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Dear Wardlaw+Hartridge Community,

Each year at this time, we announce new faculty and staff members who are joining the community. We also share news of new roles to which familiar faces have been assigned over summer months.

New Faces!

Daniel Balbarin – Upper School Physics – Mr. Balbarin joins us after nearly 10 years' experience on the science faculty at EF International Academy in Thornwood, NY. He holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Virginia Tech in Physics and Curriculum Development (with a focus on secondary science, physics and engineering education). Originally from New Jersey, Mr. Balbarin looks forward to returning home.

Madison Crim – Upper School Math – Dr. Crim holds an MS and a PhD in Mathematics from Rutgers University and a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Salisbury University. Dr. Crim has taught across the math curriculum and was awarded the 2025 Teaching Excellence Award by Rutgers University Mathematics Department. Dr. Crim will be teaching precalculus, AP calculus and statistics.

Monica Sola Flores – Upper School Spanish – Sra. Flores returns to Wardlaw+Hartridge, where she served as Middle School Spanish leave of absence teacher two years ago. We are pleased to welcome Sra. Flores back to W+H in the role of permanent Upper School Spanish teacher where she will teach a range of courses. Sra. Flores holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Universities of Murcia and Granada in Spain and secondary Spanish education certification from Liverpool Hope University in England.

Matthew Goodman – Dalal Entrepreneurship & Technology Program – Mr. Goodman comes to us from St. Luke's School in New Canaan, CT, where he taught computer science, engineering and design lab courses. Mr. Goodman has

worked on strategic program development in STEM and we are excited for him to join the team here at W+H as we expand the program. Mr. Goodman is nearing completion of a Master's degree from Purdue University in learning design and technology and a Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University in industrial design.

Heather Giza – Upper School Biology (leave replacement) – Dr. Giza will be joining us for a few months this fall as leave replacement biology teacher in the Upper School. Dr. Giza holds a PhD in Cancer Biology from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Studio Art from Binghamton University. Her experience includes teaching and mentoring high school students as well as serving as an editor for the Journal of Emerging Investigators, which publishes original research by high school students.

Tatiana Huertas – School Nurse – Ms. Huertas will be our new school nurse after Ms. Farese's retirement last year. She brings experience as a school nurse in the Montclair Public Schools as well as hospital-based nursing experience at JFK/Hackensack Meridian Health in Edison and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick.

Amber Jarrett – First Grade – A teacher for more than 20 years, Ms. Jarrett brings a wealth of experience to her role as our new first grade teacher. Ms. Jarrett is local, having taught for the last 14 years in the Scotch Plains Fanwood School District. A candidate for an EdD in educational leadership from Rutgers, she also holds elementary education and educational leadership degrees from Seton Hall and Penn State.

Carly Powell – Art – Ms. Powell has worked in the classroom and as a volleyball coach before coming to W+H. With a degree in Graphic Design from Binghamton University, Ms. Powell brings a sense of creative wonder to the art classroom and will be working with students across the divisions.

Brady Seymour – Fourth Grade – Mr. Seymour has taught elementary and middle grades for more than a decade in Tennessee. In addition to his work in the classroom, he has also served as drama club sponsor for many years and has both directed and choreographed a variety of musical theater productions with students. Mr. Seymour holds a Master's degree in education from Middle Tennessee State University and a Bachelor's degree in advertising, business and theater from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Arthur Wang – Upper School Math – Dr. Wang comes to us from UMass Amherst where he taught math courses for several years while completed his PhD in mathematics at University of Massachusetts Amherst. In addition, he holds a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Rutgers University and returns

to his home here in New Jersey as he joins our faculty. Dr. Wang will teach AP calculus, BC, calculus, AP Stats and Geometry Honors.

Camar Copprue – Maintenance Staff – Mr. Camar joined the team this summer after serving as a property manager for Edgewood Properties and has worked in a similar capacity for the New Brunswick Board of Education. Already, Mr. Copprue has proven himself a valuable member of the crew and we are very pleased he is here.

Familiar Faces/New Places

Julian Jenson – Conservatory Program – Dr. Jenson has been part of the W+H team for several years, providing after school lessons and serving as our piano accompanist for dozens of events each year. As our Conservatory Program grows, we are pleased to bring Dr. Jenson on as a part-time faculty member. He will teach a variety of music courses across the divisions.

Bernadette Lambertsen – Receptionist – Mrs. Lambertsen moves across the main lobby from the Admission Office, where she served as an administrative assistant for 20 years, to an even more present role as our new receptionist.

Jeffrey Martin – Mr. Martin has taught Middle School history and Upper School film for several years. This year, he adds Upper School Macroeconomics to his class roster.

Dorri Ramati – Ms. Ramati has taught Middle School English for several years at Wardlaw+Hartridge. This year, she moves to Upper School, where she will teach English II Honors and AP Literature.

Maxim Shumylo – Mr. Shumylo joined us last year as a long term replacement Upper School History teacher and we are pleased that has joined the faculty full time this year. Mr. Shumylo will be teaching AP Microeconomics and Modern World History.

Enjoy these final weeks of summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone on campus soon!

Dr. Corinna Crafton
Head of School