



## Academic Magnet High School

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Academic Magnet High School is delighted to welcome Ms. Laura Peirano as a School Counselor for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ms. Peirano brings extensive academic and professional experience to her role as counselor with our Student Support Department. A Charleston native, she began her academic journey close to home, earning a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the College of Charleston. She earned both a Master of Arts in Psychology-Clinical Counseling and a Master of Education in School Counseling from The Citadel. She also holds a Micro-Credential in College Admissions Counseling from the Citadel, is a Career Development Specialist, and a Certified Career Services Provider.

Now in her sixth year as a school counselor, Ms. Peirano joins AMHS with prior experience in both middle and high schools across Charleston County and a neighboring district. Her background also includes work as a substitute teacher, volunteer Guardian ad Litem, and clinical counselor with both government and non-profit organizations. Most recently, Ms. Peirano has served as the Director of School Counseling at Oceanside Academy where she sponsored student clubs focused on emotional well-being, academic success, grief, stress and coping skills.

Ms. Monica Vallejo, Director of Student Support Services at Academic Magnet shared, "I'm so excited to see Ms. Peirano jump in and contribute to our AMHS counseling team. In a competitive academic setting, her proven track record of supporting students at so many stages of their high school journey will be extremely valuable for our learning community."

Outside of school, Mrs. Peirano enjoys surfing and spending time outdoors with her family. She has traveled to many surf destinations on the East Coast, West Coast, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica. She is an avid reader and a life-long learner. Her home is shared with a 90-pound dog, several rescued cats, and an assortment of small animals -fish, hamsters, gerbils, and turtles- that find their way to "her farm."

When asked to share her own experience of joining AMHS, Ms. Peirano said, "I am honored to work with the students, staff, and parents at Academic Magnet. I love supporting all students and getting to know their unique interests and goals. I can't wait to be a Raptor and work with this amazing school community."



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