The 2020-2021 school year is starting with 30 new members of our community as new faculty and staff. We are excited to welcome them all. Here’s an introduction to a few of our faculty and staff that Bryn Mawr is engaging with this year for enhanced cleaning needs. Michelle has a bachelor’s degree from Penn State Altoona where she studied Marketing and a master’s in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. Michelle is our Supervisor of Environmental Services, formerly the Assistant Director of Environmental Services. Medicine, Biology, and Chemistry. Michelle also has a minor in Biology and a bachelor’s from Swarthmore College.

Jennifer stars in the role of Upper School Director at Bryn Mawr. She has a bachelor’s degree in Child Development and a master’s in Education from The University of Pennsylvania. Jennifer is well known for her experience in child development and education. Jennifer enjoyed spending time with her husband, Ted, son, Wyatt, a rising freshman at Gilman, and daughter, Brooklyn, a middle school student in the Upper School. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys traveling the world and spending time with her family.

Niara Robinson ’15, will serve as a Teaching Assistant in the Middle School. After graduating from Bryn Mawr, Niara attended New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, where she studied acting. Niara is a talented actress and has appeared in several stage productions and films. Niara is a successful actress and is excited to join our faculty as a Teaching Assistant.

Saima Sitwat joins our staff as the Development Assistant. She is originally from India and has been working in the field of education. Saima has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a master’s in Education from Northeastern University with a degree in mathematics and a minor in computer science. Saima is a skilled fundraiser and is excited to join our staff.

Jackie earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Mt. St. Mary’s University, Maryland. Jackie has been working in the field of education for over 10 years and is excited to join our faculty as a Teaching Assistant.

Bethany McAndrew. Leah is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she studied comparative literature and religious studies. Leah is excited to join our faculty as a Teaching Assistant.

Sapna Pandit joined Bryn Mawr on campus two weeks ago and is already an integral part of the Middle School. Sapna has a bachelor’s degree in Special Education and Mind, Brain, and Education from Tufts University. Sapna is an experienced educator and is excited to join our faculty.

Leah Balkoski joins the faculty as an Upper School Teaching Assistant. Leah learned to knit and sew from her grandmother and attended the Maryland College of Art to study the fine arts. Leah is a talented artist and is excited to join our faculty as a Teaching Assistant.

Lea holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a master’s in Education from The University of Pennsylvania. Lea is a skilled fundraiser and is excited to join our staff.

Shannon Cheston will join the fourth grade team as a homeroom teacher and assistant principal. Shannon is a skilled educator and is excited to join our faculty as a Teaching Assistant.

Lea holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a master’s in Early Childhood Education. She holds a B.S. from Stevenson University in Early Childhood Education and a master’s in Education from The University of Pennsylvania. Lea is an experienced educator and is excited to join our faculty as a Teaching Assistant.