

*The Washington County Consortium*

# NEWSLETTER

Brought to you by Sarah Woog, Executive Director of the Washington County Consortium (WCC)

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## Clear skies ahead.

**You probably share my enthusiasm for longer days and warmer temperatures. This is a great time of year to get out and appreciate the beauty of our County and the hard work of our educators. I have had the opportunity this year to witness first hand the wealth of talent and energy we have in our schools and would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment to enhancing our communities and providing for our youth. I hope you find the opportunity (perhaps over spring break??) to reflect on your work and pat yourselves on the back for the impact you have had.**

**As Director of the Consortium, I am currently working with educators throughout the County to design professional development for the 2019/2020 school year tailored to meet your needs. Please reach out and share with me what you hope the Consortium will offer to you next year. My email is [wcc@maine.edu](mailto:wcc@maine.edu).**

Consider the following professional development opportunity and use the included link to view additional details and to register.

Also, remember to check out the Educator Profile, featuring Mathy Terrill of Washington Academy, on the following page.

Chronic Absenteeism: Strategies to Engage Parents and Students with Sue Liebermann, CountMEIn

April 24, 8:30-12:30 Reynolds Center Room 14 at UMM

Please register at: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/calendar>



**Meet Mathy Terrill, Social Studies Teacher, A.P History Teacher, History Department Head, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teaching Fellow, National Honor Society Advisor, Gay Straight Transgendered Alliance Advisor, Student Assistant Team Co-Advisor, Homecoming Coordinator, Varsity Cross Country Coach, Varsity Track and Field Assistant Coach, and Overall**

### **Ridiculously Busy and Dedicated Educator at Washington Academy.**

Mathy and I met at her home in Machias over the weekend so I could interview her for this profile. I usually come to such interviews with questions prepared, but this time I was stumped. Mathy does EVERYTHING. How could I structure the interview to highlight her deep commitment to education in Washington County without leaving anything out? Truth is, I couldn't. So I asked her what she is most proud of. She told me two things: her work as a United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teaching Fellow, and the Prom Dress Boutique she puts on as advisor for the National Honor Society at Washington Academy.

Mathy has been a United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teaching Fellow for three years. She goes to Washington, D.C. every summer for a week to connect with other Fellows and gain resources and study practices for teaching the Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Washington Academy and to support other teachers in bringing Genocide Studies lessons to their classrooms. Mathy has shared her work at Harvest of Ideas for the past three years and continues to work with teachers throughout the school year to develop age-appropriate curriculum in an effort to bring these important lessons to students beyond Washington Academy.

The Prom Dress Boutique is an annual event held on a Saturday morning in April (this year on April 6) at Washington Academy and has been covered by many news outlets including the Bangor Daily News, Machias Valley News Observer, and WABI News Channel 5. Hundreds of dresses have been collected by donation throughout the years and are made available to students to pick from, as are shoes and accessories. Mathy and the National Honor Society set up the cafeteria at Washington Academy as a boutique, complete with dressing rooms, and organize the fantastic inventory on racks by size so area students may come and experience prom shopping without the prohibitive price tag typically associated with such fun.

One of the best things about Mathy is her eagerness to share. Part of her enthusiasm for her work comes from her belief that all our kids deserve the opportunities she brings to Washington Academy. In that spirit, feel free to stop by the Prom Dress Boutique on April 6 or send a student you think may benefit from it. Or reach out to Mathy ([m.terrell@raider4life.org](mailto:m.terrell@raider4life.org)) if you'd like to incorporate Genocide Studies into your classroom. Somehow she'll find the time to help you. She always does.