



FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

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JTF Message from Art Hall

After 17 years of service to FCS, Steve Patterson has decided to pursue different academic horizons. "When FCS offered me a position for the 2000-2001 school year, I had a simultaneous offer from a private school in Ft. Lauderdale; however, I chose FCS. I was deeply impressed by the collegiality among faculty; by the considerable time taken to talk about students as individuals; and by a dedication to ethics and values." During his time at FCS, Steve has taught seminars on film, clerked the Upper School diversity committee, and been the lead advisor for *Focus*, the Upper School newsmagazine. Steve will be missed, and we wish him well as he looks to become an adjunct professor for a local area university.

After two short, but extraordinary, years at FCS, Jenni Punt will be moving on to accept a position at the University of Pennsylvania. Jenni will take on the position of Director of One Health Research Education and clinical Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at Penn's Vet School next year. Teaching biology is Jenni's passion, and she noted, "I made the decision to leave FCS with mixed feelings of regret, sadness, and excitement." In addition to her outstanding abilities in the classroom, we will deeply miss Jenni's persona at FCS.

Danielle David has accepted a position to teach Spanish at Flint School in Washington, D.C. During her three years at FCS, Danielle taught, coached, and accompanied students on our Peru and Spanish exchange trips. Danielle's leadership in and out of the classroom will be greatly missed. Danielle stated, "The opportunity at Flint School is exciting, but FCS will always be in my heart." We wish Danielle all the best as she continues her journey in independent schools.

Monty Ogden has accepted a new position at Monte Verde Friends School in Costa Rica. In just two years, Monty has become a beloved and respected member of the community. Students, faculty, and staff alike have flocked to him as a source of inspiration, wisdom, and emotional support. His presence has been a gift to us, and we'll miss him in more ways than we can count. Monty will not be traveling to Costa Rica alone, though. Newly engaged, his fiancée, Chrissy, has also accepted a position at Monte Verde Friends, and they will be embarking on this adventure together.