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Insight

New School Year Brings Transition

Lynette R. Waller takes the helm as Acting Superintendent as the new school year begins. Mrs. Waller has been with the District since July 2015, first as Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, then as Assistant Superintendent. She will assume the role of Acting Superintendent effective August 1, until a new Superintendent is hired.

Following the departure of Julia R. Vicente, who was in her second term as Superintendent, the Board contracted with the Pennsylvania School

Boards Association for a superintendent search. PSBA created an online survey that was accessible through the district website inviting staff, parents, and community members to weigh in on characteristics they would most like a new leader to possess.

Following an initial screening, the Board of School Directors will receive a list of interested candidates and determine who they will interview. The Board hopes to appoint the successful candidate this Fall.



Lynette R. Waller,
Acting Superintendent

Students Explore Costa Rica

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Science teacher, Brenda Phillips, took a group of JSBS students to study in Costa Rica. Their itinerary included walking through a bat habitat in the rainforest, observed a variety of plants, insects and birds, cleared trails as volunteers in the Monteverdi Cloud Forest Reserve, watched a frog and reptile presentation and went zip lining.



JSBS students on a white water rafting trip in Costa Rica.

Congratulations Class of 2017!

Fabian Adames
Employment

Deion Adams
Lock Haven University

Elizabeth Allen
Temple University

Benjamin Arndt
Military

Ricardo Aznar
University of Pittsburgh

Ana Beam
Temple University

Matthew Benusa
Lafayette College

Kayin Berger
Mansfield University

Ethan Bittner
Penn State University

Daniel Blackford
Philadelphia University

Lily Bossler
Albright College

Andrew Bowman
Susquehanna University

Destini Boyer
Employment

Veronica Bristol
University of Pennsylvania

McKenna Brower
Syracuse University

John Brugger
Employment

Tanner Brugger
LaSalle University

Matthew Bui
Penn State University

Lauren Butera
Misericordia University

Jordan Caraballo
Alvernia University

Armando Cartagena Rovira
Reading Area Community College

Michelle Chau
The George Washington University

Brian Cibulsky
Penn State University

Matthew Clore
Kutztown University

Megan Conlin
Auburn University

Bennett Croft
Tulane University

Errin Cruz
Employment

Genesis Cruz
Penn State University, Berks

Marisela Cruz
Reading Area Community College

Ryan Cunningham
Duquesne University

Patrick Curran
Millersville University

Maia D'Angelo
Bloomsburg University

Keila Dantas Arredondo
Duquesne University

Jessica DeMarte
Shippensburg University

Zachary Demming
Employment

Jailene Diaz
East Stroudsburg University

Thomas DiCarlo
University of Pittsburgh

Jacob Diener
Employment

Thanh Dinh
Reading Area Community College

Karim Ellaisy
Penn State University

Faith Ellington
The University of Iowa

Nathan Elzer
University of Pittsburgh

Abigail Ervin
Penn State University, Berks

Jeanette Espinal
Laboratory Institute of Merchandising

Nathan Faust
Penn State University

Madison Feeman
Millersville University

Karina Felipe
Berks Technical Institute

Devin Franceschi
Kingsborough Community College

Samuel Funk
Employment

Selena Gely-Rolon
US Marine Corps

Domenique Gonzalez
Penn State University, Berks

Sonnel Gonzalez
Employment

Kaitlyn Grace
Kutztown University

Caroline Green
Penn State University

Elizabeth Green
Full Sail University

Meryl Greenfogel
University of Pittsburgh

Drevon Gregory
Employment

Rebekah Groff
Lycoming College

Jayda Guilbe
Reading Area Community College

Kristen Hafer
University of Pittsburgh

Post-graduate Plans

Jennifer Harvey
Moody Bible Institute

Wright Harvey
Cedarville University

Tristan Heslop
Penn State University

Shelby Hinsey
Duquesne University

Madeleine Hoffman
West Chester University

Avery Holt
Temple University

Samuel Hopler
University of South Carolina

Justine Hudock
Reading Area Community College

Meera Jagadesan
University of San Francisco

Jesse Kaufmann
University of Pittsburgh

Darrien Kemmerling
Reading Area Community College

Louis Kim
Amherst College

Savannah Kistler
Edinboro University

Talia Kowalski
Hofstra University

Victoria Kozlowski
Kutztown University

Andrea Krause
Bloomsburg University

Andrew Kwitkowski
University of Pittsburgh

Dillon Larkin
Lynn University

Jonathan Lazarchick
Millersville University

Anna Long
Reading Area Community College

Elijah Maldonado
Penn State University, Berks

Alyssa Maluchnik
Liberty University

David Manderewicz
Kutztown University

Giovanni Matos
University of Alabama, Huntsville

Madalyn McGlynn
Penn State University, Berks

Travis Melcher
Lebanon Valley College

Conner Mendel
University of Arizona

Nathaniel Menon
Stanford University

Dylan Miliauskas
Reading Area Community College

Carter Moll
Penn State University

Saul Montoya
Penn State University, Berks

Mia Moyer
Penn State University

Shea Moyer
Penn State University

Jakob Naylor
Reading Area Community College

Emma Nugent
University of Pittsburgh

Nicholas O'Neil
Reading Area Community College

Joniel Ocasio Martinez
Kutztown University

Alyssa Olmeda
Penn State University, Berks

Desirey Ortiz
Reading Area Community College

Thomas Owens
Lancaster Bible College

Jacob Painter
University of Delaware

Shaniya Paschelle
Reading Area Community College

Dylan Pauley
Reading Area Community College

Matthew Penta
Penn State University, Berks

Samantha Perez
Norwich University of the Arts

Trinity Ponton
Kutztown University

Leonardo Powell
Kutztown University

Jessica Prague
Kutztown University

Victoria Ranck
Millersville University

Amanda Reinoehl
Atlantic Theatre Company

Korinne Rhoads
Duquesne University

Andres Rodriguez
Reading Area Community College

Jazmyn Roman
Reading Area Community College

Wesley Rosenberger
Temple University

Amelia Rothermel
George Mason University

Bailey Rothermel
Elon University

Sarah Rothfleisch
Penn State University

Nada Saif
Reading Area Community College

Samer Salha
Temple University

Daniel Sandbakken
Penn State University, Berks

Best Wishes to our Retirees



Patti Armstrong retired as a first grade teacher after 17 years with the District.



Linda Bentz, Child Accounting and Central Registration Coordinator retired after more than 25 years.



Audrey Colapreto served in all three buildings in 32 years as a Food Service Worker.



Karen Sichak retired as a Classroom Instructional Aide for Reading after 22 years with the District.



Charisse Steffy retired after six years as the District's Human Resources Generalist.

May we introduce you to...



The Wyomissing Area School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Deborah Weise as the new Human Resources Generalist following the retirement of Charisse Steffy.

Weise is a graduate of Albright College with a Bachelor's degree

in accounting. She most recently was employed by Keystone Villa at Ephrata as the Business Office Manager and was the HR liaison between corporate office and the Ephrata location.

She and her husband Ron reside in Denver with their collie Thor.

In her spare time she enjoys going to the beach and watching great movies.

WAEF Awards Scholarships for 2017

On May 15, 2017, WAEF presented \$ 16,150.00 in scholarship awards to Wyomissing Area students at the Scholarship Celebration. The event was attended by 120 guests, including WAEF Board members, Wyomissing Area School District Board members, Wyomissing Area faculty and administrators, scholarship presenters, family and friends. A special visit from Class of 1959 alumni Susan Kline-Hart, Maureen Brumbach, and David Kozloff commemorated the Class of 1959 Memorial Scholarship.

The Women's Club of Wyomissing Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior who has performed outstanding service to the school and community, and has demonstrated academic achievement. 2017 Winner – Michelle Chau

Sean M. Flannery Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior who demonstrates leadership, has been rostered on a varsity sport and is in good academic and disciplinary standing. 2017 Winner – Samuel Hopler

The West Reading High School Alumni Scholarship

A \$1,250 scholarship awarded to a senior who has achieved academically and is a resident of the Borough of West Reading. 2017 Winner – Victoria Ranck

The Class of 1946 Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a meritorious member of the senior class who has shown academic and leadership potential. 2017 Winner – Madison Feeman

Dr. Nirav Patel Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior who has shown perseverance in coping with an ongoing medical condition and is planning to attend a post-high school education program. 2017 Winner – Sarah Rothfleisch

The Koullias Family Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior planning to study electrical engineering, math or science. 2017 Winner – Shelby Theisen

The Class of 1963 First Generation College Student Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship awarded to a meritorious member of the senior class who will be the first member of his/her family to begin collegiate studies. 2017 Winner—McKenna Brower

The Samuel R. Kozloff Scholarship

A \$2,500 scholarship awarded to a senior who has demonstrated achievement and interest in social studies or foreign languages. 2017 Winner – Wesley Rosenberger

The Customers Bank Trade/Technology Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to two seniors who plan to attend a trade or technical career path for post-secondary education. 2017 Winners—Thanh Dinh and Lisbeth Vivar

The Gertrude K. McGonigle Adult Scholarship

This is a \$1,100 scholarship provided to an adult who is at

least 24 years old and is re-entering education after at least a one-year lapse in time. This includes GED, vocational, baccalaureate and masters programs.

2017 Winner – Ashley Beck de Muñoz

The Class of 1959 Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,100 scholarship awarded to the senior with the most improved GPA between 9th and 12th grades. 2017 Winner – Samer Salha

The James R. Houck Memorial Scholarship

A \$195 scholarship awarded to a sophomore student to attend HOBY Leadership training. 2017 Winner— Samantha Zechman

The Creighton Bieber Memorial Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship awarded to a member of the senior class who has overcome personal hardship and plans to attend a post-secondary school. 2017 Winner— Alyssa Olmeda



Fourth Annual Spartan Impact Awards

2017 Honorees

Joseph Alcaro
 Joseph Allen
 Cathy Barra
 Peter Beck
 William Dramby
 Mark Flannery
 Shirley Gashi
 Daniel Giesen
 Mary Rebecca Keller
 Jeremiah Kozlowski
 Kim Lally
 Susan Larkin
 Martin Mann
 Kristy Martin
 Christopher Miller
 Nathaniel Miller
 Curt Minich
 Michael Mitchell
 Jillian Noecker
 Dana Quinlivan
 David Skovera
 Christopher Stancheck
 Michael Vecchio
 Nicole Wentzel

The fourth annual Spartan Impact Awards, held May 30, 2017, honored District staff who were selected for having a significant impact on the life of a graduating senior.

According to Principal Corey Jones, members of the Class of 2017 nominated someone in the

District who influenced their life more than anyone else during their time as a student. These people were honored for using this power to educate, engage, inspire, and motivate the students to be responsible and successful young adults who are equipped to take on the future.

The nominees included elementary and secondary teachers, counselors, coaches, and an athletic trainer demonstrating that students' lives are impacted inside and outside of the classroom.

Joseph Allen — I am nominating Mr. Allen for several reasons. First of all, he has motivated me ever since 9th grade to become a great student and athlete. Also, as my track and field coach, he has helped me understand that I'm not always going to win.

— Braldy Vasquez

William Dramby-- Initially intimidated by Mr. Dramby's intense persona, I've learned that it's from caring about his students' well-being, but also high coffee consumption. From 9th grade Honors and AP World, to Student Council and Model UN, Mr. Dramby played an integral role in my development as a student, public speaker and leader.

— Michelle Chau

I would like to nominate Mr. Dramby because, in the few months that I have been here at Wyomissing Area High School, he has always made sure I was doing well. Mr. Dramby has always taken the time to speak to me and make sure I was doing well in all my classes. He helped me if I needed help. He has shown me his passion for helping others, as well as for teaching.

— Karina Felipe

Mr. Dramby has been my favorite teacher since ninth grade. His enthusiasm and liveliness during his lectures made me excited about what we were learning in class. He helped spark my interest in politics after taking his honors government class. The passion he has for teaching has been unmatched.

— Meera Jagadesan

Mary Rebecca Keller — I would like to nominate Mrs. Mary Rebecca Keller because she makes sure I complete my work all times. Mr. Keller also makes my homework easier by helping me out. She also keeps me on the right track with all my classes, and with my school work. Mrs. Keller has been a role model to me in Wyomissing because she always tells me that nothing is impossible.

— Liliyah Sarkis



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Our Mission:

Inspiring Excellence One Spartan at a Time

Our Vision:

The Wyomissing Area School District aspires to be the preeminent public educational institution; as we:

- *Prepare students to excel in a highly complex global community*
- *Offer rigorous academics, cutting-edge technology and enriching extra-curricular opportunities*
- *Attract and retain the best team of administrators and staff; and*
- *Create a culture built on respect, trust and integrity.*

Post-graduate Plans cont'd.

Bobby Sands
 Reading Area Community College

Liliyah Sarkis
 Wilmington University

Charles Schroder
 Providence College

Stephen Scott
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Michael Sczurek
 Navy

Brittany Selig
 Bloomsburg University

Blake Shinn
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 University of Pittsburgh

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 Albright College

Ashley Zimmerman
 Drexel University

Jonathan Zimmerman
 Kutztown University