

NEW EMPLOYEE BIOGRAPHIES

Coronado High School (CHS)

Kevin Donahue is a physical education teacher. He grew up in the Chicagoland (aka the Chicago metropolitan) area. Kevin earned his Bachelor's degree in Sports Marketing and management at Indiana University-Bloomington. He earned his teaching certification in Physical Education (PE) and Master's of Education at Northern Illinois University. Kevin has taught high school PE and Special Education at Wheaton Warrenville South High School in Wheaton, IL. Kevin has also taught PE and Health at Lakeridge Junior High School in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He has a coaching background in boys and girls soccer, boys and girls basketball, and track and field. Kevin is excited to join Coronado Unified School District.

Josh Montoya is joining the Special Education team at Coronado High School. He comes with four years of experience in Special Education from West Mesa High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he has resided since 2008. After receiving his Bachelor's of Arts in English and Media Arts from the University of New Mexico in 2012, Josh continued to pursue his own education by obtaining a teaching certificate from Santa Fe Community College in 2013, and by taking Improvisation classes at Comedy Studios in Albuquerque. He is continuing to take Improvisation classes in San Diego. Josh and his fiancée, MJ, have recently relocated to the San Diego area, and they are excited to experience life in Southern California.

Madison Petrin is a Special Education teacher at CHS. She is a native of San Diego, who fell in love with Special Education while substitute teaching for Sweetwater Union High School District. This passion drove her to enroll at San Diego State University where she earned her Moderate/Severe teaching credential. She is excited to work at Coronado High School, and hopes to continue learning and growing to better serve her students. As a new teacher, she looks for opportunities for growth and improvement regularly, and firmly believes it is important to be a lifelong learner.

Amanda White is a new English teacher at CHS. Amanda is joining us from Northern California where she was born and raised. After undergraduate studies at Simpson University and working as a volunteer with orphans in Ukraine, Amanda taught junior high and high school English in both Oakland and Sacramento. Amanda then graduated with a Master's of Arts from University of the Pacific in 2014; she has since enjoyed becoming a mother and spending time with her two boys, now 3 and almost 1. When she's not on campus, you will find Amanda with her family strolling through Balboa park and its museums, playing at the beach, or checking out new coffee shops. She loves literature (especially dystopian fiction and Shakespearean comedies) and grammar (especially syntax and semicolons). Amanda is thrilled to be a part of CUSD and is looking forward to an exceptional year!

Natalie Caliguiran Cruz, an Alumna of Coronado High School, has returned to CHS as the ASB Accounting Assistant. During her time at CHS, she had many great mentors, and hopes to be a great mentor in her new role. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, who serves in the United States Marine Corps, and three young children (who keep her very busy). Together, they enjoy listening to music, watching movies, arts and crafts, playing sports, and building pillow fortresses. After exploring different cities of the United States, with the military, she and her family are excited to be back home, in America's finest city.

Bruce Reaves is CHS' new Workability Coach. Bruce holds a bachelor degree in criminal justice and a graduate degree in management from the University of Redlands (Go Bulldogs!). He presently teaches human resources courses at National University as a core adjunct professor. Bruce has a life-long passion to serve youth. In addition to working in teen shelters and group homes, he recently completed a 24-year career at the San Diego County Probation Department in a variety of assignments ranging from co-facilitator for an anti-hate therapeutic group to the chief's representative to a community based organization. In each case, Bruce never lost sight of the goal: help youth succeed. After retiring from the probation department, Bruce sought employment in which he might use his skills to help youth in schools. This last past year, he worked as a School to Work Transition Staff at Serra High School assisting students with disabilities meet their employment and career goals. Bruce is excited to be working for a district where he can continue his passion of helping youth with disabilities explore their career opportunities.