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Remembering May 2007 Commencement and Annual Meeting



Why the Administrative Path?

This column presents a statement from program application materials submitted by recent admits. Each applicant is asked why he or she is applying to the program and we felt it might be instructive to share some of these (with permission). Michelle Crisafulli has agreed to share her statement.

Becoming a teacher later than most of my colleagues was a fulfilling accomplishment. I was nearly thirty, married and had a young child, however; those factors were more motivation than obstacles. Having had the opportunity to attend a Graduate program at SUNY Oswego was a double blessing. First of all, I had earned my Bachelor's Degree there in 1986 and had fond memories of my life there. Secondly, I knew that SUNY Oswego had a rich history of educating teaching professionals. I am currently dually certified in New York State to teach N-6 and reading. As a result of my work at SUNY Oswego, I have a fabulous career in education! And now that I am ready to pursue the profession outside of my classroom, there is no other choice for me. I would like to complete my CAS at Oswego.

I have spent most of the last twelve years in first grade, which allowed me to use skills from both my certification areas. But teaching in the classroom is not all that has kept me busy in education. I have been active in improving the quality of education in Baldwinsville at both the building and district level.

At the building level I have been active on our Building Planning Team. There we set goals for our building, present them to the Board of Education and create a plan for implementation of those goals. At the end of the year, we evaluate our success in achieving those goals and continue in that process as a means for improving the quality of education in our school. I have also been involved in professional development projects throughout my tenure at Baldwinsville. Most recently, I am the English Language Arts Team Leader for my building, which among other responsibilities, I coach new, and veteran teachers in their English Language Arts instruction. In that same capacity, I am involved in data analysis of state testing results and the development of goals for our building as a result of that data. In the past, I have been involved in the creation of new programs for our building including a Science Club for students after school and a literacy program called FLIPS (Families Learning In Partnership with School).

*In addition to work in my building, I have been involved in projects on a district level. Most recently, I piloted a web based grade book called Webgrader. I have been asked to be a district turnkey trainer this next school year. In addition, I have had the pleasure of working with Jane E. Pollock, a national education consultant. The district curriculum work that I have been involved in with her was recently published in her latest ASCD book, *One Teacher At A Time*.*

It's time for me to branch out. I love the classroom, but enjoy the challenge that working with adults brings as well. I have enough experience to get started on an administrative path and SUNY Oswego is my first choice of where I would like to begin that journey.

Accepted into CAS Program – Since 4/1/2007

Colette Astoria
Seth J. Benjamin
Kris D. Biazzo
Harmony Booker
Jennifer P. Brooker
Michelle L. Crance
Michelle H. Crisafulli
Dola Deloff
Dawn O. Fargo
Monica Fitzgerald
Jennifer A. Hayden
Colleen Hill
Willa V. Jacobsen
Colleen M. Kiah
Christine Kio
Jon W. Kio Jr.
Stacy A. Longyear
Deanna Lothrop
Richard D. Murphy
William H. Nygard
Leo F. Paige
Aaron S. Quku
Michael F. Richer
Michael E. Root
David F. Rothrock
Martin D. Rotz

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/3/2007	Learning Plans Due; Discussion Re: Portfolios
11/02/2007	Spring 2008 Registration Period begins 11/2/07
11/3/2007	SDP Culminating Session @ Central Square Middle School (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
11/14/2007	All-Intern Meeting---Law/Personnel
2/6/2008	All-Intern Meeting---The Job Search/Paperwork
3/12/2008	All-Intern Meeting---Interviewing for Administrative Positions
5/16/2008	Annual Department Meeting (attendance required).
5/17/2008	Graduation (However, completion is actually in August.)

Congratulations to our Alumni on the following:

Doctorate Degree...

Dr. Allan M. O'Brien '95 announces... that he has completed his doctorate at Vanderbilt - fantastic program. He would highly recommend it to anyone considering a doctorate. The traveling makes the program quite costly, but the quality of the program was indescribable.

Retirements...

Judith S. Frumkin '94 recently retired as the Director of Special Education for OCM BOCES. I am currently working part time for Onondaga Case Management as project coordinator for High Fidelity Wrap Around Services for Onondaga County.

Congratulations to **Barbara Parry '92** upon her recent retirement from Oswego City School District. Barbara has been an on-going supporter of the SUNY Oswego Educational Administration Program since graduation. She has co-taught courses, been a guest speaker, supervised interns, frequently has handed out the Schoenheit Award at our Annual Meeting, and has served on our Program Advisory Group. The Educational Administration Department wishes Barb all the best as she enters this next phase of her life.

Jean Saunders Phillips '90, formerly of Syracuse City School District, is one of five recently retired school administrators quoted in the article, Sage Advice from Administrators Who Have "Walked the Walk" in Vanguard (Winter 2007) a publication of SAANYs. Jean offers advice worth paying attention to for new administrators.

James Thompson '82 indicates... this past July I retired from 35 years in education...23 as a school administrator.....and the last 20 as principal of Wolcott St. School in LeRoy, New York.

Some of my major accomplishments in this career include:

- Principal of an AWARD WINNING Elementary School!!
- Named NYS Elementary Principal of the Year in '93
- Named National Distinguished Principal in '94
- Presenter at MANY National/State/Regional Conferences
- Author/Co-Author of articles published in New York State, California, and Australia
- Member of SUNY Brockport Ed Admin Faculty
- Faculty Member of the HOPE Foundation

I 'retired' on July 16th...on July 17th I flew to LA to present at UCLA for the ACSA (California State Administrator's Association); two weeks later and for the

9th year in a row presented at the NYS Principals Academy sponsored by Broome-Tioga BOCES, then in late August worked in Highland Park MI Schools for the HOPE Foundation, finished teaching a summer Ed Admin grad course for SUNY Brockport, then accepted a one year position as Asst. Prof of Elementary Education at Medaille College where I am teaching graduate students from Canada enrolled in a master's degree program in elementary ed.

Other...

Kathy Dougherty '06 (SDP graduate) authored an article entitled *Mentoring--Everyone's Obligation to the Profession* in the Winter 2007 edition of the SAANYs Journal.

Carol Terry '01, Field Coordinator for the Fine Arts in Syracuse City Schools, was awarded the 2007 Golden Administrator Award by the statewide Association of Teaching Artists (spring 2007).

Kate Thomsen '96--My news is that my third book, "Parenting Preteens with a Purpose", being published by Search Institute in Minneapolis, will be out in February. Also, I am now an Associate with Heart of Change doing staff development with them on Resiliency (which includes student motivation, connection to school, drop out prevention, classroom environment, etc.) for NYC principals, teachers, counselors, and other staff.

Weddings...

Congratulations to **Dawn Preston Wilczynski '96** on her September wedding.

Stay connected – Please be sure to notify the department of any changes, so that we can update our records. We gladly accept any news or interesting facts for future newsletters. Please email your information to: edadmin@oswego.edu

Helpful Tips...

"When asked a question you are not quite sure of the answer tell the person that you will think about it and get back to him/her."

"When forming relationships make sure to seek out people everyday and always keep in mind other people's perspective. It helps you to make informed decisions and a way to bring people on-board during times of change."

Submitted by Michelle Cramer '05

2007 Reading Award Winner

The Readling Award is given to an individual who is nominated by his or her peers as making significant contributions to the field of administration. This year the Educational Administration Department recognized Lynnette Bonner, Dorothy DiAngelo, and Tina Heckman.

Lynnette Bonner

We would like to thank Ms. Bonner for her contributions in the field and congratulate her on her award. In the following interview Ms. Bonner took the time to offer insight on her experiences in administration.

Completing the Educational Administration program has made Ms. Bonner feel “confident, ready, and prepared” to fulfill her job. She says that the program was very helpful and stated that “It is just so comprehensive”. The education she received is directly related to her current job.

Ms. Bonner is currently the Building Principal at Mott Road Elementary in the Fayetteville-Manlius School District. She is the only administrator in the building so all the decisions to be made at the building level rest on her shoulders. She works with the head custodian and secretaries very closely to make sure things are running smoothly as well as meets with grade level teams on a regular basis to discuss concerns and dialogue about current issues.

The energy and enthusiasm Ms. Bonner possesses was very apparent in our interview. She was very excited at how well she has been received in her new position. When asked what she is most proud of in her current role she says she has really tried to open the lines of communication in the school. She has received a lot positive feedback from both teachers and parents. Ms. Bonner was asked about her accomplishments. She said she has not been in her current position long but in the short time she has been on the job she has changed how the teaching assistants are utilized to hopefully be more efficient.

Helping teachers to cope with the pressures that are placed on them in being accountable for teaching children is a major challenge she sees in her field today. She says there are demands from society on education therefore “Children need to be prepared for a different world”. All of this places a lot of extra pressure on teachers and she hopes she can help work through the pressure. Ms. Bonner also feels that “continuous improvement is an expectation” in the field of education therefore we must continue to examine our practices to find the best ways to meet each student’s needs.

Ms. Bonner feels that her time as a teacher was invaluable in helping her in her current position. Her advice to future educational administrators is “Take time in the classroom to understand teachers, children, and the curriculum.” It is important in understanding the position and views of others. She also recalls her professors telling her to “prioritize, prioritize, prioritize” and she now understands exactly what they

were talking about. It is easy to get caught up in so many different things that are going on so she would pass along the importance of prioritizing as well. She also encourages future administrators to stay current in their field. It is not good practice to become complacent in what you are doing.

When asked what characteristics or skills that she possesses that have enabled her to make significant contributions in her field she says, “I absolutely love teaching, I love what I do”. She also loves to learn and loves research. It was very obvious that Ms. Bonner is someone who will always be current on what is happening in her field. She is a fair and honest person, stating, “What I say is what I mean”. Ms. Bonner also says she likes working with other people and she is a “collaborative kind of person”.

Alumni Career Changes (since 4/1/07)

Roseann Bayne '06
ES Principal, APW CSD

Stacey Brindisi '04
Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Brighton CSD

Julie Burger '07
Principal, Leighton ES, Oswego City SD

Christopher Byrne '02
K-12 Director of Instruction, Phoenix CSD

Jennifer Carnahan '070
Principal, Peterboro Street & South Side ES, Canastota CSD

Jennifer Check '07
Coordinator of K-5 Curriculum and K-12 Technology, Bloomfield CSD

Scott Connell '07
Assistant Principal/Director of Athletics, Copenhagen CSD

Mary Conroy '05
Director of Special Education, Liverpool CSD

William Davern '06
Director of Fine Arts, West Genesee CSD

Robert Duffy '07
Assistant Director of Special Programs, Oswego City SD

Mary Beth Fierro '92
Technology Integration Specialist, Oswego City SD

Brian Finn '07
Assistant Middle/High School Principal, Lowville Academy and CS

Tina Fredericks '06
Supervisor of Adult & Continuing Education Supervisor of Adult & Continuing Education, Jefferson-Lewis BOCES

Jeanette Greene '94
Personnel Director, Utica City Schools

Jeffrey Hendrickson '07
Principal, Volney ES, Fulton City Schools

Cynthia Keeling '05
K-12 Literacy Coordinator, Red Creek CSD

Warren Kinsey '07
Assistant Middle School Principal/Technology Director, Penn Yan CSD

Nelson Kise '02
High School Principal, Lyons CSD

Chad Kolb '03
Athletic Director, Watertown CSD

Patricia LaBarr '05
Principal, Wiley Intermediate School, Watertown City Schools

Robert Leslie '07
Director of Adult and Continuing Education, OCM BOCES

Steven Lysenko '06
Coordinator of Middle School Programs, Bloomfield CSD

Ann Maguire '04
Director of Curriculum and Staff Development Support Services, Erie 2 Chautauqua Cattaraugus BOCES

Marjorie Marble '06
Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Honeoye CSD

Patricia Mason '96
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Chittenango CSD

Karen Ocque '05
Assistant Director of Special Education, Liverpool CSD

David Perry '03
Coordinator of Fine Arts, Liverpool CSD

Rick Pollard '02
Director of Technology, Westhill CSD

Lynn Radicello '96
Director of Student Support Services, OCM BOCES

Thomas Santangelo '95
Curriculum Coordinator, Virginia Department of Education

Adam Schwartz '06
Assistant Elementary Principal, Canandaigua CSD

Jeff Simons '99
Superintendent, Rome City SD

Leueen Smithling '02
Superintendent of Schools, Beaver River CSD

Cheryl Steckly '06
Elementary Principal, Lowville Academy and Central School

Daphne Valentine '02
Principal, Elmcrest ES, Liverpool CSD

Eric Varney '06
Building Principal, Ramsdell ES, Jordan-Elbridge CSD

Michael Vespi '02
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Fayetteville-Manlius Schools

Charles Walker '07
Assistant Principal, Lyons CSD

Robert Wren '04
Elementary Principal, Cato-Meridian CSD

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The office will begin accepting registrations on November 2, 2007. The Department's registration deadline is January 11, 2008.

Please submit all registration forms to 303 Park Hall for Dr. Gilmour's signature. Registrations cannot be completed on-line because of the required permission of the Department Chairperson.

A REGISTRATION form can be downloaded from a link at www.oswego.edu/edadmin on the Spring 2008 course listing page.

- **See page 8 of newsletter for spring course listing.**