

March 14, 2023

Greetings Gaston Christian Families,

We are excited to announce to you several leadership role changes and additions as we prepare for the upcoming school year. We are anticipating a completely full PK3-8th grade program, and a larger high school, and have been hard at work behind the scenes ensuring that our leadership structure is in place to take Gaston Christian into this next season of its school life. All of the following changes are internal changes and we are eagerly anticipating how God will use the strengths of these leaders to serve our GCS families by fulfilling our mission to Prepare People, Teach Truth, and Glorify God. These changes do not reflect all of our openings and searches but are important to announce to you now because they impact our current personnel. All changes will be in effect for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.



Dr. Jonathan Huitt, Upper School Head

Dr. Huitt will be serving as Gaston Christian's new Upper School Head (6th-12th). In this capacity, Dr. Huitt will oversee all operations, strategy, and programs in grades 6-12. He will be especially focusing on community relationships and strategic initiatives. He will remain an intimate part of the lives of our middle school students and teachers and we look forward to his new impact on our high school.



Mrs. Pattiann Rabb, Middle School Director

Mrs. Pattiann Rabb is Gaston Christian's new Middle School Director (6th-8th). Mrs. Rabb is leaving the classroom and taking upon increased leadership responsibilities in the daily operation of the middle school, as well as the supervision, evaluation, mentorship, and coaching of a portion of the faculty. She has an intimate knowledge of our middle school and a great working relationship with Dr. Huitt and we are excited about this next season for our middle school.



Mrs. Christa Pratt, High School Director

Mrs. Christa Pratt is Gaston Christian's new High School Director (9th-12th). Similarly to Mrs. Rabb, Mrs. Pratt is leaving the classroom and taking upon increased leadership responsibilities in the daily operation of the high school, as well as the supervision, evaluation, mentorship, and coaching of a portion of the faculty. Mrs. Pratt also brings a foundation of relationships and high school knowledge, in addition to some fresh ideas. She and Dr. Huitt will lead our high school into its next season.



Mrs. Jennifer Goldenberg, Elementary School Assistant Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Goldenberg is Gaston Christian's new Elementary Assistant Principal (1st-5th). In a traditional Christian school assistant principal role, Mrs. Goldenberg will be focusing on student life and atmosphere, discipleship, and many other areas of support for Ms. Alston. She brings a wonderful perspective and fresh skills and abilities to help serve this large student body well.



Mrs. Andrea Eshaghi, Educational Therapist

Due to growth and demand in our Cognitive Enrichment and Support department, Mrs. Andrea Eshaghi will be serving in a part-time capacity as an Educational Therapist. Following extensive summer training, she will begin work serving individuals and groups of students in August. Her passion for serving those who learn differently has been quite evident and we are thrilled for her to be the new addition to this department.



Mr. Ricky Collins, Director of Community Engagement

Mr. Ricky Collins is Gaston Christian's new Director of Community Engagement (PK3-12th). In this capacity, Mr. Collins will oversee chapels in all divisions, relationships with local churches, and initiatives related to multicultural community, belonging, and unity. He will also collaborate on our parent education events. He will continue to teach our bands and serve as technical director. We are excited about the energy and leadership Mr. Collins will bring to this role.



Mr. Mark Moore, Christian Life Director

Mr. Mark Moore is Gaston Christian's new Christian Life Director (PK3-12th). Mr. Moore will be overseeing spiritual formation and discipleship, collaborating with other leaders in the development of a robust Bible curriculum, directing service and missions efforts, and overseeing student retreats and men's Bible studies. He will also collaborate on our parent education events. He will continue to teach a small number of high school Bible classes. Mr. Moore is excited to bring his experience in youth ministry and ministry development to these very important aspects of the spiritual development of our students.



Mrs. Julie Denham, Director of Women's Ministry

Mrs. Julie Denham is Gaston Christian's new Director of Women's Ministry. In addition to her full-time role as a middle school Bible teacher, Mrs. Denham has agreed to oversee events and efforts related to women's Bible studies and events. She brings not only extensive biblical training, but also significant relevant experience from her church and the community to help GCS resource and equip the women in our community to better know and love God.

Please join us in congratulating these valuable members of our team on their new roles. As always, we covet your prayers as we strive to serve our school community with excellence in every endeavor.

In Christ,



Dr. Marc Stout, Head of School



Dr. Joel Uecker, Associate Head of School