

Richard McKenna Charter High School Online Faculty



Mrs. Brenda Allen, B.A.

U.S. Government

My name is Brenda Allen. I have been teaching Government online for 8 years now and it has been a great experience. It is a whole new world compared to being in a regular classroom but it is a good thing. I have lived in Wendell, Idaho, for many years and raised five children here. I have taught 20 years, at an alternative school first and Bliss School, as well as Richard McKenna Charter School. I enjoy teaching and my desire is to help students learn and earn their credits. I am here to help you succeed!



Mrs. Kylee Bendorf, B.S., M.A. Ed.

Biology

I have been teaching Biology for Richard McKenna High School for four years now. I received my undergraduate education at Idaho State University where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Science in Education. I also earned my Masters in school counseling and work as a school counselor in the public school system. I enjoy education and love to learn and to teach. My goal is for you all to learn science and how it affects your everyday life. I hope that you leave this class with an appreciation of the scientific world around you.

For enjoyment outside of school I love the outdoors including camping and working outside. I also love any type of sports. I enjoy basketball, volleyball, softball, and enjoy playing racquetball with my husband. I spend much of my time with my family and friends.



Mrs. Keelie Campbell, B.S., M.A.

Health, Senior Project

I live in Wendell, Idaho which is near Twin Falls. I teach seventh grade pre-algebra and eighth grade algebra at Wendell Middle School as well as health for Richard McKenna. I have been teaching for 12 years. I am married and have 4 children. I enjoy watching sports, running, reading, cooking, and most of all spending time with my family. In this class, I hope you learn a lot about health and how to take care of yourself and others. Good luck and I hope you enjoy the course.

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Mr. Lane Durtcshi, B.S., M.A.

Earth Science

I have taught Earth Science for many years and it is my favorite course to teach. My education has been accomplished in Idaho. A masters degree in education in Instructional Technology from Idaho State University; a Bachelors degree in Education with minors in natural sciences and sociology from Idaho State University; and an associates degree in natural science and general studies from Ricks Junior College; and Bonneville High School.

I've lived in Idaho, Georgia, South Carolina, and Brazil. Brazil is an awesome country and is extremely beautiful. I am married to an awesome lady, Nancy. We have four wonderful kids. The oldest is Ashley and she likes to boss, or help everyone. Alex is next and loves football, basketball, and playing. We have twin girls, Breanne and Brooke. They are a lot of fun and play none stop. I live in a small town called Carey and teach in a 7-12 school. I never thought I would teach in an area so small, but it has been great.

I enjoy playing sports, home fix-ups, playing with family, computers, watching football and basketball, coaching basketball, and learning new things.



Mrs. Emily Ernst, B.A., M.A. Ed

English 10

I was an online student; now I am an online teacher! My name is Emily Ernst and I am very excited about teaching English 10A and B. I am originally from Pocatello, Idaho. I graduated from Pocatello High School. I have a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction (from Montana State University when I studied online) and a Bachelors of Arts in English with a minor in Dance (from Idaho State University). I was successful in college: I maintained a 3.6 or higher and competed well for ISU's track and cross-country teams. I even earned a spot to run the steeplechase at the 2000 Olympic Trials.

I am married to Jaxon Ernst, whom I met in college in the athletic training room—he played football and I ran. We recently had our first baby girl(Zoe). Since my marriage to Jaxon, I have lived and worked in many different places. I have lived on a 30,000 acre ranch on the edge of Lucky Peak Reservoir. I have lived on an elk farm in Glens Ferry, Idaho. There I saw spotted screeching elk calves and protective mother cows on the run, ramming the side of a work truck. In 2003, I lived and taught on a Cree/Chippewa reservation in Montana while my husband was on a million acre ranch in Nevada. When my husband moved into the main house on this ranch, there were bullet holes in the wall of the kitchen. What caused the holes was an old-west-type of domestic fury; the husband and wife that lived there were not happy with each other. Most recently I taught in Weiser, Idaho and lived in Cambridge, Idaho.

My husband and I currently live in Princeton, Idaho which is about twenty miles from Moscow (home of University of Idaho). We are building a new home (a large shop with a living area attached). In my free time I like to play with Zoe, exercise, and read. I hope to participate in a triathlon soon. I look forward to a great year with Richard McKenna online students!

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Mrs. Kim Flick, B.A.

Elements of English I & II, Academic Support

My name is Mrs. Flick. I have been teaching for 14 years and have enjoyed it very much. This is my third year teaching at Richard McKenna. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and I'll try to help you in any way I can.

I live in Wendell (near Twin Falls) with my husband and 4 children. In my spare time I enjoy scrap booking, gardening, sewing, and spending time with my family. I also enjoy spending time with my chickens, horses, dogs, cats, and my children's 4-H pigs. Life is very busy at my house but I love every minute of it.



Mr. Scott Jacobson, B.S.

Physical Science, Chemistry

I graduated from the University of Idaho in 1990 earning a B.S. in Secondary Education with an emphasis in the physical sciences and mathematics. I taught at Mullan Jr/Sr High from 1990-1992, Coeur d'Alene High School from 1992-1994 and currently teach physics and web at Lake City High School and chemistry and physical science at Richard McKenna High School.

My interests are: Computer based education, robotics, game/simulation programming, paintball, and science fiction.



Mr. Sidney (Gig) Grubb, B.F.A.

Art History

I was born in San Antonio, Texas, but only lived there a short time as my father was in the Air Force. We ended up in Mountain Home and I did all my schooling there until graduation in 1967. I married my wife in 1968 and we have two sons and one daughter. I graduated from the U of I in 1972 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

I taught for a few years in the traditional school system, then worked in an auto parts business with my father for about ten years. Using my art background, I started a sign business in Mountain Home called Grubbrother Arts which is connected to the CarQuest store. Now my two sons operate the business.

I have been teaching at Richard McKenna High since 1992, teaching art and social studies. I started doing online World History courses with IDVHS (Now part of Richard McKenna Charter High School) in 2002. In 2006 I began teaching the online Art History class.

My wife and I were able to go to Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan and Paris in the summer of 2007. There I was able to see some of the works of art that are featured in the Art History course.

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Mrs. Kelly Jasper, B.S.

Geometry

Hello, my name is Mrs. Jasper. I live in Wendell, Idaho. Currently I teach Algebra at Wendell High School and geometry for Richard McKenna Online School. I also coach volleyball. I am married and have 2 children. For fun I like to wakeboard, attend sporting events, and spending time with my family.

Enjoy Geometry!!



Mr. Luke Kelsey, B.A., M.Ed.

U.S. History 10

My name is Mr. Luke Kelsey. I was born in Lansing, Michigan and lived in that area until I was 13 years old. My family moved to Idaho at that time where I attended Kimberly High School. After graduating I received my teaching degree at Idaho State University and Masters in Education Leadership from the University of Idaho. I am currently the principal at Wendell Middle School and, of course, U.S. History at Richard McKenna Charter High School. Other activities that I enjoy include coaching the girls track team, spending time with my family, staying physically fit, and March Madness!(NCAA basketball tourney)



Mr. Lane Kirkland, B.A.

World History

Born and raised in Carey, Idaho on a 100 acre farm. Graduated from Carey High School in 1989.

Served a 2 year LDS mission in the Philippine Islands.

Married in 1993 to my beautiful wife Christina. Attended and graduated from Ricks College, Boise State University, and Idaho State University. Father of six children, 4 girls and 2 boys. I currently teach at Carey High School and am the head football coach. We won the state championship in 2006, 2008 and 2010. Love to Backpack in the Copper Basin and spend time with my family. Love teaching school and love life. Go BSU!



Mr. Jack Lancaster, B.A.

U.S. History 11

Hi, welcome to U. S. History 11 A & B. My goal for you is to learn and understand more about the history of this great country. Hopefully, this will help you become great citizens and future leaders. I am excited to be a part of the Richard McKenna Online Charter High School faculty. One of the things I enjoy most is helping students find success. Recently, I retired as a full time teacher at Wendell High School, where I served as the Athletic Director and a coach for many years. I am currently working as a PSR officer at WHS. I have three children and a wonderful wife who is a teacher at Wendell Elementary. I love spending time in my pontoon boat and float tube, fly fishing lakes and rivers always in search of lunker trout.

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Mrs. Kristi McBride, B.A.

English 11

My name is Mrs. McBride. I am from Pocatello, Idaho. I went to Pocatello High school. After graduation I attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah. It is a great school, and I loved every minute of it. Go Aggies!!!! I met my husband my junior year of college. He was attending Idaho State University and playing football for the Bengals. I transferred schools and graduated from Idaho State University in English and Secondary Education.

This is my twelfth year teaching English. I work full-time for Richard McKenna teaching English 11 A and 11 B. I enjoy it immensely.

When I am not teaching I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I have four wonderful children Payton, Avery, Owen and Max. I also like to wakeboard, snowboard, run races, read and blog.

I look forward to a fun, exciting, challenging and rewarding year!



Mr. Mark Peterson, B.S.

Algebra 1

I grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho. I attended college for one year at Idaho State then transferred to Brigham Young University where I graduated with a degree in Math Education. I now live in Parma, Idaho and teach at Parma High School. I am married to a wonderful wife and have 5 children. I enjoy teaching math almost as much as I enjoy associating with my students



Mrs. Anna-Marie Robertson, B.S.

Math Review, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I

I am currently teaching full time for Richard McKenna Charter High School Online Program.

I have been teaching for Richard McKenna since it was started.

I received my Bachelor's degree in Education in 1996 from Idaho State University with a major emphasis in Business Education and a minor emphasis in Mathematics, and an endorsement in Consumer Economics.

I am currently working on my Masters of Educational Technology degree through Boise State University.



Mr. Robby Sauer, B.A., M.Ed

U.S. Government

My name is Robby Sauer. I taught U.S. Government, current events and civil/criminal law for nine years in the Bliss School District. I also served four years as a Gooding County Commissioner. I was the principal at the Wendell Middle School for four years. I am in my second year of teaching for Richard McKenna. I am also the father of four wonderful children. I look forward to working with you and will be happy to assist you as we work for success.

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Mr. Jeremy Sayer, B.S.

Personal Fitness

I graduated from Idaho State University with a teaching degree in Physical Education and Mathematics. I currently teach physical education at the 7th and 8th grade level in Mountain Home, Idaho. I enjoy playing and coaching sports. I have coached 7th and 8th grade boys lightweight football and high school girls basketball during the winter and spring. I am also involved with scouting and love to go camping and be outdoors. I earned my Eagle Scout award when I was 14, and since then have still been involved with scouting in some way.

This class was a great way for me to help others learn about what it is like to be physically active and to feel the true benefits from good exercise. While I was growing up, I was usually active in work, sports or play with my other siblings. Exercise takes work, but I believe the harder you work at it the more benefits you will gain back from it.



Mrs. Dayna Showalter, B.S.

Communications/Public Speaking

I grew up in Idaho and graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. in Communications. After working and traveling, I went back to school to receive her teaching certificate. I attended Boise State and received her certificate as well as a minor in english. I currently teaches at Boise High school and is planning on returning to school for her Masters Degree sometime soon.



Miss Ann Lorraine Smith, B.A., M.A.

Music Appreciation

I am happy to be teaching for RMCHS and look forward to this new year. Besides music I enjoy working and playing in the outdoors and spending time with my family. I love to learn and to teach, and I look forward to helping you gain a greater understanding of and appreciation for music of all kinds.



Miss Kelly Smith, B.A.

English 9

I began teaching for Richard McKenna upon its inception in 2002. I have taught both 9th and 10th grade English and wrote the curriculum for both online courses. As an online teacher I enjoy watching students excel in English while moving at their own pace.

Before teaching online, I taught 9th and 12th grade English at Eagle High School and 8th grade English and math in Pennsylvania.

I graduated from Penn State University with a BA in English with emphasis in writing and Certification in Secondary English Education. I live in Boise with my husband and three children Lucy, Sam, and Stella.

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Mrs. Sandie Waters, B.A.

Sociology

I am originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. in Anthropology/Social Studies and a B.A. in English. I also have a minor in German and have lived and studied in Germany several times. I worked for the Forest Service in McCall, Idaho as an Archaeologist upon graduation.

I later decided to pursue my passion for learning by becoming a teacher. I received my teaching certification at Boise State University. I am in my fifteenth year as a teacher and I have since taught at Mountain Cove High School (Economics, Government & English), Eagle High School (German & English) and currently half-day at Boise High School teaching Economics and Sociology.



Mr. Jon Wood, B.A., M.Ed.

English 12

I have been with Richard McKenna Charter school since its opening in 2001. I currently teach English 12 for RMCHS, provide tech support, and train new faculty. From 2001-2007 I was an Adjunct Professor at Boise State and taught English Composition and Non-Fiction Writing. I left that position to pursue an opportunity that I couldn't pass up: Coaching Cheerleading at Boise State. If you attend any games, look for me on the sideline and come say hi!

I am currently working on my doctoral degree (so I understand how it feels to be a student on the verge of finishing a long journey). I have a fond love of Eastern European culture, and I speak basic Russian. I like to relax by going to Idaho Steelheads hockey games, socializing with friends, reading (I'm an English teacher remember), visiting live theater performances in the various community and professional theaters around Boise, and playing my Xbox 360--there's a good chance I could school you at Guitar Hero.