

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

FACULTY PROFILES

DR. PAUL GALLAGHER ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/IB COORDINATOR

Education: Ed.D Leadership:Administration & Supervision – Northeastern University – Boston
C.A.G.S. Educational Administration – Northeastern University – Boston
M.Ed Secondary Education, University of Massachusetts – Boston
A.B. English & Education – Stonehill College – Easton, MA

Experience: Principal/Asst. Principal Experience at the Building Level, Middle School & High School
Educational Consultation (K-12) experience
Extensive classroom teaching experience, High School & University

Memberships: Past President Florida League of IB Schools
IB Workshop Leader/Coordinator Trainer
IB Diploma School Site Authorizer, IBO
Community Youth Development Leadership Council
National Society for the Study of Education
National Association of Secondary School Principals

Personal Interests: Cooking, gardening, sports

DR. EVA BOGARD GERMAN INSTRUCTOR

Education: B. A. German from S.U.N.Y. – Oswego
M. A. Foreign Language Education – U.S.F. – Tampa
Ph.D. Second Language Acquisition/Instructional Technology – U.S.F. Tampa
Gifted Endorsement

Experience: 14 years teaching German at the high school level (10 at Riverview)
1 year teaching at USF Tampa and University of Tampa

Awards: 3 year recipient of Edge of Excellence Award
Who's Who Among America's Teachers
Renaissance Teacher Recognition Award

Personal Interests: Butterfly gardening, yoga, gifted education, neuro-linguistics

**BRIDGET COUGHLIN
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.A. Communications and English – Simmons College
M.Ed English Education – University of Florida
Masters +45
School for International Training, Program in Italy
Gifted Endorsement
National Board Certification
Scuola Insieme – Italian Language Training
SCIP Mentor Training
Commedia Dell'arte Workshop

Experience: 4 years High School English
9 years Middle School Language Arts
5 years IB Theatre Arts
4 years IB Extended Essay Advisor

Personal Interests: Traveling, studying Italian, singing, running, and swimming

**PATRICIA CRAFTS
FRENCH INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.A. French – University of Massachusetts
M.Ed - Antioch
IB Teacher Training Institute – Spanish B (2004)
IB Teacher Training Institute – French B (2005)
Summer Institute – Universite' de l'ouest – Angers, France
Spanish summer institute – Bates College, Maine

Experience: 24 years teaching in Bethlehem, New Hampshire
Teaching English to speakers of other languages
AP French training institute
President & executive board member of NHATFL (N.H. Association of Teachers of Foreign Languages (1990-2000)

Awards: Presenter at New Hampshire state language conference (NHAWLT)
Recipient of grant to attend Northeast Conference (Foreign Languages), NYC

Personal Interests: Cooking, reading, swimming, photography, cats

**DEBRA CURRY
BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR**

Education: Master of Science, Biology, minor in mathematics – Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
B.A. Biology, minor in chemistry – Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Attended college in Tokyo and Florida

Experience: Teaching since 1984
Homebound teacher – Illinois
Started teaching in Florida 1989, Volusia County
2005 – relocated and started teaching in Sarasota County

Awards: Teacher of the Year, Pine Ridge H.S., 1995
Butterfly garden Future's grant
Entomology scholarship

Personal Interests: Native plants, edible landscapes, companion planting information

**CHRISTINA FEASLEY
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR**

Education: M. A. Literature - Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
Experience: 20+ years Sarasota County Public School
10 years Grader - Advanced Placement
Senior reviewer AP English Literature & Composition
Assistant Examiner – IB Language Arts HL
SCIP Mentor training
Gifted endorsed
Awards: High School Teacher of the Year 1995, Presenter National Council of Teachers of English
1996, Consultant for OWL – University of Florida
1998 on-going
Personal Interests: Running, travelling, reading, theatre and opera

**MARK FRISINA
I.T.G.S. INSTRUCTOR**

Education: M.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
B.S. Boston University
Experience: 22 years as professor and department head –
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Awards: Harvard Prize Book Award
Wall Street Journal – Front page article (1999)
Registered Professional Engineer (Florida and Massachusetts)
Personal Interests: Guitar, vehicle technology, travel, culinary, mathematics, innovative technology, astronomy.

**WILLIAM GEISDORF
SOCIAL STUDIES**

Education: B. S. Social Studies/Business – Drexel University
M. A. Educational Leadership – University of South Florida
Experience: 25+ years in education
Personal Interests: Fishing & cooking

**NANCY GINDOFF
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.S. Mathematics – Mundelein College
M Ed – National Louis University
Masters +45
Gifted Endorsement
ESOL Certified
Experience: 16 years in education – 13 at R.H.S
Supervisor of Interns
SCIP Mentor
Mathematics Department Chairperson
Who's Who Among American Teachers
Awards:
Personal Interests: Family, reading, crafts

BERNICE GRISWOLD FRENCH INSTRUCTOR

Education: B.A. French – Bridgewater State College
M.A. French – University of Florida
Gifted Endorsement – State of Florida
ESOL Endorsement

Experience: 5 years Foreign Language teacher in Massachusetts
20+ years Foreign Language teacher in Florida
4 years French with the IB Program

Awards: Who's Who Among American Teachers
Edge of Excellence Grant Award
Summer study scholarship in Paris for the Alliance Française

Personal Interests: Family, traveling, reading, watching films, gardening, crafts, speaking and listening to French speakers

MICHAEL HARVEY ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

Education: B. A. in Literature – Wheaton College

Experience: 26 years teaching English – 12 in private schools, 14 at Riverview H.S.

Awards: National Recognition for yearbook from N.S.P.A. and J.E.A.
(National Scholastic Press Assoc., Journalism Education Association)

Personal Interests: Raising a family (father of four), reading good books (not just my job), serving at church, coaching track (former decathlete), cycling, canoeing, hiking, birding, writing

JACKIE HENSON-DACEY ART INSTRUCTOR

Education: B. F. A. in Painting – Mass. College of Art
M. A. in Art Education – UMass – Amherst
Gifted Endorsement
National Board Certification Adult/Adolescent Art
ESOL Certification
Certified Mentor of Sarasota County Induction Program (SCIP)
Past President of Sarasota Art Education Association
AP Training in AP Art History and Studio

Experience: SAEA High School Representative
1989-present, Sarasota County Schools
1990-present, Adjunct Professor MCC-Venice
1990-present, Consultant for Ringling Museum
1987-89 Holyoke Community College – Adjunct Professor
2001-02 AP Art History Certification/AP Studio Art Certification
2004 High School Regional Representative Elect, National Art Education Association

Awards: Teacher of the Year 1998
Grant Awards

- Edge of Excellence Grants
- Ace Grants
- Weller Grants
- IBO Grants

Personal Interests: Reading, jazzercise, camping, hiking, painting, photography, traveling

**MAGGIE JONES
CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR**

Education: Bachelors of Science in Biology – St. Mary's College of Maryland
Masters of Science in Molecular Biology – University of Maryland

Experience: 21 years of teaching chemistry
7 years of teaching physics

Awards: Who's Who Among American Teachers
Air Force Citation

Personal Interests: Reading, sewing, skiing, and family

**JOANN KEREKES
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR**

Education: Bachelors of Science in Mathematics – Florida Southern College
M.Ed/Mathematics – University of Florida
Graduate mathematics courses – Nova University
Pacesetter Pre-calculus Training – College Board

Experience: 8 years Riverview High School
4 years Sarasota High School
19 years McIntosh Middle School

Personal Interests: Studying and drawing/painting botanical art, sewing, and hand embroidery

**COREY KUSNER
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR**

Education: Bachelors of Science, Mathematics Education – USF of Tampa
Master of Arts in Mathematics Education – USF of Tampa

Experience: 9 years of teaching mathematics, 6 years at RHS, 3 at SSA&S

Personal Interests: Weekend get-aways, family

**AMY LEONARD
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.A. Mathematics, Secondary Education – Arizona State University

Experience: One year at Westwood H.S. – Mesa, Arizona
Ten years at Booker H.S. – Sarasota, Florida
First year at Riverview H.S. – Sarasota, Florida

Personal Interests: Reading, sewing, working out at the YMCA, home remodeling, spending time with family and friends

**BRUCE LINDELL
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.S. University of South Florida, April, 1991

Experience: 13 years in education
7 years teaching at Riverview H.S.
7 years teaching at Manatee Community College in the evenings
7 years teaching at Adult & Community Education Center

Personal Interests: Softball, traveling, spending time with daughter

DEB LOMBARD
DANCE ADVISOR, INSTRUCTOR

Education: B.S. SUNY Brockport, Dance Education
30 years teaching

Experience: 5 years Gocio School
8 years Teaching Artist – Sarasota Arts Council
9 years Assistant Professor – Syracuse University
5 years Out Reach Dir. – Sarasota Ballet (Musical Theater)

Personal Interests: Running, reading, choreography for musicals

JASON MEANS
SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTRUCTOR

Education: A.S. in Education – Parkland College – Champaign, Illinois
B.A. in Social Studies Education – University of South Florida
Undergraduate studies – University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

Experience: 14 years teaching
Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator

Awards: 2004 Florida Coach of the Year for cross country

Personal Interests: Running, golf, reading, being a dad

STEVE MIKLAUTSCH
SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTRUCTOR

Education: B. A. Political Science/History – Western Illinois University
M. A. Political Science – Northeastern Illinois University – emphasis in American Government,
International Relations & Comparative Government

Experience: 31 years teaching

- 4 years - Illinois
- 2 years - Charlotte County, Florida
- 25 years - Riverview H. S.

Personal Interests: Golf, following National, State & Local political decisions

REGINA MILLER
BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

Education: B.S.E. Biology – Missouri Southern State College – Joplin, Missouri
ESOL Endorsement
Masters in Instructional Technology at American Intercontinental University (4.0 GPA)

Experience: 4 years RHS Biology
1 year Science – Kabala Normal School – Kabala, Sierra Leone, West Africa
1 year Belle High School – Belle, Missouri – Biology & Chemistry
9 years Mobile County Public Schools – Mobile, Alabama – AP Biology, General Science

Personal Interests: Swimming, reading, spending time with family

JAMES MINOR
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR, T.O.K. INSTRUCTOR, THEATRE ARTS INSTRUCTOR

Education: B.S. – University of South Florida
Currently pursuing Masters of Arts in Humanities – California State University

Experience: PIB World History
PIB/AP European History
PIB English I
TOK, IB English III & IV
IB Theatre Arts
Florida Council Teachers of English Member

Personal Interests: Reading, traveling, family activities

BARBARA OLIVEROS
SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

Education: B. A. Foreign Language Education (Spanish)
E.S.O.L. Endorsement

Experience: 17 years teaching
10 years - Pinellas County Schools
7 years as IB Spanish teacher at Riverview H.S.
1994-95 - President of the Pinellas County Foreign Language Assoc.
Spanish Club Sponsor

Awards: Who's Who Among America's Teachers 1994/2001/2004

Personal Interests: Traveling, cooking and spending time with family.

TONY PALERMO
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR, THEATRE ARTS INSTRUCTOR

Education: B. A. Gannon University
M. A. John Carroll University
M. A. +45

Experience: 14 years teaching high school English – Dunkirk, NY
20+ years teaching in Florida (English, Drama, produced plays for 5 years)

Awards: Florida Master Teacher (1986)

Personal Interests: Reading, films, family activities, theatre

ROGER SIEGEL
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR

Education: B.S. Physics – Georgia Tech 1987
M.Ed. Secondary Science – Georgia State 1996

Experience: 8 years – The Westminster Schools – Physics & Physics AP – B
6 years – Atlanta Public Schools – Physics, Chemistry, Physical Science, Physics APC

Awards: Who's Who in American High School Teachers

Personal Interests: Couples Coaching Couples, Inc., Bike Riding (commuting)

RON SILVER
CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR

Education: Ohio University, B.S. Education; Miami University, M.A.T.
Experience: 40 years of chemistry and science teaching
Awards: Florida Merit Teacher, National Science Foundation Scholar, Member of Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTEC) Writing Team, Awards related to amateur radio
Personal Interests: Amateur radio (WA4LOX), electronics, computers, gardening, astronomy

DENA STURM
SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

Education: B.A. Spanish, William Paterson University, New Jersey
M.S. Educational Technology, Long Island University, New York
Experience: 10 years high school Spanish Levels I – IV and Honors, New Jersey
2 years Pre-IB Spanish & ab initio Spanish
Awards: Who's Who Among America's High School Teachers – 2 year recipient
Personal Interests: Fitness, working out, 2 Bassett hounds (Fred & Barney), beach, sun, music, concerts

ANA-MARIA SUAREZ
SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

Education: Universidad de Puerto Rico, Bachelor in Science, Major in Medical Technology
Teacher's certification – University of South Florida, Science grades 6-9, Spanish K-12
Masters Degree in Curriculum & Instruction
Completed Masters +45
Experience: Medical technology, 12 years; Clinical lab owner and administrator, 10 years.
Teacher (Adult Community-Vo Tech) 4 years (Spanish) and Medical Technology
Middle school teacher, 7 years (science)
Riverview H.S. teacher, 11 years
IB teacher 9 years
IB Examiner
Awards: Edge of Excellence Award
Nominated twice for Teacher of the Year at Laurel Nokomis
Personal Interests: Spending quality time with husband, children and grandchildren
Traveling
Dancing (Latin Music)
Cooking (especially for family and friends)

MELINDA SUTTER
MEDIA SPECIALIST

Education: B.A. French
B.A. English
Minor in Spanish
Gifted Endorsement
M.L.S. Library & Information Science
Experience: 10 years RHS Media Specialist
French, Spanish teacher in middle and high school
Personal Interests: 6 grandchildren, cooking, travel, anything outdoors

**GINNIE TYLER
EXTENDED ESSAY ADVISOR**

Education: B.A. Speech & Drama with Minor in Elementary Ed & Creative Writing- Columbia College, SC
M.S. Gifted Education – Nova – Sarasota, FL
Certified in Gifted Education and Elementary Education

Experience: 32 years teaching
1 year in South Carolina
1 year Sarasota County Charter School
12 years at Pine View
18 years at Alta Vista
Small High School group – Enrichment Classes
Curriculum Writing – Grades K-12 in Social Science and Language Arts

Personal Interests: Wrote, illustrated & published children’s literature, aerobics, world travel, writing and composing music & plays

**NORM VAGN
MUSIC INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.S. Music Education – Northern Illinois University
M.M. Instrumental Conducting – University of Kansas

Experience: 10 years of teaching in Illinois
This is my second year at Riverview High School

Personal Interests: Performing music, watching sports, reading, spending time with my family.

**MICHAEL C. WUJNOVICH
PRE-IB ECONOMICS INSTRUCTOR**

Education: B.A. Political Science, Autioch College, Ohio ‘87
U.S.F. course work for certification (Certified Teacher)

Experience: 1990 – Miami Dade School District
1993 – Sarasota County, private schools, alternative schools and public middle and high schools.
Training done – CRISS & ESOL
Ruby Payne & Mentor Teacher training

Awards: Teacher of the Year 2001

Personal Interests: Trying to be a Super dad to 2 children ages 11 & 8. (lots-o-soccer).