

# Leadership Journeys

**Leah Pittsinger, Assistant Headmaster**  
**Prairie View Upper School**

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Leah Pittsinger came to Great Hearts due to her great love for families, Classical education, and service. “The opportunity to grow in my career, while serving alongside like-minded individuals is incredibly valuable to me,” she shared. As a founding staff member of Prairie View and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade lead teacher, she stepped into a Dean role in 2023 and now serves Assistant Headmaster of the Upper School.



Ms. Pittsinger finds it incredibly helpful to serve in several roles and engage in development opportunities before moving into the new role.

“Learning to implement the curriculum as a lead teacher was incredibly valuable to me now that I am an instructional leader. The training and collaboration equipped me to not only facilitate the curriculum with excellence as teacher, but also to coach the curriculum and have buy-in with the teachers as an administrator.” She also credits the Prairie View founding headmaster for granting her the space and patience to grow in leadership skills, as well as her current team members who serve with her every day.

Her greatest fulfillment as Assistant Headmaster has been expanded influence in academic efforts across the campus, including leading professional development, coaching teachers, and advocating for scholars in need of academic support. In considering the growth ahead for this matriculating upper school campus, Ms. Pittsinger reflects, “I anticipate that the challenge to continue these endeavors will grow as our campus welcomes additional scholars each year.”

Her goals for this year? “I want to tackle unfamiliar tasks with an entrepreneurial spirit so I could then turn around and teach the task(s) to others. A great part of my growth is due to the demand for an AHM to efficiently learn to do new things, delegate when necessary, and then support fellow staff members in their own learning.”