

# Brandeis MRSEC

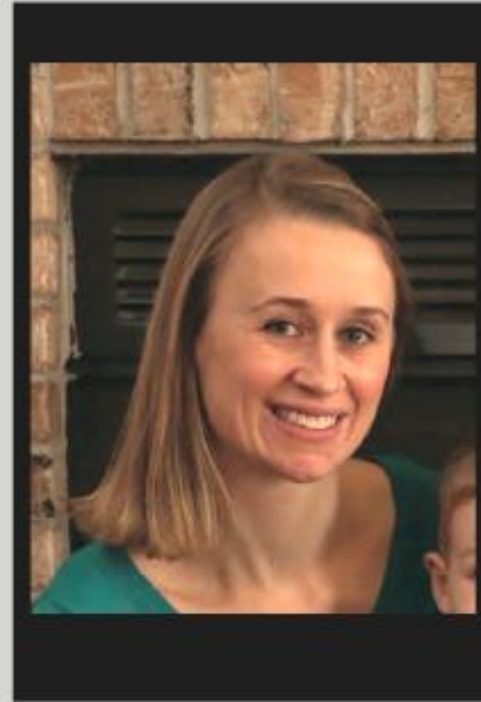
## Partnership with Waltham Public Schools: Science Pizza Talks

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# Waltham High School Pizza Talks



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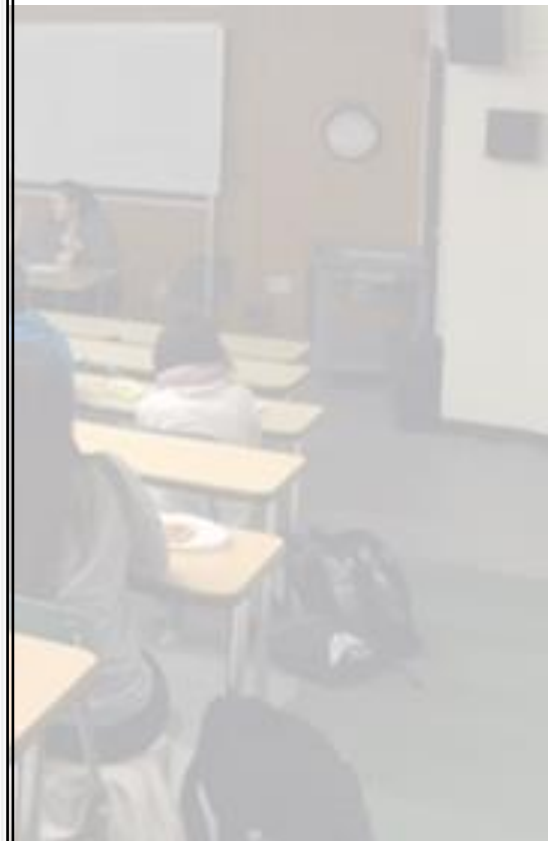
**Marisa Maddox**  
WHS Biology teacher

# Pizza Talk Goals

- Introduce future scientists at WHS to materials science
- Showcase the diversity within the sciences
- Explore the various paths into science
- Improve science communication skills among Brandeis trainees



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# Praise and Press for the Series

## Waltham High School program brings working scientists to students



Science Pizza Talks at WHS 01.12

Brandeis physicist Bernard Hishamunda talks to HSers about his upbringing in Rwanda



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"His energy and passion is extremely motivating and interesting and he's funny."

"It's personal, helps people understand why to get into science."

"I liked how she made her life relatable to ours and how everyone can contribute to science."

# The Pizza Series: the MRSEC-WHS Partnership Backbone

Heather Metallides, Waltham Science Head:

“Due to this collaboration, I believe our students will be able to connect what they are learning in the classroom to the real world.”



# Efforts to Measure Impact

- “Tickets to leave” student feedback
- Informal discussions with WHS teachers and Brandeis scientists
- Requests for field trips and invitations to expand programs





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