

## **Introduction to People in New Places and to New Faces on Campus for 2021-2022**

### **People in New Places**

**Theresa Bardon** is the new chair of the World Languages Department.

**Meredith Brown** will be teaching Upper School mathematics instead of English.

**Tracy Hickenlooper** is returning to Doherty to teach Unit III.

**Anna Nuss** will be the Pre-Kindergarten for Two-Year-Olds assistant teacher at Lotspeich.

**Laura OGrady** will be teaching fifth-grade math and social studies at Lotspeich.

**Caleb Paull** will be teaching journalism in the Upper School.

**Moriah (Tomes) Phillips** will be teaching in Unit II at Doherty.

### **New Faculty and Staff**

We are pleased to welcome new Seven Hills faculty and staff!

#### **Kayla Cappanelli**

##### ***Lotspeich Pre-Kindergarten Assistant & Encore Teacher***

Kayla received her B.S. in family studies from Miami University. She recently held the position of customer experience associate for SUGARFINA. She also worked as the preschool teacher and preschool wing coordinator for The Compass School, where she routinely planned and delivered a variety of educational experiences centered on the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

#### **Michael Combs**

##### ***Lotspeich Physical Education Teacher***

Michael received his B.A. in physical education, recreation, and fitness from Northern Kentucky University, and his M.A. in sports administration from Xavier University. He most recently held the position of physical education teacher at St. Gertrude, where he produced lesson plans, maintained grades and administration for physical education for grades kindergarten-8. He also worked as the director of fitness at Cincinnati State.

#### **Kathryn Dierckes**

##### ***Director of Annual Giving***

Kathryn received her B.A. in English, with a double minor in history and public relations, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She recently held the position of Panther fund manager at Presentation High School, where she was responsible for the direction and management of their \$1 million annual giving campaign. She also worked as the development assistant before being promoted to the communications and development director for Canyon Heights Academy.

#### **Marika Lee**

##### ***Writer & Social Media Strategist***

Marika received her B.A. in journalism from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. She recently held the position of digital content editor for EdGate Correlation Services, where she

composed content for documentaries and educational films and reviewed and edited client-provided materials to maintain consistent branding. She has also been a freelance writer for West Seattle Blog and held the position of a reporter for The Cincinnati Enquirer's Community Press papers and The Logan Daily News in Logan, Ohio, where she covered local events for print and digital news formats.

### **Danielle Levine**

#### ***Lotspeich Fifth Grade Teacher***

Danielle received her B.S. in English education from Indiana University, Bloomington, and she is currently working toward her M.A. in elementary education from the American College of Education. She most recently held the position of upper grades language arts and social studies teacher at Rockwern Academy, where she also held the position of Middle School coordinator, planning, organizing, and chaperoning students' trips to Washington, D.C., and New York.

### **Shane Marsan**

#### ***Lotspeich Fourth Grade Teacher***

Shane received his B.A. in philosophy, politics, and the public, and history from Xavier University. He also received his Master in Arts in teaching from the USC Rossier School of Education. He previously held the position of curriculum development leader team at The Alexander Dawson School, where he organized the review of the school's learner profile in order to align with curriculum at each grade level. His goal is to create organized systems for schools and classrooms that help facilitate learning and the growth of schools, as well as empowering students and staff to create the best learning environments for growing minds.

### **Marcus Miller**

#### ***Upper School English Teacher***

Marcus received his B.A. in English at Amherst College, his M.A. in philosophy at Harvard University, and his M.Phil. at King's College, where he specialized in Greek philosophy. He previously held the position of Grade 8 English teacher for Teach for America Ohio, where he was selected from 40,000 applicants to teach in rural schools. He also worked as the Latin teacher for Greenwich Academy.

### **Susan Miller**

#### ***Head of Lotspeich***

Susan received her B.A. in education and child study from Smith College, her M.Ed. in educational leadership from Miami University, and her Principal's Certificate from Miami University. She most recently held the position of head of lower school at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, DE. At Tower Hill School, Susan led, evaluated, and implemented academic, co-curricular, and social-emotional programming in the lower school campus, as well as remote learning platforms. She created and implemented various groups and programs, including the social justice programming, and global studies initiatives in the lower school. She has also worked as a principal, an assistant principal, and a middle school librarian.

### **Melissa O'Mahony**

#### ***Upper School History Teacher***

Melissa received her B.A. in classical civilization, Judaic studies from the University of Cincinnati, and her M.A. in Greek and Roman civilization from the University College Cork. She most recently worked at Rockwern Academy, where she taught grades 2-6 as a substitute. She also worked as the Latin teacher for Village Community School, where she taught Latin to grades 6-8.

### **Jenna Othersen**

#### ***Lotspeich Math Enrichment Teacher***

Jenna received her B.A. in middle childhood education from the University of Cincinnati. She previously worked at Sycamore Junior High School, where she served as a substitute teacher through in-class and virtual learning. She has also taught at Hughes STEM High School.

**Kristen Post*****Doherty Spanish Teacher***

Kristen received her B.A. in Spanish language and literature from the University of Cincinnati, and she received her Teaching Certificate through the Ohio Department of Education's IPTI Program. She previously held the position of Spanish teacher at Evansville Day School, where she taught middle school Spanish to grades 5-8. She also taught Spanish I-IV at Norwood City Schools to high school students.

**Racheal Quinn*****Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion***

Racheal received her B.S. in anthropology from the University of California, Riverside. She previously held the position of manager, teacher, leadership development, diversity, equity, and inclusion for Teach for America, where she led and coached a cohort of 160 teachers and the organizations' stakeholders toward enhanced leadership through equity, diversity, and inclusion programming, pedagogy program management, and facilitation of culturally relevant best practices.

**Meghan Stevens*****Upper School French Teacher***

Meghan received her B.S. in French with a minor in Portuguese, and an Education Certificate from Georgetown University. She also received her M.A. in foreign language teaching from Michigan State University. She most recently held the position of French teacher at Roger Bacon High School, where she was responsible for French I, II, III, and IV classes. She also worked as an adjunct French professor at Xavier University.

**Michael Scherpenberg*****Director of Transportation***

Michael has worked as a bus driver for Loveland Schools, managing his bus assignments to and from school and for field trips. Additionally, at Loveland Schools he also served as lunchroom and playground monitor. He has been a longtime member of the Loveland Youth Baseball Board, serving as the vice president of umpires.

**Stephanie Tiller*****Lotspeich First-Grade Teacher***

Stephanie received her B.A. in education from the College of Mount St. Joseph. Most recently, she taught third grade at All Saints School and was also an ESL teacher for VIPKID, teaching English to Chinese learners who ranged in age from 4 to 12 years old. She also taught kindergarten at All Saints School and first grade at St. Veronica School.

**Sara Torgison*****Upper School Art Teacher***

Sara received her B.F.A. in studio art from Humboldt State University and her M.F.A. from the University of Cincinnati-College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP). She most recently taught both ceramic handbuilding and figurative sculpture at DAAP. Sara is part of the curatorial staff at the Contemporary Arts Center. Her work was exhibited in the Contemporary Arts Center's Emerge show in 2021 and in its Frigid Gallery show, called Non-Perishable, in 2020.