

# The Backpage

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Think Ahead:  
Graduate!

## Make Use of Your Talents!

Interested in earning elective credits? Interested in making your voice heard or helping fellow students? Ask about Service Learning. It meets every other Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Other options for receiving elective class credit are mentoring new students or signing up as a TA for teachers. Ask your teachers for the details.

## Think Ahead: The Upcoming Year...

We have some new classes in the lineup at Metro. In addition to the regular Math and English courses, Mr. Luthi is offering a Dramatic Writing course in the morning session. This is a continuation of the Creative Writing course that was offered last Spring. We hope to offer writing courses to the afternoon session

as well depending upon enrollment.

In addition to the writing courses, our newest teacher, Stephanie Dimpfel, will be offering an introductory Physics course in the Winter block. Take the course and find out how and why things behave the way they do.

Mr. Lee is developing an advanced biology course and Mr. Mosesso will be offering both Film and Literature as well as documentary courses during the coming year. If we are lucky, perhaps Mr. Mosesso will teach a percussion class again this year.

## Alicia Miranda

Alicia Miranda is our Administrative Assistant here at e-Institute. She is a part time student at Phoenix College and in 2017-18 will wrap up her last year before moving on.

Her current career goal is undecided although she enjoys her duties as an administrative assistant. On her spare time she likes to bake, create DIY projects, and spend time with her family.

She also enjoys traveling and exploring new places around

the Phoenix area. One of her favorite pastimes is trying out new restaurants in Downtown Phoenix.

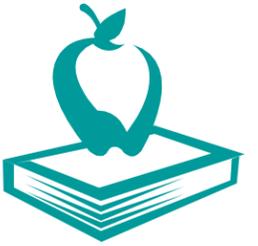
Some of Ms. Miranda's personal goals include completing her associate's degree and to travel all around Europe. One thing that might be surprising to most students is that Ms. Miranda is herself a graduate from e-Metro.



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# E-ssentials

## Back-to-School Edition



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## This Year's Staff

With the start of the new school year, we asked each of our teachers and staff to write up a short biography on themselves. Where they were unable (or unwilling) to do so, we just made stuff up about them. We did give them fair warning!

Also, there has been a long-running debate whether it would be preferable to be a Pirate or a Ninja, as in "who would win?" The second part of this assignment was

that everyone had to come down on one side or the other. Which would you rather be: a pirate or a ninja. Also, specifics count for extra points. That is, can you

name which pirate or ninja you feel you most clearly identify with? Here are the results presented for your amusement.



### Did you know?

- ✓ Zennis Lee was a rodeo bull rider?
- ✓ Eric Luthi builds wooden canoes?
- ✓ Carol Myers is from New York?
- ✓ Alicia Miranda is a certified pastry chef?
- ✓ Brian Dyer coaches baseball?
- ✓ Giorgio Mosesso climbs rocks?
- ✓ Stephanie Dimpfel is a Comic-Con aficionado and makes her own costumes.

## Coach Brian Dyer

Brian Dyer begins his fifth year with e-Institute and the third at the Metro campus. He is a Phoenix native and attended Brophy Prep. He graduated from Arizona State with a degree in Criminal Justice and returned to school to get a post-bachelors degree in Secondary Education Mathematics. Math has been his favorite subject

since the fifth grade. Mr. Dyer is also a baseball coach. During the Spring, he coaches a high school team and, during summer, he coaches the Kenosha Kingfish, a college league team.



On the field and in the classroom, Mr. Dyer truly believes that all students can succeed and he is looking forward to working together with everyone to make that happen.

## The Principal: Eric Luthi

Eric Luthi has been the Principal at e-Metro since January, 2013. Prior to that, he was the Vice-Principal at our school. He started working at e-Metro as an English teacher in July, 2010 and has been teaching since 2007. Prior to that he had a number of different careers which you can ask him about. He is currently the longest serving staff member at our school.

About his career, Luthi says he is a "teacher and writer." Sometimes he reverses the order, depending upon how the day is going or what his mood is. When he

is not teaching, he writes short stories, plays and screenplays. He is currently working on a novel that will also be the thesis project for his MFA. He refuses to acknowledge that he writes poetry.

This summer, Luthi co-taught a creative writing class in London, England for students at the University of Texas at El Paso.

When asked Pirates or Ninjas? He said, "What? Is there a choice?"



## Language Arts: Carol Myers

Mrs. Myers teaches English, Creative Writing and Economics here at Metro. In the afternoons, she works on developing curriculum to help the other teachers in the district.

When she is not in school, she likes hiking, traveling and kayaking and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born in Pennsylvania and raised in New York state many years ago. She returned to school at ASU for a teaching degree when all her children went to school.

She is looking forward to another great year at Metro.

She says, "Teaching is an adventure that I have been on for 22 years! Aargh."



## Stephanie Dimpfel

Stephanie Dimpfel is a graduate of the University of New Mexico with a degree in mechanical engineering.

She enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and occasionally entering the kitchen to attempt to bake something. Her favorite author is Tamora Pierce.

She is currently working towards finishing her first triathlon this September.

Her true love is sewing, especially costumes. She looks forward to this year at e-institute and cannot wait to meet everyone!

She says, "Pirates! Pirates! Pirates!"



## Zennis Lee

Mr. Lee is the assistant principal and Biology/Anatomy teacher at e-Institute at the Metrocenter. This will be his 6th year with e-Institute.

Originally from Chicago, Mr. Lee majored in Biology in college and has interest in the areas of Physics, Math and Spanish. This is his 10th year in the field of education.

Mr. Lee enjoys life sciences and therefore has many pets. He has two dogs and 11 snakes. The snakes reside in his herpetology center inside his science classroom.

Lee's favorite pastimes are Texas hold-em poker, sketching,

inking(tattoos), shooting pool and snooker (British version with much higher degree of difficulty), travelling, and spending time with family.



Lee has many passions and hobbies that he picks up for different periods of time. He looks at them as attending courses in

different subject areas. Lee has a passion for hiking and endurance exercise.

Every year, Mr. Lee has the opportunity to practice his culinary

skills and hobby of grilling to share food with the students. Mr. Lee would like to work on creating a school environment that is welcoming and inviting. This year, he would like to help organize events and outings that are outside the constraints of the "regular" school day. His focus will be to incorporate as many of his, and his student's hobbies into the school community and its functions.

## Giorgio Mosesso

Mr. Mosesso is beginning his 4<sup>th</sup> year teaching English at E-Institute at Metro.

He was born in Tucson and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Literature from Arizona State University.

Mr. Mosesso has been an avid rock climber for 10 years and has traveled the Southwest United States, climbing in some of the most iconic American climbing areas. His respect and enthusiasm for the outdoors and nature has been greatly influenced by his love for British Romantic poetry.

Mr. Mosesso is also an ardent musician, with a great passion

for playing instruments. He has been playing percussion instruments for 20 years. As well as most percussion instruments, he has also played guitar, bass, French horn, trumpet and tuba.

He has been in a number of musical ensembles, and has toured internationally through the Pacific and Asia. Mr. Mosesso is looking forward to another year at Metro and is eagerly anticipating a great and productive year.

