

2019-20 1st Grade Team

1A Lead Teacher, Mrs. Horne

Hello! My name is Ashley Horne. I am delighted to start my third year in first grade with Great Hearts. I am a transfer from Archway Maryvale. I graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor's degree in Christian Studies with an emphasis in Youth Ministry, cum laude. While learning in the classroom and taking on several internships, I found my love for teaching. I have a variety of experiences working with children in and out of the school setting. During my spare time, I enjoy serving my community, camping, singing, and spending time with my family. I am honored to walk alongside the students in 1st grade and thrilled to be helping them discover who they are as virtuous leaders.

Ashley Horne

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1A Teacher Assistant, Mrs. Velarde

Hello friends,

My name is Natalie Velarde. I am very excited to get this school year started with 1st grade. I have 2 years of classroom experience with Kindergarten through 3rd grade- which lead me to find that first grade is my calling! This is my first year with Archway Trivium West, and I am ready to start this school year! I am so eager to meet each scholar and build great connections with you all!

Sincerely,

Natalie Velarde

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1B Co-Lead Teacher, Ms. Ingersoll

Hello!

I would like to welcome you and your children to my first-grade class. I am so excited to be your child's first-grade teacher. This is my fifth year at Archway Trivium West, and second year teaching first-grade. I graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University. Spending time with my family is very important to me. I have an incredible son, who was one of the first scholars to graduate from Trivium Preparatory Academy. I enjoy traveling, discovering new places, and interacting with

different cultures. I am looking forward to watching our children grow academically and encouraging them in their pursuit towards truth, goodness, and beauty.

Best regards,

Deb Ingersoll

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1B Co-Lead Teacher, Mrs. Powell

Greetings Archway Trivium families!

My name is Shannon Powell and I will be teaching your scholars this year as they journey through the wonderful world of first grade. I am earnestly looking forward to serving your family this year. To give you some background, I am a married mom of 3 Great Hearts scholars and I have spent many years in the education field. I earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Butler University and later went on to earn a Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Northern Arizona University. I have taught various grade levels and served in many instructional and behavioral coaching support capacities for 14 years in the states of Texas, Indiana, and Arizona before I decided to stay home and homeschool my children. They are now students at Great Hearts schools. And so, with tremendous anticipation and a grateful heart, I am re-entering the education field here at Archway Trivium. I will be lead teacher in the afternoon and I am so excited to work with your scholars this year. I can hardly stand the wait.

Please know that if you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your scholar's progress, classroom or school-wide matters, or simply need general information, you may contact me by any means listed below. Be advised that I may not have answers for you right away, but I will get back to you within a 24 hour cycle to ensure expedience. Thank you for allowing me to partner with you on this adventure as we take your child to even higher levels of wonder and growth.

Sincerely,

Shannon R. Powell

1st Grade Co-Lead (PM)

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1B Teacher Assistant, Ms. Lopez

Hello first grade,

My name is Ms. Lopez and I am super excited to start this new school year with all of you. I have been at Archway Trivium for five years now. This will be my second year as a first- grade assistant. I have been an assistant for grades 3rd and 2nd but first has been my favorite. During my spare time, I love spending time with my family, cooking and going to the movies. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and working with Ms. Ingersoll and Mrs. Powell this year. It's going to be an awesome year. See you soon!

Ms.Lopez

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1C Lead Teacher, Mrs. Delgado

Aloha! My name is Chelsea Delgado and I will be your child's first grade teacher. This will be my third- year teaching at Great Hearts and I'm looking forward to leading your child in the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. I was born and raised in Hawaii and I incorporate the aloha spirit in my daily life, and I hope to instill the aloha spirit into our class! I attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and then transferred to Grand Canyon University, where I graduated. My son, Mason, will be in second grade at ATW this year. We enjoy going to the beach, taking road trips, reading, playing, and using our imaginations! Our class goal for the year will be to have everyone foster their love of reading. Our most important virtue in 1C will be kindness. Ms. Montoya and I will be encouraging our class to show kindness in all that they do. I am truly blessed to be your little one's first grade teacher and I look forward to this school year!

Mahalo nui loa,

Chelsea Delgado

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1C Teacher Assistant, Ms. Montoya

Hello, my name is Kendra Montoya. I'm very happy to be part of the first-grade team at Archway Trivium West. I would like to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me.

I am originally from Colorado but have resided in Arizona for the last fifteen years. I currently live in Goodyear with my son, Trae, who will be turning seventeen in September. This year he will be a Junior. For the past fourteen years, I have worked with children of different ages. This will be my fifth year working with first grade here at Archway. When I'm not at school you can find me hiking and running, if the weather permits.

I am looking forward to the start of the school year. First grade is such a fun and exciting age! I can't wait to meet you and your child, and I look forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Kendra Montoya

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Specials Teachers:

1st Grade Art, Mrs. Smith

I look forward to seeing our returning scholars again as well as meeting the new first grade scholars! As I begin my third year teaching at Archway Trivium, I am excited to continue sharing my love of art and teaching with your scholars. I graduated from Clarke University in Iowa with my K-12 Art Education degree and my bachelors in Painting and Art History. I furthered my education at Northern Illinois University where I earned my Master's degree in Painting. I have enjoyed teaching in collegiate and K-12 classrooms ever since. Sharing my lifelong love of the fine arts is a blessing and I look forward to many engaging conversations and the beautiful artworks that will be created in art class. We will discuss great classical works of art and practice using the art elements. I am grateful to be a part of your children's journeys as they continue to grow in knowledge, love and friendship.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Smith

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1st Grade Spanish, Sra. Hamilton

My name is Andrea Hamilton and I am excited to return for my 9th year to Archway Trivium West! I am very lucky to be able to share my love of the Spanish language with your scholars. I grew up in a bilingual home and received a degree in Spanish and Human Communication from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. I have raised my three children bilingually and look forward to not only sharing the Spanish language with the scholars, but Hispanic culture and customs as well. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time at ahamilton@archwaytrivium.org

Sincerely,

Sra. Hamilton

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1st Grade Music, Ms. Cornell

It is with great joy and excitement that I will begin my fourth year directing and providing music instruction for the Kinder through 3rd grade scholars. I have had a life-long love of music that began with playing the clarinet and transitioned into a vocal performance and directing focus. I additionally love the guitar and I am continuing my own classic training on this amazing instrument. I graduated from ASU and sang in the ASU women's choir and also studied opera at Glendale Community College with a focus in the Opera Theatre workshop program. Currently, I participate in the Church at Litchfield Park adult choirs and direct Music Together West, an early childhood music program. I was also an artist with the Skywalk records label where I composed and published original works. I am so excited to bring my passion and varied musical experiences in conjunction with the Great Hearts classical approach to your scholars. Music is the International language that connects us all together. It sets the foundation and can deepen understanding in all subjects. The classical music experience offered at Great Hearts is one which will endure for a life-time, not fleeting or a trend that will fade, but rather one to enrich our lives and build upon this life through time. I love teaching music because I see firsthand the difference the experience can make in all developmental stages. Music is a gift we can return to again and again, even if we have set it aside for a time.....

Sincerely,

Karla S. Cornell

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1st Grade PE, Mrs. Taylor

Hello! My name is Kristin Taylor and I am excited to be your scholar's Physical Education teacher this year. This is my sixth year teaching at Archway Trivium West. I grew up in Southern California and earned my Bachelor's degree from California State University Fullerton. My love for sports started in Kindergarten when I played on my first basketball team! I played basketball, volleyball, soccer, and ran track & field in middle and high school. I then earned a place on the crew team in college and it was there that a love of running, weight lifting, and exercise science also began to unfold. I feel privileged to be a part of introducing our scholars to the world of sports and fitness. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and for the opportunity to get to know you and your scholar!

Sincerely,

Kristin Taylor

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Student Support

Reading Specialist, Mrs. Irwin

My name is Karen Irwin and I am the reading specialist at Archway Trivium West. I grew up in west central Illinois, graduated from Eastern Illinois University, and later received my Master's degree in Education from Arizona State University. I have been teaching for over 30 years and this is my fifth year working with students at Archway Trivium West. As the reading specialist, I am responsible for identifying scholars that may have a reading difficulty and I work with scholars, teachers, teacher assistants, and parents to provide reading interventions. At Archway Trivium West, we administer the Dibels (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Next assessment to help identify scholars that may be having difficulty in reading. We also use the 95% Group Phonological Awareness Screener and/or the 95% Group Phonics Screener.

Sincerely,

Karen Irwin

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School Nurse, Mrs. Schooley

Dear Parents,

My name is Denise Schooley and I have the honor of being the school nurse during the 2019-2020 academic year. I have worked at Archway Trivium West for the past three years. This will be my second year as the school nurse. I am very excited to continue in the nurse role and serve your scholar's health care needs. My 20 years of diverse healthcare experience has allowed me to be the nurse I am today. I look forward to continuing to create loving and trusting relationship with your scholars.

I will be at Meet the Teacher Night to collect completed Asthma, Food Allergy and Seizure Actions plans with your scholar's medications. All medications prescribed by a provider must be in the original container with the prescription label. All Epi-pens must be in a set of two.

Please feel free to reach out to me by phone or email at any time regarding your child's health care concerns or needs.

Sincerely,

Denise Schooley

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School Counselor, Mrs. Boerckel

My name is Kelly Boerckel and this is my second year as the counselor at Great Hearts! I have been working with children, teens, and families since 2005 through various inpatient behavioral health settings, residential treatment centers and the public education system. I am starting my 12th year in education and 7th year as a school counselor.

My husband & I have two children, Drew (11) and Ainsley (8), as well as two dogs. Deagan (12) is a chocolate Labrador and Gunner Blue (1) is an English Bulldog. When I'm not working you can find me at a swim meet or a lacrosse game cheering on my kids! I was born and raised in Texas and have lived in Arizona now for 1 year and we are loving it here!

I am looking forward to working with your students this school year. Helping students to grow and thrive emotionally, socially and academically is my greatest passion.

Sincerely,

Kelly Boerckel

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