Meet the 2021-22 JLS Counseling Team

**Donna Hankins**
6th Grade Counselor

Donna has served as a School Counselor for five years. She earned her B.S in Criminal Justice from CSU Sacramento. She later returned to CSU Sacramento to earn her M.A in Counseling and Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. Her counseling experience started in 2007. Donna worked at a community school, operated by Sacramento County Office of Education, where she provided comprehensive guidance to expelled students in grades 7th to 12th. She has served students and families for over fifteen years. Donna grew up in the Bay Area and moved to Menlo Park in 2019. She has two adult children and three grandchildren. Donna is excited for the opportunity to become an integral part of the JLS team. Her goal is to acknowledge the gifts in every student.

If you have any questions or concerns, Donna can be reached via Schoology or email at dhankins@pausd.org.

**Arvind Arya**
7th Grade Counselor

Arvind is starting his 20th year working as a school counselor. He graduated from U.C. Riverside with a B.A. in Sociology and attended Azusa Pacific University where he earned his M.A. in education along with his PPS credential in school counseling. He also received his Administrative Services Tier 1 credential in 2014 and has worked as a summer school administrator for the high school program for the last few summers. Arvind started counseling at La Cañada High School in 2000 and moved to the Bay Area in 2006. He has been at JLS for 14 years. He has two children, daughter Pria who will be a Freshman and son Arav in 5th grade at Hoover. He enjoys traveling to Hawaii, keeps saltwater reef tanks, and is a huge soccer fan who supports Arsenal. His passion is working with students and families to support all students during their time at JLS.

If you have any questions or concerns, Arvind can be reached via Schoology or email at aarya@pausd.org.

**Adriana Flores-Ragade**
8th Grade Counselor

Adriana is thrilled to be part of the JLS community. She completed a B.A. at Claremont McKenna College, an M.A. at USC in Communications Management, and a second M.A. at San Jose State University in Counseling & Guidance. Adriana started her career in college admissions and worked for the College Board leading K-16 equity and access initiatives. She also worked on Social Impact at Univision Communications Inc. and is the founder of LatinXAmerica Media. She cherishes the two years she spent at Fletcher Middle School and Gunn High School, respectively, completing her practicum work. She has been a very engaged member of our community serving in various volunteer and leadership roles at Bing Nursery School, Ohlone Elementary, PTAC, and the Latino Parent Network. Adriana lives in Midtown with her husband Dhananjay and their two children - a rising 3rd grader and an incoming Panther. She enjoys podcasting, volunteering, traveling, and playing the ukulele with family and friends. She looks forward to working with the 8th graders as they prepare for high school and life.

If you have any questions or concerns, Adriana can be reached via Schoology or email at afloresragade@pausd.org.