

Meet the Newest Members of Our Administration



Dr. Tyshawh Scarlett

Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics

Dr. Tyshawh Scarlett has been appointed the director of health, physical education & athletics for Baldwin Union Free School District. Dr. Scarlett is currently on the financial committee for New York State Athletics Association and nationally certified as an athletic administrator. He previously served as the district director of athletics, health, physical education and FACS for Carle Place School District. He has also worked as a director for The Academy Charter Schools and Nassau Community College, where he is still an adjunct professor in physical education today. Dr. Scarlett holds a Doctor of Education in Administration and Instructional Leadership from St. John's University after earning his Bachelor of Arts in social science/administration of justice from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master of Science in Physical Education from Hofstra University, as

well as a Master of Science in education administration, leadership and policy from Mercy College. He is an active member of several organizations and carries numerous certifications, including Nationally Registered Athletic Administrator, Nationally Certified Athletic Administrator, NYS AHPERD and Council of Administrators for NYS. "Baldwin is truly a special place to me. I look forward to all the great experiences we will share. Go Bruins!"

Dr. Sheilah Jefferson-Isaac

Principal, Lenox Elementary School

Dr. Sheilah Jefferson-Isaac has been appointed principal of Lenox Elementary School. She comes to the Baldwin Union Free School District with more than twenty years of experience in education. She previously served as an assistant principal in the Uniondale Union Free School District. Dr. Jefferson-Isaac earned her doctorate in education leadership from Hofstra University, her master's degree in educational and instructional technology from New York Institute of Technology and bachelor's degree in elementary education from Howard University. "As a Baldwin parent, I have always been committed to supporting the school district, and I am excited to continue my support in this new role. I believe that schools should be filled with joyful learning experiences for all students. I look forward to supporting the Lenox community to cultivate joy, while helping each child reach their highest potential."



Dr. Yolanda Martin

Principal, Meadow Elementary School

Dr. Yolanda Martin has been named principal of Meadow Elementary School, bringing more than twenty years' experience in education to the Baldwin Union Free School District. Over the course of her career, she has served in the capacity of teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district administrator. While principal, Dr. Martin created a vision, school climate and culture that was conducive to learning and set high expectations, which allowed students to thrive and flourish academically and socially. Dr. Martin holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Concordia University, a master's degree in educational leadership from Touro College, a master's degree in secondary education from Adelphi University, and a bachelor's degree from Long Island University (LIU). She is a past participant of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Urban School

Leadership Institute and the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Data Wise Training.



Naviha Paz

Principal, Steele Elementary School

An educator for over twenty years, Ms. Naviha Ponce Paz has been named the new principal of Steele Elementary School. She started her career as an English teacher and throughout the years has moved up into several administrative roles, including dean, instructional coach, and administrator. Prior to joining the Baldwin Union Free School District, Ms. Paz was serving as an assistant principal at MS358 – the Magnet School of Steam Exploration and Experiential Learning and part of the New York City Department of Education. There, she led the way as a foundational assistant principal at the only nationally certified Magnet Middle School in New York State, focusing on project-based learning and interdisciplinary instruction. “Being able to bring to Baldwin my knowledge of experiential learning to make school fun, authentic and exhilarating is something that I look forward to. I

am also extremely excited to be part of such a rich, diverse and tight-knit community where everyone puts students at the core of everything we do.”

Anne Marie Squicciarini

Principal, Brookside Elementary School

Ms. Anne Marie Squicciarini has been appointed principal of Brookside Elementary School after serving as assistant principal for Plaza Elementary School within the Baldwin Union Free School District. Ms. Squicciarini possesses more than twenty years of experience working in education. Prior to Baldwin UFSD, she was a lead teacher at P.S. 173 Fresh Meadows within the New York City Department of Education. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Towson University, her Master of Science in Education from St. John’s University, as well as an advanced certificate in educational leadership from Long Island University (LIU). “It is my goal to work closely with the district and school community to uphold this vision and provide inclusive and innovative learning experiences that engage our students in exploration, inquiry, and collaboration. Together we will bring out the best in all our students.”



Melanie Odone

*Assistant Principal and Reading Supervisor
for Steele Elementary School*

Since spring of 2022, Ms. Melanie Odone has served as the assistant principal and reading supervisor for Steele Elementary School. She has been an educator for more than 18 years, working across a multitude of grades

and in many different facets. Her most recent role prior to joining the Baldwin Union Free School District was in the Glen Cove School District, where she supported teachers with the Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop Model as a literacy coach for grades K-2. She received both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science from Hofstra University and her advanced certificate in building administration from the College of St. Rose. “I love working in the Baldwin School District due to its dedication to innovative and inclusive learning. I am committed to working together in order to provide leadership and build a structure of collaborative relationships in the school and community so that all students have a variety of opportunities to succeed.”



Juliana Rashawn

Assistant Principal, Meadow Elementary School

Ms. Juliana Rashawn has been appointed assistant principal for Meadow Elementary School. She previously served as a special education teacher (15:1) at Plaza Elementary School for 7 years. She received her Bachelor of Science in

childhood education and special education from SUNY Old Westbury, her Master of Arts in TESOL from Long Island University (LIU) and her advanced certificate in building administration from the College of St. Rose. “Baldwin is where I started my teaching career, so there is no question that beginning my administration journey in Baldwin is the most exciting part for me. I look forward to continuing my journey with the Baldwin staff and community, collaborating with Dr. Martin and being even more involved with the outstanding success of our students.”



Jeanette Rottkamp

Assistant Principal, Plaza Elementary School

Ms. Jeanette Rottkamp has been appointed assistant principal of Plaza Elementary School. She previously served as an instructional coach at MS 358, The Magnet School for Exploration and Experiential Learning and part of the New York City Department of Education. She received her bachelor's degree in secondary education English 7-12 from Molloy College and her master's degree in special education and her post master's advanced certificate in school district leadership from Queens College. "Baldwin School District is already tapping into the possibilities of what students can achieve, and I am thrilled to be part of the work."



Natasha Arthurton

Dean of Students, Baldwin Middle School

Ms. Natasha Arthurton has been appointed dean of students for Baldwin Middle School. She previously served as an assistant principal at Victory Collegiate High School in Brooklyn. Ms. Arthurton earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Queens College, as well as a Master of Science in school leadership from Touro College.



Jessica Rivera

Dean of Students, Baldwin High School

Ms. Jessica Rivera has been named dean of students for Baldwin High School. Previously, she worked for Huntington Union Free School District, where she also served as dean of students and as 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.



Michael Butler

Social Studies Supervisor, 6-12

Mr. Michael Butler has been appointed the new social studies supervisor, 6-12, for Baldwin UFSD, where he has worked as a social studies teacher for more than twenty-five years teaching global studies, government and economics and has served as class advisor as well as advisor to several clubs including the Music Industry Club, Fashion Club and the Baldwin Step Team. He has also served as the head Junior Varsity Girls Basketball and Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball coach, leading them to many victories. Most recently Mr. Butler was accepted into the initial cohort of the Educational Residency Program. He holds a bachelor's degree in African studies from Cornell University, a Master's in education from Hofstra University and a graduate certificate in school district administration from Stony Brook University. "In my new role, I look forward to promoting the vision of Baldwin 2035 and building on the progress that has been made thus far."



Amity Howard-Reiss

Assistant Director of Pupil Services

Ms. Amity Howard-Reiss has been appointed assistant director of pupil services (PPS) for Baldwin UFSD. She previously worked for Port Washington Union Free School District for 15 years, where she began her career as a district psychologist and ultimately was promoted to assistant director for PPS. She is highly experienced in identifying the needs of special education, communicating with parents, working with colleagues and engaging in administrative oversight of programs and placements. She earned two master's degrees, one in school psychology from Touro College and one in education administration from The College of St. Rose, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. "Special Education is about meeting students where they are and providing the right program, support and encouragement in order for them to succeed as independently as possible. I am grateful that I am in the position to positively impact the lives of students with disabilities."



Kathleen Ward

Special Education Supervisor, Grade 6-8

Ms. Kathleen Ward has been appointed the special education supervisor, 6-8 after previously serving as a special education liaison, Grade 6 ELA teacher and special education teacher support services provider for grades 6-8 in Brooklyn. She obtained her bachelor's degree in inclusive childhood education at Marymount College of Fordham University, her master's degree in Literacy Education at Adelphi University and a certificate of advanced study in educational leadership and administration at the College of Saint Rose.

Meet Our New Faculty and Staff



Amanda Agarenzo

*Meadow Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.A. in Childhood/Early Childhood
Education, Molloy College
M.A. in Teaching English to
Students of Other Languages,
Molloy College*

Ms. Agarenzo was previously a teaching assistant at Plaza Elementary School.



Elizabeth Bartels

*Baldwin High School
Guidance Counselor*

*B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies,
Molloy College
M.S. in School Counseling,
Fordham University*

Prior to joining Baldwin High School, Ms. Bartels was a guidance resource coordinator at Syosset High School.



Toniann Cintonino

*Meadow Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

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

Before coming to Baldwin UFSD, Ms. Cintonino was a nursery school teacher at St. William the Abbot School in Seaford.



Virginia Coles

*Baldwin High School
Guidance Counselor*

*B.A. in Media and
Communications, SUNY Old
Westbury
M.A. in School Counseling,
St. Johns University*

Ms. Coles was previously a school counselor intern and practicum student at Baldwin High School.



Janine Curiale-Keyer

*Brookside Elementary School and
Baldwin Middle School
Leave Replacement-ENL*

*B.A. in English/Elementary
Education, Sacred Heart
University
M.A. Elementary Education,
Sacred Heart University
E.D.D. in Interdisciplinary
Educational Doctorate, LIU Post;
SBL/SDL in Administration,
Stony Brook University*

Previously, Ms. Curiale-Keyer was an ENL teacher at P.S. 63 Old South in Rego Park, Queens.



Naomi Diaz-Thomas

*Baldwin Middle School
Spanish Teacher*

*B.A. in Spanish Education ,
St. Joseph's College
M.A., Molloy College (Pending)*

Ms. Diaz-Thomas was previously a Spanish teacher at Elwood Middle School.



Zulayak Fagan

*Meadow Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.A. in Public
Communications, SUNY
Buffalo State College
M.S. in Childhood Education
1-6 with Bilingual Extension,
New York Institute of
Technology*

Prior to coming to Baldwin, Ms. Fagan served as a lead general education teacher at Growing Up Green Charter School in Long Island City.



Karen Fitzpatrick-Ruckert

*Meadow Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.A. in Social Science, Stony
Brook University
M.S. in Education, Touro
College*

Prior to her current position, Ms. Fitzpatrick-Ruckert was a special education co-teacher assistant at Meadow Elementary School.



Aisling Geraghty

*Baldwin Middle School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.S. in Early Childhood/
Childhood Education, SUNY
Oneonta
M.A. in Education TESOL (K-12)
with specialization in STEM,
Hofstra University (Pending)*

Previously, Ms. Geraghty was a permanent substitute teacher at Fairfield Elementary School in Massapequa.



Shikha Goel-Sharma

*Baldwin Middle School
Math Teacher*

*B.A. in Mathematics, University
of Delhi, India
M.A. in Teaching Mathematics,
Stony Brook University*

Ms. Goel-Sharma was a substitute teacher in Kings Park Central School District prior to joining Baldwin UFSD.



Heidi Gonzalez

*Baldwin Middle School
ENL/ELA Teacher*

*B.A. in English, Adelphi
University
M.S. in Adolescent Education,
Advanced Certificate in
TESOL, Adelphi University*

Prior to joining Baldwin, Ms. Gonzalez was a student teacher in the Bellmore-Merrick Central School District.



Kristal Hernandez

*Baldwin Middle School
Physical Education Teacher*

*B.A. in Physical Education, LIU
M.A. in Education-TESOL,
Queens College CUNY*

Ms. Hernandez was previously a physical education permanent substitute teacher at Dryden Street School in Westbury.



Kathleen Hoppe

*Baldwin High School
Science Teacher*

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

Ms. Hoppe was a student tutor at SUNY Oneonta prior to joining Baldwin.



Jessica Katsoulakis

*Lenox Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.A. in Marketing, Iona College
M.A. in Childhood Education,
LIU Post*

Previously, Ms. Katsoulakis served as a second grade teacher at the Green Vale School.



Katrina Koullias

*Meadow Elementary School
School Psychologist*

*B.A. in Psychology, Queens College
CUNY
M.S. in School Psychology, Adelphi
University*

Prior to joining Baldwin UFSD, Ms. Koullias was a paraprofessional at P.S. 205Q-The Alexander Graham Bell School in Bayside, NY.



Gina Maniscalco

*Baldwin Middle School and
Baldwin High School
Math Teacher*

*B.A. in Mathematics,
Adelphi University
M.A. in Education,
Adelphi University*

Previously, Ms. Maniscalco was a mathematics tutor in the Syosset Central School District.



Maria Masotti

*Plaza Elementary School
School Psychologist*

*B.A. in Psychology, Stony Brook
University
M.S. in Education in School
Psychology, Brooklyn College*

Prior to coming to Baldwin, Ms. Masotti was a bilingual school psychologist for the Committee on Special Education, in District 27-South Ozone Park.



Caitlin McCarthy

*Lenox Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.A. in Childhood and Special
Education, SUNY Old Westbury
M.A. in TESOL (prek-12,) Touro
College*

Previously Ms. McCarthy was a permanent substitute teacher in East Meadow School District.



Karen Monaco

*Baldwin High School
Math Teacher*

*B.A. in Secondary Mathematics
Education, Marist College
M.A. in Secondary Mathematics
Education, Hofstra University
Advanced Certificate in Educational
Computing, Stony Brook University*

Ms. Monaco was a middle school mathematics teacher at Robert A. Van Wyck Middle School in Briarwood, NY prior to coming to Baldwin.



Nicholas Pandolfi

*Meadow Elementary School
Elementary Teacher*

*B.A., Hofstra University
M.A., Hofstra University*

Prior to joining Baldwin UFSD, Mr. Pandolfi was a fifth grade co-teacher leave replacement at Sea Cliff Elementary School in Sea Cliff.



Nicolas Papaleo

*Baldwin High School
Science Teacher*

*B.A. in Art History, Stony Brook
University
M.S. in Teaching and Leadership,
Notre Dame of Maryland
University*

Mr. Papaleo was a special education and science teacher at Dundalk High School in Baltimore, Maryland before coming to Baldwin UFSD.



Laura Piacenti

*Meadow Elementary School
Language, Speech &
Hearing Teacher*

*B.S. in Speech-Language
Pathology, SUNY Courtland
M.S. in Speech-Language
Pathology, Molly College*

Ms. Piacenti was previously a speech pathologist in the Sachem Central School District.

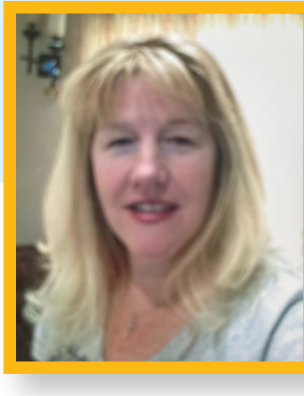


Julianna Polo

*Baldwin High School
Leave Replacement Teacher*

*B.A. in English/English
Education, Hofstra University
M.A. in Education: TESOL,
Hofstra University*

Prior to Baldwin, Ms. Polo served as a permanent substitute at Oceanside Middle School.



Kristen Savage

*Lenox Elementary School
Nurse*

*ASN in Nursing, Nassau
Community College*

Before coming to Baldwin, Ms. Savage worked in case management.