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Superintendent's Message: Class is Back in Session

Classes resumed Aug. 24 and for the first time since March 12, 2020, we were in school full-time at the School of Bright Promise.

I never thought about it until it was taken away by COVID, and now that it has returned I have a renewed appreciation for how

meaningful in-person learning is for the population we serve. With our new leadership team structure, new employees and returning teachers and aides, I am confident we will do some great things.

This year will bring some change and challenges but it will

be done for benefit of the children we are serving.

Our county board's vision is "Recognize Ability." Welcome to the 2021-22 school year and thank you for your service to the Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

JCBDD Names Children's Services Director

The Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities is adding a children's services director to its administration as leaders hone their vision to reaching a younger demographic.

Longtime educator Dr. Georgia Pavlic-Roseberry took the role June 28 but is a familiar face to the area. The Wintersville resident previously served as assistant principal at Indian Creek High School and most recently worked with the Ohio State Support Team -Region 12. She said she is eager to get involved with JCBDD and work toward the benefit of the children it serves.

"I am honored to be able to be part of such an amazing group of professionals and to be able to serve the local families and school districts," she said. "My hope is to continue to build on the fantastic services that the Jefferson County Board of DD has established and to support individuals and their families through the educational process."

Dr. Pavlic-Roseberry is a graduate of Edison High School and earned her bachelor's degree in special education with a reading endorsement from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She also attended Walden University and earned a master's degree in curriculum, instruction and assessment and returned to Franciscan to obtain her licensure in administration and complete coursework to obtain her superintendent's license. She also completed her Ph.D. at Robert Morris University



Dr. Georgia Pavlic-Roseberry

in instructional management and leadership and most recently obtained certification as a trauma-skilled specialist through the National Dropout Prevention Center. Highlights of her career included serving as an intervention specialist with Harrison Hills City Schools before becoming an intervention specialist, assistant principal and then director of special education at Indian Creek. She went on to lead the work in special education, secondary transition, equity and social justice, trauma-informed schools and school improvement.

She said she enjoyed working with SST-12 but saw an opportunity to benefit her community.

"I found myself wanting to take all I was learning from districts across the state to help students and families in my community. The deciding factor was that I get to work with people who truly have the desire to do what is best

for students. The staff at The School of Bright Promise/Regional Spectrum Center and JCBDD are some of the most compassionate people I have ever encountered. It is the perfect fit for me.

"I am honored to get to come home and serve within this community. I missed working with students and their families. I have been grown by so many amazing members of our community and am ready to give back."

As JCBDD plots its course in a new direction, other changes will ensue as current principal Jane Bodo becomes assistant administrator. Superintendent Michael Zinno said other BDD's have a similar directorship but this marks a first for Jefferson County. He explained that having Dr. Pavlic-Roseberry on board will help with ongoing efforts to support youth in early intervention and preschool and also hone the board's vision for the future, and the ultimate goal is to have differently abled students transition seamlessly into mainstream schools and society.

"We're excited about what she brings to the table and particularly her issues with children," Zinno added. "We want to help our school districts, but first and foremost we're here to support our children. We want to have a common understanding of what school districts need, how we support them and Georgia is going to bring a wealth of knowledge for that."

School of Bright Promise Students Making PALS

Secondary students at the School of Bright Promise in Steubenville are learning to integrate into the community by becoming active with the PALS Adult Day Service.

Twelve pupils began making daily jaunts to the site, which is located at the former Jeffco Training Center at 2550 Cherry Ave. in Steubenville, in August to become familiar with the atmosphere and partake in hands-on activities, and eventually they will attend outings with disabled adults in the program. Ryan Finney, an instructor at the School of Bright Promise, said two smaller groups will participate on alternating days and spend the rest of their time in school.

“On Monday, all 12 will attend with the first group coming on Tuesday and Wednesday and the second on Thursday and Friday,” he explained. “On alternating days, they will have school and work on their goals. The students are loving it and a lot of them are remembering other clients from the school who graduated. They are also interacting with the staff and have been building relationships.”

Finney added that the plan is to familiarize them with the adult program and ease their integration into the community once they



Patrick Kinney and Amelia Taggart, secondary students at The School of Bright Promise, make beaded jewelry at the PALS Adult Day Service in Steubenville. Students are learning how to build relationships with others so they can integrate seamlessly into the community after graduation.

graduate.

“We will stay in-house and get them used to the staff, and starting in the spring they can go on some outings. Our goal is to get them used to what the adult program is to make their transition easier. Once they graduate, they can apply to PALS.”

Several students noted their joy in visiting the program, where they can make beaded jewelry, play cards, watch television, complete puzzles and play basketball, among other activities, and plans are to also take excursions throughout the Tri-State Area.

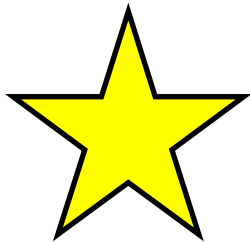
“It’s good. I like making bracelets,” said Cheyenne Monigold, adding that she also likes to make friends and hopes to participate in PALS after graduation.

“I like to make necklaces and bracelets and friends,” added Amelia Taggart, who said she may also remain involved in the future.

Amanda Halter, PALS program director, said it has been an enjoyable time for the adult participants as well.

“We really enjoy having [the students] here. A lot of the people they may know from school or the Special Olympics,” Halter commented, noting that attendants have the advantage to go on outings. “PALS is community based, so we may go to the Carnegie Science Center, Mount Washington Incline, art museums and parks. We also have bowling on Tuesday at Toronto Lanes, which is popular, and we’ve been to the Jefferson County Fair. PALS is all about community integration and getting our folks out and into experiencing life.”

Getting to Know You...



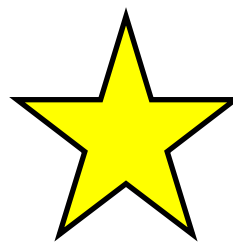
**Kassey
Minor**



Kassey Minor has a long history with the Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ Shaffer Plaza complex and now heads the site as its new resident manager.

Minor, of Steubenville, is transitioning into the role and succeeds Natalie Baird, who served for the past two years. She worked her way up the ranks after beginning as a direct service provider in 2004 to 2006 while pursuing her psychology degree at Franciscan University. She briefly left Shaffer to work in respite services but returned in April of 2007 and obtained her degree two months later. Minor served as a qualified intellectual disabilities professional (QIDP) since 2010 and also shares two daughters, Cameron, 10, and Alexandra, 7, with husband Michael. When Baird’s post became available, Minor said she was ready to start a new chapter.

As manager, she will oversee 24 residents and about 45-50 employees within the three buildings.



**Cheyenne
Monigold**



Cheyenne Monigold likes helping people.

Monigold, the daughter of Raymond and Harriet Monigold of Mingo Junction, has gotten the chance to do just that by participating in local programs. A student in the secondary program at the School of Bright Promise, she is involved in school-based community learning and began duties this year in the cafeteria. She also gained work experience by cleaning up local parks during the 2021 Summer Youth Program, which was provided through the Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ Community Employment Services and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

Currently, she spends several days a week at the PALS Adult Day Service in Steubenville and plans to continue attending after graduation this spring. Among her interests are drawing, painting and listening to country music.