



PEER RECOVERY

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



Bridget Maggard

Bridget Maggard is the Principal of Rise Inspire Academy. She has worked in public, private, and parochial schools for over 20 years. Her expertise includes general education, special education, and school administration. Bridget leverages her experience and education to strengthen the foundation of San Antonio's first Recovery High School. She has two Master of Arts degrees—one in Elementary Education and the other in Special Education, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. When not at Rise Inspire

Academy, she camps at Texas State Parks, cruises on Carnival ships, and spends time with her two adult children and her father.



Gabby Wohlford

Gabby Wohlford is the Chief Operating Officer and Vice Principal at Emerald School of Excellence, a private Recovery High School in Charlotte, NC. Gabby joined Emerald as an advisory committee chair in May 2019 shortly after graduating with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina Asheville. During her time as an undergraduate, Gabby interned at multiple recovery centers in North Carolina and completed two independent research projects on the stigma associated with substance use disorders, both of which were published in

undergraduate journals. Gabby has had the privilege of being a part of the growth of Emerald School of Excellence since the school opened its doors in 2019. Having experienced mental health and substance use struggles as an adolescent, she knows firsthand just how much these factors can impact the high school experience. Gabby believes that the individualized, self-paced education in a recovery-friendly and

supportive environment that Emerald School of Excellence and other Recovery High Schools provide is the solution many of our youth need.



David Claunch

David Claunch spent the first 20 years of his professional career as a mechanical engineer working in the construction industry in Tidewater Virginia. Then he began his own recovery journey. He has been in long term recovery since January 20, 2003. The recovery process allowed a new person to emerge. That new person quit his engineering career and became a clown, balloon artist, and storyteller. He travelled all up and down the east coast entertaining children for 10 years. It was then that he realized he needed to adult a little more. He became a

math teacher and found recovery high schools. He moved from Jonesborough, TN to Texas to teach. Now he teaches algebra 2, pre-calculus and physics at Archway Academy.



Marian Holtorf

Marian Holtorf has been an educator for more than 18 years and has worked with underserved youth for almost 25 years. She has a passion for educational reform and alternative education. She helped start APEX Recovery School in Rochester, MN in 2016 and has been hooked on teaching students in recovery ever since! Marian has teaching experience in special education, English, social studies, project-based learning, community partnerships in education, outdoor education, and experiential learning. If she won the lottery, she would open a combo coffee

shop/flower/plant shop and would employ only disenfranchised teenagers. And she would start an outdoor K-12 school.