

MVYMCA nombra Joe Agosto Director Ejecutivo de la Lawrence YMCA

Merrimack Valley YMCA ha nombrado a Joe Agosto como el nuevo Director Ejecutivo de Lawrence YMCA. Agosto llega al Merrimack Valley YMCA del YMCA de Greater Boston, donde se desempeñó como Director Ejecutivo Asociado en el Burbank YMCA en Reading, MA. Antes de comenzar su carrera en la YMCA, Joe pasó más de 20 años con el JCC tanto en Nueva Jersey como en Boston, ganando experiencia en todos los aspectos de la organización sin fines de lucro, desde deportes, recreación, acondicionamiento físico, campamento y membresía. También pasó siete veranos dirigiendo un campamento privado para dormir y comenzó su propio negocio que se centró en entrenamiento personal y programas de asesoramiento nutricional y de acondicionamiento físico para jóvenes.

Agosto aporta su entusiasmo y experiencia en la gestión de actividades deportivas y recreativas sin fines de lucro a Lawrence YMCA, que atiende a más de 2,100 miembros en una instalación de 5,500 pies cuadrados. La sucursal emplea a 25 miembros del personal a tiempo completo y 100 a tiempo parcial y ofrece programas de desarrollo juvenil, vida saludable y responsabilidad social que incluye cuidado infantil, deportes juveniles y programas educativos, clases de natación, salud y bienestar para todas las edades, despensa de alimentos, habitaciones individuales (SRO) para hombres sin hogar y más.

"Estamos muy contentos de ser tan afortunados de agregar a Joe a nuestro equipo ejecutivo de personal", dijo el Director de Operaciones de MVYMCA, Patrick Ryan. "Él traerá pasión e impulso mientras trabajamos para expandir los

servicios en la comunidad de Lawrence y mejorar la calidad y el alcance de los programas que ofrece nuestra Y. Pronto se convertirá en un elemento fijo en Lawrence y demostrará ser un gran activo no solo para nuestro YMCA sino también para todas las organizaciones con las que nos asociamos".

Agosto tiene una licenciatura en sociología de la Universidad de St. Lawrence en el norte del estado de Nueva York. Nació en Nueva York, nació y creció en la ciudad de Nueva York. Ahora vive con su esposa y sus dos hijas en North Andover.

"Me encanta Nueva Inglaterra y todo lo que tiene para ofrecer. Estar en Lawrence realmente trae una sensación de hogar en un entorno urbano", dijo Agosto. "La ciudad de Lawrence tiene una rica historia y cultura, así como una comunidad vibrante y acogedora. Estoy emocionado de tener esta oportunidad de apoyar e impactar a la comunidad a través del movimiento Merrimack YMCA".

Además de las operaciones diarias de la sucursal de Lawrence, Agosto supervisará la Campaña Capital de Crecer Juntos, un proyecto de expansión y renovación destinado a aumentar la capacidad de Lawrence YMCA para ofrecer programas y servicios esenciales a la comunidad. Las fases más recientes del proyecto vieron más de \$3 millones en renovaciones en espacios de cuidado infantil, vestuarios, áreas de programas, un estudio de ejercicio grupal y un nuevo Centro de Bienvenida. El objetivo de la Campaña Capital de Crecer Juntos, que se está financiando a través de esfuerzos de recaudación de fondos, es crear un espacio moderno e innovador a través de una combinación de nueva construcción, renovación y renovación.

MVYMCA names Joe Agosto Executive Director of the Lawrence YMCA



The Merrimack Valley YMCA has named Joe Agosto as the new Executive Director of the Lawrence YMCA. Agosto comes to the Merrimack Valley YMCA from the YMCA of Greater Boston, where he served as Associate Executive Director at the Burbank YMCA in Reading, MA. Prior to beginning his YMCA career, Joe spent more than 20 years with the JCC in both New Jersey and Boston, gaining experience in every aspect of the non-profit organization ranging from sports, recreation, fitness, camp, and membership. He also spent seven summers running a private sleep-away camp and started his own business that focused on personal training and youth fitness and nutritional counseling programs.

Agosto brings his enthusiasm and experience in non-profit and sports and recreation management to the Lawrence YMCA, which serves more than 2,100 members in a 5,500 sq. ft. facility. The branch employs 25 full time and 100 part time staff members and offers programs in youth development, healthy living and social

responsibility including child care, youth sports and education programs, swim lessons, health and wellness for all ages, a food pantry, single room occupancy (SRO) housing for formerly homeless men and more.

"We are excited to be so fortunate to add Joe to our staff executive team," said MVYMCA Chief Operating Officer Patrick Ryan. "He will bring passion and drive as we work to expand services in the Lawrence community and improve the quality and scope of programs that our Y offers. He will soon become a fixture in Lawrence and prove to be a great asset to not only our YMCA but also all of the organizations we partner with."

Agosto holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from St. Lawrence University in Northern New York State. A native New Yorker, he was born and raised in New York City. He now lives with his wife and two daughters in North Andover.

"I love New England and all that it has to offer. Being in Lawrence truly brings back a sense of home in an urban environment," said Agosto. "The City of Lawrence has a rich history and culture, as well as a vibrant and welcoming community. I'm excited to have this opportunity to support and impact the community through the Merrimack YMCA movement."

In addition to the day-to-day operations of the Lawrence branch, Agosto will oversee the Growing Together Capital Campaign, an expansion and renovation project aimed at increasing the Lawrence YMCA's capacity to offer essential programs and services to the community. The most recent phases of the project saw more than \$3 million in renovations to child care spaces, locker rooms, program areas, a group exercise studio and a new Welcome Center. The goal of the Growing Together Capital Campaign, which is being funded through fundraising efforts, is to create a modern, innovative space through a combination of new construction, renovation and refurbishment.



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