

# FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY

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## Fresh Faculty Faces on Campus

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**Trey Blair** joins FWCD with six years of teaching at the Kentucky Country Day School in Louisville, where he served as lead teacher, professional development coordinator for faculty and as varsity and JV baseball coach. He holds a BA in Political Science with a minor in Anthropology from Kenyon College and an MA in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's College of California, where he was an Honors graduate. In 2011, Trey participated in the Klingenstein Summer Institute through Teachers College at Columbia University. He will serve as **assistant head of Lower School**, replacing Mitchell Alexandre.

**Hester Burdman** brings 10 years of teaching math at both the middle and upper levels. She will serve as the new **sixth-grade mathematics teacher**, replacing Dan Jones. Hester spent the past six years at Trinity Valley School and, prior to that, spent four years at the Portledge School in Locust Valley, New York. She holds a BS in Economic Analysis and a BA in Mathematics from the State University of New York at Binghamton in Binghamton, as well as an MS in Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. She is Schools Attuned Certified and attended the Klingenstein Summer Institute in 2006 at Columbia University.

The new **Upper School art/art history teacher** is **Lauren Cunningham**, replacing Tom Delaney. She holds a BA in Studio Art from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, as a cum laude graduate, where she was also a Phi Beta Kappa inductee. She also received an MFA in Sculpture from The University of Georgia in Athens. Lauren has participated in several exhibitions, mostly in the southern states and in New York, Philadelphia and Colorado. She was the recipient of several scholarships and served as a graduate teaching assistant at The University of Georgia. Although most of Lauren's experience is at the museum and gallery level, she taught at the AP level in the Upper School as a long-term substitute at The Walker School in Marietta, Georgia, and at The Westminster Schools in Atlanta.

**Rudi Flores** returns to Breakthrough in the permanent role of **Middle School coordinator**. He taught in the Breakthrough summer program from 2005-10 during which time his peers chose him to receive the Jessica Slade Award for congeniality.