



CHAMINADE

COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A Day and Boarding School for Boys Grades 6-12
in the Marianist Tradition

CHAMINADE NAMES NEW LEADERSHIP

Rev. Ralph A. Siefert, S.M, President of Chaminade College Preparatory School, has announced that he will be retiring in June 2022. “Father Ralph”, as he is affectionately known among the Chaminade community, has served in the role of President for more than 30 years. Father Siefert had this to say about his time at Chaminade, “It has been an incredible privilege for me to have been a part of the growth to manhood of the thousands of young men who have allowed Chaminade to be a key instrument to become the mature, well educated, kind and compassionate men that God calls them to be. My life has been wonderfully enriched by my relationships with the adult members of our school community and the parents of our young men as well.”

Mr. John Eilermann, Chairman of Chaminade’s Board of Trustees and a 1982 graduate of Chaminade, has announced that Dr. Todd Guidry, current Middle School Principal, will succeed Father Siefert as the next President of Chaminade. The selection of Dr. Guidry received unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees, the Marianist Provincial Council, and Chaminade’s Succession Committee.

Dr. Guidry received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Xavier University, a Master of Arts in Education from St. Louis University, and a Doctorate in Education from St. Louis University. He has served as Middle School Principal for eight years and holds prior experience in Chaminade’s Campus Ministry which will serve him well in leading the continued growth of Chaminade’s Marianist Mission.

Upon his appointment, Dr. Guidry shared, “It is a tremendous honor to serve as the next President of Chaminade. I am grateful to the Board of Trustees and to the Marianist Province of the United States for their great support of the school, as well as their desire to continue to have a collaborative, mission focused relationship with the leadership of the school.”

Dr. Guidry’s term will begin in June 2022. The 2021-2022 school year will serve as a transition year with Father Siefert in the role of President and Dr. Guidry serving as Executive Vice President. This will allow for a seamless transition upon Father Siefert’s retirement in June 2022.

The position vacated by Dr. Guidry’s advancement will be filled by Mr. Jack Twellman. A current Middle School Counselor, Mr. Twellman also has extensive experience as a Middle School Teacher, House Dean and Coach. He will begin shadowing Dr. Guidry immediately and move into the new role in Summer 2021.