

# BRITE STAR TEACHER LOUNGE

## HALL OF FAME The Teacher Lounge

### Mayor Vince (Vincent Goett)

Mayor Vince is the proud founder of Brite Star. His vision of creating a place where Christian values can be shared with families, schools and churches has come to life in the town of Brite Star. Mayor Vince oversees every aspect of the development of the community and its products.



### Bookman (Jerry Watkins)

Jerry Watkins runs the bookstore in Brite Star. He brings 35 years experience in developing children's product for the Christian market. As an independent developer of over 1,000 Christian books he has seen his products sell in over 20 countries around the world. He has been involved in children's ministries his entire adult life and currently serves as the board chairman of his local church.

### Brian Rosenberg

Brian is a successful business owner and leader, and a board member of a charter school. He has built two successful companies and led a \$100 million project for a hospital in Las Vegas. He enjoys sharing his experiences and has been a guest lecturer at many colleges and universities, as well as speaking in elementary school classrooms. Brian's mission to make learning accessible to everyone, and his favorite topic to teach and learn is history. He also is passionate about teaching kids financial literacy and business skills to help them be successful adults.



### Crazy Rick (Rick Incrocci)

Crazy Rick is the art director and illustrator of the Brite Star Characters. As a free-lance illustrator Incrocci has extensive experience in both the educational and Christian markets. He began his career with the Society for Visual Education and once going independent has illustrated over 40 Christian childrens books.

### The Bookworm (Carolyn Larsen)

Carolyn loves books and is the editorial director of the Brite Star publishing program. Her extensive experience as a Sunday School curriculum editor for Scripture Press and her success as an author make her uniquely qualified for this role. She has published over 50 books for Christian children and Christian women.



### Creative Christy (Christy Watkins)

Christy Watkins, wife of the bookstore owner, is the Editor in Chief of the Brite Star Christian Academy and is responsible for content selection. She has directed a creative arts ministry team for over 30 years. The POWER Co. has been considered one of the premiere Christian performing teams in the country. She has also been on staff as the worship director at her local church for the last 15 years.

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## Rainmaker (Donald Kasen)

Donald Kasen has over 40 years experience in licensing and product acquisition. As the Rainmaker his role is to scout out product opportunities and secure licenses for Brite Star. His company, Inspired Studios is the oldest children's music company in the US.

## Principal Katie (Katie Decker)

Principal Katie has spent 30 years teaching kids as a teacher and later as a principal. She was known for transforming her schools into exciting places to learn, adding school gardens, the piggy bank program, science labs, and maker spaces. She is responsible to create fun and engaging educational content for the Britestar Kids.



## Professor Thomas (Ralph Thomas)

Professor Thomas is a mathematics professor and computer programmer and the designer of the Britestar Socrates software. He is a data scientist, and is the named inventor on several patents. He loves video games and his passion is to make learning fun for everyone.

## Candy (Candy Rosenberg)

Candy has been a language teacher and volunteers in schools and in her community to help kids succeed. As an entrepreneur, she built a successful online business selling educational toys and games called Candy's Classroom. She is from Thailand, and speaks Thai, Chinese, and English. Candy is passionate about teaching about languages and different cultures.



## Alex

Alex is the Chief Kid Officer and has 9 years experience being a kid and learning. His responsibilities include making sure that the Britestar Socrates learning network is both fun and engaging for kids. He enjoys learning history and science. He often does research undercover in his 4th grade classroom and in his cub scout troop.

## Liz

Liz is the Chief Fun Officer and has 7 years experience being a kid and learning. She loves music, dance, and signing. Her responsibilities include making sure that all Britestar Socrates content is fun. She does research in her 2nd grade classroom and as a member of the girl scouts.



## Kate

Kate is the youngest member of the team and serves as the CPO (Chief Preschool Officer). She is responsible for testing of new books for younger kids and enjoys using Britestar content to learn to be a better kid. Kate loves practicing her counting and alphabet skills as well as playing with her friends.

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### **Grace (Grace Funcion)**

Grace is a former teacher with many years developing and delivering teaching content for kids. Her passion is teaching English and helping English Language Learners. She speaks English and French, and is on the board of a charter school.

## Significant Partnerships

### **KJ Schmidt**

KJ Schmidt is the owner Creative Ministry Solutions, a company that serves churches all over the world. Schmidt has a background in printing and production and is the printing and fulfillment center for Brite Star. With equipment leased by Brite Star, Creative Ministry Solutions is able to print and bind all of Brite Star's book in house.

### **Twin Sisters Media**

With a license secured by Kasen, Twin Sisters brings both Christian and Christian based books, music and videos the Brite Star platform. Their extensive library includes over 500 eBooks Brite Star is converting to print for web sales, grant programs, Christian Academy and the Learning Network.

### **V. Gilbert Beers**

Gil Beers is the past president of Christianity Today and Chairman of Scripture Press Ministries. As an author he has published over 100 books and is known as one of the top children's authors in the Christian market. Besides providing content, Beers uses his vast contacts to assist in acquiring content for the Christian Academy.

### **Mary Hollingsworth**

Mary Hollingsworth is a well-known author of children's Christian books. She has supplied many titles to the Christian Academy. She also oversees a network of over 100 authors and editors, many of whom will be providing additional products to the Christian Academy.