

Hello PreAp Geometry Parents and Guardians!

Welcome to Daniel Ninth Grade Campus. My name is Kimber Norman and I am so excited to welcome your student to high school through my PreAp Geometry class. I want to take this time to tell you a little about myself and what you and your student can expect this year in class.

I am so excited to be teaching PreAp Geometry this year at Daniel Ninth Grade Campus! This is my 2nd year teaching PreAp Geometry at DNGC and my 3rd year in Aledo - it is my 11th year in Education. I am thrilled to be a part of this Bearcat family!

So that you know a little about me – I am a military brat. My dad served 30 years in the Army and my sister and I grew up living all over the world. I have lived all over the U.S. and Europe and have traveled extensively through North America, Europe, Russia, Japan and the Caribbean. It was sometimes hard moving schools every few months – but life has always been a wonderful adventure. My mom has her PhD in International Business and just retired from teaching at the University level a couple of years ago. My parents live in North Eastern Alabama and my sister and my two nieces live in Southern Alabama.

After graduating high school, I got my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Samford University and my Master of Tax Accounting from University of Alabama. I moved to Los Angeles, CA to work in the International Division of KPMG Peat Marwick. It was a fabulous opportunity and I went on from there to be a Senior Accounting Officer at Compass Bank and a Lead Developer at Thomson Reuters working on their International Tax Product. I have taught Accounting at a University level both at University of Alabama as a graduate teaching assistant and more recently have taught Accounting Information Systems at Jacksonville State University online using Blackboard. Lastly, and most importantly, I have taught Math for over a decade. Of all my jobs – it is my favorite and the one that I have the most passion for. I am so lucky that I have a job that I LOVE doing!

I am married and Mike and I have four wonderful children between us. Our oldest, Emily is a graduate student at UNT. Nate is a Junior pursuing an Engineering degree at UTD. Hannah graduated from Aledo High School last year and is heading to Missouri S&T working on a degree in Nuclear Engineering. Gaby is a sophomore at Aledo High School, and lastly – our youngest – Ryder – will be at home enjoying chasing squirrels in his yard and hopefully not destroying the house (he is a three-year-old Australian Shepard). :o)

PreAp Geometry has some exciting changes this year - Aledo has officially adopted College Board's PreAp Brand. In addition to Geometry your student

is going to spend the first 9 weeks on Statistics. This is great opportunity for your student in our course this year and it will better prepare them for the math classes they will be taking in High School. This year will be real world and inquiry driven so that it will also benefit them when they take the SAT in a few years.

This year our PreAp Geometry team will be teaching your student PreAp Geometry through an inquiry-based learning approach. Through this process, students will be given opportunities to explore content through various methods and high-level questioning. Students will collect data and investigate patterns to make connections amongst the geometry concepts. Through this method of teaching and learning, students will also build on the soft skills needed to be successful such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication skills, and teamwork.

I am a lifelong learner and am always reading and researching ways to become a better teacher than I was the day before. I am excited to teach your child this year through the inquiry-based learning process. I believe that your student will walk away with a deeper understanding of geometry and better critical thinking skills to empower them as they continue in their high-school career and beyond. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [knorman@aledo.org](mailto:knorman@aledo.org) . I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and I am excited to partner with you and your student this year as they are growing greatness through the lens of geometry!