

SENIA Brasil

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Dear SENIA Brazil Community,

Thank you for a wonderful 2023-2024! It was an exciting time! As with most international schools new people eagerly jump on board to serve while others graciously show the 'newbies' the ropes to ensure that parents, students and teachers are experiencing ongoing exceptional care to foster healthy growth. Now, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for being instrumental with the establishment of SENIA Brazil and serving the community: Lizzie Hudson; Carolina Telio and Annie Neill. We wish all of you the very best with your new endeavors and thank you for being caring people willing to serve others!

Over the break, SENIA Brazil wishes all members of the community a well-deserved rest. We hope that you take time to recharge your batteries, and come back to school and SENIA Brazil re-energized and ready to take on new projects with the heart to serve others! Thank you all for a fabulous 2023-2024! We look forward to seeing you in 2024-2025!

Warm wishes,

SENIA Brazil Board

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Pauline Mott

Hello Everyone! I serve as the Lower School Student Support Services Coordinator at the American School of Belo Horizonte. My reason for championing inclusion and inclusive educational practices, and serving through SENIA is that I am enthusiastic and passionate about ensuring that all children experience success emotionally, mentally, socially and academically. I firmly believe that our world is more positive, compassionate and healthy when all people are given respect and dignity! In my spare time I love practicing pilates, cooking and reading.



Travis Evans-Sago



Travis Evans-Sago, currently working at Escola Americana de Campinas and soon to join Graded - The American School of São Paulo, has dedicated his life to promoting inclusion long before it became a global focus. From amplifying queer voices at a conservative university to researching the language learning of immigrants and their children, he has consistently strived to incorporate diverse perspectives into his life and work, believing that everyone has a unique story and viewpoint. Travis is committed to ensuring these stories are seen, told, understood, and, most importantly, included. On a personal note, Travis and his husband, Gabriel, are proud cat dads to Meimei, whom they affectionately call "the angel," and Yuki, their "loving devil."

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Marika Smith

I am a Grade 1 teacher at Escola Americana de Belo Horizonte (EABH), embarking on my first international teaching post after 18 years of teaching experience in the United States. I hold a Master's degree in Literacy Development and a certificate in Dual Language Specialization, demonstrating my commitment to inclusive education practices for all students. I am a dedicated educator who brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to my classroom.

My husband and I are embracing our empty nest years by teaching internationally, while our four children enjoy their lives in the States. Outside of the classroom, I love hiking, reading, exploring new places, and spending quality time with my husband and their dog, Dandy.

Christina Fraser

PYP Coordinator@ EABH - The American School of Belo Horizonte

Christina has always been a supporter of Student Support Services within schools. In her 24 years as a teacher, she has worked with students across all spectrums and is dyslexic herself. Christina was born in Australia but worked in Japan, Canada, and the UAE before moving to Brazil in 2023. She understands the importance of early intervention and support given to students and families, along with the difficulty older students and adults can face in our ever-changing, fast-paced world. In her spare time, Christina enjoys gaming, reading, and traveling.



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Juliana Heleodoro

Elementary Learning Support and EAL Coordinator at the International School of Curitiba

Juliana is a Neuropsychopedagoge and has a specialization in Brazilian educational law and Special Education. She started her teaching career in the U.S and moved back to Brazil 10 years ago. Juliana fell in love with special education helping her older son navigate life on the autism spectrum. Juliana loves to cook and explore new places with her two sons.



Dr. Marla Starr Hall

With over 17 years of specialized experience in educational leadership, my current role as an Optimal Learning Teacher at Graded American School of São Paulo gives me the opportunity to help students learn and grow. I have previously worked at the American School of Bombay, Cairo American College, and the International Secondary School in Tokyo. I love to learn languages, run marathons, and paint

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Brody Fulton



Brody is a dedicated and passionate educator who specialises in Inclusive Education. He is currently the Learning Support Coordinator at the American School of Brasilia where he works to ensure that all students have the tools they need to achieve their academic goals. Within his role and personal life, he advocates for the rights for students with disability to try and bring about change (at whatever level) to make the lives better for all students.

Brody is an Australian who now resides in Brazil. He is married with two beautiful sons.

Farewell Lizzie Hudson

After 3 short years in Brazil, my family and I will be moving on. I am honored to have had the chance to get to know the wonderful people on the board of SENIA Brazil. Having been a member of SENIA for years, I am so thrilled that SENIA Brazil is growing and helping connect schools and families in Brazil to further the goals of SENIA International. I am sad to be leaving, but seeing the great things that they are doing helps me know that they will continue with this great work.

Thank you for your support and camaraderie during my time here. It has been a pleasure working alongside you and I am grateful for all the shared experiences and knowledge.