New Certificated Employee Bios 16-17

Brian Haines – 7th and 8th grade Social Science at Traina
Brian has just moved to California from New Jersey in July. Before moving, Brian was employed by the Clark Public School District for 8 years teaching 8th grade World History and Cultures and 7th grade US History. Since moving, Brian has been enjoying the great weather and exploring new places with his family.

Teresa Agostinelli - 7th and 8th grade math at Traina
Teresa taught Mathematics in Lodi Unified School District at the middle school level. Prior to that, she was employed as a Certificated Substitute/Guest Teacher for Stockton and Lodi Unified School Districts. She enjoys the beach as well as shopping at thrift stores and the Dollar Tree. Teresa's entire family is in the medical field except her eldest niece who is pursuing a BA in Anime at the Art Institute of California in Sacramento, CA.

Danette McDaniel - 7th **and 8th grade Core at Traina**
Danette began teaching in 2002 at West High as a Business/Computer Applications teacher. She then taught 6th grade at Williams Middle School in Tracy. Most recently Danette taught 6th Grade at Mossdale Elementary in Lathrop. In addition, she coached Boys & Girls Tennis at Kimball High for five years. Danette has two kids who attended Jefferson School then Tracy High. Her favorite TV show is Grimm and she can't wait for the season return.

Robert Murray – 7th grade Science at Traina
Robert comes from Silicon Valley's electronics industry, and is excited to help his students take on the future, by implementing California's Next Generation Science Standards. In his spare time, he enjoys making ceramic art in his home studio.

Christina Huysentruyt – 6th grade at Traina
Christina comes to us from Manteca and this will be her 4th year teaching. She is the proud auntie of two nieces and two nephews. She also is a proud bookworm and she carries a book with her where ever she goes. Christina is very excited to begin the year as a member of the Anthony Traina staff.

Corey Bishop - PE at Hawkins
Corey has three children who all attended Hawkins from K-8. Her oldest son started kindergarten on the first year Hawkins opened. She has been teaching for 9 years and is happy to be working close to home at Hawkins after teaching many years in Mountain House.

Julio Lopez - PE at Hawkins and Jefferson
Julio was born in Pleasanton CA but raised in Hayward and Tracy, went to both major high schools, graduating in 2010. Attended Fresno State with a degree in Kinesiology, Class of 2014 He completed his credential at Fresno State in Physical Education and worked in Clovis Unified for two years where he developed his passion for teaching. He has two older brothers (both engineers), a 6 year old sister and a younger brother in the U.S. Marines. He enjoys spending time with family and loves the outdoors, especially the amazing views after a good hike. Along with the outdoors sports are another passion of mine, and I love to both play and watch

competitive sports. Julio is looking forward to his new adventure with Jefferson School District and is counting down the days to work with his new staff and students.

Lorena Mendoza - 7th and 8th grade Math at Hawkins
Lorena comes from Greenfield, a small town in the Salinas Valley, where she was raised and taught middle school math for 6 years. Some of her colleagues were actually her teachers when she attended that middle school. She was also the math lead and after school intervention teacher. She received her undergraduate degree and teaching credential from CSU Monterey Bay. Currently she is working on her Masters in Educational Leadership from Concordia University. Lorena has three children who will be starting 8th, 6th, and 4th grade.
She enjoys keeping busy with all her kids' sports and music activities.

Amanda Bailey - 7th grade Science at Hawkins
Amanda grew up in a small town outside of Detroit, Michigan and attended college in Pensacola, Florida. She began teaching high school Reading in Florida in 2005. Since that time, she has been a Literacy Specialist/Reading Teacher for 10 years in three states (Florida, Mississippi, Washington) and taught US History and Psychology in South Carolina for one year. She has been a volleyball coach for 16 years and enjoys coaching, watching and playing sports. She's an avid reader, enjoys outdoor sports, riding motorcycles, and apparently traveling across the country every couple of years or so. She loves all types of music, but especially 80's and 90's hair bands and at a previous school she coordinated a faculty lip sync battle where she dressed up as Eminem and Vanilla Ice and the teachers lip synced and danced for the students.

Tom Swartz – 7th and 8th grade Social Studies at Hawkins
Tom grew up in Livermore. He has been teaching for 17 years, mostly at the middle school level. Previously, he taught for the San Mateo-Foster City School District and the Livermore School District. He enjoys spending time with his wife Erin and his almost 3-year-old son Adam.

Matthew Smith – 5th grade at Hawkins
Matthew is originally from Missouri, and has just moved to Tracy from Ridgecrest, California. His family is excited about being a part of the Tracy community, and he is looking forward to applying his twenty years of experience in teaching grades 5 through 8 . Matthew has a 2nd, 4th, and 8th grader who will be attending school in our district.

Christina Jacques – 4th grade at Monticello
Christina was born and raised and Tracy and graduated from Tracy High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University and my Multiple Subject credential and Masters in Education from UC Santa Cruz. She taught 8th grade language arts and history in Watsonville for 6 years. Most recently, she moved back to Tracy and was teaching 7th and 8th grade math and history at St. Bernard's. In between those jobs, she joined the Peace Corps and moved to Mozambique for 2 years to teach English as a foreign language. While there she learned to speak Portuguese. She loves to travel and has been to every continent except Antarctica!

Patricia Blackwell – 4th grade Monticello
Patricia is close with her family, and likes to spend time with my mom and brother. She likes to take day-trips and be outside. Patricia's favorite way to spend the day is go to the beach or hike to a waterfall or a swimming hole. She enjoys swimming, snowboarding and taking pictures. Patricia loves animals, and has dogs, cats, and a turtle.

Tina Cloverdale – District Nurse
Tina has lived in Tracy for 17 years. She has been a practicing Nurse for 14 years, and currently still works part time at Children's Hospital in Oakland. She was an Asthma Educator and in the past has worked with all of the pediatricians in town. Tina's children have attended Tom Hawkins since kindergarten and her son just graduated from 8th grade. She is very excited to be doing something she has always been interested in doing.

Gabriela Satvaldiyev – School
Gabriela is excited to be commencing her first year as a school psychologist and behaviorist here in Jefferson School District. She recently graduated with an Education Specialist degree in School Psychology from the University of the Pacific. Moreover, Gabriela is currently working toward her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. Prior to joining Jefferson, she completed an internship with the San Joaquin County Office of Education. Prior to that she worked in higher education, as a crisis case management and behavior specialist with both developmental and mental health populations. During Gabriela's free time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family. She enjoys working with students and is dedicated to improving outcomes for all.

Classified District Office Employees:

Nick Watson – Information Technology Coordinator
Nick grew up here in Tracy. He moved to the bay area to pursue education and career. Nick worked for 8 years as an IT technician 2 years as an IT manager for an IT services provider in the San Francisco bay area. He graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Business with a concentration in Management Information Systems. Nick's wife and he were tired of the congestion of the bay area so moved back to Tracy where much of their family still lives. He is an avid Giants and Sharks fan. His hobbies include BBQing, playing with his dog, a 90lb German Shepherd, and watching almost any sport.

Jayme Robertson – Business Services Specialist
This is Jayme's first experience in education. Previously to coming to Jefferson, she worked for Safeway Corporation for many years, but decided being closer to home with her children was more important. Jayme grew up in Livermore and currently lives in Discovery Bay with her husband and two young children, Brayden, who is 5, and Taylor, who is 2. She has a very active family who is always on the go camping, BBQing with friends, and backyard movie nights. Jayme has been working at Jefferson since February and loves the job and the people she works with. She looks forward to coming into work each day!

Rianna Xavier – Business Services Specialist
Rianna earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at Cal State Stanislaus and has prior experience in both the public and private sector. She was born in Upland, CA and raised along with her older sister and brother in Atwater, CA on a dairy farm that her parents own. Rianna also has a niece and two nephews. She met her fiancé, who is a Tracy local, in September 2013, and they will be getting married this October. Rianna loves spending time with family and friends, traveling, wine, chocolate, and reality TV.