



General Johnnie Wilson Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Turnaround Principal of General Johnnie Wilson Middle School. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition of culture and education! I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than thirteen years. I have served as an educator in several different administrative roles including Elementary and High School Literacy Specialist, School Improvement Coach, RTI Coordinator, Network Teacher Mentor, Regional Growth Coordinator, Education Consultant, and Principal in a K-8 charter school within the Cleveland area. My teaching experience spans across several different grades and subject areas serving as an elementary, middle and high school teacher. I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to General Johnnie Wilson Middle School and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to establish a legacy of academic success at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School by building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. We will focus on character education initiatives, standards-based instruction, the use of data to drive instruction, and to provide consistent implementation of the curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can continue to increase student achievement.

All of us at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School are eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever as we embrace the ideals of The Lorain Promise. This year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors, teachers, students and parents, are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

It is my belief that an excellent education is not possible without the great collaboration of students, parents, and staff. Over the past week, I have had the privilege of getting to know some of the amazing students, parents, and staff at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School, while also learning about the rich school history and cultural traditions of the community. One of the greatest takeaways from these conversations has been the immense enthusiasm and pride for the school and community. It is through that same enthusiasm and pride that I look forward to becoming an integral part of the community with my own family and working with each of you to achieve great academic successes at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School meet their academic goals and have a successful school year!

Best Regards,

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Turnaround Principal & Dean Bios 2018-2019

GENERAL JOHNNIE WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Turnaround Principal:

Kejuana Jefferson is a leading innovator and transformational specialist with over 13 years of experience in the K-12 setting, many of those years serving as a "School Turnaround Specialist". She earned her Bachelors and Master's Degrees from Mississippi Valley State University, her MBA from The Ohio State University, and she continues her education at Walden University in pursuit of her Ed.D in Teacher Leadership. She first gained her passion while working in different teaching and administrative capacities within the Mississippi Delta in both elementary and high schools. After relocating to Ohio, she served as a School Improvement Coach, Literacy Coach, and Data Coach for several of Ohio's elementary, middle, and high schools. She is passionate about ensuring that every child receives a quality education, it is the key to building a strong foundation for our scholars.

Dean of Academics:

Courtney Donohoe was born and raised in Northeast Ohio and attended Kent State University for her undergraduate degree. She then moved to Denver, Colorado to pursue a master's degree at the University of Denver. After her first year in graduate school, she worked at a local organization in Masaka, Uganda designing and implementing a community-based education project focused on training teachers to adopt a human rights curriculum. Upon returning to the US and completing her graduate degree in International Human Rights, her journey led her to a fight in her own community for social justice for students as a Teach for America Corps Member. Courtney has spent the last five years working for education equity in Denver, Colorado and Phoenix, Arizona. Courtney loves to read, write, and dance and has spent the last three years performing and training with a professional dance company in Denver. She hopes to find a home in the dance community in the Greater Cleveland area during this new journey.

Dean of Scholar & Family Engagement:

Tamara Jones comes from a family of educators, where being an educator was a career path she never thought she would pursue, yet she has been an educator for over 15 years. The connection to education and community has always been there starting with her job at Life Skills where she helped graduate a class of 65 students within her first year, then leading into her four years at Job and Family. Services as a family caseworker, then returning to education in 2009 at New Beginnings Academy. Last summer Tamara linked with Lorain City Hall to bring the "Titans at Work" summer employment program for seven Lorain High students to work nine weeks in various departments within City Hall. Tamara also coordinated with the district's athletic director to bring the Titan mascot to Lorain City Schools. She has been with LCS for nine years working under the College and Career Readiness umbrella, from AVID teacher to Adjunct Instructor for LCCC teaching computer application and student development courses to high school students.

Tamara received her Bachelors from Wright State University in Organizational Leadership, pursued her teaching license in Integrated Business through Ashland University, a Masters from Kent State, and currently enrolled in Cleveland State's Inspired Leaders Program. Tamara had the opportunity while in college to travel to Japan, during her down time, she enjoys watching Law & Order TV show, relaxing, traveling and spending time with her son Madison, who is a junior at Lorain High.



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Queridos padres y tutores,

Es con gran orgullo y entusiasmo que escribo esta carta de presentación para usted como la recién nombrada Principal de Transformación de la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson. ¡Me siento honrada de tener la oportunidad de dirigir una escuela con una rica tradición de cultura y educación! He estado dedicada al campo de la educación por más de trece años. Me he desempeñado como educadora en diferentes funciones administrativas, incluyendo Especialista en Alfabetización de Primaria y Superior, Entrenador de Mejora Escolar, Coordinadora de RTI, Mentora de Maestros, Coordinadora de Crecimiento Regional, Consultora de Educación y Principal en una escuela charter K-8 en el área de Cleveland. Mi experiencia como educadora se extiende por varios diferentes grados y asignaturas sirviendo como maestra de primaria, intermedia y superior. Estoy entusiasmada y ansiosa por aportar mis habilidades como líder educativa a la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson y trabajar con usted como socio en educación para garantizar el éxito de su hijo.

Junto con los maestros y el personal, trabajaré arduamente para establecer un legado de éxito académico en la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson estableciendo relaciones sólidas con los padres, los estudiantes y los socios de la comunidad. Nos enfocaremos en iniciativas de educación del carácter, instrucción basada en estándares, el uso de datos para impulsar la instrucción, y para proveer una implementación consistente del plan de estudios de una manera rigurosa para que podamos continuar aumentando el rendimiento estudiantil.

Todos nosotros en la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson estamos ansiosos y entusiasmados por comenzar lo que promete ser el mejor año en el que adoptaremos los ideales de La Promesa de Lorain. Este año va a ser increíble a medida que continuamos brindando experiencias académicas para nuestros estudiantes que sean rigurosas, relevantes y les ayuden a establecer relaciones mientras establecen conexiones en el mundo real. Como su Principal, es importante para mí que todos los que cruzan nuestras puertas, maestros, estudiantes y padres, estén emocionados de estar aquí. Esta actitud nos permite enfrentar los desafíos de la excelencia académica en un ambiente positivo, divertido y enriquecedor. Mi puerta siempre está abierta y agradezco su opinión. No dude en llamarme o enviarme un correo electrónico para hablar sobre cualquier inquietud que tenga durante el año escolar.

Es mi creencia que una educación excelente no es posible sin la gran colaboración de estudiantes, padres y personal. Durante la semana pasada, tuve el privilegio de conocer a algunos de los increíbles estudiantes, padres y personal de la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson, mientras aprendí sobre la rica historia de la escuela y las tradiciones culturales de la comunidad. Uno de los mayores logros de estas conversaciones ha sido el inmenso entusiasmo y orgullo por la escuela y la comunidad. Es a través de ese mismo entusiasmo y orgullo que espero convertirme en una parte integral de la comunidad con mi propia familia y trabajando con cada uno de ustedes para lograr grandes éxitos académicos en la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson.

¡Espero con interés trabajar con usted como equipo para ayudar a que cada estudiante de la Escuela Intermedia General Johnnie Wilson a que cumpla con sus metas académicas y tenga un año escolar exitoso!

Atentamente,

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Querida Comunidad,

Hay un proverbio que dice que se necesita un pueblo para criar a un niño; Lorain no es diferente. Me enorgullece decir que fui criado en y por la Comunidad de Lorain. Estoy orgulloso de tener la oportunidad de ayudar a nuestros estudiantes de la Academia Titán de noveno (9) grado de la Escuela Superior de Lorain a crecer y crear las circunstancias correctas para ellos mismos entre nuestras paredes y en nuestra comunidad.

Como dice el proverbio "Se necesita un pueblo para criar a un niño". Le pediremos a nuestro pueblo que nos ayude durante todo nuestro trayecto. Trabajaremos en conjunto con nuestros socios comunitarios para asegurarnos de que no solo estamos creando crecimiento académico sino también crecimiento en nuestra comunidad. Pediremos a nuestros socios comunitarios que organicen algunos eventos durante el año en nuestra comunidad y, al mismo tiempo, le pediremos a nuestra comunidad que venga a nuestra academia para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes y personal.

Nuestra comunidad no solo involucra a nuestros socios sino también a nuestros padres, amigos y familias. Padres y tutores, somos un equipo. Debemos trabajar juntos para garantizar que nuestros estudiantes obtengan las herramientas necesarias que necesitan para alcanzar su máximo potencial. Nosotros en la Academia Titán de 9.º grado de la Escuela Superior de Lorain creemos en no solo hacer crecer a nuestros estudiantes para hoy, sino que queremos crecer aprendices de por vida.

Para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes, familias y comunidad; Me enorgullece dar la bienvenida a Emily Rogoff, que se desempeñará como Decana de Estudios Académicos, y Jackie Ziegler, que servirá como Decana de Estudiantes y Compromiso Familiar, a nuestra familia Lorain. Emily viene de Shaker Heights con una variedad amplia de experiencia, además de haber recibido recientemente su Maestría en Póliza de Educación y Gerencia de la Escuela de Graduados de Educación de Harvard, y recibió una beca urbana, una beca otorgada a estudiantes que tienen demostrado un compromiso con la educación urbana. Jackie viene a nosotros de North Ridgeville y cree que cada niño merece la oportunidad de aprender sin importar su situación y ha sido una defensora apasionada de sus alumnos dentro y fuera del aula, especializándose en la intervención de crisis con estudiantes en riesgo. Estoy emocionado de trabajar tanto con Emily como con Jackie a medida que desarrollamos nuestra capacidad para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias en esta gran aventura.

Padres y tutores, necesitamos que nos ayudes a verificar el progreso de su estudiante de forma regular. Por favor déjenos saber si hay algo más que podamos hacer para garantizar que nuestro estudiantes pueda alcanzar su máximo potencial. Le pedimos que nos deje saber cómo nuestros estudiantes pueden ayudar y mejorar nuestra comunidad. Juntos les recordaremos a todos lo que significa ser de Lorain. Estableceremos una base sólida para que nuestros estudiantes lo logren no solo en la Escuela Superior de Lorain, sino como aprendices de por vida y miembros activos de nuestra comunidad.

Con el orgullo de los Titans,

Bryan Hilko



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Dear Our Community,

There is a proverb that states it takes a village to raise a child; Lorain is no different. I am proud to say that I was raised in and by the Lorain Community. I am proud to have the opportunity to help our scholars in the Lorain High School 9th Grade Titan Academy grow and create the right set of circumstances for themselves between our walls and out in our community.

As the proverb goes “It takes a village to raise a child”. We will be asking our village to help us throughout our journey. We will work in conjunction with our community partners to ensure that we are not only creating academic growth but growth in our community. We will be asking to host some events throughout the year in our community and at the same time asking our community to come into our academy to assist our scholars and staff.

Our community does not only involve our partners but our parents, friends and families as well. Parents and guardians, we are a team. We must work together to ensure that our scholars are getting the necessary tools they need to reach their maximum potential. We at the Lorain High School 9th Grade Titan Academy believe in not only growing our scholars for today, but we want to grow life-long learners.

To assist our scholars, families and community; I am proud to welcome Emily Rogoff, who will serve as the Dean of Academics, and Jackie Ziegler, who will serve as the Dean of Scholar and Family Engagement, to our Lorain family. Emily comes to us from Shaker Heights with a wide variety of experience along with most recently receiving her Master’s in Education Policy and Management from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and was a recipient of the Urban Scholars Fellowship – a scholarship given to students who have demonstrated a commitment to urban education. Jackie comes to us from North Ridgeville and believes that every child deserves a chance to learn no matter their situation and has been a passionate advocate for her students in and out of the classroom, specializing in crisis intervention with at-risk students. I am excited to work with both Emily and Jackie as we build our ability to assist our scholars, staff and families on this great adventure.

Parents/Guardians we need you to help us with checking on your scholar’s progress on a regular basis. Please let us know if there is something more we can do to ensure that our scholar is able to reach their full potential. We are asking you to let us know how our scholars can assist and better our community. Together we will remind everyone what it means to be from Lorain. We will set a strong foundation for our scholars to achieve not only at Lorain High School, but as life-long learners and active members of the community.

With Titan Pride,

Bryan Hilko



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