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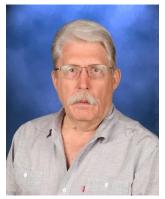
## The King's Academy Honors Three Retirees: Mark Anderson, Doreen Heenk, Jason Rosé

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We are proud to recognize three employees who have dedicated the majority of their work lives to our students and are now choosing to enjoy retirement from education. They have given selflessly, taken on whatever variety of tasks have been asked of them over the years, mentored the many students and staff who have come and gone during their tenure, have stayed positive and dedicated to our school's mission through challenges and changes, and together have cumulatively served nearly 75 years. They each represent the best qualities in a TKA staff member - faithful, dedicated, Christian role models.

Jason Rosé served TKA 1996-2023 Doreen Heenk served TKA 1998-2023 Mark Anderson served TKA 2001-2023

If members of The King's Academy community would like to send a card or note to any of the retirees, please send it to them c/o The King's Academy, 562 N. Britton Avenue, Sunnyvale, 94085 or email her directly before July 1 to: <a href="mailto:Mark.Anderson@tka.org">Mark.Anderson@tka.org</a>, <a href="mailto:Doreen.Heenk@tka.org">Doreen.Heenk@tka.org</a>, <a href="mailto:Jason.Rose@tka.org">Jason.Rose@tka.org</a>.



Mark Anderson has completed 51 years in education, 22 years at TKA. He started his career teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at The King's Academy in West Palm Beach, FL. In 2008, he began teaching English at TKA but transitioned to teaching history in his second year, along with calligraphy and ceramics in future years. In 2019, Mr. Anderson became TKA's full-time art teacher, using the curricula he developed for all these art classes. He also began TKA's Shepherding Program to help students who were falling behind and needed help with their organization to get work completed and on time. Mr. Anderson's classroom management style has always been designed for student success, as he provides clear guidelines and consistent feedback. He is also a master at integrating Biblical principles, scripture, and life lessons into his teaching.



**Doreen Heenk** has served as TKA's Academic Support Director for 25 years. As TKA grew and teachers discovered students with learning challenges, there was a need for someone to help these students and their families. Mrs. Heenk was hired to fill that need. Her first group of nine students soon grew to 30 students. Twenty-five years later, Doreen Heenk has helped over 1,000 students and their families. These students and their parents have expressed gratitude for the love, care, and encouragement they received from Mrs. Heenk. She has remained steadfast in her dedication to helping her students do their very best and now has many blessed memories of the successes her students with learning challenges have achieved.



Jason Rosé (or Doc, as he is affectionately known) served TKA as a science teacher for 27 years. Doc has taught Biology, Physical Science, and Chemistry but is lauded most for creating a course on infectious disease called Pestilence and Civilization. The curriculum he developed received a national award for education in epidemiology from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Rosé has left an indelible mark on a multitude of students who have gone on to become scientists, doctors, or researchers because of his passion and dedication. He is a teacher who makes an impression that will last a lifetime. Along with his teaching and the respect he gives each student, Doc will be remembered for his intelligence, quirky humor, and explosions (on purpose, with safety measures in place, for the students' enjoyment!). Many staff and parents have been blessed by his woodworking talent over the years, as he

donated many gorgeous pieces to the TKA's fundraiser and created special pieces on request. After he finishes some additional college courses, Dr. Rosé plans to work in the public sector, helping with virology research.

The King's Academy, an independent college preparatory school for 950 students in grades 6-12, is a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships. The King's Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). **TKA is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year.** For more information about TKA, please visit <a href="https://www.tka.org">www.tka.org</a>.

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