



Addendum: Faculty and Staff Bios

Porsha Allen, Fifth Grade Assistant & Second Grade Extended Day Teacher

- Ms. Allen has her BA in English from Virginia Union University and is currently pursuing her MFA in Poetry from Queens University of Charlotte. She has experience as Camp Counselor, Substitute Teacher, Classroom Assistant, and Mentor at St. Andrew's School, Northside YMCA, and John Marshall High School.

PJ Berry, Middle School Extended Day Teacher

- Through his experience with Green & Pink in the Color Pod Program, Mr. Berry has grown to love our St. Michael's students. He has a BS in Health & Physical Education from Virginia State University. He has spent many years as Substitute Teacher, Coach, PE Teacher and Mental Health Associate in TX, GA, and with Hopewell & Brunswick County Public Schools. On a fun note, he also has some experience working/playing in the NFL, AFL, and MLB.

Erica Brown, Third Grade Extended Day Teacher & Extended Programs Administrative Assistant

- Mrs. Brown made quite the connection with our St M family during her tenure in the Green Pod. She has an Associates in Early Childhood Education from Finger Lakes Community College, and she owned her own daycare center for 10 years in New York. Other experience includes KidZone at American Family Fitness, Learning Care Group as lead teacher, and most recently Director of Good Shepherd School Child Development Center. She is mother to 3, stepmother to 2, and grandmother to 5.

Grace Bryan, Kindergarten Assistant & Morning Gym Attendant

- Ms. Bryan has a BFA in Sculpture & Extended Media from VCU. She joined the St M family with experience at EMPOWER Youth Lab, the YMCA, and several households where she worked as a nanny. She loves cooking, gardening, and being outside-- where she spent most of her time while in the Yellow Pod as part of our Color Pod program this Fall.

Virginia Eggleston, Third Grade Associate Teacher

- Ms. Eggleston brings both enthusiasm and experience to third grade. As the lead teacher in the Blue Pod, she managed a diverse group of students for the afternoon, and in this short time has developed an appreciation for St. Michael's and has formed a connection with her students. She holds her M.Ed., specializing in school counseling, is certified in Virginia for grades K-12, and has been a school counselor at several schools both in the US and at American schools abroad.



Eliza Ertel, First Grade Assistant

- Mrs. Ertel came to us from St. Christopher's School where she currently works afternoons with 1st graders as part of their Extended Day program. As the lead teacher in the Pink Pod for the latter half of our Color Pod program, she managed a diverse group of K-2 students during the virtual part of their mornings. She has worked with children for the last 10 years as nanny, coach, and teacher. She has a BS in Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University, and she enjoys being a group fitness instructor.

Lacey Franklin, Middle School Teaching Assistant for 6G

- Ms. Franklin has a BA of Science in Health, Physical Education and Exercise with a minor in Psychology. She comes to us from Kidzone where she worked with students from six weeks to fourteen years old. Ms. Franklin also worked at The Faces of Hope and created fun and effective lessons for students two to nineteen years old.

Gayle Frugard, Kindergarten & First Grade Extended Day Assistant Teacher

- Ms. Frugard has been with the St M Extended Day program since its inception in 2016. She has her BS in Social Services from VCU and extensive experience in providing high quality care and support to people who are experiencing health care or life crisis issues. She LOVES coffee & running, and has never met a stranger!

Hazel Germain, Fourth Grade Associate Teacher

- Mrs. Germain brings both enthusiasm and experience to fourth grade. She holds a teaching certificate with an endorsement in gifted education (in the process of being updated this year). Mrs. Germain has a deep knowledge of and love for St. Michael's. Not only has she stepped in and created a warm and exciting learning space as a substitute teacher, but she has a long association with the school as a parent.

Elyse Goss, Second Grade Associate Teacher

- Ms. Goss brings both enthusiasm and experience to second grade. As the lead teacher in the Yellow Pod, she managed a diverse group of students for the afternoon and in this short time has developed an appreciation for St. Michael's and has formed a connection with her students. She is in the process of completing her coursework toward her degree in early elementary education.

Nancy Hinson, Kindergarten & First Grade Extended Day Teacher

- Mrs. Hinson is the ray of sunshine who has been leading the afterschool section of the Orange Pod (formerly the Purple Pod) this Fall. She has a Career Studies Certificate in Early Childhood Education from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. She is the Lead Teacher of 3-4 year olds as well as Co-Director of After-School and Carpool at Reveille Weekday School where she's been since 1993.



Glory Holly-Rogers, Fourth & Fifth Grade Extended Day Teacher

- Mx. (*pronounced "mix"*) Holly-Rogers came to us from Unity Spiritual Life Center and Church where they spent almost 10 years as Youth Educational Coordinator & Teacher. They have their BS in Sociology and BA in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies from VCU. A talented artist with excellent improv skills, Mx. Holly-Rogers made quite the impression on the students under their care in the Green Pod this year.

Mitch Imbriani, Middle School Teaching Assistant for 6E & Morning Gym Attendant

- Mr. Imbriani has a BA in Environmental Studies and is currently working on completing his Masters in Environmental Education. He has experience as a camp counselor, an educational instructional assistant as well as an environmental educator. Mr. Imbriani has worked with students of all ages from eight to eighteen. He has restructured a camp program to focus on environmental education in the areas of animal, forest, and aquatic ecology, and geology.

Jennifer McCauley, K-8 Teaching Assistant for Art

- Ms. McCauley has a BA in Theatre Performance and an MFA in Theatre, Acting and Directing. She has twenty years of experience in education, acting, and non-profit management, and experience in diverse industries and teaching settings. She was a program associate in New York at the New York Foundation for the Arts and a teaching artist at Young Audiences of New York and American Place Theatre: Literature to Life in New York. She will be assisting Mrs. Craig and using best practices while encouraging growth in all of our students.

Suryahah Mehjabin, Middle School Teaching Assistant for History & Morning Gym Attendant

- Ms. Mehjabin earned a BA in International Relations as well as a BA in National Security & Foreign Affairs from Virginia Tech. She has experience working with children through a College Mentors program where she served as Activities Director, as well as through our own Color Pod program as the Lead Teacher for the Orange Pod. Suryahah speaks Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, French, and English.

Minh Pham, Third Grade Extended Day Assistant Teacher

- Ms. Pham is currently earning her BS in Business Management & Administration from VCU. She comes to us from Westwood Club where she has spent 3 years working with children ages 1-8. We are excited to welcome her onto the Extended Day team.

Arena Toro, Middle School Teaching Assistant for 7F & Morning Gym Attendant

- Ms. Toro is graduating next semester with a Bachelors in Psychology. She comes with years of experience with JK-8th grade students in both public school and private school settings. She has worked in Extended Day programs at St. Bridget's as well as in our own Color Pod program as part of the Red Pod. Other experience includes roles in summer camps, in-school remediation, and in various households as a childcare provider.