

BACK-2-SCHOOL

Meet the Area's NEW Teachers



Jacob Burger, MVAOCOU HS PE

Jacob Burger will be teaching 9-12 Physical Education and Broadcasting at MVAOCOU High School and is also the Head Football Coach, Head Track and Field Coach, and weight room coordinator.

Mr. Burger is an Iowa State graduate and he has previously taught and coached at River Valley and Ogden over the past 12 years.

He shared, "I've been able to meet a lot of students in the weight room this summer. I'm excited to continue meeting kids and building relationships with them."

Mr. Burger's goal is to create a passion for physical fitness at MVAO. "This begins in the weight room but will also extend to a few new opportunities and choices for students this year."

He likes to spend time with his wife and sons, fishing, hunting, reading.

Jacob and Kelsey have two boys: Boden (5) is starting Kindergarten and Carver (3).

Kelsey Burger, MVAOCOU HS Math

Kelsey Burger is a Briar Cliff graduate who will teach High school Algebra and Applied Math through WIT at MVAOCOU High School. She is certified to teach all grade levels of math and she began her career teaching 7-12 mathematics at River Valley for two years before moving to Ogden where she taught math for seven years at Ballard and one at Ogden.

Mrs. Burger is an MVAO graduate and she is excited to be back home in the community she was raised in and teach something she is passionate about.

Kelsey and Jacob have two boys: Boden (5) is starting Kindergarten and Carver (3).

She shared, "I know (and don't expect) everyone to love math as much as I do. So my favorite part of teaching math is working with students who haven't had a great math experience or struggle in math and help them have success in the math classroom."



Logan Landwehr, MVAOCOU HS Special Education

Logan Landwehr will begin his 11th year in education as a 9-12 special education teacher at MVAOCOU High School.

Previously, Mr. Landwehr taught special education, PE, health, and strength & conditioning, and he has coached multiple sports at the high school and junior high levels.

Logan graduated with a teaching degree from Peru State and he received masters' degrees from both Peru State and Northwestern College.

He is most looking forward to meeting the staff and students at MVAOCOU and building relationships with everyone.

His words of encouragement and vision to share with our students and their families include "there are two things in life that everyone can control: Attitude and Effort! So always have a positive attitude and give maximum effort and you can accomplish great things!"

Paige Landwehr, K-8 PE in Anthon

Paige Landwehr will be the new K-8 physical education teacher in Anthon.

She graduated with her teaching degree from Northwestern College, and then went on to receive her Masters Degree in Physical Education from the University of Arkansas.

She has taught Physical Education for the last seven years, including six at Sidney High School and one at West Monona.

During her seven years of teaching, Mrs.

Landwehr has also coached a variety of different sports including: JH volleyball, basketball, and track and HS basketball and softball.

She is most excited to meet students and staff and begin building relationships with them.

Mrs. Landwehr shared, "My vision for my students is to teach them the importance of being physically active. I strive to help them find lifelong physical activities that they enjoy, while teaching them proper movement patterns and enhancing their character development through a wide range of activities."

Paige and Logan are the proud parents of Brooke (2 years), and Jordan (3 months).



Ted Mallory MVAOCOU HS Art

Ted Mallory is the new high school art teacher (Intro Art, Drawing, Photography, Ceramics, Painting, 3D Art and Yearbook). This will be his 30th year teaching all together after teaching at Boyer Valley

from 2000-2023 and Los Angeles Lutheran Jr/Sr High School from 1993-2000.

Mallory grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and received his degree from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska.

He lives in Charter Oak with his wife, Bethany, who teaches English at MVAOCOU. They have three daughters: Grace (23), Ellen (21) finishing up at USD, and Annamarie (18) starting her freshman year at UNI.

His hobbies include reading, writing and drawing.

"I'm looking forward to helping students see things in new ways and to use creativity and visual thinking skills like observation, visualization, applying design principles, analysis, expression, reflection and craftsmanship," he said.

Readers can see examples of his artworks at <https://www.artpal.com/tedmallory> they can also sample his writing at <https://www.goodreads.com/tedmallory>



Hannah Sadler, MVAO MS Special Education

Hannah Sadler has previously worked in the MVAO high school and middle school settings, both within special education while serving as a substitute and in instructional support.

This year, Hannah will be teaching special education in the Anthon building.

Ms. Sadler recently completed her Master of Arts in teaching from Morningside University.

In her free time, Ms. Sadler enjoys being outside, doing puzzles, going on walks, and attending Ram events. She can often be found out and about with her pups!

Hannah is most excited to stay within the MVAO school district and for students to return and share about their summer break. She is looking forward to continuing support within the community and her words of encouragement for our students and families are,

"I am envisioning a strong school year where my students and I will learn and grow together daily!"



David Seieroe, Mapleton Elem. Guidance Counselor

David Seieroe will serve as the guidance counselor at Mapleton Elementary School.

David graduated from Charter Oak-Ute in 1973 and attended Buena Vista University, majoring in English and physical education. He then earned a masters' degree in school counseling from Wayne State University.

Mr. Seieroe has served in education for 34 years, most of that time at COU as a physical education teacher and as a K-12 counselor.

He also taught language arts in Manilla and last year, he served as the school coun-

selor at Schleswig.

Mr. Seieroe shared that he is fired up about being on the staff at MVAO saying, "I am looking forward to working with the outstanding administration and staff that is serving the students in the district. Most of all though, I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the students and being a part of the whole school community in helping kids achieve, succeed and grow as students and individuals."

David and his wife, Linda were married in 1977 and they have 3 children, Kent, Brian and Kay. Linda works at Burgess Medical Center in the outreach clinic.

In his spare time, David enjoys travelling, playing golf, tending to his cows, and going to concerts and plays.

He also shared, "of course our main interest is our 5 grandchildren and their activities."

When asked to share some wisdom, Mr. Seieroe shared this quote, "A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank...but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child."



MaKenzie Smith MVAO Middle School 6th Grade

MaKenzie Smith graduated from MVAOCOU High School in 2020 and attended Iowa State University. After student teaching this fall in one of the first grade classroom in Mapleton, Makenzie will teach sixth grade math and social studies starting in January at MVAO Middle School.

She will graduate from Iowa State University in December with her elementary education degree and endorsements in reading, social studies, and coaching. Ms. Smith will also be our assistant middle school volleyball coach this fall.

Makenzie is grateful to have the opportunity to start her teaching career in the school from where she graduated. She is looking forward to working alongside with and learning many new teaching techniques from other teachers in the building.

Ms. Smith shared, "I am excited to work with my students, staff, parents, and the community!"

She currently living Mapleton and grew up on a farm outside of Charter Oak, where we raised/showed cattle. Her hobbies outside of school, include being with her family/friends, golfing, and reading.



Aaron Sorenson, MVAO Middle School Social Studies

Aaron Sorenson graduated from Iowa State University in 2023 and he student taught at Marshalltown High School and Middle School.

Mr. Sorenson is most excited about his first year of teaching in a new environment, meeting new people, and building new relationships.

Mr. Sorenson will teach 7th and 8th grade social studies and is the new Head Wrestling Coach.

Aaron shares that the focus of his teaching and coaching is for his students to maintain high expectations, to hold themselves accountable, to celebrate successes, and to have fun.

Other Teaching Changes at MVAO

- Justin Kahl is going back to 2nd Grade in Mapleton
- Kori Kahl is going to teach 6th Grade
- Lynette Larson is moving to 4th Grade in Mapleton
- Laci Gran is moving to 2nd Grade in Mapleton
- Katherine Dirkesen is now teaching K-8 Art
- Marie Whiteing will move to teaching Middle School Language Arts
- Taylor Jansen will move to teaching Middle School Math

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Vision Care Clinic would like to welcome all the new teachers and wishes all of our community's kids, parents and teachers/staff a safe and wonderful journey as you embark on a new school year. *Enjoy the ride!*



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