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Welcoming New Teachers

The District is pleased to introduce the new teachers that are taking on roles in Rye's schools. All staff members are gearing up for an exciting first day and a bright year of learning. Welcome to the following individuals:



Amanda Albano

RHS English Teacher

Ms. Albano joins Rye after having served as a Middle School ELA Teacher at Our Lady of Fatima in Connecticut, where she implemented the ELA curriculum in grades 6-8. She previously held roles as a Graduate Assistant at Pace University and Teaching Assistant at Fordham University, managing a website for a virtual class and leading grammar sessions for students, among other responsibilities. Ms. Albano earned both her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Arts Degree from Fordham University.



Lisa-Marie DiRusso

RMS Special Education Teacher

Ms. DiRusso is a familiar face in the District, having served as a substitute teacher for elementary and special education classes and coach for the Crew, Junior Varsity Lacrosse, Modified Track, and Field Hockey teams. She previously held roles in Pennsylvania with Valley Forge Educational Services, the Morrisville School District, and Council Rock School District. Ms. DiRusso has additional background as a special needs life skill coach. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Pennsylvania State

University.



Alyssa Dulin

RHS English Teacher

Ms. Dulin most recently served as a Technology Teaching Assistant at Sleepy Hollow Middle School and High School, where she also completed her student teaching experience. Ms Dulin held a variety of technology-related responsibilities and also taught 9th and 12th grade students. Ms. Dulin was previously a Computer Specialist Assistant, Reading Specialist Assistant, and Reading Tutor at schools located in Ossining. She earned both her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Science Degree

from Pace University.



Martha Enes
Midland School Foreign Language Teacher

Ms. Enes joins Rye after working in the Harrison Central School District for nine years as a FLES teacher throughout four elementary schools. She also served as an ESL Homework Moderator, Summer Reading Program teacher, liaison and translator for adults, and multicultural fair organizer. Previously Ms. Enes was head of the Spanish Department at Salesian High School in New Rochelle, where she taught various levels of high school Spanish. A recipient of the Sally Hahn Outstanding FLES Award, she holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Barry University and a Masters Degree from the College of New Rochelle.



Laura Glicksman
RHS Spanish Teacher

The District is pleased to welcome Ms. Glickman as she returns to Rye High School, where she previously taught a variety of Spanish language courses. Ms. Glickman has additionally worked as a Spanish Teacher at Harlem Village Academies High School and NYC LAB School for Collaborative Studies. Earlier in her career she served as an English/Spanish Instructor at the Berlitz Language Center in New York and New Jersey, and was a Language and Cultural Assistant in Spain. Ms. Glicksman holds a Bachelors Degree from Loyola College and a Masters Degree from New York University.



Melissa Hansen
RHS Math Teacher

Ms. Hansen comes to Rye with many years of experience teaching mathematics at the middle school, high school, and college levels. She served as a mathematics teacher at Mildred E. Strang Middle School in Yorktown for 17 years, during which she taught five math sections and was also a teacher advisor for Odyssey of the Minds, Math Counts, and Academic Triathlon groups. She has also held roles in the Carmel Central School District and at Westchester Community College and Jersey City State College. Ms. Hansen earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Syracuse University and Master of Science Degree from Pace University.



Isabel Irizarry
RMS Spanish Teacher

Ms. Irizarry previously taught Spanish at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua as well as John Jay Middle School in Cross River. From 2011-2012 she served as English Language and Culture Assistant in a Dual Language High School in Spain, supporting students in developing their skills in both the English and Spanish languages. While in Spain she also volunteered teaching a conversation class for primary school students. Ms. Irizarry holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Binghamton University and a Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University Teachers College. She additionally has a basic knowledge of the French, Brazilian Portuguese and Euskara languages.



Cara Lipari
Osborn School Library Media Specialist

Ms. Lipari has held roles in public and school libraries since 2011, most recently serving as a children's librarian at Valley Cottage Library. She honed her student teaching experience in the Nyack Middle School Library and Valley Cottage Elementary

School Library. Earlier in her career, Ms. Lipari was a Library Marketing Coordinator for Random House, Inc., where she planned library events, maintained a library services website, and produced written resources. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California and a Master of Science Degree from Long Island University, Palmer School of Library and Information Science.



Sean Moughty
RHS Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Moughty brings to Rye a six-year background in teaching Social Studies courses including Global History & Geography, United States History & Government, Participation in Government, Economics, and Advanced Placement World History. He most recently worked at the Leadership and Public Service High School in New York City where he also advised the history club and taught during an after-school program and summer program. Mr. Moughty holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from SUNY

Oneonta and Master of Science Degree from the American College of Education.



Gabriela Murphy
RHS Spanish Teacher

Ms. Murphy most recently taught Spanish at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School, prior to which she served as a Spanish and English as a Second Language teacher at the NYC High School for Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Industries in the Bronx. She has also worked as a tutor. Ms. Murphy holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Universidad Centro Occidental "Lisandro Alvarado" in Venezuela, and a Master of Arts Degree from Manhattanville College.



Alexandria Paley
RHS Science Teacher

Ms. Paley comes to Rye from Long Island after having taught Earth Science and Physics at Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset and Chemistry at Hempstead High School and Uniondale High School. She also taught a seventh grade inclusion class in Uniondale and worked as a Living Environment teacher at Comeswogue High School. Ms. Paley earned her Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Arts Degree from SUNY Stony Brook University.



Michael Szarkowics
RHS Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Szarkowics comes to Rye with a background in teaching Social Studies to middle and high school level students. He completed part of his student teaching experience at Rye Middle School where he taught four sections. He most recently worked in Torrington Public Schools in Connecticut. Mr. Szarkowics earned both his Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts Degree from Manhattanville College.



Cameron Virrill
RMS English Teacher

Mr. Virrill served as a substitute teacher in the Rye City School District during the 2013-14 school year, prior to which he taught at Saddle River Day School in New Jersey for five years and Blind Brook High School for three years. Earlier in his career he taught 10th grade English at Princeton Day School for ten years, during which he

was awarded the David C. Bogle Award grant to redesign the community service program and develop courses. In his post at Saddle River Day School, Mr. Virrill taught various English courses to students in grades 7-12. He also served as advisor for the school's literary and arts magazine and implemented community service and recycling programs. Mr. Virrill holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Williams College and a Master of English Education Degree from the University of Massachusetts.