

I am looking forward to my second year at Holy Cross Academy! I have wanted to be a teacher since high school when I took Teachers for Tomorrow at the Chantilly Academy. Since then, I've enjoyed my practicums at several different levels. After graduating with my Master's in Education from the University of Mary Washington, I went on to teach at Culpeper Middle and Fusion Academy. Over that time, I developed a passion for teaching students how to write. I have led many students through writing their first story or essay; seeing that look on their face when they realize their own potential is like nothing else in the world. Getting students to take charge of their own learning is one of my favorite things about teaching, and I absolutely love working with students one-on-one. I value the personal connection with my students, and I want my students to know that I value them as people—not just as a number or a test score!

In my free time, I like to read fancy literature, watch horror movies, listen to metal music, play video games, and write stories of my own! I also love helping teach RCIA at the UMW's Catholic Campus Ministry, which is the ministry that formed me when I became Catholic in college! I have a deep devotion to Our Lady and strive to live out my Marian consecration in every interaction I have with my students.