

Lacey Pope was born and raised in Humboldt County, California. She attended Saint Bernard's Catholic School for her entire elementary, middle school and high school career. She graduated from SBCS in 1999 and continued on to college at Sonoma State University where she graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Biology and Chemistry with a concentration in animal Physiology in 2004. During her time at SSU she headed a research team that studied the physiological and behavioral ecology of the fasting female Northern Elephant Seal at the Ano Nuevo State Reserve in Monterey. Her research areas included fasting physiology, diving physiology, development, stress responses, foraging behavior and life history strategies. Lacey's research and findings were published in the scientific Journal of Comparative Physiology in 2004. Upon graduation, she moved back behind the Redwood Curtain where she worked as a veterinary technician and tutored children. Her love for science and children led her to want to become a science teacher. In 2006 she was accepted into both HSU's Secondary Education Credentialing program as well as the Multiple Subject Credentialing program. While in the program, she student taught under the direction of two different mentor teachers and graduated from both programs with dual teaching credentials in 2007. She earned both a Secondary Science Teaching Credential as well as a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential simultaneously. Along with her credentials she also earned numerous surplus certifications such as the ELA1 that is specific for English language learners and their development. Following graduation she wanted to return to her alma mater, SBCS, and did so in 2007 when she was hired to teach science full time there. She was happy to be back at the school that had helped shape her life and guide her passion for education, science and youth. Once a full time teacher, Lacey completed the BTSA program for beginning teachers where she cleared both of her teaching credentials. By getting a job at SBCS she has been able to pursue and share her dream and passion for science and education with her students. She brings her passion for science into the classroom everyday by teaching a curriculum with an engaging learning environment that utilizes hands-on activities and fun experiments that relate to everyday life so that her students make real life connections. Being both a biologist and chemist has been advantageous for her students to be able to be involved in numerous local research projects with various species around Humboldt County. Lacey is happy to be able to instill the love she has for science with her Marine Biology class, Physical Science class and her two sections of Chemistry as well as teach alongside her twin sister and her mother.