



Dear Morgan Families,

The Morgan Academy Board of Directors is excited to announce that Dr. Bryan Oliver has been selected to be the school's next headmaster, effective July 15, 2021. Dr. Oliver comes to us with a wealth of professional experience, expertise, and leadership skills. His level of education, stellar reputation, professional affiliations, and vision for our school make him an excellent fit for Morgan Academy.

The Board of Directors launched a thoughtful and intense process to recruit the strongest candidates for our school. From an initial field of five individuals, the Search Committee narrowed the field to the most highly qualified candidates for interviews. While all finalists were experienced administrators and leaders, it was clear from Dr. Oliver's interviews and outstanding references, that he was the best candidate to move Morgan Academy forward. The full Board of Directors voted unanimously to extend the headmaster position to Dr. Oliver.

Dr. Oliver holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance, as well as a Master of Arts and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration, from the University of Alabama. He has over 18 years of independent school and higher education experience in teaching and administration. His professional experience began at The University of Alabama where he spent eight years in a variety of capacities, including time as an admissions counselor in undergraduate admissions and at the Career Center. He served as the High School Guidance Counselor for two years and the High School Principal for six years at Saint James School in Montgomery, Alabama. For the past three years, Dr. Oliver has served as the Head of School at Tuscaloosa Academy where he increased enrollment, initiated a new technology program, managed and balanced the annual budget, and supervised 65 faculty and staff.

In addition to his academic and career accolades, Dr. Oliver has an impressive list of professional affiliations. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the College of Education at the University of Alabama. Dr. Oliver is also a member of and serves as the Treasurer for the Alabama Independent School Association's State Board, where he is well respected. He is married to Beth Oliver and they have two sons, John Rivers and Rex. Please join us in welcoming the Olivers to our Morgan family and look for more information with opportunities to meet them.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Karim Oaks for serving as interim headmistress. Mrs. Oaks' dedication, leadership and experience is invaluable to our school. Under her direction, Morgan Academy is fully staffed with highly qualified faculty for the 2021-2022 school year. Attached you will find an updated faculty and staff roster. We look forward to continuing Morgan Academy's tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,
The Morgan Academy Board of Directors