Dr. Robert McClure began his career in education as a middle school English teacher at St. Benedict’s School in Buffalo, N.Y. after his graduation from Canisius College. He completed his Master’s degree in education from Canisius and moved to a high school position in the Williamsville Central School District teaching English in grades 9 – 12. His administrative career began with his appointment as assistant junior high school principal in the Lockport City School District. After holding this position for three years he was promoted to principal where he served for six years. During this time Bob received his Ed.D. in education administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. From there it was off to Rochester, New York for ten years where Bob was appointed as assistant superintendent of educational services in the Fairport Central School District, which led toward his promotion to the position of Deputy Superintendent. After serving in this capacity, Bob was named Superintendent of the Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District in Buffalo, New York until 1997. He came to the Albany area where he has since served as Superintendent of the Shenendehowa Central School District. Bob has been active in professional organizations and served as an adjunct professor throughout his career in order to grow professionally and to maintain a “connection with the classroom.” He has served as an emeritus faculty member for the New York State Council of School Superintendents, teaching a variety of courses in the Superintendents’ Academy and assisting in the development of curriculum. Last year he was appointed Dean of the Superintendents’ mentoring program. Bob’s wife Judy is an art teacher and together they have three grown sons, Scott, Rob and John. The newest addition to their family, granddaughter Lauren arrived last spring to their son Scott and daughter-in-law Jenn. On joining the faculty at the College of Saint Rose, Bob sees it as the natural course in his career that began in the classroom and will now return to where it all started.

I started my career in education over thirty years ago in the classroom and I am looking forward to my return. I can honestly say that the most difficult decision in my career was leaving the classroom when I became an assistant principal. While I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and opportunities of being a principal and superintendent, I have missed the excitement of the classroom. I see my new role at Saint Rose as a very “natural” progression in my career and I hope to continue growing and learning myself as I return to my “roots.” I believe that it is imperative to develop strong, capable and confident leaders who will make a positive difference in the lives of the children they will serve. I have seen the incredible impact that a great principal can make and hope to help the future leaders of our schools understand how their actions can change the world for children. In my view, the Educational Leadership Program at Saint Rose is outstanding. It provides a rich blend of theory and application that serves its graduates well, giving them the tools, inspiration and knowledge to provide strong, purposeful leadership. I am excited to be a part of this exciting program and excited too about being back in the classroom where we influence the future.

In the Spring semester, we can look forward in seeing Bob McClure teach Personnel Administration, Internships Pt. 1&2, and Critical Issues.

Written by Dr. Robert McClure
Professor of Education Leadership & Administration
Alumni of our St. Rose Education Leadership & Administration program, Ryan C. Sherman and Jan Jehring have achieved leading positions in the Argyle Central School District. Ryan Sherman began his new position as Superintendent of schools on July 1st 2004 and Jan Jehring took on the role of K – 8 principal. They are important parts of the rural Argyle Central School District made up of 750 students.

Ryan Sherman obtained his Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree, as well as his Certificate of Advanced Studies through the College of St. Rose. He began his career in education as a Social Studies teacher and Curriculum leader in the City School District of Albany. After working four years as a teacher in the Albany City school system, he then moved on to become a principal. In July, 2002 he became the 7-12 Argyle Central School principal and held the position for two years until becoming the Superintendent of Schools.

He feels that St. Rose’s education programs; especially the Educational Leadership & Administration program prepared him for his current role as superintendent of Schools in the Argyle Central School District. The education administration program under the leadership of Dr. Kevin McGuire and Dr. Perry Berkowitz provided me with practical and enriching experiences that immediately prepared me for a career in administration. The unique and diverse course offerings were formatted to touch upon all facets of the administrative position as well as to train individuals to be strong, competent, and ethical leaders. The small close-knit cohort groups allowed for individual attention and an opportunity to network with other colleagues. The two most important things I learned from the program were to develop a self-reflective practice on a daily basis and always base decisions on the best interests of the students. The strongest testament I can give to the program was in a recent decision I had to make as Superintendent. We were in the process of hiring an elementary principal, and one of the applicants had gone through the St. Rose administrational program. It was a phone call from Dr. McGuire and Dr. Berkowitz on this individual that made my decision very easy. I knew after going through this program, that this person would be capable of handling the position. Jan Jehring has been an energetic and dynamic administrator who has captured the attention of school stakeholders in the Argyle Central School district.

Before her start as K-8 principal in the Argyle School District, Jan was a guidance counselor for 10 years in the Windham-Ashland School District. She then became the Instructional Supervisor at the Ballston Spa Central School District in 2003. She is very happy in her new position especially because of the rural, intimate atmosphere it provides. The Argyle Central School District consists of one building for its 750 Kindergarten through twelfth grade students.

Written by Sibyl Athimattathil
Ed. Administration Graduate Assistant
Kristen Reno
Durham Elementary School
Principal

Kristen Reno another successful graduate of St. Rose’s Education Leadership & Administration Program, started as the new Durham Elementary Principal on August 20th 2004. She had been a teacher in the Cairo-Durham Central School District for 13 years. The District contains 1,819 students and is made up of four schools: Cairo Elementary, Cairo-Durham High School, Cairo-Durham Middle School, and Durham Elementary which consists of 180 students. When asked about her prior work occurrences and her educational experience in the Ed Leadership Program, Kristen had the following to say:

After graduating from SUNY Cortland, I began working for the Cairo-Durham Central School District at the Cairo Elementary building teaching 4th grade. During my thirteen years at Cairo Elementary I taught Kindergarten, First, Fourth and Fifth grades. I received a Masters Degree in Reading from The College of Saint Rose. After having such a wonderful and rewarding experience at Saint Rose, I decided to go back to pursue my administration certification. The Administration Program at Saint Rose was instrumental in helping me obtain my current position as Durham Elementary Principal. Working with the Administration Faculty and other students in the program helped prepare me for many of the issues administrators face on a daily basis. I would especially like to thank Dr. Berkowitz who encouraged and assisted me in exploring the many facets of administration.

Written by Sibyl Athimattathil
Ed. Administration Graduate Ass’

Recent appointments

Stan Pelech – Assistant Principal - Riverhead High School; Long Island
Lisa Knowles – Director of Special Student Services – Greenville CSD
Jennifer Morris – Curriculum Coordinator – Ballston Spa; 3-5 School
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**Important Spring Dates**

- **Martin Luther King Holiday** – January 17th
- **Classes Begin** – January 18th
- **Midwinter Vacation** – March 7-11
- **Advisement Day** – March 22nd
- **Easter Vacation** – March 25th – 28th
- **Classes End** – May 11th
- **Commencement** – May 14th
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5. click on “Internships” (at top of page) and you will see our newsletter archive.

Announcing: INTERNSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, November 17, 2004 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Thelma P. Lally Building Room 304

Agenda
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Lee Bordick
PERSONALIZING THE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE
Sharon D’Agostino, Sandra Gonzalez, Doug Kelley

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