

MEET OUR STAFF

**Amanda
Allen
Science**

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Amanda Allen's passion for space was sparked as a young student meeting astronauts like Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Sally Ride. Now a dedicated science educator and administrator with over 17 years of experience, she has taught across all levels and led district-wide curriculum development. Her leadership roles—Special Education Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal—focused on inclusivity

**Briana
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Lab
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Briana Diaz is a graduate of NMSU-A from Engineering Technology and is working towards her Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering. Her path has led her to a strong passion for STEM education and engagement. Her interest in STEM first started in high school joining a competitive robotics team. Since then, she became President for STEM Club at NMSU-A, leading numerous

**Kerry
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Math**

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Kerry Miyoshi is a Math/Science educator and an Esports/Robotics/TSA coach. He has over 20 years of industry experience, leveraging his background in Engineering, Science, and Computer Programming. His 20+ years of teaching experience span grades 6-12, with 10 years served as the Science Department Chair at two high schools, as well as a Geology and Computer Science

**Kayla
Telles
Humanities**

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Kay Telles is the Humanities Instructor at SSES, where she works with all grade levels to explore the deep connections between history, literature, and the human experience. She holds a B.A. in English with a strong background in British literature, specializing in Shakespearean and Victorian texts. A lifelong artist, Ms. Telles aims to bring her passion for both visual and literary arts into the classroom, believing that creativity and critical thinking go hand in hand. Her goal is to help students

and advancing science education.

A champion of STEM outreach, Amanda has collaborated with institutions like the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, New Mexico Tech, and Associated Universities Inc, creating hands-on programs in astronomy, robotics, and radio physics for students in rural New Mexico. As an author and contributor to the IDATA project, she has worked to make science more equitable and accessible.

events across campus and the community; such as a campus-wide solar-eclipse viewing and a Summer STEM Camp for middle schoolers where they learned to build rockets and fly drones. In addition, Diaz supported a variety of initiatives on campus, including overseeing and advertising the Virtual Reality (VR) Lab where students and faculty can explore immersive educational experiences.

Whether developing new ideas, organizing STEM workshops, or mentoring peers in tech-related projects, Ms. Diaz is committed to fostering curiosity and making engineering and technology accessible and exciting for everyone.

instructor at the college level. His accomplishments include multiple student inventions from his "Area 52" lab, a nationally ranked 6th-place Esports team, a bronze medal-winning New Mexico Esports team, and local recognition as a visionary robotics coach. Mr. Miyoshi's teaching style and approach has earned him recognition as an innovative educator, and he is frequently sought after for his expertise.

not only observe the world, but actively engage with its past, present, and future through the lens of timeless stories, authors, and experiences.

Dr. Michelle Perry Director

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Dr. Michelle Y. Perry is a visionary educator, entrepreneur, and consultant with over 30 years of experience spanning PK–college instruction, educational leadership, and professional development. As the founder of Learn New Mexico, LLC and Learn Imrsv, LLC, she specializes in immersive virtual reality as an educational technology tool, curriculum design, and strategic action planning. Dr. Perry has held leadership roles across school districts and higher education institutions, spearheaded statewide training initiatives, and contributed to grant development and program management. With a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction focused on learning technologies, she is committed to transforming instruction through innovative, human-centered, and data-driven approaches.

Sonia Cardozo Administrative Assistant

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Sonia Cardozo is a dedicated and bilingual Administrative Assistant with a strong background in school operations and educational support. She brings years of experience working in both classroom and office settings and holds an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Sonia enjoys working in a school setting because she believes deeply in the importance of education and loves building connections with children and their families. She is passionate about helping create a welcoming, organized, and supportive environment where students can thrive. She has called Alamogordo home since 2013 and is a proud mother of three and the spouse of a U.S. military veteran. Her personal and professional experiences have shaped her strong commitment to serving families and supporting the mission of the school.