



Educating the Next Generation of Evolutionary Leader

Leadership

- Executive Director: Ms. Tryon,
- Superintendent: Ms. Summers, B.S., M.Ed., M.Ed.
- Principal: Ms. Maike, M. Ed.
- Lead Teacher: Dr. Ecka, M.A., M.H.P.E, M.PH., DR.PH.
- Exceptional Student Services Director: Ms. Lenny
- Exceptional Student Services Support: Mr. Favela, M.Ed.
- Montessori Model United Nations: Ms. Sandler, M.Ed.

Ms. Maike - Principal

Ms. Maike graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI with a Master's in Education with teacher certification. Her undergrad degree is in Fine Art from Kendall College of Art & Design in Grand Rapids, MI. Ms. Maike worked for the Washington State Senate, Tacoma, WA Public Schools then went on to acquire her secondary Montessori certification at Houston Montessori Center with Dr. Elisabeth Coe and went on to start a top performing Middle School Program for charter school in Spring Lake, MI. In 2014-15, Ms. Maike was a candidate for Teacher of the Year through the Arizona Charter School Association, received the award of #1 Highest Achieving Charter School in Arizona and School of the Year 2014-15. Ms. Maike managed a Replication Grant for new charter schools in Arizona. This school is one of five top performing schools in this prestigious award program.

Mr. Favela - Lead Teacher & Exceptional Student Support Services

Eduardo Favela joined Mission Montessori Academy in the Spring of 2013 working with the Middle School students at St George. He also worked with the Upper Elementary levels during the 2014- 2015 school year, supporting our Exceptional Students and Special Education Support Team. Mr. Favela is originally from California and holds a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a Bachelor's Degree and Credential in the Social Sciences from Cal State University Northridge. He is in the process of completing his Montessori Training with the Houston Montessori Center.

Mr. Canevello - Lead Teacher

Mr. Canevello has obtained a B.A. in Educational Studies with a minor in Youth Services Leadership through the Mary Lou Fulton Teacher's College at Arizona State University. His background experience in education thus far has included 4 years of one-on-one tutoring and coaching with high school and college level students that have learning differences. Initially, his interest in education started at the age of 13 when he wanted to teach skateboarding lessons. There was something special about sharing background experience, knowledge, and wisdom with his peers regarding something that is very special to him. This position offered me a different take on education to where I fully grasped the value of real-life application and interest based education; that is, learning by doing, establishing comfort and connection, sharing interests and passions, persevering through challenges, and overcoming limitations. Mr. Canevello was born and raised in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, IL. He has been enjoying life in Arizona for the past 7 years. Since his arrival here, he has solidified his passion for education and skateboarding, as well as taken a great interest in holistic health, yoga/mindful practice, and outdoor adventures.

Dr. Ecka - Site Manager & Teacher/Student Support

Dr. Ecka is passionate about global peace and stewardship of planet earth with an interdisciplinary background in Social & Behavioral Sciences, Health, and Education. He holds a Doctorate in Public Health [Health Policy and Administration]. Other academic backgrounds include Bachelors of Commerce, Masters in Sociology, and Masters in Health Professions Education. In addition, he has a Professional Trainer's Certification in Psychological Counseling and Psychotherapy, Primary and Secondary Montessori Certification. Furthermore, he is one of the pioneering faculty, former Trainer, and current Mentor Chair of the Montessori Model UN. He has been in leadership roles in National and International health and educational institutions.