

Dr. Martin Palermo

Bellport High School Class of 1998



Martin Palermo graduated from Bellport High School in 1998. Throughout his high school career, teachers like Ms. Kryl (Biology) and Mr. Loewen (AP Chemistry) fostered his love of science and passion for learning. Upon graduating, Martin went on to earn a B.S. in Biology, an M.A.T in science education and Ph.D. in chemical education from Stony Brook University.

Dr. Palermo is currently a high school chemistry teacher at William Floyd High School. In addition, he is also a researcher at the Institute for STEM education at Stony Brook University. Dr. Palermo's research has included publications on science teacher turnover in NYS, using scientific modeling and learning progressions to improve chemical education, and most recently on inequalities that persist for female and minority students within the STEM fields.

Dr. Palermo has been recognized for his work in the classroom as well as his contribution to education throughout New York State. In 2015, he was selected as a NYS Master Teacher where he collaborated with teachers across NYS to improve classroom learning, mentor novice teachers and motivate students toward a career in STEM. In 2017, he was honored with the "40 under 40 award" from Stony Brook University for his contribution to the education profession. In 2020, Dr. Palermo was one of two teachers selected to serve on the New York State Reimagine Education Advisory Council, where he advocated for teachers and students and assisted in the development of the NYS School Reopening Guidelines during the start of the pandemic. In 2022, he was awarded the teacher service award by SCOPE Educational Services for his service to his school district, his students and the surrounding community. Most recently, in June of 2022, Dr. Palermo was the recipient of the Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award. He was one of fifty-four P-12 public school teachers in NYS selected by Governor Hochul for their commitment to education and the success of their students.

Dr. Palermo currently resides in East Patchogue, NY with his wife Sarah and son Elliott who is currently a student at Frank P. Long.