

Dear Parents and Students,

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your English teacher at Anderson Christian School. This will be my ninth year as an educator and fourth year at Anderson Christian School. I have previously served in public schools in my home state of Georgia.

I received my undergraduate degree in English from the University of Georgia. I minored in History. Subsequently, I have earned a M.A. in English Education from Piedmont College, a M.A. in Apologetics from Houston Baptist University, and a M.A. in English Studies from Valdosta State University. I am certified to teach English and History.

I became an English teacher due to its importance to me as a teenager. Studying works of literature led me to a study of history and theology that strengthened my Christian faith. I believe that studying literature helps the young man or woman wrestle with issues of truth, virtue, and beauty. When taught in a Christian context, it can help the young Christian see what the historian Christopher Dawson called “the historic reality of Christian culture.”

I look forward to seeing you in class. Please know that I will always seek to make this an enjoyable and meaningful pursuit.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Pettine