



New Faces at Gaston Day Middle School 2023-2024

Lower/Middle School Art - Hannah Gray

Hannah is joining us from an Independent School in Florida where she taught Art for the past five years to grades K- 8th. A native to Belmont, NC she is excited to be back “home” with her family. She is married with two teenage daughters of her own, and can be spotted on campus by her variety of funky glasses and crazy earring accessories. A lover of music, color, and creative projects, she is excited to join our community of talent!

7th/8th Grade Math - Lindsey Walden

Lindsey Huggins Walden is a proud Spartan alumna. Having graduated from Gaston Day in '03 she went on to obtain her B.A from UNC Chapel Hill. After spending several years working in the corporate business world, she found her love of teaching and passion for Math. She is returning to Gaston Day with over twelve years of experience working with middle and high school aged students. This will be her 4th year teaching Math. Three of her children, Megan (11th grade), Hayleigh (8th grade), and Hannah (Kindergarten) will be joining her at Gaston Day this year.

7th/8th Grade History- Chris Newman

Chris joins Gaston Day from Trinity Preparatory School in Winter Park, Florida where he taught 9th and 10th grade World History and coached lacrosse. Before teaching, he worked as an attorney and commercial real estate broker. Chris earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from the University of Miami. His oldest child, Declan, will also be attending Gaston Day's preschool.

Middle/Upper School Spanish - Eliana Graham

Eliana is joining us from Bogota, Colombia. Eliana has a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages Education from Pontifical Xavierian University in her hometown and is TESOL certified from NC State University. With eight years of teaching experience, Eliana has taught in a variety of grade levels and has been teaching in the USA for six years. She worked in Union County Public Schools as part of a Dual Immersion program and most recently taught Spanish I Honors in Charlotte Country Day School.

Middle/Upper School PE - Troy Herterick

We are excited to welcome Troy Herterick into a full-time teaching and coaching position at Gaston Day. For the past 5 years, Troy has worked at Kinetic Drive, where he focused on using sports as a vehicle to help players grow, both as athletes and young adults. As a former collegiate baseball player at Belmont Abbey and HS state champion, Troy knows firsthand what it takes to build and sustain a culture of excellence. We look forward to seeing how he helps bring both our MS physical education and baseball programs to new heights.