

IN AN EFFORT TO INFORM PARENTS AS TO WHO WILL BE INTERACTING WITH THEIR CHILDREN,
THE FORT WAYNE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:
THE 2017 FRANKE PARK DAY CAMP STAFF BIOGRAPHICAL PORTRAITS

Samantha Allen is a senior at Saint Mary's College majoring in Elementary Education. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a nanny and as an instructional assistant in various educational settings as part of her college field experiences. She enjoys sports, music, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She looks forward to making positive connections with her campers.

Miranda Braun is a 2017 graduate of the University of Indianapolis. She holds a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. She is a fifth year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a volunteer at various camps and recreation sites. She enjoys sports, reading, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She hopes to integrate life skills through enjoyable camp activities with her campers.

Trevor Campbell is a 2016 graduate of Ball State University. He holds a bachelor's degree in Visual Arts Education. He is currently teaching Visual Arts at Concordia Lutheran High School. He is a fifth year counselor and Administrative Assistant at Franke Park Day Camp. He has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a volunteer with various children's organizations. He enjoys drawing, hiking, and traveling in his leisure time. He enjoys seeing the reactions when children are excited about their accomplishments.

Vannessa Case is a junior at Gettysburg College majoring in Biology and Music. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a Camp Counselor Assistant. She enjoys sports, music, and reading in her leisure time. She looks forward to introducing her campers to the great outdoors.

Juliahna Clark is a sophomore at Ball State University majoring in Exercise Science. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp, as a babysitter, and as an Assistant Volleyball Coach. She enjoys sports, reading, spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She looks forward to a variety of experiences with her campers.

Ian Cusick is a junior at Ball State University majoring in Secondary Education. He is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. He has worked with children as an assistant in various church activities. He enjoys spending time with family and friends in his leisure time. He looks forward to engaging children in rewarding outdoor experiences.

Sarah Ellingson is a junior at Indiana University majoring in Elementary Education. She is a third year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp, as a babysitter, and as a volunteer with various children's organizations. She enjoys sports, music, and reading in her leisure time. She looks forward to building positive relationships with her campers.

Taylor Erexson is a junior at North Park University majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is a third year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp, as a babysitter, and as a volunteer with various children's organizations. She enjoys drama and music performance, outdoor activities, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She hopes to inspire her campers to be life long learners.

Maria Erlandson is a sophomore at Indiana University majoring in Recreational Therapy. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a volunteer at Vacation Bible School. She enjoys sports, writing, and photography in her leisure time. She enjoys the excitement when working with children.

Chris Freehill is a 1983 graduate of Ball State University. He holds a master's degree from Indiana University in Elementary Education. He was named to Who's Who of America's Teachers in 1998. In addition, he received the 2000 Outstanding Teacher Award by the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers for the State of Indiana. He is currently teaching fifth grade at Forest Park Elementary School for Fort Wayne Community Schools. This is his fortieth year on staff at Franke Park Day Camp and his twenty-seventh year as the camp's supervisor. He enjoys reading, writing, and music in his leisure time. He finds sharing his knowledge and experiences rewarding and believes all children learn best when they're enjoying themselves.

Claire Hegge is a 2017 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. She plans to attend Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis majoring in Photography. She is first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a babysitter, tutor, and a camp counselor assistant. She enjoys photography, art, and journalism in her leisure time. She is amazed how children always find the joy in life.

Jackie Hentz is a junior at Indiana University majoring in Speech and Hearing Sciences. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as an assistant at various church activities, as a babysitter, and as a camp counselor assistant. She enjoys dance, cooking, and painting in her leisure time. She looks forward to creating rewarding learning experiences for all of her campers.

Jared Hogan is a 2017 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. He is a first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. He has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp. He enjoys creating films, outdoor activities, and spending time with family and friends in his leisure time. He looks forward to creating enjoyable learning experiences for children.

Taylor Hogan is 2015 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. He is a first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. He has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a swim instructor for Fort Wayne Community Schools at the Helen P. Brown Natatorium. He enjoys playing guitar, outdoor activities, and traveling in his leisure time. He believes children learn unique skills while experiencing the great outdoors.

Megan Lewis is a 2017 graduate of Ball State University. She holds a bachelor's degree in Speech and Language Pathology. She plans to attend George Washington University as a graduate student. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a camp counselor and as an instructional assistant in various educational settings as part of her university field experiences. She enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She looks forward to providing enjoyable experiences to children involved in the program.

Alexis Madden is a sophomore at Anderson University majoring in Dance Performance. She is a first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a dance instructor. She enjoys dancing, reading, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She wants to be a positive role model for the children and the adults in her life.

Nicole Maxwell is a senior at Ball State University majoring in Exercise Science. She is a first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked as a babysitter and as a child care provider for the YMCA. She enjoys volleyball, reading, and outdoor activities in her leisure time. She wants to provide enjoyable and exciting learning experiences for her campers.

Alexandra Meyer is a 2015 graduate of Albion College. She holds a bachelor's degree in History. She is currently employed as a Library Specialist at Oak Farm Montessori School. She is a fourth year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She enjoys reading, writing, and the arts in her leisure time. She considers it a privilege and a responsibility to guide the next generation of campers at Franke Park Day Camp.

Luke Miller is a 2017 graduate of Indiana University. He holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Biology Education. He is a fifth year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. He has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp, as a tutor, and most recently, as a teacher in Ecuador. He enjoys sports, reading, and spending time with family and friends in his leisure time. He looks forward to the adventure that camp offers to its participants.

Casey Noll is a senior at Ball State University majoring in Mathematical Sciences. She is a first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as an instructor in various church activities. She enjoys lake activities and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She looks forward to watching children achieve amazing things.

Molly Slocum is a 2008 graduate of Xavier University. She holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Xavier University and master's degree in School Counseling from the University of Saint Francis. This is her eighth year on staff at Franke Park Day Camp and her third year as the camp's Assistant Supervisor. She has worked as a teacher for six years, as Director of Religious Education at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, and as Director of Student Services at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School. She loves walking, curling, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She appreciates the innate curiosity and optimism of every child.

Sydney Smith is a junior at Ball State University majoring in Elementary Education. She is a second year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as an instructional assistant in various educational settings as part of her university field experiences. She enjoys sports, music, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She looks forward to the lessons she'll learn from her campers.

Lillian Snyder is a senior at Indiana University majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is a fourth year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as an instructional assistant in various educational settings as part of her university field experiences. She enjoys photography and reading in her leisure time. She looks forward to showing children the wonderful world that surrounds them everyday.

Rosemary Snyder is a senior at Ball State University majoring in Secondary Economics Education. She is a fourth year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as a soccer referee and coach. She enjoys playing the guitar, sports, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She looks forward to being a positive role model in the lives of children.

Callista Thompson is a 2017 graduate of Blackhawk Christian High School. She plans to attend Ball State University majoring in Business. She is a first year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp and as an instructional assistant. She enjoys sports, art, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She relishes the enthusiasm and interest that all children possess in approaching new learning experiences.

Emma Walker is a senior at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne majoring in Human Services. She is a fifth year counselor at Franke Park Day Camp. She has worked with children as a Counselor-In-Training at Franke Park Day Camp, as a volunteer with various children's organizations, and as an instructional assistant at Whitney Young Early Childhood Center for Fort Wayne Community Schools. She enjoys dance, theatre, and spending time with family and friends in her leisure time. She believes children have lessons to teach us all.