



Fox Cities Leadership Academy

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Director, K-12 Partnerships - Fox Valley Technical College – Mary has been with FVTC for over 26 years, working in areas relating to Marketing, Recruitment, Distance Education and Learning Innovations, and is currently responsible for the overall direction for K-12 initiatives, including Articulated Programs, Youth and Course Options, Middle School Career Exploration initiatives, and programs and coordination for all partnership activities with the 29 K-12 districts in FVTC's district. Mary received her Associate Degree from Fox Valley Technical College, and Bachelors of Science from Lakeland College.

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Joy has been with the Fox Cities Chamber since January of 1998. She also owns her own business with Rodan + Fields since September of 2012. Her prior experience includes marketing for the Bemis Company, Inc. and sales with Insignia Systems in Minneapolis, MN. Along with working with leaders in the community, her role with the Leadership Fox Cities program also conducts a 7-month program for juniors in High School of which some of the FCLA/ACA students have participated. Her daughter attended the FCLA/ACA.

Julia Squier, FCLA Parent, Secretary and 501c3 Treasurer

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Julia received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh in elementary education with a minor in mathematics and her master’s degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She taught middle school mathematics in Campbellsport School District, West Boylston School District and Lake Geneva School District. She has substitute taught in the Sheboygan Area School District and the Appleton Area School District. Currently, she serves on the FCLA Governing Board and Appleton North Booster Club Board. Two of her three children have attended the Academy: one graduated in 2015 and the other is a current FCLA student.

Patrick Lee, FCLA Principal, District Accounts Treasurer

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Patrick Lee earned a BA teaching degree in English with a Writing minor in 1996 from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. He taught English at Rio High School for four years. He received his MA in Educational Administration from Marian College of Fond Du Lac in 2001. He was an Associate Principal at Kaukauna High School from 2001-2006. He then became an Associate Principal at De Pere High School in the years 2006-2012. He is currently the Principal of the Fox Cities Leadership Academy and Associate Principal of Student Services at Appleton North.

Renee Ulman, AASD Fine Arts Coordinator

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Bachelor of Art: Studio Art Masters Degree: Curriculum and Instruction

Renee Ulman has been an Art Educator for the past 15 years. For the past 10 years, she has taught art at Appleton North High School, mostly Drawing and Painting and Art Survey courses. Renee also taught art education courses and supervised student teachers, at her alma mater, Lawrence University, for the last three years. Renee was an Instructor and Coordinator in the Academy. She helped to develop the design curriculum of the FCLA/ACA and worked to integrate art and design into core areas particularly, science, history and com arts. Renee was part of the team of dynamic project based instructors who continue to develop innovative projects and strong community partnerships that offer students real-world learning experiences. Currently, she is the Fine Arts Coordinator for the Appleton Area School District. Renee has 2 daughters and is married to Chad, an architect at Hoffman, LLC in Appleton. She and her family live in a 100-year-old Victorian home that they continue to renovate in their spare time.

Lori Krueger, FCLA Counselor

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Undergraduate: University of Wisconsin – Madison in History and Social Welfare
1995 Graduate: University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh – MSE – School Counseling 2000

After working with at-risk youth, Lori joined the Appleton Area School District as a school counselor in 2000. Lori is one of the founding members of the Fox Cities Leadership Academy (formerly Appleton Career Academy) and has a dual role as counselor for Appleton North and the FCLA.

Gregg Syring, Community Representative

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Gregg resides in the city of Appleton with his wife Maureen, daughter Sophia and son Graham. He is currently employed by Air Wisconsin Airlines as the Director of Corporate Safety and of the Emergency Operations Center leading programs responsible for operational risk management, crisis management, emergency response, corporate quality assurance and regulatory affairs. He has additional experience as a commercial office building complex owner and manager, executive residential and light commercial construction project manager, licensed real estate broker, commercial airline pilot and certified flight instructor.

Gregg has served in our community as a former volunteer president of the board of directors for a non-profit child learning and care center, team leader for a community project supporting the Center for Grieving Children, a non-profit youth resource within the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley as well as a volunteer for St Joseph's Food Program.

Gregg is the current Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce Leadership Fox Cities Program. He is also a Junior Achievement of Wisconsin the Winnebago Region facilitator of the high school level Excellence Through Ethics and Career Success programs.

Gregg received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities Campus with an emphasis in both Management and Economics.

Kevin Tubbs, FCLA Parent

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Kevin Tubbs is the Senior Director of Global Environmental Affairs and Sustainability for Oshkosh Corporation. He is responsible for the development and implementation of environmental and sustainability processes and programs for Oshkosh Corporation's worldwide operations. Prior to his current role, Kevin held senior environmental management positions at Ingersoll Rand Company, Trane Company, and American Standard. Kevin began his career at Exxon Corporation.

Kevin and his wife Michele and their children Jessica and Matthew moved to Wisconsin from New Jersey in 2012. Michele is a substitute teacher in the Xavier Catholic School system, Jessica is a junior at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and Matthew graduated from the Fox Cities Leadership Academy in 2017 and currently attends UW-Stout.

Kevin is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Wisconsin Sustainable Business Council and the Advisory Board for the University of Wisconsin Sustainable Management Masters Degree Program. He is also a member of the St Pius X Parish Finance Committee and Council 607 of the Knights of Columbus. For three years Kevin was the Mayor of Chatham Township, NJ during which time Chatham Township was named the "Best Place to Live in New Jersey".

Kevin holds a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University and MS degrees in Engineering Management and Occupational Safety and Health from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Kevin also holds a certificate from the Wharton School's Executive Development Program.

Elyse Lucas, FCLA Staff

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Art Education: Bachelors Degree - Art and Art History with education certification

Elyse Lucas was very excited to join the FCLA staff in 2015! From 2010-2015, she has taught elementary art in Menasha and at the Trout Museum of Art. She completed student teaching in the Appleton Area School District under Renee Ulman and also taught for The Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley and in Brooklyn, New York. From 2013-2015, Elyse taught art education courses and mentored student teachers at her alma mater, Lawrence University. She graduated from Lawrence in 2010 with a double major in Art and Art History with education certification. Elyse is originally from Woodstock, IL but has lived in Appleton for the past nine years with her boyfriend and dachshund puppy. Her specialty is creating multifaceted projects that connect art with core curricular subjects, art history and literature while continuing to develop strong community partnerships that offer students real-world learning experiences. In her free time, she loves traveling and being an advocate for art happenings in the area.

Kristie Moder, FCLA Staff

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Earth/Physical Science Education: Bachelors Degree - Geology, Minor in Biology; Masters Degree - Educational Leadership

An educator for 18 years, Kristie began her education journey at Lawrence University. Licensed in the areas of broad field science, biology and earth science, Kristie also obtained her masters degree in Educational Leadership from Marian University. Kristie's wealth of experience, knowledge and passion for teaching science has also benefitted our FCLA school community through her involvement as a HOSA advisor (Health Occupations Student Association) and Hope Co- President (Health Occupations Professional Educators). Kristie resides in Shiocton, WI with her husband, 3 children and multiple pets and furry friends.

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Kim earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies (JAMS) with an emphasis in Advertising/Public Relations and a minor in Spanish. In 2013, she started as an intern with Mile of Music, helping to launch the first festival in Appleton. During her time at UWM, Kim also served as the university's social media intern. Upon graduation in 2015, she moved "back home" to Appleton to start work as a social media specialist for Mile of Music and Willems Marketing & Events. Kim also serves on the Appleton Area School District's Career Based Learning Committee, as well as working closely with the Willems Student Marketing Team as the liaison between the students and Willems Marketing & Events.