Here Comes Cohort 12!

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After being the PC mom to eight cohorts spanning Cohorts 5-12, Mrs. Sandra has decided to retire and enjoy family time with Mr. John, her sons, and grands. Her smile and ability to organize everything will be greatly missed.

PC 12 GOES VIRTUAL

For the first time in twelve years, new PC cohort members didn’t come together at Oxford for their first summer classes. Zoom and Google Meet were the norms for these new twelve participants.

GOODBYE, MRS. SANDRA

Betsy Copeland - Gifted Teacher for Oak Grove Central Elementary
Jennifer Foster - Interventionist for the Oxford School District
Johnna Henley - Interventionist for Richland Upper Elementary
Regina Humble - Lead Teacher for Galena Elementary School
Cindy Morris - Math Teacher for Richland High School
Gina Pace - Assistant Principal for Woolmarket Elementary School
Summer Rigney - Assistant Principal at Cardozo Middle School
Michelle Stinson - Assistant Principal for Salem Attendance Center
Mary Alex Thigpen - Assistant Principal for Casey Elementary School

NEW ROLES FOR PC XI

Brittaney Boyd - MTSS Coordinator for the Greenwood Leflore School District.

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Brad Blake, Cohort 7, will be the new principal of Magee High School in Simpson County.
Cohort 6’s Carol Davis Smith has been named the Academic Director of Elementary Education for the DeSoto County School District.

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Dr. Davis’s PC XI Class Gets Zoombombed!
When Gina Pace decided she wanted to make PC XI’s last session in Dr. Doug Davis’s class memorable for her cohort, she reached out to Educator Extraordinaire, Ron Clark, and the two hatched a plan for Mr. Clark to make a surprise guest appearance at the class’s last Zoom session. Things went awry when Dr. Davis proposed extending the morning session and then using the afternoon classtime for extra study time instead of meeting. Pace knew this would mean no surprise visit with Clark so, much to her cohort’s consternation, she said the change wouldn’t work for her. Various cohort members had excuses about not meeting, but Pace persisted and even insisted on a group picture. When the Zoom link was late being sent, Gina feared the visit was not going to happen so Pace turned off her camera to stall for time. As she looked back at her screen, she saw the gaping mouths of her fellow classmates, and heard one say, “I think someone is Zoombombing us!” Clark greeted Dr. Davis and then for thirty minutes shared words of encouragement and allowed the group to ask questions. He talked about his experience as both a teacher and a school leader and shared techniques used at Ron Clark Academy to build a positive school culture. PC XI all agreed that Pace’s surprise was the BEST way to end their year.

Chris Chism, Cohort 2, was named as a 2020 Practitioner of Distinction by the University of Mississippi School of Education. As one of four alumni to receive the award, Chism was recognized for his record of excellence and commitment to education and for making positive impacts on the profession.

Misty Spencer, Cohort 5, is Biloxi School District’s Director of Secondary Education and District Test Coordinator.
Marcus Stewart, Cohort 6, is the new principal at Richland High School in Rankin County.
Mason Elementary’s (Laurel) new assistant principal is Kristin Walters, Cohort 10.
Oak Forest Elementary (JPS) welcomes Lisa Hadden, Cohort 10, as its principal.
Heather Rowland, Cohort 8, is the District Gifted Coordinator for the Columbus Municipal School District.
Eva Gordon Upper Elementary in South Pike has tapped Chander Jenkins, Cohort 10, to be its assistant principal.
Dave Miller, Cohort 4, is the Director of the Community Engagement Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy.
MDE’s new Director of Accountability Services is Cody Shumaker, Cohort 3.
Monica Meredith, Cohort 9, is Senatobia Elementary School’s MTSS Supervisor/School Testing Coordinator.
T. R. Sanders Elementary School’s (Hollandale) principal is Sam Williams, Cohort 2.
Emily Schuler, Cohort 4, is the High Ability Director for MSD Washington Township in Indianapolis.
Cytha Guynes, Cohort 4, Wilson Middle School in Carlisle, PA, is a doctoral student at Millersville and Shippensburg University.
Lisa Attkinson, Cohort 4, former principal at Pelahatchie Elementary School has retired.
Arias Melvin, Cohort 8, will be a math teacher at Florence Middle School in Rankin County.
Jamie Parker, Cohort 8, is an instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi.
Franklin County Upper Elementary’s new principal is Sandra Oliver, Cohort 9.