

After School Enrichment Program Instructor Staff Bios

Session Three 2017-18

Alexis George

Alexis has lived in Humboldt County for the past twenty-five years. In 2004, she attained a Master's Degree in Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Humboldt State University. Together, she and her husband, have two children attending Jacoby Creek School. During their children's time at JCS, Alexis has greatly enjoyed her experience as a weekly classroom volunteer. In the Spring of 2016, Alexis brought her twenty years of community teaching to the Jacoby Creek After School Enrichment Program beginning with her Nature Crafts Class. She looks forward to working in this and many more ASE sessions to come.

Anne Marie Ivan

Born in Humboldt County and a JCS alum, Anne Marie is thrilled to return to the Bayside community and to have her two kids attend JCS. Having spent the past 30 years in Oregon, much of her time devoted to working with plants and food production, earning degrees in Horticulture and Agricultural Sciences from Oregon State University, she and her family sold their farm and made the leap back to Humboldt in 2016. Anne Marie is dedicated to assisting in the school garden at JCS and loves spending time volunteering in the classrooms. Her deep appreciation for the natural world and all that the seasons have to offer have made crafting with materials from nature a lifelong interest.

Bryant Kellison

Originally from Roseville, California, Bryant Kellison is a graduate of the Humboldt State University Music Department with 16 years of music production, performance as well as teaching privately. He teaches Ukulele and other music classes in the ASE program.

Bo Banducci

Bo works for Northcoast Preparatory Academy teaching Computer Programming and 3D Game Development. Previously he worked in Virginia as a Game Designer on high-profile exhibitions like the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia. Bo uses his experience with Game Design to bring a unique and fun approach to every class he teaches. He's especially looking forward to his Pokemon and Dungeons & Dragons classes this session!

Clare Rockwood

Clare is a student at College of the Redwoods majoring in Political Science and Sociology. She graduated from Jacoby Creek School in 2014 and attended Arcata High School and Six Rivers Charter High School. She has participated on and off stage in many shows at Arcata Arts Institute.

Kiana Vigil-Gibbs

I was born in Humboldt County and went to JCS from kindergarten to 8th grade. I graduated from Arcata High School. I currently go to College of the Redwoods and am study Kinesiology. I love being able to work somewhere I used to go to school.

Linda Johnson

I am the proud parent of two Jacoby Creek graduates. I have a BA in Asian Studies from Pomona College and an MA in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. I have been teaching kids since I was in high school, though the subject matter has changed over the years (It started with martial arts and computer programming). The classes I usually teach at JCS are fun, creative, crafty ones, such as soap making, card making, bead pets, cross stitch, needlepoint, scrapbooking, and Lego. I have won numerous ribbons and awards at the county fair for my cards, scrapbooks, and stitchery, and am the current president of the local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America. During my free time I enjoy crafting, reading, and gaming.

Melissa Emami-Rice

I have been a Humboldt County resident for 27 years, I moved here from Glendale, Ca. I came here for a "blind date" and got engaged 6 weeks later ! I have 5 son's, 3 are in college (Western Oregon University, Willamette University & Sacramento State) a sophomore at Arcata High School and my youngest, Tucker in 7th grade here at JCS. I am a licensed cosmetologist, a photographer and I have worked in Early Childhood Education as a private home daycare provider, preschool aide, and in public schools as an instructional aide & special needs assistant for the past 17 years. I enjoy all art forms- I had wanted to be a wedding dress/attire designer but decided to be a mom instead. I feel it is important to explore and try all the different styles and types of art media. Introducing a variety at a young age helps open up the possibilities and keeps interest in art. As I always say "You never know what you will be when you grow up- so always try new things, you never know what your going to like until you do"!

Nick Vasquez

Originally from the Bay Area, Nick attends Humboldt State where he studies Psychology and hopes to one day work with children in the foster care system. In his free time he enjoys hiking, reading, and writing. Nick has just returned to Humboldt after his semester abroad.

Rabia O'Loren

Rabia lived in Europe for nearly 20 years and in Pakistan for one year, where she started a nonprofit organization that works with girls and women. She studied both in Austria with a Certificate of Completion as an Aide to Severely Developmentally Disabled has a B.A. In Social Work and The Creative Arts from H.S.U. She especially likes to open the doors of global awareness with students at Jacoby Creek School. Rabia has four children and two grandchildren; one of her sons lives in California but the rest all live in Europe. She loves to travel, and also loves baking and making foods from other countries.

Rebecca Kimber- Magnatta

I was born and raised in a small farm town in Ohio. I moved to California to finish my Natural Resource Degree from Humboldt State University in my early 20's. I decided to plant my roots here and started a family. I have a daughter, Josey, who is a second grader at JCS, and a newborn son, Gabriel, who was born in September. My husband and I have a farm in Mckinleyville where we raise goats and chickens.

Rosalind Parducci

Rosalind is a fiddle teacher and performer born and raised in California. She has studied and

played music all her life, touring across the country and playing shows in the area with her local bands. She has a BA in Latin American Studies from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC. She spent 5 weeks working with a school in Granada, Nicaragua, where she tutored children in mathematics, reading and drawing and learned about the culture of the region. She enjoys bringing her passion for music and language to new ears.

Salina Smith

Originally from the Bay Area, Salina attends Humboldt State where she studies General Biology. She hopes to research canine behavior and work with animal ambassadors to teach and educate. In her free time she enjoys hiking, reading, and drawing.