

DUPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 88

Building Futures
ADDISON TRAIL
WILLOWBROOK

Staff Recognition Dinner

| May 3, 2019 |

Venuti's Italian Restaurant & Banquet Hall
2251 W. Lake St.
Addison, IL 60101



PROGRAM

Welcome

*District 88 Board of
Education Representative*

Dinner

Service Recognition Awards

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Presentation of Retirees

Closing Remarks

*Dr. Scott Helton,
District 88
Superintendent*

Master of Ceremonies

Mark Corey

DISTRICT 88 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Donna Craft Cain

Thomas Edmier

Amy Finnegan

Jay Irvin

Blanca Jessen

Lisa Knauf

Dan Olson

DINNER COMMITTEE

Maria Bazaldua

Dani (Danielle) Brink

Jennifer Burns

Denise Cochran

Santa DeAngelo

Ben DeFilippis

Courtney DeMent

Vanessa Duffin

Neenah Federick

Jamie Gourley

Tina Haralambopoulos

Blanca Jessen

Sharon Kucik

Julie Mazzone

Veronica Noyola

Pamela Sifuentes

Marilyn Zydlo



Service Recognition Awards

ADDISON TRAIL	DISTRICT OFFICE	WILLOWBROOK
<hr/> Timothy Hockensmith Lynda Jrab Isabelle Palazzolo Annette Severino Jessica Sokolowski Laura Zaccaro	<hr/> <i>10 years</i> Olga Berlina Christopher Perkins	<hr/> Carmen Avdiu Brandon Collings Eduardo Delacruz Margaret Lamb Katherine Lipowski Susanna Nolte Patti Reher Amanda Seymore Kathleen Smith
<hr/> R.J. Budler Jason Bugajsky Michael Kennedy Eric Norberg Kevin Redding Robert Serio	<hr/> <i>15 years</i> Adam Cibulka	<hr/> Matthew Clapper Scott Forcash Scott Grobstein Terry Harrell Ivan De Jesus Jimenez Shelley Kanara James Kedvesh Joseph Konney II Maureen Lindhorst Miguel Molina Michael Phillips Eduardo Romero Jr. Beata Zawojaska
<hr/> Carolyn Erwin Colleen Kane James Larosa Andrew Mitchell Mark Olson Charlene Restivo	<hr/> <i>20 years</i>	<hr/> Brett Blair Jim Bolsinger Ben Fenske Maritza Francisco Charles Hoehn Timothy Lavorato Gary Strzelczyk Eastman Tiu
<hr/> LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer James Hoeflinger Ron Kolodziej Kirsten Olson Patricia Vendegna Judie Vitiritti-Lynch	<hr/> <i>25 years</i> Jean Barbanente Carl Rezek Jian Zhang	<hr/> Pete Montgomery Julie Rasso Virginia Short
<hr/> Megan Salgado	<hr/> <i>30 years</i>	<hr/>
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Outstanding Achievement Awards



ADDISON TRAIL
Juliann Boudouris



WILLOWBROOK
Brian Chelmecki

2018-19 Retirees

ADDISON TRAIL

Juliann Boudouris

Olga Chavez

Mary Kelsay

Pamela Sifuentes

Rosanne Treccia

Patricia Vendegna

DISTRICT OFFICE

Olga Berlina

Lauren Presta

Candace Richardson

WILLOWBROOK

Veronica Diaz

Janice Kiefer

Juliann Boudouris, *Addison Trail*

Juliann joined the Addison Trail learning community in 1995, bringing nine years of experience from four school districts. She will retire having completed 33 years as an educator.

Juliann completed her bachelor's degree from University of South Florida in Tampa and her master's degree from Rockford College.

Juliann filled many roles in the district, beginning with her role as a teacher in the Business Education Department. She served as the sponsor to the Business Professionals of America and Work Program Coordinator for Office Education. Juliann took on a new role as the Business Education Department Chair and later the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department Chair.

Juliann said it's hard to narrow down her favorite memories, but some which she will cherish are the BPA state and

national competitions; two decades of working with the Business boys; and the implementation of a passport for the Elective Fair.

This year will mark 30 years of marriage for Juliann and her husband, Brian. She will kick off her retirement with a large party for her family and friends. Juliann is looking forward to many travel adventures throughout the states in a travel trailer. Her anticipation builds for their upcoming trip to Israel in the fall and the Greece/Italy trip next year. She also will spend time in her garden or out on the golf course.



Olga Chavez, *Addison Trail*

After 17 years, Olga will retire from Addison Trail, having worked as the Attendance Secretary supporting the Dean's Office for all of those years. She was employed with Addison School District 4 before joining the District 88 team in 2002, so she was very familiar with the educational setting.

To be successful, Olga advises new employees not to be afraid to step away from your current task to help someone in need. She also encourages staff to have patience with parents, as they are navigating the child-rearing of young adults. Be respectful of their family needs.

While working in the district for many years, Olga had an opportunity to see many changes occur. One change being the inclusion of the commons area, making it very inviting for the students.

She also is a fan of the technology features of PowerSchool. While hesitant to adapt to the change initially, she realized the automation of reports helped her immensely in her day-to-day tasks.

In retirement, Olga hopes to have more time for her favorite pastimes of sewing, baking and spending time with her husband, Jose, and her children, Kathy (Brian). She plans to travel to Spain, Italy and France, as well as visit family members throughout the U.S. and Mexico.



Mary Kelsay, Addison Trail

After receiving her bachelor's degree from The University of Iowa, Mary began her career at Addison Trail in 1986 as a psychology teacher. Mary has since served the district by coaching not only athletic teams (girls badminton, tennis, cheerleading and pompons), but Lettermen's Club and Psychology Club as well. In her 33 years, Mary also has served as a sociology teacher and wrote the psychology Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level exam. Her master's degree was received from Northern Illinois University.

Mary was fortunate to realize working with young adults was her passion. The unpredictable nature of that age group brings joy and laughter to her world. The daily interaction with kids has kept Mary youthful and will be missed in retirement.

It has been rewarding for Mary to see former students impacted by their high school experience and decide to choose teaching as a profession. The ability to pass on knowledge through teaching is

an important job needed by society. And then to see those students return to District 88 to make their contributions on youth also has been a fond experience. Ultimately, meeting her husband, Bruce, and working together for 30 years is the highlight of her years in District 88.

Mary is comfortable knowing her retirement plans are not set in stone. She wants to enjoy the retirement life first before committing to something. Mary plans to continue her volunteer work with People's Resource Center. She also looks forward to spending time with her husband and her children, Kristen, McKenna and Nikki.



Pamela Sifuentes, Addison Trail

When Pamela joined the Addison Trail staff in 1985, she never thought she would be retiring from that same organization 33 years later.

As a teacher aide for 40 years, Pamela marvels at how the Reading Department has expanded its services through the years. She has enjoyed being a part of the department from its inception.

Pamela also has supported the Learning Services Center while working at Addison Trail. By proctoring the eighth-grade placement exams, she has had an opportunity to see many students grow into young adults. Pamela has been a class sponsor as well, in addition to providing support to students in summer school for many years.

Working in a department where

everyone pitches in to help and really displays what true teamwork looks like will be among the things Pamela misses the most in retirement. It has

meant a lot to know she has been part of a team where everyone looks out for one another.

As an alumna of Addison Trail, retirement will be Pamela's second graduation from the high school. Along with continuing her hobby of reading, she will spend time with her husband, George, and son Paul (Alexa). Pamela will have much more time now to watch her grandchildren - Luke, Victoria, Peter and Natalie - grow.



Rosanne Treccia,
Addison Trail

Being a graduate of Willowbrook High School, Rosanne was thrilled to join the Addison Trail family in 1993 as the Attendance Secretary. After years of working in the retail/sales industry, it was only fitting for Rosanne to return to her alma mater. Her mother worked in the school system and encouraged her to pursue a career in education to have the summers off while raising her son.

During her 26 years at Addison Trail, Rosanne supported the Dean's office, mail room/ copy center and was the substitute coordinator. She also supported the Art, Reading, Math, Science and World Languages departments.

The second family Rosanne created at Addison Trail shared the opportunity to see her son, James, and niece attend the school. Rosanne has fond memories of her son working in the mail room as a student worker, as well as having Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton

(now District 88 Superintendent) hand James his diploma.

Rosanne's favorite memories extend beyond her own son to the generous students of the high school. She recalls the great efforts the students took to fundraise for survivors of the Sandy Hook School shooting. They were able to send more than 200 packages to the students in Connecticut.

In retirement, Rosanne will have an opportunity to spend time with her mother and watch as her son continues to flourish as an attorney. Eventually she plans to move to Arizona and enjoy a few laughs at those she left behind shoveling their snow.



Patricia Vendegna,
Addison Trail

In 1994, Patricia joined District 88 as a Spanish teacher at Addison Trail after a career change. Years later, the English as a Second Language Department benefited from Patricia's instruction as well. Not only did Patricia have an impact on the students in the classroom, but she also impacted the lives of many through sponsoring International Club, International Dance Show, World of Difference and Badminton Club.

Patricia's own education includes a bachelor's degree from Elmhurst College and master's degrees from National Louis University.

Patricia noted Dan Jares and Marlene Peaslee as colleagues who provided much insight and dialogue into the courses she taught. Patricia advises new teachers to be active in your union. "We have a great district, and a strong union assists in that effort. Read the minutes; attend

meetings; ask questions."

In retirement, Patricia will miss the adrenaline rush she received when changing lessons at the last minute when she thought of that one little thing that could make the day better.

Patricia plans to keep busy in her retirement with home decorating, politics, volunteering and translation services. She already has plans to travel with friends to Greece to celebrate their milestone birthday. Her daughter, Carly, will benefit from her mother's retirement lifestyle. They have plans to trace the family's roots in Sicily this fall.



Olga Berlina, District Office

Olga completed her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Culture and Arts by Krupskoy. She taught history for many years in Russia before she began her teacher aide career at Addison School District 4. Olga joined the Addison Trail community in 2009 as a special education teacher aide. She later transferred to District Office and will retire with 10 years of service as a vocational aide.

Olga came to realize there are many enjoyable aspects to working with students who have special needs. She had the pleasure to work with one student for seven years. She enjoyed the responsibility she had for the student's care. It also allowed her to have a close connection with the family to support the student.

When recalling favorite memories during her career at District 88, Olga cites the time she and her colleagues were required to take a driving test,

just months shy of her learning how to drive in the U.S. Her colleagues still tease her about their close encounter. Olga also has grown to be a huge fan of the Addison Trail Theatre program. She has seen the improvement and growth of the program through the years.

In retirement, trips to Russia to visit family and friends will be frequent. Olga intends to move to a warmer location to be closer to her son. Retirement also will allow her to spend time with her children – Aleksandra (Evon) and Mikhail – and grandchildren – Fedor, Dmitri and Varya.



Lauren Presta, District Office

When Lauren joined the District Office staff as an Executive Assistant in 2012, she brought with her 10 years of prior school experience. For the past seven years, Lauren has directly supported the Superintendent. She also has served as Recording Secretary for members of the Board of Education.

Lauren's career change from the legal community to the school community was prompted by a desire to balance work life and family life. The hours of working in a school were appealing and brought much more flexibility for her family.

Lauren offers the following advice to new staff members. No matter what position you have in the organization, you play a part in the development of students. Lauren also advises employees to be the best you can be.

The infusion of technology into daily tasks was a positive change Lauren saw District 88 implement during her career. She is very proud of the electronic board packet project that continues today.

The camaraderie Lauren shares with

her colleagues will be missed as retirement approaches. She has enjoyed office gatherings and celebrations as a way to come together and have conversation without a looming deadline.

Retirement will allow Lauren the time to get back to cooking and trying out new recipes. It also will afford her the time to read the mounting list of book titles she has acquired through the years. Traveling and gardening also are on the agenda. Lauren plans to spend time with her family as well. This includes her husband, Hugo, her children – Michelle (John), Gina (Dan), Elyse and Robert (Christina) – and her grandchildren – Allison, Johnny, Bennett and a baby due in July.



Candace Richardson,
District Office

Candace's employment with Willowbrook began in 1993, and she has had a multitude of positions during her tenure. She served as a Technology Assistant in the windows lab and moved on to serve as a Network Administrator, a Technology Director and an Assessment Center Coordinator. For the last nine years, Candace has worked as the Data Management Specialist for District Office.

In the 26 years Candace has worked at District 88, she has seen quite a few changes. Most notably is the increased use of technology in and out of the classroom. Candace was proud of the way District 88 handled the responsibility of the Building The Future referendum and construction project. She recognizes parents/guardians in the community have entrusted the district with their students. New employees should understand the privilege we've been provided to work with these students. She advises them to appreciate the opportunity they've been given.

Candace knows she will miss being involved with the school community. Supervising and timekeeping at athletic events allowed her to feel more connected to the school and more involved in students' achievements.



Candace has many plans for her retirement. For a portion of the year, Candace will become an employee of Yellowstone National Park and live in Wyoming. Candace does plan to pursue her hobbies, including art classes and cooking classes. Her mother is eager to share more quality time, as are her children - Jennifer (Gee), Eric, Del (Jillian) and Amanda (Joe) - and grandchildren - Hannah, Emma, Michael, Austin, Nora, Clare, Grace, Riley and Hope.

Veronica Diaz, Willowbrook

Veronica's career with District 88 began in 2007, when she was hired to work at Willowbrook as the Student Accountant. She has served in that position for 12 years.

Veronica worked for Chicago Public Schools for 17 years before joining the District 88 community. What started out as an opportunity to work in a job where the hours accommodated her young children's schedule evolved into a fulfilling career. She never thought she would have gained so many close friends out of the experience. Those friendships will be among the many things Veronica will miss the most during retirement.

During her career, Veronica involved herself in the school community by sponsoring the Sabor Latino Club. Veronica said interacting with students was by far the favorite part of her job.

She enjoyed the students' excitement during practices and scheduling their performances.



Veronica feels District 88 is a great place to work and advises new employees to provide the same smile and kind words to everyone with whom they interact. Her favorite part of the job has been supporting the families and solving issues with PowerSchool.

Retirement for Veronica will be spent enjoying her hobbies of sewing and reading. She intends to travel a bit, but mostly to spend time with her loved ones.

Janice Kiefer, Willowbrook

Twenty-seven years ago, Janice found her fountain of youth when she began working at Willowbrook as a Student Supervisor supporting the Dean's Office. High school students bring a vitality to the job that is hard to find anywhere else. It was as if she was back in school herself. The kids brought so much life and joy to Janice.

After six years in that role, she became the Administrative Assistant supporting the Athletic Department and has worked in that role until retirement. Taking tickets at sporting events at the school offered Janice the opportunity to see the student-athletes in action.

Through the years, Janice has met a lot of great friends in the district.

Willowbrook has served as a second home for Janice, and she is thankful for the opportunity to work with such professional and committed coaches and staff.

Even though Willowbrook has always provided a feeling of family for Janice, she will now have more time to spend with her own family. She looks forward to visiting with her grandchildren and traveling to Mexico and Myrtle Beach.



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Congratulations to the 2018-19 retirees!

Thank you for your years of service, and best of luck in your future endeavors!