



Mr. Robert Hoshaw

Head of School

Education/Background:

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Purdue University
Rob has nineteen years of industrial experience as a Design Engineer, Program Manager, and Quality Manager. He has also served in youth ministry leadership roles for over 10 years. Rob is one of the founders of Acacia Academy.

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Mr. Sean Cameron
Director of Development

Education/Teaching Background:

Sean studied Communications at Indiana University-Kokomo with a focus on Literature. Sean has ten years of experience in education, in both public and private schools, including working with special needs children and at-risk youth. He has also worked as a journalist, publishing over 1,000 articles in newspapers, magazines, and journals. A few of those articles were about Acacia and after learning about the school, he jumped at the opportunity to join the staff.

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Mrs. Jan Cotner

Sixth Grade Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Master's Degree in Education, Indiana University; Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Ball State University
Jan has nearly twenty-five years of teaching experience in many different environments - American public and private schools, an English private school, and her own home school. She has taught at Acacia Academy since its beginning.

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Miss Sarah Haerr
Fifth Grade Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Bachelor of Science in Music Education and a minor in Christian Worship from Indiana Wesleyan University. Attended the Master's Study, a classical education tutelage program in Indianapolis, throughout high school. Long-term special education substitute at Blue Ridge Primary (Frankfort, IN); Substitute teacher for the Frankfort school district; Student taught at Blue Ridge Primary and Frankfort High School; Taught private piano and violin lessons to students ages 4-adulthood.

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Mrs. Betsy Hoshaw
Science Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Bachelor of Arts Biology, Physical Sciences, Elmira College
Master of Science Education, IUPUI
Mrs. Hoshaw's experience includes 25 years teaching for Kokomo Center schools; one year teaching for Los Angeles County schools; 10 years adjunct teaching education at IUK and co-designed the VISION schools /industry program.

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Mrs. Lora Hostetler
Kindergarten Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

.Bachelor of Science Education, Purdue University.
Mrs. Hostetler has served over 25 years as an elementary teacher, a middle school and high school home economics teacher, a preschool director, and most recently as the Director of Christian Education at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman

Third Grade Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Bachelor's degree in English from Indiana University, undergraduate studies at Asbury University. Has completed her certification through Educator Preparation Institute.

Experience: Mrs. Huffman has taught at a Christian School in Cape Coral, FL for 11 years.

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Mrs. Marilee Neer

Fourth Grade Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Clarks Summit University (Baptist Bible College); Associates Degree in Landscaping, SUNY at Alfred. Accredited with Christian School International.

Experience: Mrs. Neer has 5 years teaching experience at Kokomo Christian School, Kokomo, IN.

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Mrs. Natalie Pugh

First Grade Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Bachelor of Science Elementary Education, Indiana University. Mrs. Pugh has served in a wide variety of ministry experiences, she homeschooled her children for two years, and has served as a volunteer at Acacia prior to being hired as a teacher.

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Mrs. Emily Singleton

Teaching Assistant

Education/Teaching Background:

Child Development Associate and CDC in study of Child Development, Ivy Tech.

Experience: Mrs. Singleton has taught preschool for 3 years and at a Christian school for 2 years, has 10+ years' experience with Children's Ministry and in-home childcare/Kindergarten readiness. She has been a faithful Acacia volunteer since 2012.

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Mrs. Lisa Taflinger
Mission and Office
Manager

Education/Background:

Lisa has a degree in Social Work from Anderson University and an Elementary Education Teaching degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Lisa and her husband Travis are also great community supporters through their service and volunteer efforts. .

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Mrs. Judy Weirauch
Second Grade Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Master of Arts in Special Education, Ball State University; Bachelor of Science Degree in Biblical Studies and Elementary Education, Clarks Summit University (Baptist Bible College).

License: Indiana State Professional Teacher License: elementary education, general studies and special education.

Experience: Mrs. Weirauch has 25+ years of teaching experience in several venues- Christian school, homeschooling, public school, and collegiate level. She has taught general education and special education, mild interventions and emotional disorders. She began teaching at Acacia Academy in August, 2016.

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Mrs. Joan White

7/8 Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Master's degree in Music Education from Wichita State University and Ball State University; Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University.

Joan is an accomplished violin performer and maintained a large private violin teaching studio for several years. She also educated her children at home for seven years.

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Mrs. Cynthia Williams

Music Teacher

Education/Teaching Background:

Master of Ed. Curriculum & Instruction, Olivet Nazarene University; Bachelor of Music in Music Education, St. Mary's College

Cynthia has over 10 years of experience teaching in a variety of forums including public schools, private lessons, and camps.

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Mrs. Karla Wood

Teacher's Aide

Education/Teaching Background:

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with Early Childhood Endorsement, Indiana University

Karla has over 7 years of public school teaching experience and has served in leadership roles for the Kokomo Great Banquet. She has taught at Acacia Academy since its beginning.

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