

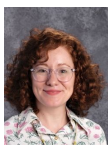


## Learn About Our Teachers and Staff!



### **Ololade Adewuji**

This is my 10th year teaching at Archbishop Borders School. I am the 8th Grade homeroom teacher. I teach Middle School Math and 7th and 8th Grade Science. I am from Nigeria. Over this summer holiday, I got to go to Keystone Science School, Colorado. I had a wonderful time with other teachers from all over the United States.



### **Caitlin Dougherty**

I am the middle school English Language Arts teacher and this will be my fourth year at Archbishop Borders School. I grew up in Montgomery County, but consider Baltimore City home now. Before coming to teach at Archbishop Borders School, I received a Masters in Education from the University of Texas Austin (Hook 'em Horns!) and served in the Peace Corps in Panama.



### **Veronica Hernandez-Shepard**

I started in July of 2017 as the Advancement Director at Archbishop Borders School. My oldest daughter has attended the school for 2 years and will be entering First grade this year. I also have a younger daughter who will attend ABB in the future. My family is from Colombia. I graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations. I speak Spanish, English and French and have studied abroad in France and in Cuba in the past. I enjoy traveling a lot, reading, writing and exploring other cultures and ethnic foods. In the last year we have traveled to Cuba and Costa Rica and in August, we will be traveling to Greece to explore the Greek culture!



### **Jo-Ann Landers**

I am teaching Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 English Immersion. This will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching at Archbishop Borders School. It is my 21st year teaching in early childhood education. This summer, I made a trip to Boston College to study strategies in teaching in a dual language school. I have spent time at my two favorite places, camping in the woods and at the beach. The best part of the summer has been hanging out with my two grandchildren.



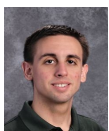
### **Janice McIntosh**

I am the Reading Room coordinator and this will be my 9th year working at Archbishop Borders School. I grew up in a military family. Having lived on a number of military bases around the country and overseas, I refer to Ft. Bragg/Fayetteville, North Carolina as where I'm from because my mother and sisters still live there. I am a huge Disney fan! In fact, I have been to a Disney park, at least once a year, if not more, since 1983.



### **Joan Noble**

I am the English Immersion teacher here at Archbishop Borders School for the 4th and 5th grades. I have been teaching for 28 years. Five of those have been at Archbishop Borders. I grew up in Baltimore, a product of 12 years attending Catholic school myself as a child. Over the summer I went caving with our Beyond Borders Bilingual Summer Camp, paddle boarded, and drove an airboat in Florida. I look forward to another fun filled year teaching at ABS!



### **Michael Rangel**

I am happy to be returning to Archbishop Borders School for my second year as part of the Middle School team! I teach Social Studies to Grades 6-8 and Religion to Grades 7-8, in addition to serving as the Grade 6 homeroom teacher. Originally from northern Virginia, I spent several days this summer exploring Rocky Gap State Park in western Maryland. I am excited to maintain a spirit of adventure and learning throughout the school year!



### **Blanca Tapahuasco**

I celebrated my first year at Archbishop Borders School on 7/22. I am the Director of the Aftercare Program. I was born in San Salvador, El Salvador and was adopted in 1982 by a loving and wonderful American family. I celebrated huge milestone birthdays for 3 of my 4 awesome kids in July: eldest 20, next 11 and middle son 10. It was wonderful to be part of the summer camp staff and my boys and I to be together to enjoy all the weekly field trips and great learning here at ABS.



### **Waydenia Nieves**

This will be my ninth year at Archbishop Borders School and I am very excited to be here. I will be responsible for teaching your child Science in Spanish or English. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and took elementary and middle school certification courses at the University of Notre Dame in Maryland. I grew up with two brothers and I am the youngest in the house. I've been married for 11 years and I have a beautiful son. I love to spend time with my family. My favorite colors are pink and violet. Even though I come from a tropical island, I love to see all the seasons of the year. My favorite season is winter.



### **Heymi Maldonado**

I am excited to start the new school year as the teacher assistant for PreK3/prek4 and to be part of your childrens' growth. I graduated from Baltimore City College High School and I'm now a student at Goucher College pursuing my education degree.



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### **Carmen Beltran**

I have been teaching at Archbishop Borders School for 6 years. I am the Prek3/Prek4 Spanish Immersion teacher. I have also been a religion teacher for grades 1-5 during the last 6 years. I am from Colombia (South America). I like to cook, I like to travel to historical places, and I like to watch soccer games. This summer, I went to Disney World in Orlando for the first time. I had so much fun with my kids and my husband. I met Scooby Doo, Betty Boop, The Simpsons, Donald Duck, Pluto, Mickey and Minnie, the Minions, princesses, and I enjoyed the Harry Potter Village so, so much!



### **Ada Reyes**

I'm from Havana, Cuba. I have a degree in teaching English and Spanish with 30 years of experience and I have been working at Archbishop Borders School since 2015, as the main teacher of the 1st and 2nd grades. This year I will teach Kindergarten and 1st Grade Spanish Immersion. I am very excited to work with your child. Every day will be very important and exciting, with learning, new challenges and successes!



### **Ana Gray**

I started working at Archbishop Borders School last year as a Spanish teacher for Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten. I'm originally from Mexico where I worked as Kindergarten teacher. I love crafts, reading, observing, learning, meeting new people, and discovering new places. This summer I have enjoyed visiting my family in Mexico and I want to bring to Maryland some jars filled with warmth (114°) for our winter months. Blessings!

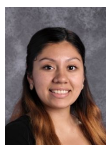


### **Michelle Monaghan**

As a native of Baltimore, MD. I have lived and worked in many fields. I have been at ABS since September 2012 where I have been blessed to be able to use my creative gifts. I studied Physical Education at Towson University with a minor in Sports Medicine. Prior to my teaching career I was in Banking Management for 20 years. In my free time I am an active Volunteer and Maryland Masters Naturalist for Cromwell Valley Park, Marshy Point Nature Center and The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy. As an artist I enjoy photography, watercolor painting and crafting. Several of my photos have been locally published. My other artwork is currently on display at the Creative Arts of Maryland Gallery.

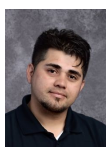


**Kristina Collins** I am delighted and excited to return to Archbishop Borders as the Dual Language Immersion Program Director. Although this is my third year as the program's director, the 2017-2018 school year will be my seventh school year at ABS and my fourteenth year in the field of education. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, practicing my Spanish and going to the beach.



### **Stephanie Garcia**

This will be my third year working as the secretary of Archbishop Borders school. I was born in Baltimore but my parents are from Colombia and El Salvador. I love spending time with my family and taking my daughter on fun adventures! Can't wait to see all the new and returning students that come through the office!



### **Nelson Baires**

I started working at the Archbishop Borders School last year as the Building Maintenance Manager. I am originally from El Salvador. My wife and I have four adorable children, three sons, and a beautiful daughter. I love art, plants, and always enjoy new experiences. I like helping out in the community. I feel very happy, thanks to all of you I feel at home and it is a pleasure to work in this incredible school.



### **Alicia Amaral Freeman**

I have been fortunate enough to be a part of the Archbishop Borders School community since 2013 when I started working in the front office as an assistant and community outreach person. Prior to joining ABS, I taught English as a Second Language in Baltimore City Public Schools for 8 years. I love spending time with my son Francisco, dancing, taking long walks, cooking, and learning new languages. I also love being the principal of ABS! I can't wait to see you all on the first day of school!



### **Rose Lopez**

I started working at Archbishop Borders School in June of 2013. My experience comes from working at Sweetwater Union High School District in San Diego, California for 13 years. I worked in administration with the attendance and registration Offices. I also had 7 years of prior experience in accounting at Goodwin Attorneys Services in Seattle, Washington. My work in the Baltimore community with the Latino Providers Network has put me in the wonderful position to work with many of the families at Archbishop Borders School.



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### **Erika Porcel de Peralta**

I am from Buenos Aires, Argentina . I studied Culinary Arts (IAG) ,Tourism and Hospitality in the Universidad de Belgrano in Argentina . I have been a teacher assistant for 4 years in different classes from PK3 to 2nd grade in the Dual Language program and also work in Aftercare. This summer I worked with PK4/K in our Beyond Borders Bilingual Summer Camp. We did many activities, field trips , cooking classes, arts, crafts and had a lot of fun! ABS is my second home, my family! My 2 children have been students here at ABS for 4 years here. This is great because of the time I am allowed to spend with them.



### **Lisa Dillon**

Hello! I love being the school nurse at Archbishop Borders. I have worked in many different areas of nursing throughout my career, but primarily with children and adolescents or in government funded research. I like to travel, hike, read, attend ballet and live theater performances [although I still haven't seen Hamilton]. Mostly I love spending time with my family, and I really love when they humor me by playing my current obsession, Takenoko, a Japanese board game. I never, ever win and so always want to play because one day, victory will be mine! I am very much looking forward to working with all of the ABS children and families during the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Taylor Powis**

My name is Taylor Powis and I have been the Music teacher at Archbishop Borders School for 2 years! I was born and raised right here in Baltimore, Maryland. I love sharing music with the students here at ABS. This summer, I went to California and participated in a convention with thousands of other church worship leaders who came from all different parts of the country. It was an amazing and refreshing experience to worship in song with others who love music and the Lord!

### **Mary Dunlay**

Hello! My name is Mary Dunlay. I grew up in Nebraska, and attended Creighton University where I received a BS in Elementary Education. I moved out to Baltimore to pursue a Master's degree in TESOL, and completed it two years ago . I love walking my dog, cooking, and reading. I'm so excited to join the Archbishop Borders family! I'm looking forward to a great year!

### **Daiana Gomez**

I am Daiana Gomez and this is my first year teaching at Archbishop Borders School. I grew up in New York City and attended Iona College in New Rochelle, where I studied Education with a concentration in Spanish. I am looking forward to learning and experiencing new challenges that will help build your children's confidence this year!