

# Camp Support Staff

**JOSH**

Graduate Assistant

Josh is the graduate assistant for the Department of Wellness and Recreation.

He was born and raised in California and grew up playing every sport possible all the way throughout high school. This is his first summer with Mini Canes Camp.

**NICOLE**

Nicole is both a teacher and Certified Athletic Trainer at West Broward High School in Pembroke Pines.

She is a Miami native who enjoys drawing, painting, working out, and spending time with family and friends. Nicole has worked with Mini Canes for the past 3 summers.

**JAMES**

Wellness Intern

James is a Public Health major completing a summer internship with the Herbert Wellness Center to graduate with his Bachelor's degree in the Fall.

His background includes exercise, health science, health promotion and planning health education programs.

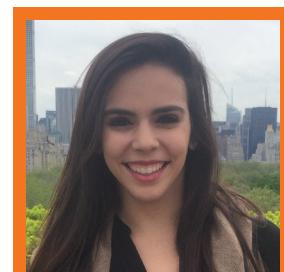
**MADISEN**

Madisen will be a junior majoring in biology (pre-vet) at the University of Miami. She is on the equestrian team at the University of Miami and enjoys all sports.

Madisen has previously worked at Mini Canes Camp, and is excited to come back for another great summer.



## Camp Swim Staff

**ALYSSA****ELIZABETH****NOT PICTURED:** Adriana, David & Rick

The Mini Canes Camp office staff is available for parents in need of receipts, additional T-shirts, and extra pick-up slips.

The office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and can be reached at 305-284-8510 for any questions or concerns.



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RECREATIONAL SPORTS CAMP



# 2016 Mini Canes Camp Parent Newsletter

**TOM SORIA**  
Camp Director

Tom Soria received his bachelor's degree in secondary education and his master's degree in sports administration from Wichita State University.

He enjoys officiating sports and loves the outdoors and is looking forward to his 10th year at Mini Canes camp. He is CPR/AED certified and is also a Registered Collegiate Recreational Sports Professional (RCRSP). Tom is a proud father to his two boys.

**MARENA GAVILAN**  
Camp Registration Assistant

Marena Gavilan joined the Department of Wellness and Recreation in August 2007. She works directly with Connie and Tom Soria assisting with club sports, intramurals/special events, and camp.

Marena has two sons and a daughter. She enjoys traveling, reading, music, and exercising. Marena is responsible for all camper registration and is very excited for her eighth summer of camp.

**MARK DUSEK**  
Operations Director for Sports Programs

Mark "The Bird" Dusek is a graduate of The University of Miami in 1978 with a Bachelor's of Education degree.

He is a State of Florida Certified Teacher in Physical Education with over 30 years of experience. Mark has been an FHSAA Certified Basketball Official for 37 years. The Bird has been Director of Operations at Mini Canes Camp since its beginning in 1995. He looks forward to having another memorable summer with campers and staff.

**JORDAN DUSEK**  
Assistant Operations Director for Sports Programs

Jordan is a junior majoring in Physical Education at Miami Dade College. He is a Miami native who enjoys all sports. Jordan is a Mini Cane Alumnus as a camper and Program Aide.

Jordan has been working at Mini Canes for the past six years and cannot wait for another exciting summer with the campers.

**CONNIE NICKEL**  
Assistant Camp Director

Connie Nickel, assistant director of recreational sports and camps. Connie earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and her master's degree at St. Thomas University.

She enjoyed an outstanding 25-year career in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and is a member of the UM Sports Hall of Fame, Iron Arrow, and Tau Beta Sigma Fraternity. She is highly regarded by students, staff, and coaches. This is her fourth year with Mini Canes.

**ANGIE MONTERO**  
Operations Director for Administration

Angie Ramos was born and raised in Miami and after graduating from the University of Miami in 2011, she began teaching third grade at Miami Children's Museum Charter School. She was named Teacher of the Year at her school in 2013.

Angie enjoys dancing, cheering on her CANES at football games, and taking trips to Disney World as often as possible. This is her third year with Mini Canes.

**KANDICE CALVETE**  
Arts and Crafts Director

Kandice is back for her third summer at Mini Canes Camp! After being a counselor for two years, she is returning as our Arts & Crafts Director. Her many years of experience in teaching, Girl Scouts, and involvement with the University of Miami make Kandice a great addition to our 2016 camp.



# 2016 Mini Canes Camp Counselors



**ALEXANDRA**



Alexandra is a recent graduate of the school of education at the University of Miami. She is from the Northern Virginia area and a US Navy veteran.

Alexandra enjoys watching football, shopping, hanging out with friends, and, most of all, cooking. She was an aftercare counselor last year and looks forward to another great summer!



Carlye is a sophomore majoring in psychology and criminology at the University of Florida.

She is from Miami and likes to play soccer, run, and work out regularly. She hopes to work with children in her future and enjoys every opportunity to be around them, including her six nieces and nephews.

**CARLYE**



John is a sophomore at the University of Miami, majoring in Economics and Sociology. He is a Midwest native, born and raised in Wisconsin and enjoys all things outdoors, including camping, fishing, water activities, and fitness.

He has several younger siblings and has always been involved in coaching and mentoring children through city, club, and YMCA leagues.

**JOHN**



Kristen graduated from the University of Miami where she majored in History, with intentions to become a teacher. She is a Miami native who enjoys cooking, painting, yoga, and going to the beach.

Kristen has previously worked with children in various positions and is a former student employee of the Herbert Wellness Center.

**KRISTEN**

**BIANCA**



Bianca is a senior majoring in exercise physiology on the pre-medical track. She enjoys working with children, listening to music, shopping and baking.

Her last experiences have included bi-weekly science experiments with 2nd and 3rd graders since her sophomore year of college and assisting with the physical education's after school program.

**EZEKIEL**



Ezekiel is a sophomore at the University of Miami majoring in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He likes working out, fishing, running, and meeting new people.

He previously worked at other day camps in Miami with 8-12 year olds. He is looking forward to a great summer and to make sure the campers enjoy theirs as well.

**EZEKIEL**



Jonathan is a junior majoring in psychology at the University of Miami. He is from Baltimore and has been interested in sports from a young age.

He played tennis starting in elementary school and baseball, basketball and golf in middle school. Outside of sports, he takes interest in law, stemming from his involvement with mock trial.

**JONATHAN**



Kristina is a sophomore majoring in Sport Administration and Management at the University of Miami.

She played multiple sports in middle school and continued to play basketball in high school. She hopes to someday work for the NFL and be a part of a great franchise. She was a camper and a Program Aide at Mini Canes Camp and is excited to be a counselor!

**KRISTINA**

**BRIANA**



Briana is a very positive person and can get along with anybody. She is from Miami and loves to sing, dance, read, and cook. She also enjoys playing and watching sports.

Briana worked at Mini Canes last summer, fell in love with the program, and is looking forward to working with campers again.

**IVANN**



Ivann is a junior currently majoring in biology at the University of Miami. He is a native of Philadelphia and enjoys all sports.

He aspires to become a pediatrician or an obstetrician. His love for children is evident as he's spent his working career around preschool to elementary school-aged children.

**IVANN**



Joseph is a rising junior majoring accounting at the University of Maryland. A Miami native, he attended St. Theresa Catholic School in Coral Gables and then went on to Christopher Columbus High School.

In his free time, he enjoys playing sports, watching movies, and hanging out with friends. He looks forward to another great summer!

**JOSEPH**



Robert graduated from the University of Miami this past spring semester. He is a Miami native who is a returning counselor to Mini Canes and enjoys football, lacrosse, and hanging out on the beach. Robert is looking forward to another awesome summer working with the campers.

**ROB**

## 2016 Camp Calendar

### CAMP DATES

SESSION 1	SESSION 3
Week 1: June 13 - 17	Week 1: July 11 - 15
Week 2: June 20 - 24	Week 2: July 18 - 22
SESSION 2	SESSION 4
Week 1: June 27 - July 1	Week 1: July 25 - 29
Week 2: July 5 - July 8*	Week 2: August 1 - 5
*No camp July 4	

### CAMP THEME DAYS - THURSDAYS

SESSION 1	SESSION 3
June 16: UM Spirit	July 14: Disney
June 23: Sports Jersey	July 21: Pirates and Princesses
SESSION 2	SESSION 4
June 30: Red, White and Blue	July 28: Olympics
July 7: Super Hero	Aug. 4: Tie Dye

### SPORT OF THE WEEK

SESSION 1	SESSION 3
Week 1: Softball	Week 1: Soccer
Week 2: Basketball	Week 2: Track & Field
SESSION 2	SESSION 4
Week 1: Flag Football	Week 1: Volleyball
Week 2: Racquet Sports	Week 2: Kickball



### EACH CAMP SESSION

- Carnival Day - first Friday
- Arts show - second Thursday
- Color Olympics - second Friday
- Extravaganza - second Friday

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Arts and crafts
- Games and team sports
- Swimming instruction

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Special events
- Theme days
- Wellness education



## 2016 Camp Information



### CANES

6 years old



### DOLPHINS

9 years old



### MANATEES

7 years old



### MARLINS

10 years old



### PANTHERS

8 years old



### HEAT

11-12 years old

As part of the "Green U" initiative at the University of Miami, Mini Canes Camp uses recycled materials for some of our arts and crafts activities. To assist in our green efforts in using recycled materials, we encourage campers to bring: empty and cleaned milk cartons and soda/water bottles, old newspapers & empty paper towel tubes.