



Meet Your The North Coast College Mentors





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REDEFINING
EDUCATION



Edward J. Sajovic

Industry: Visual/Display Presentation & Merchandising

Subjects Taught: Visual 1 & 2, Visual and Fashion Merchandising

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Brief Education/Work History

Education:

The Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC

Degree Type: AA, Visual Display and Exhibition Design

The Laboratory Institute of Merchandising

Degree Type: BA, Marketing and Visual Merchandising Design

Work History: 12 years as Creative Director, Interior Designer, and Visual Merchandising Executive with an accomplished career in original design, sourcing, development, and flawless installations for corporate retailers and international brands.

Extracurricular Interests

Fashion, Interior Design & Decorating, Drag, Musical Theater

What are you passionate about in your industry?

Inspiring and wowing customers, creating amazing visual presentations and displays, fabulous fashion, and creating with students.

Most important life lessons learned.

If you always do, what you always did...you will always get, what you got...

Never stop trying, and never try stopping.

Always go the extra mile, be original, and be yourself.

Topics you are open to discussing with students

Fashion, Visual Merchandising and Display, NYC lifestyle, DRAG, LGBT lifestyle and community, Developing a new business or idea!



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Vikki Gamier

Industry: Human Resources

Subjects Taught: Career Development

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Brief Education/Work History

Education: I am a 1996 graduate of Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a major in Human Resource Management.

Work History: I've been a part of VMCAD's adjunct faculty since Winter 2016.

I have been employed with Meister Media Worldwide in Willoughby Ohio since 2001. My current role is Human Resources Benefits Manager. I manage the day to day activities of the HR Department including insured and pre-tax employee benefits, retirement plans, payroll, paid time off program, performance development, employment law compliance, budgeting, recruiting and retention as well as employee relations. I also chair the Training and Development Committee.

Extracurricular Interests

Music, Karaoke, Trivia, TV & Movies.

What are you passionate about in your industry?

Providing my employees and students the skills necessary to be successful in their career.

Most important life lessons learned.

Hope is not a strategy, you need to work hard, be organized, and manage your time and money.

Topics you are open to discussing with students

All things Career Development!



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Richard Sayles

Industry: General Education/Graphic Design

Subjects Taught: Drawing 1 & 2, Art History (Prehistoric Period thru Medieval Art), Art History III (1950's to Now), Typography 1 & 2, Concept Development, The Creative Class, Color Theory, Art Fundamentals, Traditional Illustration & Digital Illustration, Graphic Design 1, 2 & 3, Basic Design and Layout, Animation, Illustration, Storyboarding, Adobe Photoshop 1 & 2, Adobe Illustrator 1 & 2, Adobe Flash 1 & 2, Adobe InDesign, Corporate Identity, Portfolio Prep, Brand Identity Design, Personal Brand, and Principles of Design

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Brief Education/Work History

Education: AA - Art Institute of Pittsburgh
BA - Norte Dame College
MA - Boston University

Work History: Prof. Sayles is a graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh with a degree in Animation/Multimedia. After working for 6 years in advertising as a graphic designer and cartoonist he decided to go back to school to get his Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from Norte Dame College. He then began teaching at Virginia Marti College (2003) while continuing to do freelance artwork around the area. Prof. Sayles has a passion for teaching and also holds a Master's Degree in Art Education from Boston University. Prior to VMCAD, Prof. Sayles worked as a Designer for Manheim Advertising in Cleveland, responsible for creating cartoons and layout design for clients that included WKYC, Cleveland Indians, DIY Home Warehouse, East Coast Custard and the NCAA. Prof. Sayles continues to do freelance artwork designing scoreboards and animations for schools around the country.

Extracurricular Interests

Sports, Art and Family

What are you passionate about in your industry?

Helping students understand that they can achieve their dreams, but it is up to them to believe in themselves and to put in the work.

Most important life lessons learned.

An expert at anything was once a beginner. You must dream big and then it is up to you to make it happen.

Topics you are open to discussing with students

Anything graphic design related, career, sports and family



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Mia Spanu

Industry: Education

Subjects Taught: Emotional Intelligence, Organizational Behavior Management, Social Science I and II

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Brief Education/Work History

Education: Ph.D. in Sociology
Educational Specialist

Work History: 19 years of teaching in U.S.A. and Europe

Extracurricular Interests

Reading, cooking, traveling, music

What are you passionate about in your industry?

Inspiring our students to reach their full potential.

Most important life lessons learned.

Perseverance, hard work, optimism

Topics you are open to discussing with students

Professional development and career, fashion trends, etc.



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<h1>Janet Simonovich</h1>	
<p>Industry: Graphic Design, Verbal Communications, Curriculum Development, Sustainable Urban Design</p> <p>Subjects Taught: Anything to do with writing (fashion writing, writing for the web, career/professional writing...) and anything to do with visual design</p> <p>E-mail: janet.simonovich@thencc.edu</p>	
<p>Brief Education/Work History</p>	<p>Education: Cleveland State University, NCC</p> <p>Work History: 15+ years as a Physician's Assistant in surgery, 15+ years as an educator, Graphic Designer 10+ years</p>
<p>Extracurricular Interests</p>	<p>traveling, conversations with diverse populations, reading, designing, anything to do with water, animal welfare advocacy, anything vintage (people, cars, architecture, clothes, music), attending concerts, advocating for the less fortunate, anything mid century modern</p>
<p>What are you passionate about in your industry?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovering ways to use your career to make a difference • Using design language to raise your credibility as a professional • Finding inspiration in the least likely places • Discovering ways you can stand out when everyone else is just standing
<p>Most important life lessons learned.</p>	<p>Character is what you do when you think no one else is looking.</p>
<p>Topics you are open to discussing with students</p>	<p>Anything design related (graphic, interior, fashion), moral/ethical challenges in any field of design and life for that matter, change of career challenges, life/work/school balance, organization tips, time management challenges</p>



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Dr. O.L. Vatamanu

Industry: Business Development

Subjects Taught: Business, Economics, Math Courses

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Brief Education/Work History

Education: MBA, PhD

Work History: 25 years as a business mind in US and Europe

Extracurricular Interests

Painting & graphics, Technology & AI, Community Service

What are you passionate about in your industry?

Creativity and Advanced Tech

Most important life lessons learned.

Never give up or in Latin "Labor Omnia Vincit Improbis"

Topics you are open to discussing with students

Anything business, career, or start-up business



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Leslie Taylor

Industry: Business, Human Resources

Subjects Taught: Consumer Behavior, English Writing, Entrepreneurial Business Plan, Entrepreneurial Finance, Financial Accounting, Managing Growth and Failures, Principles of Marketing, Strategic Management and Statistics for Managers in teaching formats that include face-to-face, blended and online.

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Brief Education/Work History

Education: The North Coast College

Work History: 26 years in Insurance and law ranging from a compliance specialist to paralegal. I own and operate a consulting business offering services that range from business start-up to grant and proposal writing.

Extracurricular Interests

Weight training, yoga and swimming.

What are you passionate about in your industry?

Teaching with the convergence of business to life, as it is applicable universally.

Most important life lessons learned.

Don't look to others to make YOUR dreams come true. Ask questions, educate yourself, and build relationships.

Topics you are open to discussing with students

Anything that applies to learning or bettering you. Business, writing, self-help, organization, time management, work-life balance...the list goes on.