

**Mrs. Petra Brandt**  
**Upper School Principal**

Mrs. Petra Brandt serves as FCA's Upper School Principal and is passionate about developing students into strong, Christ-centered leaders who are prepared to succeed academically while boldly living out their faith.

Mrs. Brandt holds both a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Instruction and Curriculum from Florida Gulf Coast University. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership through Liberty University and maintains ACSI certifications in Principal Leadership, Curriculum, and Elementary Education.

Mrs. Brandt began her career in education in 2008 and began pursuing educational leadership roles in Christian education in 2022. She joined FCA in 2021 and began serving as Upper School Principal in 2024. She brings both excellence and a servant's heart to FCA's Upper School while overseeing upper school academics, student life, athletics, fine arts, and other areas that support the spiritual and academic growth of students. She especially enjoys walking alongside students and teachers, listening well, encouraging growth, and helping cultivate a Christ-centered school culture.

Mrs. Brandt's leadership philosophy is rooted in servant leadership and modeled after Christ's example in Mark 10:42–45. Her faith influences the way she supports staff, partners with families, and navigates challenges with humility, wisdom, and purpose.

For Mrs. Brandt, stewarding the mission means fostering a Bible-centered and academically excellent learning environment where students are equipped to confidently share their faith and pursue the path God has called them to. She is deeply committed to helping students grow spiritually, academically, and personally throughout their upper school journey.

Originally from Slovakia, Mrs. Brandt moved to the United States in 1990, shortly before her ninth birthday, and participated in an ESOL program. This experience helped shape both her educational journey and heart for students. She and her husband, Brian, are the proud parents of their son, Noah. In her free time, she enjoys creative design projects, playing the clarinet, and spending time with family.

At FCA, Mrs. Brandt is committed to helping provide a safe, nurturing, academically excellent, Bible-centered, and supportive learning environment for students and families.