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Lorenzo M. Jones named interim principal at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

Lorenzo M. Jones has been named interim principal of Villa Angela-St. Joseph (VASJ) High School in Cleveland. The naming of Jones as interim principal was announced by Frank O’Linn, Ed.D. secretary for education and superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, which owns and operates VASJ High School.

Jones has been in education leadership for many years, serving in a variety of roles including principal at Holy Name Elementary School in Cleveland, lead teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School in Cleveland, developer and manager of the Chance for Change program, and as associate teacher/counselor at the Positive Education Program in Northeast Ohio.

“I am passionately committed to the challenges of Catholic urban education and have cherished my twenty-five plus years working with teachers, parents, students, and communities” said Jones. “It is a privilege to be chosen to serve as interim principal for the 2021-2022 school year, and I look forward to making academic success a realization for every student at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.”

“Over the years, Mr. Jones has proven himself to be an exceptional educator and steadfast leader who has engaged in a broad range of important roles helping students grow and prepare for their life’s journey,” said Dr. O’Linn. “I know Mr. Jones will use his vast experience and exceptional skills to ensure the future academic growth and great success of every student at VASJ.”

Jones is a graduate of Cleveland State University, earning his Master of Education degree in 2001. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University in 1997.

A member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Jones played professional basketball in the International Basketball Association from 1991-1993.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive college-preparatory school rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions and committed to the spiritual, academic and personal growth of each student.