



Rachel Austin (School Nurse) joins the Student Services team as our school nurse after having served as a substitute nurse last year. She is excited to be working at Wheaton Academy on a daily basis! She looks forward to collaborating with the Wheaton Academy faculty and staff to help students thrive. Rachel earned a B.S. in Nursing, with a minor in Psychology, at Olivet Nazarene University. She has ten years of nursing experience in hospital inpatient, outpatient, and clinic settings. Rachel is married to Nick ('04) and has three daughters – Sophia (9), Avery (7), and Hailey (5). She enjoys Pilates, gardening, interior design, being at the beach, and watching baseball with her husband.

Kirsten Borrink (Spanish) comes to Wheaton Academy with over ten years of experience teaching Spanish at both the middle school and high school levels. Kirsten's love of Spanish language and culture came from her own excellent high school Spanish teachers who inspired her to continue learning the language, and she is eager to help students embark on their Spanish-learning adventure. Kirsten has a wide variety of interests: she is an amateur birder; she loves tracking the weather, especially severe storms; she founded a blog on comfortable footwear, and she enjoys traveling to new places, most recently Costa Rica. She is married to her college sweetheart and has two sons, ages 17 and 12. They also have a Wheaton Terrier who they love like family.

Isabelle Case (Math) earned her B.S. in Mathematics from Wheaton College in 2019. She pursued a unique student teaching assignment in Australia at The Kilmore International School, where she taught 6th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade math. While at Wheaton College, Isabelle was actively involved in the Gospel Choir, in the Community Life Council, and in Residence Life. She also worked at Camp Ray Bird, which serves children who are from low-income households or who are living in foster care. Isabelle's passion for students is evident, and she looks forward to both growing as an educator and developing the next generation of students who love God, love neighbor, and love learning. Outside the classroom, she enjoys singing, dancing, and running. Music plays an important role in her faith journey, and she loves engaging with others on the topic.

Ryan Chaney (Math) looks forward to investing in students' lives as a teacher, coach, and mentor. His desire is to use his role as a math teacher to build within his students a passion for truth and help them shape their abilities to reason, think logically, and solve problems. Ryan has a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education, with a Certification in Mathematics. Ryan's interests and hobbies are sports-related – he grew up playing soccer, basketball, and baseball. Soccer became his passion, and he is glad to be involved in both the boys and girls soccer programs at Wheaton Academy this year. Ryan is married to Rachel, and they are the proud parents of their one-year-old son, Callum.



Gina Churchill is looking forward to serving God while working alongside students to support them academically, emotionally, and spiritually. She has a BA in Secondary English and Dance education, as well as Master's Degrees in Teacher Leadership and School Counseling. Before coming to Wheaton Academy, she was an English teacher and varsity dance coach at Wheaton North High School. She completed her school counseling internship at Wheaton North, as well. As a former English teacher, Gina loves to read. She also enjoys landscaping, photography, and dance. Gina's husband is a Wheaton Academy graduate, and his positive experience drew her to this new role. They have a one-year-old daughter. Welcome, Gina!

Laura Cusack joined the Development Department in April, and we are grateful for the contributions she has already made. Laura comes to Wheaton Academy from the Fund for American Studies Program in Washington, D.C., where she was the Manager of the Public Policy and Economics program. She is a Wheaton Academy graduate and grateful for the opportunity to be back. Laura says, "When I attended Wheaton Academy, I was too young to fully understand and appreciate what a privilege it was to have this kind of educational and spiritual foundation in my life. I now am able to see what an incredible gift God gave me through my experiences here, and the impact it would make on me as a teenager and in the years that followed. I don't take this for granted. I know that God has blessed me again with another opportunity to be a part of this special place that has an extraordinary mission. I look forward to seeing the impact that God will make in the lives of our students – just as He did in my life."

Paige Donahoe is serving as Wheaton Academy's new Director of Curriculum and Instructional Coach. She has a Master's Degree in Education/Curriculum and Instruction. Prior to taking this role at Wheaton Academy, she was the Principal at Medina Christian Academy in Medina, Ohio. She and her family moved to Illinois last year from northeast Ohio, where her five older girls grew up. They have one daughter at home, Reese, who will be in 7th grade this year at WCGS. Paige loves to read, play tennis and golf, and cheer for the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns, Cavs, and Indians. She also enjoys traveling to visit her older daughters in Ohio, Florida, and Utah.

Evalinda Felix comes to Wheaton Academy from Calvary Christian School where she enjoyed teaching Spanish and Bible for four years. She is a graduate of Aurora University with a BA in Education and a minor in Spanish. She is married to Frank, and they share five children, one of whom is a sophomore at Wheaton Academy this year. She loves learning, spending time with family, listening to music, bike riding, and traveling. She is looking forward to new relationships with the students, families, and staff here at WA and sharing her love of language, people, and Christ.



Tate Fritz (Bible) is most looking forward to opening up the pages of Scripture with Wheaton Academy students and watching God powerfully work in their lives as they discover more of who God is and the impact that He can have in their lives. He is also grateful for the opportunity to work together with, learn from, and be mentored by faculty who love God, love others, and love teaching. Tate has four siblings, and all of them have either graduated from or are currently attending Wheaton Academy. Tate enjoys playing golf, traveling, spending time reading/writing in coffee shops, coaching basketball, and spending time with friends and family.

Amy Hogan serves as the Friday Front Office Receptionist. She is looking forward to meeting, interacting with, and serving the students, parents, and the faculty and staff of Wheaton Academy. She can't wait to become a part of this community in a different way than she has been in the past. Amy has been a parent at WA since 2010. Since then her two oldest boys, Jansen and Carson, have graduated from WA; her youngest son, Tyson, is a junior this year. When she's not at Wheaton Academy, you can find her working alongside her husband, Brian, for Masterpiece Ministries. She also loves riding her bike on the prairie path, cheering on her boys as they chase their dreams, going on dates with her husband, and sharing coffee with girlfriends!

Brian Hogan joins Wheaton Academy as the Dean of Chapel and Spiritual Formation. Brian is a familiar face to many. He and his wife Amy have been part of the Wheaton Academy community as parents and Brian has also served as a Winterim Guest Instructor for several years. Brian's ministry experiences, his pastoral heart, strong theological background, leadership ability, and musical giftedness make him uniquely qualified for this position. He spent 15 years as the Worship and Creative Arts Pastor at Wheaton Bible Church. Before that role, he was the Student Pastor at First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Brian is humbled and excited to work with staff and students alike to deepen the impact of chapel and establish a positive student and discipleship culture at Wheaton Academy.

Ashley Holtrop is joining the Student Services team as our new Special Education teacher. She brings a decade of experience in special education and is skilled in differentiating instruction, collaborating with teachers, and implementing accommodations to help students succeed. Ashley is married to Eric and has three daughters: Heidi (6), Harper (4), and Hope (2). Outside of school, she enjoys running, going on hiking adventures with family, and walking her Golden doodle, Charlie.



Chelsea Schillinger is our new Development Events and Database Coordinator. She looks forward to meeting the many faces of Wheaton Academy's alumni and donors and hearing stories of how this school has impacted their lives. She is also excited to execute donor events where she can create meaningful connections with the many people who love Wheaton Academy. Chelsea's husband, Kevin, is a 2010 graduate of Wheaton Academy. This past March, they welcomed their first child, Jamie Lynn to their family. Outside of work, you can find Chelsea reading Agatha Christie mystery novels, swimming, camping, and going to White Sox games. She's originally from the rural cornfields of Indiana and now enjoys living in West Chicago, experiencing the community life of the suburbs.

Drew Sezonov ('15) is passionate about sports and excited to join the Athletic Department as the Athletic Operations Assistant. Drew played soccer for four years at Wheaton Academy and then attended Taylor University, where he played soccer and earned his Bachelor's degree in Sports Management. Drew comes from a family of soccer players. His dad graduated from Wheaton Academy in 1984 and played on the soccer team. His sisters, Anna Ruth ('16) and Kathryn ('19) played soccer at Wheaton Academy, as well. Wheaton Academy had a profound impact on Drew, and he's looking forward to giving back and having the same impact on the current students that his coaches and teachers had on him.

Lauren Spitler ('12) looks forward to being on campus daily and having the opportunity to connect regularly with students in her Faculty Support role. She is a familiar face in the Fine Arts Department, having been involved in theatre both as a student and as a staff stage manager. Lauren is close with her siblings, three of whom also graduated from Wheaton Academy. She and her siblings all experienced meaningful relationships with teachers and staff that enriched their lives and nurtured their spiritual growth. Lauren is eager to develop those same types of relationships with current students. Outside of work, Lauren is intentional with her time as an artist and strives to create and try new forms of media. She is regularly inspired by theatre and live performing arts.

Angela Webster joins Wheaton Academy as the new Marketing Associate. She is a graphic designer with experience in branding, consulting, design, and web development. Angela came to know and love Wheaton Academy while doing contract graphic design work for us in 2017 and 2018. She is grateful to work here again in a permanent capacity. Angela recently returned from North Africa, where she spent eight months studying Arabic and helping design materials to promote peace between Muslims and Christians. She loves to read and hike; her favorite place to hike is in the West Highland Way in Scotland.



Chris Yiesla is our new Video Producer and will work alongside the faculty and staff to produce video narratives and promotions for Wheaton Academy. He lives in Carol Stream with his wife, who is a book editor. His hobbies include watching movies, reading, apologetics, video games, and guitar. Chris looks forward to being a part of the thriving Wheaton Academy community and collaborating with his colleagues to create compelling film that conveys the mission and distinctives of Wheaton Academy.