

# SPRINGWOOD INTERNATIONAL

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## Springwood School welcomes new "International House" staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Dear Students and Parents,**  
**Greetings from Springwood School!**  
**I hope you are having a great summer!**

*I am very excited about the new school at Springwood School! All of our residential students, who did not graduate last May, are returning for another school year and we are adding quite a few new students as well! Over the summer, we have been making upgrades in the International House. We have replaced the comforters, sheets, and linens in the student rooms, added some much needed shelving in the boys restrooms, replaced cookware and kitchen essentials and currently we are renovating in the kitchen! Each day we are making preparations for the student arrivals.*

*The main purpose of this newsletter is to introduce you to our new House Parents and Resident Coordinator! Having the right individuals responsible for the day-to-day management of students and upkeep in the Springwood International House Residence is very important! We have new qualified and engaging international staff members who will oversee our residential students for this coming year. While we will have others helping with the residential program as needed, these three individuals will be living in the International House and be our primary staff. To learn more about them, please read the information below.*

*Students, if you have not sent me your arrival plans, please respond to this email with that information right away. Please let me know if you need another copy of the pre-arrival information and forms. New students, please send me your 2nd semester transcripts as soon as you can as we are working on class schedules.*

*I look forward to seeing you soon and I am excited about our upcoming year together at Springwood School!*

*Warm regards,*  
*Ann Hixon*



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Delaina and Todd Brock

### We are pleased to welcome new "International House" Parents, Todd and Delaina Brock, from Peachtree City, Georgia.

Delaina Brock loves working with international students and has valuable previous experience both in the United States and abroad. Mrs. Brock has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and French from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Additionally, she has certification in teaching English as a Foreign Language, certification to teach French, is AP French certified and has Georgia teaching certification. Delaina plans to begin an online master's program in Global education in August. After graduating, with Cum Laude honors from Samford University, Delaina worked in France for a year teaching English and American culture in two middle schools. In France, she also tutored high school seniors for the Baccalaureate English test.

Upon returning to the U.S., Mrs. Brock taught French at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School in Fayetteville, Georgia for 3 years. She coordinated an exchange program with Lycée L' Oiselet High School in France for students in the French Club.

In 2018, Mrs. Brock married and moved with her husband to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where for the next few years, she taught French at Tuscaloosa Academy. Most notably, she was the French instructor for the German students whose parents worked at the Mercedes plant in the area. In 2020, her husband's career moved the Brocks back to the Atlanta area, and Delaina worked for a year at Arlington Christian School.

In previous schools, Mrs. Brock sponsored SGA, French Club, and coached girls' soccer. During college, she volunteered with Habitat for Humanity helping to clear debris after the 2011 and 2014 tornados that devastated



the state of Alabama and afterwards for several years helped organize Christmas gift shipments to children in third-world countries through Operation Christmas Child.

Delaina's husband, Todd Brock, is an advanced Emergency Medical Technician and is in the process of completing his Paramedic License in Emergency Medical Services from Faithful Guardian Learning Center in Georgia. Previously Mr. Brock worked for Regional Paramedical Services in Alabama and last year began working for a private EMS company in east Atlanta, called American Medical Response. Todd has now transferred his employment to their LaGrange, Georgia location where among other things, he will work to provide 911 medical transport services for the Troup County, LaGrange and Hogansville areas. Mr. Brock also has experience volunteering with several fire stations. Prior to becoming involved in the emergency medical field, Todd was an experienced automotive technician, performing maintenance services and inspections for customers. He also has worked as a shop foreman, where he trained employees in repairs and maintenance services. He is a graduate of the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, a division of Universal Technical Institute in Orlando, FL.

Beginning in August, on the days that Mr. Brock is not serving the community as an Advanced EMT, he will be serving, mentoring, and supervising students in the Springwood International House. Todd Brock says that the central theme of all of his past jobs has been service and this new role in the Springwood International House will be no different. Todd loves to cook and enjoys outside activities so he is looking forward to sharing recipes with the students from various countries and to participating with them in activities that promote a healthy lifestyle.

### We are also pleased to welcome Coach Skyler Slagle as Springwood's new International House Resident Coordinator for the 2021—2022 school year.

In May, Springwood announced the hiring of Skyler Slagle as Springwood School's Strength and Conditioning Coach serving the school's athletic teams. Shortly afterwards, we announced that Coach Slagle would also be a live-in staff member in the Springwood International House.

Coach Slagle will teach Physical Education at Springwood School when school begins in August. He has been assisting Coach Page, Springwood School's Athletic Director, throughout the summer with boys and girls conditioning and weights classes, preparing for the upcoming sports seasons at Springwood School.

Coach Slagle is from Alabaster, Alabama. He has a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Troy University and a Master of Science in Management from Faulkner University. He is engaged to Hannah Stinson from Mobile, Alabama. Currently, Ms. Stinson is finishing her last semester at Troy University, working on a Nursing degree. She will graduate from Troy

University this December and next April, she and Skyler will be getting married. Hannah will be a familiar face the Springwood International House as she is looking forward to getting to know the students and being involved in weekend activities.

Coach Skyler Slagle has an extensive background in coaching at Troy University and at Faulkner University. Faulkner University's former Head Coach commended Springwood on the great hire of Skyler Slagle. He said "Skyler is a talented young man with a bright future in education. He is a great young coach but an even better man! Most importantly, Skyler will bring excitement and energy to the students and athletes under his guidance."

Several international students already know Coach Slagle because he began working at Springwood last May, spending many hours assisting Coach Page with the opening week of spring sports and with multiple football camps. When he's not on the field, Coach Slagle likes to be outdoors, go camping, kayaking, and likes to play video games.



Skyler Slagle with Hannah Stinson

*Springwood's House Parents and Resident Coordinator will oversee the day to day routines of the residential students living in the Springwood International House. The staff will serve on rotating daily supervising shifts, prepare meals, monitor student study times, provide transportation, give support, and plan and participate in student activities during weekends and school breaks. They will also embrace the duties pertaining to the upkeep and operation of the International House. I am looking forward to having these new staff members working with me to carry out the responsibilities of the international student program at Springwood School.*

*Students, please send me your arrival plans if you have not. See you soon!*