

**2018-2019 Wheaton Academy
New Faculty and Staff Bios**

Caitlin Andrews: *Operations Coordinator:* Caitlin Andrews graduated from Grace College with a B.A. in History and a minor in Information Technology. She completed her master's degree in Biblical Archaeology at Wheaton College. Caitlin comes to us from NAI Hiffman, where she served as a Property Administrator. She loves learning, she and looks forward to working in a learning environment and acquiring new skills in her role. Caitlin loves reading, traveling, exploring different neighborhoods, finding hidden coffee shops and restaurants, eating ice cream, and helping her husband with his painting business. We are grateful that Caitlin will be helping coordinate the many aspects of Wheaton Academy's rental and operational functions. Welcome Caitlin!

Leah Dunlap: *Social Studies:* Leah is a 2018 Hope College graduate with a major in Secondary Education/Social Studies and a minor in Psychology Education. While at Hope, she played on the varsity volleyball team, which won the DIII National Championship in 2014. She looks forward to using her personal volleyball experience as a coach of the WA Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball Team. Leah is an avid dog lover and self-proclaimed "foodie" who loves trying new foods and new restaurants. She grew up in Wheaton with her parents Jim and Becky, and older brother Brendan. Leah is excited to begin her work at Wheaton Academy with her new colleagues and students.

Kermit Ellison, LCPC: *Guidance Counselor:* Kermit earned his bachelor and master's degrees in Psychology at Wheaton College, and his Guidance Counselor certificate from National Lewis University. He comes to us from Parkland Preparatory Academy, where he supported students as Program Therapist, developing and managing Individual Education Plans and facilitating individual and group therapy. He looks forward to seeing how God blends his talents, experiences, and presence with the rich history and vision of Wheaton Academy. Kermit enjoys golf, musicals, yard care, video games, reading, and learning new and interesting things. He has been married to Janine for 17 years and has three children: Sean, Kelli, and Matt. In addition to serving the Wheaton Academy student body as a Guidance Counselor, Kermit will also be an assistant football coach.

Debbie Fitzpatrick: *School Nurse:* Debbie is looking forward to beginning a new season at Wheaton Academy as an RN. She comes to us from Wheaton Pediatrics, where she served patients for ten years. She is excited to get to know students and provide care and guidance to them as needed. Debbie is married to Patrick and has three children – Norah (WA sophomore), Anderson (8th grade), and Gunnar (6th grade). Her time outside of work is spent on a field or court (baseball, football, and basketball) with her boys or listening to Norah play the piano. She

loves to read and listen to music, have game nights with friends and family, and watch NCAA Football – Go Buckeyes! Her favorite thing is laughter, and you will likely never see her without a Starbucks.

Dawn Hamm: *Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director:* Dawn Hamm is a familiar face to many at Wheaton Academy, as both a Wheaton Academy parent and the Girls Tennis Assistant Coach. She is excited to contribute to a place that has benefited her family so significantly and looks forward to supporting the coaches so that their seasons run smoothly and are fulfilling. She loves being with family and friends, playing games, spending time outdoors, and of course, playing tennis! Dawn is married to Keenan, and has three children – Olivia ('20), Matthew ('14), and Charlie ('12).

Madeline Hazel: *English:* Madeline earned a BA from Wheaton College with a double major in English and Secondary Education, and endorsements in Middle Grades English Language Arts and Middle Grades Science. She comes to us from Schaumburg High School, where she taught freshman, sophomore, and senior English. She looks forward to building relationships in the WA community this year. She can't wait to meet her students and is particularly excited to read *Romeo and Juliet* with her freshmen and *Fahrenheit 451* with her juniors. Not only does she enjoy reading and writing in her free time, but she also loves music, ceramics and sculpture, and spending time outdoors hiking or camping. Madeline grew up in Geneva, IL, where her parents still live. Her younger sister and closest friend, Emma, is a student at University of Wisconsin.

Ann Kwiatkowski: *French:* Before coming to Wheaton Academy, Ann taught French for twenty-one years at Christian Liberty Academy and Harper College. She loves taking her students to France, where they can experience full immersion and participate in missions with churches in Paris. She is extremely excited to share her love for the French language and its culture with Wheaton Academy students. Apart from working on her Ph.D. in French Studies with the University of Birmingham in England, she enjoys sports and activities that keep her moving. Doing so led her to earn a 5th black belt in Taekwondo! She also loves biking and running. But most of all, she feels truly blessed to have four wonderful children and a busy, godly husband who is the president of a homeless shelter called the Pacific Garden Mission in downtown Chicago.

TBD: *Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director:*

Nicholas Osterloo: *Sports Information Director Intern:* Nicholas is a senior at North Central College, majoring in Sports Management / Marketing, and looks forward to interacting with

Wheaton Academy student-athletes and promoting Wheaton Academy through the athletic programs here. In addition to interning at Wheaton Academy, Nicholas serves as a Sports Information Assistant for the North Central Athletic department, where he announces games, produces social media content, and writes articles. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family (his twin brother plays football at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater), and playing baseball, basketball and golf with friends. Welcome, Nicholas!

Sam Scheidt: *Science Student Teacher:* Sam is enthusiastic about being a part of the Wheaton Academy community this fall, and showing his students a glimpse of the wonders of Biology. He is currently a senior at Wheaton College, majoring in Science Secondary Education. His hobbies include anything outdoors (hunting, fishing, hiking, etc.) and playing football. When he's not doing those things, you'll probably find him reading either non-fiction or theology books. Sam will be partnering with Mr. Regan during his student teaching placement.

Elliot Thompson: *Faculty Support:* We are grateful that Elliot is expanding his influence at Wheaton Academy in his new role as Faculty Support. Last year, Elliot worked at Wheaton Academy both as the Performance Assistant in the Athletic Department and as a substitute teacher. He is currently serving with the Chicago Eagles Ministry as a coach and is passionate about using soccer as a tool for evangelism and discipleship. He comes from a military family, which helped instill his strong work ethic. Elliot earned a BS in Biology from Greenville College. He is in the process of earning credentials as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and plans to pursue a D-Class soccer coaching license. Elliot has played soccer for 22 years and loves staying active and being outside.

TBD: *International Admissions and College Placement Counselor*