



MICHAEL KELLEHER

HISTORY TEACHER & DEAN OF STUDENTS

Mr. Kelleher grew up in the small town of Oneonta, Alabama and graduated from Hillsdale College.

At Hillsdale, Mr. Kelleher majored in Classical Studies, studying Latin and Greek, and then pursued a M.A. in Classics from the University of California, Santa Barbara. The decision to pursue Classical Studies was based on fairly unsophisticated reasoning: “If it’s good enough for Shakespeare, it’s good enough for me.”

Because of his enthusiasm for Latin and Greek, for the roots of ideas and words, for philosophy, for the whole history of education and Western Civilization, Mr. Kelleher is thrilled to be teaching at NOCA. He believes, “Classical education is at its best when it teaches the mind to follow the Truth – wherever it leads.”

Mr. Kelleher joins the NOCA faculty both as the Middle School History teacher and Dean of Students. He brings eight years of teaching experience in a variety of subjects and grades as well as coaching at St. John’s Jesuit. He also taught for three years at a classical school in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelleher have six children, and four will be attending NOCA from sixth grade down to first. In fact, Mr. Kelleher will have the distinct pleasure (or challenge!) of teaching his eldest daughter in the classroom for the first time.

Outside of school, when he’s not taking the kids to the library, the Metroparks, art museum, Imagination Station, zoo, or one of the other local attractions, you’ll probably find Mr. Kelleher at home enjoying the occasional movie or game night, busy with another home renovation project, or plodding through one of several books he has gone on at the same time, or perhaps even trying his hand at writing his own book.