



# Salk Spirit Rise & Shine Empathy



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## SALK LOVES YOU



After many years of devoted service, these teachers have made a lasting impact on Salk through both the lessons they taught and the compassion they showed every day. Throughout their careers, they listened with patience and understood without judgment. They supported students both academically and emotionally.



**Mrs. Anderson**

Whether offering quiet encouragement during difficult moments or celebrating small victories, they helped Salk students feel seen and valued.



**Mr. Insana**

Their compassion shaped confidence, fostered resilience, and reminded students that kindness is just as powerful as knowledge.



**Ms. Attias**

As they retire, their legacy lives on in all of us at Salk. We will miss each and every one of you.



**Ms. Cervoni**



**Mrs. Tobin**



**Ms. Morrow**



**Mr. Lassen**



**Mrs. Pacilio**



**Ms. Welsch**



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## Interview with Mrs. Anderson



When you were little what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a teacher and I also wanted to be a writer for television shows.



Who inspired you to be a teacher?

My mom was a first grade teacher so I wanted to be like her.

What do you like about being a Teacher?

I loved being a school librarian for the past 31 years. It is fun to help students discover their favorite books. I loved collaborating with teachers and classes on their research projects.



Where did you go to college?

I earned a BA in English Literature at Hofstra University and a Masters Degree in Library Science with School Library Media Certification K-12 from Southern Connecticut State University.



What is your favorite subject?

I love English since I love books.



Who was your favorite Teacher?

My favorite high school teacher was Mrs. Burnett, my chorus teacher. In college, my favorite teacher was Dr. Leslie Feldman, my political science professor at Hofstra.



If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?

I would be a college advisor. I love talking about college and choosing courses.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to read, go to Disney World, and spend time with my husband and 2 adult children and dog.



What do you plan on doing in your retirement?

I am moving to Florida with my family. I would like to start an alumni chapter of my sorority.



What was your favorite Salk memory?

I enjoyed organizing and running Harry Potter Night activities.



What will you miss the most at Salk?

I will miss working with students and seeing their excitement for books. I will miss seeing my teacher-friends every day at work.



# MRS. ANDERSON SALK WILL MISS YOU



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## Interview with Mrs. Attias



When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was a kid I really wanted to be a veterinarian or a doctor of some sort.



Who inspired you to be a teacher?

My grandfather taught auto mechanics for 35 years and was my primary inspiration but my grandmothers also pushed me along in that direction.

What do you like about being a Teacher?

I love being around kids-always so much fun and energy.

Where did you go to college?

I went locally to Hofstra University.



What is your favorite subject?

My favorite subject is Social Studies and if I didn't teach art, I'd probably teach that!



Who was your favorite Teacher?

My favorite teacher was my Chinese language professor in college. He taught us so much about the writing of the Chinese language and about Chinese culture. He even cooked Chinese food for us once!



If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?

I think a nurse-so much flexibility and I could still work with kids.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I travel. I love road trips and going away places. I also love to hike!



What will you miss most about Salk?

I will miss seeing how creative my students ideas are and the fun energy during my day.

What are your plans for your retirement?

I plan to move to Europe and see some more countries! So far, I've been to 116 countries but there's still plenty more to see!



# MS. ATTIAS

# SALK WILL MISS YOU



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## Interview with Mr. Insana

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A professional baseball player.



Who inspired you to be a teacher?

My 7th grade Health teacher, Mr. Fairhead.

What do you like about being a Teacher?

I love seeing and talking to my students every day.



Where did you go to college?

I went to SUNY Stonybrook, SUNY Albany, and Dowling.

What is your favorite subject?

My favorite subject happens to be the best subject: Social Studies.



Who was your favorite Teacher?

Mr. Walden, my guitar teacher at MacArthur High School.



If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?

A musician.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love spending time with my family, watching my kids play sports, and playing guitar.



What is your favorite memory at Salk?

Meeting Mrs. Insana.



What will you miss most about Salk?

The daily conversations with so many great people.



What are your plans for your retirement?

Spend even more time with my family, play guitar every day, and take our dog, Isla, on long walks.



# MR. INSANA



# SALK WILL MISS YOU



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## Interview with Mr. Lassen

Coach



When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?  
Be a teacher.



Who inspired you to be a teacher?

Both of my parents were teachers. My Dad was a Health and Science teacher and my Mom was a Special Education teacher.



What do you like about being a Teacher?



I enjoy teaching kids new things and how to stay healthy. I also love to coach. I have coached Cross Country, Wrestling, and Baseball at Salk.



Where did you go to college?  
Central Connecticut College.



What is your favorite subject?  
Social Studies.

Who was your favorite Teacher?

My high school wrestling coach. He is still teaching today and I learned so much from him.



If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?  
A police officer



What do you like to do in your spare time?  
Biking, golfing, boating and going to the beach

What will you miss most about Salk?  
My colleagues.

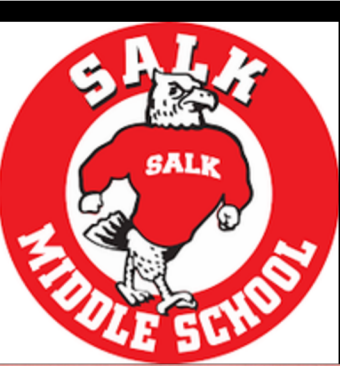


What are your plans for your retirement?

I plan on traveling more and spending a lot of time at the lake



# MR. LASSEN SALK WILL MISS YOU



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## Interview with Mrs Pacilio

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?



When I was little, I wanted to be a maternity nurse in a hospital and take care of newborn babies. As I got older though, my dislike of blood and needles changed my mind.

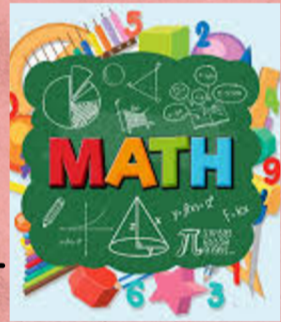
What do you like about being a Teacher Assistant?

As a Teacher Assistant, I like seeing my students learn new things, whether we're in the classroom or on a field trip. I also like to see how my students mature over the years.

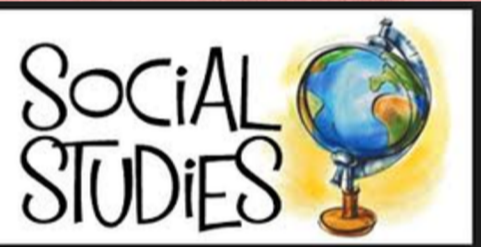


What is your favorite subject?

My favorite subject as a student and as a Teacher Assistant has always been Math. Over the years, 8th grade Social Studies has also been a favorite of mine.



Who was your favorite teacher?



Two of my favorite teachers were Mrs. Biazzo and Mr. Benedict. Mrs. Biazzo was one of my 4th grade teachers and Mr. Benedict was my 8th grade Science teacher. They were great teachers and very kind people.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?

I always thought about being a costume designer for movies and Broadway shows.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I enjoy doing "projects;" this can mean sewing, decorating and gardening. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

What is your favorite memory at Salk?

I have so many favorite memories here at Salk. Among my top favorites are going on field trips to Washington D.C. and the Tenement Museum in New York City.



What will you miss most about Salk?

I will miss my "Salk family." I have made so many wonderful friendships here. I have been fortunate enough to be invited to many teachers' weddings and have seen their children grow up.



What are your plans for your retirement?

I definitely plan on throwing out my alarm clock! I hope to travel with my husband to someplace warm and sunny. I may even write a book about my years here at Salk!

# MRS. PACILIO

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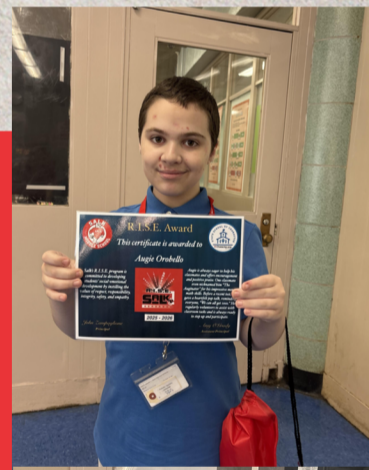
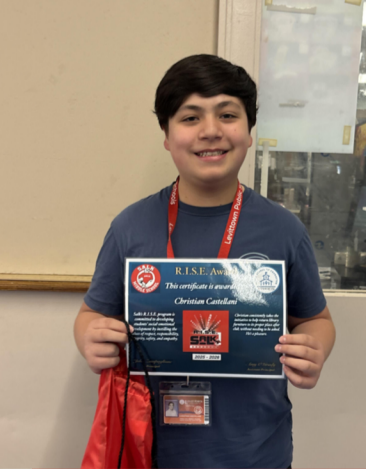
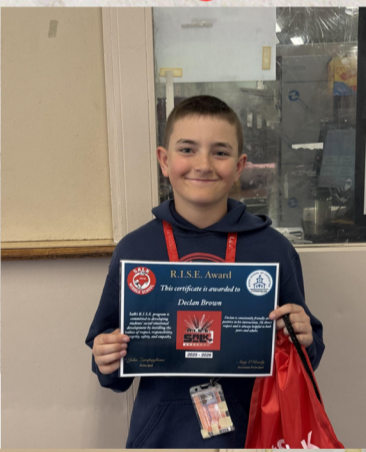
# RISE BREAKFAST



# STUDENT RISE AWARDS

Student Rise Awards are given out to student who exemplify the RISE characteristics

# STUDENT RISE AWARDS



**Spiro Frangatos**  
**Max Sodano**  
**Braden Milkins**  
**Hunter Kaplan**  
**Isabella Chlebek**  
**Cooper Badalucco**  
**Dominic Bregartner**  
**Patrick Burke**  
**Andrew Eli Tinucci**  
**Colin McWilliams**  
**Easton Klosner**  
**Katherine Wu**  
**Tahlia Razzo**

**Emma Cantwell**  
**Agostino (Augie) Orobello**  
**Christian Castellani**  
**Declan Brown**  
**Mia Many**  
**Alissa Montana**  
**Seraphina Mugno**  
**Adelyn Psipsikas**  
**Matthew Alvarenga**  
**Alexis Edmonds**  
**Justin Engel**  
**Mackenzie Girgis**  
**Julia McGuire**

## RISE VIDEO

