Cindy Palisi-Mentone Director of the Triton College Child Development Center Lab School

Biography:

I graduated from Triton College in 1977 with an Associate Degree in Child Care (Early Childhood Education). I continued my education and received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, K-9 from National College of Education, Evanston Illinois and a Master's Degree in Education, with a major in Reading from Roosevelt University, Chicago Illinois.

I have been teaching in the field for many years. My degree from Triton College opened many doors. Over the years I have had the opportunity to teach young children, become a director and opened a preschool in the community. For the past 31 years I have had the privilege to be the Director of the Child Development Center Lab School, here at Triton College. I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing children and families. I especially enjoy hearing from past students and learning of their accomplishments. I consider myself a lifelong learner and I am an advocate for children and families.

I have had the opportunity to teach in the Early Childhood Education program. I enjoy seeing new teachers with a passion for education and teaching young children.

I grew-up in Melrose Park and currently reside in Elmwood Park. I am married to my wonderful husband Frank and have two incredible children, Christopher and Kaitlyn.

Quote:

My passion for teaching began at Triton College!

My degree opened many doors. I continued my education receiving a BA in Elementary Education and a M.Ed in Education. I returned to Triton College and for over 31 years I have had the privilege to be the Director of the Child Development center. I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing children and their families and work with a wonderful staff.

I am so lucky to do what I love every day. The Child Development Center will always be a part of me!