



**Hillcrest High School
Freshman Academy Faculty
2016-2017**

Assistant Principal

Bianca Jamison

Bachelors: Biology – University of South Carolina

Masters: Education – Southern Wesleyan University

Ed.S.: Education Leadership and Supervision – Converse College

Years Experience: 17th Year

Activities: committed Gamecock fan; married nearly 20 years to college sweetheart; mother of four handsome sons



Administrative Assistant

Jay Freeman



School Counselor

Conswlya J'vell DeCoteau

Bachelors: Business - Winthrop University

Masters: School Counseling - Capella University

Ed.S.: Education School Counseling – Clemson University

Years of Experience: 5 years counseling; retired flight attendant

Activities: married nearly 20 years; mother of one son; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



School Counselor

Connie Johnson

Bachelors: General Studies – Louisiana State University;
Bachelors of Arts – College of Education, Louisiana Tech
University

Masters: School and Mental Health Counseling- Northeast
Louisiana University; Administrative Leadership - University
of Texas

Years Experience: 30 years

Activities: Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.)
Sponsor; Change Attitudes Now (C.A.N.) Sponsor; Clemson
University Counseling Program Site Supervisor; Darkness to
Light, Greenville County Facilitator; Greenville County
Schools Homebound Teacher; Upstate Mentor Program, HHS
Facilitator



School Counselor

Tammy Misanko

Bachelors: Modern Languages, Secondary Education – Winthrop University

Masters: Secondary Administration – The Citadel; Counseling and Guidance Services – Clemson University

Years Experience: 24 years

Activities: Bridges to a Brighter Future Coordinator; Homebound Teacher; SAT Program Site Supervisor; School Counseling Internship Site Supervisor



English

Joanne Bachman

BA: Presbyterian College

MA: Converse College

*additional hours at various universities to earn a Specialist Certification in Language Arts

Years Experience: 31 years at four different high schools

Honors/Awards: NBCT twice in AYA-ELA; won SCIRA Secondary Teacher of Exemplary Practice; won the Teacher Consultant Writer of the Year from the Upstate Writing Project

Activities: previously the English Coordinator for the SC Beta Club; Teacher Consultant for the Upstate Writing Project; past chairperson of the South Carolina Advisory Council for Exceptional Children



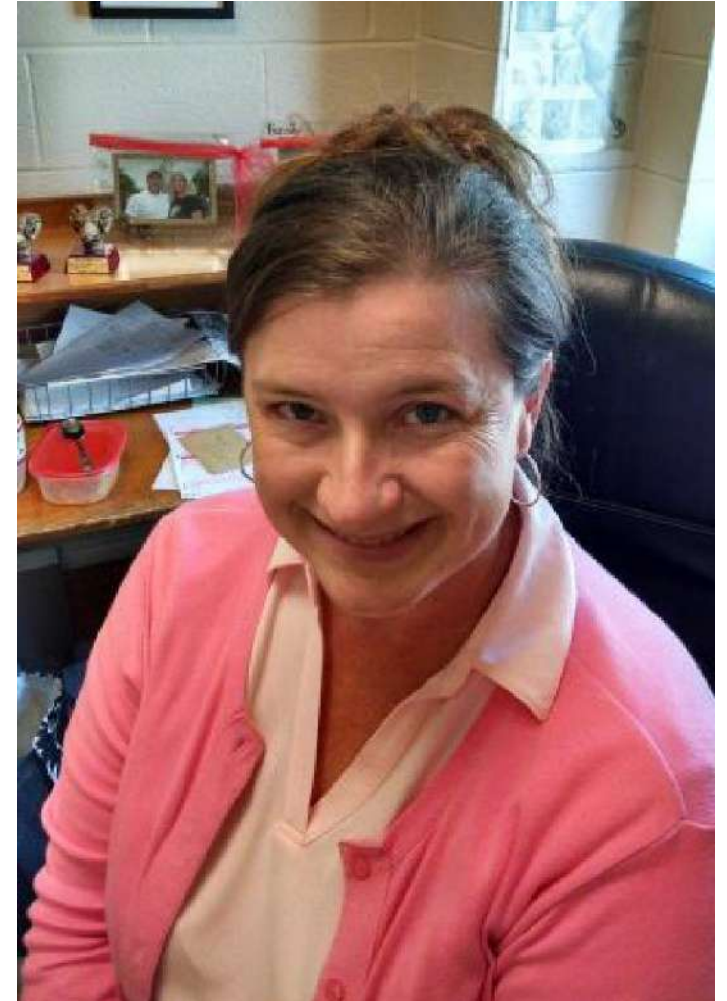
English

Ronda Duncan

Bachelors: English, History, Journalism – Judson College
AP Certification (English Literature) – Clemson University
Years Experience: 11th year teaching English at Hillcrest High

Awards/Honors: Freshman English Teacher of the Year (2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)

Activities: Hillcrest Varsity Girls Golf Coach (2012-2016); Teacher Liaison - Grievance Hearings (2013-2014); New Teacher Mentor (2013 to present); HHS Book Club sponsor (2014-2016); Member - HHS Safety Committee (2010 to present); HHS First Response Team Member (2012-2016); HHS ACT Coordinator (2016-present)



English

Shenya Smith

BA: English with writing concentration; Minor in Political Science, Columbia College

MAT: Secondary English, Converse College; Gifted and Talented Endorsement – Southern Wesleyan University; AP English Literature Endorsement – Clemson University

Years Experience: 10.5 years

Activities: Freshman Academy Poetry Slam; Freshman Academy Book Club; HHS March for Babies coordinator with March of Dimes Greenville; Homebound Teacher; Saturday Detention/Recovery

Other: Hillcrest High School alum



English

Whitney More

Bachelors: English Literature, Seattle Pacific University; Secondary Education, Seattle Pacific University

Years Experience: 6th year

Awards/Honors: Student nominated Academic Achievement 3 years in a row at previous school; recently moved from Summerville and enjoying the closeness with local family!



Algebra

Tammy Crabtree

Bachelors: Mechanical Engineering – Purdue University

Years Experience: 7th year at HHS

Awards/Honors: Freshman Academy Teacher Of the Year – 2015-2016 and 2012-2013; Freshman Academy Math Teacher Of the Year – 2014-2015 and 2010-2011; 4A Region 1 Girls Swim Coach of the Year 2015-2016

Activities: HHS Swim Coach; Freshman Academy Lead Math Teacher; Freshman Academy Student of the Month Coordinator



Algebra

Bradley Love

Bachelors: Mathematics Education – Southern Wesleyan University

Years Experience: 2 years

Activities: HHS Head JV Baseball Coach; HHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach



Algebra

Christine Szkotak

B.S.: Education and Mathematics – State University College at Oneonta

M.A.: Educational Theory and Practice – State University College at Albany

Years Experience: 5 years

Awards/Honors: 2013-2014 & 2015-2016 Freshman Academy Mathematics Teacher of the Year; 2013 Emerging Teacher Nominee; February 2014 HHS Teacher of the Month

Activities: Head Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach



Algebra

Sandra Rosteck

Bachelors: Mathematics with an emphasis in
Secondary Education - Grand Valley State
University (Allendale, MI)

Masters: Education - Southern Wesleyan
University

Certifications: AP Calculus AB/BC certified, IB
trained, Gifted and Talented Endorsement

Years Experience: 10 years

Honors/Awards: Teacher of the Year at Southside
High School, 2011



Geography

Robby Bell

Bachelors: Secondary Education, Social Studies
– The Citadel

Years Experience: 13 years at HHS, 8 years in
the FA

Awards/Honors: 2010-2011 NWCA SC Assistant
Wrestling Coach of the year; 2015 Region 1-4A
Wrestling Coach of the Year

Activities: HHS Head Wrestling Coach; Hillcrest
High School Graduate % 1998; Hillcrest Cross
Country Coach 2005-2014



Geography

Ashley Causey

B.A.: Sociology and Secondary Education - Furman University

M.A.: Middle Level Social Studies – Furman University

Years Experience: 18th year

Awards/Honors: Gifted and Talented Certification; Teacher of the Year, World Geography (2008, 2011, 2014, 2016); Teacher of the Year, Berea Middle School, 2000; Middle Level Social Studies South Carolina Council for Social Studies Teacher of Excellence, 2004; National Board Certification, EA-SS 2001, 2011; EIA Grant Award Winner, 2004; Donors Choose Grant Winner, 2007; Alliance for Quality Education Grant Winner

Activities: Freshman Pride club sponsor



Geography

Michelle Corey Brown

Bachelors: University of Mary Washington

Masters: Furman University

Awards/Honors: Honored to be here! 😊

Activities: Previously - Fencing, Cross Country, Forensics; Currently – Volunteer Work of All Sorts



Geography

Lyle Dankenbring

Bachelors: Political Science – University of Central Florida

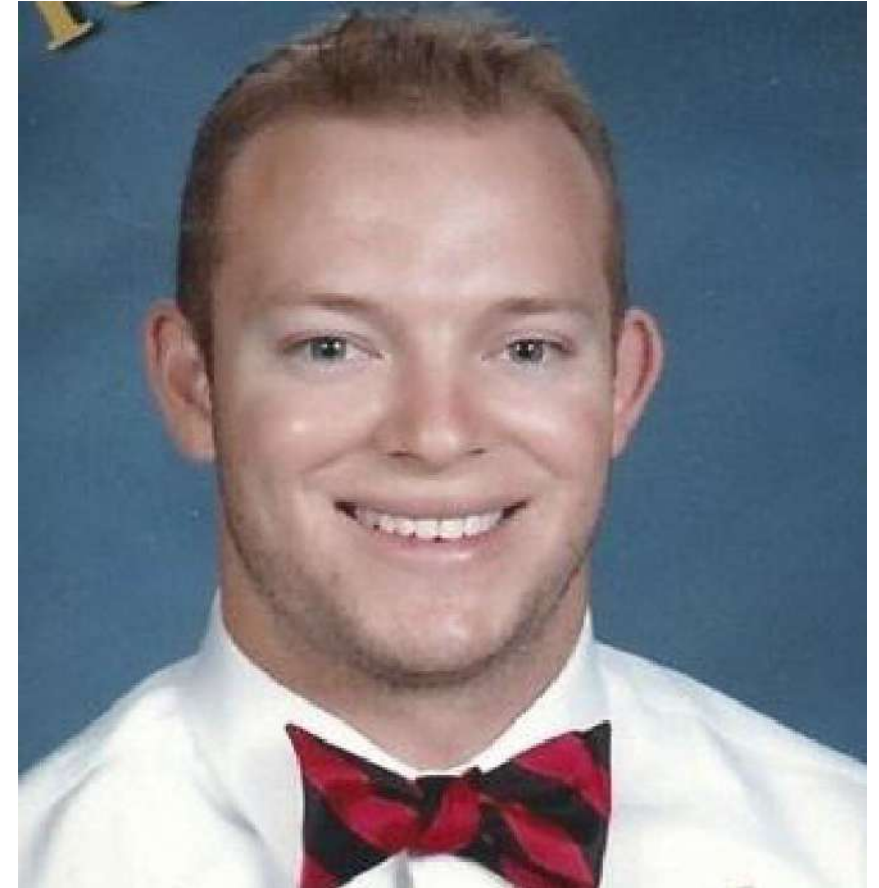
Masters: Social Studies Education - UCF

Years Experience: 3rd year

Awards/Honors: Freshman Academy Social Studies Teacher of the Year – 2015; Capital One Academic All-American at UCF (football); “Best Lights in the Freshman Academy” award

Activities: Assistant Athletic Director, Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Other: At the age of 11, turned down invitation to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry to pursue work at Hidden Oaks Middle School in Palm City, FL



Biology

Christina Emmons

Bachelors: Elementary Education, Minor in Biology – Ball State University

Masters: Currently working on Masters of Science: Biological Sciences and Microbiology – Clemson University

Years Experience: 9th year

Awards/Honors: Freshman Academy Biology Teacher of the Year at HHS 2013-2014 & 2015-2016; Science Teacher of the Year for Oakview Elementary School 2009; Innovation Award winner in South Carolina DHEC's Earth Day contest April 2008; DHEC's Champions of the Environment \$500 Grant Winner March 2008

Activities: Pin-Pal/Volunteer Coordinator for HHS Wrestling Team



Biology

Joshua Formaneck

B.S.: Biological Science Education, North Dakota State University

Years Experience: 1 year

Awards/Honors: SC Girls' Lacrosse
Assistant Coach of the Year, 2016

Activities: Veteran's Business Network;
Upstate Warrior Solutions



Biology

Jennie Overstreet

Bachelors: Rutgers University - Biology and Secondary Education

Years Experience: 2

Awards/Honors: Gifted and Talented Endorsed (Coastal Carolina); Alternative Energy Source Education Program (Santee Cooper)

Activities: Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Erskine College ; 2014-15 South Carolina State Team Assistant Coach



Biology

Shanlee Perrone

Education: **Ed.M.:** State University of New York, Buffalo., **BS.Ed.:** Secondary Science Education, w/5-6 extension - Buffalo State College, NY, **A.A.S.:** Social Sciences and Humanities - Niagara County Community College, NY

Years Experience: 11th Year Teaching Biological Sciences & Earth Science at HHS.

Awards/Honors: HHS Freshman Academy Science Teacher of the Year (2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015), AWARDED GCSTA 2013 & 2015 OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, HHS/FA Teacher of the Month: March 2015, January 2013 and May 2012

Activities: Lead Teacher for Biology Dept. (2007-Present), HHS Science Club (2007-present), HHS March Madness Science & Math Competition (2014-present), Certified Home-bound Instructor, New Teacher/Student Teacher Mentor, National Youth Leadership in Medicine (2008-present), Highly Qualified Certification.



Educational Support

Donna Shirley

Bachelors: Learning Disabilities – USC
Upstate

Masters: TESOL – Furman University

Years Experience: 11 years



Educational Support

Quay Scott

Bachelors: Economics - Clemson University

Masters: Education - Converse College

Years Experience: 14 years



Educational Support

Amanda Walkup

Bachelors: Special Education - Erskine College

Masters: Reading - Furman University

Ed.S.: Special Education Leadership - Arkansas State University

Years Experience: 14th year

Awards/Honors: 2015-2016 HHS Teacher of the Year; SCCEC Exceptional Educator of the Year 2012-2013; HHS Teacher of the Month, October 2013; NBCT-Exceptional Needs Specialist (2011-2021); State and Regional Officer of the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children

Activities: HHS Special Education Department Chair; HHS Colorguard Director; HHS Freshman Academy Webmaster; HHS Freshman Academy Awards Day Director

