

The Herbert F. Hahn Junior Faculty Fellowship



Alan Van Antwerp
Charles F. Smith

An accomplished director and actor outside of Pingry, Alan relishes the opportunity to teach theater at the School.

“Pingry’s commitment to the arts is something that has impressed me over my time here,” he says. “To know that the administration continues to support performing arts and make it a valuable part of the community is reassuring.”

For Alan, that means not only bringing the theater to Pingry, but also bringing Pingry to the theater.

As part of last year’s Spring Intensive, “My most memorable experience was taking students into the city for a two-show day,” he says. “We saw two recent Tony Award-winning musicals.”

At Pingry, Alan directed the musical and ran lighting for the past four years. He also served as the girls junior varsity golf coach. Alan says his students motivate and inspire him to do more and to be better, and in return he can see his effect on them.

“In my time here, I have continued to foster strong relationships with students while helping them tap potential they struggled to see in themselves,” he says.

In addition to school shows, Alan plans to continue with shows in community theater. He has directed more than 20 productions and has been nominated for 24 New Jersey Association of Community Theaters awards in recent years. Alan also recently completed a two-year term as Vice President of Business for the Cranford Dramatic Club, New Jersey’s oldest continually operating theater.

“Faculty awards allow us to recognize our talented teachers who are truly the cornerstone of a Pingry education. Our teachers continually inspire their students, bringing Pingry classrooms alive with intellectual engagement.”

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