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Dear Members of the Middlesex Community,

As we prepare for the start of the upcoming year, we welcome a number of new colleagues to the school community. Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the Middlesex faculty and staff:

David J. Beare

Head of School

A veteran teacher, coach, and administrator, David comes to Middlesex with 30 years of boarding and day school experience on the East Coast, West Coast, and abroad. A passionate and devoted teacher of history, philosophy, and religious studies, he has served on the faculty at the Loomis Chaffee School, Phillips Exeter Academy, Lakeside School, and The Hotchkiss School, where he co-chaired the Humanities and Social Sciences Department. In 2013, David became the dean of faculty at the newly founded Keystone Academy in Beijing, where his wife Rachael – also a career educator – had begun her work as dean of admission the year before. There, he continued to teach and manage dorm duties, was named associate head of school, and served as acting head of school for nearly a year. A graduate of Georgetown University, David holds an Ed.M. from Harvard's Graduate School of Education and an M.Div. from Harvard's Divinity School. With their daughter and son already settled in New England schools, the Beares are happy to have their family closer together again and look forward to getting settled in the Middlesex community.

Vincent Cimmino

Computer Science; Mathematics

Vinny comes to Middlesex from Thayer Academy, where he has taught math for the last seven years and coached football, basketball, and baseball. Since starting his career in education after graduating from Bridgewater State University with a B.S. in information systems management, he has also taught math at Tyngsborough High School, St. Bernard Catholic High School, and Campbell Hall Episcopal School. Vinny will commute to campus from his Tewksbury home and will coach JV football and JV girls' basketball.

Alexander Fernández

Assistant Director of Admissions

As a recruitment officer and then assistant director of admissions at Oliver Scholars in New York City over the last three years, Alex has identified, guided, and supported high-achieving elementary and middle school students seeking greater educational opportunities in independent schools. An alumnus of Oliver Scholars, he is a graduate of Concord Academy and Dickinson College, where he earned a B.A. in sociology. His collegiate experience as a peer educator, resident adviser, and housing manager will come in handy in his role as a dorm assistant in Clay House. Alex will also assist with coaching JV boys' basketball and JV baseball.

Samuel Hoar '07

History

A 2007 graduate of Middlesex, Sam first returned to his alma mater as a faculty member in 2011 after graduating from Middlebury College. He rejoins the faculty this fall after having stepped

away for two years to complete a master's degree in political science at MIT, where his research focused on representation, political polarization, and the American Congress. Although primarily a political science and history teacher, Sam has also taught both Latin and English during his time at Middlesex, and he continues to coach the boys' JV soccer team. An avid outdoorsman, he heads the School's nascent MxNorth outdoor education program; in the summer months, he serves as the director of the Adirondack Trail Improvement Society's Junior Program. Sam lives on campus with his wife Kate, also a history teacher at Middlesex, and their dog Shiny.

Taylor Leen

Spanish

Taylor joins the Middlesex faculty after having taught for the past five years at Grier School in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. She began her career in education as a cultural teaching assistant at Colegio Blas de Otero in Madrid, Spain, as she had enjoyed spending a semester as a bilingual assistant at Colegio FEM in Madrid during her undergraduate years. Taylor earned her B.A. in Spanish and global studies at Providence College, and she will complete her master's degree in the language at Middlebury College this summer. She will commute to campus and assist with coaching girls' cross-country and track.

Xue Li

Chinese

A teacher and translator of Mandarin Chinese with 17 years of classroom experience, Zhenyan comes to Middlesex from Westford Academy, where she designed and implemented a four-level Chinese language program and advised several youth leadership programs. In teaching positions prior to that, she has not only developed curricula for secondary schools but has also organized and led student trips to China. Zhenyan earned a B.A. in education at Sichuan Normal University and completed an M.S. and Ph.D. in consumer affairs at Auburn University. She will assist with coaching track and the girls' third basketball team. Zhenyan commutes to campus from her home in nearby Acton, where she lives with her husband, Rong Jin, and their two sons.

Teresa Peralta

Spanish

Born in Ecuador, Teresa is a native speaker of Spanish and graduate of the University at Albany, where she earned a B.S. with a double major in biology and Spanish. While completing her M.A.T. in Spanish at Clarkson University, she was a teaching intern for a year in the Bethlehem Central School District. After receiving her master's degree, Teresa became a two-year teaching fellow at Phillips Academy and was responsible for teaching Spanish, serving as a house counselor and salsa dance instructor, and interviewing applicants for admission. She will commute to campus from Millbury, Massachusetts, and support the field hockey, soccer, and fitness programs.

Jamie Pine

Admissions Officer

With majors in American studies and educational studies, Jamie earned her B.A. at Colby College after graduating from the Lincoln School in Providence, Rhode Island. As an undergraduate, she spent more than two years supporting Colby's Admissions Office, leading tours and overseeing guides as well as conducting group information sessions and individual interviews as a senior admissions fellow. Additionally, Jamie was a leader of the Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip, captained the women's varsity tennis team, and served as an athletic training aide. She brings these many skills to her roles as an admissions officer and a coach of girls' thirds squash and girls' JV tennis at Middlesex. Jamie currently commutes to campus from Waltham.

Aura Rizzo '07

Classics

Aura has returned to her alma mater as a seasoned teacher of classics. On the faculty for six years at Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, she taught every level of middle school and upper school classics, including a College Board-approved AP Latin curriculum and an upper-school Greek curriculum that she designed. In addition, Aura chaired the language department, served as an advisor for students and the Latin Club, and coached varsity field hockey and lacrosse. She received her M.A. with honors from the University of Edinburgh. While earning her M.A. in classics at Boston College, Aura was an assistant coach for the Charles River Blazers Ice Hockey Club, working with a U-12 team. Now moving back to the Boston area with her husband, Dr. Rick Coates, she will assist with coaching JV field hockey and JV girls' lacrosse at Middlesex.



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