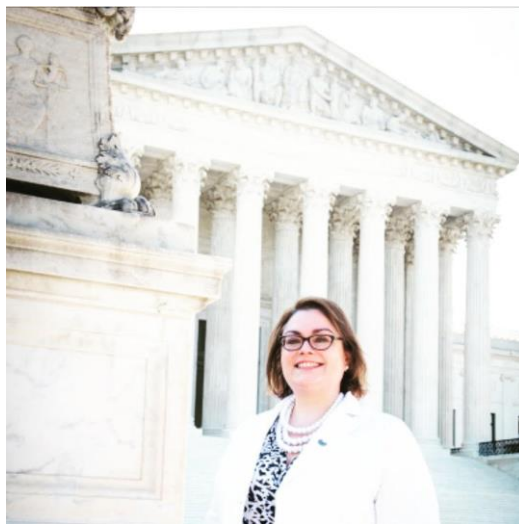




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NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT
from Preston High School
Board of Trustees



With the retirement of Jane Grendell, the Preston High School Board of Trustees has been privileged to engage in recruiting the new PHS principal, who will continue to expand the Mission of the Divine Compassion here on the Preston campus in the Bronx.

Jennifer Connolly Esq., PHS '92 has been selected as the candidate who will assume these responsibilities and the leadership of Preston's mission and community on July 1, 2022.

Ms. Connolly is not new to PHS as she has served for 18 years at PHS as teacher, mentor, department chair, supervisor and as an assistant dean. We are confident entrusting the school's mission and community to Jennifer who has displayed outstanding leadership and compassion, dedication and commitment in all the leadership roles and responsibilities she has assumed throughout her career.

During her interview, Board of Trustees members were blessed and inspired by Jennifer Connolly's creativity, positive energy, hope and joy. She shared her vision, goals and strategies, and deep desire to continue to work collaboratively with a strong administration, faculty and staff, as well as with students, families and alumnae in celebration of the Preston's 75th anniversary year, and as Preston continues to grow and expand into the future.

As the board and PHS administration develop Preston's 75th anniversary plans, Jennifer will be engaging all generations of PHS alumnae, families, donors, and other stakeholders in honoring the past, and looking forward to Preston's exciting growth into the future. She has the skills and desire to deepen and strengthen communication and community bonds, as she transitions into her new leadership responsibilities as principal. Her professionalism and passion for the PHS mission and commitment to our values of dignity, honor, respect and compassion is inspiring to us all.

Jennifer's love of PHS, its Divine Compassion mission grounded in academic excellence and empowerment of students runs deep. After several years teaching at PHS, Jennifer left to pursue a law degree, and worked as an attorney. She missed teaching Bronx adolescent girls, so returned to PHS and integrated all she had learned into the school curriculum and Humanities courses and programs she developed, including the Preston Scholars Program and Women's Empowerment Club, while returning to mentor new faculty and students alike.

Deeply committed to empowering all students of diverse backgrounds: racial, cultural, religious, and academic, she has been a leader in DEI education and the new Task Force, as she engages students in becoming more and more aware of the realities facing women in the world today, while empowering PHS students to excel and expand their horizons beyond PHS, to become educated, articulate strong and courageous women, who will change the world through compassion, dialogue, ally-ship, and empowerment of women locally and globally.

We invite you to join us in congratulating Jennifer Connolly Esq., PHS '92, as our new Preston High School Principal!

We look forward to the exciting days ahead for the Preston High School community, and our journey forward together.



Donna Santarpia Spitz, PHS 77
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