

L.E.E.P. Teacher Biographies

Kathy Lynch:

I graduated from Auburn University in 1979 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Upon graduation I began teaching in the Lee County school system and continued teaching until 1995 when I began homeschooling my own two children. While home schooling I taught part-time on campus at Ballard Christian School from 1995 to 1997. In 2004 I began teaching composition classes to homeschoolers. At the Homeschool Connection, I taught students from elementary ages through seniors in high school. I withdrew from teaching during the 2011-2012 school year to care for my husband who was diagnosed with a rare neurological disease. After his passing in August 2013, I returned to teaching homeschoolers as God called me to do long ago. I recently married Jerry Lynch. Currently I teach classes for Lakeview Christian School and Grace Heritage Church. Working with students is one of my greatest passions.

Carrie Fellows:

I'm thankful and blessed to have gotten my undergraduate and master's degree in Special Education at Auburn University. I also played soccer for four incredible years for Auburn University. I taught Special Education for Auburn City Schools for six years and while working there I started and was the head coach of the Auburn High girls' soccer and volleyball teams. For the past seven years, I have homeschooled my four awesome kids! Our family did Classical Conversations for three years, in which I was a tutor for two of those years. Our family has been involved in Lakeview's LEEP (2 years of teaching PE), Jr. High, and High School programs for 5 years now and have truly appreciated its consistency and challenge in academics and the integrity and encouragement of the teachers. All of these experiences have taught me hard work, determination, discipline, patience, teamwork and most importantly to live by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ! I love sports! And I truly believe there is a connection between physical activity and brain development, so let's get moving and have fun!

Julie Brown:

My name is Julie Brown. I have 4 children, ages 18-13, and have lived in Auburn almost 12 years. I received my undergraduate degree in Special Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 1995 from The University of Alabama and a M. Ed in 1999 from AUM. I taught for 3 years at Vaughn Road Elementary School in Montgomery before having my first child, who we discovered by age 3 had special needs. That set my family on a whole journey of exploring how to teach a child who did not learn in a "traditional" manner. These many years later, I can say honestly that I have learned more about teaching as a parent than I ever learned in school. I have homeschooled my younger 3 children for five years, was a "tutor" with Classical Conversations Foundations program 4 of those years, as well as taught Latin (Henle, First and Second Form) for both mine and other children the past two years. Last year, I taught First Form with LEEP, and I am looking forward to teaching again this year! It was sign language that attracted me to special education years ago, as I love learning other languages. I had 8 1/2 years combined of Romance languages (French/Spanish) in high school and college which has helped greatly to prepare me to study/teach Latin the last two years. Philosophy My philosophy in teaching, specifically in memorization, which is so much of early learning, whether science, Latin or another subject is to add variety and fun alongside drill and practice. The more intensity and fun learning can be for anyone, the more quickly it is mastered. Auditory, visual, tactile and movement methods contribute

to the various ways the same information can be input into a student, hopefully resulting in quicker transfer from short term to longer term memory.

Michelle Giddens:

Michelle Giddens is the Owner and Creative Director of The Art Studio. Prior to opening her studio, Michelle worked as an artist while staying at home with her children. She taught elementary and middle school art at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell, GA, from 2004-2006. While there, she developed the art curriculum and established a school-wide art club. Michelle holds a BFA in Art Education from Georgia State University and has her Alabama teaching license with an endorsement in Art. She has a BA in Communication from Auburn University. Michelle has expertise in drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, and art history. She studied art in Cortona, Italy, and traveled to Rome, Florence, Naples, and Venice. Michelle lives on a farm outside of Auburn with her husband, James, and their two children, Thomas and Andrew.

Allison Boman:

I graduated from Auburn University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduating, I worked for over 3 years at Women's Hope Medical Clinic training volunteers and planning fundraising events. I then taught 4K preschool at Lakeview for 3 years, before transitioning home to take care of my two children. Two years ago I began homeschooling one of my daughters, which led us to the LEEP program. We are also involved in Classical Conversations, where I currently tutor/lead the 5th and 6th grade students. I am looking forward to teaching at LEEP next year and developing relationships with my students. I truly enjoy helping children learn and am excited to bring science to life!

Madison Coleman:

After being homeschooled from Kindergarten-12th grade, I graduated from Auburn University with both my undergraduate and Master's degree in Elementary Education. I taught fourth grade at Wacoochee Elementary School in Lee County for three years. With experience in both homeschool settings as well as public school, I have learned to adapt my teaching to the individual child's needs and learning styles. After the birth of my daughter, I decided to become a stay at home mom. I am blessed to have the opportunity to be at home, although I miss teaching young children! I am very excited to be teaching at LEEP and helping to foster a love of learning in your children!