

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR ADMINISTRATION



LaTrace Finney

Principal, Steele Elementary School

Ms. LaTrace Finney has been appointed the new principal of Steele Elementary School. A passionate educator and school leader with more than 20 years' experience, Ms. Finney previously served as principal of PS 81 Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School. Ms. Finney is bilingual and holds a bachelor's in early childhood education and a master's in literacy education from Long Island University, as well as a master's in educational leadership from Baruch College – CUNY. "It is great to be a part of a community where students, teachers, and parents care for each other and strive to build meaningful relationships that support academic and social-emotional growth. As the new Steele principal, I am committed to helping all children develop their intellectual capacity, academic skills, and social competence so that they will be prepared to effectively negotiate the demands associated with living in an ever-changing 21st century world."

Dr. Erica Taylor

Interim Principal, Baldwin Middle School

Dr. Erica D. Taylor has been appointed interim principal of Baldwin Middle School after serving as the assistant principal, bringing more than 20 years' experience as an educator to the position. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in education from Long Island University, Master of Science in special education from Adelphi University, a Master of Arts in school administration from The College of Saint Rose, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration, Supervision, and Instructional Leadership from St. John's University. "I'm honored to work with such a dedicated group of educators who are passionate about growing people and will continue to be a strong advocate for the youth in Baldwin."

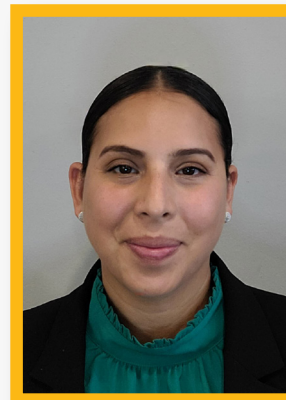


Natasha Arthurton

Assistant Principal, Baldwin Middle School

Ms. Natasha Arthurton has been promoted to assistant principal of Baldwin Middle School after serving as the 6th grade dean. Prior to Baldwin Union Free School District, Ms. Arthurton served as an assistant principal at Victory Collegiate High

School in Brooklyn. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Queens College, as well as a master's in school leadership from Touro College. "My educational purpose is to cultivate the hearts of students, to connect and to commit to all learners' wellbeing."



Jessica Rivera

Assistant Principal, Baldwin High School

Ms. Jessica Rivera has been appointed the assistant principal of Baldwin High School after serving as dean of students. Previously, she worked for Huntington Union Free School District, where she also served as dean of students and a 5th grade dual language teacher. Before working on Long Island, Ms. Rivera taught special

education in Manhattan. She obtained her bachelor's degree at SUNY Old Westbury, her master's degree at Fort Hays State University in Kansas and her post-masters advanced graduate certificate at Stony Brook University. "I am thrilled to remain a part of the Baldwin School District, and I look forward to fostering an environment where every student can thrive and succeed."



Corrine Tumbarello

Interim Assistant Principal, Baldwin Middle School

Ms. Corinne Tumbarello has been promoted to interim assistant principal of Baldwin Middle School, where she previously served as a school counselor as well as the summer enrichment coordinator. She earned her bachelor's in psychology from University of Buffalo, M.S.Ed. from Hofstra University, and her educational leadership certification from the College of St. Rose.



Stephanie Rengifo

Director of Curriculum

Ms. Stephanie Rengifo has been promoted to director of curriculum for Baldwin Union Free School District. She earned her B.A. in liberal arts from the College of Mount Saint Vincent, M.S.Ed. from City College of New York, her M.S.Ed. in Educational

Leadership from Hunter College, and her J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law.



Gina Curcio

Assistant Director of Health, Wellness and Community Relations

Ms. Gina Curcio has been named the new assistant director of health, wellness and community relations, bringing more than 20 years' experience in education to the Baldwin Union Free School District. She previously served as the director of guidance in the

West Babylon School District. Ms. Curcio received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from St. Francis College, Master of the Arts in counseling psychology, and a Master of Education with a specialization school counseling from Teachers College at Columbia University. She also holds a School District Leader Certification from LIU Post.

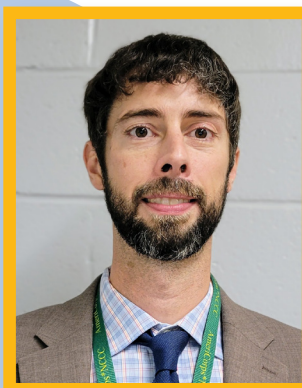


Vanessa Soto

Dean of Students, Baldwin High School

Ms. Vanessa Soto has been named the new dean of students for Baldwin High School. Prior to Baldwin, she served as a bilingual/ENL mathematics teacher and summer school principal at Copiague High School and Middle School. She

earned her Bachelor of Arts in math adolescent education, her Master of Science, and post-master's advanced certificate for school building leader (SBL) from Molloy University.



Edward Murray

Assistant Director of Instructional Technology

Mr. Edward Murray was appointed assistant director of instructional technology after serving as an educational technology specialist for both the middle and high schools in Baldwin UFSD. In addition, he served as advisor to the Computer

Science Pre-Academy at Baldwin Middle School and the director of the Baldwin Teacher Center. Before Baldwin, Mr. Murray was an education technology specialist in Yonkers Public Schools. He holds a Bachelor of Science in history and education from Mercy College, as well as a Master of Science in instructional technology and an advanced diploma in school leadership and technology from NYIT.

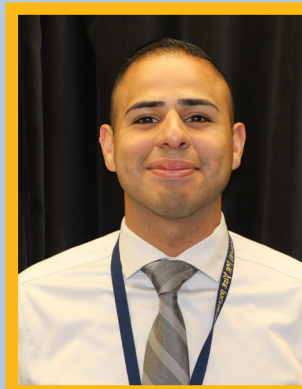


Rosemarie Socci

Dean of Students, Baldwin Middle School

Ms. Rosemarie Socci has been named dean of students for Baldwin Middle School. Before being promoted to her latest role in the district, Ms. Socci served as a mathematics teacher at Baldwin Middle School and a summer school coordinator

at Baldwin High School. She earned her Master of Arts in administration from Stony Brook University.



Stephen Saravia

Supervisor of Special Education, 9-12, Baldwin High School

Mr. Stephen Saravia serves as the supervisor of special education for grades 9-12. He previously served as a special education teacher at Walt Whitman High School in the South Huntington Union Free School District. He earned

his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science in secondary social studies education and special education from Molloy University and his advanced certificate in school building/district leadership from Stony Brook University.

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



Sabrina Biaggi

*Baldwin Middle School
Mathematics Teacher*

*B.A. in Mathematics, SUNY
Courtland
M.A. in Education, St. John's
University*

Previously, Ms. Biaggi served as a mathematics teacher in East Rockaway Junior-Senior High School.



Matthew Boniberger

*Baldwin Middle School
Special Education Social Studies
Teacher*

*B.A. in History, St. Joseph's College
M.A. in Adolescent Special
Education, St. Joseph's College*

Prior to joining Baldwin Middle School, Mr. Boniberger was a part-time social studies special education teacher at North Shore Middle School in Glen Head, NY, part of the North Shore Central School District.



Dr. Federico Casares

*Baldwin High School
Science Teacher*

*B.S. in Biological Sciences, SUNY
College at Old Westbury
M.S. in Marine Environmental
Science, Stony Brook University
Ph.D. in Marine & Atmospheric
Sciences, Stony Brook University
Advanced Certificate in
Secondary Education, Biology,
Grades 7-12, Hofstra University*

Dr. Casares taught Earth Science at Walt Whitman High School in South Huntington prior to Baldwin Union Free School District.



Jaclyn Desz

*Baldwin Middle School
Math Teacher*

*B.S. in Mathematics and
Secondary Education,
Towson University
M.A. in Adolescent Special
Education, St. Joseph's
University (Pending)*

Before Baldwin, Ms. Desz served as a mathematics teacher leave replacement in the Sachem Central School District.



Nicolette DiRaimondo

*Meadow Elementary School
Teacher, Leave Replacement*

*B.S. in Elementary Teacher
Education, University of
Delaware
M.A. in Literacy & Cognition/
Special Education, St. Joseph's
University (Pending)*

Previously, Ms. DiRaimondo worked as a kindergarten support specialist teacher at Fairfield Elementary School in the Massapequa School District.



Randall Duperval

*Baldwin Middle School
Guidance Counselor*

*B.S. in Psychology, The City
College of New York
M.S. Ed. in School Counseling,
Alfred University*

Prior to his current role in the Baldwin Union Free School District, Mr. Duperval served as a school counselor for the NYC Department of Education in Brooklyn, NY.



Michaela Fader

*Baldwin Middle School and
Baldwin High School
Special Education Teacher*

*B.A. in Childhood Education
and Students with
Disabilities, Mount Saint
Mary College
M.S. in Teaching Literacy,
Touro University*

Before Baldwin, Ms. Fader served as a special education teacher support services provider for the NYC Department of Education in Douglaston, NY.



Meghan Farley

*Meadow Elementary School
School Psychologist*

*B.A. in Psychology, SUNY
Plattsburgh
M.A./C.A.S. in School
Psychology, SUNY Plattsburgh*

Ms. Farley worked as an extended school year (ESY) school psychologist for Massapequa School District before joining Baldwin Union Free School District.



Tara Gardner-Labas

*Steele Elementary School
School Nurse*

*A.S.N. in Nursing, St. Vincent's
Catholic Medical Center
Chamberline University
(Pending)*

Ms. Gardner-Labas served as registered nurse at Pilgrim State in

Brentwood, NY prior to joining the Baldwin Union Free School District.



Analisa Giannone

*Baldwin High School
Family and Consumer Sciences
Teacher*

*B.S. in Family and Consumer
Sciences Teacher, SUNY Oneonta*

Ms. Giannone was a family and consumer science teacher leave replacement at East Rockaway Junior-Senior High School before Baldwin Union Free School District.



Justin Gibbons

*Baldwin Middle School
ENL/ELA Teacher*

*B.S. in Biology Adolescent
Education, LIU Post*

Previously, Mr. Gibbons was a substitute teacher at Massapequa High School and a science teacher leave replacement at

Berner Middle School in Massapequa School District.



Taylah Hudson

*Baldwin Middle School and
Baldwin High School
Physical Education and Health
Teacher*

*B.S. in Physical Education,
LIU Post
M.S., Lehman University
(Pending)*

Ms. Hudson was a health and physical education teacher leave replacement for Uniondale Union Free School District prior to joining Baldwin.



Terrance Judson

*Baldwin Middle School
English as a Second Language (ESL)
Teacher*

*B.A. in English and American Literature,
Queens College
M.A. in TESOL, Teachers College,
Columbia University*

Previously, Mr. Judson served as a teacher of English as a new language (ENL), AP English Literature, and theatre arts at the Academy Charter School in Hempstead. He possesses over 30 years' experience teaching ENL, English, social studies and theatre arts to both immigrants and native speakers of English.



Lia Kobakhidze

*Baldwin High School
Physics Teacher*

*M.A. in Physics, Ivane
Javakhishvili Tbilisi State
University
M.S., University of Louisiana
at Lafayette
M.S. in Education, CUNY
Brooklyn College*

Prior to Baldwin, Ms. Kobakhidze served as a physics teacher at the Queens School of Inquiry.



Amanda LaRossa

*Baldwin High School
Special Education Math Teacher*

*B.A. in Mathematics, Marist College
M.A.T., Marist College*

Before joining the Baldwin Union Free School District, Ms. LaRossa worked as a math special education teacher leave replacement at New Hyde Park Memorial High School.



Gregory Makarius

*Baldwin Middle School
Science Teacher*

*B.A. in Adolescent Education:
Earth Science, SUNY Oneonta
M.S. in Educational Technology
Specialist, SUNY Oneonta
(Pending)*

Mr. Makarius served as an 8th grade physical science teacher at Liberty Middle School prior to joining Baldwin Union Free School District.



Noellia Nicotri

*Baldwin Middle School
Music Teacher – Orchestra*

*B.A. in Music Education, SUNY
Potsdam, Crane School of Music*

Previously, Ms. Nicotri was an orchestra teacher at East Hampton Union Free School District.



Imuetinyan Odigie

*Meadow Elementary School
Language, Speech and Hearing
Teacher*

*B.A. in Sociology with a
Concentration in Human Sciences,
SUNY New Paltz
M.A. in Speech-Language
Pathology, Adelphi University*

Prior to coming to Baldwin, Ms. Odigie served as a speech-language pathologist at a development preschool in Queens, NY.



Jessica Oliveira

*Baldwin High School
Spanish Teacher*

*B.A. and M.A.T. in Hispanic Language &
Literature/Secondary Education, Stony
Brook University*

Before Baldwin, Ms. Oliveira was a permanent substitute teacher at W.T. Clarke Middle School in East Meadow School District.



Isabelle Petagna

*Baldwin Middle School
English Language Arts Teacher*

*B.A. in English Adolescent Education,
St. Joseph's University
M.A. in English, Stony Brook University*

Before Baldwin, Ms. Petagna served as an English teacher at Plainedge Middle School.



Jacqueline Ryan

*Baldwin High School
Science Teacher*

*B.S. in Biology, Stony Brook University
M.A.T. in Biology, Stony Brook University*

Before Baldwin, Ms. Ryan served as a science teacher at Babylon High School.



Tammy Said

*Elementary Buildings
Language, Speech and Hearing (LSH)
Teacher*

*B.A., SUNY Old Westbury
M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology,
LIU Post*

Ms. Said was previously an independent contract speech-language pathologist for various Long Island school districts.



Demi Spirou

*Baldwin High School
Social Studies Teacher*

*B.A. in History, SUNY Old Westbury
M.A.T. in Social Studies
(7-12), SUNY Old Westbury*

Previously, Ms. Spirou was a building substitute at Berner Middle School in the Massapequa School District.



Alexandria Stryker

*Baldwin Middle School
School Nurse*

B.S.N. in Nursing, Molloy College

Ms. Stryker served as a high-risk R.N. at Northwell North Shore University Hospital Antepartum before joining the Baldwin Union Free School District.



Haley Timarky

*Baldwin Middle School and
Baldwin High School
Math Teacher*

*B.S. in Mathematics, SUNY New Paltz
M.A. in Teaching Mathematics,
Stony Brook University*

Ms. Timarky was a mathematics teacher at Berner Middle School in Massapequa School District prior to coming to Baldwin.



Ian Walsh

*Baldwin High School
Science Teacher*

*B.S. in Adolescent Education;
Chemistry, SUNY Oneonta
M.A., TESOL, SUNY Brockport
(Pending)*

Previously, Mr. Walsh was a chemistry teacher in the Jericho School District.



Brooke Weiskopf

*Baldwin High School
Special Education
Social Studies Teacher*

*B.A. in History and
Education, SUNY Geneseo
M.A., CUNY Queens
Certificate in Building
Leadership, College of
St. Rose*

Ms. Weiskopf previously served as a global history teacher at Bronx Academy for Software Engineering.