NEW FACULTY DIRECTORY

2020-2021





CLC- Wellness Teacher

Hometown: Crystal Lake

Extracurricular Duties: Head Boys Basketball Coach and Girls

Lacrosse Coach

College(s) & Degree(s): North Park University and Northern Illinois

University

Hobbies/Interests: Coaching, golfing, and relaxing at the lake

house with my family.

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: Passionate,

loyal, kind, fun, competitive.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: I enjoy working with kids. I love the challenge of trying to get the best out of students and

athletes.

Hometown: Lake Zurich

College(s) & Degree(s): Illinois State and Concordia

Hobbies/Interests: Hanging with my kids and playing golf. **Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You:** Loyal,

sarcastic, quiet, dad, dry.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: To help kids!



Matt Collins
PR - Special Education
Division Leader



Matt Cozzi CG - English Teacher

Hometown: Cary

College(s) & Degree(s): University of Iowa - Journalism **Hobbies/Interests:** Writing, podcasting (check out 'Eavesdrop' on Apple or Spotify!), coaching/watching baseball, and rewatching The Office or Parks and Rec.

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: Optimistic, upbeat, funny, reliable, reflective.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: I wanted to be a teacher because of the educational experiences I had in both high school and college. The classroom can be more than just a "classroom" -- you are a part of something bigger.

Hometown: Indiana and Pennsylvania

Extracurricular Duties: Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra

Director

College(s) & Degree(s): Indiana University of Pennsylvania - B.S. Music Education, Illinois State - M.M. Wind Band Conducting and Clarinet Performance

Hobbies/Interests: The coffee brewing process/supporting local coffee shops, traveling, weight lifting, attending live concerts, taking care of/buying too many plants!

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: Loyal, hilarious, confident, passionate, reliable.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: Throughout my public school and higher education, my teachers supported insight into diverse perspectives, cultures, possibilities and opportunities. These influential individuals led me on the journey of studying education. In the last two years of studying conducting and performance, I discovered that at the root of my teaching philosophy exists a desire to connect and communicate. It shaped my life through my teachers, and I hope to pay it forward to my students.



Marykate Kuhne PR - Music Teacher



Charles Lee
CLS/PR - Family and
Consumer Sciences Teacher

Hometown: Northbrook

College(s) & Degree(s): Illinois State University
Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, watching a variety of

sports, and I am a huge movie buff!

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: Creative, passionate, listener, thinker, resilient. Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: I became a teacher because I love creating, learning, and sharing with others.

Hometown: Crystal Lake

College(s) & Degree(s): Illinois State University - History/Social

Science in Higher Education

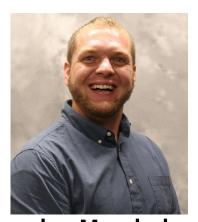
Hobbies/Interests: I like to spend my time with my family and friends. I enjoy traveling and playing beach volleyball.

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: A good listener, caring, outgoing, patient, creative.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: Teaching has always been more than just a profession for me, it is essentially my passion. I am eager to dedicate my career to maximizing individual student's performance, interest, and character as we will learn and grow together. Molding impressionable young minds is a great honor, and teaching will allow me this important privilege.



Hannah MartinCG - Social Science Teacher



Brandon Mundschenk
CLS/PR - Industry and Careers
Teacher

Hometown: Lake Zurich

Extracurricular Duties: Technical Director and Lighting

Designer at CLS.

College(s) & Degree(s): Culver-Stockton College - BFA **Hobbies/Interests:** Fishing, reading, woodworking, mountain

biking, archery.

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You:

Passionate, empathetic, trustworthy, humble, adventurous. Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: I've wanted to be a teacher for the better part of the past decade and have been making strides toward that end, albeit slowly. I am passionate about building into and building up the next generation and serving in a way that secured their success.

Hometown: Crystal Lake

Extracurricular Duties: Assistant Baseball Coach **College(s) & Degree(s):** Beloit College - Education and

Youth Studies

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher: I love working with

kids both in the classroom and on the field.



Austin PadjenCLC - US History and
World Studies Teacher



Jessica Penna
CLS - Special Education
Teacher (FLS)

Hometown: Round Lake

College(s) & Degree(s): College of Lake County and Southern

Illinois University

Hobbies/Interests: I love crafting and spending time with my

two puppies and family.

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: Creative,

outgoing resourceful, fun, relaxed.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher? I grew up seeing my mom as a Special Education teacher and she is my number one role model. I remember going to work with her on multiple occasions and just having a blast with her students. I couldn't see myself in any other career. When I was 15, I started my first job as a Special Recreation Summer Camp Counselor and I loved it. Each of my participants gave me the motivation to pursue my career. I couldn't be happier where I am in life now.



Valerie Reed
PR - Sign Language
Interpreter

Hometown: Palatine

College(s) & Degree(s): Bradley University - BS Nursing, Waubonsee

Community College - Sign Language Interpretation.

Hobbies/Interests: Geography trivia buff, trying to learn Slovak language, spending time with my mom, son, friends, and of course

cat.

Five Words Friends Would Use to Describe You: Nice, quiet,

dependable, easy-going, friendly.

Why Did You Want to be a Teacher? Because sign language is awesome!



Taylor SmithCG - Art/Humanities Teacher

Hometown: Cary

College(s) & Degree(s): McHenry County College - Associates, Belmont University and University of Northern Colorado - Bachelor

in Art Education

 $\textbf{Hobbies/Interests:} \ \mathsf{Painting,} \ \mathsf{drawing,} \ \mathsf{jewelry-making,} \ \mathsf{running,}$

cooking.

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passionate, listener, thinker, resilient.

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