



Academic Administration
and
Faculty Vitae

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Mounds Park Academy

Academic Administration Vitae 2010-11

MICHAEL DOWNS- Head of School

Education:

M.F.A. University of California, Los Angeles, CA

B.A. University of California, Los Angeles, CA, summa cum laude

Honors:

Klingenstein Fellowship, Columbia University, Teacher's College, New York City, 2011

Experience:

1994-present: Presenter at Local, State, and National Conferences

2002-present: Head of School, Mounds Park Academy

1999-02 Assistant Head of School, The Blake School, Minneapolis, MN

1997-99 Director of the Middle School, Holland Hall School, Tulsa, OK

1991-97 Director of the Walter Arts Center, Holland Hall School

1992-97 K-12 Arts Department Chair, Holland Hall School

1997 Administrative Overseer for Technology, Holland Hall School

1993-94 ISAS Arts Festival Coordinator, Holland Hall School

1983-90 Teacher, Beit Tsvi School of Drama, Tel Aviv, Israel

1985-88 Teacher, Blich High School, Tel Aviv, Israel

1980-82 Graduate T.A., University of California, Los Angeles, CA

1975-76 Teacher's Aide, Crossroads School, Santa Monica, CA

ANTHONY REIMERS- Director: Pre-Kindergarten, Lower & Middle Schools

Education:

M.A. Teacher Leadership, University of MN, Minneapolis

B.S. Mankato State University, Mankato, MN, magna cum laude

Professional Development Coordinator Certification, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

2010-present: Director, PreK-8, Mounds Park Academy

2008-2010 Director, Middle School, Mounds Park Academy

1995-2008 Teacher, Middle School, Mounds Park Academy

2006-2008 Dean of Students, 8th grade, Mounds Park Academy

Memberships:

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

SCOTT PEELER- Director: Upper School & Program Director

Education:

M.A. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

A.B. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Experience:

2008-present: Upper School Director, Mounds Park Academy

2005-08 Academic Dean, Dean of Faculty, Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Greenfield, MA

1998-2005 History Department Chair, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, PA

1991-98 History Faculty, Kent Place School, Summit, NJ

1984-89 History Faculty, Collegiate School, New York, NY

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ANNE DEVOUT ATCHISON- Assistant Director & English Teacher: Middle School

Education:

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Honors:

Mortar Board Honor Society

Experience:

2010-present: Prek-8 Administrator, Mounds Park Academy

1997-present: Middle School Assistant Director/Dean, Mounds Park Academy

1982-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1989-2000 Administrative Director, Hidden Pines Ranch, Stillwater, MN

1981-82 High Potential Advisory Committee, Anoka-Hennepin District, MN

1980-82 Teacher, Anoka-Hennepin School District, MN

RANDY COMFORT- Assistant Director: Upper School

Education:

K-12 Principal Licensure & Educational Leadership Certificate Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

M.P.A. California State University, Chico, CA

B.A. California State University, Chico, CA

Experience:

2006-present: Head Coach Varsity Baseball, MPA

2003-present: Assistant Upper School Director, Mounds Park Academy

2001-03 Dean of Students, Teacher, PEASE Academy, Minneapolis, MN

2000-01 Adjunct Professor, National University, Redding, CA

1993-01 Assistant Director of Studies, Counselor/Advisor, Social Science Teacher, Cascade School, Whitmore, CA

1992-93 Testing Officer, Butte Community College, Oroville, CA

1989-92 Co-Director, Summer Orientation Program, Academic Advising Intern, California State University, Chico

MARINA DALE- Administration & Social Studies Teacher: Middle School

Education:

M.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.S. St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

Experience:

2010-present: Dean of Students 7/8, Mounds Park Academy

2001-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2002-2008 Technology Coordinator, Mounds Park Academy

2000 University Supervisor, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, Collegeville

1999-2000 Adjunct Professor, Bemidji/Metro Urban Teacher Collaborative, Minneapolis, MN

1994-2000 Teacher, Roseville Area Middle School, Roseville, MN

1992-93 Teacher, Middle School, San Bernadino Unified Schools, CA

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RENEE WRIGHT- Assistant Director: Lower School & Teacher: Grade 3

Education:

M.A. Education Leadership, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN (in process)

B.A. College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN, with honors

Experience:

2004-present: Assistant Director of Lower School, Mounds Park Academy

1987-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1979-87 Teacher, Osseo Independent School District, Osseo, MN

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LEAH ABBE BLOEM- Vocal Music: Lower & Middle Schools

Education:

Orff Schulwerk Certification, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.A. K-12 Music Education, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, cum laude

Experience:

2005-present: LS & MS Music Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2007-2008 Director of Day Jams Music Camp

2005-2007 Orff Director, St. Andrews Lutheran Church

2005 Student Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2004 Student Intern, Kamehameha Elementary & Kealakehe Middle School, HI

Memberships:

American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota

JANE ANDERSON- Chemistry: Upper School

Education:

B.A. University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL, cum laude

Honors:

Kappa Delta Pi

Beta Beta Beta

Experience:

1997- present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1993-97 Teacher, Albuquerque Public Schools, Albuquerque, NM

1992-93 Teacher, Santa Barbara School District, Santa Barbara, CA

1990-92 Teacher, Hinsdale Central High School, Hinsdale, IL

1989-90 Teacher, Lyons Township High School, LaGrange, IL

1988-89 Teacher, Homewood High School, Homewood, AL

1987 National Science Foundation Summer Undergraduate Research

LORRAINE ANDERSON- Teacher: Pre-Kindergarten

Education:

M.Ed. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

B.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, summa cum laude

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa

Experience:

2005-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1994-05 Learning Readiness Teacher, St. Paul Public Schools

1994 Student Teacher, Shirley G. Moore Laboratory School

Memberships:

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

ANNE DEVOUT ATCHISON- Assistant Director & English: Middle School

Education:

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Honors:

Mortar Board Honor Society

Experience:

2010-present: Prek-8 Administrator, Mounds Park Academy

1997-present: Middle School Assistant Director/Dean, Mounds Park Academy

1982-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1989-2000 Administrative Director, Hidden Pines Ranch, Stillwater, MN

1981-82 High Potential Advisory Committee, Anoka-Hennepin District, MN

1980-82 Teacher, Anoka-Hennepin School District, MN

MARY BEGGIN- Teacher: Grade 3

Education:

B.S. College of St. Teresa, Winona, MN

Experience:

2006-present: Teacher Grade 3, Mounds Park Academy

1998-2006: Teacher Grade 4, Mounds Park Academy

1982-98: Teacher, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, MN

1979-82: Teacher, Epiphany Elementary School, Coon Rapids, MN

1978-79: Teacher, St. Mary's Elementary School, Alexandria, MN

1973-78: Teacher, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, MN

DANIEL BERNAL- High School Program & Volunteer Coordinator: Breakthrough Saint Paul

Education:

B.A. Mathematics & Education, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, magna cum laude

Honors:

Jefferson Natural Sciences Teaching Award, Carleton College, 2010

Perlman Fellowship for Teaching & Learning, 2010

Experience:

2010 Student Teaching in Mathematics at Highland Park High School, Saint Paul, MN

2006-2009 Aspiring Teacher, Breakthrough Saint Paul, MPA

BARBARA BRADLEY- Theater Arts: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

M.F.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

B.A. University of Illinois

Honors:

Phi Theta Kappa

Mask and Bauble

Zeta Phi Eta

Delta Psi Omega

Experience:

1982-present: Drama Director/Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1981-82 Chair, Fine Arts Department, Breck School, Minneapolis, MN

1976-82 Drama Teacher/Director of Theatre, Breck School

1972-80 Freelance Director and Choreographer

1967-70 Drama Teacher/Director, Morton West High School, Berwyn, IL

LISA BUCK- Ceramics: Upper School

Education:

B.S. University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, LaCrosse, WI

Further Studies:

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME

Mentorship, Linda Christianson, Lindstrom, MN

Emily Carr College of Art and Design, Vancouver, B.C.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

University of Wisconsin, River Falls, WI

Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN

Honors:

Growth Grant, Mounds Park Academy- La Bourne, France 2005

Juror's Award, Strictly Functional Pottery National, 2004

Juror's Award, Strictly Functional Pottery National, 2003

Jerome Foundation Grant For Emerging Artists, 2003

Experience:

2000-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1998-2000 Teacher, Casablanca American School, Morocco, Spain

1984-98 Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1981-84 Teacher, Stillwater Junior High, Stillwater, MN

MARTHA CASTELLANOS—Spanish: Lower School

Education:

M.Ed. Spanish Language Education K-12, University of MN
M.S. Information Media, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
B.S. Elementary Education K-6, Superior Santa Rosa, Cusco, Peru

Experience:

1984-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
1981-82 Media Director/Spanish Teacher, Scotts Highland, Middle School, Rosemount, MN
1978-81 Library & Resource Center, St. Cloud State University
1973-78 Teacher, Grades 3-6, Cusco, Peru

Memberships:

ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages)
MCTFL (Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages)
AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese)

MICHELE CHALMEAU—French: Lower & Middle Schools

Education:

M.A.Ed. Natural Science & Environmental Education, Hamline University, St. Paul (in process)
B.S. Chemistry, Mansfield University, Pennsylvania
B.A. French, Mansfield University, Pennsylvania International Study, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France
B.S.E. Elementary Education, Mansfield University, Pennsylvania

Honors:

Chemistry Academic Honors, 2003
French Academic Honors, 2000-2003

Experience:

2009-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
2008-2009 Teacher, Grade 3, French Immersion School, Edina, MN
2006-2008 Teacher, English, Toulouse & Carmaux, France

MAUREEN CONWAY- Social Studies: Upper School

Education:

M.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
B.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

1983-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
1981-82 Teacher, Burnsville, MN
1980-81 Intern Teacher, Stillwater, MN

MARINA DALE- Administration & Social Studies: Middle School

Education:

M.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.S. St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

Experience:

2010-present: Dean of Students 7/8, Mounds Park Academy

2001-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2002-2008 Technology Coordinator, Mounds Park Academy

2000 University Supervisor, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, Collegeville

1999-2000 Adjunct Professor, Bemidji/Metro Urban Teacher Collaborative, Minneapolis, MN

1994-2000 Teacher, Roseville Area Middle School, Roseville, MN

1992-93 Teacher, Middle School, San Bernadino Unified Schools, CA

MARK DALLMANN- English & Social Studies: Middle School

Education:

M.Ed. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, magna cum laude

Experience:

2000-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1998-2000 Teacher, ISD 622, Maplewood, MN

1996-97 Teacher, ISD 194, Lakeville, MN

1994-96 Teacher, ISD 270, Hopkins, MN

1993-94 Teacher, ISD 199, Inver Grove Heights, MN

**BEVERLY DOCHERTY- Physical Education & Health: Lower, Middle & Upper Schools;
Varsity Track and Field Coach**

Education:

M.A. University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

B.A. University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

USATF (Track and Field) Level II Certified—Sprints and Distance

Honors:

U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials Qualifier: 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004

Minnesota Track and Field Hall of Fame inductee, 2003

Track & Field Coach of the Year, 1996

Experience:

1985-present: Teacher/Coach, Mounds Park Academy

1984-85 Assistant Coach, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

1983 Coach, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA

1982-83 Instructor, University of Iowa

1981-82 Teacher and Coach, Hillsboro, IL

MARI ESPELAND- Music Teacher: Lower School

Education:

M.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.M. St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

B.A. St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Master Certificate in Orff-Schulwerk, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN,

Musikgarten Early Childhood Teacher Training

Honors:

MPA 4th graders performed at the National American Orff-Schulwerk Association Conference, Minneapolis, 1992

Experience:

Spring 2010 Adjunct Faculty, Music Education, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

1989-present: Music Teacher, Lower School, Mounds Park Academy

1992-99 Orff Music Instructor, St. Patrick's Fine Arts Camp, Edina, MN

1988-89 Teacher, Northfield Public School, Northfield, MN

1987-88 Instructor, House of Hope Choir School, St. Paul, MN

1986-88 Teacher, Burroughs Elementary School, Minneapolis, MN

DANIEL ETHIER- Mathematics: Middle School

Education:

M.A. Assumption College, Worcester, MA

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

1992-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1991-92 Teacher, Ely Memorial High School, Ely, MN

1988-91 Counselor, Arlington House, St. Paul, MN

1985-88 Counselor, Friendly House, Worcester, MA

1980-84 Software Engineer, Data General Corporation, Westboro, MA

LISA FISHER COMFORT- Mathematics: Upper School

Education:

B.S. Mathematics, California State University-Chico

P.S.S.C. Mathematics, California State University-Chico

Honors:

Regional Teacher Leader & Professional Development Math Trainer

College Preparatory Mathematics Education Program, UC Davis

Experience:

2007-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

NICOLE GAIDA- Technology Coordinator & Kindergarten: Lower School

Education:

B.S. Mankato State University, Mankato, MN, cum laude

Experience:

2001-present: Technology Coordinator/Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2000-01 Audio/Visual Building Support, St. Paul Public Schools

2000 Summer Smarts, St. Paul Community Education

1999-01 Technology Coordinator K-6, St. Paul Public Schools

1998-99 School Age Child Care Director, Eagan YMCA

1997-98 Kindergarten Lead Teacher, Eagan YMCA Childcare

ROSA GLADE ARNOLD- Orchestra: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

M.A. Curriculum & Instruction, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN (in process)

B.A. Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Honors:

Phi Kappa Lambda

Kappa Delta Pi

Experience:

2000-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2005-2006: Director, Day Jams Rock Band Camp

1999-2002 Flute Teacher, Music Studios of Jan Erickson, Eden Prairie, MN

1999-2000 Teacher, St. Wenceslaus School, New Prague, MN

MARISUE GLEASON- Spanish: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.A. University of Minnesota-Morris, Morris, MN

Experience:

2001-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2006 Speaker at FLARR (Foreign Language Association of the Red River) Brazilian Music Genres

2001-present: Co-Director, AMIGOS de las Americas volunteer program, Brazil

2001-present: English Teacher, Salvador, Brazil

2000-present: Supervisor, AMIGOS de las Americas, Brazil

1997-2000 Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1996-97 Teacher, Washburn Elementary School, Bloomington, MN

1994-95 Academic Partner/Teacher, University of Minnesota

1993-94 Student, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain

DANIEL HAASE- Physical Education: Lower, Middle, & Upper Schools

Education:

B.A. Concordia College, St. Paul, MN

A.A. Liberal Arts, Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa

Experience:

2010-present: Teacher Grade 3, Mounds Park Academy

1999-present: Head Coach, Boys Basketball & Boys Track, MPA

1992-present: Teacher, MPA

1992-1999 Athletic Director, MPA

1992-97 Teacher/Athletic Director/Coach, Central Lutheran School, St. Paul, MN

1997-99 Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Concordia Academy High, St. Paul, MN

1992-97 Head Boys' Basketball Coach, St. Croix Lutheran High, West St. Paul, MN

Memberships:

Coaches Association, MN State High School League

JOHN HABERMANN- Choir Director: Upper School

Education:

M.A.M.E. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.M.E. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Honors:

Emerging Conductor Education Program, 2008

Experience:

2001-present: Choir Director & Teacher, Upper School, Mounds Park Academy

2010 Adjunct Faculty, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

1996-02 Director of Music, Mizpah United Church of Christ, Hopkins, MN

1998-01 Vocal Music Instructor, Centennial High School

1997-98 Vocal Music Instructor, St. Anthony Schools, St. Anthony Village, MN

1997-99 Vocal Music Instructor, West Bank School of Music, Minneapolis, MN

1997 Long Term Substitute, Mounds Park Academy

1996-2000 Vocal Coach/Accompanist, Mounds Park Academy

EVELYN JOHNSON- French: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.A. University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

University of Nice, France, 1987-88

Honors:

Plank Faculty Professional Development Challenge Grant

Summer Sabbatical Grant, France

Experience:

2004-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1996 Teacher, Spanish and French, Swiss Semester, Zermatt, Switzerland

1993-04 Teacher, The Blake School

1989-93 Teacher, Pike School, Andover, MA

KRIS KILLIAN- Learning Specialist: Grades 7-12

Education:

2008 Autism Spectrum Disorders Certification, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

2006–2007 Reading Specialist K-12, St. Mary’s University, Winona, MN

2005 Orton-Gillingham Certification, University of St. Thomas

2003 -2005 Special Ed, Specific Learning Disabilities, University of St. Thomas

1983 B.A. English, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

2010-present: Learning Specialist, Mounds Park Academy

2008-2010 Learning Disabilities & Reading Teacher, Stillwater Area High School

2007-2008 Special Education Teacher, Great River Charter School, St. Paul

2005–2007 Special Education Teacher, New Heights Charter School, Stillwater

Memberships:

Robin’s Nest Children’s Home Board of Directors

YAMINI KIMMERLE- Teacher: Grade 4

Education:

B.A. Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, cum laude

Economic Studies, Cambridge and Oxford Universities, London

Honors:

Omicron Delta Epsilon

National Honors Economics Society

Experience:

2006-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2004-06 Teacher, Town School for Boys, San Francisco, CA

2002-06 Volunteer, Elementary Sports Program, Real Options for City Kids, San Francisco, CA

2002-04 Co-Coordinator, Elementary Sports Program, Real Options for City Kids,
San Francisco, CA

JOSEPH KORDOSKY- Athletic Director

Education:

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

1989-present: Athletic Director/Teacher/Coach, Mounds Park Academy

1979-89 Athletic Director/Teacher/Coach, Breck School, Minneapolis, MN

1978-79 Teacher, Greenleaf Elementary School, Apple Valley, MN

1976-79 Teacher, Brooklyn Center Junior/Senior High School, Brooklyn Center

ROBYN KRAMER- Learning Specialist: Pre K- Grade 6

Education:

M.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.A. College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

Experience:

2004-present: Learning Specialist, Mounds Park Academy

1994-present: Private Tutor

2001-04 Teacher, Adult Basic Education, Special Needs, St. Paul, MN

1996-03 Tutor, Academic Tutoring and Testing, Minneapolis, MN

1992-96 Teacher, IHM-St. Luke's, St. Paul, MN

1992-93 Special Ed Paraprofessional, Garlough Elementary, West St. Paul

1991-92 Teacher, The Tesseract School, Eagan, MN

1990-91 Teacher, St. Kevin School, Minneapolis, MN

1990 Substitute Teacher, St. Paul Public Schools and Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis

RACHEL KRONICK- Mandarin Chinese: Levels I, II & III

Education:

M.A. History of Asian Religions, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

B.A. East Asian Studies, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, cum laude

Honors:

Epsilon Alpha Sigma

FLAS Scholarship Recipient for graduate study in Taiwan

Experience:

2009-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2008-present: Mandarin Tutor, Breck School, Minneapolis, MN

2004-present: Medical Interpreter, Mandarin-English

2007-09 Instructor, Minneapolis Community & Technical College

1996 Instructor, Gram English Schools, Taiwan

1997 Instructor, Joy English Schools, Taiwan

1998-2004 Instructor, Teacher Trainer & Adult Curriculum Director,

Kojen English Schools, Taiwan

KARI KUNZE-HOEG- Spanish: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

M.A. University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

B.A. Luther College, Decorah, IA

Honors:

Brianne Lee Spanish Award, Luther College, 2000

National Honor Society Inductees: Most Influential Teacher

Target Teacher Grant Recipient 1995-1999

Save the Rainforest Grant Recipient: Study in Ecuador

Experience:

2000-present: Teacher/Speech Coach, Mounds Park Academy

2000-2002 Volleyball Coach, Mounds Park Academy

1990-2000 Teacher, Eagan High School, Eagan, MN

1993 Teacher Leader on student trips to Costa Rica, Spain, Mexico and Ecuador

1992-97 Volleyball Coach, Eagan High School, Eagan, MN

1992-98 Speech Coach, Eagan High School, Eagan, MN

NANCY LAGE- Librarian: Lower, Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.A. St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN

Experience:

1986-present: Librarian, Mounds Park Academy

2004 Grant Recipient: Storytelling and Writing Workshop, Aix en Provence, France

2003-05 Children's Literature Panel Member, St. Catherine University

1986 Librarian, Convent of the Visitation School, Mendota Heights, MN

1981-83 Librarian, Presentation of Mary School, St. Paul, MN

1979-80 Library Assistant, Dorsey Law Firm

SETH LINDENFELSER- Biology: Upper School

Education:

B.A. Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

Experience:

2006-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2004-06 Substitute Teacher/Coach, St. Paul Academy and Summit School

1997-03 Teacher, Northfield Public Schools, Northfield, MN

BILL MADIGAN- Mathematics & Science: Middle School

Education:

M.A. Educational Leadership & Administration, University of St. Thomas

B.A. Elementary Ed, Science & Math, University of St. Thomas, cum laude

Honors:

Recipient: 3M Ingenuity Grant, 2008

Experience:

2010-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2008-10 Assistant Principal, Holy Childhood, St. Paul, MN

2007-08 Science Teacher, Ramsey Junior High, St. Paul, MN

2006-07 Math Teacher, Middle School, Maternity of Mary/St. Andrew's School, St. Paul, MN

MICHELE MATUREN- Mathematics: Upper SchoolEducation:

B.S. Education, Mathematics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

1997-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1993-96 Math Teacher, Cretin-Derham Hall School, St. Paul, MN

1986-91 Math Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1983-85 Math Teacher, San Bernardino H.S., San Bernardino, CA

SUSAN McELVAIN- Teaching Assistant: Grade 4Education:

B.S. Elementary Education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

2010-present: Teaching Assistant, Mounds Park Academy

2007 Long Term Substitute, Moravain Academy Prep School, Bethlehem, PA

1993-94 Kindergarten Teacher, Learning Unlimited Prep School, Powell, OH

1992-93 Teacher, Grade 1, Calmont Prep School, Malibu, CA

1991-92 Language Arts Specialist, Grades 1-4, Minneapolis Public Schools

1991-92 Gifted Specialist, Grades 1-4, Minneapolis Public Schools

1990-91 Teacher, Grade 4, Tamuning Elementary School, Tamuning, Guam

DAVID McGAHA- Physical Education: Lower, Middle & Upper SchoolsEducation:

B.S. Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN

Experience:

1983-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1979-83 Teacher/Coach, Bloomington, MN

1978-79 Teacher, East Grand Forks, MN

1976-78 Teacher/Coach, Bloomington, MN

RICHARD MEACOCK- English: Upper SchoolEducation:

B.A. Reading University, England, with honors

Stockport Technical College, England

St. Thomas Medical School, England

Experience:

1982-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1981-82 Teacher, Breck School, Minneapolis, MN

1980-81 Head, Latin and English, Westbourne House Preparatory School, England

1975-81 Assistant Master of Latin and Biology/Drama Director Westbourne House Preparatory School, England

PATTI MERAS- English, Social Studies & Mathematics: Middle School

Education:

B.A. California State University, Fullerton, CA

Multicultural Education Certificate, California State University, Fullerton, CA

Honors:

Grant Recipient and Curriculum Writer: Simon Wiesenthal/Museum of Tolerance, Teaching Tools for Tolerance, 1998

Teacher of the Year: Sylvan Learning Center Cooperating, 2000

Experience:

2006-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2001-03 Teacher, Fulton Middle School, Fountain Valley, CA

1995-01 Teacher/Student Council Advisor, Gardenhill School, La Mirada, CA

1994-95 Teacher, Hillsborough School

Memberships:

1999-2003 University of California Irvine, Writing Project

MELINDA MOORE- Theater Arts: Lower & Upper Schools

Spring Musical Director

Education:

M.M. Musical Theatre, The Boston Conservatory, Boston, MA

B.A. Theatre & Communication Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College

Experience:

2006-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2002-04 Education Coordinator & Teacher, Mill City Museum, Minneapolis

2001-09 Professional Actor/Singer/Dancer, Twin Cities & Regionally

2001-02 Actor/Educator, CLIMB Theatre Company

Honors:

Guest Soloist, Boston Pops Orchestra, Orchestra Hall, Boston, MA, 2007

Honor Thespian, International Thespian Society

Memberships:

American Association of Theatre in Education

International Thespian Society

KIRSTEN MULRANEY- Panther Club

Education:

A.A. Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, MN

Experience:

2003-present: Extended Day Coordinator, Mounds Park Academy

2002-04 Childcare Director, YMCA Childcare Center, St. Paul, MN

2002 Senior Lead Teacher, Midway YMCA Childcare Center, St. Paul, MN

2001-02 Preschool Director, Southwest Area YMCA, Eagan, MN

1999-02 Lead Teacher, Southwest Area YMCA, Eagan, MN

1998-99 Preschool Coordinator, Inver Hills Community College, Campus Childcare Center, Inver Grove, MN

1996-98 Assistant Teacher, Southwest YMCA, Eagan, MN

1996 Coordinator, REM Metro, Mendota Heights, MN

KATHERINE MURR- Social Studies, Debate & Speech: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.A. Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, summa cum laude

Experience:

2003-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2003-present: Debate & Speech Coach, Mounds Park Academy

2002-03 Teacher, Eagan High School

2002-03 Debate & Speech Coach, Eagan High School

COURTNEY NAGLE- Mathematics & Science: Middle School

Education:

Doctoral Graduate Studies in Science Education, University of Iowa, Iowa City

M.S. University of Iowa, Iowa City

B.S. Miami University, Oxford, OH

Experience:

2002-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2001-02 Teacher, Gideon Pond Elementary, Burnsville, MN

1997-01 Teacher, Taylor Elementary, Spencerport, NY

2000 Adjunct Faculty, State University New York, Brockport, NY

1996-97 Teacher, CHW Elementary, Holley, NY

1995-96 Teacher, West Liberty Middle School, West Liberty, IA

1996 Teacher, Connie Belin Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City

KARI O'KEEFE- Teacher: Grade 1

Education:

B.A. Elementary Education, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph, MN

Level 1, 2 & 3 Orton-Gillingham Academy, St. Louis Park, MN

Experience:

2010-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2004-present: Reading Specialist, Orton Gillingham Practitioner

2000-present: Academic Coach

1998-2010 Teacher, Grade 1, Tesseract School, Eagan, MN

LISA RYDESKI PEDERSON- Director of College Counseling

Education:

B.A. English, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, magna cum laude

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa

Experience:

2006-present: College Counselor, Mounds Park Academy

KRISTINE FOUKS PETERSEN- Teacher: Kindergarten

Education:

B.S. University of Wisconsin-River Falls, River Falls, WI

Experience:

1988-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1987-88 Teacher, Kinderberry Hill Child Development Center, St. Paul, MN

**THERESA REARDON OFFERMAN- Technology & Mathematics: Middle & Upper Schools;
Laptop Program Coordinator**

Education:

M.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Honors:

Phi Delta Kappa

Minnesota Distinguished Educator, 1992

Experience:

1985-present: Teacher/Upper School Technology Coordinator, MPA

2009-present: NASA Education: AP Calculus Product Review Facilitator

1995-present: Author of several articles in National Math Education Journals

1980-present: Presenter at state, local, and national conferences in Mathematics & Technology

1989-90 Instructor, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

1985-87 Instructor, University of Minnesota Talented Youth Program

1984-85 Instructor, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

1983-84 Instructor/Student Teaching Supervisor, University of MN, Minneapolis

1977-83 Teacher, Academy of the Holy Angels, Richfield, MN

Memberships:

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM)

KAREN ROSSBACH- Visual Art: Lower & Upper Schools

Education:

M.A.Ed. Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

Certification: Courage to Teach, Hamline University

Graduate courses in Photography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

B.S. Art Education, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN, magna cum laude

Honors:

Art Educator of the Year, Art Educators of MN, 1992-93

Elementary Art Educator of the Year, Art Educators of MN, 1985

Recognition of Service Award, Art Educators of MN, 1993

Award of Excellence, National Art Education Association, 1982

Experience:

1982-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1979-82 Art Teacher, Anoka Hennepin District #11

1978-79 Art Teacher, Spring Lake Park District #16

MARY ROSSINI- English & Latin: Middle School

Education:

Secondary Ed, Latin Certification, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Secondary Ed, English Certification, University of Minnesota

B.A. Classical Studies, University of Minnesota

B.A. Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Experience:

1990-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2009-present: Teacher, MN Institute for Talented Youth (summers)

1987-2001 Teacher, Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth

1985-90 Teacher, Southern and Southwest Junior High Schools, Reading, PA

SUSAN SAMUELSON- Physical Education: Lower, Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.S. Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN, cum laude

Honors:

Outstanding Physical Education Award

Bemidji State University Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, 2007

MSHSL 30 year Service Award

Experience:

1988-present: Teacher/Coach, Mounds Park Academy

2008-09 Adjunct Faculty, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

1987-88 Coordinator/Instructor, Girls Gymnastics, Roseville Parks & Recreation Department, Roseville, MN

1980-88 Teacher/Coach, Scott Highlands Middle School, Rosemount, MN

1977-80 Teacher, Rosemount Middle School, Rosemount, MN

1976 Varsity Coach Volleyball, Gymnastics and Track and Field, White Bear Lake Senior High

1973-76 Teacher/Coach, St. Paul Murray High School

ANNE SCALIA- Teacher: Grade 2

Education:

M.A. St. Mary's University, Winona, MN

B.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Honors:

All American Scholar

Experience:

2006-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1995-06 Teacher, IHM-St. Luke's Catholic School, St. Paul, MN

1995 Student Teacher, St. Odilia's Catholic School, Shoreview, MN

GINNA SCHULTZ- Spanish: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

M.A. Universidad de Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain
B.A. Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, magna cum laude

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa, Outstanding Masters Thesis
All Star Presenter: 2010 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

Experience:

1999-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
1998-99 Teacher, Minnesota Renaissance School, Anoka, MN
1998 Substitute Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools
1997 Assistant Director, Instituto Cultural Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico
1996-97 Teacher, Intercomp English Language Institute, Valparaiso, Chile

JAMES SCHWIEGER- Science: Middle School

Education:

M.Ed. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
B.S. University of Minnesota, with distinction, Minneapolis, MN

Honors:

Compensation for Outstanding Contributions, Roseville Schools
Northern States Power Energy Grant

Experience:

1989-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
1992-95 Instructor, M.V. Area Learning Center
1989-95 Instructor, Metro ECSU
1982-02 Instructor, North Suburban Summer Academy
1985-89 Teacher, Mounds View Schools
1975-85 Teacher, Roseville Schools

MIKE SCINTO- Physical Education & Health: Lower, Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.A. Hamline University, St. Paul, MN
A.A. Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN

Honors:

Class A MN State Soccer Coach of the Year 2006
Section 4A Soccer Coach of the Year, 2000 & 2006
Section 2A Soccer Coach of the Year, 2000 & 2002

Experience:

1987-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
2004-present: Dakota Rev. Soccer Club Coach
1998-present: Teacher/Coach, Children's Learning Management Services, Step Up to Soccer
1983-87 Teacher & Coach, Redwood Christian Schools

KATY SELB- Teacher: Grade 2

Education:

B.S. Elementary Education, University of Wisconsin, River Falls, Senior Merit

Experience:

2010-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2010 Substitute Teacher, MPA

2001-09 Group Leader, School Age Child Care, Stonebridge Elementary, Stillwater, MN

1998-2001 Founder/Director, Shining Star Child Care Center, Bayport, MN

MARC SHAPIRO- Physics: Upper School

Education:

M.A. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL

B.S. Mankato State University, Mankato, MN

Experience:

1990-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1989-90 Teacher, Stevenson High School, Prairie View, IL

1988-89 Teacher, Deerfield High School, Deerfield, IL

1985-88 Teacher, Mayo High School, Rochester, MN

1983-85 Teacher, Redwood Falls High School, Redwood Falls, MN

MARILYN FRITZ SHARDLOW- English: Upper School

Education:

M.L.I.S. University of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN (in process)

(Masters of Library & Information Sciences)

Certification S.E.E.D. Leader (Seeking Educational Equity & Diversity)

M.A. English Literature, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, with honors

B.A. English & French, Luther College, Decorah, IA, magna cum laude

Experience:

2001-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2000 Long Term Substitute, Mounds Park Academy

2000 Adjunct Instructor, Inver Hills Community College

1982-2000 Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1978-82 Teacher, Breck School, Minneapolis, MN

1976-78 Teaching Associate in Composition, University of MN, Minneapolis

Memberships:

National Council of Teachers of English

KATHLEEN SHERIDAN- Spanish: Middle & Upper School

Education:

M.A. Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

B.A. University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI

Experience:

2005-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2003-05 Teacher, Henry Sibley High, Mendota Heights, MN

2003 Teacher, Dakota County Community Education, MN

1996-03 Teacher, Peoria Unified School District, Peoria, AZ

1995-96 Immersion Program Instructor, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

1994-95 School Interpreter, Eau Claire Area School District, Eau Claire, WI

1993 English Instructor, Prado Center, Sevilla, Spain

ELIZABETH SLOCUM- English: Upper School

Education:

M.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

B.A. Duke University, Durham, NC

Honors:

NAIS Leading Edge Award (MPA team member) 2003

Ashland Teacher Achievement Award, 1998

Loft Creative Nonfiction Mentorship Award Winner, 1996

Experience:

1998-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1996-98 Creative Writing Instructor, The Loft, Minneapolis, MN

1987-98 Teacher, St. Paul Academy and Summit School, St. Paul, MN

1980-87 Teacher, Randolph Public Schools, Randolph, MN

1984-86 Instructor, University of Minnesota

1972-75 Teacher, Penelakut Band Kindergarten, Kuper Island, British Columbia

1971-79 Director, Gestalt Institute of Canada, Kuper Island

RENEE SONKA- Art: Lower & Upper Schools

Education:

Continuing Studies, Sumi-e painting with Yuming Zhu, Dee Teller & others

Continuing Studies, Painting & Drawing, Minneapolis College of Art & Design

Continuing Studies, Painting, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

B.F.A. Iowa State University, Ames, IA, with distinction

Honors:

Iowa State University's Highest Art Education Graduate, 1996

Experience:

1998-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2010 Participant, Academy for Excellence in Teaching, Chicago, IL

2007-09 Exhibited works of art, various state & national venues

1997-98 Art Instructor, Colfax-Mingo Middle School, Mingo, IA

1995-98 Art Instructor, Colfax-Mingo High School, Colfax, IA

Memberships:

Sumi-e Society of America

Sumi-e Society of America, Minnesota Chapter

DEEDEE STACY- Teacher: Grade 4

Education:

B.S. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Experience:

2003-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1990-96 Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1988-90 Teacher, GFW Middle School, Fairfax, MN

1985-88 Teacher, CC Hardy Junior High, Conroe, TX

RENETTE STINSON- Director of Admission

Education:

M.A. Educational Leadership, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN (in process)

B.A. College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN, with honors

Experience:

2010-present: Director of Admission, Mounds Park Academy

2008-2010 Associate Director of Admission, Mounds Park Academy

2005-2008 Lower School Admission/ Gesell Developmental Assessor, Mounds Park Academy

1995-present: Education Coordinator, Concordia Lutheran Church, South St. Paul, MN

1985-2010 Teacher, Grade 3, Mounds Park Academy

1979-1985 Teacher, Osseo Independent School District, Osseo, MN

WENDY ANN SULLIVAN- Mathematics: Upper School

Education:

M.S. University of Pennsylvania

B.A. Amherst College, Amherst, MA

Honors:

John Woodruff Simpson Fellow

Phi Delta Kappa

Experience:

1994-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1987-94 Teacher, Beverly High School, Beverly, MA

1985-86 Teacher, Winchendon School, Winchendon, MA

PAMELA SUTTON- Teacher: Kindergarten

Education:

M.A. College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

B.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, cum laude

Experience:

2002-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2001-02 Substitute Teacher, Centennial School District, Circle Pines, MN

2001-02 Substitute Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2001-02 Substitute Teacher, Apple Academy Child Care Center, Centerville, MN

2001 Student Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

JOEL SWANSON- French: Lower, Middle & Upper School

Education:

B.A. Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Honors:

Excellence in Foreign Languages Award, Georgia Department of Education

Experience:

2002-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1996-2000 French Teacher, Brandon Elementary, Atlanta, GA

1996 Interpreter, Atlanta Summer Olympic Games

1995-2000 Curriculum Writer, Georgia Department of Education

1995-96 Teacher, Western Elementary, Newnan, GA

1993-94 Teaching Intern, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

1993 English Teacher, Falaise, France

MICHAEL THOMSEN- Science: Upper School

Education:

M.Ed. Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

B.A. Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

1991-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1990-91 Teacher, St. Bernard's School, St. Paul, MN

1989-90 Teacher, DeAnza Middle School, Ventura, CA

1984-89 Teacher, Fillmore Junior High School, Fillmore, CA

1983-84 Teacher, Divisadero Junior High School, Visalia, CA

1982-83 Teacher, Mt. Whitney High School, Visalia, CA

1978-81 Teacher, Bird Island High School, Bird Island, MN

MICHAEL VERGIN- Social Studies & College Counseling: Upper School Debate & Speech Coach

Education:

B.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

1998-present: Teacher, Debate & Speech Coach, Mounds Park Academy

1996-04 Instructor, Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth

1993-98 Debate & Speech Coach, Eagan High School, Eagan, MN

1992-98 Teacher, Eagan High School

KRISTINE VICK- Library Assistant

Education:

M.A.E. Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN (in progress)

B.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Experience:

2008-present: Library Assistant, Mounds Park Academy

2010-present: Literacy Tutor, American Indian Magnet School, ISD 625, St. Paul, MN

RENAE WANTOCK- Instrumental Music: Middle & Upper Schools

Education:

B.S. Winona State University, Winona, MN, summa cum laude

Experience:

1999-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1998-01 Teacher, Music Studios of Jan Erickson, Eden Prairie, MN

1994-97 Music Coordinator, Immaculate Conception Church, Fountain City, WI

1993-98 Teacher, Winona Middle School, Winona, MN

1991-93 Teacher, Butterfield-Odin Public Schools, Butterfield, MN

1990-95 Music Director, Fountain City River Players Community Theater

Memberships:

Technology Institute for Music Educators

Minnesota Music Educators Association

Minnesota Band Directors Association

KATRINA WENTZEL- English & Yearbook: Upper School Diversity Education

Education:

M.Ed. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, summa cum laude

B.A. College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN, magna cum laude

Honors:

National Leadership Honor Society

National English Honor Society

Experience:

2001-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2000-01 Assistant Editor in Acquisitions, Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., Minneapolis

1998-02 Diversity Trainer, State of Minnesota

1998-2000 Curriculum Coordinator, St. Paul Public Schools

1999 Instructor, Macalester College

1995-98 Teacher, St. Paul Public Schools

SCOTT WILSON- Teacher: Grade 1

Education:

B.S. University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Experience:

2000–present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

2000 Long Term Substitute, Mounds Park Academy

1999-2000 Substitute Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1999 Teacher Assistant, Little Canada Elementary, Little Canada, MN

1985-87 Clinic Coordinator/Instructor/Examiner, National Handicap Sports & Recreation Assn.

LISA WOODRUFF- Psychologist: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker

Education:

M.A. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

B.A. Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

Experience:

1996-present: Psychologist, Mounds Park Academy

1991-96 Counseling Center Director/Health Services Director, Northwest Youth & Family Services, New Brighton, MN

1987-91 Therapist/Licensed Psychologist, Northwest Youth Service Bureau, Roseville, MN

1987 Certificate in Marriage and Family Counseling

1984-87 Student Activities Coordinator/Director of Orientation, Augsburg College, Minneapolis

1979-84 Vice President in Charge of Events, Lutheran Youth Encounter, Minneapolis, MN

1978-79 Teacher, First Lutheran School, Blue Island, IL

EMILY WINGFIELD- Executive Director: Breakthrough St. Paul

Education:

M.S. Andrew Young School of Policy, Atlanta, GA

B.A. College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Experience:

2009–present: Executive Director, Breakthrough St. Paul, MPA

2007-09 Community Partner, Pratt School

2004-05 Researcher & Co-author, Andrew Young School of Policy

2001-04 Reading Teacher, 6th Grade, Teach for America

RENEE WRIGHT- Assistant Director: Lower School & Teacher: Grade 3

Education:

M.A. Education Leadership, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN (in process)

B.A. College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN, with honors

Experience:

2004-present: Assistant Director of Lower School, Mounds Park Academy

1987-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy

1979-87 Teacher, Osseo Independent School District, Osseo, MN

DIANE YANCHEK- Assistant Teacher: Pre-Kindergarten

Education:

B.A. Childhood Development, Concordia University

Experience:

2008-present: Teacher, Mounds Park Academy
