



# Summit Christian Academy

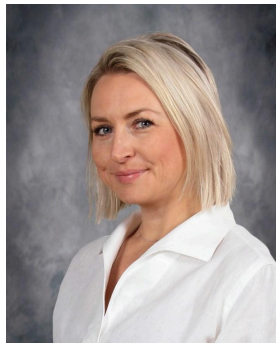
## LEADERSHIP & FACULTY

Summit Christian Academy teachers are robust leaders who strive for excellence and serve as role models for their students. They devotedly educate students to boldly employ their knowledge, talents, and faith to profoundly impact the world for Jesus Christ.



### **K-12 Principal | Mrs. Tarasov**

I have been in Christian education since my youth. Before joining SCA in 2008, I served as a Sunday School director at my church and World Languages teacher at Valley Christian School. I received my Bachelors in Elementary Education from Eastern Washington University in 2005. I am Washington State and ACSI certified. I am overjoyed that Summit Christian Academy is part of the community in Spokane and that we can offer life-giving, Christian, and quality education to our students.



### **Business Manager | Mrs. Shcherbina**

I joined the SCA team in 2009 as the school accountant. My sincere desire is to encourage students to master the art of academic excellence in their everyday learning. SCA students grow in a reservoir of dedicated teachers, intentionally and collectively striving to achieve each individual student's success. I graduated from Gonzaga University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and am ACSI certified.



### **Secretary | Mrs. Kozlov**

I was blessed with the opportunity to join SCA in October of 2023. SCA provides its staff a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord in their daily life through teaching students valuable academic and life lessons. I received my Bachelors in Accounting at Eastern Washington University.



### **High School Academic Advisor & Teacher | Mrs. Carver**

Working at SCA has been a blessing. Students are amazing and have a true desire to follow Jesus Christ. It has been an incredible joy to be able to pray for students and teach them God's Word daily. I received my Bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Washington University and my Master's degree in Mathematics from Western Governors University. I am Washington State and ACSI certified.



### **Elementary Advisor & Teacher | Mr. Sylvia**

Teaching at SCA is a blessing. God really is present and shows up, mainly because we welcome Him in. The care of the staff along with the partnership with students' parents, centered around God's Word makes this environment one where students thrive. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Whitworth and a Masters in Elementary Education from Western Governors University. I am Washington state and ACSI certified.



**Primary Advisor & Elementary Teacher | Miss Talmage**

I believe that teaching is a calling and one I am honored to have accepted some 25 years ago. God has gifted me in the realm of working with children, and I count it an honor and a privilege to have been in education for over 20+ years. I have been at SCA since 2021 and believe it is a blessed place to be able to serve the Lord. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education from The Crown College of the Bible and a Masters of Teaching and Education: Early Childhood Degree from Liberty University. I am ACSI certified.



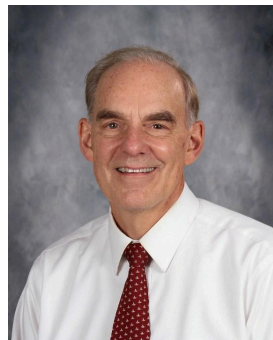
**High School Teacher | Mrs. Louie**

My journey with SCA started as a high school student. I was influenced by each of my teachers’ love for the Lord and their desire to guide my generation on the right path toward salvation. As an adult, I realized teaching was a gift of mine and desired to impact my future students as my predecessors did before me. After completing my Bachelor of Arts in Education with an endorsement in Middle-Level Mathematics from Eastern Washington University, I joined SCA once again as a certified teacher in 2021.



**Middle School Teacher | Mr. Tanner**

It is a blessing and honor to teach at SCA. Here, teachers seek to provide not only the head knowledge that students need in life but also the heart knowledge by encouraging students to study the Bible, live like our Lord Jesus Christ, and follow His example. I received my Bachelors in Religious Education, as well as my Masters in Education and Administration from West Coast Baptist College. I am ACSI certified.



**Upper Elementary Teacher & Learning Center Support | Mr. Hipple**

SCA is a safe, balanced, and family-like school. Each day, learning takes place centered in and around God’s truth in every subject. We are grateful to partner with parents in forming eternal character in each individual life. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Bachelor of Theology. I've taught full-time for over 30 years in various Christian schools. I am ACSI certified.



**Elementary Teacher | Mrs. Millard**

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to teach here at SCA. Being able to share the teachings of God daily in a faith-based learning environment is truly a wonderful experience. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in ‘Family Science’ and proceeded to graduate with my Masters degree in ‘Elementary Education’ from Western Governors University. I am Washington State certified.



**Primary Teacher | Mrs. Shannon**

I consider it an honor and privilege to be given an opportunity to teach and be a part of SCA. As a teacher, I am fortunate to lead little ones to Christ and to learn and grow with them. It truly is an amazing and rewarding experience. I hold a Bachelor of Science from Oregon State University and a Masters degree in Business Administration from New England College. I also completed a two-year program in Children’s Christian Education while I lived in Ukraine. I am ACSI certified.



**K5 Teacher | Miss Gluhova**

I felt privileged to join the SCA team in 2018. A close partnership between the academy with the parents has been established at SCA which allows education that integrates Christian values and academic excellence. I obtained a Bachelor of Arts with an Accounting emphasis and received my teaching certification in Ukraine. I am ACSI certified.





**Music Teacher | Mrs. Turner**

We partner with parents in developing the academic, social, and spiritual skills needed for a lifetime of love and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our goal each day is to love these children as the Lord loves them and provide a safe, interesting, and fun environment for learning. I graduated from Bob Jones University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and am ACSI certified.



**Physical Education Teacher | Mrs. Malova**

I am teaching PE K-8 classes since 2013. I love the Lord and care about our students. If you teach children the truth from an early age, it will stay with them for the rest of their lives. SCA influences not only the mind of a student but also the priceless soul. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education in Ukraine.



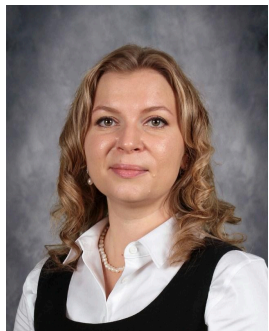
**World Language Teacher | Mrs. Tishchenko**

God has blessed me to serve children at SCA. I joined in 2022 and have been happy to reach children in a Christian setting. I have 12 years of experience in child education, teaching in the School of Russian Language “Rodnichok” in Spokane. I have a Master's degree in Economics and AS degree as a Library Technician. I completed the Exploring Russian Language and Literature program through Northwest Nazarene University.



**Fine Arts Teacher | Mrs. Nikolayeva**

I received my BA in Studio Arts at EWU in 2015 and a certificate in Photography at SFCC in 2012. I love trying out all types of art and have found the most enthusiastic and brave artists to be children! Creativity is a character trait that God has and through it I learn more about my Creator. Every artist has a style and we can see patterns and order in God's world pointing us to one divine source. The atmosphere at SCA is very family-oriented and I can see how deeply the staff care for the children. I'm excited to see how God will use me for His glory at this school.



**K4 Teacher | Mrs. Irina Feofanova**

It is a great honor and a true blessing to teach at SCA! I have a Masters degree in Law from the University of Arkansas (2009) and two advanced professional training degrees in teaching Russian as a Foreign Language from Lomonosov Moscow State University and Pushkin State Russian Language Institute. In my teaching career, I worked as an adjunct instructor in the University of Arkansas, and I taught Russian, and English as a second language privately for more than 10 years. My play-based and hands-on approach led me to working mainly with children. Teaching K4 at SCA in a classroom setting is a wonderful opportunity to switch gears in my educational career, and I bravely take all the challenges and enjoy every moment of it!