



## 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.

### **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!

### **Debbie Thrash:**

Since graduating from Auburn University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Early Childhood Education, Debbie Thrash has 31 years' experience teaching in multiple environments: public, private, home school, and one-on-one. She has shared her passion for educating homeschoolers while teaching at Auburn Classical Academy, Once Upon a Book, Auburn Recreation Center, and Main Street Learning Center, which Debbie owned and directed. After teaching L.E.E.P. classes for 7 years, she took a year off to help her mom adjust after her father's passing. She is extremely excited to be back this year!

In 2008, Debbie had her first children's book, *Louie and Beatrice: Hole in My Sole*, published. One day, she hopes to publish a sequel. On another professional front, she is working on becoming a dyslexia therapist.

Living in the community for 30 years, she and her husband, Ted, reside in Opelika and worship at First Baptist Church. They have three incredible adult children, Baker (27), Calvin (26), and Anna Grace (22).

**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 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!

**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.

**Jana Hall:**

I graduated from Auburn University in 2004 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. After graduating, I began teaching in the Opelika School System for 2 years. After my husband graduated in 2006, we moved to Birmingham. We missed our Auburn church family too much, so we jumped at the chance to move back to Auburn only after being gone 9 months. I then began teaching 4th grade at Dean Road Elementary in Auburn City Schools. In my second year at Dean Road, I found out I was having twins, Shepherd and Spencer. This began our homeschool journey. Since then, I have had two more children, Sophie and Sawyer. I was blessed with the opportunity to stay at home but have missed teaching! I am looking forward to joining the LEEP family and using my experience as a homeschool mom, as well as my public-school experiences, to help foster a love for learning in each child!

**Eve Coshatt:**

My name is Eve Coshatt. My husband and I have 2 daughters, Emily (age 18) and Lindsey (age 15). In 1998, I earned my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After graduating, I taught first grade for three years and physical education for one year at Parkway Christian Academy in Birmingham. When my oldest daughter was born, I transitioned to a full-time stay-at-home mother. After relocating to Auburn in 2012, I became a substitute teacher at Ogletree Elementary school, serving from 2012 to 2016. I am very excited to start this new teaching assignment! I am looking forward to working with a small group of students, building relationships with them, and making their learning experience fun!