

**Magdalena Alves**

My name is Magdalena Alves and I am 23 years old. I grew up on a farm in Brockhausen, a small village near Lingen. I have two sisters. My older sister Hanna (25) is studying veterinary medicine in Hanover. Lucia, my younger sister, is 20 years old and wants to take over my father's farm in future.

As for myself, I am studying English and Theology to become a teacher for secondary school, i.e. from 5th to 12th grade. I like reading good books and I love to play badminton. In summer, I like to go inline skating around the Maschsee, a great lake in Hanover. I am really looking forward to my time at TCGIS. I want to gain a lot of new experiences and hope to meet interesting people! I will in 1C with Frau Bledsoe.

Stefanie Flintz

Hi, my name is Stefanie and I am 26 years old. I study English and Economics at the RWTH Aachen University to become a teacher for vocational schools. I am from Mönchengladbach, which is in the West of Germany and close to Düsseldorf. My favorite hobbies are swimming, playing handball and spending time with my friends. I am really excited to be part of TGCIS and to be an intern in 4B with Mr. Goetzman!

**Esther Gappa**

I am Esther Gappa from Regensburg, Bavaria and I am very excited to be an Intern at TCGIS. I am 23 years old and I love to spend my free time with friends and family, who play an important role in my life. I love reading (especially romance novels), doing sports (jogging and swimming) and music. I play the saxophone in the University orchestra and I also like to sing. I am very much looking forward to live with my host family and meet interesting people. It was always a dream of mine to live in the USA for some time. I also can't wait to work with the kids (especially the ones from KC) and my supervising teacher Leah Suter.

Lisa Gebauer

Hi! My name is Lisa Gebauer. I am 23 years old and I am studying elementary school education in Augsburg. I love the life, traditional clothing, and food in Bavaria. During my time in America, I hope to broaden cultural horizons, build new friendships, and collect many unforgettable experiences. I will be with Frau Bindert in 3A.

**Lars Lindenthal**

Hello, I am Lars and from Bremen in Northern Germany. I am studying Business and English. I am happy to finally be here at TCGIS and look forward to working with the kids at the school, making new friends, seeing as much of your country as possible and getting to know the American culture. Currently, I work with Mr. Wegener and soon will join Mrs. Fritz and her 5B.

Laura Philipp

My name is Laura Philipp, I am 24 years old and I study English and French in Regensburg, a beautiful town in the south of Germany, to become a secondary teacher. I have already spent one exchange semester in France, which was a great experience. I am really looking forward to being part of the TCGIS to have some more practical teaching experience. I especially appreciate to be hosted in an American family to experience the cultural exchange.

In my free time I enjoy playing the piano, especially film music, doing sports such as jogging and I love traveling to French and English speaking countries. I cannot wait to assist in Thomas Wegener's 7th grade!

**Gina Simon**

My name is Gina, I am 26 years old and I am from Neuruppin, a small town in Brandenburg close to Berlin. During the last 5 years I have studied elementary school pedagogy in Rostock and now I'm very excited to be an intern at TCGIS! I love to travel, spend time with my friends, sing and play volleyball! I'm in 2B with Herr Stephenson.

Lucia Turnwald

My name is Lucia Turnwald and I am currently in Herr Koch's class (4a) but only for two weeks. Then I will be in Frau Lauenstein's science class. In Germany, I live near Lake Constance. I love reading and writing and jogging in the rain. I hope to see a lot of the USA during my time here, and check out the restaurants my friends told me I absolutely have to go to. So many people warned me about how chilly it is in Minnesota, so I want it to become really cold again but just for two or three days so that I can show off at home and tell everybody how cold it is!

**Patrick Zimmerman**

I'm Patrick, 23 years old from Augsburg. I will join KC with Frau Suter for the first two weeks and after that I will work as a sport teacher with Mandi Rosenthal. My biggest passion is hockey, I have played since I was 6 years old and I hope to see some Minnesota Wild games and play hockey myself, too. I already started to do so with my three host boys Friedrich, Heinrich and Ulrich and it's a lot of fun.