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## Cathy Haynes

by Makeila Peart

Cathy Haynes is the Newest counselor at Riverview High School. It's her first year as a high school counselor. She grew up in New Jersey and has been counseling for "...6 years in elementary, so this'll be my 7th," Haynes said. Her favorite part of being a counselor is seeing her "Student growth and just seeing how they evolve overtime," Haynes said. After her years of experience with students she realized that they needed way more than academic support, they needed emotional support too, sparking her interest in becoming a counselor and just wanting to make a difference for her students. More than just grades and exams, she's "walking with a purpose" for her students, Haynes said. So don't hesitate to reach out, she's not just here for academics but students' emotional wellbeing too.



Photo by Makeila Peart

## Sevi Ball

by Brianna Cookson

Each year at Riverview High School there are more and more new people seen around campus. It can be easy to see how the new students are adjusting, but what about the new staff members, how are they settling in for the year of 2024-25.

"I think in general this school has really big classrooms and really nice facilities so that's been really nice to see the classrooms," Sevi Ball said.

Ball is Riverview High School's new Accelerated Programs lead teacher, who recently moved to a new school and position.

"I just saw it as a great opportunity to take on a bit more of a leadership role and step outside of the classroom to support more teachers and more students than just the ones in my classroom," Ball said.

While moving from a classroom position to an office position seems challenging, Riverview likes making it an easier transition.

"All of the teachers are really nice and they've been very welcoming to me and it just seems like everyone works together really well here, and the students are really nice too," Ball said.



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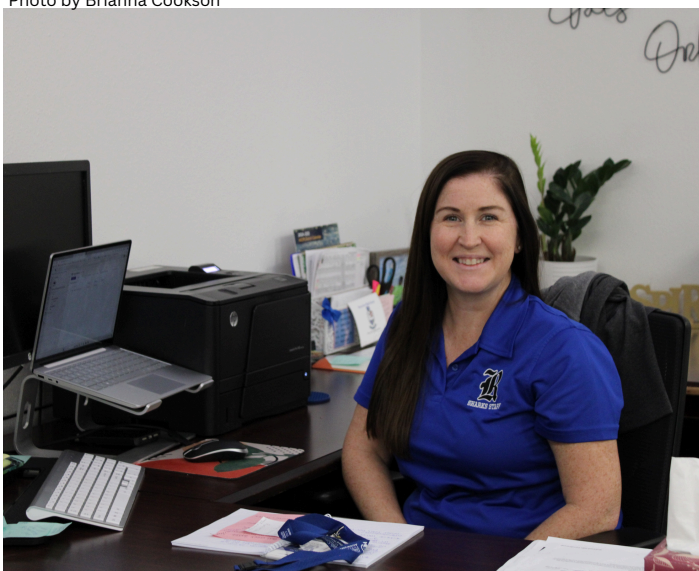


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# WELCOMING TEACHERS

A poll was taken of 100 students to see how the student population at Riverview high school thinks our school does when it comes to making newcomers feel welcome.

“The people here are overall good, personality wise, and pretty friendly,” said Caitlin Wilson, 10.

## Dr. Lourianne Messier-Jones

by Natalie Ashline

On Monday, Aug 12 Dr. Lourianne Messier-Jones began her first day of teaching here at Riverview High School. She teaches ninth grade AICE General Paper.

“I have enjoyed working here more because the students are better behaved and the teachers are really good with one another,” Messier-Jones said.

The school’s welcoming environment is helpful in adjusting to a new school.

“Very supportive, people share lesson plans and are always willing to answer a question and don’t make me feel stupid for asking,” Messier-Jones said.

## Welcome to Riverview

By: Natalie Ashline and  
Brianna Cookson

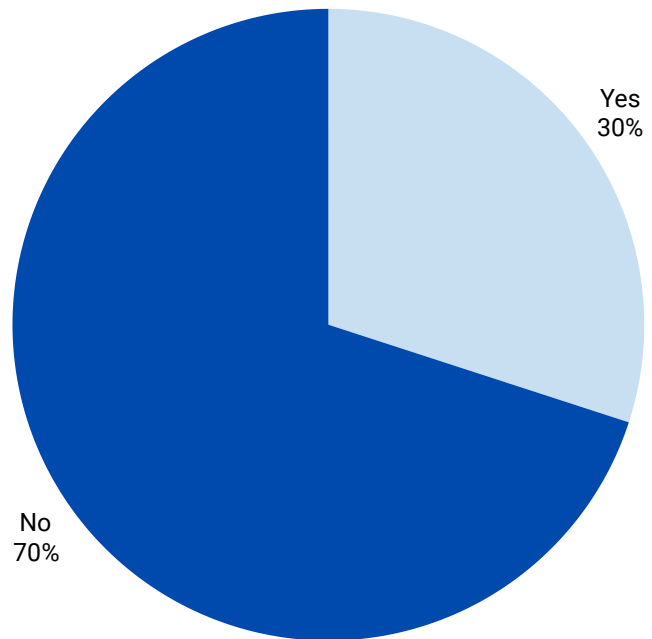


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# ACADEMIC TEACHERS

## Matthew Goalen

by Sara Ramar

Matthew Goalen is a welcomed new history teacher at Riverview High School. He is now going onto his tenth year of being a teacher and is currently teaching U.S. History and History of Vietnam for juniors because he likes telling stories and he wants to make sure our story of history gets shared correctly. Goalen chose to teach this grade because he feels that juniors are the ones he can make the most impact on, that can make a change now in the world by going out and spreading their correct knowledge about history. According to Goalen, our school differs from past schools he has been to because there is a lot more support for students here and they help each other out in ways he has not seen in some schools in his previous districts. "I enjoy seeing that little lightbulb, watching your emotions when you hear or see something that you haven't seen or that is shocking, and it makes that little impact on me like yes! I did something that they know," Goalen said. Some pros for Goalen when switching schools are it gives him a whole new beginning and a chance to start differently and put his skills into something new and different while meeting new people. His cons, however, are he must do it all again like a first-year teacher and learn everything new, while at the same time making sure his students know their stuff.

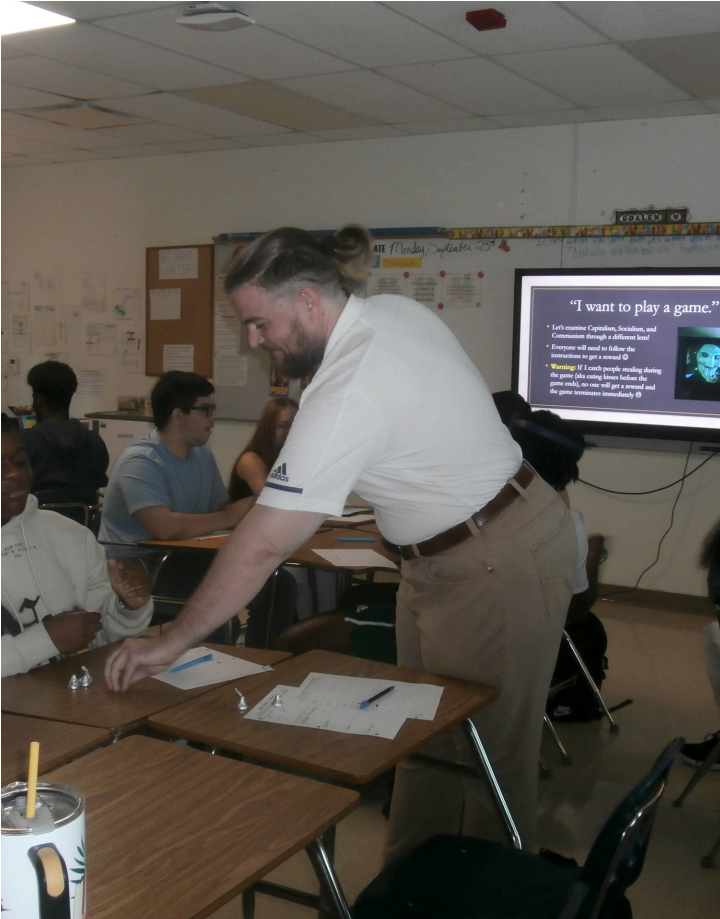


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## Johnson-Wright

by Emma Hillguber

Ever since she started working as a teacher 25 years ago, Johnson has always wanted to find a sense of community. That's why they came here to Riverview High School. After working in middle schools for five years and the rest in high schools, Johnson came here for the smaller classes in hopes to become more personal with her students. This difference is something she quite enjoys about teaching at Riverview High School. "Has a Nice community," Johnson said. And even though she hasn't been here too long to have any real complaints just yet, she has already really enjoyed her time here, feeling that sense of community they were hoping for. "Everyone has been very kind and welcoming so far," Johnson said.

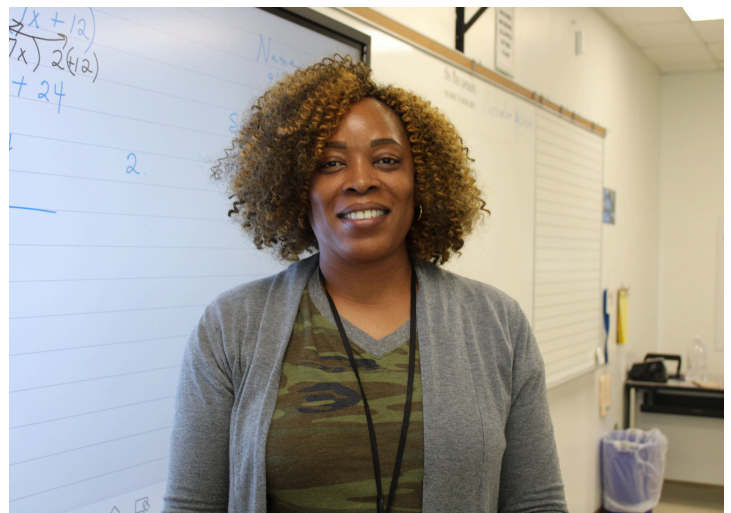


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**Natalie Ashline** is a junior at Riverview High School. She is a former Journalism student and is currently a staff member of the Shark Encounter newspaper. Natalie's role as a staff writer is to write stories, take photos and help publish. She is an honor student and a future AP diploma graduate. Outside of school, she has a part time job and enjoys hanging out with her friends.



**Brianna Cookson** is currently a member of the Riverview High School newspaper staff Shark Encounter. She is considered honest to a core as a person and has the ability to properly communicate ideas without causing unnecessary conflicts, which is important to have when writing on current or important events. When not doing newspaper work, she is enjoying art, reading, and just spending time outside and with people close to her.



**Landon Dimemmo** is a staff writer for the Shark Encounter newspaper at Riverview High School. In addition to writing, Landon takes pictures for the school newspaper. To do this job, you must be comfortable talking to people for the purpose of interviews. Landon also volunteers on the tech team at his church where he operates the cameras for the Pastor's live stream on social media. In his free time, Landon likes to draw freehand, play video games, and spend time with his family and pets.



**Emma Hillguber** is a staff writer for the Riverview shark encounter in her second year in Journalism. She uses programs like Microsoft and Canva to help make her work. She is in classes such as AP World History and honors class. As a staff writer, she values using techniques and working carefully in order to make sure everything she writes is appropriate and accurate. And when she's not doing any of this she is at home drawing or playing with her two dogs Mocha and Piper and two cats Lafayette and Draks.



**Makeila Peart** is a staff writer with Riverview high school Shark Encounter. This is her second year in Journalism and her first year doing hands on newspaper work. She focuses on gathering, analyzing, and dispersing news and information around the school. Outside of school, Makeila enjoys Arts of design and traveling.



**Sara Ramar** is a staff writer for the Riverview High School newspaper. During her three years of Journalism, she would learn how to interview people and how to write and create a story. One year, one of her stories ended up in the online school newspaper. As a staff writer she is getting used to what it will be like to write for newspapers in the future. When she is not tackling journalism, she hangs out with her friends after school and works at her part time job.