

# Promise Academy Staff

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



**DEBRA ACOSTA**  
Science/Visual Art Teacher

*Debra has been teaching at Promise Academy for three years. She has 20 years of teaching experience in various school districts. She decided to come to Promise Academy after retiring for two years. Debra teaches visual art to students of all grades and science to students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.*

**NYCKI ALEXANDER**  
Admin. Assistant/Media

*Ms. Nycki works at our front desk and handles our media. She's a mom to three current Promise students. Her oldest graduated from Promise and now attends Grace. Nycki enjoys spending time with her family, likes the color purple, and appreciates nature!*







## MARIA ALLEN

Second Grade Teacher

*Maria Allen is our second-grade teacher in her second year at Promise. She enjoys having the opportunity to share God's word with her students each day.*

## JONATHAN BARKER

P.E. Teacher

*Jonathan Barker is one of our newest team members and serves as our P.E. Teacher. He is married and has three children. Jonathan also works as the assistant Basketball coach at Grace High School. This is his fourth year in the field of education, and he's a big fan of anime.*



## LAURA BARRIOS

Kinder Teacher Assistant & Food Coordinator

*Laura is in her third year as Mrs. Marshall's assistant in Kindergarten and holds the role of Food Coordinator at the school. Additionally, she is involved in launching the first year of Promesas.*



# DENNIS BROWN

Facilities Manager

*Dennis is "semi retired" as he serves as the Facilities Manager & an Elder at Bethel Bible Hope. Dennis has been married to his wife, Donna for 52 years .*

*Together they have 4 children, 10 grandchildren with 2 more on the way, as well as a great grand daughter on the way.*



# CANDACE CROW

Admin. Assistant/Communications

*Candace is another one of Promise's newest members. She works alongside our Front Desk team and does communication. She, too, has a Promise graduate.*



# SARAH CUMMING

Head of School

*Sarah is the Founder & Head of School at Promise Academy. She and her husband met at LeTourneau University where Sarah studied Psychology, English, Biblical Studies, and Philosophy. She has spent 18 years in Christ-centered education in a variety of schools and now at Promise Academy. .*





## KATY DAVIS

Operations Manager

*Katy is on the leadership team and this is her 5th year at Promise. Katy is married with three children. Her two daughters are graduates of Promise.*

*Katy loves to travel, knit and watercolor paint in her spare time.*



## RAY DAVIS

Dean of Operations & Campus Life

*Ray co-leads Promise with Mrs. Cumming, and this is his 5th year at Promise. He's married and a Pastor at Liberty Winona Church. He leads in discipleship, discipline, and general shalom of the community.*



## YUVEIRYS DURAN

Swing Support Staff

*This is Yuveirys 1st year with Promise. She's also married with three children in their first year at Promise. She loves to study the word of God, do something new with her family, and go for walks.*







## LAURI ANNE HOYT

Math & Reading Tutor

*Lauri Anne is our newest Math and Reading Tutor, bringing with her an impressive 43 years of teaching experience from two other Christian schools. She's married to a teacher, and they have five grown children and two grandchildren. She's also a cat mom.*

## DIANA JOHNSON

Reading Tutor

*Diana is our Reading Tutor and has been part of Promise since its inception. Her husband is a Pastor, and they have seven grandchildren. Diana has been in the field of education since her college days. She successfully homeschooled all five of her own children while also providing tutoring to others.*



## LEE KERN

Librarian

*Lee has been the Promise Librarian for six years, and our library is exceptional thanks to his hard work and the dedicated efforts of volunteers.*





## LAMISA LANDERS

Upper School Language Arts &  
4th Grade Homeroom Teacher

*Lamisa Landers is a versatile educator of 33 years who passionately taught 1st and 2nd-grade split, 4th, and 5th-grade classes before assuming roles as a state specialist and principal, leaving a lasting impact on education. We are grateful to have Lamisa at Promise for her 2nd year.*

## SYLVIA MARSHALL

Kindergarten Teacher

*Sylvia serves as both our Kindergarten Teacher and the Lower School Choir Director. She has been with Promise for five years and boasts an impressive educational background. Additionally, she has a beloved granddaughter whom she adores.*



## CRYSTAL MARTINEZ

Extended Care Assistant

*This is Crystal's second year with Promise. She has two children who attend Promise and one who's a graduate of Promise.*





**MARIA MARTINEZ**  
Spanish Teacher/Cleaning Tech.

*Maria has been a part of Promise for four years and teaches Spanish to all students. Maria has two sons, one which is a Promise graduate. Maria also helps keep the campus clean and looking good.*

**ALEX MCLEAN**

Fourth Grade Teacher/Extended Care Director

*Alex holds a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and a Master's in Biblical Counseling and is pursuing a Doctorate in Christian Education. This year marks his fourth year at Promise.*



**FRANCELIA MUNOZ**  
Cleaning Tech./School Cook

*Francelia is Promise's Cook and cleaning technician. The students are loving her home cooked meals Mondays-Wednesdays. She is a Promise mom and has a Promise graduate.*







## JESSICA ROCHA

First Grade Teacher

*Jessica Rocha has taught both Kinder and 1st in the past. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin with her Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2018. This will be her 2nd year with Promise as our 1st Grade Teacher. Her favorite aspect of teaching is learning from her students.*

## EVELYN SATTERWHITE

Upper School Math & 5th Grade Homeroom teacher

*Evelyn is the 5th-grade teacher at Promise, and she's been here for five years. She has 32 years of teaching experience and has proudly graduated three classes from Promise, including the first one.*



## DANIEL WARD

Music Teacher

*Daniel Ward leads worship at Bethel Bible Church and has been a self-taught musician. He's married with four children, and this marks his first year with Promise, and we're excited to welcome him.*







## CLINT YEATTS

Development Director

*Clint joined the Promise Academy staff last fall. He brings more than 30 years of experience in broadcasting and business development to the Promise team.*

## MARIA ZAVALA

Front Desk Manager/Spanish Translator/  
Extended Care Assistant

*Maria is in her second school year at Promise. She has two children, one who attends Promise, and one who already graduating. Maria does an amazing job managing the front office, communicating with our Spanish & English speaking families, as well as helping in extended care.*



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