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THE LINCOLN ACADEMY ANNOUNCES NEW 6-12TH GRADE PRINCIPAL

BELOIT, Wisc. (July 5, 2023) TLA is proud to announce the new 6th-12th Grade Principal, Ms. Janae Gile. Ms. Gile comes to TLA from a local school district and is excited to be back in Beloit, where she and her family have lived for more than 15 years.

Ms. Gile is a highly dedicated, compassionate, and experienced school administrator and is known for her commitment to building positive relationships and ensuring scholars are prepared for the many choices that life provides them. With a career spanning over two decades, Ms. Gile has consistently focused on the holistic development of scholars, fostering an environment that promotes both academic excellence and personal growth.

“Throughout my time in getting to know Ms. Gile, I’ve heard her share experiences that align with all three of our pillars: academic rigor, character development, and career exploration. We are fortunate to welcome a principal with her expertise and commitment to scholars,” said Dr. Kristi Cole, Chief Education Officer at The Lincoln Academy. Ms. Gile’s full bio is attached to this announcement.

Ms. Gile shared, “I am extremely excited about the opportunity to serve at TLA. The ability to combine my experiences and passion for creating strong, positive relationships with staff, scholars and families to encourage a growth mindset, experience academic growth and success, and have the best opportunity to lead choice-filled lives is one I couldn’t pass up!! I look forward to learning more about all of you and how we can best work together to meet our local needs and goals.”

The Lincoln Academy is a free public charter school entering its third year of operation and focused on rigorous academics, character development and career exploration. The school will serve K4-4 and 6-11 grade scholars in the 2023-2024 school year. More information about The Lincoln Academy can be found online at [The Lincoln Academy | Public Charter School in Beloit, Wisconsin \(thelincolnacademybeloit.com\)](https://thelincolnacademybeloit.com) or by contacting the school directly at 608-690-5100 or info@tlabeloit.com.

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Janae Gile Bio

Janae is a highly dedicated, compassionate, and experienced school administrator and is known for her commitment to building positive relationships and ensuring scholars are prepared for the many choices that life provides them. With a career spanning over two decades, Janae has consistently focused on the holistic development of scholars, fostering an environment that promotes both academic excellence and personal growth.

Janae earned her Bachelor's degree and Master's in School Counseling from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She began her career at a local school district serving as a High School Counselor where she demonstrated an ability to connect with scholars and families to cultivate a genuine sense of trust and respect and explore opportunities after graduation. Recognizing an opportunity to have a larger impact on the school community, she pursued two additional Educational Specialists degrees, both in Administration and Supervision, from National Louis University & University of Wisconsin-Superior. As she moved into administrative roles, she served as both a High School Principal and Director of Academics & Innovation. In both roles, she focused on scholar & staff engagement, impactful instructional practices and professional development, and mentoring new staff and administrators.

Throughout her career, Janae continually spearheaded initiatives and programming that prioritized relationship-building and scholar well-being and achievement. Janae firmly believes that a positive school culture, built on mutual trust and respect, is the foundation for scholars to flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. She actively fosters partnerships with families, teachers, and the wider community to create a joy-filled and inclusive learning environment. Recognizing the importance and impact that educational systems can have on scholars and opportunities in life, she has championed the integration of high-impact teaching methods, technology, and real-world experiences into the curriculum, equipping scholars with the skills and knowledge necessary for success beyond the classroom. In addition, Janae has

presented at the state level on implementing school-based mental health services and collaborating with local law enforcement to create safe school environments and she has also trained adults statewide in the Youth Mental Health First Aid framework.

Being a transplant to Rock County and living in Beloit for over 15 of those years I've truly enjoyed what it has to offer. The outdoor spaces and activities such as Big Hill Park, Farmers Market, Snappers and Sky Carp games, youth sports programs, and Music at the Park have been common activities for my family. When you add the amenities with local healthcare services, banks, businesses and restaurants-Beloit has served as an excellent landing spot both personally and professionally!

In Janae's free time, you can find her doing anything that involves being near water, spending time with her husband and their three children, or walking trails with their German Shepherd.