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TKA Announces Retirement of Five Esteemed Staff at End of School Year

SUNNYVALE, Calif, May 13, 2016 — **John Carroll**, Facilities; **AnnaLisa Cochran**, 6th Grade History Teacher; **Lynn Emmenegger**, Library Administrator; **Rita Hoffman**, Registrar's Assistant; and **Dan Parker**, Science Teacher, will all be retiring at the end of this school year. These beloved staff members will be dearly missed. We extend our gratitude for their dedication and God-honoring service to the students and families of The King's Academy.



John Carroll has worked at The King's Academy since 1998 in facilities and, periodically, taught Bible classes. *"What I will miss the most of all has to do with relationships. Working with (former TKA Founder and Athletic Director) Paul Spates for many years was a lot of fun. He was a great source of encouragement. When my wife was taken to heaven, he gave me the best advice, which was simply to cry out to God for help. And, I will miss the kids – watching students relate to each other or play sports and talking with them is a great source of joy."* In the future, first and foremost, John wants to teach the Word of God, and he is considering writing a book on I John.

Additionally, he plans to work with his son on a large facilities project and maybe even coach at TKA. Another dream would be to go to Torchbearer Bible School, Capernwray Hall, in England.



AnnaLisa Cochran came to TKA in 2002 and has been a 6th grade teacher for 13 years. When reflecting on her years in the classroom, she writes, *"I will miss the students terribly. I will miss taking them to dinner at Sweet Tomatoes and to our house afterwards to play 'Mission Impossible'; I will miss all of the simulations in costumes and reenactments; I will miss the laughter in the classroom and the funny or sweet things students say and do. There is so much I will miss about the special community that exists at The King's Academy. It's like being with a family; we truly care about each other."* In retirement, AnnaLisa looks forward to frequently visiting her new grandson,

her daughter Kelly (Class of 2008) and son-in-law in Minnesota as well as her son, Kyle (Class of 2006) and his wife in San Diego. AnnaLisa and her husband would like to travel more, and she would like to visit the sites of ancient history that she's been teaching her students about all these years.



Twenty-two years ago, the Lord led **Lynn Emmenegger** to TKA through the desire for a Christian education for her two sons, Brian (Class of 2000) and Mark (Class of 2003). Lynn began at the school's receptionist desk, and two years later, she started working in the library. At that time, the library was in its current location but was half the size, with only four computers. When asked what she would miss most when she retires, Lynn replied, *"I have been blessed to watch hundreds of students grow up at our school, and to see the Lord work in so many lives. I will always fondly remember students reading books and magazines in our library stacks."* In retirement, she looks forward to having

more time for her husband and grown family, as well as reading books that she hasn't had time to read while working.



Rita Hoffman has been at TKA for 12 years, 8 of those years as an Assistant in the Registrar's Office. Additionally, Rita has served consistently as a room parent for Mrs. Cochran's 6th grade history class, assisting with crafts, decorations, and construction projects for history simulations. Rita spoke fondly about her time at TKA: *"I will miss the sense of community I found at King's. The fun and uplifting conversations shared with my coworkers were a constant source of encouragement to me"*. In retirement, she looks forward to connecting with friends and family, spending more time on her quilting and sewing hobbies, and traveling with her husband, sisters and friends. Rita's two

daughters attended TKA: Mindy (Class of 2008) and Sarah (Class of 2006).



These past 11 years, **Dr. Dan Parker** has taught Physics and Honors Physics at TKA. He remembers about how he started his teaching career: *“My children attended TKA (Steve, Class of 2004; Rebecca, Class of 2006) and my wife and I were overjoyed to see their academic and spiritual growth. God gave me the opportunity to go to Mexico with TKA in the spring of 2005, just after I retired from my career of twenty-six years. I knew then that God was speaking to me to consider teaching at The King's Academy.”* Dan is grateful for the support and encouragement he has received from teachers.

Furthermore, the enthusiasm and relationships with students have been a significant blessing to him. Dan and his wife are moving to Fort Collins, Colorado, to be near their son Steve, daughter-in-law, and 11-month-old granddaughter. They also look forward to traveling and pursuing their hobbies.

Should you wish to send a note of thanks and congratulations, please email john.carroll@tka.org, annalisa.cochran@tka.org, lynn.emmenegger@tka.org, rita.hoffman@tka.org or dan.parker@tka.org by Friday, June 3.

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