



2016-17 Academic Administration and Faculty



Mrs. Madeleine Abels grew up in Naperville, Illinois where she attended Neuqua Valley High School. She then traveled to the University of Dayton to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Adolescent to Young Adult Education with a concentration in Language Arts. After graduation, Mrs. Abels moved to Louisville, Kentucky to teach middle school Language Arts at St. Rita Catholic School and lead the middle school Student Government program. She is currently working on her Masters Degree in English as a Second Language. Having lived in Ohio for college, she is thrilled to move back to "The Heart of it All" and to join the Cristo Rey community.



Mrs. Joy Bair attended Catholic Elementary and High School in Fremont, Ohio before relocating to Columbus to attend The Ohio State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Actuarial Science and a Master of Education in Mathematics Education. Returning to the classroom after being at home raising her children for several years, she is delighted to be teaching Algebra II at Cristo Rey Columbus High School. Her teaching background includes teaching Math at Pickerington Junior High, at The Ohio State University and at Columbus State Community College. Mrs. Bair, her husband John, and their five sons are members of St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church. In her free time, she enjoys running, volunteering at Bishop Watterson High School and at St. Brendan Church and School, attending all of her boys' athletic and school events and spending time with her friends and family. She is honored to assist the students at Cristo Rey Columbus High School as they develop their full potential academically, spiritually and emotionally.



Mr. Ian Craig is incredibly excited to be joining the Cristo Rey team as the Algebra I teacher on staff. Mr. Craig is a native of Columbus, Ohio, who attended both Upper Arlington High School and the Ohio State University, in a family of educators. His Bachelor's degree is in pure mathematics, and he is currently working on a Masters degree in math and education. A love of all things mathematics is what has driven Mr. Craig to tutor, teach, and lead high school students throughout his previous years as a director of a tutoring center. He is honored to work in the Cristo Rey community and move the mission forward with his incoming freshmen.



Mr. Oliver Corrigan teaches World History, American History, and AP US History at Cristo Rey High School. Mr. Corrigan holds an MS in Secondary Education from the University of Akron. For seven years Mr. Corrigan worked at a school for children with special needs as the social studies teacher and then as the IEP Coordinator. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Corrigan is the author of the textbook *Our United States of America*:

Catholic Social Studies, published by Catholic Heritage Curricula. Prior to being a teacher, Mr. Corrigan worked at the University of Akron Archival Services, where he was responsible for preserving the memory of the World War II-era B-26 bomber plane. Mr. Corrigan also holds a BA in Theatre Arts – he has worked as a professional actor, and for several years was the Artistic Director of Newfangled Productions, a non-profit creative arts company that operated out of northeast Ohio. Mr. Corrigan lives in Columbus with his wife and 5 children, where they are members of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Mr. Corrigan is extremely excited to serve the students of Cristo Rey and to do all he can to help them achieve their dreams.



Ms. Julianne Corroto is the chemistry teacher at Cristo Rey. She was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She attended the University of Notre Dame for her undergraduate and graduate studies. She earned a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry and went on to get her Masters in Education from the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. As a part of the ACE program, Ms. Corroto taught high school science and theology in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She is passionate about providing a holistic, college-prep, Catholic education for all students at Cristo Rey Columbus. She is excited and blessed to work and grow with such a wonderful community of students and teachers.



Mr. Zachary Deibel teaches American Government, Economics and Personal Finance, and World History at Cristo Rey Columbus High School. Mr. Deibel is from Buffalo, New York, where he attended Canisius High School. He graduated from American University with a Bachelor's degree in History and a minor in International Studies. He then joined Teach For America, taught history, government, and general social studies for three years in Marked Tree, Arkansas, and earned his Master's degree in History at Arkansas State University. Mr. Deibel is incredibly excited to be a part of the Cristo Rey Columbus learning community.



Shelby Fischer is a native of Baltimore, Maryland where she taught high school Physical Education for 13 years. She and her family relocated to Columbus in the summer of 2015. Mrs. Fischer earned her Bachelor's degree in Physical Education (PK-12) from Towson University, and a Masters of Education with a concentration in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment from Walden University. Mrs. Fischer has developed and implemented her own courses related to Women's Fitness and Sports Management. Her personal love of fitness gave her the drive to encourage adolescent girls to become more active while promoting improved body image, and the experience she gained as a small business owner provided her the know-how to educate her students on athletic entrepreneurship. In her free time, Mrs. Fischer loves to explore Columbus with her husband and 2 young daughters. She is eager to begin this new chapter of her life teaching Health and Physical Education at Cristo Rey Columbus High School.



Ron Gillon was born in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated from James B. Dudley High School. After graduation, he entered North Carolina A&T State University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Social Service. His first job after graduation was working as a supervisor attendant in a Juvenile Detention Center. Realizing that he needed to shift his focus,

Ron began working as a Youth Counselor in a non profit organization, counseling youth and their families on various issues.

Ron always wanted to travel and see the world, so he resigned his counseling position and entered the United States Air Force where he earned a Masters Degree in Counseling from Creighton University. While in the Air Force he was fortunate enough to be stationed in Nebraska, Texas, Alaska and The Netherlands, where he was able to travel extensively throughout Europe during his four year assignment. Ron retired from the Air Force after twenty years as a Paralegal and worked seven years as a Counselor at East High School in Anchorage, Alaska.

Ron moved to Ohio when his wife, Wanda, received notification that her job would be transferring her to Columbus. At that point he began working as a Counselor at Independence High School and remained there for ten years. Ron and Wanda have been married for over forty years and have one daughter, Tosha, who resides in Columbus and a new grandson, Myel.



Mr. Troy Hinder is Cristo Rey Columbus' Dean of Students. His role at Cristo Rey is to support, manage, and enhance the school wide culture and climate. This includes, but is not limited to, managing student conduct, extra-curricular programs, and athletics. Mr. Hinder is originally from the central Ohio area and has earned degrees from Wright State University, Ohio Dominican University, and Muskingum University. His undergraduate study was in Political Science with minors in History and Psychology. His graduate study was in Business Administration, Teaching, and School Administration. Mr. Hinder is starting his 9th year in education and has previously served as Department Chair, Business Instructor, Dean of Students, and Formative Instructional Practices Coordinator in both private and public school districts.



Ms. Sarah Hoff is the Campus Minister at Cristo Rey Columbus and teaches Theology. A native of South Bend, IN, Ms. Hoff graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and English Literature. She is excited to return to her Midwestern roots after nearly a decade on the East Coast: She attended Boston College, where she earned a master's degree in Pastoral Ministry and later a Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Formation. She began her teaching career in 2008 at Malden Catholic High School outside of Boston, and comes most recently from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. Ms. Hoff has enjoyed many years of exploring spirituality and sharing faith with young people through parish youth ministry, camp ministry, retreats, and service trips, and is thrilled to have that privilege now at Cristo Rey Columbus.



Mrs. Laura Hubachek grew up in Toledo, Ohio. For college, she attended Bethel College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education and a minor in Visual Arts. After college, she taught for CCMT (Central City Ministries Toledo) at Rosary Cathedral Catholic School. There she taught sixth grade and discovered her passion for teaching diverse learners and sharing the love of Christ with them. Now, living in the

Columbus area, she is excited to begin teaching at Cristo Rey Columbus and teach visual arts!



Ms. Stephanie Irby is a freshman English teacher at Cristo Rey Columbus High School. Ms. Irby earned her B.A. in English and Women's Studies from The Ohio State University. As a thoroughbred Buckeye, she went on to obtain her Masters of Education from The Ohio State University. Ms. Irby comes to Cristo Rey from public education in Groveport, Ohio. She began her career teaching high school English, but found an affinity for middle school education through her role as an Instructional Coach. Ms. Irby is excited to make the shift back to high school instruction. Ms. Irby enjoys spending time with her family, friends and dog, Kai. She likes to read, garden and collect old things. An affiliate of Pomegranate Health Systems, Ms. Irby is an advocate for adolescent mental health. Most importantly, teaching is Ms. Irby's passion, and she looks forward to collaborating with the faculty and students at Cristo Rey to promote college readiness.



Mrs. Jordan Kapsch is the Music teacher at Cristo Rey Columbus High School. She earned her B.A. in Vocal Performance from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee. After graduation, Mrs. Kapsch traveled and taught middle school in Korea for two years. During this time she traveled extensively through Southeast Asia and also had the opportunity to encourage and assist in teaching English as a Second Language through music at Korea Nazarene University. Upon returning to the states, Mrs. Kapsch completed her Master's degree in Music Education from Capital University with an emphasis in the Kodaly Philosophy. Not only has she taught music history, and directed numerous high school choirs; she has been the vocal coach for Emmanuel Christian Academy and St. Francis DeSales High School. She is excited to be joining Cristo Rey Columbus, beginning the music program and directing the first Cristo Rey Columbus High School Choir. She and her husband, Josh, reside in Clintonville with their dog, Tesla.



Mr. Nathan Laufersweiler-Hanf grew up in the army and lived in many places across the central United States. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Toledo, where he met his wife, and a Master of Arts in Theology and the Bible from Catholic Theological Union, which is the largest Catholic graduate school of theology in the country. He has a one year old son, Elijah, who loves to dance and go for walks with his dog. For the last 10 years, he has taught religion at Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore County, which is an all boys college-prep Catholic school sponsored by the Lasallian Brothers. Mr. Laufersweiler-Hanf is a runner and enjoys participating in the arts, especially creative writing and photography.



Mrs. Katie Laufersweiler-Hanf grew up in Dayton, Ohio. She attended the University of Toledo and earned her bachelor's degree in Religious Studies. After graduation, she completed a year of service as a the ministry assistant at Corpus Christi University Parish at the university. From Toledo, Mrs. Laufersweiler-Hanf spent two years at the University of Dayton working as a graduate assistant in campus ministry and obtained her MA in Theological Studies. For the last nine years, Mrs. Laufersweiler-Hanf has lived in Baltimore, MD with her husband, Nathan. Most recently, she has loved working for several years as the freshman theology teacher at Cristo Rey Jesuit in

Baltimore. After giving birth to their first child, Elijah, Mr. and Mrs. Laufersweiler-Hanf decided it was time to return to Ohio. She is excited to be living in Columbus now and is thrilled to be closer to family while continuing to work at a Cristo Rey school. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, sewing, and spending time with her family.



Ms. Katherine Leach is a native of Columbus, Ohio and attended Immaculate Conception School until the age of 10 when her family moved to Buffalo, Wyoming. She attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Theology. Upon graduating in 2006, she began a Graduate Internship with Campus Ministry at Creighton University in tandem with the Master's of Christian Spirituality Program which she completed in August of 2008. In July of 2007, Ms. Leach joined the Theology Department at Creighton Preparatory School where she taught and coached JV soccer for 4 years. In May of 2011, she left her teaching position to study Spanish for 6 months at the Maryknoll Language Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Moving to South Florida in January of 2012, she took a position with the Diocese of Palm Beach as the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Florida Atlantic University as well as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. She's very excited to be teaching again and to re-connecting with her Columbus roots. Ms. Leach enjoys doing anything outside, drinking coffee, spending quality time with her dog, Toby, and embarking on do-it-yourself projects that take up all her free time.



Ms. Jennifer Lester will be teaching Physics, Pre Calculus, and Statistics. When she received an Associates Degree at Columbus State, she was the first/ only college graduate in her family. She later received a Bachelor and Masters degree at Ohio State University. Has taught math and science at Independence High School in Columbus for the past 4 years. With a large passion for running, she has been coaching cross-country and track. In her spare time, she enjoys watching Netflix, hiking/running, and playing strategy games. She is very excited to join the Cristo Rey family.



Ms. Martin is joining Cristo Rey Columbus High School from Los Angeles, CA, where she taught 11th and 12th grade English at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy. She has previously taught English in high school and college settings (including the Ohio State University) in New York City, Syracuse, NY, and Hitachi, Japan. When not teaching, Ms. Martin enjoys running, yoga, traveling, and watching TV. Her favorite books include: Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*, Richard Wright's *Native Son*, Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*, Sinclair Lewis's *Main Street*, and Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.



Ms. Kelly McNichols is the Geometry teacher at Cristo Rey Columbus High School. Born in Columbus and a life-long product of Catholic schools, Ms. McNichols attended Immaculate Conception, Bishop Watterson, and the University of Dayton where she received her B.S. in Adolescence-to-Young-Adult Education in Integrated Mathematics. Ms. McNichols then went on to earn her Masters of Education from the

University of Notre Dame through their Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Program. Ms. McNichols taught 7th and 8th grade math, Algebra, and 7th grade religion in Mobile, Alabama, for three years. Ms. McNichols is thrilled to be a part of the Cristo Rey community and hopes to inspire her students to become life-long learners.



Ms. Angela Piñeiro is the Biology teacher at Cristo Rey Columbus High School. She is a native of Columbus and earned both her Bachelor of Arts in Education and her Master's of Education at The Ohio State University. During her time at The Ohio State University she was a student leader at St. Thomas More Newman Center and was involved in planning mission trips and retreats. She studied marine biology at the Forfar Research Station on Andros Island in the Bahamas and aquatic biology at Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island in Lake Erie. Ms. Piñeiro taught 8th grade at Blessed Sacrament School in Newark, Ohio before joining the Cristo Rey community.



Ms. Marjorie Prince, a Columbus native, has taught Spanish for over twenty years. Ms. Prince earned undergraduate degrees in English and Spanish, and a Master's degree in Spanish language and literature from The Ohio State University. Before coming to Cristo Rey, she taught Spanish at Columbus Academy. Previous to working at Academy she taught at Ohio University in Athens, and Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where she was also chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Ms. Prince believes that all children can become life long learners and can be inspired to dream big and believe in themselves in order to make positive contributions to society. She is excited to have the opportunity to teach and work with the students and faculty at Cristo Rey. Ms. Prince enjoys reading, listening to music, good conversations over coffee, and spending time with her teen-aged son. Ms. Prince and her son live in Clintonville.



Mrs. Carolyn Kirby-Rogers was born in Pittsburgh, PA moved to central Ohio as teenager, and graduated high school in Westerville, OH. She earned her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and her MBA from Ashland University. Mrs. Rogers has taught all over the Columbus and Cincinnati areas. Her first teaching job was as a Work Study Coordinator, teaching 11th and 12th graders, in Lebanon, OH which gives her terrific insights for Cristo Rey's Professional Work-Study Program. Most recently Mrs. Rogers has been working at St. Mary Magdalene, a Catholic K-8 school, as their Technology Teacher. Mrs. Rogers is married with two children and enjoys attending their competitive water ski tournaments, Boy and Girl Scout activities, music programs and ballet recitals. Teaching has always been her passion and she is very excited to be a part of bringing such a wonderful education system to the local Columbus community.

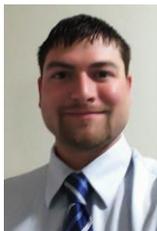


Mr. George Rooney teaches Algebra I and II. He was born and raised in Laredo, Texas and has degrees in computer science from Texas A&M and Dartmouth. He speaks Spanish as a result of Mexican roots and having lived and worked in Argentina. He worked in the IT, commodities trading, and energy industries for many years. After retiring from business he completed a teacher preparation program at Yale. Mr.

Rooney taught high school math at the Graham School and 7th and 8th grade math at All Saints Academy. He is very excited to be part of the Cristo Rey Columbus community.



Ms. Margo Sheehan grew up in Fairfield, CT and attended Providence College in Providence, RI for her undergraduate and graduate education. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work in 2013 and her Master of Education in Counseling in 2015. Ms. Sheehan's involvement with the Office of Admission at PC for five years enhanced her passion for helping students with the college process. Although Ms. Sheehan has lived on the East Coast her whole life, she is a Buckeye at heart with her mom's family being from Columbus, so she feels at home already. Ms. Sheehan enjoys being with her friends and family, and she loves sports, dogs (especially her dog Buckeye), reading, music, trying new foods and traveling. She can't wait to help her students find the right college fit as the new College Counselor and she is thrilled to be a part of the Cristo Rey family.



Mr. Sheumaker grew up in Westerville, Ohio where he attended St. Paul grade school and St. Francis DeSales High School. He then graduated from Ohio Dominican University in 2007. Shortly after obtaining his undergraduate degree, he traveled to Egypt where he taught college level English courses. After spending slightly over a year teaching in Egypt, he started working on his Master's degree in Biological Sciences, from Miami University in Oxford. During the course of his graduate studies he was able to conduct scientific research in various South American countries. After finishing his graduate studies, he took "a leap of faith" accepting a teaching job in Erbil, Kurdistan, Iraq. There he was the High School Humanities Coordinator, English teacher, History teacher, and Biology teacher. This was one of his most enlightening experiences. He volunteered weekly at a Syrian refugee camp about two hours away from the school where he taught. The knowledge he gained from volunteering there will forever be a part of his life's philosophy. He has a humanitarian spirit, is very environmentally mindful, and is incredibly excited to start this new chapter of life, settling down in Columbus, Ohio with his wife, dog and all of us in the Cristo Rey community.



Miss Kayla Theis teaches sophomore English and theatre at Cristo Rey Columbus. Miss Theis grew up in the small town of Circleville, Ohio, then went to The Ohio State University for college. At Ohio State, Miss Theis studied English and theatre during her undergrad, then continued to pursue a Master of Education specialized in Integrated Language Arts. While at Ohio State, she studied theatre in London, where the group saw 24 productions in 4 weeks. In her spare time, she enjoys kayaking, water skiing, reading, and traveling as much as possible. Miss Theis is very excited to begin her first year of teaching with the great staff and students at Cristo Rey!



Dr. Cathy Thomas comes to Cristo Rey Columbus with a long history of inner-city Catholic education. Prior to coming to Columbus to open Cristo Rey Columbus, Dr. Thomas was the founding principal of two

schools, Guadalupe Regional Middle School (a Nativity-Miguel School in Brownsville, TX) and Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston. Dr. Thomas has a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston with her dissertation focus being the relationship between spirituality and resiliency in young people. Dr. Thomas began her teaching career as a math teacher on the Navajo reservation in Arizona. She then spent over two years in Nicaragua where she worked in human rights and shared the painful privilege of living in solidarity with those whose lives were so affected, often tragically, by the war of the 1980's. After 25 years in Texas, Dr. Thomas is happy to return to Ohio where her family originally moved to in 1963 when the college in Birmingham, AL, where her father taught refused to integrate. Dr. Thomas feels blessed to be a part of this amazing team of people at Cristo Rey Columbus and the important work of transforming Columbus one student at a time.



Mrs. Maria Vallejo was born and raised in Mexico, City. In 2002 she moved to New York with her husband Jose, and three children Jose, Maria and Bernardo. Even though in Mexico she took English lessons, she wasn't very good at it, so decided to go back to school to learn English. After a few months in school, she was advised to enroll in courses that would help her start a career. Experienced teaching French, Religious Education, and Reading in the Elementary school, she decided to pursue the teaching career. She obtained her masters in Science of Education in Spanish from the State University of New York at New Paltz. For the past ten years she has been teaching Spanish for all grades from Kindergarten to 12th grade, and have enjoyed every second of it. "What I love about teaching is that I get the opportunity to discover with my students their amazing talents; talents that one day will help them to achieve anything they choose to do." She is very excited to be part of the Cristo Rey community and its inspiring mission.