



## Dear Families,

We are excited to welcome your child to Haines House! Over this coming year, we look forward to meeting and communicating with you to ensure that your child is safe, healthy, and happy. We strive to create a comfortable setting that allows your child to excel at Concord Academy — socially, emotionally, and academically. We are the daily adult presence in your child's "home away from home," providing adult supervision, setting limits, offering guidance and support, and caring for your child within the house.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and this amazing place we call home.

### Haines House:



**Brendan and Stephanie Shepard:** Brendan "Shep" and Stephanie live in the Haines-East apartment with their son, Tyler (11). They have been house faculty members for 13 years. Shep is entering his 15th year in the Advancement Office and has taught history at CA in previous years. Stephanie works for a microbiology research company in Acton, MA and also works with companies that have a social and/or environmental impact. They are on duty every third weekend and Sundays. Brendan is the Lead House Faculty in Haines this year.

**Amy Kumpel:** Amy and her wife, Julie Merritt, live in Gooding Barn North with their cocker spaniel. Amy is the head of the Science Department, teaching physics and engineering; Julie works in healthcare sales. Together, they share a passion for traveling; they are headed this summer to Croatia & Montenegro and next up is Slovenia & Austria for Christmas and the New Year! Amy actively volunteers for Tufts University, and Julie is heavily involved with her high school alma mater, St. Mark's School, just a bit south of Concord. Amy is also a dedicated alumna volunteer for her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi.

**Topi Dasgupta:** Topi and her two sons live in Munroe House just across the street from Haines. She teaches in the History department, and is a team member of the Community and Equity office, leads the Cohort group, advises the Women of Color and South Asian Students student clubs and will be starting her seventh year as house faculty. She is an active researcher in the field of women and development in South Asia and spends her summers working in India.

**Andrew Stevens and Sarah Franzen:** Andrew and Sarah live in the Haines-West apartment with their menagerie of plants. They also have plans to adopt a dog this fall. This is Andrew's third year teaching English at CA. He advises The Scallion, a student-run satirical newspaper. Sarah works in West Concord as an educational researcher, but has spent time working as a teacher and administrator for Teach for America in Mississippi. They are on duty every other weekend and Wednesday.

**Adam and Julie Bailey:** Adam and Julie will be living in the "garden level" of the new Haines-Hobson Connector with their two children, CJ (13) and Anna (10). Adam has been teaching Spanish at CA for seven years and has served as department head, senior class advisor, PE instructor, admissions interviewer, and coordinator of numerous travel programs at CA. They love to travel, and after spending the summer before last in an RV touring the country from coast to coast, they spent this summer in Spain where they walked the Camino de Santiago and explored the Canary Islands and the Basque Country.

Should you have any timely questions or concerns, please call the house cell phone: (978) 831-3887 which will connect you with the house faculty on duty that particular day. Otherwise, the best way to reach out is via email at [haineshouse@concordacademy.org](mailto:haineshouse@concordacademy.org).

We truly look forward to a wonderful year with your child and getting to know you better.

Sincerely,

**The Haines House Faculty Team**