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Monica Burmicky

Hometown: Los Angeles, California
Favorite Quarantine Snack: Pan de Polvo cookies (Mexican shortbread)
Coaching Philosophy: Everyone has strengths, and my role is to recognize each individual & help develop strategies that will harness these strengths to ultimately help shape their future.
Fun Fact: I spent my 30th birthday in three different countries.

Hours: 8AM-5PM, M-F (Online/Highland)



Thomas Blain

Hometown: Melbourne, Australia
Favorite Quarantine Snack: This blueberry baked oatmeal!
Coaching Philosophy: Every student's situation is unique. Let's discuss strategies that promote a healthy work/life balance.
Fun Fact: I'm taking my first Spanish class this summer! I learned Italian as a child.

Hours: 9AM-6PM, M-F (Online/Highland)



Jordan Easley

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Favorite Quarantine Snack: Pringles
Coaching Philosophy: I want students to walk away from every coaching session having identified a goal and knowing the first step to achieving it.
Fun Fact: I tried sushi for the first time this year. Not bad!

Hours: 10AM-3PM, M-W; 3PM-8PM, Th (Online/San Gabriel)

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Samantha R. Ackers

Hometown: New Orleans, LA
Favorite Quarantine Snack: Oatmeal Chocolate Chip/Pecan Cookies
Coaching Philosophy: "Tell me and I'll forget; Show me and I may Remember; Involve me and I will Understand." — Chinese Proverb
Fun Fact: I'm HAPPY 93% of the time ;-)

Hours: 9:30AM-6:30PM, M-F (Online/Round Rock)



Valeria Flint

Hometown: Not Buenos Aires, Argentina
Fav Quarantine Snack: Dark Chocolate Covered Fudge Oreos®
Coaching Philosophy: "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right." — Henry Ford
Fun Fact: I have *not* seen GoT yet — no spoilers!

Hours: 12PM-5PM, M-Th (Online/Highland)



Sijoon Jang

Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Favorite Quarantine Snack: Macerated strawberries with milk (basically homemade strawberry milk)
Coaching Philosophy: "We cannot change anything unless we accept it." — Carl Jung
Fun Fact: I started a tea club with my friends in high school so we could meet up and drink tea/chat during free periods.

Hours: 9AM-1PM, M-Th; 9AM-12PM, F (Online/Highland)

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Nancy Bishop

Hometown: Arlington, TX
Favorite Quarantine Snack: Watermelon
Coaching Philosophy: I embrace Zig Ziglar's saying: "Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude."
Fun Fact: I once worked in the kitchen on an Israeli kibbutz and made mashed potatoes for 500 people.

Hours: 9AM-3PM, M-W (Online/Highland)



Kellie Alford

Hometown: Houston, TX
Favorite Quarantine Snack: White Cheddar Popcorn
Coaching Philosophy: I want to work with each student to define their academic goals, then find the right tools to help them achieve those goals.
Fun Fact: I am working on visiting all 50 states in the U.S. and only have 7 left!

Hours: 9AM-5PM, M-Th (Online/Round Rock)



Joseph Lockwood

Hometown: Duncanville, TX
Favorite Quarantine Snack: Vegan Chocolate Chip Banana Bread with coconut cream and fresh mango.
Coaching Philosophy: I am here to provide whatever service I can to help you reach your goals.
Fun Fact: I D.J.

Hours: 9AM-6PM, M-F (Online/Highland)