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# **PIAA Bids Farewell to Member Schools Administrator Wendy Merlina**

*Merlina spent 12 years at the PIAA*

**MECHANICSBURG, PA** – Born and raised in Bedford County, Wendy Merlina is a graduate of Bedford High School. She has worked for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) for 12 years. Merlina has played a vital role in the office. She started in the officials' department before becoming the member school's administrator and receptionist in November 2015. She is a mother of two and has been married to her husband Todd for 38 years.



Left to Right: Lee Ann Blascovich, Administrative Assistant; Kimberly Hill, Officials Correspondence Administrator; Wendy Merlina, Receptionist and Member Schools Administrator; Lynn Salvadia Mail Room Administrator; Laura Lex, Accounts Receivable Administrator and Debrah Rosenberger, Former PIAA staff member pictured together at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual PIAA Officials' Convention in 2022.



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Before graduating as a Bison in 1982, Merlina played softball and was a cheerleader for Bedford High School. She enrolled at Shippensburg University, cheering for the Raiders for one season. Merlina graduated from Shippensburg with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1986. After graduating from Shippensburg, Merlina was a substitute teacher in Mechanicsburg, Coraopolis and Oakdale in Allegheny County. In addition to being a substitute teacher, she held many roles as she taught swimming lessons, was a lifeguard, waitressed, camp counselor, aerobics/spinning instructor and a cheerleading advisor. Merlina became a secretary at the Camp Hill School District in 2003 before coming to the PIAA in 2013.

"Wendy has been a tremendous asset to our office and will be missed," said Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director.

Merlina is excited to spend more time with family and take time that is needed without rushing top priorities. She will be missed by the PIAA family as she heads into retirement.



Receptionist and Member Schools Administrator Wendy Merlina

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