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NEW FACES



Mr. Randall Dexter AICE Thinking Skills



Ms. Katherine Haro AICE English Language



Ms. Jirah Ligon Pre-AICE English Language



Ms. Rebecca Ragan Geometry Honors

Hurricane Highlights

Hello Cane Students and Families!

My name is Kirk Tapley and after 2 great years teaching Thinking Skills and Problem Solving within the Cambridge Program here at GHS (and 7 years teaching, overall), I am very excited to fulfill the role of Assistant Principal of Student Services this year. Gainesville High School is truly an exceptional school, filled with a faculty and staff who strive tirelessly to always put the person before the student; not viewing them as just a face in a desk, but unique young men and women. Men and women who possess the ability to create the future of their dreams as long as they are willing to work hard, be accountable, and 'show up' in the lives of the people they care about. I feel lucky that I get to serve those students alongside some of the best educators not just in Alachua County, but the State of Florida, as well.

As part of my new role, I oversee testing and the Counseling Department. If you have any questions about AP testing or accommodations, feel free to reach out to me, your child's Counselor, or Mrs. Dupler and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Finally, today, tomorrow, and every day that follows: it's a great day to be a Hurricane!

School Counselors

Schedule a meeting for college planning, college application assistance, or academic advising:



Scholarships, community service forms, and other announcements can be found on the GUIDANCE page on the GHS website.







Assistant Principal: Student Services

Tutoring and Testing

AFTER SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

3-4 PM Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays

- English
- Social Studies
- Math
- Spanish

TUTOR.COM ACPL Tutoring M-F, 3-10 PM

Anyone who has an Alachua County Public Library card is able to access this free tutoring service.

PSAT/NMSQT Testing

- 10th Grade:October 10-13
- 11th Grade (for National Merit):
 October 17

CLASSROOM TUTORING

- Crews (C-9) for Algebra 2 and Geometry on T, W, Th
- Smith (25-008) for Biology on M and W



Cambridge International School

Cambridge Updates

Mr. Dexter AICE Thinking Skills

I am so excited to be joining the GHS
Cambridge team! As a combat veteran, former
Civics teacher, and current Speech and
Debate coach, I couldn't be more thrilled to be
teaching AICE Thinking Skills! Preparing
students to think critically and solve
comprehensive problems by analyzing
complex arguments will indeed prepare them
to help create "a more perfect union" as our
Founders intended by helping them carefully
consider alternatives, think about
consequences, weigh up available evidence,
draw conclusions, test hypotheses, and so
much more. It's an honor to be working with
these phenomenal students.

Ms. Ligon Pre-AICE English Language

Greetings parents and students! I am overjoyed and excited for our incoming freshmen at GHS! I have no doubt in my mind that we are receiving the brightest, most dedicated, and hardworking students in our Pre-AICE course this year. I look forward to being a guide for you while challenging you to learn at your greatest capacity. I can already feel in my heart that this year has great things in store for!

Welcome to Gainesville High School!

Ms. Haro AICE English Language

I am excited to be a part of the Gainesville High School community and Cambridge Program this year! As a certified secondary English Language Arts instructor in my 20th year, I have taught grades 6-12 and served as a curriculum specialist for high school English teachers in the district and earned my instructional coaching certification. I was assigned to teach AICE English General Paper and AICE English Literature at Hawthorne Middle/High School and was impressed with the Cambridge curriculum. Having taught Advanced Placement courses as well, I recognized that the Cambridge curriculum held students to remarkable critical thinking standards. I was fortunate to have been chosen to explore some of the Cambridge English curriculum with my students at Hawthorne, and ever more enthusiastic to be a part of the dedicated team of Cambridge Program instructors at Gainesville High School. I look forward once again to collaborating with my students on the journey of enhancing communication and individualizing expression. I am enthusiastic about the experiences my AICE English Language students will have in my classroom that demonstrate the real-world power of communication.

Ms. Ragan Geometry Honors

Hello! I'm excited to join Gainesville High School this year! I'll be teaching Algebra 2 Cambridge and AP Statistics! I will also be helping out with the Math TEAM! Although I am new to GHS, I taught at Newberry High School for several years. I am glad to be teaching a bit closer to home and am excited to be a part of the Gainesville community! If you ever have questions or need help with anything, I am happy to help! I am excited and ready to make this school year a great one!

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