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Principal of Traip Academy

I am extremely pleased to be entering my third year as the Principal of Traip Academy. I have come to learn that the students are tremendously supportive of each other; the faculty and staff have a great rapport with each other and with students, and the wider community is proud of the educational program of Traip Academy. I could not be more honored to be going into my second year as Principal.

Sadly, I am from away and will never be a Mainer. I grew up in New Hampshire. Though I studied history in College, I also played a lot of guitar, leading to a love of playing James Taylor. Yes, that is he and me. I am the awkward one.

I began my teaching career in Summit, New Jersey teaching Social Studies. Not two years later I moved to Maine. I taught at Falmouth High School for seven years before taking a position at Boston University as the Director of the National Center for America's Founding Documents. Every June and September I went into a depression and finally realized I missed schools. Since then I have been an Assistant Principal at South Portland High School, teacher and then Principal at Gorham High School, and lastly served as Head of the Upper School and Assistant Head of School at North Yarmouth Academy.



My wife, Cindy, and I have raised two wonderful daughters one lives close by, and our eldest lives in Maryland with her husband and two children. My youngest daughter got the family hooked on Broadway musicals. My eldest daughter got the family hooked on "Friends". As a result, too often our conversations are punctuated by lines from songs or punch lines from Friends.

We now fully enjoy the company of our two grandchildren as much as we can, including "Counter Chronicles" when we Facetime them often over breakfast at our respective counters. Kellan and Annalise are 2 and soon to be 5. We couldn't be more proud.