

# **Lewis Center for Educational Research Academy for Academic Excellence**



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Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of the staff and our new administrative team, I welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as your TK-12 Principal. I started as a second grade teacher at AAE in 2003 with five years of prior teaching experience. For the past four years, I have served in administration as the Elementary Vice Principal and Elementary Principal. I am graduating with my Masters in Administrative Services and clearing my Administrative Services Credential through National University this year. It is an honor and a privilege to work with our amazing AAE students, families, and staff.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Dr. Lisa Longoria as Elementary Vice Principal and Mr. Tony Castro as Secondary Vice Principal. Lisa Longoria has been a highly-respected kindergarten teacher at the AAE for the past two years. She has extensive prior experience in education. Since 2013, Lisa has been a Virtual Reflective Coach with the Riverside Office of Education Center for Teacher Innovation guiding candidates in becoming eligible for a clear credential. She has also taught 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Additionally, she has been a Director of Curriculum for a charter school. Lisa is a Victor Valley High School grad, earned her Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate University, and received her Administrative Services Credential from Azusa Pacific University.

Tony Castro most recently served as a Dean of Student Services at another local school. Overall, he has thirteen years of middle school and high school teaching experience and over six years of administrative experience. Tony completed most of his K-12 education at Victor Valley schools, but ultimately graduated high school in Van Nuys. After graduation, he joined the US Army and was stationed in Germany for three years. He is a Desert Storm combat veteran, served in the Persian Gulf in 1991, and went to Iraq to assist in the liberation of Kuwait. He received his Master's degree in Education from Chapman University. He will be graduating from Brandman University with his Masters in Educational Leadership with the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential.

We are here to serve you and ensure that our students receive the best possible TK-12 education. The "2018-19 Information" on our website should provide you with any information that you may need for a successful start to the school year. <http://aae.lewiscenter.org/School/index.html>  
We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school, Monday, August 6.

Sincerely,

Valli Andreasen