



Arizona Educators United is a coalition of teachers, education support professionals, administrators, and those who care about the state of education in Arizona. Our goal is to ensure that students have access to highly qualified and experienced teachers, that educators are compensated fairly, and to improve the educational environment in the state of Arizona.



**Kelley Fisher** is a kindergarten teacher who has just completed her 20th year of teaching. She spent 2 years in Glendale Elementary School District and 18 years in Deer Valley Unified School District, where she is currently teaching at Las Brisas Elementary School. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and a Deer Valley Teacher of the Year, she also received the first Deer Valley Continuous Improvement Classroom award. She is the Secretary of the Deer Valley Education Association and has served as membership chairperson. Kelley has served on several district level committees, including elementary social studies, math, and language arts adoptions, the multi-tiered system of support committee, and the continuous improvement committee. Kelley has also served on the district committee to create their strategic plan. Kelley currently serves on the Negotiated Solutions Team (NST), representing the certified employees in budget negotiations and the NST team to negotiate the writing of the certified manual. Outside of school Kelley is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization that supports women educators across the world.

**Derek Harris** is a middle school band teacher at Robins Elementary in the Tucson Unified School District. He has completed 11 years of teaching between New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona, and has taught grades 3 through undergraduate. He is a past member of Reveille Men's Chorus, a life member of the Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity, and a proud member of the Tucson Education Association. Derek has co-authored an article for the journal Praxis. He currently serves on the executive board of the Tucson Education Association.

**Kellee Wolfe** moving to rural Arizona 18 years ago from the suburbs of Detroit Michigan saw the cuts being made and decided she needed to do something. That's when she enrolled in NAU and earned her Bachelors in Elementary education. She will be starting her ninth year teaching. Certified in Elementary Ed with approved middle grades language arts and SEI and reading specialist endorsements. Completing 4 years in Parker and currently Lake Havasu 6th grade ELA. Also, have taught 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th ELA. Finishing Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Have served as VP of her local AEA served on several ADE and is a Kappa Delta Pi member.

**Brittani Karbginsky** is beginning her 5th year of teaching in Arizona. This being her 3rd year in 6th grade. She has a bachelors degree in elementary education from Northern Arizona University and just recently completed the Educational Administration program for her Masters Degree at Grand Canyon University. She has worked in the Peoria Unified School District and currently resides in Washington Elementary School District.

**Dylan Wegela** is a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Marc T. Atkinson Middle School, in the Cartwright School District. Dylan graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BA. He is going into his 3rd year of teaching. Dylan has experience teaching English in South Korea through the TaLK (Teach and Learn in Korea) program. Here Dylan earned the honor of province representative. While in South Korea, Dylan volunteered for the non-profit TNKR (Teach North Korean Refugees), where he tutored North Korean refugees in English. Dylan has served on the executive board in his local association (Cartwright Education Association) for 2 years. He was just recently elected president of his local.

**Noah Karvellis** is in his third year teaching K-8 music at Littleton Elementary School District. Prior to moving to Arizona, Noah received his Bachelor's degree in music education as well as the Music Education Achievement Award at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to his teaching, Noah frequently writes about pedagogy and music education. His research has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as *Music Educators Journal*, *Teaching Music*, *TOPICS in Music Education*, and *General Music Today*. His work has also been featured in several national and state conferences, as well as invited lectures on pedagogy. He currently serves as the President of the Littleton Education Association.

**Rebecca Garelli** has been a professional educator for 14 years, focusing much of her career on teaching middle school math and science. She holds a B.S. from DePaul University in Elementary Education and an M.Ed. in Science Education from Loyola University. Rebecca is a highly-qualified educator and has obtained Approved Areas in Middle School Math, Science and Social Science on her Arizona teaching certificate. In 2015 she joined the staff at DePaul University as a Science Instructional Coach and part-time adjunct faculty in the STEM Center. Through this position she worked closely with K-12 teachers within the Chicago Public School district, providing high-quality professional development workshops and coaching centered around the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Rebecca has presented science workshops at both the Illinois Science Teacher Association (ISTA) and Arizona Science Teacher Association (ASTA) state conferences, as well as National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) national conference. Since 2009, Rebecca has recently begun professionally writing as Freelance Science Curriculum Writer. She is currently teaching middle school math and science in Phoenix, AZ, and resides in Gilbert.

**Vanessa Arredondo** will be starting her fifth year teaching. She has taught 2nd-4th grade. She has a bachelors degree in Elementary Education and a masters degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from Arizona State University. She has SEI, English as a Second Language and Spanish Bilingual K-8 Endorsements. She worked in the Roosevelt School District in Maricopa County, Somerton School District in Yuma County and will be teaching in the Salome School District in La Paz County. She was nominated to be the "K-2 Teacher of the Year" in Yuma County. She is currently working towards National Board Certification.