New Certificated Employee Bios 18-19

Amelia Dominguez – Amelia will be teaching in the special day class at **Traina** this year. Amelia grew up in a small Village in the north of England and received her Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition through the University of Birmingham in England. After visiting the United States, she decided to return and pursued a teaching credential in mild to moderate Special Education at St. Mary's College. Outside of teaching, Amelia enjoys spending time exploring new places, photography and cross stitching.

Jenna Fillmore – Jenna will be teaching 7th and 8th grade math at **Traina** this year. Jenna grew up in a small town on the northern California border and received her Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education through Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. Last summer, she and her husband moved to Tracy after her husband was offered a job at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. She worked on transferring her teaching credentials to California and was a substitute teacher for the Jefferson School District last year. When she's not teaching, Jenna enjoys drinking coffee, reading, and finding new shows to watch on Netflix.

Michelle Pereira – Michelle will be teaching Resource at **Traina** and possibly Hawkins as well this year. She attended school through the Tracy Unified school district and she got her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from California State University, Stanislaus. Shortly after, she started substitute teaching for Tracy Unified and found her love for teaching. She was hired at Jefferson school District as a middle school Resource teacher at Hawkins and worked there for 2 years. She decided to go back to school full-time to earn both her General Education and Education Specialist credentials through Stanislaus's concurrent credentialing program. Outside of teaching, she has a passion for animals, being outdoors, and traveling. She has lived in Tracy her whole life and likes to be involved in the community.

Lexie Varner - Lexie will be teaching Kindergarten at **Monticello** this year. Lexie grew up in the small, nearby town of Brentwood and she received her Bachelors of Science in Political Science and General Social Science through the University of Oregon. She received her teaching credential from Saint Mary's College and this will be her first year as a teacher. In her free time Lexie likes to spend time with her friends, family, and her dog named Rudy. She enjoys watching college football and returns to Oregon every year to watch an Oregon Ducks football game.

Gabriela Borgna – Gabbie will be teaching Resource at **Monticello** this year. Gabbie is married and has one son. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz, Go Banana Slugs! Gabbie received her teaching credential from the Teachers College of San Joaquin. She moved to Tracy in 2010 and is happy being part of this awesome community. Outside of teaching she likes working in the yard then relaxing in the shade while enjoying chips, salsa and music.

Anne Abris – Anne will be teaching 4th grade at **Monticello** this year. Anne has been a part of the Monticello family since 2012, starting off as a parent volunteer and transitioned into substitute teaching. She received her Bachelor's degree from Chapman University and worked in the accounting field for many years before following her passion for teaching. She has been married for 14 years and has three children, Joelle (11), Jaden (10), and Julian (8). Outside of teaching, Anne plays chauffeur and keeps herself busy with her children's activities including taekwondo, basketball, swimming, and piano. She loves to spend time with her family, travel, and stay active including kickboxing. She has lived in Tracy for the past 15 years, but grew up in Southern California, which makes her a Lakers fan in Warriors territory.

Dana Tirnetta – Dana will be teaching Kindergarten at Monticello Elementary this year. Dana grew up in Livermore and attended California State University Stanislaus, where she graduated on the Dean's List with a BA in Communications. Before pursuing a teaching career, Dana worked as a Communications Coordinator for about a year. After realizing this was not her passion, she started substitute teaching and found her true love for teaching. When she is not teaching, she enjoys spending time with family and going out on the boat any chance she gets.

Ghizal Ayubi – Ghizal will be teaching 4th grade at **Hawkins** this year. Ghizal is married and has 3 children, a 16-year-old girl and 2 boys ages 14 and 11. Two of her children graduated from Tom Hawkins and currently attend Tracy High while her youngest will be entering 6th grade at Tom Hawkins. Ghizal has been working with children of various ages and grades for over 8 years in different settings including private school, substitute teaching and Intervention specialist. She received her undergrad from Cal State East Bay and her multiple subject teaching credential from Cal State Stanislaus. Ghizal was born in Afghanistan; her family migrated over to the U.S when she was 6 years old. Ghizal's motivation for teaching is to help all of her students understand their own ability and challenge themselves beyond what they think they are capable of because she believes this is what her own teachers helped her do when she came to this country not knowing how to read, write or speak a word of English. Ghizal loves to travel, try new foods and learn about different cultures, in fact, just this summer, she traveled to various parts of Spain and Turkey and absolutely loved her firsthand experiences with food, culture and different ways of living. She is very excited about joining the wonderful team over at Hawkins and cannot wait to get to know each and every one of her students!

Kelly Shook - Kelly will be teaching Kindergarten at **Hawkins** this year. Kelly is married and has four children. She is excited to bring her two girls with her to Tom Hawkins. She has commuted to the Bay Area for the last 9 years and is excited for her journey. Kelly is blessed to have lost 100 pounds last year and has found her passion for empowering others to grow virtual health and wellness companies. Her friends admire her thirst for life and love of travel.

Tina Seymore – Tina will be teaching 7th and 8th grade core at **Hawkins** this year. She has worked for the Jefferson School District for ten years as an Intervention

Specialist. Tina grew up in Pleasanton and was a youth worker for the City of Pleasanton for many years. She has been with her husband Jason for fifteen years and will be married for ten years this October. They have two son's Aiden and Preston. Aiden will be in 3rd grade and Preston will start TK this year at Hawkins. Tina and her family are major Disneyland fans. They go as much as they can. But, when they are not in Disneyland, they like to camp, boat and go on Jeep runs. The Seymore family likes the Jefferson School District so much, that they will be moving into the District this September. Tina looks forward to teaching this year and hopefully many years to come.

Rosalina Bonillo – Rosalina will be teaching TK this year at **Hawkins**. She is a first year teacher, but has been a Pre-K teacher for 9 years in the Byron Union School District. Rosalina has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Humphreys University. She will soon be completing her master's degree. Rosalina was born in Tracy and graduated from Tracy High School. Outside of teaching, she babysits for children with special needs in Tracy through Pacific Homecare Services. Rosalina and her boyfriend have a dog, two cats and several reptiles. Most of their animals are adopted or rescues.

Jessilynn Chaudoir – Jessica will be teaching 8th grade science at **Hawkins** this year. She grew up in Clayton, CA and moved down to Southern California to receive her Bachelors of Science in Biological Psychology at UCSB before receiving her teaching credential through CSULA. She has previously taught 4/5th and 2nd grade. When she is not teaching, she loves to spend time camping and kayaking in nature, cooking big Italian meals, and walking her little dog Atticus at the beach. She just moved back to the East Bay Area from Southern California and is excited to get to know the community and explore new places.

Mikayla Brown - Mikayla will be teaching 7th and 8th grade core at **Hawkins** this year. She has lived in Tracy her whole life, and grew up in the farming community. She recently got married in November to her high school sweetheart. She attended Stanislaus State for both her Bachelor's degree and credential. Before her career, she spent a year substitute teaching in the Jefferson District. Outside of teaching she enjoys helping out her dad and husband with the hay and grape businesses.

Melissa Frizzi - Melissa will be teaching 7th and 8th grade English and History at **Hawkins** this year. She grew up in Tracy and went to school at Hawkins as a kid. Melissa graduated from Azusa Pacific University one year ago with her degree in English Literature. She substitute taught in the district last year and is getting her teaching credential through the TCSJ Impact program. She loves reading with a good cup of coffee and being with her family and friends.

Natalie Acuna - Natalie will be teaching 7/8th grade PE at **Jefferson** and 4th Grade PE at **Hawkins**. Natalie is from Manteca, CA and graduated from Sierra High. She attended MJC and then went on to California State University of Fresno where she earned a

Bachelor’s of Science in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Physical Education. During the past couple of summers, she has taught swim lessons to kids ages four years and up! Outside of teaching she enjoys being outdoors and making memories with family and friends. She grew up cheering on the SF Giants, Forty Niners, and Warriors and enjoys attending the games! Natalie is left-handed but also ambidextrous. Her favorite dessert is apple pie or peach cobbler!

Cindy Contreras – Cindy will be a **Speech Language Pathologist** at **Hawkins** this year. Cindy grew up in Stockton and received her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology through University of the Pacific. After that, Cindy received her master’s degree through California State University San Marcos. When she’s not working Cindy enjoys spending time outdoors, traveling to new places, and spending time with family and friends.

Jasmine Aviles – Jasmine is another one of our new **Speech Language Pathologists** and will be working at **Traina** School. She is married and has three children, the oldest two are attending college and her youngest is just starting high school. Jasmine grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and graduated with her bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and master’s degree in Communicative Disorders, both from San Francisco State University. When she is not teaching, Jasmine enjoys reading, hiking and going on adventures with her family.