# STAFF SPOTLIGHTS





## Jennifer Hammons, Site Supervisor

She is starting her 14<sup>th</sup> year with the West Clay program, and is excited about seeing returning kids and meeting the new ones. She's also excited about working with her wonderful team. In her previous lives she was a middle school teacher, a K+ instructor, an Ivy Tech instructor, and a bookseller.

Fun Fact: She loves to travel and has been to Iceland and Alaska. She's planning a trip in the spring to Machu Picchu.



## Jessica Ballinger, Assistant Site Supervisor

She is starting her 11<sup>th</sup> school year as the West Clay ESE Assistant Supervisor. She spends most of her afternoon trying to lead the new kindergarten group of kiddos. She loves all the fun and wacky things kids say and learns so much from them every day.

Fun Fact: She loves to travel and has been to France, Haiti and Africa.



# Sheila O'Laughlin, Head Kid Counselor

She started with West Clay's ESE program this past May. The kids are awesome! It's been wonderful getting to know their unique personalities. Her background is working with kids and fitness, she likes to keep the kids active.

Fun Fact: She teaches aquatic fitness, and her family has a very smart and cute Australian Shepherd pup, who has fun herding kitties!

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### **Destinee Davis**, Kid Counselor

This is her 8<sup>th</sup> school year with ESE. She loves helping the children strive to be the best they can be. She love sports, and is usually running the gym clubs. She is also the homework hotlist counselor. She is looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Fun Fact: I am a mom to a dog, cat and snake.



## Val Peko, Kid Counselor

She has worked at ESE for a little over 11 years. She also works at West Clay Elementary as an IA! She loves her job. The kids are amazing! Her favorite things are being outside, running, her dog, and most of all, spending time with her husband and three boys. Today is a gift, that's why they call it the present!

Fun Fact: The beach is my happy place.



## Nicole Cortelyou, Kid Counselor

Her favorite part of this job is watching the kids mature every day! She is a senior at Carmel high school and she is looking to study special education in college.

Fun Fact: She swam with dolphins in Jamaica.

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### **Don Andrews, Kid Counselor**

He is originally from Terre Haute. He has a bachelor's in Fine Arts from ISU. He has a lovely wife and two kids. He likes coming up with superhero crafts for the art table, as well as helping in the gym. He enjoys living in Carmel and working with all the kids at ESE.

Fun Fact: He knows a lot about vintage toys.



## Caitlyn Young, Kid Counselor

This is her third school year with ESE and her first year at West Clay. She is excited to meet new kids and have this year. She graduated from Carmel High School last spring and will be headed off to college. In her free time she loves to craft and draw. She hopes to have a wonderful year together.

Fun Fact: I am a mom to 4 kitty cats.



### Jacob Bandawal, Kid Counselor

He is starting is fourth year with the West Clay ESE program. He is a junior in college at Ivy Tech.

Fun Fact: He has played basketball for 13 years.

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## **Xavon Breland, Kid Counselor**

He is a freshman attending the University of Indianapolis, pursing business management. He is a really active person and loves sports. He has played basketball and football since he was in elementary school up through high school. He ran has also run track and field. This is his second year working for ESE and he is excited to be back for another amazing school year.

Fun Fact: He has 6 siblings.



### Anna Eisman, Kid Counselor

She is starting her first year at the West Clay Elementary ESE program. She is studying Veterinary Medicine online.

Fun Fact: She loves all sports.



### **Colin Taylor, Kid Counselor**

Colin began working for ESE during the 2015-16 school year. Outside of work he enjoys going to Indy Car races, Pacers games, and hanging out with friends.

Fun Fact: Colin's role model is Indy Car driver James Hinchcliffe.

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### Allie Neumann, Kid Counselor

She is a junior at Carmel High School. She worked this summer at the Play On summer camp at Woodbrook Elementary. She loves kids and hopes to have a future career working with them!

Fun Fact: She love to dance and is on her school's dance competition team and loves to take pictures.



## **Dyamond Winfield, Kid Counselor**

Dyamond is starting her first year with ESE! She loves to shop, go out with friends and spending time with her family. Before joining Mohawk Trails she use to work in a restaurant, which was always busy.

Fun Fact: Dyamond loves snails.