

WELCOME TO KSSB!

MOST EXCITED FOR?

This year Ms. Knopp is most excited to meet all the students... first and foremost! She's also eager to help facilitate the first ever Make48 design competition on-campus in the Winter in partnership with many innovative students & professionals statewide!

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

Creative Director | Tico Productions, LLC
Kansas City, Missouri

FUN FACT?

"I love mural making! I believe in the power of storytelling and public space to share public voice! One of my favorite murals was a tactile mural for KSSB in 2020 alongside artist Vania Soto. :)"



MS. LYDIA KNOPP

MAKERSPACE COORDINATOR

Ms. Knopp a creative problem solver with 7+ years experience in multicultural marketing and audio/visual production. She will be helping to coordinate the Makerspace on-campus and facilitate the podcast club. In her spare time, Ms. Knopp enjoys biking around the Dotte, adventurous eating with family, and dancing with friends!

HOMETOWN



Kansas City, Kansas

Ms. Knopp is a graduate of Sumner Academy High School, and Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA. Her favorite part about her hometown? "The History!"

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This year Ms. Mitchell is most excited to meet everyone and get to collaborate with TSVIs across the Wichita region and the state.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

TSVI at Sedgwick County Special Education Cooperative / Maize Special Education Cooperative for 5 years

FUN FACT?

"I have challenged myself to read 100 books this year! If you have any good recommendations, let me know! "



MS. LAURA MITCHELL

FIELD SERVICES SPECIALIST

Ms. Mitchell is a FS specialist with 5+ years experience as a Teacher of students with visual impairments in Sedgwick County. She will be supporting our Field Services team in Southern Kansas region of the state (Wichita) and beyond! Welcome Ms. Mitchell!

HOMETOWN



Goddard, Kansas

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MOST EXCITED FOR?

This year Ms. Marten is so excited to meet her new students and work with fellow COMS and teachers to make them as independent as possible!

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist
| CCVI, Kansas City, Missouri

FUN FACT?

"I have lived in 9 states and moved state to state 12 times!"

MRS. SARA MARTEN

CERTIFIED ORIENTATION & MOBILITY SPECIALIST

Sara Bushland, soon to be Sara Marten lives in Waldo. She has worked for 5 years as a Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist at Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI) in Kansas City.

HOMETOWN



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This year Mrs. Engle is most excited for not only herself to learn and grow as a professional and Teacher of Students with a Visual Impairment, but to watch her students learn and grow as individuals.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

Sarah grew up in Liberty, MO and has spent 12 years in education working in various grades in both elementary and middle school. Sarah is moving from an Instructional Assistant position at KSSB to a elementary teaching position and we are so happy to have her!

FUN FACT?

"I have swam with dolphins and a sea lion and was kissed by a camel."



MRS. SARAH ENGLE

TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH
VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS/
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

HOMETOWN



Liberty, Missouri

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"I finally get to start as a COMS in August, I am so excited to have my own students! I still can't believe that I get to help people for a living. When people ask what I do for a living, I tell them, " I have the best job in the world, " and then I explain what Orientation and Mobility Specialists do."

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

Program Assistant | Special education leadership and itinerant teachers and day schools, Greenbush

FUN FACT?

"I love to travel. My husband (John), son (Jake), and I finally made it to England in May. It was amazing and we are already planning our next adventure!"



MRS. SHELLANNE THOMPSON

CERTIFIED ORIENTATION & MOBILITY SPECIALIST

Mrs. Thompson worked in non-profit and corporate public relations for almost 15 years when she left when her son was young. She became a substitute teacher, children's librarian, and wrote for her local newspaper, the Osage County Chronicle. She later worked at Greenbush educational cooperative. Shellanne found out about a grant available to become an Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She jumped at the opportunity. That was 2 years ago and she just received my certification in July of 2022.

HOMETOWN & CONTACT



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