



Introducing our New OC  
Family  
2019-20

# Jennifer Yauck



Oglethorpe County has always been home to me, so I am excited to be joining the faculty at Oglethorpe County High School where I will be working as a teacher and instructional coach. I graduated from Oglethorpe County High School in 1997, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Plant Biology a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, and a Masters in Science Education from the University of Georgia. This year is my 16th year in education. I have taught at Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School, Oconee County High School, and have served as the director of 6-12 Science at Northeast Georgia RESA. I have also taught environmental education at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center and internationally in Kolkata, India. In addition to teaching, I enjoy gardening, running, playing piano, and spending time with my family. My husband, Al Yauck, is a science teacher and wrestling coach at Oconee County High School, and we have 1 daughter, Catherine, who is 4 years old.

# Brianna Dickens

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I graduated from Oconee County High School and went on to attend Augusta University. At Augusta University, I played softball for 4 years and studied health and physical education. In my spare time, I enjoy being around my family/friends, dogs, and watching Georgia football.





I attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where I played baseball and earned my B.S. in Business Management. I am on track to graduate with my Master's Degree in Teaching from the University of West Georgia this May. In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors, traveling, and spending time with my family.

**Kriz Patel**





My name is Ashlee Johnson and I am excited to be teaching at OCES this year! I am a native of Elbert County, and a graduate of North Georgia University where I studied Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I have taught in other counties in Georgia as well as in South Carolina. I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two year old son. I am looking forward to working with and serving the families in Oglethorpe County!



My name is **Hannah Murphy** and I will be teaching Special Education in third grade. As a graduate of the University of North Georgia with a degree in Early Childhood and Special Education, I'm excited to begin my teaching career. I come from a family of educators and am eager to carry on the tradition of encouraging every child that I teach. When I'm not in the classroom I enjoy spending time with my family and boyfriend, playing board games and crafting. As a graduate of OCHS, I'm very happy to be back and look forward to an incredible first year alongside some familiar and some soon to be familiar faces.



# Emily Williams



I am excited to start my 5<sup>th</sup> year in education by joining the Oglethorpe County staff for the 2019-2020 school year as the Family and Consumer Science Educator at OCHS. I graduated from OCHS in 2010 and graduated from the University of Georgia, in 2014, with a B.S. in Family and Consumer Science Education. I have spent the last 4 years as the Culinary Arts Instructor/Chef at Morgan County High School. One of my favorite roles is being an Aunt of 3 and, in my spare time, I enjoy traveling, cooking and spending time with friends and family. My passion is cooking and I have spent most of my life practicing and polishing my craft. I am so excited to share my knowledge and love of food with the students at OCHS.



Hello! My name is **Kortney Hall** and I will be a paraprofessional in the k-5 special education at the elementary school. I had the pleasure of completing my student teaching in this classroom last school year and I am over the moon to be back. I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia but Athens stole my heart during undergraduate and I couldn't leave just yet. I graduated from the University of Georgia in May and began working on my masters degree this summer. I am so excited to officially be part of the OCES family!



# Chad Elder

I am excited about my new adventure as assistant principal for Oglethorpe County Primary School. I feel like I am coming home. I grew up in Washington Georgia, and graduate in 1992. I left Washington and joined the United States Marine Corp. I started my college education at Truett McConnell in Cleveland Georgia, and I finished my Bachelor's Degree in Music Education at Valdosta State University. I earned my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Georgia State University. I have been happily married to my wife LeeAnna Elder for 20 years. We have two daughters. Our oldest daughter is attending college at Piedmont College, and our youngest daughter is entering high school this year.







I am **Shay Craig**, a 2006 graduate of OCHS and I am excited to be returning to Oglethorpe County Schools to teach once again. I previously taught 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at OCES and I have returned to teach Special Education at OCPS. After graduating from OCHS, I attended Young Harris College where I met my, now, husband, Bobby Craig (11<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA teacher at OCHS), and received my Associate's of Health Sciences. From there, I moved to Boone, North Carolina to attend Appalachian State University and obtained my Bachelor's in Elementary Education. I am currently half way through my Master's of Literacy program through the Special Education Department at the University of West Georgia. I look forward to serving families in Oglethorpe County School District once again.





My name is James Moree and I am first year teacher at Oglethorpe County High School. I recently graduated from the University of Georgia with my degree in Special Education. Along with teaching special education, I will be assisting with the JV and Varsity baseball teams. I am originally from Albany, Georgia, but Oglethorpe County is already starting to feel like home! I am excited for this awesome opportunity and can't wait to see what this year has in store!

My name is **Codi-Belle Smith** and I am a first year teacher at OCMS. In May, I graduated from the University of Georgia (Goooo Dawgs!) with a degree in special education. I am native to Oglethorpe County (Class of 2015!) and am glad to be back in my home school district! In my spare time I am usually in one of two places- at the rec department where I teach dancers of all ages, or at home on the farm playing with my golden retriever, Magnolia. I am so excited to begin a great year at Oglethorpe County Middle School!







# Sarahgrace Cox

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I recently graduated from University of North Georgia with a bachelor's degree of science in elementary education and special education. While in this program, I also earned my reading endorsement. Some of my favorite things to do include playing board games, being outside, cooking, reading, and joking with my family/friends.

## Grace Majer



- Where I went to school: Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana (I know, it's funny because my name is Grace and I went to Grace).
- What I studied: English Education
- Where I am currently studying: I am working on my Masters of Arts in Theater at Regent University Online.
- What I like to do in my spare time: I love to read and write (typical English teacher). I also enjoy a good adventure, and love to plan my next trip. I have currently been to 14 foreign countries and 27 States. The goal is to visit all 50 states, and see as many countries as possible. My favorite travel destination, so far, has been Iceland! Next trip is Guatemala 2020! I also love my pets, I have two Red-Eared Slider turtles (Zippy and Zoomer, I've had them since I was 14 years old), and a Pembroke Welsh Corgi named S'mores.
- Fun Fact: I am originally from the Chicago area, and have recently moved to Georgia. So far, so good (except the bugs. I'm terrified of the bugs).





Hey everyone! I am **Lindsay Gregory**. Coming to OCES is almost like a homecoming for me. While I am not from Oglethorpe County, I have lived in the county since 2004. I graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and then a Master's degree in Education. I taught for 2 years in Gwinnett County and 11 years in Clarke County. In that time I have taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. During my last year in Clarke County I was a gifted specialist working with multiple grades. My husband, Derrick, and I have three children. Emily will be in 5th grade, Elizabeth will be in Kindergarten, and Isaac is 10 months old. As any good graduate of UGA, I am a Georgia football fan. Go Dawgs! Being originally from Canada yet raised in the south makes for a neat combination of food likes and dislikes as well as accents and spellings. You probably won't hear me say y'all but you're sure to get a yes ma'am/no sir out of me. I'm pretty much a nerd, especially when it comes to what I read and what shows I watch. Here's to a great school year!



## Kriz Kimbel

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My name is Kriz Kimbel. I am a technology para-pro mainly working at the middle school and elementary school. I am finishing up my core at UNG before transferring to UGA next year to major in Sports Management. I love soccer and spend most of my free time watching it and one day I will coach at the college and professional levels.



# Betsy Riser

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I am Betsy (or Elizabeth) Riser, I am a new parapro at OCMS. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my two kids, Everett and Cate, who are students at OCHS. I also enjoy working out, taking walks, cooking, gardening, and going to the movies. I am excited to be working in the excellent Oglethorpe County School System!





I am **Jessica Fletcher**, a new parapro at OCPS. I live on a small farm in Crawford with my husband and my two sons, Owen and Levi. I've been a lifelong resident and graduate of Oglethorpe county. In my spare time, I enjoy camping with my family and spending time outdoors.



I am **Toni Walser-Childs**. I will be teaching Chemistry at OCHS. I am starting my 12<sup>th</sup> year in teaching!







I'm Ashley Moody, a parapro at OCES. I went to Oglethorpe County Schools from Headstart (when it was located on Hwy 22) all the way through high school. After high school I went to Athens Technical College, where I graduated and received my Cosmetology License. Other than making my family and friends look and feel beautiful, I enjoy being "Aunt Sissy" to my two sweet nieces and many more kiddos I call "mine". I am grateful and blessed to be given the opportunity to make a difference in and be a part of so many children's lives. It's exciting to be a part of such a wonderful school system and community!



We welcome these new  
staff members to our OC  
Family!

