

Mercy CLASS NOTES

1980s

Charles J. Volpe '83 received the West Babylon Alumni Foundation Directors' Award. Volpe serves as the leader of the American Legion Post and has made a considerable impact on the West Babylon, NY community since 1993.



Hector Perez '86 is the vice president, liquidations officer for Newtech Small Business Finance in New York. He previously was the special assets officer, assistant vice president of First Home Bank in Tampa.



Ralph Vales '87 is the director of workforce management at MGM Resorts International, heading up its Empire City Casino in Yonkers, NY. He previously served as the venue's manager of workforce management.



1990s

Carmela Cannavo '90 is a senior recruiter and executive search leader with Tal Healthcare. She previously was a senior recruiter with CMC Resouces LLC. management for Siemplyfy Ltd.



Det. Michael Toolan '95 recently retired from the Irvington Police Department, where he served as the department's youth officer.



Paula Coleman '97, M.S. '03 graduated with her Doctorate of Nursing from Capella University. She is a nurse at Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown, NY.



Chris McNerney '98 is the chief of the Larchmont Police Department. Previously, he was chief of police for the Greenburgh Police Department. He first signed on with the Greenburgh Police Department in 1995.



2000s

Meisha Porter, M.S. '03, H.D. '20 is the founding chief executive officer of a new nonprofit, the Bronx Community Foundation. She stepped down from her role as chancellor of the New York City Department of Education in December 2021.



Ben Suro '04 is the principal of Wood-Ridge Junior/Senior High School in Wood-Ridge, NJ. He was previously the principal of Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, NJ.



Diane Lechleitner Maass, M.S. '05 debuted her first novel "Faron Goss," published by Green Writers Press. A former middle school special education teacher, she now writes full-time from her home in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Her poems and short stories have appeared in numerous literary magazines.



Lisa J. Reeves '07 is the founder and CEO of The Phoenix Phoundation Inc., a non-profit that she founded in 2021 after surviving breast cancer. The foundation provides college financial help to students who have a parent or guardian undergoing cancer treatment or are undergoing treatment themselves.



Bryna Rogers, M.S. '07 is the director of community relations and development at Bay State Community Services in Quincy, MA. She previously served as the senior director of Quincy Family Resource Center & Dianne DeVanna Center at Bay State Community Services.



Meghan Vilardo, M.S. '07 was named principal of Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, after previously serving as assistant principal. Vilardo has been employed with Our Lady of Lourdes for the past 16 years, beginning her career there as a teacher.

Nona Bishop, M.S. '08 is the human resources manager for MAP Digital Meta Meetings, a platform and managed services agency. She previously was the human resources director for Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement.



Patrick Chiappetta, M.S. '09 is a shoulder arthroplasty specialist with Stryker Systems, a medical device company based in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He previously was a senior medical device sales representative with Southern Orthopaedics.



Zaynab Mossolem '18 is an administrative assistant at White Plains Hospital. She is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in Public Health at New York Medical College.



Jamilah Saliu, M.S. '18 is a senior talent advisory leader at Pegasystems, a software company based in Cambridge, MA. She previously served as chief of staff to the chief diversity and inclusion officer at IBM.



2020s

Aleksis Visners '20 was awarded a Citation of Merit from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., in December 2021. The citation was given to honor his work in the community utilizing hip-hop in creative education programming at Bronx Envision Academy where he is a special education teacher.



2010s

Abdias Ramirez '12 is a digital production modeler and 3D artist at Nike. He previously held the position of 3D artist at Otter Products.



David Ryan '12, M.S. '16 is an assistant director of human resources at Columbia University. He was previously the human resources manager at Wildlife Conservation Society for five years.



Andrew Boryk '17 was named to the "30 Under 30 List" chosen and highlighted by Forbes Magazine. His work as co-founder of the start-up Lunchbox gained him this national recognition.



Mercy College IN MEMORIAM

Robert Curtin '79

Sonia Gitner '79

Peter Groos '86

Irene Gurdin '89

Michael Gurdineer, M.S. '06

Collett Hall '87

Richard Lesnieski '79

Eileen McMahon
*Associate Professor Emerita,
English Literature*

Bernice Rutherford '86

Suzette St. John Winter '73

Stefanie Vincek '90

Benjamin B. Weisman
Professor Emeritus, Business

Mirelly Wong '76