



## Fall Term 2018

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### Morning Classes

### 9:30 - 11:30

**Get Sparked with Art** **Ages: 4-6**  
 (#31800) Fee: \$30 Instructor: Priscilla Oehlschlaeger  
 Explore the basic wonders of creating art with several new projects. Paint, work with molding clay, create underwater characters, learn about blending colors and drawing. Cut and sew squares, circles, animal shapes and finger puppets. Design a Robot or Mermaid costume. Fun class to get sparked with Art. **Activity Level: 2**

**Scientific Mayhem** **Ages: 4-6**  
 (#31801) Fee: \$40 Instructor: Lisa Bacu  
 Let's have fun doing some science! We will explore, build, test, and mix all kinds of things. How tall can I build this tower? What will happen if I mix these two things? What does this look like on the inside? How does this work? Join us and discover something new!  
**Activity Level: 2**

**Robotic and Coding** **Ages: 6-8**  
 (#31802) Fee: \$45 Instructor: Mousumi Sinha  
 Let me introduce you to the amazing world of bots! So many bots to choose from - motorized, wiggle, cars, hands,.... We'll add to the fun by tossing in some Scratch and Code Master Logic. By the end, you'll be ready to stop, wiggle, and roll your way through robotic projects of your own. **Activity Level: 2**

**Geofinity: A Geometry Adventure** **Ages: 7-8**  
 (#31803) Fee: \$25 Instructor: Theresa Burch  
 WELCOME TO A GEOMETRY ADVENTURE! You have been selected to take a trip to a new planet called Geo. Learn Geolanguage, build a spaceship, meet aliens, and much more during this OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD hands-on geometry experience. **Activity Level: 3**

**LEGO Mindstorms Robotics** **Ages: 7-9**  
 (#31804) Fee: \$50 Instructors: Janet Bockey  
 Learn to use motors, sensors and gears to design and build a unique LEGO robot each class to master weekly challenges. Learn gearing, create robot attachments, compete in games, races, heavy weight challenges, and much, much more! Then combine all the skills you've learned to create your ultimate robot for an epic Battle Bots competition! (Returning/experienced students will be offered advanced challenges.) **Activity Level: 1**

**Mission Impossible 1** **Ages: 7-9**  
 (#31805) Fee: \$35 Instructor: Mia Burnett  
 You will use problem solving techniques and group cooperation to solve problems that would normally be deemed

impossible. You will attempt tasks involving Physics, Forensics, Environmental, Creativity, Senses, Service, Nutrition and many more challenging exercises. This is your mission, should you choose to accept it. **Activity Level: 1**

**Chemical Explorations II** **Ages: 7-10**  
 (#31806) Fee: \$40 Instructor: Barbara James  
 Come measure, pour, mix and swirl into the world of chemistry as we explore reactions that make side walk chalk, ice cream, crystals and much more. Meet the Clancy's, make density bottles and make water flow up hill in this hands on, educational and fun session.  
**Activity Level: 3**

**Beyond Basic Origami** **Ages: 8-10**  
 (#31807) Fee: \$10 Instructor: Christine McCullough  
 Dive into making more complex multi-sheet projects - geometric modulars, animals, and purely decorative models. Students should have beginning origami skills - precise knife-like folds. **Activity Level: 4**

**Making Monsters!** **Ages: 8-12**  
 (#31808) Fee: \$50 Instructor: Melanie Simkins  
 Halloween doesn't have to be one day of fun. Let's make our own costumes and props. Cheetahs, dragons, ghouls, & superheroes are on the prowl. Learn realistic face painting, develop your own unique costume design, and create your masterpiece. \*Note - Please disclose any latex allergies as alternative costuming methods are required.\* **Activity Level: 1**

**Theater Arts: Improv Games & Challenges** **Ages: 8-14**  
 (#31809) Fee: \$10 Instructor: Debra Davidson  
 Play Improv games and devise team solutions to unique challenges. Practice self-expression and team work in an environment encouraging the collaboration of individual strengths and talents. Explore the creative process while learning acting, story/character development, communication and presentation skills, team work, and risk taking.  
**Activity Level: 2**

**Don't Speak With Food In Your Mouth** **Ages: 9-11**  
 (#31810) Fee: \$20 Instructor: Valdasia Merrick  
 Fun class to not only develop poise, confidence and skill of public speaking, but to also experiment with a snack reflecting your favorite leader's personal life or culture. Prior to class, select your favorite leaders, speeches and a related food to share with classmates on a designated day. On the last day, deliver speeches, dress as your leader, and invite guests. **Activity Level: 4**

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**The Wizarding World of Harry Potter I**      **Ages: 9-12**  
 (#31811) Fee: \$30      Instructor: George Whitaker

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go to class at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? Come make potions, play Quidditch, make wands and cast spells. Delve deep into the world and readings of Harry Potter. Open to Gryffindors, Slytherins, Ravenclaws, and Hufflepuffs. **Activity Level: 3**

**Chess Bootcamp**      **Ages: 9-14**  
 (#31812) Fee: \$25      Instructor: Kevin Coleman

This class is for chess players who would like to improve on their skills and use those skills in the real world. We will examine famous games, learn great playing strategies, and MUCH more. Compete for prizes and a chance to win a 1 year membership to the United States Chess Federation! \*\*Students are expected to know the rules of Chess and how to notate games before enrolling in this class\*\* **Activity Level: 4**

**Be a Podcaster**      **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#31813) Fee: \$0      Instructor: P.F. Wilson

You, our newest podcaster, will learn how to make your own Internet radio show, also known as a podcast. From choosing what the show will be about to recording, editing, and posting - you will learn the medium from the ground up. **Activity Level: 3**

**Deconstruction in Reverse**      **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#31814) Fee: \$40      Instructor: Patrick Walker

Toasters, TVs, Vacuums, and Blenders. Piece by piece, deconstruct trash and reconstruct it into something totally new. Build a sculpture, build droids, scrap it, or build primitive hand tools. You'll never look at trash the same way again. **Activity Level: 1**

**The (Not So) Great War**      **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#31815) Fee: \$0      Instructor: Andrew Speno

WWI armistice centennial! Simulate key decisions facing different countries and compare your choices with those of actual leaders. Fire slingshot artillery weapons, wage trench warfare in an online game, drive a war ambulance and bandage wounds, send messages in Morse code, fly reconnaissance missions, and debate the war's 'biggest loser.' Games, primary resources, and vintage video clips. **Activity Level: 2**

**Scary Stuff**      **Ages: 11-14**  
 (#31816) Fee: \$20      Instructor: Veronica Engel

This class is not for the faint-hearted! Creep behind-the-scenes of horror movies, urban legends, and more. Make your own movie monster look and give your parent's chills. Perfect your late night campfire story to frighten your friends. Star in a horror thriller of your own. And above all, figure out what makes scary things so... scary? **Activity Level: 3**

### Volunteering

Volunteering is a cornerstone of PAGE and The Super Saturday Program. The program is run by parents who volunteer their time and talents to serve the gifted children of the Cincinnati area. It is a big job, but the rewards are countless. If you feel The Super Saturday Program gives your child opportunities to try new things, to delve more deeply into subjects, and to have opportunities to make new friends, then please consider stepping up to help keep this program strong. We need your help! Here are some of the ways in which you can help:

**In the Program:** Currently there are volunteer vacancies important to the mission of The Super Saturday Program which need to be filled. (Some positions have tuition remission to apply toward the reduction of tuition.)

Please review the Parents' Events Coordinator, Assistant Treasurer, and Brochure Design position details online at [www.supersaturday.org/Our-Program/Volunteering](http://www.supersaturday.org/Our-Program/Volunteering)

**In Class:** Every class must have at least one parent, preferably two, present at all times, in addition to the teacher. With hands-on classes, many teachers need multiple adults to assist with the children. On the first day of class, the teacher will have a sign-up list for parents. Each parent is expected to volunteer to assist with at least one class during a session.

**On Campus:** The team of volunteers who run The Super Saturday Program is amazingly small, approximately 15 parents. Because these parents also have children in classes, it can be difficult to tend to every need on campus. If you see an opportunity to lend a hand, please do so -- give directions, help make coffee in the forum, or help teachers as needed. Please consider this to be your program, and get the whole family involved!

If your background, experience, or interest lies in any of these areas, please contact CEO, Liza Gallagher, at [liza.gallagher@supersaturday.org](mailto:liza.gallagher@supersaturday.org) or President, Gina Baldwin, at [gina.baldwin@supersaturday.org](mailto:gina.baldwin@supersaturday.org)

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## REGISTRATION REMINDERS

- ◆ Do NOT include lab fee with registration. Pay lab fees to teacher on first day of class.
- ◆ Registration opens online September 2nd. Mailed registrations will not be entered until September 3rd.
- ◆ Only register your child for one AM class and/or one PM class per session. If you have additional or back-up choices that you would like recognized, please send those via email to [registration@supersaturday.org](mailto:registration@supersaturday.org). Jackrabbit does not prevent you from registering for multiple classes and will automatically charge you for each class registered. So please be cognizant of this.
- ◆ If you would like to pay by check or are applying for financial assistance, register online then mail payment information within 2 days. **If we do not receive payment within 7 days, your student will be moved to a waiting list.**
- ◆ Registrations mailed after **September 22rd** should include non-refundable \$25 late fee (maximum \$50 late fee per family). Returned checks will result in \$20 fee. Checks payable to: **The Super Saturday Program**

Mail to: **The Super Saturday Program**  
**PO Box 43385**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45243**

- ◆ **Spirit Wear** is sold on the first and second Saturdays of each session in the **Parent Hospitality Room**.
- ◆ Parents who assist in their children's classrooms report much greater appreciation for this program and its classes.
- ◆ Parents who are not assisting in classrooms are encouraged to stay in the **Parent Hospitality Room** for coffee and conversation, as a parent or guardian should remain on campus.
- ◆ **Educational events for parents** are presented free of charge and are typically held in the **Parent Hospitality Room**. Past presentations have covered such topics as Parent Effectiveness Training, Literature for Gifted Children, Advocacy, Post-Secondary Education, Home-Schooling and Open Forum Discussions. Confirmation letters and posted signs detail the specific speakers and dates for each session.

## FINANCIAL AID/GRANTS

A limited number of tuition and lab fee grants are available each term. For consideration, please include documentation with your registration that your child qualifies for a government assistance program (i.e. Medicaid, W.I.C., or free/reduced price lunch).

Other grant opportunities may be available. Please check our website ([www.supersaturday.org](http://www.supersaturday.org)), call (513) 305-7114, or email [messagecenter@supersaturday.org](mailto:messagecenter@supersaturday.org) to find out more about those opportunities.

## HOW TO CHOOSE A CLASS

1. Students should always be involved in class selection. This helps ensure a higher quality class experience for your child, for other children and for the teacher.
2. Age ranges for individual classes are designed to take into account both the intellectual and emotional development of our students as well as to create a manageable classroom for our teachers. We cannot allow exceptions to these ranges. If you are interested in a class being offered for a different age range, please let us know and we can try to meet requests in future terms.
3. If you have questions about the appropriateness of a class for your child, contact us. We can get you more information to make the best choices for your situation. We can arrange class visits during active sessions.
4. Classes are assigned based on entry into the registration system. Mailed registrations will be placed *when we receive them only after the registration period has opened*, not based on their postmark. All payments and paperwork to complete online registration must be received within one week of online registration or the student will be placed on a waiting list.
5. Class changes after your registration has been submitted must be discussed with the Registrar or the President. Teachers are not involved in the registration process and cannot approve changes in enrollment.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL KEY

1. *Very active. Students will be moving around for almost the whole class.*
2. *Mostly active. Students will be moving around, or participating in hands-on activities for 60% or more of the class.*
3. *In between. Students will be doing some hands-on activities but will also spend a significant amount of time in sedentary scholarly pursuits.*
4. *Traditional classroom. A "traditional classroom" class where students will engage in sedentary scholarly pursuits.*

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## Student Registration Form

### PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name		Phone #	
Email		Relationship to child	
Parent/Guardian Name		Phone #	
Email		Relationship to child	
Address	City	State	Zip
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone		Relationship to Child

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name		Preferred Name	
Gender M F	Birth Date	Age	Grade, Fall '18
Current School		School District	
Any Health Information we should know about?			
First Time Super Saturday Student? Yes* No		If NO, Last Registered*?	
*If YES, include Professional Recommendation (last page) with registration.		*If more than 2 years, include new Professional Recommendation.	

### CLASS CHOICE

Fill in class choices by preference. Please select 2nd and 3rd choice classes.  
Confirmation will be emailed to you after 9/29/18 with information about which class has been reserved for your child.

<b>A.M. CLASS CHOICES</b>	1	Class #	A.M. Class Name
	2	Class #	A.M. Class Name
	3	Class #	A.M. Class Name
<b>P.M. CLASS CHOICES</b>	1	Class #	P.M. Class Name
	2	Class #	P.M. Class Name
	3	Class #	P.M. Class Name

Siblings in program:	A.M. Class (\$80)	\$
Special requests:	P.M. Class (\$80)	\$
	Late Fee (\$25) After 9/22/18	\$
Payment for online registration. <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total For This Student</b>	<b>\$</b>

Checks payable to: *The Super Saturday Program* Mail to: **The Super Saturday Program**, PO Box 43385, Cincinnati, OH 45243

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW

I have read, understand and agree to the program policies, outlined in this class offerings brochure, and I give permission for my child to participate in *The Super Saturday Program*. In the event of an emergency, if reasonable attempts to contact me are unsuccessful, I give my consent for the child mentioned above to be treated and/or admitted to the following: *(please check one—Cincinnati Children's Hospital will be used if an alternate facility is not named.)*

Cincinnati Children's Hospital      OR       Preferred Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Print Name		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature <b>X</b>			
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	Postmark	Payment	Reference



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**Activity Level: 3**

#### Chess (Little Knights)

(#31851) Fee: \$25

Instructor: Kevin Coleman

Ever want to skewer your opponent? Learn to win at chess - starting with the basics: how to set up the board, how the pieces move, what pieces are worth, checkmate, stalemate, and 'en passant'. Progress into pins, forks and skewers. Finish with basic openings, strategies and tactics. Students will each take home a chess set.

**Activity Level: 4**

#### Origami Basics

(#31852) Fee: \$10

Instructor: Christine McCullough

Unlock the secrets of origami, the ancient art of Japanese paper folding. Turn flat, colorful square pieces of paper into 3D geometric shapes and an animal or two.

**Activity Level: 4**

#### Robotic and Coding

(#31853) Fee: \$45

Instructor: Mousumi Sinha

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**Activity Level: 2**

#### Natural Born Scientists

(#31854) Fee: \$50

Instructor: Kenneth Brown

Experience the awe and wonder of life by raising Painted Lady Butterflies, Sea Monkeys, Beta Fish, Sweet Potato plants, and Amaryllis flowers. Explore the biology principles of living organisms. The life span of butterflies are 6 weeks, sea monkeys six months but they can reproduce, and Beta Fish 3 years.

**Activity Level: 2**

#### Be a Podcaster

(#31855) Fee: \$0

Instructor: P.F. Wilson

You, our newest podcaster, will learn how to make your own Internet radio show, also known as a podcast. From choosing what the show will be about to recording, editing, and posting - you will learn the medium from the ground up.

**Activity Level: 3**

#### Diabolically Fun Kitchen Science

(#31856) Fee: \$30

Instructor: Elena Bass

If you like science and food, come experiment with me and make something that can be eaten, too! We will make butter and jam, shimmy, shimmy soda pop, ice cream in a bag, and edible water balls. We will test the pH of your household products using cabbage juice. And if we want to get out of the kitchen, we will distract ourselves with creating invisible ink, making crazy putty, and exploding rockets.

**Activity Level: 1**

#### The Sew-Sew Class: Time to Sew

(#31857) Fee: \$30

Instructor: Priscilla Oehlschlaeger

Learn how to master a sewing machine with several new projects. Work with patterns and create clothing you can wear. Design purses, headbands and accessories for your own style. Learn about hemlines, seam allowances and button holes. Two sewing machines will be available to use for class.

**Activity Level: 2**

#### Outdoor Survival & First Aid

(#31858) Fee: \$20

Instructor: Veronica Engel

Find your strengths in a rugged six weeks of survival training. Pull tools from the nature surrounding us to make shelters, filter water, handle any emergency, and much more. Practicing outdoor survival skills and first aid procedures during this class will make you the most prepared of all your friends in a zombie apocalypse (or just a simple camping trip).

**Activity Level: 2**

#### Theater Arts: Improv Games & Challenges

(#31859) Fee: \$10

Instructor: Debra Davidson

Play Improv games and devise team solutions to unique challenges. Practice self-expression and team work in an environment encouraging the collaboration of individual strengths and talents. Explore the creative process while learning acting, story/character development, communication and presentation skills, team work, and risk taking.

**Activity Level: 2**

#### LEGO Mindstorms Robotics

(#31860) Fee: \$50

Instructors: Janet Bockey

Learn to use motors, sensors and gears to design and build a unique LEGO robot each class to master weekly challenges. Learn gearing, create robot attachments, compete in games, races, heavy weight challenges, and much, much more! Then combine all the skills you've learned to create your ultimate robot for an epic Battle Bots competition! (Returning/experienced students will be offered advanced challenges.)

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**Elementary, My Dear Shakespeare** **Ages: 9-12**  
 (#31861) Fee: \$25 Instructor: Theresa Burch

Learn about the life and times of the greatest dramatist and poet of the English language. Experience the fun and fantasy as we perform one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, A Midsummer Night's Dream. It is a Shakespearean experience of a lifetime! **Activity Level: 2**

**Mission Impossible 2** **Ages: 9-12**  
 (#31862) Fee: \$35 Instructor: Mia Burnett

You will use problem solving techniques and group cooperation to solve problems that would normally be deemed impossible. You will attempt tasks involving Physics, Forensics, Environmental, Creativity, Senses, Service, Nutrition and many more challenging exercises. This is your mission, should you choose to accept it. **Activity Level: 1**

**Deconstruction in Reverse** **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#31863) Fee: \$40 Instructor: Patrick Walker

Toasters, TVs, Vacuums, and Blenders. Piece by piece, deconstruct trash and reconstruct it into something totally new. Build a sculpture, build droids, scrap it, or build primitive hand tools. You'll never look at trash the same way again. **Activity Level: 1**

**Thinking Like Computer** **Ages: 10-14**  
**(Design the User Experience)** Instructor: Alexandria Merriweather-Turner  
 (#31864) Fee: \$30

Have you ever had to help an adult navigate their technology? People and computers (cell phones, tablets, gaming consoles, etc.) interact, sometimes with disastrous consequences! We will discover critical pieces of program design that need to happen BEFORE coding begins. We will build wireframes, FUN prototypes, and explore best practices for common design patterns as we analyze goals to create a better user experience.

**Activity Level: 4**

**Don't Speak With Food In Your Mouth** **Ages: 11-14**  
 (#31865) Fee: \$20 Instructor: Valdasia Merrick

Fun class to not only develop poise, confidence and skill of public speaking, but to also experiment with a snack reflecting your favorite leader's personal life or culture. Prior to class, select your favorite leaders, speeches and a related food to share with classmates on a designated day. On the last day, deliver speeches, dress as your leader, and invite guests. **Activity Level: 4**

**Myths, Legends & the Folklore We Share** **Ages: 11-14**  
 (#31866) Fee: \$0 Instructor: Melanie Simkins

Humankind has told stories for millennia in order to explain the world around them. Folklore is a reflection of a culture's religious beliefs, their environment, shared societal values, and the progression of time. Each week, discover the myths shared on every continent, throughout history and which legends are told today. **Activity Level: 4**

**The Wizarding World of Harry Potter II** **Ages: 11-14**  
 (#31867) Fee: \$30 Instructor: George Whitaker

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go to class at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? Come make potions, play Quidditch, make wands and cast spells. Delve deep into the world and readings of Harry Potter. Open to Gryffindors, Slytherins, Ravenclaws, and Hufflepuffs. **Activity Level: 3**

**Computer Programming with Python** **Ages: 12-14**  
 (#31868) Fee: \$5 Instructor: Aidan Gallagher

Python is a powerful programming language used to build apps, neural networks and other forms of artificial intelligence. You will learn about programming using various data types and variables, lists, functions, loops, arrays and more. This class is geared toward older students who have an interest in computer programming and coding. \*Students must bring their own laptops\*

**Activity Level: 4**

### Teen Leader Volunteer Program

If you are age 13-17 and are interested in the Teen Leader Volunteer Program, review the policy and agreement and complete the application on [www.supersaturday.com](http://www.supersaturday.com) prior to each term. Applications for the Teen Leader Volunteer Program will be approved on a case by case basis.

Mandatory leadership training takes place on the Saturday before the start of the term. Training will take place at the Oakley Library from 10:30am-1:30pm. A follow-up meeting will take place following the end of The Super Saturday Program term.

Interested? Want to know more? Have general questions? Contact the Teen Advocate, Amanda Schmidt Osburn, at [amanda.osburn@supersaturday.org](mailto:amanda.osburn@supersaturday.org).

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## Teacher Biographies

**Aidan Gallagher** is a Computer Science Undergrad at Miami University of Ohio and member of the Varsity Overwatch team. Webmaster for The Super Saturday Program since 2015. Participated in the 2017 Harvard Hackathon, and proficient in Java, Python, frontend web development and other programming languages.

**Alexandria Merriweather-Turner** has a Bachelors degree in Information Engineering Technology from University of Cincinnati College of Applied Sciences and a Masters degree from Florida Institute of Technology. Mrs. Turner has over 14+ years in computer training, IT consulting, web and graphical development. Additionally, she has experience in database management, quality assurance, marketing, and project management in a variety of areas.

**Andrew Speno** was an elementary school teacher for 20 years and has taught classes at Super Saturday since 2009. During the week, he substitute teaches for six local districts, and researches and writes historical non-fiction books for middle-grade readers.

**Barbara James**, M.Ed, NBCT, National Award Winning Teacher, and CPS Educator of the Year. A teacher with Super Saturday since 1999. She looks forward to Super Saturday mornings with joy because she loves teaching and the children come excited about learning.

**Christine McCullough** has a B.A. in Education and has been an origami hobbyist for 50+ years.

**Debra Davidson** is the managing director of Theater is FUNdamental, an organization bringing improvisational arts to students of all ages. Deb utilizes her degree in theater arts to serve on the state board of Destination Imagination & as a guest improv artist at Miami University Hamilton. She was a creative consultant for the independent short film Making Changes, and continues to consult on a variety of sit-com and reality television projects.

**Dr. Kenneth K. Brown** has a PhD in biomedical sciences, MS in Analytical Chemistry, BS in Chemistry, BS in Electrical Engineering Technology with 43 year of chemistry laboratory, 20 years college chemistry teacher, and 20 years of Super Saturday instructor experience.

**Elena Bass** has taught mathematics to students of all ages for 14 years. She has provided her students confidence building lessons on how to: study, aim for an A, practice & polish their skills, and relax before the test. The most fascinating thing is see mathematics all around us! Everything follows orderly patterns which have a certain probability of happening.

**George Whitaker** is an Eagle Scout and someone who has a real passion for teaching and helping other people. As a nerd I really enjoy a ton of different things but most of these things tend to stem from loving to read.

**Janet Bockey** Originally drawn in to robotics by my oldest son, I've been teaching LEGO MINDSTORMS classes for 6 years, doing everything from after-school programs, Scouts groups, summer camps, and parties. I also coached a FIRST LEGO LEAGUE team. This will be my 4th year at Super Saturdays. I'm a UC grad, and live in a house full of LEGOs in Liberty Township with my husband and sons. Our family 'pet' is a NXT robotic-alligator named Fred, who sometimes visits my classes!

**Kevin Coleman** has been a chess coach in the Cincinnati area for the past 7 years and a former officer of the Cincinnati Chess Club.

**Lisa Bacu** was born and raised in Ohio, earned her BS in Biology from Muskingum University and her MS in Environmental Science from The Ohio State University. She worked full-time at Battelle Memorial Institute for 10 years as an analytical chemist before moving to CT as an Environmental Scientist with Pfizer, Inc. Lisa returned to Ohio with her family and has been working with students and teaching science classes for 5 years. She is the owner of Scientific Mayhem, LLC.

**Melanie Simkins** a an ecological consultant with a diverse background in geography, biology, environmental law, & geology. As a sci-fi, fantasy, anime & cosplay enthusiast, I love to share fandoms! The great outdoors and hands-on learning is a fantastic way to develop an inquisitive mind, opening the door to the life-long pursuit of scholarship.

**Mia Burnett** has a Bachelors degree in Forensic Chemistry from Ohio University, and a Masters degree in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Florida. Mrs. Burnett worked at the Hamilton County Coroner's Office for 12 years, and is currently working as an independent contractor presenting community outreach programs.

**Mousumi Sinha** (pronounced Mo-shu- me) likes to create a fun-filled learning environment that nourishes and hones individual student skills. She is an author, musician, mom to a boundlessly curious 8 year old, and volunteer at a local non-profit organization. She studied mathematics in India before moving to the USA and studied Software Engineering at UTD before moving from Dallas to Cincinnati.

**Patrick Walker** holds a M.A. in Secondary Education & a B.A. in Marketing & Real Estate. For the last 20 years, Patrick has worked in all aspects of the construction industry. Through his construction counseling services, he does home installations, makes custom furniture derived from salvaged materials, and teaches home economics. In addition, Patrick teaches a semi-traditional shop at Artsconnect, runs a non-profit mobile maker-space & arts incubator.

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## Teacher Biographies continued

**P.F. Wilson** is a freelance writer whose work appears in papers around the country. He was also a contributing comedy writer for The Gary Burbank Show, The American Comedy Network and Morning Sidekick radio services. He currently hosts his own podcast, P.F.'s Tape Recorder.

**Priscilla Oehlschlaeger** is the author of *Make Costumes: For Creative Play* (North Light Books 1992). She has taught for Children's Museum of Cincinnati, Playhouse in the Park, Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center, Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, Cincinnati Art Museum, and several local, educational institutions.

**Theresa Burch**, Teaching gifted children for 20 years. Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and Literature, Masters in Gifted Education, Passion for learning, drama, literature, and gifted children.

**Valdasia Merrick** is a fun-loving intellectual, social activist Christian, and Cincinnati native. She has been in the profession of youth education, training & national advocacy for twenty years. She established the first speech team at Ursuline Academy and was the first African American president of the senior class. She earned a B.A. in Religion from Duke U., a Master of Divinity in Hebrew Studies from Vanderbilt, and her PhD studies in Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations from Harvard.

**Veronica Engel** is a student at the University of Cincinnati studying creative writing and social work with a passion for the outdoors.

## PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION

This section is to be completed by a psychologist, psychiatrist, psychometrist, pediatrician or a school professional (teacher, principal or gifted coordinator). A professional recommendation is needed only by students enrolling for the first time or by those who haven't participated in The Super Saturday Program within the last two years.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ meets one of the following criteria:  
 (Name of Student)

Check One:

- Mental ability (I.Q.) of a standard score on a cognitive ability measure equivalent to the 95th (or above) percentile.
- Achievement test scores in "Total Reading" or "Total Math" at (or above) the 95th percentile.
- Although test scores are not available or appropriate, this student has shown evidence of outstanding intellectual achievement or potential. (Narrative description must be included below.)

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