

## COLUMBIA ACADEMY News Release

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## Marty DeJarnette returns to Columbia Academy as head basketball coach

COLUMBIA, TENN (May 25, 2013) – Marty DeJarnette will be returning to Columbia Academy this fall to resume the head basketball coaching position he held for 15 of the 17 years he served at the school. DeJarnette brings 21 years of experience teaching and coaching basketball and a seasoned working relationship with many CA players, coaches faculty and staff members, said Athletic Director Mike Mizer.

"Coach DeJarnette will make an immediate and positive impact on our campus," Mizer said. "He's a good basketball coach and he has a passion for Columbia Academy. The relationships he already has in place will



be an asset that will enable him to go straight to work as our head basketball coach. He is poised to lead our basketball players both on and off the court. Bulldog Basketball will continue to grow under his leadership."

Most recently, DeJarnette served as the head boys basketball coach at Culleoka Unit School. While at Columbia Academy in the head coaching position, he led the Bulldogs to two State Tournament appearances in 1997 and 1999 finishing State Runner-Up in 1997. DeJarnette has accumulated 291 career wins including the top three seasons of most wins in school history.

He also coached the CA girls softball team for seven years with five sub-state appearances and a state tournament appearance in 1997 finishing in the final four. DeJarnette first came to CA in 1993 where he helped launch the girls and boys soccer programs coaching the girls for three years and the boys in their inaugural season. He coached volleyball one season and the high school girls basketball team for two seasons along with the boys. He has also served as an assistant coach for baseball, football, basketball, and golf during his 17 years with CA. Along with coaching, DeJarnette has also held many administrative and teaching positions throughout the years.

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DeJarnette is a 1991 graduate of Harding University with a B.A. in Physical Education and a 1992 graduate of Harding University Graduate School with a M.Ed. in Secondary Administration. DeJarnette is also a member of the TACA (TN Athletic Coaches Association) and BCAT (Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee).

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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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