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Unity High School names new teachers

Religion and science instructors will be part of core faculty

Unity High School is pleased to announce two additions to its faculty: Sarah Spangenberg and Simon Lemaire.

Spangenberg will teach religion. During the school's inaugural year of 2019-20, religion classes will focus on scripture and Theology of the Body. Spangenberg is Communications Associate and Outreach Coordinator for the Minnesota Catholic Conference. She also is a Graduate Student Assistant to Dr. Christopher Thompson, the co-director of the Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law, and Public Policy, in St. Paul, Minn. For two years, she was a Mission Leader for Saint Paul's Outreach on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus.

Spangenberg is completing an M.A. in Theology from the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, and a B.S. Degree in Business Economics and a B.A. Degree in Catholic Studies from the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul.

"It is through the integration of faith and reason, theology and social engagement, scientific inquiry and reverence before mystery, that young men and women can learn to energetically pursue, with the strength of all their faculties, a life of love for God and neighbor," Spangenberg commented. "That is what excites me about Unity High School."

Lemaire has been hired as science teacher and as assistant theater instructor. Science during the 2019-20 academic year is scheduled to cover Astronomy in the Fall and Earth Science in the Spring. Lemaire will assist Jeremy Stanbary, who is leading Unity High School's theater instruction.

Lemaire has a B.A. Degree in Drama with a concentration in Business and Drama from the University of Dallas, Irving, Texas. For four years, he served the Great Alaska Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Anchorage, two of which he was program director of the Camp Gorsuch & Denali High Adventure Scout Base. He was also a Master Educator for the Leave No Trace organization in Anchorage. Lemaire also has extensive experience in college theatrical productions and media.

"Unity High School especially appeals to me because it was the high school my family needed," Lemaire commented. "Growing up in the south metro, my parents had to take on massive commutes to get me to Catholic High School. I look forward to being part of bringing this reality to the south metro community."

Principal Mike Smalley commented: "Sarah and Simon are outstanding additions to the Unity High School faculty. Not only are they experts in their teaching fields, they are eager to share the faith through practical witness that we expect to impact the students as much as anything presented through the curriculum."

Unity High School is set to open this fall with ninth grade. Grades will be added each year thereafter until a complete 9th-grade through 12th-grade program is in place. The school features a liberal arts curriculum, emphasis on leadership education and practical life skills through a special "Real World Wednesday" curriculum, modest tuition, and strong Catholic identity including Mass three days per week. Enrollment is currently open. The school will be located at Mary, Mother of the Church parish in Burnsville, Minn. Please visit www.UnityHighSchoolMN.com for more information.

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