



M362 – CSS
Columbia Secondary School
for Math, Science & Engineering



Full STEAM Ahead

Every year at the CSS musical, community members and guests comment that CSS seems like a STEAM school - Science-Technology-Engineering-Math PLUS Arts. The addition of Music Professor Lisa Harrigan pushes CSS further in this direction. Harrigan attended NYC's LaGuardia High School, where she appeared in the original FAME movie. She graduated with honors with a BA in Jazz Composition & Arranging from the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and conducted a 55-voice, 7-piece rhythm section known today as "The Berklee Gospel Ensemble." She holds a Master's in Secondary Education & Performance Choral Music.

Harrigan has performed, directed and taught in France, Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean and China in addition to local venues including Riverside Church, Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Avery Fisher Hall, Symphony Space, The Cotton Club & The Blue Note. She was the conductor/director of The Bronx Borough-wide Chorus and the Jazz Gospel Chorus of Adlai E. Stevenson.

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CSS welcomes new faculty and staff

Nathali Mendoza, MS & HS Spanish

I was born and raised in Lima, Peru, where I got my master's degree in Social Studies, which I taught for four years in a Lima high school. In 2010, I moved to New York and obtained my second MA in Secondary Spanish Education. I graduated with honors from City College last spring and am excited to continue my career at CSS.

Daniel Moscoe, 6th Grade Mathematics

Originally from Rochester, I studied economics at Cornell. After exploring various fields, I moved to New York City to pursue teaching, and received my MA from Hunter College. I love to read, run and sing. I'm passionate about developing healthy communities, and enjoy sharing the beauty and power of mathematical reasoning with students.

Naeta Rohr, 7th Grade Social Studies & Philosophy

I was born in Israel and moved to California when I was eight. I majored in International Relations with a minor in African History at UC Davis. I studied abroad in Oxford and Grenoble and conducted anthropological research in Kenya. After college, I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Bukina Faso, West Africa. My MA in teaching of social studies is from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Meriam Sahin, HS Physics Colette

I was born, raised and still live in Brooklyn, where my interest in science grew in NYC public school classrooms. I majored in physics and physics education at Brooklyn College. As an undergraduate, I worked as a research assistant in a Materials Research Lab studying fuel cells and redox flow batteries to create an effective way to store renewable energy. I love to cooking, drawing/painting and nature.

Miriam Nightengale, *Principal*
Lenice Nelson, *Assistant Principal*
Dan Novak, *Assistant Principal*
Andi Velasquez, *Parent Coordinator*

Carla Shere, Director of College Guidance

My college admissions and advising career has spanned 30 years. I've worked as the Director of College Planning in four NYC public high schools, at CBOs, and in Shanghai, where I advised Chinese students about attending university abroad. I received the John B. Muir award for research and articles from the National Assoc. for College Admission Counseling, the Gregory D. Goldsmith Human Relations award from the NY Assoc. for Admission Counseling, and the Award of Excellence from the College Access Consortium NY. I received my PhD from Teachers College.

Colette Young, 6th Grade Science

Aloha! I'm a native Hawaiian from Washington, DC, and I completed two Masters' Degrees at Teachers College (Biology and Music). A former CU cheerleader (Go LIONS!), I'm also a singer of classical, opera, musical theater, soft rock, and modern genres and a Hula and Tahitian Dancer. I have researched kidney disease at the National Institutes for Health. I look forward to doing great things with you!



Robin Wallace, 8th Grade Earth Science & College Geology

I've been teaching for 14 years. I received my BA from Purchase College and my MA from Lehman College. I routinely take graduate classes to further my certifications and increase my knowledge of scientific concepts, both for my pedagogy and for fun. I live in Westchester with my two children and husband. On weekends, we hike all over the Hudson Valley.