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Columbia Christian School Names New President

Portland, OR (March 29, 2019) –The Board of Columbia Christian School has selected Ami Vensel as the school's next president.

Board President Dr. David Tucker announced Mrs. Vensel's selection on the Friday before spring break at a meeting of the faculty and staff. Mrs. Vensel will assume the new role September 1.

In that meeting, Dr. Tucker said, "After an extended search and much prayer, the Board came to the conclusion that the best person for this job was already on our staff. Mrs. Vensel has the academic background and spiritual depth to thrive in this position, and we believe she is the one to lead Columbia Christian into a better future. She has exciting plans for our school, and the Board looks forward to working with her."

The Board search committee received numerous resumes, selected ten applicants for telephone interviews, and brought three finalists to campus before selecting Mrs. Vensel for the position.

Mrs. Vensel has served Columbia as principal since 2013 after serving as second grade teacher for ten years. Previously she taught at Crossroads Christian School for nine years. She also coached volleyball and basketball at both schools.

A graduate of Warner Pacific College, Mrs. Vensel is currently completing a master's in educational leadership with Grand Canyon University. Mrs. Vensel also serves on the regional Council of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Marquita Moss, who served as assistant to the search committee, will continue serving as interim President until Mrs. Vensel assumes the new role.

Mrs. Vensel and her husband Dan have four sons, all of whom have graduated from or attend Columbia: Daniel, class of 2015, Dustin, class of 2017; Dylan, junior, and Dawson, eighth grade. The Vensels are members of the Metro Church of Christ, where Dan serves as a deacon.

About Columbia Christian

Columbia Christian School, known as Columbia Christian, is a private Christian school located in Portland, Oregon. Columbia Christian seeks to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character, and academics to students in PreK through 12th grade. With full accreditation from Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (through AdvancED) and Association of Christian Schools International, Columbia Christian provides a strong academic environment as well as a community that nurtures students spiritually and socially. The school is affiliated with the Churches of Christ and is run by an independent Board of Directors.