



JORDAN BROWN

Director

A native of North Carolina, Jordan has lived on Deerfield's campus since 2017 and joined the faculty as the Director of Summer Programs in 2020. A North Carolina State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in parks, recreation, and tourism management, concentrating in program management, Jordan started his career in summer programs in 2008. Since then, he has designed, developed, and managed nearly every type of youth summer program, including day and residential camps, adventure recreation, and educational travel programs. While Jordan oversees all summer programs at Deerfield, he directly manages EXP and is excited to welcome students to campus this summer! On warm sunny days, Jordan is usually outside with his wife Heather, sons Hayes and Hudson, and their goldendoodle Hatch.



PETA LONG

Summer Programs Coordinator

Hailing all the way from sunny Jamaica, Dr. L has called Deerfield Academy home since 2021 alongside her husband, Sam. While she's no stranger to Deerfield summers, this is officially her very first summer working with the EXP program, and she is absolutely thrilled to dive in! Don't let the "Dr." fool you, though—she is a total camp kid at heart. She has been working with youth since her high school days as a swim instructor, and she has worn just about every camp hat imaginable, from counselor to local program director. Before joining the Summer Programs Office this past fall, Dr. L spent over a decade as a college communications professor. She also brings some serious real-world superpowers to camp, having worked in social programming for global non-profits like UNIFEM and the UNDP before earning her PhD in Mass Communication at Syracuse University. Dr. L loves playing tennis, painting, writing, cooking, and reading. Her free time is a bit limited these days, though, thanks to her three favorite tiny humans and chief chaos coordinators: Riley (7), Quinn (4), and Ocean (2).



LEADERSHIP TEAM



SAM LEITERMANN-LONG

Assistant Director

Originally from Connecticut, Sam has called the Pioneer Valley his home since 2021, when he joined the Deerfield faculty as a mathematics teacher. He now serves as the Chair of the Mathematics Department. In addition to his work in the classroom, Sam has spent the last decade teaching leadership experientially across the US. He loves seeing the spark in a young person who has found their voice. As an assistant director of EXP, Sam will focus on leadership development, community gatherings, and residential spaces. While he loves all of EXP, he is most looking forward to getting to know students in EXP's less formal spaces. Sam loves spending time hiking, fishing, and exploring with his wife (Dr. L) and three children (Riley, Quinn, and Ocean).



AVA GOODALE

Assistant Director

With 15 years of teaching experience in place-based and experiential education, Ava has taught students at every level, from K-12 and undergraduate/graduate students to professional educators. She has led community-based conservation workshops in Peru, directed science research programs in the Bahamas and Belize, and participated in field expeditions in Kenya, Ecuador, Brazil, and Iceland. Ava holds a B.S in Natural Resources and Applied Ecology from Cornell University, a Master's in Education in the Biological Sciences from Miami University, and a doctorate in environmental education from Antioch University. At Deerfield Academy, she serves as the Senior Associate Director of the Center for Global and Civic Engagement, teaches environmental science, and is the residential head of a girls' dorm.



BRIAN HUNT

Assistant Director

Brian Hunt has been teaching French at Deerfield Academy for the past 8 years and will serve as the chair of the language department in the upcoming academic year. He coaches cross-country and golf, and loves basketball. He is the father of three boys, Elliot (11), Henry (9), and Griffin (2). You will see them often on campus, occasionally walking their dog, Francine. When not on daddy duty, he enjoys reading detective novels, watching horror films, and cheering on any Boston sports team. Brian received his PhD from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2015. Go Illini!



AIDAN CARROLL

GameCraft: Exploring the Art of Video Game Design

After graduating from Carleton College with a degree in computer science, Mr. Carroll worked for a robotics company in his hometown of Raleigh, NC. While there, he coached girls' and boys' volleyball and discovered his love of teaching and coaching. After four years in the industry, he switched careers to education and moved to Deerfield to teach a broad range of computer science, engineering, and robotics courses. He continues to coach volleyball and ultimate at Deerfield. In his spare time, Mr. Carroll enjoys rock climbing and disc golf.



EMMA HODGE

Reading, writing, eating: creating a culinary zine

Ms. Hodge is excited to combine some of her favorite things for her EXP course this year: reading, writing, and food! After growing up in the Southwest of England, Ms. Hodge moved to the Southwest of France to complete her graduate degree in English literature and eat a lot of pastries. She then spent time teaching in the Midwest before moving to New England. She has taught all age groups, from elementary school to college, across three different countries. Now at Deerfield, she teaches English and coaches cross-country and track, both of which allow her to spend a lot of time outside, which she loves. She is looking forward to another summer with EXP students!



CATRIONA HYNDS

Break A Leg! Performing for the Stage

Ms. Hynds was raised in the foothills of the Himalayas. Growing up against the backdrop of the mountains inspired her love of travel, leading her to live and work in many countries. As a professionally trained director, Ms. Hynds brings a unique approach to her theater and acting classes. She encourages students to step out of their comfort zones to maximize their creativity while having fun. Ms. Hynds joined The Deerfield Academy faculty in 2011. As Director of the Theater Program and Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department, she has directed over 30 productions.



SAM MORRIS

Gods, Heroes, Monsters: Exploring Greek Mythology

Born and raised in New England, Mr. Morris has been a member of the Deerfield community since 2016. After graduating from Dartmouth College with a degree in English and Classical Languages, Mr. Morris spent two years learning how to teach in New Jersey before returning to Massachusetts, where he's been teaching English and coaching both cross-country and rowing ever since. During prior summers, Mr. Morris has spent his time guiding long wilderness canoe trips, earning his graduate degree in English literature from Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English, and traveling with his partner, Ms. Hodge. This will be his second summer teaching at EXP, and he's excited for the summer side of Deerfield! When he's not in the classroom, Mr. Morris can be found running on the trails with Ms. Hodge or playing peekaboo with his baby daughter, Isla.



HAYDEN FOX

Hidden Mysteries in American History

Hayden Fox is a U.S. History teacher and the 2025 Jim Smith Teaching Fellow Chair at Deerfield Academy. His areas of focus include contemporary American history and war history, with an emphasis on untold stories and underrepresented voices. An alumnus of Johns Hopkins University and Boston University, Hayden recently completed his master's degree in education, curriculum, and teaching. He is an active member of the Deerfield community, serving as an advisor for both the Native American Student Alliance and the Men's Mental Health Club. When he is not in the classroom, you can find Hayden listening to his record collection, shooting lacrosse balls in the field house, or walking his dog, Halo!



KYRA KOCIS

Future Cities: Designing for People & Planet

Kyra is an urban planner and social researcher who is passionate about how we design, build, and live in our cities. Kyra grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and is a proud alumna of Deerfield Academy (Class of 2016). After graduating from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Kyra was awarded the prestigious Marshall Scholarship, taking her to London to complete two masters degrees. Her professional passion lies in sustainable urban development, circular economies and adaptive reuse to transform places and materials into thriving community spaces. Kyra has supported local governments across the UK to access grant funding for projects co-designed with local residents through creative community engagement. When she isn't thinking about the future of cities, Kyra loves to be crafty, and you can find her working on knitting and crochet projects, or planning her next international adventure. Kyra is thrilled to return to the Deerfield community this summer!



MUFFIE MAZAMBANI

Case Closed? Forensic Science in Action

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Muffie came to the United States as a new Junior at Deerfield Academy. She was recruited as a student-athlete to play collegiate Field Hockey and later walked onto the Track and Field team at Amherst College, where she was a member of both teams for 4 years. After graduating, Muffie worked at a dermatology practice, assisting in procedures and patient care. She also volunteered with the field hockey team at Wellesley College during the fall season. In addition to her work in medicine, Muffie's background in research, athletics, and the arts allows her to connect with students in dynamic and meaningful ways. During the school year, Muffie continues to coach the field hockey and track and field teams. As part of the summer program team, she is excited to help create a fun, welcoming, and empowering environment where students feel encouraged to explore, learn, and grow. In her spare time, Muffie enjoys going the gym, watching documentaries, and painting or drawing.



SIMON JARCHO

Explorations in Mathematics - The Art of Mathematical Problem-Solving

Mr. Jarcho is an economics and mathematics teacher at Deerfield Academy. He earned his BA in Economics from Colgate University, where he played soccer and developed a deep appreciation for a liberal arts education (a course on London Theatre while studying Economics abroad remains his favorite class ever). He moved to New York City in 2015 to pursue his MA in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences from Columbia University, where his research centered on the causes and consequences of socioeconomic stratification. After ten years of teaching and developing curriculum in NYC, he is thrilled to have returned to the New England boarding school world. Outside of teaching and coaching, Simon spends his time reading (all book recommendations welcome!), staying active outdoors, and cooking.



JAN FLASKA

Rocket Science: Blasting Off into the World of Physics and Engineering

Mr. Jan (pronounced “yawn”) is a teacher and coach and serves the Deerfield Academy community as the Dean of Spiritual and Ethical Life. Mr. Jan studied Biochemistry in college and eagerly pursued dentistry... until he discovered teaching. Mr. Jan loves looking into the night sky, spotting satellites, and musing about the possibility of humankind's contact with extraterrestrial intelligence.



GAVIN MARIANI

Gavin Mariani (he/him) is local to Deerfield Academy and a class of 2023 graduate. He is a rising senior at Boston University, where he is pursuing a degree in theatre. Before BU and DA, Gavin attended Eaglebrook School, where he acted, played soccer, baseball, basketball, skied, hiked through the beautiful Western Massachusetts wilderness, and strove for greatness in the English classroom. He also attended Eaglebrook's version of the EXP during the summers. As a fourth-time counselor, Gavin obviously loves the EXP. The boundless passion, creativity, and ingenuity of EXP students are what keep him coming back time and time again. His hope for every EXP student, new or returning, is that they keep an open mind in embracing new activities, academics, or their fellow hallmates. Who knows, you might find a new passion or meet a friend for life. He can not wait to meet everyone soon!



HALEY ABRAHAM

Haley (she/her) is a 2025 graduate from Deerfield Academy and is from Townsend, MA. She is a rising sophomore at Hamilton College, where she is studying Biology and Public Policy. She is thrilled to be returning for a second summer of EXP! She loves to explore nature, listen to new music, go on bike rides, and play board games (specifically Rummikub). She is also a plant lover and has grown her personal collection to 12 plants. Haley is very excited to get to know the students who will be participating in EXP and to share all that Deerfield has to offer. A fun fact about Haley is that she joined the ultimate frisbee team in college and loves trying new sports.



JULIAN ABREU

Julian Abreu (he/him) is a recent graduate of Deerfield Academy's Class of 2025 from Montclair, New Jersey, currently studying economics at Tufts University. He is very excited to be a first-year Residential Activities Assistant for EXP this summer and is most looking forward to being back on campus and making meaningful connections with the campers and staff! Julian has a lot of hobbies, and for most of them, the passion admittedly outweighs the talent, including fitness, photography, video games, and guitar. He is also a big sports fan—particularly basketball—with his favorite team being the New York Knicks, who have hopefully won a championship by the time the program starts! A random fact about Julian is that he has recently started learning to program and is in the process of building a predictive model for the WNBA with some friends!



JESSE GACHAGO

Jesse Gachago (he/him) is a Deerfield Academy graduate from the Class of 2026 and currently resides in Concord, Massachusetts. He is excited to return to campus this summer and meet students at EXP. During his time at Deerfield, Jesse discovered a passion for filmmaking while also building lasting friendships and meaningful connections within the community. This fall, Jesse will attend Pomona College as a member of the Class of 2030, where he plans to study Film and Economics. When he is not behind a camera, he can usually be found playing basketball, spending time with his siblings, or exploring the outdoors on long walks. A fun fact about Jesse: when he was younger, he played guitar, piano, and drums. He hopes to return to making music in the future.



LILA KEIR

Lila (she/her) graduated from Deerfield this past spring and is heading to Colby College this fall to study Data Science and Art. She's from Durham, North Carolina, and loves to hike, do yoga, watch movies, eat froyo, and see live music. A fun fact about Lila is that she can do a headstand. Lila looks forward to being back in the valley, spending time in nature, and meeting all the EXP students!



TYLER LONG

Tyler Long (he/him) graduated from Deerfield this past spring (May 2026) and will be attending Bates College in the fall, where he plans to major in Sociology and African Studies while also doing theater. He is from Chicago, Illinois, and enjoys creating art, acting, and music. While at Deerfield, Tyler participated in plays such as Eurydice, Dog Eat Dog, and Bluestocking. He is also a barber and enjoys cutting students' hair in the Deerfield Barbershop. Tyler is a strong advocate for singing in the shower and believes everyone should do it at least once a day. He is really excited to return to Deerfield and offer his services, especially to younger students. He looks forward to getting to know the EXP students, helping them express themselves, discover new interests, and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Deerfield. A fun fact about Tyler is that he can do a cartwheel.



LUCA LYONS

Luca Lyons (He/Him) graduated from Deerfield Academy as part of the class of '26, after living on Deerfield's campus for 18 years as a "faculty kid". He now lives in Weston, Vermont, and is excited to return to his home and the beautiful summers of Western Massachusetts. Luca is currently gearing up for the next chapter in his life, which will be attending Hamilton College this fall. He looks forward to interacting with and getting to know all the campers, as well as leading personalized activities. Luca enjoys playing all types of sports, cooking, listening to and talking about music, and spending time outside. Additionally, he's proud of his whistling capabilities and challenges any camper to a whistle-off.



ISABELLA RAMIREZ

Izzy (she/her) is a current student at Hobart and William Smith, where she rows and has just picked up the hobby of needlepoint. She grew up and lives in New York City. In her upcoming sophomore year, she's excited to help run the needlepoint club and try more on campus. She loves being outside, playing games, and having fun. She looks forward to meeting new people and sharing part of what Deerfield meant to her.



VIC'KAYSHA RIVERA

Vic'Kaysha (she/her), also known as Vicky, recently graduated from Deerfield Academy's Class of 2026 and is thrilled to be back for EXP this summer! She is from Lawrence, Massachusetts, and will attend Bowdoin College in the fall. Being Puerto Rican and Dominican, Vicky is fluent in Spanish but also loves learning about other languages, cultures, and traditions. She is most looking forward to expanding her perspectives through all the people she meets and getting a little extra time in the Valley. You can usually find her listening to music or exploring nature outside, but at Deerfield, she ran a Hair & Braiding Club, so feel free to ask for a new hairstyle whenever you catch her around!



LANCE ROBERTS

Lance Roberts (he/him) is from the small town of Weare, NH, about an hour and a half from Deerfield. He graduated from Deerfield Academy in the Class of 2025. He has an older sister and a new puppy named Heady. He loves sports and plays hockey and lacrosse. In his free time, his favorite things to do are fly fishing and cooking, and he is a big movie lover. He is very excited to meet and work with everyone at EXP this summer.



ELLIE SCHILLER

Ellie (she/her) graduated from Deerfield Academy in 2025. Born and raised in Arizona, she is super excited to spend July at Deerfield and explore all that the beautiful valley has to offer. Ellie attends Babson College, where she studies business and plays lacrosse! She also enjoys soccer, basketball, and many other sports. She loves exploring and going on bike rides in Deerfield and is excited to return for EXP this summer!



SAMMY SULLIVAN

Sammy (he/him) is a recent graduate from Deerfield Academy's class of 2025 and lives in Northampton, MA. He will start at Princeton University this fall after completing a gap year program with the university in Senegal, West Africa. In his free time, Sammy enjoys playing soccer, frisbee, and board games with friends, reading, taking pictures, and biking around Western Massachusetts. He's looking forward to welcoming students to Deerfield, where he had so many incredible experiences, and to sharing all this wonderful Valley has to offer. A fun fact about Sammy is that he is always looking for book recommendations, so students should feel free to share their favorites!



MELODY ZHAO

Growing up in the Pioneer Valley, Melody Zhao (she/her) is thrilled to return to campus and meet EXP students! She graduated from Deerfield with the Class of 2026 and will be en route to the University of Chicago to study economics. In high school, she dabbled in publications, magazines, and youth advisory groups. She loves to swim, read, watch movies, write poetry, and spend time with her two miniature poodles, Fluffy and Charlie. Melody also enjoys entrepreneurial activities and, as a fun fact, likes to try new food dishes while adding to the dubious fortunes in her fortune cookie collection.



GRACIE SPENCER

Gracie Spencer (she/her) is from Deerfield, MA and was in the Class of 2025 at Deerfield Academy. She now attends the University of Southern California where she studies Creative Writing and Screenwriting. She loves telling stories through writing, filmmaking and photography, and she also loves exploring new places, watching baseball and football, and going to concerts. This summer she is most excited to get to know campers and build connections with them. A fun fact about Gracie is that she absolutely loves ice cream, specifically Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey.



LAUREN GALLI

Lauren Galli (she/her) graduated from Deerfield this past spring (May 2026) after attending for four years. She is attending Syracuse University in the fall, where she plans to major in business and psychology. She grew up in Deerfield, just a five-minute walk from campus. Lauren enjoys baking, hanging out with friends, and being outside. She is super excited to meet new faces and show her love of Deerfield to the EXP students!



HEALTH CENTER STAFF



ESTIBALIZ "ESTI" MCCOY

Healthcare Supervisor / Program Nurse

This is Esti's first summer providing nursing care to EXP. As a Registered Nurse, Esti has worked at the Deerfield Academy Health Center as the Quality Improvement and Immunization Nurse for 6 years. Before that, she was the School Nurse at Whately Elementary School, coached Girls on the Run and Learn to Skate, and worked as an advocate at Safe Passage for 10 years. In the winter, she is an Alpine Ski Patroller at Berkshire East. Having grown up in the mountains in Idaho, Esti enjoys spending time outside with her family, being mom to two teenagers, exploring the valley by bike, paddling, or hiking with her dog. She is thrilled to meet and support all the campers this summer.



REMI QUESNELLE

Program Nurse

Remi is excited to join EXP this summer as a Program Nurse! She currently serves as a school nurse at Deerfield Academy during the academic year. With six years of nursing experience, she is passionate about helping students feel safe and supported throughout their camp experience. Outside of nursing, Remi enjoys spending as much time outdoors as possible with her chocolate Labrador puppy, Toast, who keeps her on her toes at all times! Remi looks forward to meeting campers from all over and helping make their summer a positive and fun experience!



WAYNE HIOE

Program Doctor

Wayne is a board-certified pediatrician with over 25 years of experience. He has practiced in western Massachusetts for the past 20 years and is the Medical Director at Eaglebrook School, a junior boarding school across the street. Wayne lives with his wife and has two daughters (both DA alumni), and a son, a rising senior at Deerfield. He collaborates with the nurses to care for the EXP students' health needs.