

XIS Faculty & Administration 2026-2027



Inna Klein
Head of School

Education: MA School Administration – Grand Valley State University, Michigan; BA – Grand Valley State University

Certifications: School Administrator Certificate – Michigan Department of Education; Professional Teaching Certificate: Elementary Teaching (K-8), ESL (K-12), Spanish (6-12) – Michigan Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 22 years

Home Country: USA



Cal Stuart
Secondary School Principal

Education: MA International Education and Schooling Development - University of New England, Australia; BA - Bachelor of Education Secondary (Physical Education & Science)

Certifications: Certificate of International School leadership - Principal Training Center for International School Leadership

Experience as an educator: 17 years

Home Country: Australia



Samuel Whitney
Elementary School Principal

Education: Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Certifications: Washington State Principal Certification in Educational Leadership, and Certificate in School Management and Leadership

Experience as an educator: 23 years

Home Country: USA



Jacob Wagner
IB Diploma Coordinator

Education: Master's in education (Wilkes University); Professional Teaching Certificate, BA Mathematics, & Minor in Music Technology (Susquehanna University)

Certification: K-12 Mathematics

Experience as an educator: 15 years

Home Country: USA



Dr. Laura Bell
MYP Coordinator / English L & L Teacher

Education: Master of Teaching - Sage Graduate School; Bachelor of Arts - University at Albany; Ed.D. Leadership and Learning in Organizations – Vanderbilt University

Certifications: K-6 Elementary Education and 6-12 English - Florida Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 15 years

Home Country: USA



Fey Reynolds
Elementary School Counselor

Education: MA Counselor Education - University of Montana; MA Global Youth Development - University of Montana, BFA Graphic Design - Montana State University

Certifications: School Counseling Educator License - State of Montana, English 6-12 Teaching License - Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, National Certified Counselor

Experience as an educator: 10 years

Home Country: USA, Israel



Paula Zhou
Secondary School Counselor

Education: MSc Psychology and Neuroscience of Mental Health, King's College London University of South Wales (Glamorgan) BA (Hons) Criminal Justice

Certifications: Teaching Diploma in Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy, The University of Oxford Mindfulness Foundation Teaching Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Early Childhood - Montessori Centre International (London), Teaching Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy Infants and Toddlers - North American Montessori Centre, Teaching Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy Early Childhood - North American Montessori Centre, Parent Effectiveness Training Instructor - Gordon Training International, Teacher Effectiveness Training - Gordon Training International, Non-Violent Communication - Centre for Montessori Studies

Experience as an educator: 27 years

Home Country: UK



James Gleeson
IT Coordinator / Communications
Coordinator

Education: M.Ed. International Education – Framingham State University; BA History and Politics - University College Cork, Ireland

Certifications: Post Graduate Diploma in Education – University College Cork, Ireland; CELTA - Cambridge English Teaching Qualification

Experience as an educator: 19 years

Home Country: Ireland



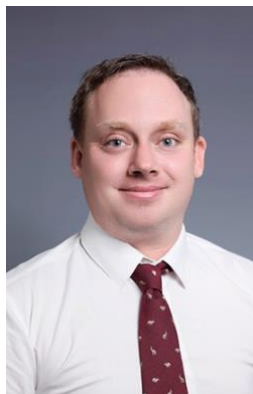
Samantha Nellett
PYP Coordinator

Education: M.Ed. Education Leadership—American College of Education, M.Ed. Disciplinary Studies—SUNY Buffalo State College, Bachelors of Science in Special Education—Illinois State Univeristy

Certification: Learning and Behavior Specialist Teaching License—Illinois Department of Education; International School Management and Leadership Certificate – AAIE Institute, Responsive Classroom

Experience as an educator: 12 years

Home Country: USA



Daniel Withey
Grade 5 Teacher - Head of Department
Grades 4 & 5

Education: MA Journalism- University of Lincoln, BA Ancient History and Archaeology – University of Wales Lampeter

Certification: Teaching Certificate – Moreland University

Experience as an educator: 16 years

Home Country: UK



Jennifer Wong
Grade 5 Teacher

Education: BS Business Administration and International Business and Finance – University of San Francisco

Certification: TEFL - UK

Experience as an educator: 10 years

Home Country: USA

Leon Hartley
Grade 4 Teacher



Education: Bachelor of Science - Computer Studies - University of Glamorgan (now called University of South Wales)

Certifications: Level 5 TEFL Certificate - London Teacher Training College, Teaching Certificate - Moreland University (ongoing)

Experience as an educator: 10 years

Home Country: UK

Amrisha Bissoon
Grade 4 Teacher



Education: BA Education – University of the Free State, South Africa

Certifications: TEFL – TEFL Professional Development Institute (USA) ; P4C Facilitator - International Council of Philosophical Inquiry with Children; Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities - UNICAF University, International Organization Management- University of Geneva(in progress).

Experience as an educator: 12 years

Home Country: South Africa

LeAndri VanJaarsveld
Grade3 Teacher



Education: BEd Foundation Phase Degree at University of Pretoria

Certification: Bachelor of Education

Experience as an educator: 7 years

Home Country: South Africa

Barbara Levy
Grade 3 Teacher



Education: Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours: Psychology and Sociology, University of Leeds

Certification: Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) University of Swansea

Experience as an educator: 25 years

Home Country: UK



Milton Nieto
Grade 2 Teacher

Education: M.Ed. TESOL - Greensboro College, North Carolina; BA Modern Languages (Spanish-English) - Universidad Distrital, Bogota, Columbia

Certification: K-12 Teaching License in Modern Languages (Spanish and English) – Bogota, Columbia

Experience as an educator: 22 years

Home Country: Colombia



Liz Thal
Grace 2 Teacher

Education: MA Teaching Diverse Learners and BA Elementary Education (K-6) - University of Northern Colorado

Certifications: Elementary Education Teaching License (K-6), Dual Endorsement in Special Education and Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education-Colorado Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 10 Years

Home Country: USA



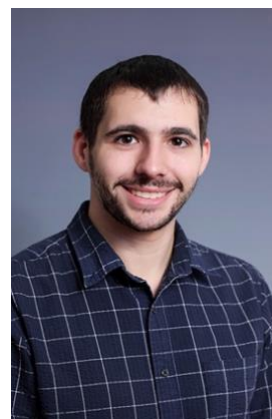
Wilhanlie de Beer
Grade 1 Teacher

Education: B.Ed Foundation Phase Education; B.Ed Honours in Learning Support - University of Pretoria, South Africa. FET Dance Instruction - Dance Academy of South Africa.

Certification: South African Council for Education (SACE), British Columbia (Canada) Teaching Certification.

Experience as an educator: 6 years

Home Country: South Africa



Mario Buffalini
Grade 1 Teacher

Education: MAT - Secondary Education - Liberty University, BA - International Studies and Spanish - Allegheny College, TEFL of 555 hours - Volunquest Certification Program

Certifications: Spanish PreK-12 Teaching License – Virginia Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 10 years

Home Country: USA



Abigail Especkerman
Kindergarten Teacher

Education: BSc - Education - Emporia State University

Certification: Elementary Education K-6 Teaching License - Kansas State Board of Education

Experience as an educator: 9 years

Home Country: USA



Alisa Lorenz
Elementary School Pre-K Teacher

Education: A.A.S in Early Childhood Education and B.A. in Psychology from University of Alaska, Fairbanks; M.A.T. in Elementary Education from Bellarmine University; M.A. in Educational Psychology from University of Northern Colorado

Certifications: Professional Certification for Pre-K to Grade 5

Experience as an educator: 15 years

Home Country: USA



Stefania Petridou
Elementary School Music Teacher

Education: Bachelor and Master Music Pedagogy Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Certification: Bachelor and Master Music Education and Pedagogy

Experience as an educator: 10 years

Home Country: Greece



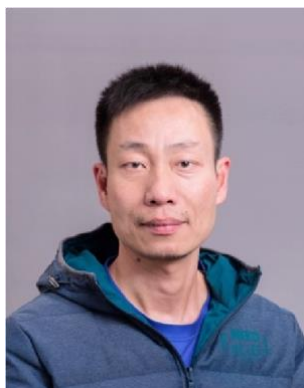
Wu Li
Elementary School Visual Arts Teacher

Education: BA Art Teaching - Jingdezhen Ceramic University

Certification: Visual Arts Teaching Certificate – Xiamen Bureau of Education

Experience as an educator: 30 years

Home Country: China



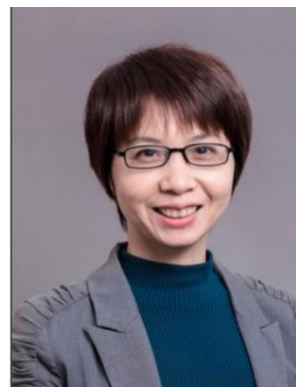
Reggie Lu
**Elementary School Physical Education
Teacher / Director of Activities**

Education: BD Physical Education – Jimei University

Certification: Teaching Certificate - The Ministry of Education
Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 30 years

Home Country: China



Elaine Li
Elementary School IT Teacher

Education: M. Ed. International Education – Framingham State
University; BA Computer Science & Technology – Guangdong
University of Foreign Studies

Certification: ICT in the Secondary Level – Ministry of Education
Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 20 years

Home Country: China



Vanya Duncan
Librarian

Education: MA Education/Teaching English Language
Learners - Walden University; BA History/Philosophy -
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Certification: Elementary Education (K-6) – Colorado
Department of Education; Linguistically Diverse Education (K-
12) – Colorado Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 16 years

Home Country: USA



Vickie Cai
Elementary School EAL Teacher

Education: M.Ed. International Education - Framingham State
University; BA Social Work - Jimei University; M.Ed. English
Language Acquisition – Jimei University

Certification: TESOL certificate – ITTT; Teaching Certificate -
English Language Teaching (primary and junior middle school);
Teaching Certificate - Primary Math and Chinese - Ministry of
Education Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 20 years

Home Country: China

Amy Chen

Elementary School Mandarin Teacher



Education: M.Ed. Teaching Chinese as a Foreign LanguageGuangxi Normal University; BA Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language-Fujian Normal University

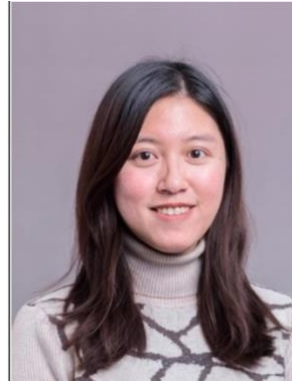
Certification: Teacher Qualification Certificate(National) - Ministry of Education Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 9 years

Home Country: China

Flora Chen

Elementary School Mandarin Teacher



Education: M.Ed. International Education - Framingham State University; BA Teaching Chinese as a Second Language – Beijing Language and Culture University.

Certification: Teacher Qualification Certificate(National) - Ministry of Education Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 17 years

Home Country: China

Constance Jiang

Elementary School Mandarin Teacher



Education: BA Chinese Literature - Fujian Normal University; MA Chinese Literature - National University of Singapore

Certification: National Teacher Qualification Certificate of China - Ministry of Education Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 13 years

Home Country: China

Ashley Lai

Elementary School EAL Teacher



Education: M.Ed. International Education - Framingham State University; BA English Literature - Yunnan University

Certification: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, American TESOL Institute; National Teacher Qualification Certificate of China

Experience as an educator: 20 years

Home Country: China



Tammy Sheng
Elementary School EAL Teacher

Education: BA English - Beijing Foreign Studies University;
M.Ed. International Education – Framingham University

Certification: English and Chinese Teaching Certificate - The
Ministry of Education Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 15 years

Home Country: China



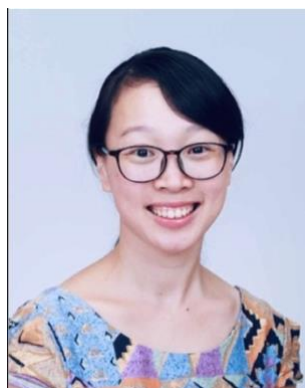
Luna Sun
Elementary School Mandarin Teacher

Education: MA Chinese Language & Literature – Xiamen
University; BEng Pharmaceutical Engineering O Beijing University
of Chinese Medicine.

Certifications: National Teacher Qualification Certificate –
Xiamen Education Bureau

Experience as an educator: 13 years

Home Country: China



Ava Zhang
Elementary School Mandarin Teacher

Education: MA International Education – Framingham State
University; BA Chinese Language & Literature - Renmin
University of China Business and Finance – University of San
Francisco

Certification: Teacher Certification for Teaching
English/Chinese – Education Bureau of China; Certificate for
Teachers of Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages –
Confucius Institute Headquarters

Experience as an educator: 22 years

Home Country: China



Juby Liao
Elementary School EAL Teacher

Education: M.Ed. International Education - Framingham
University; BA English Language and Literature - Xi'an
International Studies University

Certification: National Teacher Qualification Certificate -Xiamen
Education Bureau

Experience as an educator: 11 years

Home Country: China



Prof. Joseph De Silva
Elementary School EAL Teacher

Education: PhD in management, MA in Education, Certificate of International Education: IB Primary Years Programme

Certification: Post Graduate Diploma in Education and Teaching; IB educator certificate in Teaching and Learning; STEM certification; World Certified Professional (WCP) in Education and Training Management

Experience as an educator: 9 years

Home Country: New Zealand



Nikolaos Katsikas
Elementary School PE Teacher

Education: BA (Hons) and PGCE in PE both from University of Brighton

Certifications: Level 2 boxing coach, EE grassroots Football coach, Level 1 assistant

Experience as an educator: 7 years

Home Country: Greece



Meeta Bhagtani
**Secondary School Art & Design Teacher –
Head of Department Visual Arts & Design**

Education: BA: Fashion Designing, MA: Management

Certification: TEFL Certification, Harvard X Leaders of Learning Certification, Integrating STEM Certification, Cambridge Art & Design certification

Experience as an educator: 15 years

Home Country: India



Jacob Jarvie
Secondary School Maths Teacher

Education: University of Canterbury Bachelor of Science Major in Mathematics

Certification: Graduate Diploma in Education- University of Canterbury

Experience as an educator: 7 years

Home Country: New Zealand

Brooke Bannan
MYP Art and Design Teacher



Education: Bachelor of Secondary Education - Charles Darwin University. Masters of Educational Leadership - Southern Cross University

Certification: Secondary School Teacher Accreditation, Department of Education, Australia

Experience as an educator: 5 years

Home Country: Australia

Jessica Chen
Secondary School Mandarin Teacher



Education: Bachelor's degree in international Mandarin Teaching; Master in Mandarin Teaching-Tongji University

Certification: Mandarin teaching certificate for High School

Experience as an educator: 7 years

Home Country: China

Colin de Beer
Secondary School Math Teacher



Education: B.Ed Intermediate and Snr Phase, B.Com Financial Management, H.Ed Educational Management, M.Ed Educational Management (In Progress) - University of South Africa

Certification: South African Council for Education, British Columbia (Canada) Teaching Certification, Financial Advisor and Intermediary Certification (RE5), Young Aspiring Managers Course (OUTsurance Ltd)

Experience as an educator: 8 years

Home Country: South Africa

Jules Pardon
Secondary School MUSIC TEACHER BAND DIRECTOR



Education: Master in Music Education (Rennes 2 university) - DUMI-University Diploma in Music Education – Community & Schools (Rennes 2 university) -Bachelor in Music and Musicology (Rennes 2 university) -CEM – Certificate of Musical Studies (Rennes Conservatory of Music) (Trumpet, with modules in Conducting and Advanced Music Studies)

Certification: Musical Futures Level 1, Introduction to Kodály British Kodály Academy. Musical Theatre Training – Cours Florent, Paris

Experience as an educator: 8 years

Home Country: France

Kristian Dorrington
Secondary School EAL Teacher



Education: B.Ed Lakehead University & Western University

Certifications: BA History/English, BEd Intermediate/Secondary Education, IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning

Experience as an educator: 12years

Home Country: Canada

Liezl Gleeson
Secondary School EAL/ L&L Teacher



Education: MA International Education – Framingham State University; BA English Education - Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan, Philippines

Certification: Professional Teacher License, Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission

Experience as an educator: 22 years

Home Country: Philippines

Edmund Go
Secondary School PE Teacher / Director of Athletics



Education: BS Secondary Physical Education - Colegio San Juan de Letran Intramuros, Manila; Bachelors Business Administration - Woodbury University, California

Certification: Teacher License Registered Certificate - Manila, Philippines

Experience as an educator: 24 years

Home Country: Philippines

Salvatore Gugliotta
Secondary School Language and Literature Teacher / Head of Department - English



Education: MFA Fiction Writing - Drexel University; BA Literature - Coastal Carolina University

Certification: Grades 7-12 English Language Arts Teaching Certificate - Pennsylvania Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 17 years

Home Country: USA

Jamel Khaleel
Arabic Teacher



Education: Bachelor of Arabic Language - University of Arts / Manouba

Certification: Diploma in Teaching Arabic Language Methods - Educational Qualification Certificate

Experience as an educator: 26 years

Home Country: Tunisia

Kashveer Raghunath
Secondary School Design Teacher



Education: MA Education – Liverpool John Moore’s University (United Kingdom), BA Education - University of the Free State (South Africa)

Certification: TEFL Professional Development Institute (USA) P4C (Philosophy for Children) Facilitator

Experience as an educator: 14 years

Home Country: South Africa

James Kerr
Secondary School Music Teacher/ Head of Department - Music



Education: M. Ed. Educational Technology, B.A. Music

Certifications: K-12 Certification, Washington State, DC

Experience as an educator: 12 years

Home Country: India

Kevin Klein
Secondary School Math Teacher



Education: Master's Educational Leadership - Central Michigan University; Bachelor's of Science in Education (Business and Mathematics) - Central Michigan University

Certifications: Professional Teaching Certificate Mathematics 612; Business Education 6-12; Vocational Business Services 6-12 – Michigan Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 32 years

Home Country: USA



Rebecca Studds
Secondary School Science Teacher

Education: Master of Education (Secondary) The University of Melbourne

Certifications: Secondary Teaching Certified

Experience as an educator: 5 years

Home Country: Australia



Marqurite McCurdy
Secondary School Science Teacher / Extended Essay Coordinator

Education: Med. Science Education; B.A. Chemistry, Biology & Psychology – Talladega College, University of Montevallo

Certification: Teaching Certificate - Wisconsin Department of Education

Experience as an educator: 30 years

Home Country: USA



Daisy Li
Secondary School Mandarin Teacher - Head of Department – World Languages

Education: Bachelor of Literature, Teaching Chinese as A Foreign Language - Beijing Language and Culture University; Bachelor Degree of Science - Jiangsu University; Bachelor Degree of Science - Fujian Normal University

Certifications: Middle School English Teacher Qualification Certificate - Xiamen Education Bureau; Teaching Chinese as a Second Language - The International Society of Chinese Language Pedagogy; Qualified Certificate of Pedagogy and Psychology - Office of Fujian Provincial Higher Education

Experience as an educator: 24 years

Home Country: China



Fiona Lv
Secondary School EAL Teacher

Education: M.Ed. International Education - Framingham State University; BA English Education - Nanchang University

Certification: TESOL--Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages-ITTT, English Teaching Certificate for Middle School - The Ministry of Education Administration of China; English Teaching Certificate for Middle School - The Ministry of Education Administration of China

Experience as an educator: 15 years

Home Country: China



Sarah Son
MYP Korean L&L Teacher & DP Korean Lit Teacher

Education: Master of Arts in Education, Morland University USA; BA in English and German, Ewha Womans University Korea

Certification: SENIA Level 1 Certification & Teaching certificate

Experience as an educator: 9 years

Home Country: Korea



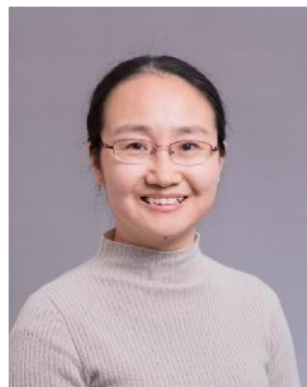
Mary Ocava
Secondary School Math & Science Teacher

Education: Master of Arts in Education Major in Mathematics (completed 36 units) - Bulacan State University - Philippines, Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering - AMA Computer University - Quezon City, Philippines

Certification: Licensed Professional Teacher in Secondary Level Major in Mathematics

Experience as an educator: 21 years

Home Country: Philippines



May Shen
Secondary School Mandarin Teacher

Education: BA Chinese Language and Literature - Xiamen University

Certification: National Teacher Qualification Certificate - Xiamen Education Bureau

Experience as an educator: 22 years

Home Country: China



Annie Wang
Secondary School EAL Teacher

Education: M.Ed. Education - Framingham State University; BA Chinese Language and Literature - Xiamen University

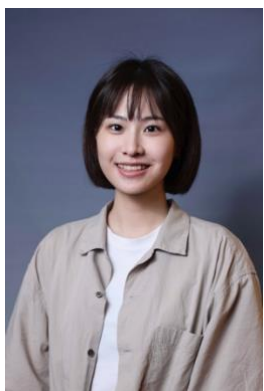
Certification: National Teacher Qualification Certificate - Xiamen Education Bureau

Experience as an educator: 13 years

Home Country: China

Nicole Lin

Secondary School Mandarin Teacher



Education: BA Chinese Language and Literature-Jimei University

Certification: National Teacher Qualification Certificate - Xiamen Education Bureau

Experience as an educator: 7 years

Home Country: China

You Xin

Secondary School Mandarin Teacher



Education: M.Ed. Education - Framingham State University; M.Ed. Education Management- Hunan University; BA Chinese Language and Literature – Xiamen University

Certification: National Teacher Qualification Certificate - Xiamen Education Bureau

Experience as an educator: 13 years

Home Country: China

Jessica Hunt

Secondary School Individuals and Societies



Education: Bachelor's of Education Primary and Secondary, Master of Education , Victoria University, Concordia University, University of the People

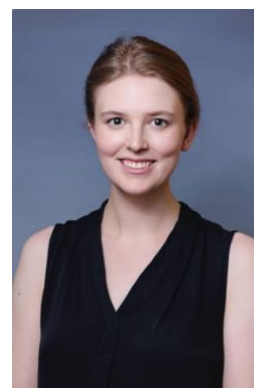
Certification: Secondary Advanced Teaching Certified

Experience as an educator: 14years

Home Country: Australia

Carly Swisher

Secondary School English Language & Literature



Education: MAT English Language Arts, ESOL- Southern Oregon University BA English Writing and Literature

Certification: Oregon Teaching License, Montana Teaching License, English Language Arts, ESOL

Experience as an educator: 7 years

Home Country: USA

Sajal Mishra
MYP science and DP ESS



Education: Bachelor of Science, University of Mumbai

Certification: Licensed Teacher and IB certified

Experience as an educator: 9 years

Home Country: India

Olivia Cronje
Secondary School Physics/Chemistry



Education: Bachelor of Science (Physics and Chemistry) - North-West University (South Africa)

Certification: Post Graduate Certificate in Education - University of South Africa

Experience as an educator: 6 years

Home Country: South Africa

Daniel Spears
Secondary School I&S Teacher



Education: M. Ed. Integrated Curriculum, American College of Education BA Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama

Certification: Humanities K-12 Teaching License- Florida Department of Education, 120 Hour TESOL Certification- International TESOL & TEFL Training

Experience as an educator: 16 years

Home Country: USA

Mike Davis
**Secondary School Physical Education Teacher -
– Head of Department PHE**



Education: B.Sc - University of Guelph - Human Kinetics

Certification: Teaching Certificate - Moreland University - Physical Education K-12

Experience as an educator: 19 years

Home Country: Canada

