# THE 2022 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT



Ron Rossi, this year's Wansboro Award recipient, began his journey at Academy of the Sacred Heart in September of 2003 as a member of the Upper School faculty for the 2003-2004 school year.

He was able to draw from his prior experience as Vice President of Digital for a photography company in Michigan as he began his second career in teaching. Ron was hired at Bloomfield Hills to teach technology classes the same year Sacred Heart began its 1:1 mobile technology program. Over the past 19 years, he has led classes in digital literacy, graphics, film, and yearbook, always in the Upper School.

The program that he is most well known for, however, is Project Term. It was the description of this special initiative that got him excited about taking the position in the first place. Ron had been going to the Amazon for several years prior to his role at Sacred Heart and he thought this could be a great opportunity to connect his passions and further develop the Project Term experience for Upper School students. The trip to the Amazon began in his second year, and Ron has led a team of students and faculty every year since except for 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Ron feels strongly that Project Term is "a unique, impactful program - a perfect learning experience for the girls." It is an opportunity to see beyond oneself, which he said is what Sacred Heart education is all about - developing into the best version of yourself and exemplifying purpose, passion, and opportunity.

In a testament to Goal Five, Ron shared that his inspiration comes from the atmosphere of wise freedom he has been given as a member of the faculty to be himself, to have flexibility in his teaching and approach. He is proud that during his tenure, he has helped to provide opportunities for students that have had a meaningful impact on their lives, which they remember and reflect upon, even many years after graduation.

The Alumnae and Alumni Association proudly recognizes Ron Rossi with the 2022 Wansboro Award.