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Hello Cortlandt Community,

Thank you for your warm welcome! I am excited to be joining the Cortlandt Family as the new Youth Center Director.

I have a degree in Recreation Management from the State University of New York College at Cortland. Upon graduation I was hired by the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation where I have worked the past eight years as both a Recreation Leader and Park Superintendent. During my time there I worked in all three divisions and in a majority of the parks. I have run large scale special events, created and implemented programs for toddlers through seniors, was the coordinator for a youth volunteer program and oversaw the daily operations and maintenance of multiple facilities including the pools and beaches.

During my pre-teen and teenage years I volunteered at Muscoot Farm, where I helped to create a youth volunteer program which is still running strong today. During my time at Muscoot I developed many life skills including: public speaking, communication, leadership and teamwork, but most importantly I found my passion for recreation. It was this experience which helped to mold me into the professional I am today. I personally understand the significance a program and positive adult role model can have on a youth's life.

My vision, in collaboration with the Youth Center Team, Recreation Department and Cortlandt Community, is to create and foster a positive experience for all of our youth through a variety of recreational and educational programs and activities. I am eager to meet and get to know each of them individually and help them to explore their life's passions!

I look forward to learning more about the community, the center and our youth in the upcoming weeks. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Sclafani