

DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

As of September 1

Rachael Alessandro, teacher, TOAST
 Peter Anderson, social studies, AHS
 Mercedes Austin, TA, HMS
 Morgan Austin, TA, TOAST
 Ann Barretta, TA, PS 20
 Margrete Beneby, English, district-wide
 Meghan Bisceglia, TA, PSAA
 George Brice, hall monitor, HMS
 Karen Buckley, TA, PLMA
 Terrence Byrd, TA, HMS
 Marie Cadet, special ed., AHS
 Richard Capeless, TA, Abrookin
 Dorothy Carter, TA, AHES
 Raquel Cheney, social worker, HGHS
 Mary Cindar, teacher, district-wide
 Sean Colfer, TA, HMS
 Kelly Collins, TA, HMS
 Carol Connelly, special ed., AHS
 Stephen Corazzini, hall monitor, AHS
 Gloria Corley, special ed., PS 19
 John Deer, TA, HMS
 Maribeth Dillon, math, HMS
 Janey DiNicola, TA, HMS
 Claudio DiVirgilio, Spanish, AHS
 Michael Elliott, social studies, HMS
 Fred Engelhardt, TA, SPA
 Kerri Evers, special ed., PLMA
 Lisa Faine, nurse, PS 16
 Thomaris Felton, business, AHS
 Nanette Geary, science, AHS
 Larry Gipson, truck driver
 Michele Goldman, speech, MMS
 Emily Goodreau, TA, PS 27
 Elizabeth Gordon, health, PLMA
 Margaret Greenwood, nurse, TOAST
 Kim Haggerty, TA, PS 19
 Jennifer Hammond, TA, PLMA
 Emily Hodges, TA, HMS
 Brendan Hoffman, music, AHS
 Kimberly Hoffman, music, district-wide
 Lindsey Horton, TA, HMS
 Lisa House, TA, PLMA

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A message from the interim superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to report a very smooth opening of school this year with sincere thanks due to each of you! As you can see, this issue of *In the Loop* highlights the many new staff joining our district along with recognition of several of our newly appointed administrators. These staff members will help us continue our distinguished tradition of maintaining a quality workforce, and I am confident that our veteran staff can be counted on to assist and support them.



On Thursday, September 23 the Board of Education also will recognize members of our faculty who have attained tenure in their positions as a result of their successful teaching performance in the district. You are welcome to join us in honoring these newly tenured teachers at a reception to be held at 6:30 p.m. that evening at Harriet Gibbons High School prior to the Board of Education meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and congratulations!

Dr. Eva Joseph, Interim Superintendent of Schools

New appointments for 2004-05

As the '04-'05 school year begins, there are new faces in new places at the City School District of Albany.

The district has named Terrance White interim assistant superintendent for instruction and appointed Margaret DiGiulio to the position of instructional supervisor for secondary English Language Arts (ELA).

White, a longtime Albany administrator, was appointed because of his educational and administrative experience, as well as his vast knowledge of the district. He first came to the district in 1975 as a teacher at Schools 21 and 16. Upon earning his administrative certification, White took a position as the assistant to the principal at Philip Schuyler Elementary School. He worked in that capacity for seven years before assuming the role of principal at School 19, where he stayed for 13 years.



In 1999, White became the

director of information and instructional technology, a role he will continue to oversee during this school year.

As English Language Arts supervisor at the secondary level, DiGiulio's duties and responsibilities include overseeing and directing the district's secondary language arts program by serving as an advisor for English teachers, overseeing student testing in language arts, conducting needs analysis, designing and evaluating programs to meet students' and teachers' needs, developing and conducting workshops to enhance the reading and writing program and student abilities, and researching instructional materials.



DiGiulio came to the district in 1997 where she team taught 7th and 8th grade English. In 1999, she joined the faculty at Albany High and began teaching AP English and a variety of other courses. DiGiulio also has taught AP instruction for teachers through the Teachers' Center/ NYSUT/College Board.

In addition to her teaching load, DiGiulio had been the principal for the extended day program at Abrookin for the past two years.

WHAT's new?

John Pelletier,

associate principal at the Abrookin Vocational-Technical Center, will serve as interim principal at Philip Livingston Magnet Academy for the 2004-05 school year. Pelletier began his Albany career as a math teacher and an assistant football and basketball coach at Albany High School from 1984-1988. After spending eight years as an assistant principal at Averill Park High School, he returned to AHS in 1997 to serve as North House Principal (1997-2001), interim principal (2001-02), and associate principal of the 9th Grade Academy (2002-03).



Greg Jones,

assistant principal at School 19, will serve as interim principal at School 20 for the 2004-05 school year. Jones, who graduated from Albany High in 1986, began his teaching career in 1994 as a computer and math teacher at the Philip Livingston Magnet Academy. Jones also was an assistant JV football coach (1995) and assistant varsity wrestling coach (1995-97) at Albany High. From 1999-2001, Jones was the summer school principal at Hackett Middle School, where he also served as assistant principal in the spring of 2001.



City School District of Albany administrators and board members joined local dignitaries and school children in celebrating the completion of the new Sheridan Preparatory Academy on Wednesday, September 1, and the Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy on Tuesday, September 7. From left: Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, Board Secretary Patricia Fahy, Board Vice President Barbara Gaffuri, Assemblyman Jack McEneny, Interim Superintendent Dr. Eva C. Joseph, Senior Architect Shawn Hamlin, Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings, Board Member William Barnette, Board President Scott Wexler, and Sheridan Preparatory Academy Principal Jeremiah Spicer. To view pictures of both new schools, visit www.albanyschools.org.

New Employees

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Janice Houston-Little, social worker, MMS
 Brian Huba, TA, MsAP
 Ester Jackson, social worker, PS 18
 Derek Johnson, TA, PS 20
 Karen Jones, TA, HMS
 Sean Keane, security officer, PLMA
 Ann Mattei, TA, AHS
 Jeremy McCann, TA, PS 27
 John McDermott, hall monitor, AHS
 Maureen McDermott, English, AHS
 Shelly McElroy, TA, PSES
 Robin McKenna, art, PLMA
 Kathleen McLean, social worker, SPA
 Clifford Mele, special ed., AHS
 Sandile Mlambi, French, HMS
 Margaret Morelli, TA, HMS
 Lawrence Moultrie, TA, AHS
 Gregory Napierski, TA, PS 18
 Lauren Nevins, TA, PLMA
 Sophia Newell, social studies, AHS
 Nicole Newman, math, PLMA
 Mary Nolan, speech, district-wide
 Stacy O'Brien, TA, HMS
 Kelly O'Connell, teacher, PS 20
 Banky Ogunnusi, TA, AHS
 Elyssa Papa, English, AHS
 Elissa Peckage, reading, PS 19
 Timothy Pendergast, math, AHS
 Christopher Pouloupoulos, TA, GMS
 Jill Ricciardone, Spanish, PLMA
 Elizabeth Russo, special ed., PSAA
 Melissa Ryan, English teacher/TA, Abrookin
 Kara Santa Lucia, special ed., TOAST
 Jessica Schmidt, TA, PS 19
 Sheryl Schoonmaker, TA, PLMA
 Linda Shapiro, family & consumer science, PLMA
 Carol Sherrin, science, PLMA
 Roy Smith, hall monitor, AHS
 Jennifer Span, TA, MsAP
 Deborah Summers, math, PLMA
 William Swidorski, social studies/TA, AHS
 Jason Tillou, TA, SPA
 Shameisha VanAlstyne, TA, AHES
 Jordan Vener, TA, HMS
 Neil Wahab, alternative ed., MsAP
 Kerry Welcome, science, HMS
 I-Asia White, hall monitor, PLMA
 Tanya Yarde, TA, HGHS
 David Zebrowski, Spanish, district-wide