Meet the Faculty

The faculty of the Academy is comprised of many talented and experienced teachers who have a passion for both their art and to serve God. Most are actively involved in teaching – either privately, in their churches, or in the school systems. They represent many different churches, and all are deeply committed to sharing their expertise and their faith.

**JACQUIE BANKS** teaches Calligraphy. She earned her BA and MA from Butler University. She is retired from the Warren Township school system where she was an elementary art teacher and elementary art director for 32 years. Jacquie is a member and past president of the Calligraphy Guild of Indiana. She enjoys all arts and crafts, gardening, writing letters, and travelling. Jacquie and her husband, Randy, are members of Castleton Christian Church.

**BARRY BOBB** serves on the Fine Arts Board. He has earned advanced degrees from Concordia University, Chicago, Ill. and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. (He has also received an honorary doctorate from Concordia University.) He has served as church musician and music teacher for 40+ years and in various capacities at Concordia Publishing House. He is currently Director of Sanctuary Music at Cornerstone Lutheran Church and the Director of the Center For Church Music. He and his wife, Donna, have two grown sons.

**DONNA BOBB** teaches Primary Theme. She earned her BA in Elementary Education (curriculum and instruction minor) at Concordia University, River Forest. She has taught in the Lutheran School system for 37 years (preschool through 4th grade), and is currently a preschool teacher at Cornerstone Lutheran and a teacher for the Parents & 2’s program, both at Cornerstone Lutheran Church. She and her husband, Barry (Director of Sanctuary Music at Cornerstone Lutheran), have two grown sons.

**DONNELL BRADLEY** teaches Sewing. She has degrees from Purdue University and Florida Atlantic University, and completed her colloquy through Concordia University, Mequon. Donnell taught in Lutheran schools for 20 years before relocating to Noblesville, and now teaches 2 days a week at The Classical Academy. She also operates A Room to Sew, where children, teens, and adults learn to sew. Donnell and her husband Patrick are disciples at Cornerstone Lutheran. They have two adult sons and a daughter-in-law, Andrew, Connor, and Jessica.

**JENNIFER BUBP** teaches Sculpture. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts at DePauw University and her Master of Arts in Art Education from the Art Academy of Cincinnati. Jennifer is an art teacher and department chair at Carmel High School. She teaches art history, drawing, and painting to grades 9-12. Jennifer has three sons, Josh, Brett, and Caden. Her home church is Northview Church, where she serves on the Worship Arts Team.

**PAUL BUESKING** teaches Weaving. Paul earned his BS in Art Education at the University of Evansville, and his MS in Art Education at Ball State University. He is retired from teaching art at Kokomo Center Schools where he taught for 42 years. His home church is Grace Community Church, North Indy. He and his wife, Pam, have two sons and daughter-in-laws Andrew, Melissa, Nicholas and Lori, and two grandsons, Isaac and Daniel.

**PAULA CALABRESE** teaches Primary Theme. Paula and her family attend Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Fishers where she enjoys teaching Parents and Twos on Sunday mornings. You can often find her at the CLC play area with her family. This is Paula’s 13th year at Fine Arts Academy!

**CHELE DENNEY** teaches Jr High Theme and holds a teaching license in Family and Consumer Sciences. She holds degrees from Vincennes University and Ball State. She enjoys her work at Conner Prairie, and attends Prairie View Christian Church. She resides in Fishers with her husband and two daughters, Kelsea and Summer and their cat Zoey.
MATTHEW DOUDT teaches Photography. Matthew Doudt and his Wife Jen are the Worship Pastors at The Well in Carmel and they run a busy Photography Business in Noblesville. For the last 12 years they've been doing double duty with worship & shooting 30 Weddings a year, lots of Families, High School Seniors and Professional Headshots. Matt loves studying Photography and has a goal to still learn something new every single day. He has several students and teaches both class and private Photography Lessons and his wife Jen is a Makeup Artist and also a Photographer. Since January, He and Jen have been pouring lots of time into a new Day & Night Prayer & Worship Space at their church leading and scheduling others for 6 hrs of live community worship 7 days a week. It's been a beautiful Journey with Jesus and a huge answer to years of prayer. MatthewDPhotography.com on the Web and @MatthewDPhotography on Instagram.

LISA DUNCAN teaches Creative Writing and is excited to return to the Fine Arts Academy this year. After studying sports management at Ball State University, she transitioned into teaching English/Language Arts through Indiana Wesleyan’s program. Lisa has taught and coached in both Lutheran and public school settings, spending the past 12 years instructing English classes at Riverside Junior High School in Fishers, where she also co-sponsors the movie production club. A disciple of Cornerstone Lutheran Indianapolis, Lisa enjoys fitness, reading, and traveling.

SARAH EBERT teaches Puppet Ministry. Sarah has been involved in puppet ministry for about 25 years. She is currently a teacher’s aide in the 4-5 year old preschool classroom at Calvary Lutheran School. Sarah and her husband Kurt have been married for 17 years and have twin 11-year-old daughters, Rebekah & Abigail who will be in 6th grade. They live in Indianapolis and are members at Calvary Lutheran Church.

REBECCA HAMPTON teaches Orff. Rebecca has her Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Music Education from Anderson University. She teaches K-4 general music as well as offering choir, Orff ensemble, ukulele club and a musical at Pleasant View Elementary in Zionsville. She is currently serving as the president of the Indiana Orff Schulwerk Association and was selected as the Indiana Music Education Association’s Outstanding Elementary Music Educator of the Year. Rebecca, her husband Robby and her two sons, Miles and Reid attend College Park Church.

ANDREW HIMELICK teaches Choir. He earned his Bachelor’s in Music Education from Butler University and is certified in both Kodály and Orff. He is an Endorsed Teacher Trainer with the Feierabend Association for Music Education. Andrew has been a music teacher in Carmel Clay Schools for 27 years. In 2006, he was awarded the Armstrong Teacher Educator Award through the IU School of Education. He directs the Boone County Preparatory Choir and Regional Choir for the Indianapolis Children’s Choir. Andrew and his wife, Lori, have a son, Jaren, and a daughter, Jenna. They are members of Traders Point Christian Church.

DONNA HAPPERSBERGER teaches Intermediate Theme. She is a retired teacher having taught in Lutheran Schools for 24 years, most recently in Kindergarten at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Indianapolis. She has also been one of the Bible time teachers for VBS at Cornerstone Carmel for several summers. Sharing God’s Word in the school has been one of her favorite parts of a school day, and she looks forward to the creative aspects of teaching Elementary Theme at FAA again this summer.

BECKY HOLT teaches Handbells and Handchimes. She earned her Bachelor of Music Education from Indiana University Fort Wayne and her Master of Music Education from Butler University. For ten years at Clay Junior High School, Becky taught choral music while establishing and developing the school's first handbell program. Currently, she directs the Handbell Ensemble at Second Presbyterian Church and the Wesleyan Ringers at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. She also rings with the Circle City Ringers. Becky and her husband, Charles, have three young adult children and are members at Northside Baptist Church.

STACY JACOBS teaches Primary Theme.
EMILY LANTZ teaches drama. She has a bachelor’s degree in elementary and special education from Anderson University. Currently, she teaches 2nd grade at Cherry Tree Elementary, where she co-directs the spring drama club. She resides in Noblesville with her husband, Brad, and her 3 year old son, Charlie. Her home church is Grace Church of Noblesville. Emily has been involved in 12 community theater productions in the last 10 years, mostly at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre in Carmel. Some of her favorite roles include Shelby in Steel Magnolias and being a singer/dancer in Spamalot, Mary Poppins, Anything Goes! and most recently, Mama Mia! She is excited to have the opportunity to meld her love of teaching and drama together once again.

MIKE MCBRIDE teaches Drumming/World Percussion. He is the K-5 music teacher at Mohawk Trails Elementary School. Mr. McBride teaches general music, MTE Choirs, MTE Orff Ensemble, and the MTE International Folk Dance Ensemble. Mr. McBride is the Vice President of the Indiana Orff Schulwerk Association and serves with the Indiana Music Educators Association through Circle the State with Song. He resides in Lawrence with his wife and two children.

LAURA MCCONDA teaches Culinary Arts. Once upon a time, she worked in business and technology after earning her degree from Taylor University. Once God blessed her and husband John with their kiddos, she picked up baking as a hobby, a way to express creativity and to supplement their income. Now she homeschools her kids and offers her expertise in the kitchen to their homeschool co-op. Laura lives in Noblesville and attends Cornerstone Lutheran in Carmel with her husband and five kiddos.

CHUCK MIHALIK teaches Woodworking. He is a self-taught wood worker with approximately 40 years of experience. Chuck’s experience includes furniture making, cabinet construction, scroll saw and wood turning. Most recently he have concentrated and wood turning and scroll saw activities. For the past six years Chuck has supported the FAA woodworking class. “I thoroughly enjoy teaching our youth the art of woodworking in a Christian setting as a means to express their faith and develop a life-long hobby.”

ANNA MOODY is the Co-Director of the Fine Arts Academy. She came to Indianapolis to attend Butler University to study Music Education and has been here ever since. She teaches choir, movement, Orff and much more at Cherry Tree Elementary. Mrs. Moody and her husband Mr. Moody are disciples at Cornerstone Lutheran Church and she also leads the Children’s Choir Orff Program and Musical. Mrs. Moody's favorite things are singing, reading, her miniature dachshund Kona and taking Pure Barre classes.

SAM MOODY is the Co-Director of the Fine Arts Academy. Since graduating from Butler University in 2010, he has enjoyed his career as a middle school teacher. After nine year teaching English, this school year was Sam's first as an AVID teacher at Creekside Middle School. Over his time in education, Sam has directed numerous musicals and other school productions. He resides in Noblesville with his wife, Anna, and their miniature dachshund, Kona. His home church is Cornerstone Lutheran.

JUDI MORRISSON teaches Primary Theme and during the school year has worked with the 4’s class at Cornerstone Preschool for 13 years. She is married to Scott and has three grown children with one grandbaby girl.

BETH MURPHY teaches Junior High Theme and loves FAA because being creative and helping connect others to Jesus are two of her passions! She has been an educator for 20+ years in public school, Lutheran schools, and homeschool settings. Teaching Theology in particular in the Lutheran system and homeschool has been a privilege and a JOY. She earned her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University Irvine in sunny CA; however, she actually prefers an Indiana sunset especially when it's with her family, all disciples of Jesus at CLC.

JULIE PAPAS teaches Mime and Primary Movement. Julie earned a BS in Education at Wayne State University, Detroit. She has studied dance/mime for more than 20 years at Annette and Co. School of Dance, Wayne State University, and Jordan Academy of Dance. Julie teaches drama and music at The Fortune Academy for children with learning differences. She has choreographed for numerous
organizations, including Footlite Musicals, Carmel Community Players, local high schools, and churches. She and her husband, David, have two sons. They attend Trinity in Broad Ripple.

**TISH REED** teaches Painting: Advanced. Tish is an Intuitive Painter who specializes in large scale acrylic and mixed media pieces. She lives in Carmel, with her husband, Chris, and 3 children - Caleb (12), Aidan (11), and Scarlett (5). She earned her Bachelor's of Fine Art and Design from IU, Bloomington and worked as a Graphic Designer for a number of years. Tish currently serves as a Ministry Leader at Northview Church facilitating workshops and classes designed around creating space for people to encounter God through art. You can find out more at Create2Breathe.com.

**RICH STOLT** teaches Painting & Drawing and Primary Art. Rich is known for speaking like Kermit the Frog, but serves God daily as an art teacher at Allisonville Elementary. He earned his B.A. in Art Education at Anderson University and his masters at The Art Academy in Cincinnati. Rich shows his art at different art galleries across Indianapolis as an open dialogue of the brokenness in our world, which greatly needs Jesus. His favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 2:10.

**MATTHEW VINCENT** teaches Cartooning. When not working at FAA, he is the creative director for a digital marketing company (&Marketing), helping businesses and non-profits tell stories that engage their audience. He loves drawing for kids and telling stories through children's books, comics, and illustrations.

**JAN WILLIAMS** is the Founder of the Fine Arts Academy. Jan earned a Bachelor in Music Education at University of Evansville and a Master of Music at Eastman School of Music. She is the Director of Women’s Ministry at her home church, Cornerstone Lutheran, and has a passion for Bible study. She and her husband, Bruce, have three children, one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, and two grandchildren.

**ANNA WILLIAMSON** teaches Lyrical and Hip Hop dance classes. Anna graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance and a minor in Christian Ministry from Anderson University. Originally from Fishers, Anna has trained with multiple studios in the area including Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre where she is currently a professional dancer. She also teaches at Dance Creations Academy. Anna loves sharing the art of worship through dance and is so excited to be part of Fine Arts Academy.

**JILL WINKELMAN** teaches Jewelry. She is a homeschooling mom to her four kids Isabel, Henry, Charlie, and Oliver. She managed one of the largest bead and jewelry stores in the United States, where she gained her jewelry making skills. Jill lives with her husband, Kurt, in Noblesville and is a disciple at Cornerstone Lutheran Church.