

New Admissions Advocate Position for Chelsea, Everett, East Boston, and Revere

Five Catholic schools, with the support of the Catholic School Foundation and the Catholic Schools Office, are excited to announce a newly position designed to increase enrollment and awareness of Catholic education in Chelsea, Everett, East Boston, and Revere. The Admissions Advocate position will serve Saint Rose School in Chelsea, Immaculate Conception School in Revere, East Boston Central Catholic School, Saint Anthony School in Everett and Pope John XXIII High School in Everett. This collaboration among schools represents an exciting new initiative and form of marketing and recruitment.

Megan Adzima has been hired for the new position. Megan has worked in the education field for the past five years as a high school teacher in Jacksonville, Florida and most recently in Santiago, Chile. She received her Master's of Education degree through the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education program and earned her undergraduate degree in English and Spanish from Villanova University. Her academic, educational, and spiritual background fit perfectly into the new role.

Megan will strive to increase awareness of Catholic schools in the communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and East Boston, and subsequently increase enrollment in those schools. Additionally, she will serve as a resource person for Catholic schools and will support current and future families who enroll their children in Catholic schools, focusing specifically on Hispanic and immigrant families.

This position is made possible through a grant from the Catholic Schools Foundation, which through its Hispanic Recruitment Initiative, recognizes the importance of reaching out to Hispanic families in the Boston community in order to strengthen Catholic schools, help them grow, and allow students to succeed. The goals of the Hispanic Recruitment Initiative reflect the mission of the Catholic Schools Office, which strives to find "new approaches to organize, fund, and manage Catholic education" and to "work with school leaders to implement new and viable models for Catholic education."

Hispanics currently make up 35% of the Catholic population in the United States but only four percent of Catholic school students are of Hispanic descent. This room for increased Hispanic enrollment, matched with the fact that Catholic schools serve Hispanic students well and help closes the achievement gap among minority students, will lead to success for both students and Catholic schools. (The Notre Dame Task Force on the Participation of Latino Children and Families in Catholic Schools, 2009).

If you have any questions concerning the new position or are interested in Catholic education in Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, and Revere, contact Megan at megan.adzima@gmail.com or 203-273-4189.