



Miami Christian School

"Training Minds – Touching Hearts"

K2 THROUGH 12TH GRADE

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 Education Vice-Chair – CGCC
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 Past Positions:
 Rotary Club of Coral Gables
 Coral Gables, Jr. Women’s Club
 ATHENA Award Chair
 Past 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 Lifetime Certificate
 State of Florida Professional Education Certificate
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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:

Canada, Europe, Middle East, South & Central America, Russia

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 Lifetime Certificate, Fundraising Certification
 SACS Equivalency

Years at MCS:

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Extracurricular:

Vice President of FAANS
 Executive Director of DAANS/ISSF
 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: 13

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)

64 hrs Doctorial Work at Nova Southeastern University
Florida State Certified
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 23

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, 22 foreign countries

Memberships: Association for Computing Machinery

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

SHERARD BURNS

College & Degrees: M.B.S., Reformed Theological Seminary
B.S., Tuskegee University

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Social Studies

Extracurricular: Developing ministry for at risk youth B.O.O.T.H. (Boys out of the Hood)

Travel: Antigua-Barbuda, Canada and Dominican Republic

CHRISTINE DOMINGUEZ

College & Degrees: B.S., English and Journalism, Univ. of Miami
Pursuing Masters in Fine Arts in Children's Literature, Hollins University

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: English and Publications

Extracurricular: Worship leader at church
Discipleship group leader for young ladies
Writer, Novelist (middle grade and YA novels)
Social media enthusiast
Co-chair of the Francelia Butler Writer's Conference 2010

Awards/Recognition: Dual-enrolled in college classes at the age of 13
Graduated High School at the age of 15
Consistently made the Dean's List at the University of Miami
Creative piece, "Jaded", finalist at the Francelia Butler Writer's Conference

Travel: Caribbean, Costa Rica, Israel and Mexico

Memberships: Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)
American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW)
The Lost Genre Guild (LGG)

JAMES COLZIE

Athletic Director

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

Years at MCS: 2

Subject Area: Math

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: Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA)
Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (FIAAA)
National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (NIAAA)
Dade County Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DCCTM)
2008-09 Representative Assembly Florida High School Association (FHSAA)
2009-11 Board of Directors for Section Four – Palm Beach, Broward, Dade & Monroe Counties FHSAA

REMY DOU

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

Years at MCS: 6

Subject Area: Science

Extracurricular: Bass player for various Christian groups including "Three Guys Worshipping God"

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
2009 Toyota Tapestry Grant Winner - \$ 10,000

Travel: Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela

CHARLENE COULTER

College & Degrees: Ed.S., Computer Science, Nova Southeastern University
M.S., Computer Science, Nova Southeastern University
B.A., Visual Arts, Franklin College

JUDITH C. ISAZA

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

Years at MCS: 9

Subject Area: Math

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

Travel: Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Ohio, Puerto Rico and Spain

BETH MATA

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

Years at MCS: 10

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 Curtin University
Florida State Certified in Social Studies and Science
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 9

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

ADA NARANJO

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

Years at MCS: 11

Subject Area: Bible

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

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

Travel: Canada, Caribbean, Puerto Rico, and 25 U.S. States

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

ISRAEL ORTET

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

Years at MCS: 4

Subject Area: MS & HS Spanish

Extracurricular: Sunday School Teacher and Youth worker
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
Florida State Certified Mathematics and Business

Years at MCS: 4

Subject Area: Math & Business

Extracurricular: Church Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher
Canada, Caribbean, France, Greece and Greek Isles, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom, many U.S. States

Memberships: University of Miami Alumni Association

ANDREA TEA

College & Degrees: B.S., Florida International University
Florida State Certified in ESE K-12 with ESOL Endorsement
ACSI

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Exceptional Student Education

Extracurricular: Missionary with Hands of God Ministry: Haiti, Dominican Republic and Brazil

Awards/Recognition: 2007-2008 Deans List at FIU
Full ESE Degree Scholarship
Master's Degree Project Quest FIU Full Scholarship (in progress)

Travel: Brazil, Canada, Hispaniola Island and Venezuela

DIANA WILLIAMS

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: 2

Subject Area: Bible and Drama

Extracurricular: Puppet Ministry and Thespian Sponsor

Awards/Recognition: Silver Knight Honorable Mention in Drama
2009 MCS Master Victor

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

KIYA CORDEAU

College & Degrees: B.S., Political Science; Minors, English and Criminal Justice, SUNY at Brockport

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Honors Language Arts

Extracurricular: Church Planting – Life Beyond Limits Church

Awards/Recognition: 2007 Who's Who Among America's Teachers

Travel: Jamaica, Oklahoma and Eastern U.S.

JEFF DABOIN

College & Degrees: B.A., Biblical Literature, Ozark Christian College
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: Bible

Extracurricular: MS Football Coach, MS Basketball Coach

Awards/Recognition: Graduated Valedictorian of High School
Ordained Minister

Travel: Canada, Mexico and 32 U.S. States

YUSINY DIAZ

College & Degrees: B.S., Barry University
ESOL Endorsement, Barry University
Florida State Certified in Pre K - Primary

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Science and Literature

Awards/Recognition: 2003 Deans List Barry University

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ

College & Degrees: B.S., Nova Southeastern University
Florida State Certified in Elementary Education
Currently enrolled in Bible Institute

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: Social Studies

Extracurricular: Ministry for Elderly Individuals in Assisted Living Facilities
Sunday School Teacher

Travel: Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada and 11 U.S. States

Memberships: World Vision International
International Fellowship for Christians and Jews

JESSE SHALE

College & Degrees: B.A., Radio & TV; Minor in Theology and Math,
Valparaiso University

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: Math

Extracurricular: HS Girls 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

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

SORAYA CABRERA

College & Degrees: B.A., Elementary Ed with ESOL endorsement, FIU
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: Science

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

Elementary 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: 27

Subject Area: 1st Grade

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

CLAUDIA FERRARA

College & Degrees: B.S., Communications, University of Miami
ACSI Certified
Florida State Certified 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, Dominican Republic, England, France, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Switzerland, and 8 U.S. States

MARISABEL GONZALEZ

College & Degrees: A.A., Pre-Elementary, Miami Dade College
Child Development Associate (CDA), Miami Dade College

Years at MCS: 9

Subject Area: K3/K4 Teacher

Travel: Bahamas California, Colombia, Connecticut, Florida, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, New York, Nicaragua and Rhode Island

JENNIFER GUTIERREZ-CHAVEZ

College & Degrees: Currently attending Trinity International University
A.A., Miami Dade College
CDAE in Early Childhood

Years at MCS: 7

Subject Area: K5 Teacher

Travel: Mexico, Nicaragua, 5 U.S. States and Wash. D.C.

NATHALIE NUNEZ

College & Degrees: B.A., Education & Interdisciplinary Studies K-8,
Western Governors University
Child Development Associate Degree

Years at MCS: 1

Subject Area: K-2

Extracurricular: JV & MS Volleyball Coach

Travel: British Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic, France, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, US Virgin Islands and 6 US States

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 in Elementary Education
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 5

Subject Area: Math

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, Egypt, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Venezuela

Memberships: General Teaching Council for Scotland

ELECTIVE & EXTRA CURRICULAR TEACHERS

MATTHEW HURST

College & Degrees: B.S., Physical Education, Trevecca Nazarene University
ACSI Certified

Years at MCS: 2

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

CAROLINE MORRIS

College & Degrees: Post Graduate Certificate in Education, University of London, Institute of Education
B.Mus with Honors, City University, London
TESOL, Trinity College London Certification
Pursuing Masters in Music Education, University of Miami (research assistant)
Florida State Certified

Years at MCS: 2

Subject Area: Elementary Music and Chorus

Extracurricular: Church Choir, Civic Chorale of Greater Miami, Music Time Teacher, Advanced Studies Recorder Teacher and Scuba Diving

Travel: Cuba, Hong Kong, France, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, Switzerland, U.K. and 3 U.S. States

Memberships: Music Educators' National Conference (MENC)
Florida Music Educators' Association (FMEA)
Early Childhood Music and Movement Association (ECMMA)
American Recorder Society (ARS)
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

DEREK SHUTE

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

Years at MCS: 3

Subject Area: Band

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

Memberships: Music Educator's National Conference (MENC)

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>
Susan Martinez	<i>Elementary/Middle School Executive Assistant</i>
Gladys Mata	<i>Admissions/AD Secretary</i>
Margie Nieves	<i>Office Assistant</i>
Mary Kay Odio	<i>High School Secretary/Volleyball Coach</i>
Osman Pineda	<i>Assistant Athletic Director</i>
Jesus Reyes	<i>Maintenance Department</i>
Evelyn Rosado	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Francisco Ruiz	<i>After School Care Supervisor</i>
Maria Schriver	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Michael Winningham	<i>Network Manager</i>