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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Lesa Scalise

Transition Program Instructor

As a child, Lesa Scalise lived in the country and developed a love for boating, camping, kayaking, and all things outdoors. She was an avid dancer and had the opportunity to perform for the Special Olympics. According to Lesa, “It was the best audience I ever performed for.” Lesa began working as a volunteer with the Special Olympics and says the experience defined her career path.

A native of Washington, PA (30 miles south of Pittsburgh), Lesa moved to Erie after graduating from high school to attend what was then Mercyhurst College. She earned her undergraduate degree in Special Education and Elementary Education and also earned a minor in Political Science. Lesa earned a Masters Degree in Special Education from Edinboro University of PA, has a Cooperative Education Certificate from Indiana University of PA, and has completed all Supervisor of Special Education requirements.

Lesa began her professional career teaching Life Skills Support in the City of Erie School District. In 2009, she accepted the position of Transition Program Instructor at ECTS. She is passionate about the program and her students and supports the concept of transition work placement, community-based vocational training, job shadowing, and mentorships.

Lesa is a gifted professional and is well-regarded by the staff at ECTS. She and her husband, Andrew, also a special education teacher live in Greenfield Township with their children, Alexis (15), Brianna (13), and A.J. (9).

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