



New Employee Biographies 2026-2027

Amelia Claus

Amelia Claus is looking forward to sharing her love of mathematics with students while encouraging them and building their confidence in a subject that is often misunderstood or overwhelming. She loves traveling, learning about new cultures, studying French, cooking, baking, music, and fostering genuine community. Amelia holds an M.A. in Teaching Mathematics from Indiana University and is AP- and dual-credit certified. She recently moved back to the U.S. after spending four years teaching at an international missionary school in Senegal, West Africa, and seven years prior to that teaching at a public high school in northwest Indiana. Amelia is deeply thankful to the Lord for the experiences He has provided to help her grow, and she's excited to join the Wheaton Academy community.

Paul Ferguson

Paul Ferguson is excited to take on a new challenge in the Development Office, where he looks forward to connecting with alumni and donors from different eras and sharing opportunities for them to partner in Wheaton Academy's mission and work. He is equally excited to return as head coach of the boys' basketball program. Paul and his wife, Michelle, have six children. Their family loves to travel, fly fish, play pickleball, and partner with the ministry of Filter of Hope. Prior to returning to Wheaton Academy, Paul coached two 4A basketball sectional championship teams at Columbus North in 2023 and 2026. This fall, his son Samuel will be a sophomore and the first of his children to attend WA, following three older sons who graduated from Columbus North. Michelle will homeschool the two younger children, James (12) and Annie (9).

Annika Richardson

Annika Richardson is eager to serve the Academy community as a faculty support and Spanish teacher. She looks forward to building relationships and helping students grow academically and as followers of Christ. Annika loves watching and playing basketball, spending time outdoors, reading, learning new languages, traveling, and picking up new instruments, most recently the Galician bagpipe. Annika graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wheaton College in 2025 and was selected for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program this past year, where she served as an English Teaching Assistant in Ourense, Spain. There, she designed and taught lessons for students of various ages and language levels, collaborating with local teachers to support speaking skills and foster cultural exchange. She is excited to bring that same heart for growth and connection to the Academy.



Morgan Robinson

Morgan Robinson is looking forward to getting to know her students and sharing her love of science with them, hoping that studying it can be both an inspiration to their faith and an opportunity for worship, just as it has been for her. Outside the classroom, Morgan enjoys photography, learning Japanese, playing the cello ("rather poorly," she'll admit), painting, and caring for her ball python, Turkey. She also loves birdwatching and considers herself happiest in an all-you-can-eat sushi restaurant. Each summer, she and her husband travel to his home state of Pennsylvania to take part in a Shakespeare production. Morgan holds a B.S. in Biopsychology and an M.A.T. in STEM Education. Her family of three includes herself, her husband, and their ball python, Turkey, and they attend All Souls Anglican Church in Wheaton. She is thrilled to join the Wheaton Academy team.

Mike Rogers

Mike Rogers is thrilled to join Wheaton Academy as its 40th Head of School, bringing more than 25 years of experience building schools and leading mission-driven teams committed to academic excellence. He founded and led Moving Everest Charter School in Chicago, growing it from an idea to 750 students and a staff of 120, creating a thriving K-8 community. He previously taught high school in Geneva and held leadership roles at Naperville North, By The Hand Club For Kids, and Wheaton Christian Grammar School. Mike holds an M.A. in Educational Leadership from Aurora University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Iowa. He and his wife, Linda, have six children and 11 grandchildren (with two more on the way). He enjoys staying active through running, biking, swimming, hunting, and fishing. Mike looks forward to building relationships across the community and helping carry the Academy's mission into its next chapter. Click [here](#) to learn more about Mike.

Kristin Thompson

Kristin Thompson is thrilled to join Wheaton Academy's math department. She is looking forward to building a faith-centered community with her students. She enjoys being outdoors, riding bikes, and hiking or climbing with her husband and kids. She is excited to see what God has in store for her, both as a professional and as a parent of a WA student, since her son, Emmanuel, will be transferring in as a junior this year.