

Wyncote Academy welcomes Gina Lamana to school counseling duties

Wyncote Academy is pleased to announce the arrival of Gina Lamana as full-time counselor and therapeutic support coordinator for the school. Gina's new position at Wyncote became effective July 1, 2005.

At Wyncote Academy, Gina will be working in a variety of areas. As school counselor, Gina will provide individual and group counseling sessions to help address the developmental, emotional, behavioral, and social needs of Wyncote students. She will also work with parents through a series of evening seminars and instructional sessions.

In addition to her counseling skills, Ms. Lamana will also be teaching psychology as an academic elective course. By entering the world of the teaching staff, Gina looks forward to getting better acquainted with the student body in a different atmosphere than the traditional counseling session.

Originally from northern New Jersey, Ms. Lamana has been living in the Philadelphia area for the last seven years. During that time, she has been attending school and working in a variety of counseling settings.

A 1996 graduate of Susquehanna University with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology, Gina came to Philadelphia to attend Chestnut Hill College. In 2003, she completed a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology, concentrating on child and adolescent therapy, and eating disorders.

Currently, Ms. Lamana is working in the Psychology Doctoral Program at Immaculata University, concentrating on clinical psychology.

Prior to working at Wyncote Academy, Gina worked in several counseling positions in the Delaware Valley, including Home Health Care Resources of Bensalem and Wordsworth Academy in Elkins Park. At these programs, she provided therapeutic support and behavior counseling to children and their families. In addition, Ms. Lamana conducted group therapy sessions and family therapy on a variety of topics relating to adolescent issues.



Wyncote students welcome Gina Lamana to the school community as school counselor and faculty member. Gina's new duties will begin in September.

Gina is eager to begin her new duties at Wyncote. "I have always been very impressed with the creativity and energy of the students at Wyncote, and I look forward to working more closely with them," she explains. "It's exciting to be a part of such a special learning environment."

"The Wyncote families, students and teachers are a very supportive and committed group," Gina added. "Wyncote is a very unique and exciting place to be. I have many exciting plans for this fall and look forward to getting started very soon."

In her spare time, Ms. Lamana enjoys exercising, especially running. While her doctoral program is keeping her quite busy, even during the summer months, Gina is enjoying weekends at the shore in northern New Jersey, where her parents have a summer home.

Gina Lamana will be officially welcomed to the Wyncote Academy community at a reception in her honor on Wednesday, August 31, 2005. The reception will be held at the school, beginning at 7:00 PM. Parents, students, and members of the community are invited to attend.

A Message From Kirk J. Hittinger, Head of School

On behalf of the entire Wyncote Academy community, I am extremely pleased to welcome Gina Lamana as a full-time member of the Wyncote faculty.

Over the last two years, Gina became a very important part of life at our school, but only on a part-time basis. We are now quite fortunate to be in a position where we can have Gina with us full-time. I have no doubt that her contributions to our school will be many and that she will truly make an important difference to the daily life at Wyncote.

Gina came to our school with excellent credentials and a clear commitment to the kind of dynamic education that has been a tradition at Wyncote for over 30 years. She brings considerable experience in counseling and a broad knowledge of adolescent issues and concerns. Combined with her natural sensitivity and understanding of adolescents, Gina has proven to be an extremely competent and gifted counselor.

As Wyncote Academy continues to grow and expand its many programs and the services offered to our students and their families, it is

exciting to have a full-time counselor as part of our faculty. To have a counselor of Gina Lamana's competence and ability is even better.

Gina's many talents will be put to good use this fall in areas throughout the school community as counselor, teacher, and parent resource. I look forward to many exciting programs for all of the members of our school community - students, parents, and faculty alike - in the coming months.

I hope you will join with the faculty and me in welcoming Gina Lamana to our community!