

ESE Staff Spotlight

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Meagan Decker :: Site Supervisor

Work Experience: Meagan has been with ESE since 2008. This is her first year as site supervisor with Prairie Trace. Meagan graduated from the University of Southern Indiana in 2008. She has her teaching licenses in 4-6 intermediate and 6-8 middle school social studies. Meagan has always worked with kids from babysitting to preschool to other afterschool programs. She can't wait until she can get to know each and every one of the students at Prairie Trace Elementary.

Fun Fact: Meagan was born in Spain.



James Dowell :: Assistant Site Supervisor

Work Experience: James has been with ESE since February 2009. This is his first year as an Assistant Site Supervisor and at Prairie Trace. James graduated from Indiana University in 2007 and has worked with children in high school and all through college. James says that he has really enjoyed working and playing with the kids and looks forward to getting to know all of the Prairie Trace families. He believes that showing kids positive role models can impact their entire lives.

Fun Fact: James was born on Christmas.



Jenna Snellenberger :: Facilitator

Work Experience: Jenna is sixteen years old and a junior at Carmel High School. She loves to tumble and is a cheerleader at her school. Jenna has two brothers, so she loves doing boy things too! Ever since she was in junior high, she has been babysitting her neighbors and family friends. Jenna loves working with kids, and she thinks that they are so much fun. This summer she had a job as a nanny for three kids. She did it every day and had so much fun doing it. Jenna and the kids would go to the pool, and on some days she took them to the Monon Center. Jenna has a big extended family, and she loves it when they get together. One of her favorite things to do is spend time with family and friends. Jenna loves movies and football games on Friday nights, and she always goes to see her brother's play.

Fun Fact: Jenna was born on Thanksgiving!



Kianna Bibler :: Facilitator

Work Experience: Kianna worked for Kids Connections in Pendleton for two years. The program in Pendleton is very similar to the ESE program here in Carmel. She is currently in college to become an Elementary school teacher. This is her first year with the ESE program, and she is very excited to be a part of the staff at Prairie Trace Elementary School.

Fun Fact: Kianna loves her Landseer Newfoundland dog named Kabuki.



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George H. Ruiz :: Facilitator

Work Experience: George is from Colombia and was born in Armeria, Q. in 1989. He got his teacher diploma in 2007 back in his country and has been teaching since 9th grade and it is because the high school he attended is known as “the school that teaches how to teach.” George has had two jobs as a teacher; one of them took place in a kindergarten classroom for two years. The other one was teaching students from 3rd to 9th grade on the subjects of math, arts and English. George is a soccer player; his dream is one day to become a soccer coach. He loves his family and everything that revolves around them. George loves pictures, so do not get surprised if he takes one of you.

Fun Fact: George can speak two languages.



Keysha Cooper :: Inclusion Facilitator

Work Experience: Keysha has been babysitting since she was twelve years old. She loves being around children. It is an amazing thing to watch them grow.

Fun Fact: Keysha has one brother who has nine children. She has a four year old daughter named Aryonna.



Amy Kranz :: Facilitator

Work Experience: Amy is returning for her fourth year as a facilitator for the ESE program at Prairie Trace. Over the years, she has led many art and dance clubs through ESE. This summer she completed her third year as head counselor for the CCPR-Adventures in Art Summer Camp Series, in which she taught different types of art to twenty-five campers a week. Amy graduated from Herron School of Art with a B.F.A. in fine arts with a minor in dance.

Fun Fact: Amy is married to Ken who is a black sash in Chinese Kung-Fu and in V.S.A. martial arts Hall of Fame, and she has four wonderful kids.



Zachary Tyler :: Facilitator

Work Experience: Zak has four years as an autism aide in South Bend, Indiana. He also has worked for nine years as a groundskeeper at Robin Hood golf course in South Bend, Indiana.

Fun Fact: Zak played four years of soccer, basketball and golf in high school. He also coaches fifth and sixth grade girl's basketball.



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Basel Maarouf :: Facilitator

Work Experience: Maarouf has been with ESE since the summer of 2008. Maarouf plays soccer; he enjoys all sports. Basel once had four jobs at one time. Maarouf thinks that kids are fun to be around and enjoys his time at the program. Maarouf is in school to become a dentist.

Fun Fact: Maarouf is the youngest 2009 high school graduate in Hamilton County. He also wants to learn Chinese, Italian and master Kung Fu.



Linda Vang :: Facilitator

Work Experience: Linda has been with ESE for four school years now. She moved here 4 years ago from Manitowoc, WI. She was a Youth Coordinator for 2 years at the Hmong Community Center. Linda also worked for a program called Upward Bound for 7 years. She loves photography, scrap booking, and singing. Linda loves going to Goodwill finding items that she can make over, and she likes to seek out ordinary things and make them extraordinary. Linda has always enjoyed working with kids. They inspire her with their creative minds. She believes they are the leaders of today and tomorrow. Linda loves working here because each day is never the same.

Fun Fact: Linda likes to dress her dog up in clothes.



Drew Servais :: Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Drew's first year with the ESE program. He is a junior at Carmel High School and has played soccer all his life. He also has refereed youth soccer for the Carmel Dad's Club for 3 years. He is very excited to come and work with the kids at Prairie Trace.

Fun Fact: Drew was born 2 hours after July 4th.



Leslie Baker :: Facilitator

Work Experience: This is Leslie's first year with the ESE program. Leslie is married to Ron and lives in Fishers. She has two sons Jared, 24 and Ryan, 21. She attended North Central High School and graduated in 1977 with a major in Business Management and an Art minor. She has been the 'Lunch Lady' for Carmel Clay Schools for the past 11 years. Leslie enjoys being around kids and is still a child at heart.

Fun Fact: Leslie almost got married at the McDonald's on 96th Street.

