

Mercy High School announces new principal

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Jeanne Blakeslee has been named Mercy High School's new principal, the Baltimore school announced March 11.

Blakeslee, a faculty member at St. Paul's School for Girls in Brooklandville, taught religion and social studies at Mercy from 1976 to 1998. She also served as director of the College and Career Planning Program, coordinator of Parent Programs and a member of the Thinking Skills Committee and the Task Force on Writing.

Blakeslee earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Trinity College in Washington, D.C., a master's degree in liberal education from St. John's College in Annapolis and a master's degree in clinical psychology from what is now Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore.

"She is a visionary, a leader and someone completely committed to the education of adolescent girls," Pegeen D'Agostino, Mercy's interim president, said in a statement. "Under Ms. Blakeslee's leadership, we believe that Mercy will continue to grow in academic excellence while continuing our mission of individual attention and care for each student."

Blakeslee succeeds JoAnn Lazzeri, who has been serving as the school's acting principal for the 2013-14 school year. Lazzeri succeeds D'Agostino, who served as principal from 2009 to 2013.

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