



COLUMBIA ACADEMY

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Columbia Academy to add specialized program for students with learning difficulties

COLUMBIA, TENN (July 2, 2012) – In an effort to bridge the teaching and learning gap for students who have difficulty meeting the challenges of a college-prep curriculum, Columbia Academy will add the new Harmony program for qualified students in grades 5-12 at the main campus in Columbia. The program will admit a maximum of 12 full-time students in this first year. With elementary and special education certifications and more than 20 years experience, Melissa Bryant will join the Columbia Academy faculty this fall to lead the program as director.

“I am so excited to be a part of this new program that will allow more students who have specific learning needs to also enjoy a Christian school experience,” Bryant said. “I just completed my twenty-second year of teaching with 12 of those years teaching special education classes. I want to bring that experience and combine it with the resources we have at CA to expand on what we can offer to a broader range of students.”

The program will work by assigning the students with mild learning disabilities to the Harmony classroom as needed. This assignment could be for as little as one subject per day, Bryant said, or for several subjects such as language arts, math and a study skills class. As an advocate between the student and teachers, Bryant will also be able to make modifications to the students’ curriculum in the mainstream classroom for subjects like science, history, Bible, and P.E.

Students admitted into the Harmony program will be qualified through testing and medical records. The program will not accept students with behavior disorders. For more information about the program, interested families should contact Director Melissa Bryant at 931-398-5346 or melissa.bryant@cabulldogs.org. To begin the admissions process, contact Emily Lansdell at admissions@cabulldogs.org or 931-490-4302.

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Columbia Academy is a PreK-12th grade college preparatory school founded in 1979 to provide high quality academics from a Christian perspective. With an enrollment of more than 700 students, CA is located on a beautiful 67-acre campus in Columbia, Tenn., formerly home to the Columbia Military Academy. CA also maintains a satellite campus in Spring Hill, Tenn. Columbia Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the National Christian School Association.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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