

Welcome to Spartan Country!

What is your professional background?

I graduated from Oneonta State with a bachelor's degree in education. I took my first job as a 3rd grade teacher in Winchester, Virginia. After teaching at the elementary level for 5 years, I transitioned to middle school and became a social studies and English teacher. While teaching at the middle school level, I earned my master's degree and a certificate in administration and supervision from Shenandoah University. For the last 6 years, I was a middle school principal in the Shenandoah Valley region.

What is your greatest accomplishment, so far, as an educator? My greatest accomplishment is staying true to my core values. I have always felt strongly about the importance of building relationships with students, families, faculty, and the surrounding community in which I work. Those relationships are strengthened through trust, integrity, and doing the right things whether someone is watching or not. Everyone in the school and community plays a role in the success of a child. Treat people kindly and understand the value each person brings to the table.

What motivates you?

My family motivates me to rise up and meet the challenges of each day. I want to make them proud, and I want to work at a place where I would be excited for my daughter to attend school.

In addition, I am motivated by the goosebump moments. These are the times during the day or week when you see students thriving in their environment. It can happen in the classroom, on the sports field, or during a school performance. Watching and listening to a teacher or staff member share a celebration that happened in their room motivates me. Nothing great comes without sacrifices and it is nice when you see those sacrifices pay off.

Is there anything that people would be surprised to know about you? Hidden Talents? Favorite sports teams?

I was a HS All-American in lacrosse and played on the 2005 NJCAA National Championship team at Herkimer CCC. Some of my favorite memories growing up were when we traveled to the Dome to watch Cuse' lacrosse games. I am excited to be back home and see games at BU, Cornell, and Syracuse this coming spring.

Finally...What are your hopes for the Maine-Endwell school community as we move forward into the new school year?

I look forward to getting the chance to meet parents, students, and other community members throughout this year. It did not take long to feel the sense of Spartan pride from the faculty and students I have met this summer. My goal is to listen to the community and share ideas that contribute to maintaining a premier educational experience to each student that walks through the doors at M-E.