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Regina Dominican welcomes four new teachers

Four new faces will grace Regina Dominican's classrooms this year as the school welcomes four new faculty members.

Kim Corrigan, the new Spanish teacher, is actually a familiar face to some students after she spent much of the second semester of the 2004-2005 year substituting for Mrs. Julia Gomez, on maternity leave. She saw this time as a "great experience and a wonderful opportunity to get involved with the school."

Ms. Corrigan comes to Regina after teaching Spanish at Deer Path Middle School in Lake Forest. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in education and Spanish, with a minor in marketing, at the University of Dayton. Her parents live in Toledo, while her brother, his wife, and their baby live in Chicago.

Ms. Corrigan hopes to "help my students understand and appreciate Spanish and share with them many of my Spanish travel experiences" – and to have fun in the process.

Physics teacher **Kim Fermoye** comes to Regina with 12 years of experience as an engineer in Illinois, Indiana, and New York. She received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1992 and her Master's in Environmental Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology-Chicago in 2003.

In preparation for her teaching career, Mrs. Fermoye received her Secondary Education Certification through Benedictine University in June, 2005 and did her teaching internship last year at Downers Grove North. She lives in Darien with Glenn, her husband of two years.

Her goal is to "inspire and encourage young women to consider careers in science and technology fields," where women are "still sorely under-represented."

Regina Dominican's new physical education teacher is **Mary McCormack**, the Physical Education Department head at The Willows Academy from 2003 to 2005. Mrs. McCormack has also been involved in continuing education/adult education in High School District 211. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from DePaul University in 1975.

Mrs. McCormack and her husband Tom, also a teacher, have been married for 29 years. Their children are Patrick, a teacher; Maureen, a sophomore in college; and Matt and Kerry, a high school senior and freshman respectively.

Her hopes are to "continue to develop and expand the Physical Education Department and curriculum."

Karen Scotese brings a wealth of education and experience to her new position as science teacher at Regina Dominican. She studied Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois-Chicago, earning her Bachelor of Science in 1971 and her Master's in 1975. Through the years, she has continued her graduate studies in education and chemical education.

Ms. Scotese began her teaching career as a graduate student, serving as Teaching and Research Assistant in genetics and human anatomy. From 1974 to 1983, she served at Aquinas High School in Chicago as biology teacher, chemistry

teacher and, finally, as Science Department Head. Ms. Scotese was also the business manager of Geoimages in Austin, Texas (1983-87); a docent at Bellaire Nature Center in Bellaire, Texas (1988-90); and a teaching volunteer at Paul Horn Academy in Houston (1989-90).

The years 1991 to 1994 found her at Pope Elementary School in Arlington, Texas, first as a science teacher and coordinator and then as a special education classroom instructor. Most recently, she was a chemistry and physical science teacher at Providence-St. Mel School in Chicago (1994-2004) and last year taught chemistry at Guerin College Preparatory High School in River Grove.

Among her family, Ms. Scotese includes her two sons, both students at the University of Illinois-Chicago, and her two cats.