



2025-2026

New Faculty and Staff

Jamie Akrivlellis, Kindergarten Teacher

Jamie joins DCD from William Lancaster School in Salem, NH where since 2017 she taught 1st grade. Prior to this role, Jamie taught kindergarten and 1st grade at Waterboro Elementary School in Maine and taught 2nd grade at The American School of Madrid in Spain. In addition to extensive classroom experience, Jamie has worked as a reading tutor and has volunteered extensively with Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA. She earned both her M.Ed. in elementary education and B.S. in family studies from UNH.

Amy Catlin, Main Office Receptionist and Admissions Assistant

For the last five years, Amy has served as Enrollment Coordinator at Carolina Friends School in Durham, NC, where she has managed the enrollment processes of the school's 500 PreK - Gr 12 students. She holds additional experience in office management having worked at Family Promise Metrowest in Natick and as a library paraprofessional and administrative assistant in Natick Public Schools and with TERC. Amy's additional work experience includes co-founding Hannah's Bandanas, a home-based business producing headwear for chemotherapy patients, and working as a freelance production assistant. She earned her BA in government from Connecticut College.

Jessica Cohen, Executive Director, Horizons Program

For the last 20 years, Jessica has held leadership roles in various non-profit spaces, most recently as Director of Annual Giving at Horizons for Homeless Children. At DOVE Inc., an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, she served as Director of Development after 11 years as the organization's Director of Residential Services. At The Second Step in Newton, she worked as an afterschool teacher; child and family services coordinator; and director of the Imagine Mentor Program where she created and ran a volunteer mentor program, matching children who had faced domestic violence with college students in the community. Jessica holds a BA in psychology, family services and children from Pine Manor College.

Ariana Dickie Viola, Middle School Math Teacher

Ariana joins the middle school as a math teacher and grade 7 advisor; she comes to DCD from Rocky Hill Country Day School in East Greenwich, RI where she taught middle and upper school math. Prior to this appointment, Ariana taught middle school math in two Rhode Island public middle schools and has worked as a private math tutor for 10 years. In addition to her teaching, Ariana has been well-engaged in her previous school environments, serving as the middle school service learning coordinator, peer tutoring program coordinator, advisor to the ASL club, and school theater choreographer. She earned her B.A. in secondary education mathematics with middle school endorsement from Rhode Island College and her M.Ed. in global perspectives: teaching, curriculum and learning environments from Boston College, where she also completed research on service learning in the math classroom.

Familiar Faces in New or Expanded Roles

DCD Kitchen Team

After five years partnered with Flik Dining Services, DCD has transitioned back to an "in-house" kitchen model, but with the incredible skills of several members of our former FLIK team. **Chef Tey Plange** will



continue to oversee the operation with support from **Jean Honore**, First Chef, and **Werley Pacombe**, Dishwasher/Utility Worker. Additionally, Karen McPherson will continue in her role as Food Service and Catering Coordinator.