

Office of the President Fr. James Heuser, SDB

Salesian High School Announces Permanent Principal February 24, 2025

Dear Members of the Salesian High School Community,

We are pleased to announce the appointment of interim principal Cynthia Chambers to the principal position permanently at Salesian High School. After a formal search process that yielded more than 30 applicants, it was the unanimous opinion of all involved that Mrs. Chambers be named Principal.

Mrs. Chambers earned a bachelor's degree *cum laude* in Social Studies Education from the University of Delaware and a master's degree *summa cum laude* in American History from Fordham University. She taught for 18 years at Monsignor Scanlan High School before becoming Dean of Studies and then Assistant Principal for Academics at Preston High School, where she served for 6 years. During that time, she completed the School Building Leader Certification Program at the College of St. Rose.

Mrs. Chambers first joined Salesian as a parent when her son entered as a freshman in September of 2018. She then joined Salesian as a colleague when she accepted the position of Vice Principal for Academics in 2020, a role she filled for four years before taking up the position of Interim Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. Always she has served with great dedication and professionalism.

During her years at Salesian, Mrs. Chambers has accompanied all constituencies.

She has been a daily presence to students, whether teaching them in the classroom, leading them on visits to universities, or supporting them at extracurricular events. She has evaluated and encouraged all teachers, mentored newly hired educators, and led the way in the development of a new curriculum for Salesian.

Mrs. Chambers has warmly engaged and supported numerous parents, current and prospective, and helped initiate a Parent Association with monthly meetings. She has also welcomed visiting alumni, engaged them at fundraising events, and initiated an annual Young Alumni Networking Gathering.

Mr. Stephen Bruno '05, Board Chair, stated "Mrs. Chambers has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the Salesian mission, our students, and the entire school community. Her leadership and vision will continue to strengthen Salesian High School as we build for the future. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate her on this well-earned appointment."

"I have experienced firsthand that Salesian is a home, a school, a parish and a playground," said Mrs. Chambers. "I have been welcomed, challenged, supported and educated in my time at Salesian. I am encouraged by how far we have come as a community in the last few years, and I believe we will accomplish great things in the coming years.

"St. Dominic Savio once explained that at the oratory 'we make holiness consist in always being cheerful.' I have found Salesian to be a joy-filled place, and I know we can use that joy and enthusiasm to diversify our program of study, further develop and support our educators, and advance student achievement. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our students and our esteemed lay faculty, and to continue to partner with the Salesians of Don Bosco."

The trajectory of growth that Salesian High School is following in these years will continue well with Mrs. Cynthia Chambers as our instructional leader. Please join us in congratulating her.

Sincerely,

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