EDUCATION AND TRAINING

COLBY GULL

Higher Education Administrator - University of Wyoming College of Education

Colby Gull is the Managing Director of the Trustees Education Initiative at the University of Wyoming. Prior to coming to the University, he served as the superintendent of schools for Uinta County School District #6, Lyman, Wyoming and superintendent of schools in Challis, Idaho. Colby taught special education at Cedar High School in southern Utah where he also coached track and cross-country. Colby earned his B.S. in elementary education and special education from Southern Utah University. He also holds a master’s degree in educational leadership from Southern Utah University and earned his EdD from Idaho State University in Education Leadership and Administration. Currently, Colby serves as a member of FCCLA board for the state of Wyoming.

ERIN HUSBANDS

Owner and Consultant – The Crowning Moment

Erin Husbands is a graduate from Louisiana State University with a BS in Biological Sciences, and she resides in Baton Rouge. During her time in FCCLA, Erin served as the 2003 National Vice President of STAR Events. Today, Erin owns a consulting company, The Crowning Moment, which serves young girls and women across the country on life and career skills from interviewing, resumes, public speaking, volunteerism, and more. Erin also worked in the TV and Film industry as a production assistant with Celtic Studios and currently also works as a licensed realtor in Louisiana, a travel agent for Disney and Universal and offers services in graphic design, website design, social media marketing, and now recently opened a shop selling custom made Disney ears! Recently married, Erin also enjoys LSU football, surfing, crafting, and traveling.

GENCIE HOUY

Instructor and Field Experience Coordinator – Texas Tech University

Gencie Houy has been teaching Family and Consumer Sciences in public education for 12 years in Lubbock ISD and one year as the Career and Technical Education Specialist for the district. This is her second year as an instructor at Texas Tech University. She has her Bachelor of Sciences in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from Texas Tech University and graduated with her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Lamar University. Gencie is currently working on her PhD in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Gencie is happily married to her husband, Scott Houy, and has four beautiful daughters named Hattie, Elsie, Bonnie and Winnie. She is excited to be back to instruct the next generation at her alma mater, Texas Tech University!
MELINDA MEISSE  
_Instructor - Pioneer Career and Technology Center_  
Melinda Meisse is a local, state and national presenter of innovative teaching and best practice, a designated master teacher, FCCLA advisor, and Ohio FCCLA Endowment Fund committee member. Currently she is teaching Early Childhood Education at Pioneer Career and Technology Center in Shelby, Ohio for her 18th year.

PAULA TRIPP  
_Teaching Professor and Coordinator_  
**Family and Consumer Sciences Education Program – Oklahoma State University**  
In her current position as Family and Consumer Sciences Education Coordinator and Teaching Professor at Oklahoma State University, Paula Tripp manages the undergraduate and graduate programs through teaching and administrative roles, continuing to require students to participate in FCCLA activities. She also developed and implemented innovative programs promoting FCCLA, including the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Academy and Zoom sessions with FCS teachers and FCCLA members. Paula Tripp was also inducted into FCCLA’s 75th Anniversary Leadership Hall of Fame.

SHERRY VOGEL  
_Teacher - Southeast Valley High School_  
Sherry Vogel, FCS teacher at Southeast Valley High School in Gowrie, Iowa, is a 1989 graduate of Iowa State University. Ms. Vogel has been involved with FCS for 31 years and FCCLA for 27 years. Ms. Vogel has served as the Lead Consultant for Career Investigation for STAR Events for more than ten years and was a member of the Competitive Events Advisory Team many years ago. She is also an FCCLA Adviser Mentor, Master Adviser, and 75th Anniversary Hall of Fame Inductee.

TAMMI PRICE  
_Early Childhood Education Teacher – Rome High School_  
Tammi Price is the Early Childhood Education pathway teacher at Rome High School in Rome, Georgia. She is co-Adviser for the RHS Chapter of FCCLA. Mrs. Price taught K-2 students for 17 years, and has served as a mentor teacher and teacher leader for the last ten. She is currently serving on the School Leadership and Curriculum & Instruction teams for her school.
HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

AARON STITT
General Manager, Courtyard by Marriott Lincoln Downtown
Aaron Stitt is an experienced General Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the hospitality industry. He is skilled in Catering, Food & Beverage, Sales, Hotel Management, and Customer Satisfaction.

HUNTER HORTON
Director of Leasing, Marketing and Sales - Northwestern State University
Hunter Horton is a graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana and currently serves as Director of Leasing, Marketing, and Sales for Campus Living. Hunter is responsible for the marketing and sales of 1,500 beds on the campus of Northwestern State University.

JACQUI PRESSINGER
Director of Strategic Partnerships - American Culinary Federation
Jacqui Pressinger is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at American Culinary Federation (ACF), the largest association of Professional Chefs in North America. She has dedicated her life to the culinary & foodservice education industries, and holds degrees in both Culinary Management and Baking & Pastry as a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and Newbury College.

KIM GRAVES
National Account Director for DC Region, Travel Portland
Kim Graves is an experienced Global Account Director with a history of working in the hospitality industry. Kim will share it is her goal to maintain and further obtain senior managerial sales partnerships within the hospitality industry to exceed expectations and execute objectives for her clients, ownership/shareholders, and philanthropic partners. Kim serves as a Business and Industry representative on the FCCLA National Board of Directors and is currently the Vice Chair of the Board.
ALEC OSTAPOVICZ  
*Community Engagement Director - Hope for San Diego*  
Alec Ostapovicz has been humbled in his eight years of experience in the non-profit community. With a background in hospitality, event planning, and project management, Alec focuses on using collaboration and strong relationships to accomplish and serve local non-profits. Stemming from his faith, he has a heart to serve and advocate for refugees, children in foster care, and marginalized communities. His most current role as a community engagement director allows him the opportunity to serve volunteers, deliver annual programs, and invite volunteers and like-minded supporters to engage and care for the flourishing of our underserved neighbors in San Diego.

ELIZABETH BROWN  
*Program Case Manager - Arlington Urban Ministries*  
Elizabeth Brown services as a Program Case Manager for Arlington Urban Ministries. She oversees all programs and services the agency offers. Arlington Urban Ministries works to assist low income families with utilities, rent, and food.

KORI DOVER  
*Director of Food and Nutrition Outreach - California Beef Council*  
Kori is the California Beef Council’s Registered Dietitian and resident health professional, providing evidence-based education, resources and communication around beef nutrition. She’s also the voice behind the blog and website GFree Kori, where she explores “Gluten-Free & Guilt-Free Living” as a food lover and mom who also happens to be a registered dietitian who has celiac.

TRE MAXIE  
*Director of Growth & Business Development - Council for Professional Recognition*  
Tre Maxie has over 20 years in executive leadership positions. He was a former policy-maker, serving as a member on the Washington State Board of Education from 2011-2016. Tre is currently the Director of Growth and Business Development for the Council for Professional Recognition. The Council annually awards nearly 50,000 Child Development Associate (CDA®) credentials in all 50 US States and internationally. His department oversees business development, government relations, higher education, military relations, annual events, and international markets. Tre attended Morehouse College, where he earned a B.A. in Political Science Pre-law. He earned a certificate in Creating Business Strategy from Columbia University.
ARIANA LAKE

**KXLY4 News Weekend Anchor & Emmy-Nominated Multimedia Journalist**

Emmy-nominated journalist Ariana Lake anchors the 4 News Now weekend shows and shares stories from the Inland Northwest throughout the week as a multi-media journalist. She fell in love with broadcast after hosting an episode of MTV’s Extreme Cribs. The University of Montana graduate got her start in news while she was still a full-time student. She was later part of the news team that received the 2017 E.B. Craney Broadcasting Award for Television Breaking News. Most recently, Ariana was honored with an Emmy nomination for a 4 News Now cold case story centered in Clarkston.

BRYAN SCHUERMAN

**Morning & Midday Meteorologist and Fill-In Lifestyle Anchor/Producer, WICS ABC NewsChannel 20 and WRSP FOX Illinois**

Bryan Schuerman, M.Ed. is the weekday Morning & Midday Meteorologist and Fill-In Lifestyle Anchor/Producer for WICS ABC NewsChannel 20 and WRSP FOX Illinois in Springfield, IL covering Central Illinois. Bryan is also a teacher, teaching for Springfield Public Schools District #186 teaching Middle School Science and/or Family and Consumer Sciences part time in the afternoon after working at the television station. Bryan is no stranger to FCCLA as he is an Indiana FCCLA State Officer Alumni and continues to advocate for Family and Consumer Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences Education including FCCLA.

JOHN HOUSER

**Assistant Vice President Marketing and Communications - Eastern New Mexico University**

John Houser is the Assistant Vice President Marketing and Communications Eastern New Mexico University. He heads up all the creative service initiatives for the third largest University in the State of New Mexico including marketing, advertising, branding, the ENMU Website, graphic design, social media, and media relations. John is a 2003 graduate of Bowling Green State University (Bachelor’s) and a 2004 graduate of Kent State University (Master’s). He has worked professionally in college athletics at The University of Missouri, New Mexico State University and Abilene Christian University. He has been the Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications at ENMU for the last five years.
KELS KERSHAW
Executive Assistant, NBC News
Kelsy Kershaw is an executive assistant to the Sr. Vice President of HR, Executive Vice President of Global Business Development & Strategy, Executive Vice President of Communications and Sr. Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at NBC News. She also does part-time work as a Production Assistant with NBC News Now. Before NBCUniversal, she was an Office Coordinator at Refinery29. Kelsy received a dual degree in Journalism and Fashion Merchandising & Retail Studies at Louisiana Tech University. She was born and raised in southwest Louisiana but currently resided in NYC. During her membership in FCCLA, Kelsy served as the 2009 Louisiana FCCLA State President and also ran for national office in 2010. When she’s not working you can catch her lifting weights, running in Central Park or buried in her book of the moment.

LUCAS ARAGON
Executive Director of Branding & Design – ABC Television Network
Lucas Aragon is currently the Executive Director of Branding & Design for the ABC Television Network. Before returning to ABC, he worked on the launch of The Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) in 2011. This was his second cable network launch, his first was at the National Geographic Channel which he helped launch in 2001. Prior to the start of his career, Lucas studied Graphic Design and Television Production at Eastern New Mexico University. Prior to his role at ABC, Lucas has also worked for Lifetime Television, NBC affiliates WRC, WHDH & WESH, and FOX affiliate KDFW.