

CNR CLASS NOTES

1970s

Patricia Keegan SAS '73 joined the Westchester County Department



of Social Services (DSS) as Assistant to Commissioner Leonard Townes. Keegan served for more than 26 years as District

Director to Congresswoman Nita Lowey, serving Westchester and Rockland, until Lowey retired in January 2021.

Carol Bodensteiner Corliss SAS '75 published "Yanking Bittersweet:



Stories of Widows Coming to Terms with Grief." The book emphasizes themes of grief, resilience, transformation,

hope and faith. CNR shows up in the early pages! You can look for it on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

1980s

Dosher Memorial Hospital in Southport, NC named **Catherine**



Mohr SN '80 as its new chief nursing officer. Mohr has an extensive background as a senior health care executive,

with over 26 years in both large academic medical centers and community hospitals. She previously served as the executive vice president/system chief nursing officer of the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, Pennsylvania, and was also the executive director of the Children's Hospital at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

Annmarie McHenry Komobis SN '86 started a new position as Director of Accelerated Nursing and Associate Professor of Nursing at College of Mount Saint Vincent in New York. McHenry Komobis previously was part of the Nursing Faculty at Concordia College in New York.

Gina Lombardi Bratter SNR '87 had a recent exhibit at the Greenburgh Public Library in New York. She has worked in many different mediums and gained international acclaim and considerable success as the artist who westernized and modernized the ancient Indonesian art form of Batik. She has often said that "my art has always rescued and saved me; it has never let me down."

Caroline Jensen Klein GS '88 was recently featured in the Glen Cove



Herald Gazette in the Long Island Teacher Awards 2021 edition. Jensen Klein teaches at Covert Elementary

School and writes: "My love for teaching and working with children started back in 1981. From my first job as a nursery schoolteacher, to working overseas in England and Scotland, to finally finding my home at Covert for the past 24 years, I have found each class of children a new and exciting adventure."

1990s

Fulton Books author, **Denise Sampson SNR '90**, is a CNR



Psychology graduate and preschool teacher who has a master's in early childhood education and

who has also been a volunteer Girl Scout Leader for over 30 years. She completed her most recent book "The Great Gray Day," a fun and informative picture book that recognizes and celebrates diversity within friendship.

Rt. Rev. Sylveta A. Hamilton-Gonzales SNR '91 was recently featured in Caribbean Life News



Magazine. The article highlighted her many scholarly accomplishments as well as her commitment to make a positive

difference in the lives of young people. Under her magnanimous leadership, the Brooklyn-based Macademy School of Science & Technology, which she founded, has advanced and became a top-ranked school on GreatSchools.org in New York State.

Erika Bentleys-Ammonds SN '91 was featured in the Long Island



Business News 2021 Power Healthcare issue. Bentleys-Ammonds is the Vice President of Clinical Services at Ultimate Care

Assisted Living Management in New York.

Christine M. Simoneau-Hales GS '98, a well-loved artist and iconography teacher based on Florida's west coast who creates new religious icons for a young generation of Christians, joined the online gallery Russian Icon Collection. Works by Christine Hales are in many private collections and homes of Christian believers and are in a number of churches throughout the United States.

2000s

Dr. Kim Warfield Walker SNR '00 has been inducted into the prestigious Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry. Having come of age in a family closely tied with law enforcement, Warfield Walker was inspired to help others in her own career. She joined the

New York Police Department, for which she served as a detective for 15 years, and was a deputy sheriff for the Kent County Sheriff's Office in Dover, Delaware. After retiring, she became involved in the ministry, receiving a Master of Arts in theological studies from Pathway Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Philosophy from Faithway Bible College and Seminary. She also established the Cultivating Wholeness and Restoration Ministries, Inc. and is a certified nutrition specialist and personal trainer.

Tara Alfano CNR SAS '02, GS '04

joined Mercy College in September as Director of Development – CNR, managing all aspects of the legacy program for CNR, deepening and broadening the affinity between the CNR and Mercy institutional missions. Alfano previously served as Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund at the New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY.



Kevin Walston GS '03 was named superintendent of the Danbury, CT School District in August. He previously served as interim superintendent and assistant superintendent.



Dr. Maureen E. Marshall-Jeffers GS '03

of Tinton Falls, New Jersey was featured as a Woman of the Month for February 2021 by P.O.W.E.R. (Professional Organization of Women of Excellence Recognized) for her outstanding achievements and high level of success in the field of education. Each month P.O.W.E.R. features women to represent their professions and industries due to their expertise and success in their chosen specialty.



Tangela Richey Innis SNR '07

has been promoted to Petersburg, Virginia's deputy city manager position after working in the city for the past nine years. Most recently, Innis has served as Petersburg's director of Public Works and Utilities - one of the largest departments in the city.



Marion Hester SAS '07 was featured in a press release on Westchester.gov entitled Seeds of Success Planted at Launch1000. Her Mount Vernon based company, "Bloom Boxes," allows customers to purchase boxes of fresh produce for themselves or pay-it-forward and buy a box for someone else.

The Board of Education for New London Public Schools in CT has approved the hiring of **Alicia Ross GS '08** as the new assistant principal at Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School. Ross spent the last 12 years as a school psychologist and summer school coordinator at West Side Middle School and Groton Middle School in Groton.

2010s

Evelyz Collazo, SNR '13 started a new position as a school social worker for New York State Department of Education.

Ebony Woney GS '13

started a new position as Associate Director for RobinsPsych, a Yonkers-based community mental health services company that specializes in clinical psychological and neuropsychological evaluations, individual psychotherapy, and group psychotherapy.



Dr. Pela Selene Terry GS '14

was hired as the new executive director of The Atlantic Street Center (ASC), a non-profit that provides behavioral health, early learning, domestic violence and youth development programming in King County and North Pierce County. Terry brings a professional career to ASC that spans more than 30 years. She has a strong commitment to promoting advocacy, empowerment, and quality of life for vulnerable children, adults and families.



Cristina Lynn Acevedo SAS '17

has started a new position as Art Teacher at Pharos Academy Charter School in Bronx, NY. Cristina is also a budding Nuyorican artist. To view her art on Instagram @shelivesamongusnyc

Mercy Tullis-Bukhari GS '18

joined black writers and educators for the poetry event Negritud: Myths, Migration and Possibility hosted by the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, CA this past fall.



Tullis-Bukhari is a poet, essayist and fiction writer who is Bronx-bred Afro-Latinx, Honduran and Garifuna, of Jamaican descent. She was named one of the "8 Authors Being Afro-Latina Stories to the Forefront" by Remezcla Magazine and was a Pushcart Prize nominee in 2016.

Jamila Zanfara SN '19 has a new role as registered nurse for Mount Sinai Health System.

Lisbet Zepeda SAS '19

successfully transitioned from a teacher at Albert Leonard Middle School to a GC Securities Analyst at Guy Carpenter. Guy Carpenter is a global leader in reinsurance broking, strategic advisory services and industry-leading analytics based in New York. Zepeda was previously featured on the Mercy College website for her work as a teacher.

