

## **2018-19 NEW SEQUOIA STAFF**

### **First year teachers:**

**Hannah Singh:** Coming to us all the way from San Carlos, Ms. Singh graduated from Sequoia and finished her credential at UC Irvine. She joins the English team.

**Diana Nguyen:** A native Southern-Californian, she student-taught at Sequoia last year. She studied government and ethnic studies and joins the Social Studies team this Fall.

**Mary Alice Davis:** Born in Virginia and raised in San Francisco, she student-taught at Sequoia, focusing on Human Biology. She studied at the University of Washington and worked in Animal Welfare. She joins the Science team this year in both Biology and Physics.

**Alex Lopez:** Another Bay Area native and Woodside graduate, he studied at Kenyon College and was recruited out of STEP (Stanford Teacher Education Program) after student-teaching at his alma mater. He joins the English team at Sequoia.

**Regina Sharp:** Finishing her credential from NDU (Notre Dame de Namur University) and teaching one section of Advanced Integrated Science, Regina Singer will be interning and student-teaching with us this year.

### **Teachers/Staff from other Sequoia Union District schools:**

**Laura Duran:** Hailing from Fremont, CA, she studied at Northeastern University, and spent the last nine years counseling at Menlo-Atherton. She joins the Guidance Counseling team.

**Pablo Aguilera:** A Redwood City Native and a graduate of Woodside High, this teacher studied at Stanford and taught at his HS alma mater for 8 years. Fresh from some world traveling, he joins the Social Studies Department.

**Fred Kessler:** Born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in the San Fernando Valley, this guidance counselor worked at M-A and Redwood High, and has 28 years experience in the Sequoia district. He joins the Guidance Department.

### **Teachers who arrived from different districts or states:**

**Margaret Sullivan:** She has spent most of her career in San Francisco and worked one year in San Mateo HS district. Originally from the East Bay and an alumnus of San Francisco State, she joins the Math Department this year.

**Andrea May:** From Hershey, Pennsylvania, this teacher studied at Penn State and began her career in DC schools. She joins the English team this year.

**Liz Blackwell:** Originally out of New Orleans, and by way of the East Bay, this teacher is a proud Banana Slug alum of UC Santa Cruz. She has six years under her belt working in SPED (Special Education) in K-8 schools and is excited to join Sequoia's SPED team and co-teach in English.

**Jennifer De Rego:** Raised in Sonora and recently of Arroyo Grande, this teacher has a background in kinesiology and pre-med. She has taught and coached HS students since 2003 in Brentwood, and spent last year at UCLA. She joins the P.E. Department.

**Maggie Sharp:** A Chicagoan and University of Illinois alum, she taught for four years in the Windy City suburbs. She traveled West to study policy, organization, and leadership at Stanford. She joins the Math Department this year.

**Matt Miller:** We now have two teachers in our STARS (Students Transitioning with Appropriate Resources) program. Matt Miller worked in the East Bay at a private school and most recently in SF as a mentor teacher.

**Teachers/Staff members who have returned to Sequoia after working elsewhere:**

**Jack West** returns to the Science Department and will provide Ed Tech support to teachers after working in the Ed Tech industry for several years.

**Allison Hyde** returns to Sequoia in the role of Bilingual Resource Teacher after working for a year in an IB school in Mexico City.

**And last but not least:**

New Psychologists: **Alejandro de Miranda** (here part-time in the Spring), **Andrea Harris**, and **Victoria Storr**

Speech Therapists: **Christina Navas, Marion Welch and Vera Parr**

**A big Sequoia welcome to ALL of you!**