



## TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Mrs. Rebecca DeLaurentis**

Rebecca DeLaurentis has worked at SOAR for the past three years. First, as a science teacher and then as the director. Rebecca has been blessed with five children and has home schooled or partnered with hybrid schools for the past nine years. She has taught a variety of subjects in homeschool co-ops and in hybrid schools, served as a hybrid school principal and currently serves on the board of a hybrid homeschool co-op/ school. Prior to homeschooling full time, Mrs. DeLaurentis was a school psychologist in the NJ public school system. She received her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University (Psychology) and her M.A. (Schooling) and M.Ed (Applied Educational Psychology) from Teachers College, Columbia University.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." -Ecclesiastes 9:10-11

### **Mrs. Sarah Kell**

Sarah Kell has worked at CCA for the past 7 years as an assistant teacher. She has spent the past two years as the SOAR teacher for Hands on History. Prior to working at CCA/SOAR, Sarah homeschooled her three children for five years. Sarah has a passion for history and for making the content come alive. She started reading in grade school and still spends her time reading historical fiction and non-fiction.

### **Mrs. Rachael Lachinet**

Rachael Lachinet has taught at CCA since 2018 and currently teaches a variety of High School and Middle School classes including Personal Finance/Economics, Civics, Yearbook and MS Technology. She is the mother of two children, both of whom will attend the SOAR program. Rachael has a B.S. in Media Arts and Design (print journalism).

### **Mrs. Jennifer Marshall**

Jennifer graduated from the University of Maryland in 2006 with a degree in Art Education. She then taught both elementary and secondary students in Maryland. In 2008, Jennifer and her husband moved to Virginia and she taught elementary art in Prince William County for 9 years. Prior to joining the teaching team at CCA and SOAR for this coming year, Jennifer was blessed to spend the last 5 years as a full time stay at home mom for her two children. Jennifer is grateful for the time she had at home and is now grateful for the opportunity to teach art again. In her spare time she loves being outdoors, hiking, gardening, spending time with her family and being creative!

### **Mrs. Jessica Smith**

Mrs. Jessica Smith will return to SOAR for her third year. Jessica is a homeschooling mom with five children, two of whom have special needs. She is active in the Down syndrome/ADHD/Nonverbal Learning Disorder Communities. She is married to a veteran and has lived all over the world including England, Oklahoma, Alabama, Ohio, Maryland, California, Texas, Florida, North Dakota and finally Virginia. Academically, she is a homeschool graduate from Covenant Christian Academy in Montgomery, Alabama. She has earned an Associates Degree in Allied Health from Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. She then worked in a family practice and pediatric settings until becoming a mother. For twenty years, she has also served as a Sunday School teacher for preschool through 5th grade. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys crafting, hanging out with family and friends, and reading historical fiction.

### **Mrs. Keri Smith**

Keri taught for 16 years before leaving public school to stay at home with her seven year old twins, Silas & Eden. She has been homeschooling them since they were in preschool. The 24-25 school year will be Keri's second year at SOAR. Keri is married to David Smith. David, Keri, & their twins reside in Warrenton. You may find them at the farmers market or hanging out in Old Town Warrenton for their weekend events. They are also active in their church. Keri works part time as the children's director there.

**Interested in joining the teaching team? Email [soar@covenantva.org](mailto:soar@covenantva.org)**