

# ESE Staff Spotlight

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## Valeska J. Simmonds, Site Supervisor

Work Experience: Valeska is in her 6<sup>th</sup> school year with the ESE program at Forest Dale Elementary, prior to that she worked as the Lead Teacher with the YMCA K+ program at Fall Creek Elementary for 4 years. In total, she has 11 years experience as a before and after school supervisor.

Fun Fact: Valeska has completed her first novel and is currently working on a sequel.



## Jessica Richards, Assistant Site Supervisor

Work Experience: This is Jessica's third year in the ESE program. The first year she was a facilitator and then became a Head Counselor for the Success on Stage summer camp. Now she is in her second year as an Assistant Site Supervisor at Forest Dale.

Fun Fact: Jessica enjoys playing basketball and shopping in her spare time.



## Joshua Jones, Facilitator

Work Experience: Josh is in his second year as a facilitator with the ESE program. He was one of two Head Counselors at the Carmel Vacation Station camp at Carmel Middle School and is currently a Peer Mentor for new personnel.

Fun Fact: Josh just graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems. Go Wildcats!



## Melissa Lahti, Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Melissa's second year with the ESE program. She worked as a camp counselor over the summer and has worked as a nanny. She also has experience working at Monical's Pizza.

Fun Fact: Melissa used to play trumpet in junior high school.



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## Jordan Brumeloe, Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Jordan's third year with the ESE program. She spent last summer as a camp counselor with the Carmel Vacation Station camp and is currently attending classes at Indiana School for the Deaf for interpreting.

Fun Fact: Jordan is fluent in American Sign Language and plans on becoming an interpreter.

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## Taryn Ford, Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Taryn's second year with the ESE program. Previously, she has worked at Yogin Berry yogurt shop. Her job was to serve fresh yogurt to customers. She continuously over filled the containers!

Fun Fact: Taryn is very much afraid of roller coasters!

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## Becky Kapsalis, Facilitator

Work Experience: Becky is returning to the FDE ESE program after a two year break. She started with the CCPR ESE program in its inaugural season – August 2006. She is currently a Certified Parent and Child Behavior Coach for Indy Parent Help, volunteers at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center and is a volunteer at the O'Connor House giving parenting classes to single, pregnant women.

Fun Fact: Becky's real name is Athena after the Goddess of Wisdom which is why they call her Becky.

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## Molly McGeehan, Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Molly's third year with the Forest Dale ESE program. She also volunteered at several Carmel schools in their reading program assisting students in improving their reading skills.

Fun Fact: Molly plays wheelchair soccer and likes to swim!

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## Keysha Cooper, Inclusion Facilitator

Work Experience: Keysha has been with the ESE program as an Inclusion Facilitator for the past three years. She enjoys working with students on a 1:1 basis because it gives her a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.

Fun Fact: Keysha's brother has nine children and three grand children, and Keysha goes broke shopping during the holidays!



## Alyssa Clark, Facilitator

Work Experience: Alyssa worked for four years at Pet Smart as a pet groomer. Prior to Pet Smart, she worked for one year at Hamilton Crossing as a pet groomer.

Fun Fact: Alyssa's daughter Addison is afraid of Santa! (Aren't we all?)



## Emily Kyle, Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Emily's first year with the Forest Dale ESE program, and she absolutely loves it. She has babysat her little cousins and her niece, so she's very good working with little kids and babies. Emily also volunteered at daycares when she lived in Tennessee. Emily hopes to continue to pursue her dream of working with kids.

Fun Fact: Emily is terrified of clowns!



## Jessica Bowman, Facilitator

Work Experience: Jessica is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the ESE program. She is also the one who sets up our beautiful ESE parent table with the changing seasons. Before working with the ESE program, Jessica did window and special event floral arrangements throughout the city of Indianapolis.

Fun Fact: Jessica is enrolled at IUPUI to study nursing.

