

PALMETTO CAMPUS - CHARLESTON, SC



CHANDLER MARBURG - DIRECTOR & CASA LEAD

“Montessori is a wonderful environment as it encourages each child to progress at their own pace and develop their individual strengths to build confidence as they mature.”

In 1993 Chandler opened Palmetto Montessori in Charleston, which is now a part of the Sundrops family. Much of her experience comes from working with children throughout her life in various environments including Waldorf institutions here in the USA and Europe. She received dance and music training at the Boston Conservatory and taught dance for many years in New Hampshire. She currently stays involved performing music in various venues in the Charleston area. Most importantly she gained great insight from raising her two children and having the opportunity to work in their Montessori school while they were young.

RAMONA SANCHEZ-MEASOM - CASA LEAD

“Children love everyone no matter what they look like or the color of their skin, they know how to forgive and forget, how to have fun and how to be honest (sometimes painfully). Montessori allows the child to do what come naturally and experiment with their environment.”

Ramona has worked at Palmetto Montessori for over 10 years now. She has two daughters, Kate and Kelly, both of whom attended Palmetto when they were young. Ramona is originally from Salt Lake City, UT. She was a graduate of Johnson and Wales Culinary School, but after her first year working at Palmetto she realized her love of Montessori and working with children. She is Montessori certified for 3 to 6 year olds and still loves to cook!



BRITNEY SMITH - CASA ASSISTANT

A native of Charleston, Britney started at Palmetto Montessori (now a part of the Sundrops family) in the summer of 2005 and worked there through her years at the College of Charleston. She graduated in May 2009 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education as well as a South Carolina Teaching Certificate. She most recently directed the after school program at Palmetto Montessori before joining Sundrops as a full time assitant.

CATHERINE WAMER - CASA ASSISTANT

A native Charlestonian, Catherine attended the College of Charleston and worked at Palmetto Montessori for four years until she graduated in 2007. After completing her degree she became a massage therapist and began working as an Activities Director at a local retirement home. While she loved her senior citizens, it became clear how much she missed working with children. When the opportunity arose she came back to join the Palmetto Campus, now a part of Sundrops, in January 2011. In her free time, Catherine enjoys reading, knitting (or at least trying to knit) and spending time with her family.



SARAH ADAMS - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

"I love teaching at a Montessori school because I attended a Montessori school as a child and knew from an early age that I wanted to work with children."

Born in Washington, D.C., Sarah's early childhood years were spent in a Montessori school in Maryland. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, Sarah began her career at Palmetto Montessori. Since working there she has obtained her Montessori 3 to 6 certification.

SIERRA WILKIE - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sierra comes to Charleston from Lexington, SC where she grew up helping out with her three younger sisters. She is currently pursuing her degree in Early Childhood Education at the College of Charleston and will finish soon. To gain experience in her field of study,

Sierra started working at the Sundrops Palmetto Campus in August 2010. In her free time she takes dance classes at DanceFX in downtown Charleston.

