



# Utica Teacher Center Newsletter

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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Utica Teacher Center is to assist teachers in meeting the unique challenges of our ever-changing educational environment. The Teacher Center will support our teachers through ongoing, sustained staff development activities, which enrich teaching and improve learning for all students. The Center will provide a vehicle for disseminating and sharing current educational practices and ideas.

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## Welcome New Teachers!

### Proctor

Drew Albaugh  
Tyler Carroll  
Jessica Collis  
Christopher Cooley  
Eva Furcinito  
Ariana Huertas  
Pamela Janowski  
Christopher Jennings  
Tyler Lyons  
Michael Morreale  
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### Donovan/

J.F.Kennedy  
Shawn DePalma  
Ryan Elliott  
Courtney Foll  
Tanya Hyde  
Amy Pastorella  
JoEllen Sampson  
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### Albany

Ashley Arcuri  
Elizabeth Passalacqua

### Columbus

Shauna Dieffenbach  
Conkling  
Noelle Arcuri  
Jennifer Lazovik

### Hughes

Jordyn Dunlap  
Shaunna Krantz  
Melissa Vosburgh

### Jones

Lindsay Burress  
Teresa Williams

### Kernan

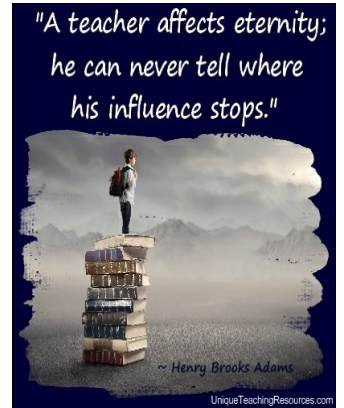
Mark Kall  
Danielle Novak  
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Kyle Pumilio  
Mary Wiater  
Andrea Wilson

### M.L.King

Kimberly Lazarek  
Anthony Maunz  
Catherine Mucurio  
Tricia Norton  
Cortney Olmstead  
Danielle Rauscher  
Brienne Toussaint  
Vincent Tutino, Jr.

### Watson Wms.

Christy Cannistra  
Louis Faga  
Lenora Garrison  
Anthony Gorea  
Jason Hart



## Did You Know?

MaryEllen Elia was appointed as the new Commissioner of the NY State Education Department on May 26, 2015. A native of western New York, she is the first woman to hold this permanent post. Ms. Elia began her career in education in 1970 as a Social Studies teacher in Buffalo's Sweet Home Central School District and taught for 19 years before moving on to administrative positions.

## Upcoming Professional Development

This year the Teacher Center is looking forward to offering a variety of courses that will support:

- Enhancing educators' strategies/skills for adjusting instruction to meet student learning needs as it supports the NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards
- Providing professional development/support for collaboratively analyzing and discussing student work, learning, and assessments to inform instruction and practice
- Providing targeted, measurable professional development for mentors that are aligned with the NYS Mentoring Standards
- Providing professional development to support teachers in achieving National Board Certification
- Continuing partnerships with institutes of higher education to promote enhanced teacher pre-service preparation

## Featured—Helpful Website for Teachers

Teaching Channel's mission is to create an environment where teachers can **watch, share, and learn** new techniques to help every student grow.

Self reflection, analysis, practice and feedback are essential steps to mastery. Teaching Channel has resources to support *your* learning at every phase\_ <https://www.teachingchannel.org/>

