

Janis Ann Sabetta is a 1973 graduate of PHS. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Delaware in 1976 in mathematics and a Master of Business Administration in 1987 from Alliant United States International University. She also has taken coursework toward a Master of Education degree from Towson University.

Janis served with the US Peace Corps intermittently from 1977 to 1994, first teaching mathematics and physics in Lesotho (Africa) as a volunteer and subsequently serving in various staff positions in Africa and Eastern Europe. She was responsible for opening Peace Corps programs in five countries after the break-up of the Soviet Union. This was followed by over 30 years of various roles in adult education, including Director of PRIDE AFRICA for the Regional Enterprise Development Institute, Director of the Kongwa Women's Credit Program, and Acting Director and Training Manager in the United Kingdom Department of International Development. Janis became a Project Manager for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Financial Services in 2002 where she worked until 2004. From 2005-2007 she was the Manager of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. She worked in various other capacities for the World Bank, the Development Bank of Austria, the Central Bank of Papua, New Guinea and as the General Manager of DAWN Microfinance Myanmar. Since 2015 Janis has worked as an independent consultant in the field of finance.

Janis developed the first Islamic microfinance training course. She taught at the UN Training Center in Italy. She developed a bank for women in Myanmar, as well as banks in several other countries for everyone. Janis is the Founder of Women Advancing Microfinance and a member of the American Society of Training and Development.

Janis credits her experiences at PHS with her ability to be successful in a diverse world. She learned that people could develop and move forward together, which helped shape her as a person and led to greater success in her career in international development. She's glad she grew up with people different from her, that she learned early about differences and how to value them and not fear them, learn and leverage strengths and weaknesses, and most importantly, care for others. She doesn't think she would have gone on to spend her career living and working in Africa and Asia had she not learned those life lessons in Paulsboro.

Janis has dual citizenship – in the United States and Italy and in addition to English, she also speaks Italian and Swahili.

In retirement, Janis splits her time between Italy and Ocean View, Delaware where she is a volunteer who assists with stranded beach mammals, collects data on animal populations, works on educational activities and fundraises for the Marine Education Research and Rehabilitation Institute. She is a member of the Friends of South Coastal Library where she assists in organizing fundraising events that allow for the procurement of additional materials and equipment not covered by the library's budget.