

**Dear BASIS Families,**

Following up on the staffing update from February 2025 [\[Letter Here\]](#) I would like to give you an update on our teacher recruitment.

Please join me in wishing happiness and success to our lovely teachers that departed this summer.

- Ian Junpei Sato – DAP
- Kendyl Leigh Van Dresar – EY Teacher
- Marlena Das – EY Arts SET
- Phillip Andrew Young – PE SET
- Tyler Alexandria Smith – PS Science SET
- Emma Jeronimus – PS LET
- Hannah Grace Wood - PS Math SET
- Jennifer Hanna – MS English SET
- Lee James La Fond – MS/HS Math SET

All NEW teachers have attended the BASIS Summer Institute online and the In-Service program at our school. I am proud to present the following new teachers:

**Angela Lynn Allen – Director of Academic Programs**

Ms. Angela Allen brings over twenty years of experience and a deep commitment to student achievement to BASIS International School Bangkok. She holds a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and a Post-Baccalaureate in Elementary Education from Arizona State University, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Washington. Over the course of her career, Angela has served in a variety of impactful roles including high school English and middle school principal, teacher, and high school Academic Interventionist/Data Specialist always with a focus on using assessment data to drive instruction and student success.

**Han Seung Lee – Consultant Director Academic Programs**

Mr. Han has been serving in the education field for over 18 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of California at Davis in Business Management in 2001 and his Bachelor of Science degree from San Jose State University in Management Information Systems in 2005. Mr. Han is proud to have served over 10 years with the BASIS Independent Schools family. He was a beloved founding faculty member at BASIS Independent Silicon Valley. He then served as a Dean of Students and Director of Academic Programs before becoming one of the first Associate Heads of School in the BASIS Independent Schools network. Mr. Han also served as the Head of Operations at BASIS Independent Fremont (PreK-12). Most recently he served as the Head of School at BASIS Independent Manhattan Lower School campus, serving students in PreK through 5th Grade.

**Gregory Simon Van'T Hof – PS LET**

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Gregory van't Hof to our teaching faculty. Mr. van't Hof brings over a decade of global teaching experience and a deep passion for education, sport, music, and student development. Gregory holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Sociology from the State University of New York at Brockport and a Graduate Diploma in Education from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia. Over the past 11 years, Gregory has taught in a variety of international settings including Australia, Thailand, Qatar, Sint Maarten, and Singapore. His experience spans different educational systems and diverse classroom environments, providing him with a strong foundation in global education.

**Joseph Daniel Ray – PS LET**

Mr. Joe is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful school community! With over 20 years of experience in education, he has had the privilege of teaching students from Pre-K all the way through 4th Grade. In addition to his time in the classroom, he has worked as a Behavioral Rehabilitation Specialist, supporting students with social and emotional challenges and helping them develop personalized strategies for success. His passion for education led me to earn a Master's in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor's in Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He strives to create a positive, inclusive environment where every student can thrive academically and emotionally.

**Chelsea Renee Ferguson – EY Teacher**

Ms. Chelsea has spent 11 years expressing her love for education in lower public, private, and international elementary schools. Her career started off as a Pre-K teacher for five years then she headed off to China in 2019 where she continued to spread her knowledge and expertise in Kindergarten. She shortly earned her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Houston Christian University in Houston, Texas (her hometown) with a teacher certification in Ec-12 Special Education.

**Nana Jane Mun – EY Teacher**

Nana Mun has been teaching since 2005. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Truman State University, Nana moved to Chicago, IL to attend National-Louis University. There, she earned her Master of Arts in Teaching and Elementary Education certification. She continued her education with various Mathematics courses at the University of Chicago. When she moved to Los Angeles, she completed Special Education coursework through the Los Angeles Unified District. Nana has taught a wide variety of grades and classes: Pre-K through Grade 4; general, accelerated, and special education classes. With all that experience, she came to realize that Early Childhood Education was her passion, so she went on to earn her Early Childhood Certification. Nana taught for six years in Kuwait and is excited to continue her education journey in Thailand. She is excited to be part of such an enthusiastic and positive community. She hopes to give as much as she knows she will gain from this lovely community.

**Nicole Jo McIntyre – PS LET**

Born and raised in Northern Virginia with an early start at preschool in London Nicole McIntyre has always been curious about people, culture, and connection. She earned a B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology from Mary Washington University and an M.A. in Teaching from Springfield College. Her path to education began with AmeriCorps service in Colorado, where she supported at-risk youth in reading an experience that sparked her passion for literacy and student-centered learning. Her 18-year teaching career began in North Carolina, where she worked in middle school special education, taught in elementary classrooms, and led adult ESL at Cape Fear Community College. She has since spent 14 years abroad in China, Myanmar, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia, working primarily with upper elementary students, with a brief but memorable preschool stint. As a founding faculty member at St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju, she helped build a school community that values inclusion and cultural responsiveness.

**Robert Lee Poole III – PS Math and Science SET**

Robert Poole III, originally hailing from Orlando, Florida, has had a vibrant breadth of experience across the United States and internationally. Robert received his Bachelor's of Science in Engineering from Stanford University and has also been an acclaimed musical theatre performer working in New York, regionally in the United States and in Hong Kong. Through the power of creativity and collaboration, Robert has a passion for fostering young minds into independent critical thinkers to tackle the ever-growing challenges facing our world. Robert believes that a diverse array of perspectives serves as a pivotal foundation to inspire creative ideas and solutions. Student-led instruction is a cornerstone of his classroom philosophy and has helped students hold themselves and each other responsible for their own learning throughout his tenure as an educator.

**Anchana Tanvichien (Aum) - Thai SET**

Ms. Anchana Tanvichien holds a Bachelor's degree in Education, majoring in Thai Language from Srinakharinwirot University, and a Master's degree in Education with a specialization in Teaching Thai Language from Silpakorn University. She has over ten years of experience teaching Thai language across various educational levels, including high school, middle school, and primary, at both government and international schools.

**Chittraporn Dechdecha (Betty) - Library Assistant**

Betty recently graduated with first-class honors in English from Srinakharinwirot University. During her college, deep down, underneath all that she was particularly drawn to English literature and translation. She later broadened her perspective through reading. For this reason, she was given an opportunity to join the Southeast Asian Association of Professional Translators and Interpreters (SEAProTI) as an intern. She spent a productive time with a nonprofit organization by translating numerous articles from English-Thai. These academic ranges allowed her to extensively research

literary elements such as setting, narrative structure, and imagery, and provided her intellectual skills.

#### **Chonchawan Jankam (Paeri) – Lab Technician Assistant**

Paeri graduated from Kasetsart University with Bachelor and Master degree of Science in Botany. During her graduate school, she was a teacher assistant in "General Botany Lab", guidance and support the undegraded students for their graduated projects related to phytochemistry. After graduation, she continued work in the science lab as research assistant then moved forward to the accreditation lab in the Pharmacology Laboratory, Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, Thailand. She has 4 years of experience as senior lab analyst on drugs qualification and method developed with clinical trial samples on drug trials. Moreover, she was a part of proteomics research team at the National Omics Center (NOC) as research assistant for 4 years. With more than 12 years in Science lab, she aims to deliver her fantastic experiences to the students in order to inspire, motivate and encourage them to understand the importance of science. It is due to "Science is nature, we are surrounded by Science".

#### **Luke James Bartlett – PS LET**

Mr. Luke brings a strong international background in education to his role as the Grade 1 LET. He holds a Bachelor's degree in TESOL from Siam Technology College and is currently pursuing his PGCE at the University of East London. Mr. Luke has been living and teaching in Bangkok, Thailand, for over four years, serving as a homeroom teacher for students in Grades 1 and 2. During this time, he has taught a wide range of subjects and gained valuable experience in differentiated instruction, student engagement, and creating inclusive, dynamic classroom environments. His years in Thailand have shaped both his professional practice and personal journey, making the country feel like home.

#### **Martha Edwards – PS LET**

Miss Martha Edwards is a qualified primary educator with a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) in Primary and Early Years (5-11), including Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), from Birmingham City University. She has taught across diverse settings in England, working with students from Early Years to Grade 5, and has further developed her expertise through two years of international teaching in Thailand. As an educator, she has successfully implemented learning strategies within a global context, fostering both academic excellence and holistic development in her students. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Manchester, which continues to inform her reflective approach to teaching and ethical classroom practice.

#### **Nattida Rojbunthueng – Life Coach**

Nattida holds a Bachelor in Education with the Srinakharinwirot University in Thailand. She has ten years of experience in the field of education. Most recently Nattida was a Swim Teacher and Assistant Manager at Swimming Kids Thailand.

**Ponchanan Sukijsopon (Noey) - EY Teaching Fellow**

Miss Noey, is currently a Teaching Fellow for Early Years at BASIS International School Bangkok and has over five years of experience in education. She graduated from the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Language and Culture (BALAC), an international program focused on Cultural Studies and foreign languages. Before joining BASIS, she worked as a Teaching Assistant for British Council Partner Schools and as a Young Learner Assistant at the British Council Bangkok. In these roles, she provided support to lead teachers and assisted students both inside and outside the classroom. She is passionate about working with young children and is currently working toward pursuing a degree in education to continue growing as an Early Years educator.

**Riley Wilson – MS/HS Math SET**

Riley Wilson (Mr Riley), graduated in 2008 from the University of Technology, Sydney with a Bachelor of Mathematics and Finance and Bachelor of Teaching. Following this, he began teaching in Sydney from 2009, endeavoring to instill a love of mathematics into students from all walks of life. In 2018, he made the big move to Bangkok, where he has continued his career in both Thai and international schools, whilst growing a young family of his own. In over 15 years of teaching, he has delivered multiple curriculums from all around the world (Australia, UK and US), always ensuring his passion for mathematics shines through. Mr Riley strives to make mathematics fun, interesting and accessible by providing a comfortable and engaging classroom where students are encouraged to explore and question all of the concepts they study.

**Ryan Day – PS PE Teaching Fellow and Table Tennis Coach**

Mr. Ryan Day is an Army Veteran, lifelong professional athlete, and passionate table tennis coach who believes in the power of positivity, discipline, and growth through sport. Ryan holds multiple international teaching certifications and upon earning his Bachelor's degree in Psychology at Texas A&M University (USA), he was awarded the prestigious Senior of Distinction Award. Ryan's venerable military background has ingrained in him the values of hard work, preparation, and resilience qualities he brings to every training session. Ryan does not just teach table tennis; he inspires young athletes to embrace challenges, build confidence, and grow both on and off the table. With extensive coaching experience, Ryan fosters a high-energy, supportive environment where students thrive. Ryan is committed to inspiring young athletes to embrace challenges, build confidence, and achieve personal excellence both on and off the table.

**Supawadee Tongrit (August) - School Counsellor**

Ms. August, is a seasoned professional in the field of Psychology, with over 15 years of experience in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS). She holds a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from the Royal Police Cadet Academy in Thailand, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the Ethiraj College for Woman, Chennai, India. Ms. August has worked



extensively in both professional and volunteer roles, providing psychological support across a range of settings in Thailand and India.

#### **Tauphun Katcharoen (Torfun) - EY Teaching Fellow**

Miss Torfun, graduated from the Faculty of Education, majoring in Early Childhood Education at Chulalongkorn University. Prior to joining BASIS, she gained three years of experience as a teacher assistant, supporting students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 both in the classroom and during various school activities. She has also contributed to the translation of children's books, combining her love for language and education.

#### **Wannaporn Sripanphet (Tu) - EY Teaching Fellow**

Miss Tu, graduated from Huachiew Chalermprakiet University's International Program in English-Chinese and also holds a teaching diploma from Thonburi University. With over 10 years of tutoring experience and 3 years teaching in international schools, she has worked closely with young learners from diverse backgrounds. Her passion for education shines through in the way she creates joyful, hands-on learning experiences that support each child's growth in their own unique way.

#### **William Sorensen – MS English SET**

Mr. William Sorensen, holds a B.A. in English from the University of Mary Washington and an M.Ed. from Framingham State University. He has spent the past 12 years living and teaching in Thailand. While he began his career focused on English as a Second Language (ESL), over the past six years he has shifted toward teaching English Literature and writing to Thai students at the middle and high school levels.

#### **Ramanathan Kasi – MS/HS Math SET**

With over 22 years of experience teaching mathematics at international schools in India, Indonesia, UAE, and China covering AP and other High School curricula. Mr. Ramanathan Kasi is confident in his ability to make a valuable contribution to BASIS Bangkok. Throughout his career, he has developed a deep passion for teaching mathematics and for fostering a love of learning. He has worked with students from a wide variety of cultural and academic backgrounds, and he has always made it a priority to create a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment. By implementing a range of teaching strategies to enhance the learning experience, he has helped students of all abilities to achieve their full potential. Mr. Ramanathan holds both PG and UG degrees from India. He is focused on making mathematics understandable, applicable, and enjoyable to the students. Beyond Math, he has a keen interest in teaching meaningful AI skills, coding and concepts related to investments and stocks.

#### **Tania Saleem – EY Teacher**

Tania holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Journalism and has a degree in Computer Science. She holds a Montessori Certification in Early Childhood. She is currently pursuing a

Masters in Education and Leadership with the Liverpool John Moores University. Tania has over seventeen years experience as a teacher. Previously, she has taught at The International Montessori School of Beijing in China.

**Jack Daniel Murphy – PS PE SET**

Jack, has an IPGCE degree from the University of East London and holds a Bachelor in Exercise, Physical Activity and Health from the University of Huddersfield. Also, Jack won several UEFA Coaching awards. Previously Jack was the Head Football Coach and taught PE in the Secondary School at Harrow International School Bangkok.

**Ekkasit Punharach (Tae) - EY Teaching Fellow**

Mr. Ekkasit Punharach, also known as Mr. Tae, holds a degree in Special Education and Learning Management in English from Srinakharinwirot University. His academic background has shaped his strong commitment to inclusive education and student-centered learning. Prior to joining BASIS, Mr. Tae served as a Teaching Assistant with the British Council Thailand, where he was placed at Chulalongkorn University Demonstration Elementary School, a British Council partner school.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to the 2025–2026 academic year as we begin another inspiring journey of excellence together.

Regards,  
**Dr. W**  
**Head of School**