

Veronica McCue, Ed.D.

Dr. Veronica McCue joins us from New York, where her career in exception student education began as an undergraduate at Marymount Manhattan College. There she earned dual degrees in Special Education and Child Psychology. After graduation she joined a private school, where she created and implemented a curriculum for dually diagnosed adolescents.

Dr. McCue left the private school to become a teacher/coordinator at a large public high school in New York City, where she led one of the first inclusionary classes of students with varying learning needs. During this time she received her Master's in School Leadership from the prestigious C.W. Post College of Education in Long Island.

After a brief hiatus to raise her children, McCue took on roles as director of a vocational program for learning disabled students and then as assistant principal of a private school that served dually diagnosed students. There McCue designed student modules that combined functional, academic and vocational skills based on each individual's abilities.

Dr. McCue next served for 11 years as principal of a special needs school, where she designed and implemented new curricula that led to the school becoming one of the first private Regents' certified special education high schools in New York. She spent the past five years at a highly regarded special needs middle and high school, where she implemented a school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention model and designed innovative programs for learning-disabled students. She facilitated college placement for the senior class, initiated a transition program for the high school students, and integrated the six pillars of character development throughout the curriculum.

During this period Dr. McCue received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from NOVA Southeastern University and became certified by the Asperger Center for Education and Training.

Dr. McCue's contributions extend beyond the school's walls. She has lectured on differentiated instruction, transition, and why it is okay for students to learn differently. She has published articles on special education, including *The Importance of Providing Positive Behavior Support at School and at Home*, *Effective Teachers and Teaching - What Principals Need to Know to Impact Student Achievement*, and *Transition Planning from High School to College*.

Dr. McCue's expertise is certain to help New Horizon Academy, our staff, and our students rise to new heights. We are grateful to have her as part of our family.