

## L.I.F.E. TEACHERS' BIOS

**Stephanie Buckwalter** has been a homeschool mom for 10 years, including a special needs child and a struggling learner. She loves incorporating technology into homeschool—a huge boost for the kids that struggle. She has taught Computer Science for three years and maintains several websites, including one for homeschooled struggling learners.

**Monica Crane** received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a math minor from Appalachian State University. She has been homeschooling for 12 years. She has a passion for teaching math, and has been tutoring homeschool students in math for 6 years. This will be Monica's 3rd year teaching LIFE math classes.

**Crystal Dallke** has a certificate in Drama from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Tx. She has 10 years of experience performing worldwide with a drama team, has taught for 5 years and loves working with young people helping them develop in theater and drama.

**Alcinda Hatfield** has university degrees in both International Relations and Public Administration/Political Science. She has worked in the public and private sectors (uS and overseas) as a marketing manager, editor, and writer. Alcinda has been a homeschool educator for 9 years, and currently manages Heaven Scent Farm, where she teaches horseback riding lessons, conducts educational farm visit programs, and markets Black Angus Beef.

**Mike DeMichele's** enjoyment of high school physics set the direction of both his under-graduate education and his career. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has over 12-years experience in satellite and rocket engineering.

**Tracey Edwards** has a degree in Fine Arts, and is a returning teacher to LIFE. In addition, she has her own art studio in Old Town Warrenton where she provides art classes for all ages.

**Kristin Forman** feels like she has spent the better part of her life “playing school”! After high school, she entered George Mason University and earned her BA in English Literature. She then continued her education at GMU's Graduate School of Education where she earned her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, her certification to teach grades K-8, special education instruction endorsements as well as endorsements for teaching gifted students. She taught for several years for Fauquier County Public Schools but decided to stay at home once she had her first child. Since then she has been tutoring clients for the past 12 years and homeschooling her own children for the past 4 years. While she loves teaching students of all kinds, she admits to having a strong passion for working with and helping learning disabled students find success in the classroom.

**Brian Hubler** has a passion and desire to teach and train people to worship through music. He has many years and a variety of experience in leading bands, ensembles and worship teams. He lives in Gainesville, VA, and is happily married to his wife and has been blessed with four children. Throughout the years, Brian has taught band, strings and guitar in classes and privately. His primary instrument through college was the French Horn and as a Junior in college he began playing guitar. He taught for many years as a band director until the Lord directed him into full time music ministry. He has experience in both private and public schools as well as extensive ministry experience.

**John Jenkins** is an award-winning author for Focus on the Family's Breakaway magazine for teen boys. John's love for history, his passion for critical thinking and effective communication, and his commitment to student excellence have found expression in five books, nine short stories for Focus on the Family, speaking at homeschool conferences, speech and debate judging, and thirteen years of teaching homeschool students across Northern Virginia.

**George Jones** is a homeschool dad who has been hooked on Latin for over 20 years. He took Latin in college, went back after graduation for more, has a habit of translating favorite (simple) songs into Latin and has taught Latin to 1.33 of his 2 sons (# 2 is in progress) using "The Latin Road to English Grammar".

**Sandy Kelly** has a Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Colorado and a B.S. in Chemistry from Geneva College. She taught chemistry at the college level and has taught homeschool students chemistry and physical science. She homeschooled her own son, who is now a graduate student at George Mason University.

**Tracy Klicka**, BA in Music Education, Oral Roberts University and professional vocalist for over 25 years; has sung in choirs for over 17 years. This is her 5th year of directing the LIFE choir, and she loves working with young people to help them grow in their musical gifting.

**Pastor Jack Lash** is a sports enthusiast. He has been a soccer player and coach for 40 years, he is a former tennis instructor, and an avid sports fan.

**Jacob Lash** sang in choir in both High School and College, and is in his fifth year of teaching music at L.I.F.E. He has played piano for ten years, has performed at numerous public venues, and both plays and sings regularly for Gainesville Presbyterian Church. He has composed numerous pieces, several of which have been performed publically. Jacob has also directed youth activities at GPC for the past three summers. He has played lead roles in several community theatre productions, and will direct his second Musical Theatre camp for youth in the community this summer. Homeschooled K-12, Jacob has studied music at both NOVA and George Mason University. He loves to sing, loves to direct, loves kids, and aims to enable people from every walk of life to enjoy one of God's greatest gifts: song.

**Cindy Lescault** is an IEW Certified Instructor through the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Since 2008, she has taught IEW classes in the Essentials program at the Classical Conversations Vint Hill Farms Campus. During this school year 2011, Cindy has taught an IEW Level A class at Tagaloo in Warrenton. Cindy began her homeschooling career in 1993. While living in Clarksburg, WV, she ran a small co-op. Since returning to Northern Virginia her homeschooling career has included being a member of the CASA co-op that met at Centreville Baptist Church for 4 years, tutoring three years for the Classical Conversations Foundation Program and teaching several classes at LIFE including a Middle Ages class and Astronomy through Creation. According to Cindy her greatest joy is being the mom of six daughters and grandmother to a granddaughter in Cary, NC and a grandson in Yuma, AZ.

**Dona Loope** has homeschooled their eight children for the past 28 years - two more years to go. To love to learn, think, and create has been the goal of their homeschooling journey. They have especially enjoyed a literature-based history curriculum. She taught US and World History: the 20th Century this past year at L.I.F.E. with a literary, Christian world view emphasis, and looks forward to teaching the Lord of the Rings Literature class this year.

**George Murphy** has a BS in Biology with a minor in chemistry, and a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology w/ an emphasis in Gifted Education. He has taught biology at Fauquier High School for the past 30 years, and is chairman of the science department. He is the father of 5 homeschooled children, ages 9 -22.

**Vickie Pitts** - Sra. Pitts is a graduate of Hood College with a B.A. in Spanish and secondary education. She also studied in Mexico and Spain with the Universities of Arizona and Marquette. As an employee of the Organization of American States, she traveled extensively in Central and South America. Since 1995, she has participated in 6 short term mission trips to Mexico, Honduras and Paraguay serving as translator/interpreter. She has taught Spanish 101 and Continuing Education Conversational Spanish at Lord Fairfax Community College. Most recently she has served as an English-Spanish simultaneous interpreter and a Spanish-English consecutive interpreter at her church. In March, 2011, she and her students will participate in an EF Tour to Madrid and Andalusia, Spain, and in June, 2012 to Spain, France and Italy. She has 5 children all of whom have been home-schooled.

**Tonya Rhoades** is a mother of 7 (ages 5 – 24). She has been homeschooling for 20 years, and enjoys teaching geography.