

Kaylan Connal was born and raised in Monterey, CA. During her youth, Kaylan was fortunate enough to have both her parents work as educators, allowing her a first-hand look into the teaching profession. Kaylan was able to closely observe the positive impact that her parents had on their students, as well as the joy and satisfaction that they took from their careers. These unique experiences helped Kaylan realize that she wanted to follow in their footsteps by the time she started high school.

After graduating in 2004, Kaylan pursued her college education at UCLA. While in college, she worked as a program coordinator for the UCLA Community Learning Center, fueling her passion for teaching. Additionally, Kaylan discovered her love for foreign language and international studies, which ultimately led her to study abroad for a semester in Paris, France. She spent much of her time soaking up the French language and learning to truly value, respect, and celebrate all of the cultural differences she encountered. After an incredible experience in Paris, Kaylan returned to UCLA and graduated with her B.A. in 2008. Not wanting to leave beautiful southern California, Kaylan moved to San Diego to obtain her teaching credential at the College of Education at SDSU. During her teaching program, Kaylan had the privilege to student teach in both a first grade and fifth grade classroom. That time spent in the classroom immediately confirmed that teaching was the perfect profession for her.

In her spare time, Kaylan enjoys staying active. She plays tennis and golf and likes to hike on the weekends. She also loves to cook and travel whenever she can. This will be Kaylan's eighth year teaching at Holly Drive Leadership Academy and she is very excited to be a part of such a wonderful school.