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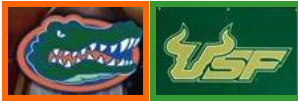
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## Faculty Spotlight

Greetings from the Success Center!

### Mrs. Stacey Mulrenin



Mrs. Stacey Mulrenin was born and raised in Brandon, is a lifelong member of Nativity Catholic Church, and attended Nativity Catholic School from 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, graduating in 1985. She attended the University of Florida and the University of South Florida, earning a Bachelor's degree in Exceptional Student Education and a Master's degree in Reading Education. She formerly served as an ESE teacher and a reading coach in Hillsborough County Schools, as well as taught in the College of Education at USF. She and her husband, Paul, were married by Msgr. Lara at Nativity in 1996 and are the happy parents of two sons, Eion and Nolan, who are in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grades

respectively at Nativity. Coming home to teach at Nativity in 2006 is one of the greatest blessings from God Mrs. Mulrenin has ever received; she is humbled and inspired to be part of such a wonderful administration and faculty, and believes each student she teaches ultimately teaches more to her. She enjoys reading, writing, running, and being outside with her family, participating in her sons' activities or in the backyard. Her favorite Scripture passage is Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart...in all your ways be mindful of Him and He will make straight your paths."

### Mrs. Patti LetoBarone



Mrs. Patti LetoBarone knew from a young age that she wanted to pursue a career in the teaching profession due to the significant impact of her second grade teacher, Mrs. Gibbons. Another source of motivation came from observing the many struggles that two of her siblings experienced during their schooling years due to learning disabilities. She attended the University of Florida, earning her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Special Education with a specialization in Learning Disabilities and Emotional Handicaps. Prior to working at Nativity, she taught both middle and high school students with varying exceptionalities, including those with learning disabilities, emotional handicaps, and Asperger's syndrome. Mrs. LetoBarone and her husband, Sal, have been married for six

years and have been parishioners at Nativity for many years. God has blessed them with two precious gifts: their three year old daughter, Isabella, who is currently enrolled in Nativity's Pre-K3 program, and two year old daughter, Ellesandra. Outside of her profession as a teacher, she enjoys spending time playing with her children and participating in outdoor activities such as maintaining the yard and playing sports, going to the beach, and catching up on much needed sleep. One of her favorite love letters from God comes from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope."



## Success Center News!

Because the goal of all Nativity educators is to ensure that each student has the opportunity to develop to his/her fullest potentiality, our purpose is to provide support for those who need it to reach this goal. We utilize individual as well as small group interventions both in the students' classrooms and in our Success Center classroom, and strive to identify and utilize each student's learning style to assist him or her with better

understanding content and applying it to new material. Along the way, we teach the students we support self-advocacy skills, instill confidence in them and, through our adherence to Gardner's Multiple Intelligence theory, help them recognize and celebrate that they are all "smart" in some way. Through all of our interactions with students, we keep Jesus as our focus and aim to model our ways of teaching by His loving example.