



Meet Our Guidance Counselor

Ms. Hartley | Secondary Guidance Counselor



Miss Hartley's passion for guidance counseling grew out of her own experience. She began college as a nursing major before realizing it was not the right fit. Looking back, she wished someone had helped her explore her strengths, values, and skills as she considered a career. Through God's plan, her undergraduate degree in theology led to a Bible teaching position in Phoenix. After discovering her passion for making an impact for Christ in Christian schools, she earned her master's degree in education.

As a teacher, Miss Hartley heard students share their worries about graduation and uncertainty about what came next. She wanted them to have the guidance she had missed: someone who knew them well and could help them explore how God had gifted them. That desire grew into her role as Heritage Christian Academy's secondary guidance counselor.

Guidance at Heritage begins in sixth grade. Our smaller school gives us the opportunity to come alongside each student and family, learn their individual interests and strengths, and help them discern their next steps.

Heritage & Beyond

One way Miss Hartley puts this into practice is through **Heritage & Beyond**, a semester course for juniors and seniors that helps them prepare for life after high school. Students explore their strengths, interests, and sense of purpose while building practical skills for college, work, and independent living. The course includes college and career visits, job shadowing, interviews, résumés, applications, and everyday life skills. Its goal is for each student to graduate with a thoughtful plan and confidence to follow where God leads.

Supporting Students & Families

Miss Hartley also supports students through **college applications, FAFSA and scholarship guidance, SAT and ACT preparation, and GCU Live and dual enrollment options**. She uses what students share about their interests to help inform clubs and electives that reflect our student body.

Miss Hartley is also helping develop **Parent University**, a collection of seminars, videos, resources, and links designed to help families navigate the transition beyond high school. Her hope is that when students graduate, they and their families feel known, supported, and prepared for where God leads them next.