



Welcome Dina!

Four years ago, 1988 Newark High School graduate Dina Calapiz left her fast-paced, high-energy job in retail management in New York City to move back to Newark.

And until recently, she continued in that line of work, this time as manager of various Fossil stores in the Syracuse area, and commuted back and forth each day to her hometown where her mother, Diane DeMarco lives.

Calapiz recently shifted gears again and became the new secretary at Kelley School August 11th replacing Brenda Bigley Vestal who held the job for 2 ½ years.

And she's very glad she's now working in a school.

"I'm a people person. I'm used to working in very fast-paced environments. I'm a believer in learning. I challenge myself to constantly learn new

things. I love change. And I love kids. I love their curiosity," Calapiz said Aug. 20th. "The people here (at Kelley) have been so great to work with. Just awesome."

"We're thrilled to welcome Dina to our Kelley School community," Principal Jeff Hamelinck said. "We're looking forward to the positive impact Dina will have with our staff, our students, and our families. You can see clearly that she has a passion to support our school community and values life-long learning. She lives our vision of becoming the best version of ourselves."

Calapiz, who earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, resides in Newark with her boyfriend, David Greco.

She enjoys following fashion trends and outdoor activities like camping.

