



Miami Christian School

"Training Minds – Touching Hearts"

K3 THROUGH 12TH GRADE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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AD Hoc Committee, Dade County Public Schools
 Auction Committee - CGCF
 Trustee Member, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
 Committee Member, Character Education Education Vice-Chair – CGCC
 President, Miami Springs Hialeah Civitan Sunrise Leads Chair – CGCC
 Past Positions:
 Rotary Club of Coral Gables
 Coral Gables, Jr. Women’s Club
 ATHENA Award Chair = CGCF
 CGCC – Good Morning Coral Gables Breakfast Chair
 DAANS Star Luncheon Chair
 Community Advisory Board- Coral Gables Community Foundation

ADMINISTRATION

LORENA MORRISON, ED.D.

School Head & Elementary/Middle School Principal

College & Degrees: Ed.D., Florida Atlantic University
 Ed.S., Florida Atlantic University
 M.A., University of Alabama
 B.A., Southeastern Bible College
 B.A., Miami Christian College
 ACSI Life Certificate
 State of Florida Professional Education Certificate
 30

Years at MCS:

Awards/Recognition 2005 Certificate of Appreciation for Service from the Mayor’s Office
 Graduated Cum Laude from Southeastern and Miami Christian College
 Graduated Summa Cum Laude from FAU
 1986 Alumnus of the Year, M.C.C.
 1989 Award of Distinction, F.A.U.
 International Who’s Who of Executives
 Co-Creator – Home Free USA © Board Game

Travel:

Memberships:

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi - F.A.U.
 Honor Society of Delta Epsilon Chi - S.B.C. and M.C.C.
 FEMA Terrorist Mitigation Team
 Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
 Dade Association of Academic Non-public Schools (DAANS)
 Florida Association of Academic Non-public Schools (FAANS)

Awards/Recognition:

Graduated Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude from Calvary Bible College
 2005 Presidential Lifetime Service Award
 2005 Who’s Who in America
 Co-Creator Home Free USA © Board Game
 2002, 2000 Special Congressional Award for Community Service
 2005, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1996 Who’s Who Among American High School Teachers
 2000 Tech Grant Reader for Federal Government
 1999, 1998 International Who’s Who of Professionals
 1986-97 Various National and Regional Academic Directories
 1994 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics
 1985 Directory of Distinguished Americans
 1984 Personalities of the South
 1983 Personalities of America
 1982 Community Leaders in America
 1980 Int’l Youth in Achievement Worldwide

Travel:

Memberships:

National Center for Non-Profit Boards
 National Society of Fundraising Executives
 Planned Giving Council
 Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
 Coral Gables Community Foundation
 Yaya mentor
 Rotary Club of Coral Gables
 FEMA Terrorist Mitigation Team
 FEMA Mitigation Impact Team
 University of Miami Women’s Guild
 National Association of Secondary Schools
 Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
 Dade Association of Academic Non-public Schools (DAANS)
 Florida Association of Academic Non-public Schools (FAANS)
 Nominated Member, International Platform Association
 Junior Women’s Club
 Board Member of the Foundation of Coral Gables Chamber

TERI LOGAN, J.D.

Associate School Head

College & Degrees: J.D. (Law), University of Miami
 B.S. in Bible/Education, Calvary Bible College
 ACSI Professional Certificate, Fundraising Certification
 SACS Equivalency

Years at MCS:

Extracurricular:

Executive Director of DAANS
 Consultant, FIU, K-12 Education Project on Human Hazards
 Vice Chair, Business Ed and Cultural Affairs,
 Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

REV. JAMES GENTRY

Dean of Students, High School Principal

College & Degrees: Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary
B.A., Miami Christian College
ACSI Professional Certificate

Years at MCS: 12

Extra Curricular: Pastor at South Dade Bible Chapel
Lecturer: Institute of Retired Professionals

Awards/Recognition: Student Government Association President (Miami Christian College)
Who's Who Among Students in America's Colleges & Universities

Travel: Canada, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and N. Carolina

Memberships: Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
Dade Association of Academic Non-public Schools (DAANS)
Florida Association of Academic Non-public Schools (FAANS)

DIRECTORS

JOANNA CLARK

Director of ESE, Primary Facilitator

College & Degrees: B.A., Elementary Education, Wheaton College
M.S.Ed., Curriculum Instruction and Assessment, Walden University
36 Additional Graduate Hours, Barry University & FIU
177 Hours of seminars & workshops
Florida State Certified
ACSI Professional Certificate

Years at MCS: 26

Subject Area: 1st Grade, Primary Facilitator, Director of ESE,

Extracurricular: Special Ministries for Adults with Special Needs

Awards/Recognition: 2005 Who's Who Among American Teachers
2005 Lifetime Presidential Service Award
2001-2002 Civitan International Service Award
2000-2001 Outstanding Jr. Civitan Advisor (Tropical District)
2000 ATHENA Award Finalist
1999 Deaver Foundation Teaching Excellence Award

Memberships: Florida Reading Association
International Reading Association
Dade Reading Council
Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development

JAMES COLZIE

Athletic Director

College & Degrees: B.A., Business Administration, Albany State University
B.A. Mathematics, University of South Florida

Years at MCS: 1

Awards/Recognition: 2006 Commissioner of Officials for Greater Miami Athletic Conference
2004 Dade County Athletic Hall of Fame Member (Inductee)
2003 Dade County Athletic Director Honored
2004 Distinguished Athletic Director of the Year Georgia

Travel:

Memberships: Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA)
Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (FIAAAA)
National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (NIAAAA)
Dade County Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DCCTM)

FACILITATORS

JENNA RIVERA

College & Degrees: M.A., Worship, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
B.A., Psychology, Florida Atlantic University
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: Elem./MS/HS Chorus & Bible

Extracurricular: Master Chorale of South Florida

Awards/Recognition: Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities
National Collegiate Scholar

Memberships: American Association of Christian Counselors
Florida Music Educators' Association
Florida Vocal Association
American Choral Directors Association

LYNN RUXLOW

3rd – 5th Grade Facilitator

College & Degrees: B.A. with Honors, French, FIU
Florida State Certified
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 20

Subject Area: 5th grade, Elementary Facilitator

Extracurricular: Sunday School Teacher

Awards/Recognition: 1984 Outstanding Young Women of America

Travel: Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

VANESSA CHARLOT

College & Degrees: B.A., English, Florida Atlantic University

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: English

Travel: Dominican Republic, France, Haiti and Italy

Memberships: Delta Sigma Theta Inc.

CHARLENE COULTER

College & Degrees: Ed.S., Computer Science, Nova Southeastern University
M.S., Computer Science, Nova Southeastern University
B.A., Visual Arts, Franklin College
64 hrs Doctorial Work at Nova Southeastern University
Florida State Certified
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 22

Subject Area: Computer, MS & HS Art

Extracurricular: Art Club, Scheduling, Webmaster, Blood Drive Coordinator, Senior Sponsor

Awards/Recognition: Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Ed.S., Computer Science
Graduated Magna Cum Laude, M.S. Computer Science, Nova Southeastern University
1999 Coral Gables Teacher of the Month
Who's Who Among American Business Professionals
Who's Who Among American Teachers

Travel: 42 U.S. States, 21 foreign countries

Memberships: Association for Computing Machinery

REMY DOU

College & Degrees: B.S., Biology, minor in Religious Studies, FIU
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 5

Subject Area: Science

Extracurricular: Bass player for various Christian groups including "Three Guys Worshipping God"
Music director for Miami Int'l Covenant Church

Awards/Recognition: Graduated High School at the age of 16, one of the youngest graduates of public school that year
Received a 75% King Henry Scholarship from UM
Received a 100% Bright Futures Scholarship
2007 MCS Master Victor

Travel: Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela

MARK GOVERTSEN

College & Degrees: M.A. Theological Studies, Wheaton College
B.A., Bus. Admin, Taylor University
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Bible

Awards: Life Member Million Dollar Round Table
Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU)

Travel: Annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, CA to take in Shakespeare
Road biked through Europe

Memberships: Million Dollar Round Table
Nat'l Assoc of Ins. and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

JUDITH C. ISAZA

College & Degrees: M.Ed., University of Georgia
B.S., Georgia Southern University
Florida State Certified
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 8

Subject Area: Math

Awards/Recognition: Graduated Cum Laude M.Ed., University of Georgia

BETH MATA

College & Degrees: B.A., Taylor University
Florida State Certified in ESOL and Spanish
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 9

Subject Area: Library

Extracurricular: Mission Team Work in Mexico
Mission Work in the Bahamas

Awards/Recognition: Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Taylor Univ.
Alpha Chi Honor Society
Dean's List
Chi Alpha Omega
International Student of Achievement
Faculty Scholarship
2005 Who's Who Among America's Teachers
2003 Coral Gables Rotary Teacher of the Month
2001 Nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year

Travel: Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Mexico

Memberships: Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME)
Association of Foreign Languages
Alabama Assoc. of Foreign Language Teachers
Regional Network for Early Language Learning
Assoc. of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese of Alabama
Miami-Dade TESOL

STEPHEN MAYER

College & Degrees: M.A., Regent University
B.A., David Lipscomb University
Pursuing Doctorate at Curtain University
Florida State Certified in Social Studies and Science
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 8

Subject Area: Science, Social Studies and Film

Extracurricular: Film School VIII Mentor- Miami Children's Museum

Awards/Recognition: 2006 Deaver Foundation Teaching Excellence Award
2005, 2006, 2008 MCS Master Victor

Travel: Asia, Canada, Caribbean, Egypt, Europe, Mexico, Middle East, all 50 U.S. States

DIANA MIRANDA

College & Degrees: M.A., Text and Performance, Kings College
London/Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts
B.A., Theatre, Florida State University
Certificate in Theology, Oak Hill Theological College, London, England
Cornhill Bible Training Course London England

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Bible, Drama and Puppet Ministry

Awards/Recognition: Silver Knight Honorable Mention in Drama

Travel: Australia, Austria, Columbia, Cuba, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Turkey, Scotland, Spain and Wales

ISRAEL ORTET

College & Degrees: B.A., Education, Pedagogic University, Cuba
ACSI Certified
Florida State Certified in Spanish and ESOL

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: MS & HS Spanish

Extracurricular: Sunday School Teacher
Drummer and General Director of "Monte de Sion" praise band

Travel: Cuba, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Puerto Rico

EDWARD RICARDO

College & Degrees: M.B.A., University of Miami
B.S., Management, Bentley College
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: Math & Business

Extracurricular: Church Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher

Travel: Canada, Caribbean, France, Greece and Greek Isles, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom, many U.S. States

WEI SHEN

College & Degrees: M.A., Linguistics, Florida International University
M.A., Teaching English as a Second Language, Northern Arizona University
B.A., English & American Literature, East China Normal University
Florida State Certified in English, ESOL and Exceptional Student Education

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: ESOL and Chinese

Travel: Arizona, California, China, New England, New York and Mexico

CARLINE VERRIER

College & Degrees: B.A., Communications & History, Howard University

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Social Studies and English

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

BRETT CONGER

College & Degrees: B.A., English & History, Florida State University
ACSI Certified
Years at MCS: 8
Subject Area: Social Studies
Sub-coordinator
Travel: Jamaica, Washington D.C., 13 U.S. States

JEFF DABOIN

College & Degrees: B.A., Biblical Literature, Ozark Christian College
ACSI Certified
Years at MCS: 2
Subject Area: Bible
Extracurricular: MS Baseball Coach, MS Football Coach, MS
Basketball Coach
Awards/Recognition: Graduated Valedictorian of High School
Ordained Minister
Travel: Canada, Mexico and 32 U.S. States

CAROL LACAYO

College & Degrees: B.S., Food Science and Human Nutrition, University
of Florida
ACSI Certified
Years at MCS: 1
Subject Area: Science
Travel: Bahamas, Belize, Dominican Republic, El Salvador,
Grand Cayman, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica,
Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama
Memberships: Institute of Food Science and Technology
University of Florida Alumni
National Association of Science Teachers

JESSE SHALE

College & Degrees: B.A., Radio & TV; Minor in Theology and Math,
Valparaiso University
Years at MCS: 2
Subject Area: Math
Extracurricular: MS Boys Basketball Coach, MS Football Coach
Awards/Recognition: Dean's List Valparaiso Univ.
Travel: Canada, Romania and 18 U.S. States
Memberships: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

JULIA SIERRA

College & Degrees: B.A., English, Florida International University
Years at MCS: 1
Subject Area: English Literature
Travel: Dominican Republic, Germany, Honduras, Mexico,
Nicaragua, Spain, Venezuela, Eastern U.S., Colorado
and Utah

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

JENNIFER GUTIERREZ-CHAVEZ

College & Degrees: Currently attending Trinity International University
A.A., Miami Dade Community College
CDAE in Early Childhood
Years at MCS: 6
Subject Area: K5 Teacher
Travel: Mexico, Nicaragua, 5 U.S. States and Wash. D.C.

SORAYA CABRERA

College & Degrees: B.A., Elementary Ed with ESOL endorsement, FIU
ACSI Certified
Years at MCS: 2
Subject Area: 3rd Grade
Awards/Recognition: Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society and full
scholarship for Internship
Travel: Aruba, Bahamas, Canada, Dominican Republic,
Mexico and 9 U.S. States

JOANNA CLARK (See Directors)

CLAUDIA FERRARA

College & Degrees: B.S., Communications, University of Miami
ACSI Certified
Florida State Certifies Elementary K through 6
Years at MCS: 4
Subject Area: 2nd Grade
Extracurricular: Freelance Writing, Published in House King
Magazine
Awards/Recognition: Graduated Cum Laude from UM
Travel: Bahamas, Canada, England, France, Italy, Jamaica,
Mexico, Switzerland, and 8 U.S. States

MARISABEL GONZALEZ

College & Degrees: Child Development Associate (CDA), Miami Dade
College
Years at MCS: 8
Subject Area: K3/K4 Teacher
Travel: Bahamas California, Colombia, Connecticut, Florida,
Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, New York, Nicaragua
and Rhode Island

ROSE MARY PALOMINO

College & Degrees: B.A., Alliance Bible Seminary
M.A.R., Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary
M.Ed., (Multicultural Education) Eastern University
Florida State Certified, Elementary Education
ACSI Certified
Years at MCS: 4
Subject Area: 4th grade
Extracurricular: Church Ministry: Counseling, Ladies and Youth
Group
Awards/Recognition: Who's Who Among Students in American
Universities
Travel: Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile,
Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Peru, Ecuador,
France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy,
Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Singapore, Spain,
Switzerland, United Kingdom, Venezuela
Memberships: General Teaching Council for Scotland

LYNN RUXLOW (See Facilitators)

ELECTIVE & EXTRA CURRICULAR TEACHERS

MATTHEW HURST

College & Degrees: B.S., Physical Education, Trevecca Nazarene
University
ACSI Certified
Years at MCS: 1
Subject Area: P.E.
Extracurricular: HS Boys Soccer Coach
Awards: All Conference selection for the college soccer team
Travel: Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay and
Peru,
Memberships: Trevecca Alumni Association

JENNA RIVERA (See Facilitators)

CAROLINE MORRIS

College & Degrees: Post Graduate Certificate in Education, University of London, Institute of Education
B.M. with Honors, City University
TESOL, Trinity College London Certification

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Music

Extracurricular: Church Choir, Civic Chorale of Greater Miami

Travel: Cuba, Hong Kong, France, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, Switzerland, U.K. and 2 U.S. States

ADA NARANJO

College & Degrees: B.S., Business & Accounting New Jersey City Univ.
Florida State Certified, Business Ed. Grades 6 - 12
ACSI Certified
212 hours of workshops & seminars
Graduate credits at FIU

Years at MCS: 10

Subject Area: Elem/MS Computer & HS Publications

Extracurricular: Children's Ministry
Marriage and Evangelistic Ministry Leader, Family Christian Coalition volunteer
HOA Board Member

Awards/Recognition: Who's Who Among American Teachers
2006 ACSI Best Yearbook Cover

Travel: Canada, Caribbean, Puerto Rico, and 24 U.S. States

Memberships: National Business Education Association
Computer Science Teachers Association
International Assoc. for Computer Info. Systems
Walsworth Publishing Yearbook Advisory Council

DEREK SHUTE

College & Degrees: M.A., Music Ed., Univ. of South Carolina
B.A., York College of Pennsylvania
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 2

Subject Area: Band

Travel: Belize, Canada, Costa Maya, Cozumel, Europe, Grand Cayman, some U.S. States

Memberships: Music Educator's National Conference (MENC)

RENE VIDAL

College & Degrees: B.F.A., Florida Atlantic University
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 10

Subject Area: MS Guitar and Praise Band

Extracurricular: Music Ministries & Youth Counselor at Church
Volunteer at "His House" & "Sunrise Mission"

Awards/Recognition: From the ex-Mayor of Miami Manny Diaz, as a member of "Contagious" for making a difference in the youth of Miami.

Travel: Lived in Japan 7 years, Nicaragua 2 years, Mexico 2 years and Honduras 8 years. Traveled through Europe, North, Central and South America

Memberships: "Contagious"

SUPPORT STAFF

Abelardo Arista	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Christina Aguirre	<i>Office Assistant</i>
Hansy Barahona	<i>Maintenance Department</i>
Luis Buritica	<i>Maintenance Department</i>
Donna Gehring	<i>Development Assistant/Registrar</i>
Jean Joinville	<i>HR Director/Business Manager</i>
Ventura Guanch	<i>Maintenance Supervisor</i>
Keith Harris	<i>Cafeteria</i>
Mauricio Lang	<i>Network Manager</i>
Susan Martinez	<i>Elementary/Middle School Executive Assistant</i>
Gladys Mata	<i>Admissions/AD Secretary</i>
Sonia Moraga	<i>Teacher's Aide/After School Care</i>
Margie Nieves	<i>Office Assistant</i>
Mary Kay Odio	<i>High School Secretary/Volleyball Coach</i>
Osman Pineda	<i>Assistant Athletic Director</i>
Beatriz Prol	<i>Assistant Librarian</i>
Jesus Reyes	<i>Maintenance Department</i>
Armando Rodriguez	<i>Security Guard/Baseball Coach</i>
Evelyn Rosado	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Francisco Ruiz	<i>After School Care Supervisor</i>
Maria Schriver	<i>Bookkeeper</i>