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Joe Maemone

The King's Academy Names Joe Maemone as New Athletic Director

SUNNYVALE, Calif, April 16, 2013 — After an extensive search process, Joe Maemone has been named the next Athletic Director for The King's Academy and will officially begin his new role on July 1. Joe has served The King's Academy in various roles since 1996. Currently, he teaches Human Anatomy & Physiology and Weight Training. During his tenure at TKA, Joe Maemone also served as the Spiritual Life Director and as Bible Department supervisor and teacher. He has coached junior high girls soccer for the past 9 years, earning multiple league championships, and has also assisted with coaching football.

Bob Kellogg cited Joe's energy, integrity, interpersonal skills, and his understanding of the vision for TKA athletics among the key attributes that led to his selection. "Joe has a unique vantage point, having seen TKA grow and change through these past seventeen years. He truly understands what is distinctive about TKA athletics and how, along with a commitment to be strong competitors and win games, we desire for our athletes and coaches to be God-honoring leaders both on and off the field."

Joe Maemone is often remembered by alumni as one of the people who most influenced them while at TKA and someone they always feel eager to reconnect with, even after many years. His legacy includes infusing a desire in students to eat healthier and build strength, but more importantly, he has counseled and encouraged numerous students, truly speaking the truth in love in an effort to, as he states, "guide them away from the snares of the world and towards Jesus Christ."

"His proven track record in serving as a Christian role model and building strong relationships has been a major benefit for TKA, and the Athletic Director position will allow him to expand his influence. He will bring incredible passion and vision to TKA athletics, and I'm looking forward to seeing how God will use his gifts in the AD position to further impact our students and coaches, as well as our league colleagues and teams," Kellogg said.

The search committee interviewed numerous candidates for the position. After several rounds of interviews, the leading candidate selected by the committee ultimately removed himself from consideration. After hearing about this outcome, Joe Maemone spent a week in prayer and consultation with his family before deciding to submit his application. He told the search committee what led to this decision: "Four years ago, when my dear friend Paul Spates was dying of cancer, he asked me to consider taking his place as Athletic Director. Though I took his request very seriously, because of my family commitments, I have not felt the timing was right until now. My family is very supportive because they love TKA as much as I do." The Paul M. Spates Memorial Gymnasium was named in honor of TKA's beloved Vice Principal of Athletics and a founder of The King's Academy.

Joe expressed excitement and a strong sense of purpose in taking the job, saying that his main priorities will be to improve facilities, mentor coaches and athletes, and communicate with parents. "I am very excited about the challenge of the Athletic Director position. While TKA has a strong athletics and coaching staff in place, I believe I can provide the needed leadership and encouragement to take our program to the next level of excellence and ultimately to use athletics as a platform for outreach and guiding those we come in contact with towards Jesus Christ."

Joe Maemone is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and received his bachelor's degree in 1996 from San Jose Christian College in Bible and Theology. He also earned a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic. Prior to coming to TKA, he was a practicing chiropractor for nine years. He and his wife, Anita, have three children, David (TKA Class of 2007), Jessica (TKA Class of 2011) and Michele (Class of 2015).

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