

Pierre-Yves Laporte Named Executive Director Of Alliance Française de Westchester

Pierre-Yves Laporte of Pelham has been appointed Executive Director of Alliance Française de Westchester in White Plains, a non-profit organization.

Formerly a resident of Bordeaux, France, Mr. Laporte holds a Doctorate in Law and Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Bordeaux, and a Master's Degree in Political Science and African Studies from UCLA. He moved to New York in 1977, where he began a career in banking, insurance and financial consulting.

"In addition to operating our organization with a focus on long-term sustainability, my goals as Executive Director are to expand our course offerings with more ways to experience the French language and culture through social and cultural programming," he said. "I hope to offer a cultural bridge not only to numerous Francophone countries worldwide, but also to the European culture which France shares with so many other countries. We live in a 'shrinking' world where it is vital to have an appreciation for the value of international understanding and cooperation. A grasp of French language and culture can be enormously beneficial to those doing business anywhere in Europe, so we offer French business language as well as a cultural course titled Contemporary France."

Mr. Laporte lives in Pelham with his wife, Penny, and has two daughters attending graduate schools in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. He is active in the community, including as a member of Rotary.

The Alliance offers a variety of social, cultural and educational programs, French language classes for children as well as adults, and business courses for professionals. The summer session begins Monday, July 6 and continues through September 13.