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For Immediate Release:

FINE Mortuary College, located in Norwood, MA is excited to announce the following new hires and promotions:

Melissa Cyfers has been hired as a Full Time faculty member and the Program Director.

Melissa is a licensed funeral director and embalmer with 23 years' experience in the industry. The first 15 years were spent on location and the last 8 years she served as a funeral consultant and CEU trainer to several different funeral homes. She obtained both her Associates in Applied Science and her Bachelors in Mortuary Science from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Melissa has a Master of Arts in Teaching from Liberty University, a Masters of Biological Sciences from Clemson University, and is currently ABD status for her doctorate degree in Curriculum and Instruction with Marshall University. Melissa has 8 years teaching experience and has taught various science courses for Marshall University, as well as high school science courses to include Biology, Anatomy, and Chemistry. She is a proven leader in the funeral industry and science field. She was recently awarded the VOYA Unsung Heroes Award for an innovative teaching idea in the Biological Sciences. Her current research efforts are focused on pedagogical approaches to dealing with grief in the classroom.

Grainne McManus has been hired as the Clinical Coordinator

Grainne is a licensed funeral director and a graduate of FINE Mortuary College. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Assumption College and previously taught at FMC. She will be responsible for overseeing the Clinical requirements for students and funeral homes for the program.

Cary Sommers has been hired as an Adjunct Faculty member

Cary is returning as a faculty member at FMC, focusing on the Funeral Service Counseling curriculum.

She has a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, Master of Arts from Goddard College and Fielding Graduate University. She also earned her Ph.D. from Fielding Graduate University.

Lisa Zablonki has been hired as an Adjunct Faculty Member

Lisa has over 30 years' experience as an educator and earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Eastern Connecticut State University.

Lisa will be focusing on the communications curriculum of the program.

Laura Hewey has been promoted to Campus Manager.

Laura was originally hired in 2019 and oversaw Student Services for FMC after working in the funeral service industry since 2016.

She has an Associates in Applied Sciences from FINE Mortuary College.