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Press Release
New Faculty Hired by Springwood School



Ms. Keri Brown



Mrs. Tara Ross



Ms. Lauren Tomlinson

Springwood School is pleased to announce that Keri Brown, Tara Ross, and Lauren Tomlinson have accepted faculty positions at the school for the 2013-14 school year.

Ms. Keri Brown will teach 4th grade and join the cheerleading coaching staff at Springwood. She is from Conyers, GA and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from Young Harris College in May 2013. Ms. Brown did her student teaching at Union County Elementary School in Blairsville, GA. She also has classroom experience in several other schools in Georgia including, Gainesville City Schools, Towns County Elementary, and Union County Primary. While attending Young Harris College, Ms. Brown was a Student Ambassador for the college and a member of the Honor Council. She was also a board member of the “Inaugural Senior Giving Committee” at Young Harris. During the summers of 2011 and 2012 Keri worked at Camp Westminster as the senior counselor, where she led bible studies for the female staff and campers.

Springwood welcomes Mrs. Tara Ross from Flomaton, AL as a new high school science teacher and assistant cheer coach for this school year. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University in August 2012 with a major in Zoology. After graduation, Mrs. Ross went on a research trip to New Mexico and Arizona to study the species of the area and conduct research for various state departments. Tara did her student teaching at Beauregard High School. While at Auburn, she was a volunteer for the GUTS (Getting under the Surface) program. She worked with the Auburn University College of Sciences and Mathematics to promote scientific literacy and interest among K-12 students, teachers, and communities. She also participated in the “Service Learner” program at Yarbrough Elementary School in Auburn. During the summers, Mrs. Ross was a

summer missionary with North American Mission Board and was a student mentor with 21st Century Community Learning. She will teach physical science, biology, and honors biology this year at Springwood.

Springwood also welcomes Ms. Lauren Tomlinson from Waleska, GA as another new high school teacher and coach for the 2013-14 school year. Ms. Tomlinson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Reinhardt University in May 2013. She recently completed an independent study in Experimental Labs. At Reinhardt, Ms. Tomlinson was a member of Tri Beta Honor Society, the Allied Health Club, and the Women's Soccer Team, who were the 2012 Appalachian Athletic Conference division champions. While employed as a legal assistant for three years during college, she obtained valuable media and website management experience. Lauren also spent a year as the assistant girls' basketball coach at her former high school. Ms. Tomlinson was the valedictorian and class president of her senior class at Furtah Preparatory School, as well as a GISA All-State basketball and softball player. At Springwood this year Lauren Tomlinson will teach Earth Science, Biology II, Anatomy, and Psychology and be an assistant coach for girls' basketball.

Mr. Rick Johnson, Springwood Headmaster stated, "It is a great day to introduce to the Springwood Family and to the Valley Community these outstanding young faculty members. As we conducted the respective searches, each one of these individuals demonstrated the understanding of our mission and goals for Springwood. It is also exciting to know these young educators will engage with our students in the classroom as well as through extracurricular activities. The Lord has indeed blessed us with their decisions to join our team."