



Dear SCCS Family,

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease...Great is His faithfulness! This verse from Lamentations comes to mind as I consider the wonderful privilege I have of introducing you to our newest SCCS faculty members. Each brings unique gifts and abilities, as well as experiences and hopes for the coming year, and it is exciting to be able to say that this is looking to be an amazing year. Some are new to SCCS; others are familiar faces taking on a new assignment, but each is now a member of the SCCS family. As you get to know each of them this year we trust you will see why God has added them to our family and how we will be blessed by their ministry to our students. Please welcome them as you have opportunity.



Back: Robert Hernandez, Chazz Anderson, Brad Canalejo
Front: Amber Dennis, Dawn Plew, Teri Cardenas, Heidi Engler

Chazz Anderson

I am currently a Master of Divinity student at The Master's Seminary, but originally from Columbus Ohio where I attended the University of Cincinnati and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. I am married to Chelsea Lynn, my wonderful wife, and fellow heir of the grace of life. We have one daughter, Charlea Lynn.

It is my prayer that as we dive deeply into the divine person of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Word, student's hearts would be lifted to heights of praise and adoration for the Son of God and service to others. It's also my desire that in response to the truths surrounding the Savior, we would imitate His life applying the truths learned, being doers of the Word and not hearers only. "But by the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Cor. 15:10).

Brad Canalejo

I am delighted to join the SCCS family this year to teach Science. My desire is for the students to grasp an understanding of the major scientific concepts within a Christian worldview. It is my presupposition that the intricately designed mechanisms that will be discussed declare the power and glory of God (Romans 1:20). This wedding of science and theology may sound questionable within scholarly opinion today; however, medieval scholars viewed Theology (i.e. the study of God) as the "queen of the sciences." Thus, I do not view my degrees in Theology to be diametrically opposed to my degree in Chemistry and 8+ years in the pharmaceutical industry. I am looking forward to sharing the union of these two passions with every student and have high expectations for this year.

Teri Cardenas

I grew up in the San Fernando Valley and have lived in Santa Clarita for more than twenty years with my husband, Hector. Together, we have four daughters: Amanda (21), Melinda (19), Vanessa (15), and Alyssa (9). My family attends Grace Community Church in Sun Valley. My husband and I have been blessed to serve in Children's Ministry there (Awana Cubbies and Juniors' Sunday School) for more than fifteen years.

I attended CSUN to earn a bachelors in both Communicative Disorders and Child Development. I am is eager to put my learning to use as the new Individual Academic Support Director. My favorite Bible verse is in the doxology of Romans 11:36, "For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever." I am excited to work at a school that seeks to glorify the Lord in every opportunity.

Amber Dennis

I graduated from The Master's College in 2008 with a major in Biblical Counseling. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Jake Dennis, for 7 years. My heart passion is seeing students connect the glorious truths of the Gospel with their daily lives. A fun fact: I attended SCCS from 1st - 12th grade and met my husband in the first grade here at SCCS as well. I have an English Bulldog puppy named, "Meatball", I love coffee with friends, floral design, discipleship, and snail mail letters.

Heidi Engler

I am excited and thankful that the Lord has brought me to SCCS! I hail from the slightly colder state of Wisconsin, where the fall is beautiful and the cheese is delicious! ☺ I graduated from Emmaus Bible College with a double major in Biblical Studies and Elementary Education in 2008 and have been teaching ever since! I love teaching, traveling, singing, playing my guitar, being outdoors, hiking, swimming, sports, spending time with people, reading Christian biographies, theology, and children's fantasy, and spending time in God's Word. Psalm 139 and Romans 8 are two of my favorite passages. If you have questions for me or would like to know any Wisconsin trivia room 325 is not that far away!

Robert Hernandez

I have been a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley for the past eight years. I moved here from Northridge, California where I lived and raised my family. I have two adult twin sons that have families of their own, one lives in Chicago with his wife and two daughters; the other lives in Santa Clarita and has two daughters enrolled at SCCS.

I am a graduate of Cal Arts and have served as a Creative Director for KCBS, Fox Sports Network, and Telemundo. In higher education, I was an Associate Professor at Cal State Northridge, teaching design and experimental film. I am the founder and Executive Director of The Artree Community Arts Center.

I also received an Emmy along with various National and International awards during my career. I believe God has been preparing me for this roll of working with youth at SCCS.

Dawn Plew

I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from The Master's College. My husband and I just celebrated our 19th anniversary along with our two kids, Farrell and P.T. Whether it's at church, home, or work, I've always been surrounded by kids. Sharing food with family and friends is important to me. I'm so excited to combine these two passions into one class! If I'm not in the kitchen I'm probably crafting something or sitting outside with my dogs, cat and chickens.