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## Office of the President

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Dear Notre Dame Academy Community,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to inform you about an administrative transition at Notre Dame Academy for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Kristin Melley, PhD, our Principal, has asked me to announce that at the end of June she will be moving on to explore other opportunities. Kristin expresses that it has been a tremendous pleasure to be part of the Notre Dame Academy community and that she is deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the NDA students, families and, of course, her valued colleagues. She notes that “in these two years we have accomplished an incredible amount and I will always be proud of the ways in which we overcame the challenges of the worldwide public health crisis.” Furthermore, Kristin shares that “it was an honor and a privilege to serve the mission of Notre Dame Academy.”

I personally would like to thank Dr. Melley for her dedication and contributions to the NDA community these past two years. She has had a positive impact on the academic lives of our students as she has guided the school through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish Kristin the very best.

Dr. Melley joined NDA as interim principal last year from Boston College's Roche Center for Catholic Education, where she oversaw the Center's strategic educational programs as Director of Professional Development. While at NDA, she completed her doctoral program earning her PhD at Boston College's Lynch School of Education and brought her insight and wisdom to the role of Principal. She played a key role in helping to shepherd the school during unprecedented school years. She also helped to develop and implement the advisory program and was integrally involved in the expansion of the guidance and counseling team to include an adjustment counselor, a dedicated middle school counselor and a full-time college counselor. Additionally, Dr. Melley led NDA's professional development using her background at the Center to enrich our faculty programs.

Notre Dame Academy is well poised to attract strong talent and a well-qualified educator to oversee NDA's educational experience while carrying forward the legacy and mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. I am in the process of forming a hiring committee and the search will involve input from students, faculty, staff and parents as well as an external consulting firm. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Warm regards,

  
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