



WATERBURY CAREER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as your new Principal. I am truly honored to become a member of a school community which has already given me a warm welcome! In just the few interactions I've had with staff, students and families, it has become abundantly clear that Waterbury Career Academy is a unique and special place.

Professionally, I have twenty years of experience in the field of STEM education in the Waterbury Public Schools. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Connecticut, Masters' of Science in Secondary Education and earned a Professional Certificate in Administration from Sacred Heart University.

I am honored to have been selected to lead this impressive school community. Dr. Padua has done an amazing job of laying the foundation and bringing the vision of WCA to life. Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success of WCA by building strong relationships with students, parents and community partners. My goal is to ensure that every student has equal opportunities and access to experiential learning opportunities, strives for academic excellence and is college and career ready upon graduation.

We are quickly approaching the start of the new school year on **Tuesday, September 8th**. In preparation for this unprecedented re-opening, the WCA administrative team will host two **Virtual Coffee Hour** sessions on Friday, September 4th from noon – 1:00p.m. and again from 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. The viewing will be on the **Waterbury Career Academy YouTube Channel**.

During these **Virtual Coffee Hour** sessions, we will share our building COVID safety and health protocols, arrival and dismissal procedures, student's daily schedule, breakfast and lunch, and classroom expectations in the virtual learning environment.

I look forward to working together with you to ensure we have a successful year at Waterbury Career Academy High School. Please know my door is always open. I can be reached by email at jgopie@waterbury.k12.ct.us or by phone at (203) 574-6000.

With Spartan **HONOR**,

Jade L. Gopie

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