

Andrea Peck '00, Ed.D.

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An alumna of the education program at La Roche, Dr. Andrea Peck '00 returned as a teacher instead of a student, and fulfilled her dream of becoming a college professor.

Dr. Peck is responsible for teaching several courses in the Education Department, including PreK-8, Middle Level, Special

Education and Graduate-Level Special Education. She also advises middle-level education majors, participates in Kappa Delta Epsilon honorary fraternity activities and conferences, and leads the Education Advisory Board.

"It is very humbling to return to the place that my professional journey began and also use all of my experiences since graduating to inspire, motivate, educate and positively influence the next generation of teachers," Dr. Peck said.

Her teaching experience accumulated through various areas. She taught sixth-grade science at Pine-Richland Middle School, and then held the positions of assistant principal and principal at Seneca Valley Middle School. Rising to teach higher education, Dr. Peck was an adjunct professor at Butler County Community College, California University, La Roche and Point Park University.

She graduated from La Roche in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a minor in psychology. She holds a master's degree from Chatham University, K-12 principal certification from Slippery Rock University, and a Superintendents Letter of Eligibility from California University of Pennsylvania. In 2015 she obtained a doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to her role in the Education Department, she serves as the chair of La Roche's Health and Wellness Committee, the secretary for the Faculty Development Committee, and teaches High Intensity Interval Training and Cardio Core courses every semester. Dr. Peck also serves as the secretary and a board member for the Western Region Board for the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education.

Her passion for teaching and exercise is combined at Cyclebar North Hills, where she is a lead indoor cycling instructor. Dr. Peck also competes annually in Spartan Races. In 2018 she placed first in her age group during the Spartan Sprint Race and completed her first Spartan Trifecta. She continues to train and said she hopes to one day make it onto the TV show, "American Ninja Warrior."

