



**BALDWIN
SCHOOLS**

Baldwin Beat

www.baldwinschools.org

New Faculty & Administration Issue

WELCOME BACK!

Please give a warm Baldwin welcome to all of our new faculty and administration, who together, will help us continue on the path to excellence and lead as innovators in education.

New Appointments



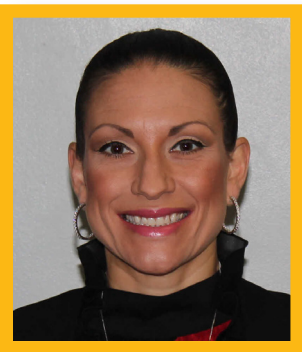
Asheena Baez

*Principal
Lenox Elementary School*

Asheena Baez joins Baldwin UFSD as principal of Lenox Elementary School. Ms. Baez comes to Baldwin from

Beacon City School District in the Mid-Hudson Valley, where she has served as principal for four years. Ms. Baez has an impressive background in education, having earned a master's in administrative leadership from Columbia

University, completed district facilitation training in social and emotional learning and development at Yale, and has been certified in the Data Wise process at Harvard University. She also expects to complete her Doctorate of Education in December of 2019 from Sage College in Albany. Before Beacon City School District, she worked with the New York City Department of Education for seven years as a special education teacher and one year as an assistant principal. "I am elated to have been afforded the opportunity to serve the Baldwin School District in the capacity of principal of Lenox Elementary School. I look forward to living, learning, and leading within the Baldwin community."



Nicole Hunn

*Principal
Steele Elementary School*

Nicole Hunn has been promoted to principal of Steele Elementary School. She previously served as the director of curriculum K-12

for the Baldwin School District. Ms. Hunn has passionately served as an educator for more than 15 years. Before Baldwin, Ms. Hunn was the elementary assistant principal for the Garden City School District. She also was the elementary curriculum supervisor at Oceanside School

District, where she taught grades 2, 3, and 4. She is an adjunct professor in Education at Hofstra University. Ms. Hunn received her bachelor's in elementary education and psychology from Hofstra University, as well as a master's in literacy studies. She earned a master's in educational leadership and administration from The College of Saint Rose in Albany. "It is with great joy and excitement that I introduce myself as the principal of Steele. The development of students' academic, social, emotional, and physical growth remains at the core of my guiding principles. I remain steadfast in my commitment to support children, families, teachers and all community members in the journey of cultivating meaningful learning experiences where innovation, perseverance, and communication serve as the cornerstones."



James Nolan

*Principal (Interim)
Baldwin High School*

James Nolan will serve as interim principal of Baldwin High School, bringing 33 years of experience in education to the district. He

previously served as superintendent of Sachem Central School District, where he also served as principal. In addition, he was the dean of students for Patchogue-Medford High School. Mr. Nolan received his bachelor's from Le Moyne College and his master's from Stony Brook University. "I am humbled and excited to serve as Baldwin High School principal. I look forward to collaborating with our students, families, our wonderful teachers, and staff and administration to maintain the outstanding reputation that Baldwin High School has earned and create a learning environment where folks are proud and love to learn, work, and live!"



Dr. Candice Brodie

*Assistant Principal
for Instruction
Baldwin High School*

Dr. Candice Brodie is the new assistant principal

for instruction for Baldwin High School. She previously served as supervisor of secondary social studies for the Baldwin Schools. Prior to Baldwin UFSD, Dr. Brodie worked as the International Baccalaureate Coordinator at North Shore High School. She received her doctorate in educational administration and supervision from St. John's University. "I am excited to continue and grow the programs and initiatives we are proud to have that will give our students the skills they need for their future in whatever they choose to pursue."

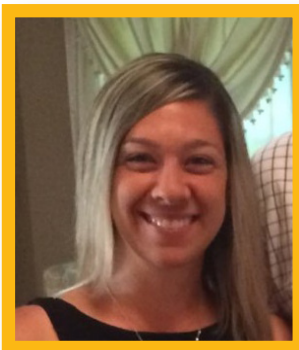


Mark Coccarelli

*Assistant Principal
Meadow Elementary
School*

Mark Coccarelli is the new assistant principal of Meadow Elementary

School, bringing eight years of experience as an assistant principal, a STEM coordinator, and an elementary school teacher. He most recently served as assistant principal for PS 176: The Cambria Heights School. He holds a bachelor's in childhood education and special education from New York University (NYU), a master's in science and environmental education from Brooklyn College, and advanced certificates in gifted education from Brooklyn College and educational leadership from the College of St. Rose. I look forward to supporting the innovative work taking place in the district!"



Jaclyn Graham

*Assistant Principal and
Reading Supervisor
Plaza Elementary School*

Jaclyn Graham has been promoted to reading department

supervisor for Plaza Elementary School, in addition to her current role as assistant principal. She previously served as the reading teacher at Plaza. Ms. Graham holds a bachelor's in childhood education from State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland, a master's in literacy from Dowling College, as well as an advanced certificate in educational leadership from Stony Brook University. "I'm looking forward to continuing to work with Baldwin parents, staff, administrators, and students. Baldwin is committed to excellence, and I love being a part of this incredible community."



Andrew DiNapoli

Director of Curriculum

Andrew DiNapoli has been named director of curriculum. Previously, Mr. DiNapoli served as

coordinator of English Language Arts, K-12, for the Glen Cove City School District. He received a bachelor's in English with a minor in chemistry from Stony Brook University and a master's in the teaching of English from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a post-master's advanced degree in educational leadership from Queens College. "I am humbled and excited to join the Baldwin community. The faculty and family members that I have met exude keen knowledge and passion for education. I look forward to learning from them and growing with them as we work toward ensuring success for all students."



Anthony Delucca

Supervisor of Operations

Anthony Delucca has been promoted to supervisor of operations. He has

worked for Baldwin UFSD for the past 16 years, most recently as head custodian of Lenox School. He is a proud graduate of Brookside Elementary School, Baldwin Middle School, and Baldwin High School (Class of '87). "Baldwin is my hometown and where we chose to raise our family. I am proud of the Baldwin community and all that the Baldwin School District has to offer our children within it."



Ricky Papandrea

Supervisor of Social Studies

Ricky Papandrea has been named supervisor of social studies.

He has served as an educator for the past 12 years. Most recently, he worked for the Commack Union Free School District as a social studies teacher. Mr. Papandrea obtained his bachelor's in history from State University of New York (SUNY) Brockport, his master's in secondary education from Hofstra University, and his advanced graduate certificate in education leadership from Stony Brook University. He is currently working towards his doctorate in education from St. John's University.



Mary Furcht

Public Information Officer

Mary Furcht has been appointed to public information officer for Baldwin UFSD.

Ms. Furcht brings more than 12 years

of communications experience to the district. She most recently worked for NYU Langone Health as a communications specialist for the Office of Science & Research and the Sackler Institute of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, as well as an emergency management specialist for the Department of Emergency Management Enterprise Resilience. She holds a master's from Baruch College and a bachelor's from St. John's University in communications. "I am excited to be a part of the Baldwin family. I look forward to promoting all of the district's innovative initiatives and extraordinary people."

Meet Our New Teachers



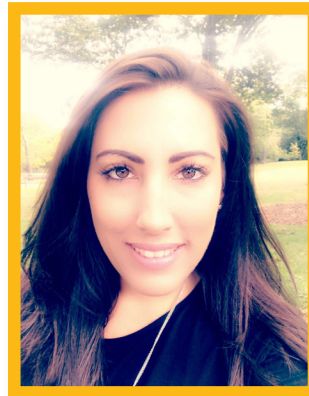
Deanna Albro

*Brookside Elementary School,
Music Teacher*

*B.A. in Music Education, Long
Island University (LIU) Post*

*Working towards M.A. in Music
Education, City University of
New York (CUNY) – Queens
College*

Before Baldwin UFSD, Ms. Albro taught part-time at the Fifth Avenue Elementary School in the Northport-East Northport UFSD. “Strong music program with an exciting and involved community” is what attracted Ms. Albro to Baldwin UFSD. When she’s not teaching, Ms. Deanna loves to travel and sings with Satellite Lane Acapella and eVoco Voice Collective.



Tara Ardizzone

*Brookside Elementary
School, Reading Teacher*

*B.A. in Child Study,
St. Joseph’s College in
Patchogue, NY*

M.S. in Literacy, LIU Post

Ms. Ardizzone previously served as a reading specialist, K-5, at East Lake Elementary School in Massapequa. “Teaching is an intense, challenging endeavor and yet one of the most rewarding things I have ever experienced! I am excited to be part of the Baldwin UFSD and look forward to working with the amazing students, staff, and parents.” In addition to her teaching passion, Ms. Ardizzone enjoys photography.



Timothy Clancy

*Baldwin High School, Guidance
Counselor*

*B.S. in Marketing, Manhattan
College*

*M.A. in School Counseling,
Manhattan College*

Before joining Baldwin UFSD, Mr. Clancy worked for St. Anthony’s High School as a guidance counselor and assistant varsity lacrosse coach. “This is an exciting district with a great vision for shaping students’ futures.” He aims to make as much of a positive impact on Baldwin High School as possible. “It’s all about the kids, and we’re all in this together.” Timothy’s hobbies include golfing and fishing.



Zahra Dhalla

*Baldwin Middle School,
Special Education Teacher
(Leave Replacement)*

*B.S. in Biology, Molloy
College*

*M.S. in Special Education,
Molloy College*

Ms. Dhalla had served as a permanent science substitute teacher for East Meadow School District. “Baldwin has a diverse population of students and I look forward to working with everyone to make an impact on as many people as I can during my time here. I am excited to be as involved with the Baldwin family as much as I possibly can.” Ms. Dhalla enjoys crafting and exploring in her free time.



Christina Fitzgerald

*Meadow Elementary School,
Special Education Teacher*

*B.S. in Elementary Special
Education, University of
Delaware*

*M.S. in Gifted Education,
Wilmington University*

Before Baldwin UFSD, Ms. Fitzgerald taught at the Lang School in New York City and Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism. “Baldwin has a huge sense of pride in its community. I look forward to working with the Meadow team and bringing my experience there. Every child has the ability to learn and find success.” Ms. Fitzgerald enjoys cooking and reading in her spare time.



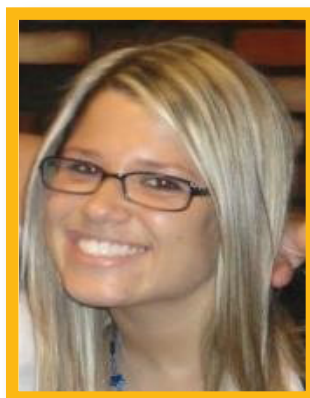
Carissa Johnston

*Baldwin High School, Science
Teacher – Chemistry*

*B.S. in Forensic Science:
Criminalistics, John Jay College
of Criminal Justice*

*M.S. Ed. in Chemistry
Education, Lehman College*

Ms. Johnston previously taught honors and Regents chemistry with Eastport South Manor CSD in Manorville, NY. “Baldwin UFSD is well known for its Career Academies that give students practical knowledge and experiences that will enable students to leave high school with the tools needed to be successful in college and beyond. As a chemistry teacher, I look forward to helping students understand the world around them through chemistry and understanding how chemistry is applicable to their individual areas of interest.” When she’s not teaching, Ms. Johnston enjoys cooking, baking, crafting, and reading.



Nicole Jolivet

*Plaza Elementary School,
Special Education Teacher*

*B.A. in Childhood Education,
Molloy College*

*M.A. in Special Education,
Molloy College*

Ms. Jolivet has 12 years of experience as a special education teacher. “My goal as an educator is to inspire, motivate and encourage children to believe in themselves and become critical thinkers. I feel it is most important to teach children *how* to think, not what to think. I am thrilled to be teaching at Plaza Elementary School.” Nicole enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and writing.



Kelsey Krassner

*Baldwin High School, Social
Studies Teacher*

*B.S. in Secondary Education
(Social Studies), CUNY –
Queens College*

*M.S. in Education (Literacy),
State University of New York
(SUNY) – New Paltz*

Ms. Krassner completed a year-long leave replacement at Calhoun High School in Merrick, NY, teaching 9th grade global, as well as psychology. Prior to this, she taught 9th and 10th grade global and eEconomics at Glen Cove High School. “I can’t wait to get to know the students, faculty, and staff of Baldwin High School and become part of the Baldwin community!” Ms. Krassner also loves to travel and tries to visit one new place each year.



Brittany Larocca

*Plaza Elementary School,
Reading Teacher*

*B.S. in Elementary and
Special Education, Towson
University*

*Masters with Reading
Specialist Certification,
University of Maryland*

Ms. Larocca previously served as an elementary school teacher for Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. “I am very excited to be back home in New York and eager to pursue my passion of teaching reading! My teachers had a positive impact on my life, and, therefore, I want to have that same impact on future students.”



Michele Leonardo

*Baldwin High School, Business
Teacher*

*B.B.A. (Bachelor's in Business
Administration), Hofstra
University*

*M.S. Ed. in Business Education,
Hofstra University*

Previously, Ms. Leonardo served as a student teacher/leave replacement/substitute teacher at New Hyde Park Memorial High School. She is excited to join the Baldwin family because “Baldwin UFSD is innovative and ready to embrace the future.” Ms. Leonardo also loves dogs and traveling.



Adango Longjohn

*Baldwin High School, Special
Education (Math) Teacher*

B.S., Stony Brook University

*M.S. in Adolescent
Education, LIU Post*

Before Baldwin UFSD, Mr. Longjohn served as a special education teacher assistant and math tutor at Longwood High School. “Not only do I value the privilege I have to empower young minds, but I am also excited to work for a district that strives for innovation, inclusion, and involvement.” Mr. Longjohn also enjoys coaching football and basketball.



Lisa Mindlin

*Baldwin High School, Science
Teacher*

*B.S. in Biology, SUNY Empire
State College*

*M.A. in Teaching, SUNY Empire
State College*

Ms. Mindlin served as a high school science teacher with New York City Department of Education before joining Baldwin UFSD. “Baldwin offers so many educational opportunities, I am excited to be a part of the next generation and make a difference!” In her free time, Ms. Mindlin enjoys all water sports, especially jet skiing and boating.



Stephanie Piña

Baldwin High School, Guidance Counselor

B.A. in Spanish, SUNY – New Paltz

M.S. in School Counseling, LIU Post

Ms. Piña previously served as a school counseling intern at New Hyde Park Memorial High School. “I am excited to continue and expand on the vision of an involved, innovative, and inclusive community.” Stephanie is also an avid singer, runner, and hiker.



Christina Reilly

Baldwin Middle School and Baldwin High School, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Teacher

B.F.A. in Fine Arts and Interior Design, The School of Visual Arts

M.A. in General and Special Education, Touro College

Ms. Reilly began working as a special education teaching assistant, working first in the East Meadow school district in a self-contained classroom and then in Oceanside in a collaborative setting. “I am so excited to be given this great opportunity to become a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher in the Baldwin School District. Design, culinary, and child development are subject areas that all students need to learn. These are life skills that all people need to know to be successful, functioning adults in society.” Christina enjoys cooking for her family and teaching her two sons how to cook.



Tayla Plotke

Baldwin Middle School, Social Studies Teacher

B.A. in History and Education, Arcadia University

M.S. in Educational Technology, LIU Post

Before Baldwin, Ms. Plotke taught social studies at Great Neck North Middle School. “Baldwin Schools provide students with so many opportunities to challenge themselves academically and discover their passion. Baldwin is an innovative district that is always looking towards the future to prepare its students for success in whatever path they choose to follow. I cannot wait to get to know the students and faculty in the Baldwin community. Let’s go Bruins!” Ms. Plotke enjoys cooking and reading in her free time.



Eric Rothbard

Baldwin Middle School, Earth Science Teacher

B.S. in Geology, SUNY – New Paltz

M.A. in Earth Science Education, SUNY – New Paltz

Before coming to Baldwin UFSD, Mr. Rothbard served as an 8th grade science teacher at Lagrange Middle School. “I’m excited to come back to Long Island in the area where I grew up. Baldwin is a progressive district, and I look forward to using the best and the latest strategies in my classroom.” In his free time, Mr. Rothbard likes to play volleyball.



Jared Saltzman

*Baldwin High School,
Physics Teacher*

*B.A. in Physics,
Ithaca College*

*M.S. in Teaching in
Adolescence Physics Education,
Ithaca College*

Mr. Saltzman previously worked for Ithaca High School as an A.P. Physics I student teacher. He is “excited to join the network of dedicated teachers and help all students succeed.” His hobbies include playing trumpet and hiking.



Maria Sheldon

*Baldwin Middle School,
Guidance Counselor*

*B.A. in Sociology,
Hunter College*

*M.A. in School Counseling,
Capella University*

Before Baldwin UFSD, Ms. Sheldon served as a bilingual guidance counselor at J. Taylor Finley Middle School (long-term leave replacement) in Huntington, NY. She also worked as an elementary school counselor in Queens. “Like many of our students, I had to adjust to living in a new country and learning the English language. I quickly realized how valuable it is to be bilingual, and I love working with people from different cultural backgrounds. I am excited to work for the Baldwin UFSD.” Ms. Sheldon served in the Army Reserves for eight years and is an Iraq War veteran.



Meredith Smith

*Baldwin Middle School and
High School, English as a New
Language (ENL) Teacher*

*B.A. in English, University of
Scranton*

*M.A. in Teaching English, Relay
Graduate School of Education*

Previously, Ms. Smith was a New York City 8th and 9th grade ELA/ESL Teacher at Urban Assembly Bronx Academy of Letters. She looks forward to building relationships with students and forming a running club. “There is no learning without failure and with the right mindset, anything can be achieved.” In her spare time, Ms. Smith enjoys running and coaching lacrosse.

Update Your Contact Information, Sign Up for Alerts

Remember to provide your most up-to-date contact information to the main office of your child's school. Include a cell phone number and email address to ensure you receive important text messages and emails from your school and district. In addition, please take a moment to **sign up** for the district website to receive alerts and news. Go to www.baldwinschools.org, click “SIGN UP” in the upper right corner and subscribe to the areas of the website that interest you.



Connect with Us!

Make sure you connect with Baldwin UFSD on social media for the latest news about our extraordinary people and endeavors happening across the entire district.

Facebook (@BaldwinSchools or search BaldwinUFSD)

Twitter (@BaldwinUFSD)

Instagram (@Baldwin_Schools)

Tag us and use #WhatsBRUINinBaldwin



BALDWIN UFSD

960 Hastings Street
Baldwin, NY 11510-4758
www.baldwinschools.org
516.434.6000

Board of Education

Annie Doreca, President
Mary Jo O'Hagan, Vice President
Sue Cools, Trustee
Joel Press, Trustee
Karyn Reid, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Shari L. Camhi

Public Information Officer

Mary Furcht

We Are Innovative...We Are Inclusive...We Are Involved...We Are Baldwin!