

# Greater Lowell Tech welcomes new staff

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TYNGSBORO -- Greater Lowell Technical High School welcomed 10 new teachers and one new administrator to its team for the 2016-2017 school year.

Liliany Carlesso-Feliciano joins GLTHS as a Math instructor. She has two years of experience in Boston and Chelsea Public Schools, as well as working seven years as a Math and Physics teacher in her native country of Brazil. She has a Bachelor's degree in Math and Physics, and a Master's degree in Education. Her goal is to prepare her students for the pathway they choose after graduation.

Efrin Cotto joins GLTHS as an ELE paraprofessional. He has 15 years of experience at the Lowell Community Charter School. For the last six years at LCCPS he was the director of discipline and athletics, as well as the coordinator of all safety and emergency protocols. He is a graduate of Greater Lowell Tech. For the past eight, he has coached the GLTHS boys varsity basketball team and will coach the girls junior-varsity volleyball team this fall. His hopes are to use his knowledge and experience to lead as many students in the right direction and help them find success in the path they choose.

Angelica Gonzalez joins GLTHS as a Health instructor in the Physical Education Cluster. She graduated from Greater Lawrence Technical High School's Health Assisting program as the salutatorian of her class. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training with a minor in Biology. She started working at Greater Lowell Tech as an athletic trainer in 2014. She became a substitute teacher last year and will now be a full-time teacher.

She hopes to help students build their confidence to grow, mature, speak up and be who they truly want to be.

Richard Martin joins GLTHS as a Marketing Education instructor. This is first year teaching, though he has 25 years of experience working in marketing at Phillips Health Care. He obtained his Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Information Technology. He has served on the GLTHS Advisory Board for several years and was impressed by the teachers and programs offered at the school. He hopes to get students excited about marketing as a career opportunity and to further study in college.

Daniel Ryan joins GLTHS as a Hospitality instructor. He has extensive experience in the hospitality-management field, as well as 10 years of experience as a vocational instructor at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management and continued to receive a Master's degree in Managerial Technology. He was eager to work for Greater Lowell Tech because of its positive reputation, strong school standing and programs offered. He hopes to create positive relationships in the outside community that benefit students. He was once employed by Walt Disney World Company in different management roles.

Aparna Sharma joins GLTHS as a Science instructor. She has a Master's degree in Science Education and a year of experience as a science education associate at BWH Harvard/MIT. She also was a substitute teacher for the Westboro Public Schools. She said she is honored to be working at Greater Lowell Tech and be part of the Science team because of its blend of academic and vocational teaching. She hopes to inject students with enthusiasm about learning and to view it as a privilege and not a chore.

Michael Stack joins GLTHS as a CADD instructor. This is his first year teaching. He has 16 years of experience in the architectural industry. He attended Ball State University and Boston Architectural College. He is eager to make sure students learn the design process and have fun doing it.

Kara Tansey-Theall joins GLTHS as a Title I Reading instructor. She is pursuing her second Master's degree as a dyslexia specialist. She comes to Greater Lowell Tech from Tyngsboro Public Schools, where she was as an elementary-school teacher, as well as a special-education instructor for the last six years. She hopes to get to know her students and help them improve in the areas of reading and writing.

Eric Weed joins GLTHS as an Electrical instructor. He graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School and to Greater Lowell Tech with 32 years of experience as a licensed master electrician. He was an Electrical instructor at Nashoba Valley Technical High School last year, and has served on the GLTHS Advisory Committee for four years.

Susan Youens joins GLTHS as an Engineering Technology instructor. She comes to Greater Lowell Tech from Chelmsford Public Schools, where she worked as a Technology Engineering instructor. She also has many years of experience in the field of engineering. She obtained a BS MET in Mechanical Engineering, as well as an MSBME in Biomedical Engineering. She wants to reflect her educational goals to her students so they can consider advanced education.

Jennifer Zeuli joins GLTHS as the ELA, ELE and Social Studies Cluster chairwoman. She has 22 years of experience in the field of education in both teaching and supervisory

positions. Her most recent experience was as the ELA coordinator for Lowell Public Schools, grades 5-12. She came into teaching through Teach for America 22 years ago and spent six years teaching high-school English in East Los Angeles. She has taught grades 1-12, as well as undergrads and graduate students.