

patriotic, we must remember that James Madison, the father of the Constitution, considered a “reverence for the laws” a prejudice which even the most enlightened nations cannot afford to be without.

COMMUNICATION

The **Headmaster** is Clay Scott. He reports to the Great Hearts Executive Director’s office and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the school. He directly oversees their implementation of the ACA’s curriculum and has sole authority to manage all teachers and staff at the ACA.

The **Assistant Headmaster** is Samantha Uphoff. She oversees areas relating to daily campus operations, student services and teacher support.

The **Office Manager** is Stefany Dean. She manages the front office and assists families with records and school business unrelated to student discipline, curriculum, or the classroom. She also works closely with the Headmaster in communicating information to the families.

The **Dean of Students** is Leanne Schirmer. She is primarily responsible for student culture and discipline.

The **Dean of Academics** is Leann Higbee. She is responsible for overseeing testing, interventions, and instruction on campus.

The **Dean of Faculty** is Christen Arbogast. She is primarily responsible for teacher development.

The **Dean of Operations and 504 Coordinator** is Rubi Vasquez. She oversees campus logistics, such as emergency drills, clubs and pickup/drop off. She supports students with Section 504 plans, including screening for, and evaluating student needs for 504 accommodation plans.

The **Academy Giving Manager** is Aydin Martin. He oversees the financial wellness of our two primary areas of fundraising: The Community Investment Campaign and the Tax Credit Campaign.

The **Exceptional Student Services Team** is comprised of Fiona Kolia, Kristina Eckert, and Lindsey Smith and they oversee programs for all students with IEPs and are responsible for screening incoming students for special needs and conducting evaluations for special education when necessary. The point of contact for the ESS team is Fiona Kolia.

The **ELL Coordinator** is BreJanett Bergquist. She also oversees testing and programs of students who qualify for English Language Learner services.

The **School Counselors** is Amanda Ortiz. She is responsible for meeting with students who have services written into individual student plans and for students referred by teachers, administrators, or school health care personnel.

Questions or concerns about **curriculum** should be directed to the lead teacher.

Questions or concerns about **student conduct or discipline** should be directed to the Dean of Students.

General questions regarding the school may be directed to the Office Manager or school office.

All inquiries regarding Athenaeum, the after-school program, should be directed to the Great Hearts Office of Co-Curricular Programs, which can be reached at GreatHeartsPrograms@GreatHeartsAZ.org or (602) 396-7574.