

## School Leadership – Biographical Information



**Jay Rainey, Head of School**

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Jay Rainey began his tenure as Head of School in July 2019. He has spent his career in education and business, previously serving as Head of School at Randolph School and as Assistant Head for Academic Affairs at Norfolk Academy, where he worked as a math and English teacher, coach and college counselor as well. He also has seven years of entrepreneurial and business experience in education.

Jay Rainey holds a Master of Arts in American Studies from the College of William & Mary and a Bachelor of Arts in religion from Princeton University.



**Beth Miller, Chief Financial Officer**

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Beth Miller joined MICDS as the Chief Financial Officer in June 2018. Most recently, she served as Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Vice President at NIDEC Americas Holding Corporation. Prior to that, she served a long tenure in various positions at Emerson Electric, most notably as Vice President Finance, CFO from 2006-2010.

Beth Miller holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance from St. Louis University.



**Brian Thomas, Assistant Head of School**

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Brian Thomas began his tenure as Assistant Head of School in July 2016. He came to MICDS from the Bentley School where he served as Associate Head of School, Head of Upper School and Assistant Head of School in his time there. Prior to his arrival at Bentley, he served as the English Department Chair at Marin Academy, as Assistant Head of the Upper School at Catlin Gabel, and as Director of both The Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy and Presidio Hill School.

Brian Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Yale University and a Master of Science in curriculum and instruction with a focus on progressive education from Portland State University. He plans to continue to pursue a Doctor of Education in organizational change and leadership in the coming years.



**Scott Small, Head of Upper School**

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Scott Small has served as Head of Upper School since 2011. He began his teaching career at MICDS as a member of the Upper School History faculty in 1999. In addition to his administrative support for the Upper School, he still teaches a senior elective in the fall, History of Race and Sports in America, and also continues to coach the Girls Varsity Basketball team.

Scott Small earned a Master of Arts in southern studies from the University of Mississippi and holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from Principia College.



**Jennifer Schuckman, Head of Middle School**

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Jennifer Schuckman has served as Head of Middle School since 2014. Her tenure at our School began in the fall of 1998. In those first 16 years, Jen taught science, predominantly at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level, but also extended into 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Beyond serving as a science teacher, she has worked as an advisor, coach, class chair, dean and ISACS self-study Co-Chair.

Jennifer Schuckman holds a Master of Education with a focus on 7th-12th grade science education as well as a Bachelor of Science in molecular biology, both from Vanderbilt University.



**Amy Scheer, Interim Head of Lower School**

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Amy Scheer served as the JK-12 Math Department Chair for nine years before moving to the role of Interim Head of Lower School for 2019-2020. Amy began her career at MICDS in 2008 as a math teacher after teaching at another St. Louis school. Before teaching, she worked in statistical analysis and data mining in both corporate and academic settings.

Amy Scheer holds a Master of Arts in teaching math from Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in math from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.