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### Lorenzo M. Jones named principal of VASJ

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** – Lorenzo M. Jones has been named principal of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

"We are excited to elevate Mr. Jones to the role of principal at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, where he has been serving capably as interim principal, setting a tone and building strong relationships in the community," said Frank O'Linn, secretary for education and superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Cleveland. "Lorenzo will continue building the leadership team at VASJ in order to foster the community's vibrant, welcoming Catholic culture and continue to set a high bar for academic excellence."

Jones, who was appointed interim principal of VASJ for the 2021-22 academic year, has served in a variety of leadership roles within education over the course of his career, 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 an associate teacher/counselor at the Positive Education Program in Northeast Ohio.

"It's an honor to serve as principal of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School," Jones said. "With more than 25 years' worth of experience working with teachers, parents and students, I understand the challenges surrounding Catholic urban education. At VASJ, our goal is to continue to make academic success a realization for each and every student."

Jones said his priority as principal is to ensure VASJ stays competitive academically.

"As the only school in the world that's co-sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters and Marianist Brothers, a VASJ education is uniquely different. I want VASJ to be an academic portal to the future of our students," he said.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State University in 1997. He went on to receive a master of education degree from Cleveland State University in 2001. He also completed educational administration courses at Ursuline College.

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.



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