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## The King's Academy Names Former NFL Coach Michael Johnson As Development Director and Head Varsity Football Coach





Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson brings to TKA a proven track record in fundraising, development, and recruiting as well as extensive college and NFL experience. He has been a wide receivers' coach, quarterbacks' coach, and offensive coordinator for Oregon State, UCLA, the San Diego Chargers, Atlanta Falcons, Baltimore Ravens, and San Francisco 49ers (under Mike Singletary). In total, Mike spent 11 years in the NFL and 4 years in the Pac 12. Most recently, Mike has been the Player Personnel Director for the 2014 Semper Fi High School All-American Bowl Game which is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps.

While with the Atlanta Falcons, Mike helped start a charity called, "1<sup>st</sup> and 10 Foundation," an organization designed to minister to underprivileged youth in the Atlanta area. Arthur Blank, co-founder of Home Depot and owner of the Falcons, took Mike under his wing, showing him all he needed to know about running a charity. Later, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 Foundation became a blueprint for the NFL's Rookie Symposium, which is a counseling program for young men on how to effectively deal with the challenges of life in the NFL. Mike's involvement with the foundation included fundraising, public speaking and event planning.

Athletic Director, Joe Maemone commented, "Michael believes wholeheartedly that the Lord has called him to The King's Academy for such a time as this. Mike sent me a text two weeks ago when we first started exploring the possibility of him being part of our community. It states, 'Joe, if you are asked why would Mike Johnson wants to be at The King's Academy, this is the answer: 1 Peter 5:2-4, 'Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers --- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And then when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

Mike Johnson was born in Los Angeles and received his bachelor's degree in 2008 from Akron University in Ohio. Mike is married to Louan, who coaches track at Valley Christian High School. He has two children, a daughter, Taylor, who is a sophomore at Valley Christian, and a son, Michael Jr., who is a homeschooled 7th grader and hopes to attend 8<sup>th</sup> grade at The King's Academy.

The mission of The King's Academy is to transform lives through Christ-centered college preparatory education. The junior and senior high school of 900 students (grades 6-12) offers a loving, family environment where students are encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus, their family, teachers, and others. Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.tka.org">www.tka.org</a>.

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