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BOARD CHAIR SPOTLIGHT: ANNA

Anna has her bachelor's degree from Transylvania University where she studied Spanish and Sociology. She has her master's degree in American Studies from Kennesaw State University, and she is currently working towards her Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She teaches ESOL at an elementary school in Louisville, Kentucky. Anna joined GEO in the Fall of 2018 after seeing the work of a childhood classmate and GEO English teacher, Reina.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: REINA SLAYMAKER



My name is Reina Slaymaker, and I have just completed my second year of teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) at Colegio La Montaña // The Little Mountain School in Joya Honda, Guatemala. I grew up in Lexington, Kentucky and graduated from the Spanish Immersion Program before earning my BA in Arts Administration at College of Charleston in South Carolina. I taught EFL at a preschool in Istanbul, Turkey before my involvement with Guatemalan Educational Outreach (GEO). I became a teacher because I am passionate about quality education that is accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status. I am returning to Kentucky to serve as President of GEO and I am very excited to help improve, expand, promote, and fundraise for our school as it grows.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MILEIDY



This is Mileidy. She is 6 years old and in our Blue Group. She just completed Kindergarten, her second year studying at the Little Mountain School. She is the tenth of eleven children in her family, and the first of her siblings to learn any English. Her younger sister, Maricrux, is a student at the Little Mountain School as well. Mileidy loves to study and practice her letters. She is exceptional at reading and writing and takes great care in her penmanship. When she grows up, she wants to be a teacher. She is very creative and turns all of her assignments into works of art.

WE MODEL MAXWELL ELEMENTARY SPANISH IMMERSION PHILOSOPHY

Be: Responsible, Respectful,
Cooperative, Kind

GEO'S RISING STAR: ANGELA



Forrest Day with our GEO rising star, Angela, a 2nd year student

A message from Forrest Day our International Lead at TEAMGEOKY

“As November sets in, we all begin the season of spending time with family, eating and gift giving. For many, the month is characterized by shopping. With all of the cute little stores, outlet malls and chains, we have lots of great local places to shop. Last year in the days between Thanksgiving and “Cyber Monday” American’s spent over 3.7 billion dollars for consumer goods in store and online.

While we all enjoy giving and getting, it’s difficult not to consider those less fortunate. Create new traditions in your family by making your November a ‘Giving Month.’ For a GEO kid your gift can mean the difference in a livable wage in their future or a continued life of generational poverty.

For 1500.00 a child will have safe space to learn from teachers from Lexington, Kentucky plus two

Guatemalan teachers. Also, they will be provided a simple yet nutritious breakfast and lunch. A library of donated books and lots of volunteers excited to help the kids or improve the school building.

Even if you don’t have 1500.00 don’t sweat it. We call ourselves TEAMGEOKY for a reason. Why? Because it takes all of chipping in where we can.

Also, if you have a talent, we can use them on the Board. We need Administrative help and individuals willing to set up a presentation at their church, work, or home. It’s going to be an amazing 2020 school year for GEO. Join the team. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and a brand new 1st grade class. The kids are super excited and engaged. God Bless!”

TEAM GEO: FATHER MIGUEL



Father Miguel from Saint Leo Catholic Church in Versailles, Kentucky walking the El Camino in Spain to raise donations for TEAMGEOKY.ORG. Father Miguel tells us “We can do great things, but it takes some sacrifice. Let’s keep walking for the children. You all are in my prayers on my way to Santiago.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN INTERNATIONAL CHAIR FORREST DAY

1st Week of January, 2020 to
kick-off 3rd year school.

Email TeamGEOKY for more details.

JOIN US FOR **CYCLEYOU** CARES RIDE TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

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12:30 PM Saturday, December 7th
165 Midland Ave.

45 minute class with a minimum \$10 donation

DONATE HERE

MAIL CHECKS TO:

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GEO, INC. PO BOX 23923
Lexington, KY 40523

IMPORTANT LINKS

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[Lexington Herald Leader: Guatemalan
School Takes a Cue from Fayette
County's Spanish Immersion Program](#)

[VIDEO: GEO Introduction](#)

[VIDEO: Reina Explains the
Importance of GEOKY](#)

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