

Greater Lowell Tech Welcomes 10 New Teachers

Tyngsboro – Greater Lowell Technical High School welcomed 10 new teacher to its team for the 2014-2015 school year.

Eighteen new members joined the Greater Lowell Technical High School staff and participated in a week long mentoring program which will continue throughout their first year at Greater Lowell Tech.

Washington, Karen

Karen is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and has a Masters degree in History from the University of New Hampshire. Karen is excited to start the school year and is eager to make History class meaningful and interesting, not just dates and names.

Fun fact: Karen is has almost finished hiking the 48 4K mountains in New Hampshire and completed the West Virginia portion of the Appalachian Trail as well as Massachusetts and New Hampshire..

Gilford, Nicole

Nicole Gilford came from the Pioneer Charter School of Science in Everett, where she had been since graduating from Fitchburg State College in 2012. “I hope to inspire my students in the field of mathematics and help them along in their education and life journeys, just like my teachers did.”

Fun Fact: Halloween is one of Nicole’s favorite holidays. Her goal this fall is to visit as many Halloween themed events and haunts as possible!

Donahue, Michael

Michael Donahue joins Greater Lowell Tech after working at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlboro. Michael is a graduate of Fitchburg State College and was a former graduate of Assabet Valley himself. “I’m a big believer in vocational/technical education, and I hope to use my experience and experiences to reach students and get them excited about their education and possibilities for the future.”

Fun fact: Michael has twice worked on houses for ABC's Extreme Home Makeover show. (Maynard Ma, and Poolesville Md.)

Pesce, Paul

Paul Pesce brings experience from Clark University, and North Shore Technical high School. Paul earned a degree in education and music from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. Paul chose Greater Lowell Tech for its “reputation and quality programs”. Paul hopes to inspire a higher level of professionalism to the students, focusing on measurable achievements by attaining industry credentials.

Fun facts: Paul has played music professionally in various genres, classical, jazz, and pop, for over 40 years.

Matulonis, Robert

A new teacher, previously a Chef Manager for many years in Corporate Dining, Robert Matulonis attended the Culinary Institute of America. Paul appreciates the facilities for students and teachers alike. "I hope to learn as much as I teach."

Fun facts: Robert loves New England and its diversity, seasons and outdoor activities. He likes skiing with his kids. He lived and worked in parts of Europe for many years.

Shea, Bethany

A new teacher, previously a Behavior Learning Assistant for the last two year at Groton Middle School, Bethany attended Worcester State University. Bethany chose Greater Lowell because she attended a technical high school herself and it was the best experience of her life. She attributes her learning from high school, and her teachers to the career she is in today. "As a new teacher I am hoping to learn from other experienced teachers how to be the most effective I can be."

Croteau, Kerry

Kerry joins Greater Lowell Tech after working in the Electronics Department at Shawsheen Technical High School in Billerica. Kerry is a graduate of Northern Essex Community College with a degree in Business and Fitchburg State with her Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Education. "My hopes for the new year is to get involved in some of the school clubs and activities for freshmen and support the school sports teams."

Fun facts: Kerry's favorite thing to do after school is head to Fenway Park and watch the Boston Red Sox play. She tries to go as often as possible.

Hawkins, Bryanna

Bryanna Hawkins joins Greater Lowell Tech after working at the Bartlett Community Partnership School. Bryanna is a graduate of UMass Lowell both Undergraduate and Graduate. Bryanna chose Greater Lowell because she student taught at Greater Lowell in the Spring and really enjoyed her time. "Greater Lowell Tech is a very supportive environment. Great kids that want to learn." Bryanna wants to work on developing student interest in science through inquiry.

Morrison, Brenna

A new teacher who finished her student teaching in Western, Massachusetts for her graduate program. Brenna is a graduate of UMass Amherst both Undergraduate and Graduate. Brenna chose Greater Lowell because of the school's progressive in terms of

its career and college readiness opportunities offered to the student body. “This year I hope to figure out how to navigate the huge building and explore all of the shops offered.”

Packard, Daniel

Daniel joins Greater Lowell Tech after working at Tewksbury Memorial High School. Daniel attended UMass Lowell. Daniel chose Greater Lowell because he did his student teacher at Greater Lowell and loved it. “My hopes for this year is that all students succeed.”

Fun facts: Daniel is currently obtaining his Master’s degree.



In picture:

Matthew Murphy, Karen Washington, Nicole Gilford, Michael Donahue, Paul Pesce, Robert Matulonis, Bethany Shea, Kerry Croteau, Bryanna Hawkins, Brenna Morrison, Daniel Packard