ART/SCIENCE (Youngest Sixes)

Clara Hanson
A graduate from the University of Northern Iowa, Clara enjoys all opportunities to explore with children. Some of her favorite subjects are foreign languages (especially Japanese and Spanish), sign language and Language Arts. Clara’s interests include writing stories and poetry, playing violin and piano, and running the beautiful trails of Fort Ward State Park.

DRAMA/STORYMAKING (Youngest Sixes)

Dora Lanier
Dora is an actor, director and teaching artist and has been an instructor with the Summer Day Program for many years. Dora has just launched her first publication as a romance writer, with a digital novella, published by The Wild Rose Press. Dora holds a MFA from UW-Madison and a BA from the University of Minnesota.

ART (Younger)

Amy Beck (Session 2)
During the school year Amy works with students with special needs at St. Benedict School and teaches ballet and tap at American Dance Institute. In her free time Amy enjoys spending time with her husband and family, singing, traveling to new places and chasing her cat around her apartment.

Beth Sims (Session 3)
Beth is a middle school STEM teacher at Technology Access Foundation Academy in Federal Way, WA. Over the course of her career in education, she has worked with students from a multitude of grade levels, from kindergarten through post graduate. She has taught in both the elementary and middle school divisions of the UW Summer Youth Program.

Shari Kaufman (Session 1, 4)
Shari is a working artist in the mediums of ceramic sculpture and hand knit silver jewelry. She shows her work in galleries around the Northwest. Shari also teaches K-2 art in four Seattle elementary schools where she focuses on exploring different mediums and “unleashing” children’s creativity.

DRAMA (Younger)

Angela Kelley (Session 1, 2, 3, 4)
Angela has many years of experience working with kids and theatre. She presents environmental workshops in schools throughout King and Snohomish Counties and has performed with “It’s a Mystery”, an interactive improvisational theatre company that performs on the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train.

SCIENCE (Younger)

Barbara Purn (Session 3, 4)
Barbara has an MA in Education and has taught with the UW Summer Day program for many years. Barbara is passionate about travel and has been to Kenya, India, Nepal and Hawaii. Barbara also enjoys gardening, knitting, and reading books.

Julie Schmick (Session 1, 2)
During the school year Julie is a STEM teacher in the Seattle Schools. Her passion centers around engaging learners of all ages in the exploration of coding, stop motion animation, and video creation to assist in the demonstration of learning. She also brings 15+ years of experience as an elementary school principal and over a decade of hands-on, inquiry based classroom teaching.
STORYMAKING (Younger)
Emily Rich (Session 3, 4)
Emily came to Seattle after graduating from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She currently teaches at a high school in Everett. She is thrilled to work with the younger students at Summer Day and put her elementary education degree to good use!

Mercedes Diggs (Session 1, 2)
Mercedes has been a teaching artist in Seattle since 2002. Over the years she's enjoyed working with Seattle Children's Theatre, British American Youth Festival Theatre, and Powerful Schools to bring acting fundamentals to classrooms and afterschool programs. Mercedes has an M.A. in Teaching from the UW and a performance background in musical theater and improv. During off-hours, Mercedes can be found solving logic problems and riding the zip line at Lincoln Park.

ART (Older)
Alisha Dall'Osto (Session 1)
Alisha is an artist who specializes in painting and drawing. She teaches multi-media art classes to in afterschool programs and in-school artist residencies. She is passionate about creating challenging art curricula that integrates science, social studies, and history to foster curiosity about the world. For more info visit www.alishadalostocom.

Mallory Wilson (Session 3, 4)
Mallory is a graduate of the University of Washington's Master of Education program. She has been working with students in various settings for over 11 years. In her spare time she likes to read, listen to music, and do arts and crafts. She also enjoys spending time with family, friends and her dog Lucy.

Nicole Appell (Session 1, 2)
Nicole is a teaching artist who specializes in working with youth in community art projects. A graduate of the UW School of Art, Nicole has taught art in many venues including the Kirkland Arts Center, University of Washington, Seattle and Lake Washington Public Schools. In addition to her work in the classroom, Nicole paints, creates and exhibits. Drawing her artistic inspiration from nature, in her off-hours, Nicole enjoys hiking and exploring the wilderness.

DRAMA (Older)
Terence Kelley
Terence is a professional actor and a veteran instructor with the UW Summer Day Program. He directs and choreographs local school productions and performs with “It’s a Mystery” – an interactive improvisational theatre company that performs on the Spirit of Washington dinner train.

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Sidney Deering (Session 1, 4)
Sidney is a science teacher with a deep interest in the natural history of the Pacific Northwest. Currently she teaches Washington State History and Geography at Washington Middle School. Sidney enjoys sharing the wonder of nature with students, and looks forward to a summer of fun and learning. She is a lifelong Seattleite and UW grad.
CREATIVE WRITING (Older)

Andrea Johnson (Session 1, 2)
Andrea is a 4th grade teacher in Renton Schools. Previously, she was involved in the world of theater, working with designers and actors making costumes. Andrea has been in Seattle for 14 years and loves the Pacific Northwest where there is plenty of rock climbing, skiing and cycling.

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KIDS IN MOTION

Gretchen Gray (Session 2, 4)
Gretchen teaches elementary P.E. for Seattle Schools. She is excited to share her passion for daily physical activity and activities that nurture teamwork and cooperation. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time playing and watching sports, and hanging out with her five siblings.

Nessa Goldman (Session 1, 3)
This is Nessa’s second year as Kids in Motion instructor and she is excited to return with some new activities to get the kids moving. She is an outdoor enthusiast and passionate educator. During the school year she works as a substitute teacher in various Seattle Public Schools, leads programs with the Islandwood Urban Education Program and runs extracurricular programs with The Nature Nanny. She loves riding her bike and adventuring with her husband around the Pacific Northwest.

2016 UW SUMMER DAY SENIOR STAFF AND COUNSELORS

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

Marcy Reynolds
Marcy graduated from the University of Washington Master of Social Work program in 2009, and served as a Child and Family Mental Health Therapist at a local community clinic for the past several years. Additionally, Marcy works and plays in the outdoors, enjoying climbing, skiing, fishing, and backpacking.

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

Millicent Sykes
Millicent is currently pursuing a Masters of Education through Northeastern University--College of Professional Studies. She earned her Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy through the University of Washington. During the school year, she works as an assistant teacher for Latona School Associates. In her free time, she practices yoga, enjoys running, reading, watching movies and relaxing with friends.

SUMMER DAY COUNSELORS

Cassandra Rains
Cassie will be starting her fourth year at the UW in the fall, where she is majoring in Early Childhood and Family Studies. After she graduates, she plans on getting a Masters in Teaching and becoming an early elementary school teacher. Cassie enjoys spending time with her family and two dogs, watching the Mariners, and spending time outside.

Chaeweon Seo
Chae is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s of Science through Seattle Pacific University. She will be a senior and plans on becoming a high school biology teacher. Chae enjoys hiking, journaling, and painting.
Connor York
Connor is a current sophomore at the University of Washington pursuing a degree in Business Administration/Accounting at the Foster School of Business. He has worked with children as a basketball referee with the City of Redmond, camp counselor with Norman Rockwell Elementary, and as a babysitter/nanny. When not studying for classes he enjoys being a part of the on-campus theatre groups and visiting various places in the Seattle area with his friends.

Michael Brown
Michael was born and raised in North Carolina. He currently works in the Seattle School District as a Special Needs Instructional Assistant and is looking forward to exciting summer filled with fun!

Grant Evans
Grant is currently pursuing a degree in Informatics at the University of Washington. He has worked at Camp Galileo in California's Bay Area for the past three years as a Summer Intern and a Team Leader. In his free time, Grant enjoys biking, going to the beach, cooking, and writing song lyrics.

Jacqueline Ines
Jacque is currently an undergrad at the UW studying Geography and Diversity. She has worked with AmeriCorps and the Hunger Intervention Program and for the past two summers has worked with United Way of King County on their summer meal program/campaign for low income families. In her free time, Jacque enjoys competing with the UW's Boxing Club, knitting, cooking, and running.

Juliet Hansen
Juliet is a junior majoring in Early Childhood and Family Studies at the University of Washington. Since fall of 2015, she has volunteered at Fiddleheads Forest School, an outdoor preschool located in the Arboretum. In her free time, she enjoys watching cartoons, knitting, writing poetry, and playing her ukulele in Seattle's many wonderful parks.

Kamryn Hinrichs
A recent graduate from the University of Oregon, Kamryn will be returning to Seattle to pursue her Master's degree in school counseling from Seattle Pacific University this fall. In her down time Kamryn loves cooking, hiking, and watching movies!

Madeline Muntz
Maddy is currently finishing up her last year at Roosevelt High School and will start at the University of Edinburgh this fall where she will study psychology and sociology. She has spent the last few summers completing the Teen Leadership program and working at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island. During her free time, Maddy can be found at her local dance studio, taking class, rehearsing and choreographing.

Sam Sturtevant
Sam is currently preparing to apply to the Informatics program at the University of Washington. He has volunteered for elementary school teachers in the past, as well as working as a soccer referee and a retail employee. In his free time, Sam likes to play soccer, listen to music, and continue his involvement with the Greek system on campus. This is Sam's first year with the UW Summer Youth program.

Sean Hyland
Sean is currently pursuing a degree in accounting through the University of Washington. He worked last year as a camp counselor for a summer program in his home town. In his free time, Sean enjoys spending time with friends, hiking, working out, and watching movies.

Tony Hua-Wong
Tony is a full time student with strong interests in the STEM field. He has taught lion dancing to youth at the Chinatown Community Center and coached elementary girls soccer. Tony enjoys playing basketball, chess, pool, cooking, and helping others to maintain a healthy lifestyle.