

# ACADEMIC COACHING

## MEET THE COACHES



## 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)**