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Monarch School Hires Five New Staff Members

The Monarch School in San Diego, which was established specifically for homeless and at-risk youth, has hired five new staff members, including Laura White as vice president of development. White will be responsible for spearheading fundraising efforts for the capital campaign to build the new Monarch School campus at 1625 Newton St. in San Diego, just south of Petco Park Downtown. White previously was annual fund manager at Casa de Amparo and director of development at the Training, Education & Research Institute. She holds a bachelor's degree from Cal State Chico and a fundraising management certificate from Indiana University at Purdue.

Other new staff members are:

- Angela Curran, volunteer and events coordinator. Responsible for overseeing the school's more than 200 volunteers. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas.
- Jeffra Becknell, history and language arts high school teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree from Colby College, a master's degree from UCLA and a law degree from Columbia University School of Law.
- Tara Barrows, second and third grade teacher. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a fourth grade teacher in Massachusetts.
- Karen Daley, math and science high school teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and a teaching credential from Cal State San Marcos.