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**Debbie Walker, Assistant Dean of Students at The King's Academy, Announces Her Retirement**

SUNNYVALE, Calif, December 1, 2015 — Debbie Walker, Assistant Dean of High School at The King's Academy, will be retiring on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is Mrs. Walker's 17<sup>th</sup> year of service at TKA.

Debbie Walker began working at The King's Academy in 1999 as a receptionist, and then she served five years in the Student Activities Office (SAO) before being promoted to Assistant Dean of Students. She holds a B.A. in Sociology from San Francisco State College.



As Assistant Dean, she works closely with George Parsons, Dean of Students, to counsel high school students who need extra support and direction in areas of personal conduct or who need extra support while dealing with an illness or emotional issues. She also meets with parents to find out how TKA can best partner with the families to assist students who are struggling.

Among the TKA community, Debbie Walker is known for her compassion, calm manner, and wisdom. She communicates well with teens, having raised five children of her own and through her dedication to mentoring students at TKA.

Mrs. Mary Jane Klope, former TKA Bible teacher, will be assuming the responsibilities of the Assistant Dean of Students for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Debbie shared this sentiment about her upcoming retirement: "It has been a joy to work with the students and their families over the last 17 years. I have been blessed beyond measure. I am looking forward to this next adventure in Oregon, but I will miss The King's Academy community tremendously."

Debbie and her husband will be retiring to Oregon but will return frequently to the Bay Area to visit their five children and eleven grandchildren.

*Should you wish to send a note to Mrs. Walker, please email [debbie.walker@tka.org](mailto:debbie.walker@tka.org) by Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.*

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