



Blue Mountain
Community College

Dale Peters

Meet Dale Peters, Adjunct Mathematics Instructor, BMCC Pendleton.

Dale has been with BMCC for four years and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with an Advanced Math and Physical Education endorsement.

Dale's favorite thing about teaching for the College: "Teaching at the college level is by far the best teaching environment. The students, for the most part, are highly motivated and see their education as a key component to their dreams. At BMCC, the smaller class size even magnifies this factor. It is so enjoyable to work with these individuals and hopefully make a difference."

Dale has a small farm 14 miles north of Pendleton that has been in the family for four generations. During off hours, he drives some tractor, hoes some weeds, plants some seed, and "plays some really ugly golf!"



Ashley Benson

Meet Ashley Benson, English Instructor, BMCC Pendleton.

This is Ashley's first year at BMCC. She has a Master of Arts degree in English Literature. She earned a double-major in French & English as an undergrad at Western Washington University.

Ashley's favorite thing about teaching at the College: "I love watching my students get it, and gain the confidence to write strong essays."

Outside of work, Ashley spends a lot of time baking. She likes the challenge of baking things that people normally only buy at a bakery.



Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan

Meet Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan, Director of Early Childhood Education.

"I took this position because I was ready for a different challenge. There is something new each day as I work with peers, students and county agencies to improve early childhood education ages 0 to 8."

Before accepting this position, Dawn was a Title I teacher, an instructional coach and an elementary teacher for a total of 26 years in the Umatilla and Hermiston school districts. She loves working with students of all ages, and she especially enjoys walking on campus and running into former students who are continuing their educations.

Dawn has a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from the University of Oregon and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix.

Dawn's favorite thing about working at the College: "I am enjoying getting to know the faculty and staff, and inspiring students who are choosing to go into such a rewarding field. A successful start in early childhood education is key to success in our educational system."

Dawn likes to spend time with family and her boxer. She enjoys running, hiking, and being outdoors. She also enjoys watching college football. Her daughter is currently attending the University of Oregon, so travel to Eugene is on the agenda, often.



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