language and Literature and minored in Russian at the Tyumen State University in the USSR. In addition, Sveta has many years of experience helping students in the Atlantic Speech and Debate club prepare for the National Christian Forensics Communications Association Speech and Debate Tournaments, where she has also served as a judge. Sveta currently teaches Russian and Speech and Debate at KEYS.

Tyree, Michelle: Michelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a degree in Middle School Education from James Madison University (summa cum laude). She also has a Masters in Education from Regent University. Before her two children were born, she taught in Chesapeake Public Schools for eight years. In the public schools she taught 6th and 7th grade math, Pre-Algebra, 6th grade science, English, and reading. She has homeschooled her own children since the beginning. She taught in four other local co-ops. Mrs. Tyree completed the coursework to become a Registered Instructor for the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Currently she also uses these gifts to teach 6th graders in her church. She considers teaching her gift and middle schoolers her calling. Michelle currently teaches Elementary Language Arts, Middle School Literature, and Intermediate Writing and Grammar at KEYS.

Zimmerman, Nanette: Nanette holds a Bachelor of Science degree in life science with a minor in microbiology from Penn State University. She has taught in Christian schools and has tutored in a number of settings. Nanette also homeschools her own children. Mrs. Zimmerman is best known for her joy and her ability to thoroughly and clearly explain math concepts to students. She serves not only as a math teacher but also as a Christian mentor. Nanette currently teaches Algebra I and II, and Biology at KEYS.