



We are delighted to introduce our new registrar, Pennie Darwin, to the Gaston Day School community.

Pennie is originally from Gaffney, South Carolina, where she earned her Bachelor's degree from Limestone University in 2009. She earned her Master's degree from Webster University in 2012. Pennie is a proud parent to her daughter, Kennedy, who resides in Spartanburg, South Carolina with her husband, Michael, and their two dogs. Pennie has in-depth expertise in student records and academic data management, with her most recent experience as the Registrar at Limestone University.

Outside work, she enjoys exploring new travel destinations, cheering on the Atlanta Braves, and spending time with her better half, Jeff, and her dog and cat, Aberdeen Skye and Spazz.

Pennie is thrilled to join the Gaston Day School family and make a difference in the lives of our students by helping them achieve their goals and dreams.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Pennie Darwin!

Although not new to Gaston Day School, we are thrilled that Travis Johnson will join our upper school team.

Travis spent most of his childhood in Estill Springs, Tennessee, and graduated with a BA in Fine Art from Sewanee: The University of the South in 2004. Travis will begin his twentieth year in the Art Room in a career that has ranged from teaching third-grade to Upper School AP level courses. He is active in the local Art community, recently being selected as an ArtPop Street Gallery artist in their 2022 class, and he will be showing a body of work this September at Catalyst Gallery in Uptown Charlotte.

Travis and his wife, Betsy, live in Gastonia with their daughters Nora and Nathalie, who love being a part of the GDS lower school. When not in school, we can be found in the garden, at the farmer's market, in the mountains, or at the beach.