



Harrison Central School District

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The Harrison Central School District Welcomes New Teachers

Harrison High School

Michael Bailey

English as a New Language

Mr. Bailey joined the Harrison High School faculty as a part-time ENL teacher during the 2016-17 school year, and he will continue as a full-time ENL teacher this year. He graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) and a master's degree in English language and linguistics from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. Mr. Bailey's teaching experience includes serving as an ENL teacher at the Atmosphere Academy Public Charter School in New York and as an English language arts teacher in China.

Ashely Bartner, Psy.D.

Psychologist

Dr. Bartner earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in psychology from Hofstra University. Most recently, Dr. Bartner served as a school psychologist in the North Shore Public Schools on Long Island. Her previous experience includes serving as a high school psychologist at the Portledge School in Locust Valley and as a leave replacement psychologist in the Roslyn School District on Long Island.

Matiana Bogiatzis

Spanish

Ms. Bogiatzis will serve as a long-term substitute Spanish teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She graduated on the Dean's List with bachelor's degrees in theater and Spanish from Queens College and a master's degree in adolescent education from Hunter College. Ms. Bogiatzis's most recent experience includes teaching Spanish and theater at Harry Truman High School and Bronx Community High School.

Marie Garcia

English

Ms. Garcia graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Mary Washington. She also holds a master's degree in the teaching of English from Teachers College at Columbia University. Ms. Garcia taught high school English for four years at the Pelham Academy for Academics and Community Engagement in the Bronx. She also served for two years in Morocco as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Jean Gargiulo

Science

Ms. Gargiulo graduated *cum laude* and on the Dean's List with a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in teaching biology from the State University of New York at Stonybrook. She taught middle school science for five years at Simon Baruch Middle School in New York, where she also helped to design the STEM program. She has presented on STEM education to the NYCDOE Stem Institute and at the NSTA national conference of science educators.

Patrick Garrison

Social Studies

Mr. Garrison will serve as a leave replacement social studies teacher during the 2017-18 school year. He holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the School of Visual Arts in New York and a master's degree in secondary social studies from Mount Saint Mary College. Most recently, Mr. Garrison taught Global History at Arlington High School. He also has experience teaching high school social studies at Maplebrook High School in Amenia, New York.

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Jessica Kimpel**Science**

Ms. Kimpel will serve as a leave replacement science teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She graduated with honors from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a concentration in biology education. For the past two years, Ms. Kimpel has taught 7th and 8th grade science at Intermediate School 77 in Ridgewood, New York. She has also served as a biology tutor and biology graduate assistant.

Sarah Lobotsky**Mathematics**

Ms. Lobotsky will serve as a leave replacement mathematics teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in secondary education from Hunter College. Ms. Lobotsky's most recent teaching experience includes serving as a part-time teacher of Algebra in the Arlington Central School District. She has also served as a long-term substitute teacher in the Hyde Park Central School District and Red Hook Central School District.

Deanna Loertscher**Music**

Ms. Loertscher graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in music education from Ithaca College and a master's degree in music from Pennsylvania State University. For the past five years, Ms. Loertscher has served as the band director at Dumont High School in New Jersey, where she was named the 2015-16 teacher of the year. Notable performances of the high school band include representing New Jersey at the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, and leading student performances at Rutgers and West Point half-time shows and at Carnegie Hall.

Sharon Matthews**Social Studies**

Ms. Matthews served as a leave replacement social studies teacher last year and will continue in this role for 2017-18. She holds a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from Manhattan College, where she graduated on the Dean's List. She has also completed course work toward a master's degree in adolescent education in the teaching of social studies from the City University of New York at Lehman College. Ms. Matthews previously taught Global History I & II at the NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering & Construction Industries.

Lisa Pastore**Science**

Ms. Pastore graduated *summa cum laude* from Adelphi University with a bachelor's in fine arts and minor in chemistry. She also holds a master's degree in education with a concentration in STEM from Harvard University. She served as a chemistry lecturer at Adelphi University, and she has presented at national conferences on the integration of math, science, technology and the arts in education.

Megan Purvis**English as a New Language**

Ms. Purvis earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Wesleyan University and a master's degree in teaching English as a second language (TESOL) and applied linguistics from Long Island University. For the past five years, Ms. Purvis has been an instructional specialist in the New Visions Charter Network, where she has coached and provided professional development for ENL teachers. She has also served as an adjunct professor of TESOL at the City College of New York and Bank Street College of Education.

Juniet Rodriguez**Spanish**

Ms. Rodriguez will serve as a long-term substitute Spanish teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and secondary education from the State University of New York at Oneonta and a master's degree in school counseling from Mercy College. Ms. Rodriguez's prior experience includes teaching Spanish for five years and served as the dean of students at the Global Enterprise High School in New York.

Laurie Scinicariello**School Counselor**

Ms. Scinicariello graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education from the State University of New York at Geneseo. She also holds a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Boston College. Ms. Scinicariello most recently completed an internship as a school counselor at North Salem Middle/High School and a leave replacement role as a school counselor in the Somers Central School District. She also has counseling and clinical experience at public schools and agencies in Massachusetts.

Shelby Traub**Special Education**

Ms. Traub holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Richmond and a master's degree in special education from Mercy College. For the past five years, Ms. Traub has been teaching mathematics and English language arts to students with special needs at the Jeffrey M. Rappaport School for Career Development in New York City. Ms. Traub received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the New York City Board of Education based on the nomination from her principal.

Elizabeth Root**Art**

Ms. Root holds a bachelor's degree in visual arts from Sarah Lawrence College and a master's degree in arts education from Manhattanville College. She has spent the last ten years teaching art at Tompkins Square Middle School, where she helped students prepare art portfolios for competitive admissions into magnet art high schools in New York City. She also completed a leave replacement role as an art teacher in the Bronxville Union Free School District and has worked as a professional artist since 1994.

Kiana Sullivan**Mathematics**

Ms. Sullivan will serve as a leave replacement mathematics teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a concentration in adolescent education from Mount Saint Mary College, where she graduated on the Dean's List. Ms. Sullivan completed her student teaching in Algebra and Pre-Calculus classes at John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction. She also has experience as a math tutor and substitute teacher.

Louis M. Klein Middle School**Gina Cooney****Mathematics**

Ms. Cooney will serve as a leave replacement mathematics teacher for the 2017-18 school year. She holds a bachelor's degree in business economics and music business from the State University of New York at Oneonta. She also earned a master's degree in mathematics education from Manhattanville College. Ms. Cooney has served as a long-term substitute mathematics teacher at the Louis M. Klein Middle School and at John Jay Middle and High Schools in Katonah-Lewisboro.

Kathryn Garfield**Special Education**

Ms. Garfield served as a leave replacement teacher during the 2016-17 school year and will continue as a probationary special education teacher this year. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Fairfield University and a master's degree in special education from Fordham University. She earned tenure as a special education teacher in New York City, where she taught middle school students.

Allana Gauzza**Social Studies**

Ms. Gauzza served as a long-term substitute social studies teacher last year and will continue in this role for 2017-18. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Syracuse University and a master's degree in the teaching of social studies from Teachers College at Columbia University. Ms. Gauzza recently taught 6th grade social studies at the School of Diplomacy in the Bronx. She completed her student teaching in middle and high school social studies classes in New York City.

Francesca Grix**Mathematics**

Ms. Grix will serve as a leave replacement mathematics teacher for the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics education from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in instructional design from Manhattan College. For the past two years, Ms. Grix has taught Algebra and Algebra 2/Trigonometry at Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers, where she has also served as the varsity volleyball coach.

Danielle Hampson**Special Education**

Ms. Hampson graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in psychology, special education, and elementary education from Marist College, where she also earned a master's degree in educational psychology. Most recently, Ms. Hampson served as a math coach in the Yonkers City School District, where she taught math to special education students and provided professional development for teachers. She also served as a special education teacher for 5th and 6th grade students at PS 72 in New York.

Emily Jacobsen**Italian**

Ms. Jacobsen will serve as a long-term substitute Italian teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in Italian from New York University, where she is also currently pursuing her master's degree in Italian. Most recently, Ms. Jacobsen taught Italian at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School. She completed her student teaching in Italian classes at Brooklyn Technical High School.

Natania Oliverio**English as a New Language**

Ms. Oliverio graduated *magna cum laude* from the State University of New York at New Paltz, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in teaching English as a second language (TESOL). Ms. Oliverio's most recent experience includes serving as a leave replacement English teacher at Mahopac Middle School, where she also completed her student teaching in ENL.

Aurora Russo**Italian**

Ms. Russo earned a bachelor's degree in Italian and adolescent education from Pace University and a master's degree in Italian from Middlebury College. For the past five years, Ms. Russo has taught Italian at the Thomas Giordano Middle School in the Bronx. Since 2011, she has also taught college courses in Italian at Mercy College. Ms. Russo's previous experience also includes teaching Italian at Eastchester Middle and High Schools.

Harrison Avenue Elementary School

Nicole Allison**Music**

Ms. Allison will serve as a long-term substitute music teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Bucknell University. For the past two years, Ms. Allison has served as a substitute teacher in the Harrison Central School District. She completed her student teaching in elementary and secondary music classrooms in Pennsylvania, and she has recently worked as an instructor at *Music in Chappaqua*.

Lisa Balbona**Elementary**

Ms. Balbona will serve as a leave replacement teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in childhood education from Pace University and a master's degree in elementary special education from Teachers College at Columbia University. Her most recent experience includes serving as a substitute teacher at Daniel Webster Elementary School in New Rochelle. Ms. Balbona completed her student teaching in a 3rd grade classroom at PS 333 in New York.

Regina Barrett**Elementary**

Ms. Barrett graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in economics from Washington College, and she holds a master's degree in childhood and special education from Fordham University. For the past three years, Ms. Barrett has served as a math specialist for grades K-4 at the Hewitt School in New York. She also has five years of combined experience as a second and third grade teacher at the Hewitt School and as a fourth and fifth grade special education teacher at the Aaron School in New York.

Laura Baum**Special Education**

Ms. Baum earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Fairfield University and a master's degree in early childhood and special education from Adelphi University. For the past five years, she has served as a co-teacher in second, third, and fourth grade classrooms in the Success Academy Charter School in Harlem. Ms. Baum has also served as an adjunct professor at Touro Academy, where she teaches courses for pre-service teachers.

Ashley Costello**Elementary**

Ms. Costello earned a bachelor's degree in art history from the State University of New York at Albany and a master's degree in childhood education from the College of Saint Rose. She also completed advanced course work through the Reading & Writing project at Teachers College. Ms. Costello has served for the past two years as a third grade teacher and one year as a fourth grade teacher at Cross Hill Academy in Yonkers.

Amber Fidel**Reading**

Ms. Fidel will serve as a long-term substitute reading specialist during the 2017-18 school year. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from Syracuse University and a master's degree in curriculum, instruction, and assessment from Walden University. She also completed graduate course work in literacy education at Mercy College. Ms. Fidel's recent experience includes serving as a reading interventionist at Increase Miller Elementary School in Katonah-Lewisboro.

Mallory Greenberg**Special Education**

Ms. Greenberg graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in rhetoric and communication from the State University of New York at Albany and a master's degree in childhood and special education from St. Thomas Aquinas College. For the past six years, Ms. Greenberg has been a middle school special education teacher at the Mickey Mantle School in New York. Her prior experience includes serving as a 6th grade special education teacher in the North Rockland Central School District.

Janine Lalli**Elementary**

Ms. Lalli graduated on the Dean's List from Marist College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and education. She also holds a master's degree in literacy from Manhattanville College. For the past two years, she served as an assistant teacher in first and third grade classrooms at the Brunswick School in Greenwich. Ms. Lalli completed her student teaching in second and third grade classrooms at the Krieger School in Poughkeepsie.

Rachel McMahon**Elementary**

Ms. McMahon will serve as a long-term substitute teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology from Manhattanville College, where she has also completed graduate course work in elementary education. Ms. McMahon was an elementary teacher for three years at an international school in Honduras, and has recently served as a substitute teacher in the Harrison Central School District.

Michelle Palefsky**Elementary**

Ms. Palefsky earned a bachelor's degree in communications and education from the State University of New York Albany and a master's degree in elementary and special education from the College of New Rochelle. For the past seven years, Ms. Palefsky has served as a kindergarten, first, and second grade teacher at PS 32 in the Bronx. She has also completed course work through the Reading and Writing Project at Teachers College.

Amy Price, Psy.D.**Psychologist**

Dr. Price will serve as a part-time school psychologist during the 2017-18 school year. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in English from the University of Delaware. Dr. Price also holds a doctorate in school and clinical psychology from Yeshiva University. For the past three years, Dr. Price has provided counseling to children through private practice. She has also served as a clinical associate professor at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology at Yeshiva University.

Parsons Memorial Elementary School

Heather Bishop**Special Education**

Ms. Bishop will serve as a long-term substitute special education co-teacher this year. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Boston University and a master's degree in elementary and special education from Hunter College. Her teaching experience includes serving for three years as a special education teacher at Simon Baruch Middle School and more recently as an elementary teacher at international schools in Abu Dhabi and Kazakhstan.

Katherine Codino**Special Education**

Ms. Codino will serve as a long-term substitute special education teacher during the 2017-18 school year. She graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in childhood special education from Concordia College. During the 2016-17 school year, Ms. Codino served as a long-term substitute in a self-contained special education classroom at Somers Intermediate School.

Marcy French***English as a New Language***

Ms. French holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Purchase College and a master's degree in teaching English as a second language (TESOL) and elementary education from Long Island University. For the past ten years, Ms. French has served as an ENL teacher in the Bedford Central School District, providing instruction to English language learners at the elementary level. Ms. French's previous experience also includes serving as a kindergarten teacher in the White Plains City School District.

Meagan Munsell***Special Education***

Ms. Munsell earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in special education and childhood education from Mount Saint Mary College. For the past four years, Ms. Munsell has served as a special education teacher in a self-contained classroom at the Vida Bogart School for All Children in New York City. This past summer, Ms. Munsell served as a special education teacher in the Harrison's extended school year program for students with special needs.

Samuel J. Preston Elementary School***Michael McQuillian******Elementary***

Mr. McQuillian graduated on the Dean's List from the State University of New York at Cortland with a bachelor's degree in social science, and he holds a master's degree in education from the City College of New York. For the past three years, Mr. McQuillian has served as a lead teacher in grades K-1 at the Children's Aid College Prep Charter School. He has also served as a summer camp counselor and camp director since 2015.

Jolie Vita***Elementary***

Ms. Vita graduated on the Dean's List with a double major in psychology and education from Manhattanville College, where she also earned a master's degree in literacy. For the past four years, Ms. Vita has taught kindergarten students at the Crescent School in the Bronx and at the Cecil H. Parker Elementary School in Mount Vernon. Her previous experience includes serving as a leave replacement teacher at the Park Avenue Elementary School in Port Chester and the Sedgewick School in New York.

Kristina Curumi***Elementary***

Ms. Curumi earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and English language arts and a master's degree in childhood special education from Hunter College. For the past five years, Ms. Curumi has served as a fourth grade teacher at the James Weldon Johnson Elementary School in New York, where she also has experience as a bilingual teacher.

Multiple School Locations***Jay Ciraco******Physical Education***

Mr. Ciraco will serve as a physical education teacher at Purchase School and Samuel J. Preston Elementary School. He earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral science and psychology at Mercy College and a master's degree in physical education and sports pedagogy from Manhattanville College. Mr. Ciraco recently completed leave replacement roles as a physical education teacher in Ardsley and Scarsdale, and he serves as an assistant varsity baseball coach in Harrison.