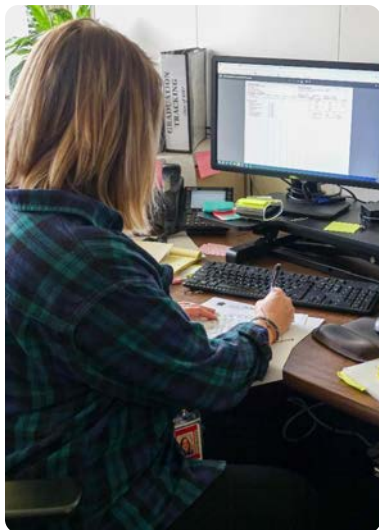


NEW PANTHERS IN THE HOUSE

TEACHER/
STAFF
HIGHLIGHTS

COURTNEY DAVIS



Ms. Courtney Davis, the guidance counselor for freshmen, had her first year here! She loved the spirit of the students and the excitement in the halls every day. She made sure the students enjoyed their time at school by supporting and helping them. Her favorite thing about her job was, "Definitely you guys. Being an educator is hard work, but you guys make it worth it! West High has a special energy that I'm happy to be a part of."



EMILY ALDER

One of our most recent Honors U.S. History and World History teachers was Ms. Emily Alder. She had been teaching for ten years; this was her third year here at West. She believed West was special because "it's a high school smack in the middle of the city. That just means there's so many cool opportunities and people and experiences you wouldn't get in a suburban or rural community." The diversity and range of students made Ms. Alders third year just as special as the first two!



RACHEL MCKEEN



"I love the students and all the different interests people have. The positive energy of the crowded hallways when people are saying hey to each other," said Madame Rachel McKeen, our French teacher (levels I-III) of three years here at West High. Her favorite part of her job was watching her students developing the French language, seeing them grow over the years.

SERA PACKER

Ms. Sera Packer was the new culinary arts teacher at West; this was her second year here. Her favorite part about West so far was “student interactions. I love forming connections and helping students progress and grow.” She taught five different foods classes and served as an advisor to our competition cooking team. The favorite part of her job was “the students, indefinitely. ...Aaand the free donuts on Friday in the faculty lounge.”



DANI BAINSMITH

Ms. Dani Bainsmith joined us this year as a new biology teacher. Her favorite thing about West was “the kids”. Her first impressions of the school were of how big it is and how many students there are, resembling many other teacher’s experiences. Her favorite part about her job is how, “every day is unpredictable, and you never know how it’s going to end up.”



CARLA ZUMBADO

Ms. Carla Zumbado was a reading teacher who had been teaching here for 2 years. She helped students reach their target Lexile level for their grade, through practice and devotion. She believed that beginnings of the year always had the hardest “pains in terms of getting schedules correct, but I think that happens with most students.” Her “students are fun, and everything is going well.”

