

EMCEES



Eric Murray

Regional Director, Compass Group

Eric Murray has 30 years experience in the Food Services Industry. He is Regional Director at the Compass Group, Allentown PA, a world leading food service company that serves meals to millions of people in more than 40 countries. From 2007-2022, Murray also served the Compass Group as District Manager in charge of client satisfaction and brand protection for Canteen & Eurest Dining, and was Chef Manager. Murray was General Manager and Executive Chef at Sodexo, Apex NC from 2004-2007, responsible for day-to-day operations for two corporate cafés, in charge of staffing, financials, marketing, and cost control. As Executive Chef with A Southern Season, Chapel Hill, NC in 2003, he created seasonal menus, hired hourly staff, and managed food and labor costs. Murray was Sous Chef at The Weathervane in 2002, and Sous Chef and Executive Chef at The Warehouse from 2000-2002. He was also Pastry Chef and Kitchen Manager at various restaurants from 1995-2000. Murray graduated from North Carolina University, and completed the NAMA Executive Development Program in 2017 at Michigan State University.



Stacey Stoudt

Assistant Superintendent for Elementary, Wilson School District

Stacey Stoudt is Assistant Superintendent for Elementary at Wilson. Early in her career, she served as a 2nd grade teacher at Cornwall Terrace Elementary. After 19 years in the classroom, she became the first Teacher Instructional Coach at Wilson, and then began her tenure as a principal for Whitfield and Green Valley Elementary schools. Dr. Stoudt graduated from Kutztown University with a B.S. in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, and earned her Master's from Wilkes University and doctorate in Educational Leadership from Drexel University. She also has earned various certifications including Reading Specialist, Principal, and LOE in Teacher Leadership and Instructional Coaching.

Dr. Stoudt is passionate about building relationships among students and staff, and facilitating a whole child education for every Wilson student. She and her husband Michael reside within the district and are a committed Bulldog family. They are the proud parents of two sons, Cody and Evan, who are both successful Wilson alumni. Stacey loves to travel and spend time in any and all new adventures with her family.

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Scott Keiser

Owner, Chick-fil-A

Scott Keiser has been a Chick-fil-A operator for more than 32 years. Starting his career at the Berkshire Mall location, he later opened Broadcasting Square, and built it into one of the most successful locations in Pennsylvania. The old 3,600-square-foot store was demolished in late June 2023 and replaced with an entirely new, 5,000-square-foot prefabricated structure. This was no easy task and is a direct reflection of his hard work and dedication over the past three decades. The store now employs about 125, and the new design is aimed at enhancing the guest experience via customer-friendly practices like delivering food directly to tables and displaying a queue for mobile orders. Strong family values always have been and continue to be at the core of their success, as Scott's wife Tara, sons Westin, Dawson and daughter Mattie have all put in their time behind the counter. Keiser is a 1989 graduate of Widener University School of Hospitality Management.



Sarah Ginn

Director of Nutrition, Wilson School District

Sarah Ginn is the Wilson School District Director of Nutrition. Prior to coming to Wilson, she was an Executive Chef turned Assistant Director of Food Service for Quincy Public Schools. She worked for years in the restaurant industry opening healthy fast-casual restaurants such as Agno Grill and Real Food Eatery. After getting involved with the Vetri Foundation in Philadelphia, Sarah decided to return to school for nutrition with the goal of improving school food and fostering a love of cooking and healthy eating in children. She is a registered dietitian and holds a clinical license with the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. Her passion is cooking wholesome and delicious food and developing recipes for those with dietary restrictions. Her recipes have been featured in Philadelphia Magazine, Zagat, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and Self Magazine.



Joe Serpa

Executive Chef, Gouglersville Fire Co Social Quarters Bar & Grill

Joe Serpa is Executive Chef at Gouglersville Fire Co Social Quarters – Bar & Grill. Cooking is a Serpa family tradition, but Joe’s mostly self-taught. Cuban by descent, his dishes are a fusion of his roots and what he has learned out in the world. He’s lived in a lot of places including Florida, Illinois, Washington and Pennsylvania, so there’s a lot to fuse. His family was in New York when he was young. After they moved to Berks, he was the Latin from Manhattan. He quickly became a mainstay in kitchens across the county. Serpa owned his own restaurant on Centre Avenue, was a Rent-a-Chef for house parties, Kitchen Manager at the Bowl Grille in Sinking Spring, and also spent time cooking for the elderly. He was Executive Chef for the Gables at Stirling Guest Hotel in Reading, Havana Joe’s in Pottstown and the Eagle Hotel in Bernville where he transformed the menu with his jerk chicken, sweet and sour sauces, and mango.



Dr. Gangi Cucciuffo

Director of Teaching and Learning, Wilson School District

Dr. Gangi Cucciuffo has been an educator for the past 24 years as a teacher, building administrator, and district administrator. In addition to his work life, his main hobby and passion is cooking. He is the son of a European-trained executive chef and worked in the restaurant industry with his father since the time he was 16 years old. At the Northampton Country Club, Gangi learned about and worked in every facet of the restaurant business from dishwashing, waiting, bartending, managing large parties, and working side-by-side with his father in the kitchen. His father educated him on selecting and preparing foods, knife skills and butchering, recipe development, meal execution and presentation. Preparing high quality creative meals that inspire others to do the same is and has been Gangi's passion outside of education.