

## Staff Spotlight 12/12/2014

### Colleen Doig



*Special Education teacher, Wood Road Elementary School*

**My History at BSCSD:** This is my 11th year.

**Where I live:** Saratoga Springs

**Favorite Hobbies:** I love spending time with my family and friends, shopping, reading and going for walks with my husband and son (Jack, 20 months old). I also love eating chocolate!

**Favorite memory from when I was in school:** My favorite memory is when we had a student teacher swap day in 8th grade. I was a first grade teacher for the day and loved it!

**What I like about working at BSCSD:** I love working with the caring and dedicated staff and the great students.

**Ways I give back to my community:** My husband is the vice president of the Saratoga/Wilton Kiwanis Club. Through this

club, we help with Thanksgiving baskets, adopt a family for Christmas and volunteer at various fundraising events.

**People might be surprised to know that I:** went to college for Speech Pathology and have my bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences. I decided to get my Master's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. My speech background helps me greatly with the students I work with every day.

**If money were no object I would:** Travel more.

### Matt Germann



*Math teacher, Middle School*

**My history at BSCSD:** This is my first year.

**Where I live:** Glenville

**Family pets:** I have a cat named Nica.

**Favorite hobbies/pastimes:** Basketball, Track and Field and watching movies.

**Favorite memory from when I was in school:** My favorite memories were of my 4th grade teacher reading to us and participating in the ski club in high school.

**What I like best about working at BSCSD:** The people here are wonderful.

**Ways I give back to my community:** Coaching sports teams.

**My favorite musician(s):** Third Eye Blind

**My favorite book(s):** Pre: The Story of America's Greatest Running Legend, Steve Prefontaine by Tom Jordan.

**Favorite movie or TV show:** Batman

**People would be surprised to know that I:** Grew up on a farm.

**If money were no object I would:** Get my pilot license and fly to locations all over the world.

### **Annelise Kavanaugh**



*District Registrar*

**My history at BSCSD:** I began in August of 2013.

**Where I live:** Ballston Spa

**Family Pets:** A Lab- Stella and 3 cats- Jackie, Scottie and Kayder. A lizard named Tyson and one fish, Mr. Pitt.

**Favorite Hobbies:** Watching my three sons play football, basketball, baseball and lacrosse. I also spend a lot of time in my restaurant- The Sunset Café.

**Favorite memory from when I was in school:** My friends!

**What I like most about working at BSCSD:** I enjoy being the District Registrar because I get to meet all the new families that come into our district. I love being able to welcome our new community members. I am fortunate enough to get to work with all of the schools in my job; I get to interact with lots of great

people! I also work in the high school and love being around the kids.

**Ways I give back to my community:** Brookside Museum, Elks Club, BSBPA. I also shop and use all local small businesses in Ballston Spa.

**People would be surprised to know that I:** own the Sunset Cafe with my husband.

**If money were no object I would:** Find an awesome candidate for President of the United States and financially back them.

### **David Keyishian**



*Bus Attendant, Transportation*

**My history with BSCSD:** 3 years

**Where I live:** Mechanicville

**Favorite hobbies/pastimes:** Baking apple pies, going out to dinner, nutritional foods and functional medicine.

**Favorite memory from when I was in school:** My friend Angela who was a nice girl and helped me as a new resident in Mechanicville.

**Ways I give back to the community:** Working with special needs students. Buying locally from the Honest Weight Food Co-op in Albany (Natural and organic foods and milk all grown/made locally).

**What I like most about working at BSCSD:** Working as a bus attendant with Mr. Wade Carter.  
**My favorite musician:** Johnny Cash  
**My favorite TV show:** The Twilight Zone  
**People would be surprised to know that I:** I am very knowledgeable about nutritional supplements and functional medicine.  
**If money were no object I would:** Give to charity.

### Jenifer Lemery



*Special Education teacher, Gordon Creek Elementary School*

**My History with BSCSD:** This is my 11th year.

**Where I live:** Ballston Spa

**Family Pets:** Bulldog (Parker), Boxer (Piper) and three cats (Mina, Cobi Jones and Turbo.)

**Dream place to live:** Lake Placid

**Favorite hobbies/pastimes:** Skiing, camping, yoga, traveling with my family. NY Giants and NY Yankees fan!

**Favorite memory from when I was in school:** Dressing up and parading on Halloween and seeing all of the unique costumes.

**What I like most about working at BSCSD:** The staff that I work with really become a part of your life and school "family".

**My favorite musician:** Dave Matthews Band

**My favorite book:** My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

**My favorite TV show:** Grey's Anatomy, Chicago PD or anything on Bravo!

**People may be surprised to know that I:** was a gymnast for 16 years and a cheerleader for 18 years!

**If money were no object I would:** Travel around the world!

### Mary Stortini



Assistive Technology Provider, teacher

**My history at BSCSD:** This is my 10th year.

**Where I live:** Queensbury

**Favorite pastimes/hobbies:** Golf, reading, cooking, spending time with family. I also work out, but can't say that is a favorite!

**Favorite memory from when I was in school:** It's hard to narrow it down to just one. I had some wonderful, dedicated teachers that really had a significant impact on my life, particularly in the primary grades.

**How I give back to my community:** I have served on the executive council of the Capital Area Speech-Language Hearing Association for the past 7 years.

**What I like best about working at BSCSD:** Obviously this is a

great place to work. The staff is very dedicated and supportive. I really love the fact that whenever possible, we try to educate all of our students in-house. I think both students in regular and special education programs benefit from this diverse environment. Personally, I get to work with many wonderful students of varying ability levels, which keeps things interesting and challenging. There is always something new to learn.

**Favorite song or musician:** Billy Joel

**Favorite book:** Anything from Jane Austen to J.K. Rowling. I love to read and always have a book in progress!

**Favorite movie or TV show:** I don't watch much TV, but some of my favorite movies are oldies; When Harry met Sally, Regarding Henry, Nell and Dead Poet's Society.

**People may be surprised to know that I:** Am a NYS licensed cosmetologist.

**If money were no object I would:** Travel, travel, travel! There are so many spectacular things to see, many right here on our own continent. Have you ever seen a moonbow? Or paint pots? Or walked on a glacier that is as thick as the Empire State building is tall?