



# COLUMBIA ACADEMY

## News Release

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### **Lisa Bennett joins Columbia Academy as Vice President for Development**



COLUMBIA, TENN (July 3, 2013) – Lisa Bennett has joined the Columbia Academy administrative staff as the new Vice President for Development. Bennett will oversee all fundraising efforts and development of partnerships that will benefit the school’s mission of providing a high quality, Christian education, according to President Dr. James Thomas. Bennett most recently served as the Co-Chair of the Columbia Academy Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) for three years.

“Lisa brings a tremendous amount of energy and ability, as well as a great deal of dedication to Columbia Academy and our mission,” Thomas said. “She has a broad range of experiences that will serve her well in this new role, including her background as a CPA, project manager, and consultant, not to mention her role as co-chair of the CA PTO.”

Professionally, Bennett has served as a Project Manager with C3 Consulting in Nashville with 12 years of experience in consulting, information technology, human resources, accounting, and financial services. Over her career, Bennett has led IT system implementations and integrations for a Fortune 150 Financial Services company. She began her career with a Big Four accounting firm where she provided auditing and consulting services as a CPA.

"I have loved serving CA as a volunteer over the last several years; however, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join the CA family in a new capacity," Bennett said. "My family continues to be blessed by all that CA has to offer. I have a passion for the school and its mission and want to do all that I can to help ensure its financial stability for future generations."

Bennett is married to Jon Bennett, who is principal of the Columbia Academy Upper School and together they have three sons who attend Columbia Academy.

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*Columbia Academy is a PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade college preparatory school founded in 1979 to provide high quality academics from a Christian perspective. With an enrollment of more than 750 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 AdvancED (SACS) and is a member of the National Christian School Association.*

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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