







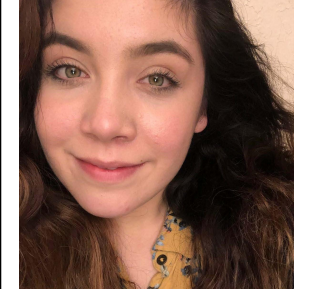


MWA Employee Welcome Announcements


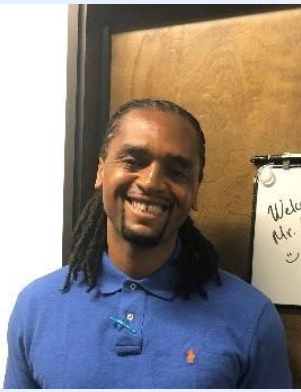

Name	Photo	Email	Position	Start Date	Division	Status	Bio
Ms. Mia Krubnik		ekrubnik@mwacademy.org	Operations Assistant	07/01/2019	MWAS	New	<p>In her own words...My name is Emilia but I go by Mia. I graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.S in Kinesiology. I'm a cat mom to two cats named Hilo and Kona, who are spoiled rotten. I enjoy backpacking, reading personal finance books, and olympic weightlifting.</p> <p>For the last year, I've had the opportunity to work for Making Waves Foundation, so I'm really excited to announce that I'll be joining Making Waves Academy as the Operations Assistant. I'm very grateful for this opportunity and love new challenges and growing as a professional. I look forward to working with all of you at the school.</p>
Ms. Marthaa S. Torres		mtorres@mwacademy.org	Chief Learning and Innovation Officer (CLIO)	07/01/2019	MWAS	New	<p>Marthaa Torres is an experienced urban school educator. She comes to Making Waves after most recently serving as a full-time faculty member at NYU Steinhardt's Department of Teaching and Learning. Prior to this, she served as a high school principal, math teacher, and teacher coach.</p> <p>She holds a Master of Arts degree in Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy, both from Stanford University, and is also completing her doctorate in education at the University of Southern California.</p> <p>She is most passionate about innovation within a school context, and has served as a design thinking coach to educators nationally through the K12 Lab Network at the Stanford d.school.</p>
Mr. Scott Pullman		spullman@mwacademy.org	Associate Director of Talent Acquisition	07/01/2019	MWAS	New	<p>Scott Pullman graduated from Tufts University with a degree in Political Science. He found his calling to be education and completed a Master's Program in Social Studies Education at Teachers College at Columbia University. He began teaching at the Bronx School of Law and Finance, a small public school in New York City. He rose to become the Assistant Principal at that school, where he was tasked with recruiting faculty and staff. He is very excited to join the Making Waves Community.</p> <p>When not at work, Scott can be found exploring the outdoors of the Bay Area with his wife and two young children.</p>




<p>Ms. Cassandra Tesch</p>		<p>ctesch@mwacademy.org</p>	<p>Humanities Lead Teacher</p>	<p>08/05/2019</p>	<p>Upper School</p>	<p>New</p>	<p>In her own words...My name is Cassandra Tesch and I was born and raised in Berkeley. I am a first generation high school and college graduate (UC Berkeley undergrad and UCLA graduate school). I became a high school teacher because of the mentorship and motivation of an English teacher I had from 9-12th grade who inspired me to support other young people to fulfill their limitless potential. I currently am working towards a second graduate degree, in Education at UC Berkeley. When not teaching or stacking up student loans, I spend my free time playing telling jokes, reading and travelling the globe with my daughter and partner.</p>
<p>Ms. Anna Delay</p>		<p>adelay@mwacademy.org</p>	<p>Biology Teacher Intern</p>	<p>08/05/2019</p>	<p>Upper School</p>	<p>New</p>	<p>In her own words...Hi, my name is Anna Delay! I was born in Oakland and shortly after first grade moved to Hawaii. I have just finished getting my Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of San Diego. While I am grateful for the adventures in San Diego and Hawaii, I am very much looking forward to relocating to the Bay. My high school biology teacher sparked my interest in science and learning in general. It's very surreal that I may get to be that same role model for future students. While I am a huge science nerd, I also love hot yoga, photography, dogs, watching reality tv, and writing poetry. I cannot wait to get into the classroom and join the Making Waves Academy team!</p>
<p>Ms. Kyla Persons</p>		<p>kpersons@mwacademy.org</p>	<p>Math Teacher</p>	<p>08/05/2019</p>	<p>Upper School</p>	<p>New</p>	<p>In her own words...I am an East Bay native with a passion for STEM education. I have been working in schools for five years and recently returned to the classroom to earn my master's degree. When I am not in the classroom you can find me in my garden, at the gym, or crafting. I am excited to join the Making Waves community.</p>


Ms. Melissa Macho		mmacho@mwacademy.org	Student Activities Coordinator	7/22/2019	Upper School	Transfer	In her own words... I am so excited to have the opportunity to be the new Student Activities Coordinator! I cannot wait to start working with our students and staff around making this the best high school experience possible for our Wave Makers! I am particularly excited to help our students execute their ideas when planning for school dances, pep rallies and prom! I know this year will be a great one! Go Marlins!
Mr. Jonathan Hemelberg	N/A	jhemelberg@mwacademy.org	Coordinator of Extended Day and Enrichment Programs	07/15/2019	Middle School	Transfer	N/A
Ms. Ashley Yarbrough		ayarbrough@mwacademy.org	Office Manager	07/29/2019	MWAS	New	Ashley Yarbrough is from the great city of Los Angeles! She comes to Making Waves Academy as an alumnae of Sonoma State University, where she obtained her Bachelor's in Communication Studies. She has spent the last few years at KIPP Bay Area Schools where she served in supportive roles at the regional and school-site level. In her free time, she enjoys relaxing by the water, spending quality time with loved ones, trying new restaurants and finding new adventures. Ashley is most passionate about mentoring, supporting and educating youth.
Ms. Connie Tran		ctran@mwacademy.org	Math Teacher Intern	08/05/2019	Upper School	New	In her own words... Hi, my name is Connie. I grew up in Oakland. I recently graduated from UC Irvine studying Biological Sciences and minoring in Anthropology. On my free time, I like to hike around Redwood Regional Park, run Lake Merritt, and practice kung fu. I also enjoy staying home and watching crime and/or law shows on Netflix and Hulu.

Mr. Terrance (Terry) Dunn		tdunn@mwacademy.org	Science Teacher	08/05/2019	Upper School	New	<p>In his own words...For my twenty-first year in education, I am delighted to be returning to teaching in the classroom, and to joining the Making Waves Academy team.</p> <p>My entire career has been in Title I education serving the needs of our students. I taught Middle and High School math, science, and technology. Then, I became a continuation high school administrator, supervising counseling-enriched programs.</p> <p>For the last eight years, I have been an elementary school principal. While I enjoyed that work tremendously, the call to teach has rung out again. There is nothing more fulfilling than working directly with our students!</p> <p>I grew up in New Jersey. Days after graduating from Fairleigh Dickinson University, I caught the first plane out to California. My wife, Karen, is a native of Sacramento. She is an event planner working nationally in the music recording industry.</p> <p>We have three young adult sons. Wyatt is a baker in Berkeley. Nathan is a paramedic studying to become a firefighter. Max is studying computer science.</p> <p>I look forward to working with you all!</p>
Ms. Molly Pilloton		mpilloton@mwacademy.org	Associate Dean of Students	08/05/2019	Middle School	New	<p>Molly Pilloton is excited to join the Making Waves Academy community to support the well-being and success of middle school Wave-Makers. Before this, she worked with schools in Richmond and Oakland to offer students trauma-informed and healing-centered programs in both classrooms and school-based health centers. She is passionate about empowering young people to be brave when advocating for themselves and their community. Molly was born and raised in the Bay Area, and graduated from UC Davis, and received her Master's in Public Health from Emory University.</p>
Ms. Alexis Cruz		acruz@mwacademy.org	ELA Teacher Resident	08/05/2019	Middle School	Transfer	<p>In her own words...Hello Making Waves Academy community! My name is Alexis Cruz, I have been working in the middle school as an Enrichment Instructor for the past three years, and I am excited to transition into my new role as an ELA Teacher Resident!</p>

Mr. Benjamin Norton		bnorton@mwacademy.org	ELA Teacher Resident	08/05/2019	Middle School	New	Benjamin Norton is a Bay Area native who graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Modern Literary Studies. After a year of substitute teaching, he is very excited to join the MWA community!
Mr. Brian Daley		bdaley@mwacademy.org	Science Teacher Intern	08/05/2019	Middle School	New	<p>In his own words...I recently graduated from Fairfield University with a BA in International Studies and Politics. I love the process of learning and facing challenges through new experiences.</p> <p>I've grown up on Cape Cod and enjoy sailing, hiking, and traveling. I'm an avid photographer and am excited to move out to the Bay Area and meet new people. I absolutely can't wait to work with the entire Making Waves team and to get started teaching!</p>
Mr. Robert Rong		rrong@mwacademy.org	Science Teacher Intern	08/05/2019	Middle School	New	Robert Rong grew up in California, having lived in Walnut Creek, Fremont, and Pleasanton. He is glad to be back under the warm California sun after obtaining an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Cornell University. Robert was highly involved in the ballroom dance team and in his spare time loves dancing! He also enjoys hiking, jogging, and pickup games of almost anything. Something that he is most passionate about is mentoring students and connecting them to mental health resources if needed.
Ms. Ashley Schauer		aschauer@mwacademy.org	SpEd Teacher	08/05/2019	Academy wide	New	Ashley T. Alexander Schauer earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education at Humboldt State University. After graduating, Ashley decided to become a VISTA Corps member through AmeriCorps to support students and teachers in reading intervention. Being inspired by the teachers and students in her VISTA Community, she received her credential in Mild-Moderate Special Education from Loyola Marymount University. A year later, Ashley earned her Master's in Special Education, emphasizing student engagement and parent support in her thesis. She has worked to support families from Kindergarten to 6th grade for the last several years in all areas regarding intervention.

Ms. Yashid Joseph		yjoseph@mwacademy.org	SpEd Teacher	08/05/2019	Academy wide	New	In her own words...Hello everyone! My name is Yashid Joseph. A bit of a nomad. I'm originally from Connecticut and have made my way to California due to my commitment to education reform. I have been in education since 2007 and absolutely love what I do. When I'm not working, I'm doing work with the homeless through my organization Street Pantry, which was founded this year with my awesome co-founder. I'm super excited about joining the team and can't wait to meet all of you and the students.
Ms. Susana Jara de Diaz	N/A	sjaradediaz@mwacademy.org	SpEd Instructional Aide	08/05/2019	Academy wide	New	N/A
Mr. Eric Mingo		emingo@mwacademy.org	Director of Diversity & Inclusion	07/22/2019	MWAS	Transfer	Eric Mingo has been with Making Waves Academy since October 2008. During Mr. Mingo's tenure at the Academy he has been a social studies teacher and for the past 8 years has supported our community in the capacity of a Dean of Students in the middle school. In AY 2019-2020 Mr. Mingo will be the organization's inaugural Director of Diversity and Inclusion. Mr. Mingo is excited to transition into his new role and is looking forward to developing a high impact diversity and inclusion initiative.
Mr. Marcus Logan		mlogan@mwacademy.org	World History Teacher Intern	08/05/2019	Upper School	New	<p>Marcus Logan is a San Francisco native. He comes to Making Waves Academy as an alumni of San Francisco State University. He is currently enrolled at Alliant International University where he is pursuing a Masters in Education. Prior to coming to MWA, he worked at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School in Pittsburg, CA, where he taught sixth grade History.</p> <p>Before making the career change into education, Marcus worked for Seneca Family of Agencies where he held many positions. He was a direct-care counselor, assistant house manager, training coordinator, school manager, and finally Program Manager and Assistant Director.</p> <p>Marcus' passion is to give back to the youth, to expose the youth to the world, to encourage and challenge the youth to pursue higher levels of education, and to teach what is possible.</p>

Ms. Kara Alhadeff		kalahadeff@mwacademy.org	Director of Data & Assessment	08/05/2019	MWAS	Transfer	<p>Kara Alhadeff is a Boston native, but has been living the beautiful state of California for 6 years. She has been part of the Making Waves Academy community for two years, serving as the Data and Assessment Coordinator. Prior to this, she taught secondary math and served as a Teacher For America and City Year corps member.</p> <p>Kara is most passionate about supporting our community to use data to inform instructional and strategic decisions. In her free time she enjoys cooking, being outdoors, and spending time with family, friends and her dog Dewey.</p>
Ms. Diana Cuellar		dcuellar@mwacademy.org	Enrichment Instructor	08/20/2019	Middle School	New	<p>Diana Cuellar is a Bay Area native and a member of the 11th Wave. She graduated from the University of San Francisco where she obtained her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. She is the most passionate about education and hopes to use what she has learned to guide and support students in the Making Waves Academy community.</p>
Ms. Sarah Hillenbrand		shillenbrand@mwacademy.org	AP Psychology Teacher	08/05/2019	Upper School	New	<p>Sarah Hillenbrand graduated from Kenyon College in Ohio, where she studied neuroscience, philosophy, and Spanish. She earned her PhD in Neuroscience from the University of California, Berkeley, using brain scans to study human movement and learning. She comes to Making Waves most recently from Stanford University, where she spent four years teaching neuroscience and writing. She is passionate about introducing learners to the structure of the mind and empowering them with new ways to study it.</p>
Mr. Justin Godinez		jgodinez1@mwacademy.org	Enrichment Instructor	08/20/2019	Middle School	New	<p>Hi, I'm Justin Godinez! I was born in Los Angeles CA but have lived my whole live here in the city of Richmond. I am currently a student at the College of Marin, hoping to soon transfer to a four-year university to study Business. I want to stay local, so I'm really looking into San Francisco State University.</p> <p>I'm really passionate health and going to the gym as much as possible. Additionally, I'm passionate about soccer because I grew up watching it with my family.</p>
Mr. Earl Holly		eholly@mwacademy.org	Interventionist	08/27/2019	Upper School	New	<p>Earl Holly is from Fairfield, CA. He earned his Bachelor's in Communication from the University of California, Davis. He has a background in education, public speaking, youth mentorship and youth advocacy. He is a 49ers fan who enjoys watching movies and spending time with his wife and kids.</p> <p>Earl is most passionate about transforming the lives of today's youth by inspiring them to live positive and fulfilling lives.</p>

<p>Mr. Cedrice Bennett</p>		<p>cbennett@mwacademy.org</p>	<p>Director of School Operations</p>	<p>09/03/2019</p>	<p>Academy wide</p>	<p>New</p>	<p>Cedrice Bennett is from Louisville, KY. He comes to Making Waves Academy as a proud alumni of Fisk University and Fuller Theological Seminary. Cedrice first arrived in the Bay Area as an Active Duty member of the United States Air Force. Prior to this, he has operational experience in military, corporate, non-profit and school settings.</p> <p>Cedrice is most passionate about his faith and the spiritual growth and professional development of staff and the people around him.</p>
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