

Academy names Rivera president

NEW HAVEN — St. Martin de Porres Academy has named Allison Rivera as the new president of the academy, succeeding founder and now former President Jay Bowes.

Rivera has been with St. Martin de Porres Academy since its inception.

She was one of the first two teachers that the Academy hired in 2005.

After two years as a teacher, she assumed administrative responsibilities including the initiation of the Graduate Support Program, administration of the Summer Academy, and the management of the Pre-K School Readiness Program.

This past year, Rivera served as vice president of the academy.

Rivera has over 10 years of experience directing people and organizations in various capacities.

Prior to joining St. Martin de Porres Academy, Rivera served as state director of Best Buddies Connecticut.

She previously served as program manager at Best Buddies. She received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont and a Master of Bioethics from Monash University in Australia, on an Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary International.

“I am eager to lead St. Martin de Porres Academy at this critical time in its evolution as we move past the start-up stage to refinement and sustainability,” said Rivera.