

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School Adds Third Counselor To Guidance Department

Dobbs Ferry, NY, July 22, 2015—Dobbs Ferry High School is expanding its Guidance Department for next year and welcomes new counselor William Palmer to the staff as of July 1st. Palmer comes from Clarke High School in Westbury, New York where he was a Guidance Counselor for the past seven years.

At W. Tresper Clarke High School, Palmer managed a caseload of 220 students in grades 9 through 12, providing all aspects of high school counseling services. He was instrumental in organizing college fairs both within and out of district, as well as hosted the annual senior college planning night. Palmer was also responsible for managing the web-based Naviance system, which Dobbs Ferry students regularly use for career and college planning. As part of the college admissions process, he brought his experience as a Division I athlete to the guidance department, assisting prospective student-athletes and parents in navigating the daunting NCAA eligibility requirements.

Previously, Palmer was the Assistant Dean of Advisement for Hofstra University, his alma mater. In this position he monitored the academic progress of students and planned and conducted outreach to academically at-risk students, working with faculty as appropriate. He also played a key role in summer and winter orientation for first-time and transfer students advising parents and families about the University's regulations and requirements. In addition, he oversaw the student-athlete population and worked closely with them as they progressed toward a degree per the Academic Performance Program and NCAA guidelines.

Palmer joins Dobbs Ferry High School counselors Michelle Propersi, who has been with the District for 15 years and Cristin Silk, who joined the department in 2010. With the addition of another full-time counselor, High School students will be able to have one counselor follow them throughout their four years. "I like the continuity of being with the same students for their entire high school career," said Palmer. "I enjoy getting to know the kids individually and take a holistic view of the students. It's not just about how they did in math; it's getting to know about each part of their lives."

Palmer earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Hofstra University in 2004. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Education from Hofstra with a specialization in Counseling.

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