

## MEET THE SECONDARY ADMINISTRATORS



**Larry A. Wooldridge, HS/ MS Principal:** I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Denise, for 29 years. We have three boys, Ian, 24, the Youth Worship Minister at Okolona Christian; Andy, 23, a senior at UL and the Worship Leader at Autumn Lake Christian Church; and Riley, a junior here at Christian Academy. Denise and I are active at Okolona Christian Church where I serve as a deacon. In addition, we work with the College Age Ministry as well as the Worship Team. Professionally, I have served in education for the past 31 years. I recently completed my 3rd year as an English Station administrator. Before that, I served four years as athletic director, two years as assistant principal and five years as the principal at duPont Manual High School. Before administration, I served as a high school English teacher for 16 years in Bullitt County. No role have I served in is more eternal or of greater importance than serving as the principal at Christian Academy. Our work at Christian Academy is significant and it is my desire that our school provides opportunities for students to have transformed hearts so that as adults they live lives that glorify the Lord.

## HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS



**Jill Blount, HS Counselor/Department Head, serving students with last names (A-K):** I am celebrating my 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with my husband this month. I am originally from Mississippi and relocated to Louisville 14 years ago. We have two children who graduated from CAL: Jonny, Class of 2011, 23, was recently married and is living in Richmond, Kentucky, after graduating from ECU in Risk Management and Insurance. Lizzy, Class of 2014, is a junior at UL majoring in Nursing. Jimmy and I are active at Highview Baptist Church, East Campus. Before coming to CAL, I was employed by Highview Baptist and worked with new members and in adult ministry. I have also served in student ministry, guest ministry and children's ministry. Prior to working at Highview, I enjoyed being a stay at home mom and caring for my children. Before that, I worked as a social worker with the State Department of Health in Mississippi for 10 years, counseling adults, teens and children. I have also worked contractually for schools in Arkansas while we lived there the 3 years before moving to Kentucky. I consider the work that I do as a HS counselor at CAL to be a ministry. What a privilege it is to have the opportunity to guide teenagers as they make decisions about college, careers and just doing life as a teenager!



**M. Renée Brown, High School Counselor for students with last names L-Z:** Born in Kansas, I accepted Christ in Tennessee and considered Oklahoma home until I first moved to Kentucky 18 years ago. I met my spouse in Sunday School (the one place he said he thought he would be "safe") in Knoxville, Tennessee. We have been married for 22 years and have one daughter, Ashton, who graduated from high school this past year. I attended Carson-Newman University where I majored in Political Science and History before figuring out what I wanted to do when I grew up. I also studied in France (but remember little of my French) when my original plan to study International Relations was still in effect. God had other plans for me that involved working with teenagers, and I ended up with a Master's in Education. I have a varied counseling background; working in an adolescent alcohol and treatment center was my first "real" job. I have also served in public schools, taught at Western Kentucky University, served the homeschooling community, and private Christian schools in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Northern Virginia, prior to moving back to the Louisville area in August 2016.

## HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION – ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



**Robbie Brown, HS/MS Assistant Principal:** I am excited to begin my seventeenth year at Christian Academy. CAL is a wonderful community of believers and it is that strong sense of community that has kept me at here for so long! After graduating from Western Kentucky University, I taught social studies for ten years and then moved into administration after completing my masters at Indiana University. I was also a long-time swim coach here in the Louisville area and was privileged to coach the Centurion Swim Team for the ten years that I was in the classroom. My wife Brittney and I have two elementary-aged sons that I am blessed to bring to school with me every day. We attend Southeast Christian Church where I have been a member for over 30 years. When I'm not trying to keep up with my boys or attending CAL events, I like to spend my time reading, cooking, working around the house, and cheering on UK, the Cincinnati Reds, and the New York Giants.



**Rebekah L. Mason, HS/MS Assistant Principal:** I was born and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and most of my family still lives there. I have also spent time in Jefferson City, Tennessee, while attending Carson-Newman College, majoring in History and Religion, and in Wake Forest, North Carolina, while attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where I received my Masters of Divinity in Women's Studies and Advanced Biblical Languages. Between times in school, I returned to Chattanooga where I taught and coached in public schools for three years. After seminary, I returned to Chattanooga once again to serve as a counselor to women and adolescents with a parachurch ministry before teaching in the History and Bible Departments for six years at Silverdale Baptist Academy. In addition to my time in the classroom, I also coached volleyball, basketball, and softball on the middle and high school levels. In 2014, I graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Theology in Educational Leadership. I moved to Louisville in July 2015 to join the CAL family as an administrator, first in Middle School and now in High School. Currently, I am a foster parent in the process of adopting siblings, a two year old boy and three year old girl, who are Centurions in the Junior Academy. I am also a doctoral candidate working toward a Doctor of Education degree from SBTS. In addition to my two kids, we also have a gigantic mastiff named Atticus and a tiny calico cat named Gizmo. We are active members of Sojourn Community Church in Jeffersontown.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION – ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



**Karen Estep, MS/HS Assistant Principal:** Married to Dr. James Estep, Professor of Christian Education at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, Illinois. We have three young adult children whom were adopted. Our oldest son, Budd Estep, is a corrections officer at Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Illinois, where he and his wife Kara live with our first grandson. Our daughter, Dovie Estep-Hacker is a co-manager at ULTA Beauty and she lives with her husband Joe and our second grandson in Springfield, Illinois. Our youngest son, Dylan, recently moved with us to Kentucky, and will be working with Amazon in Lexington. As an educator, I have taught in both public schools and private Christian schools in Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, and Illinois. My experience is broad in that I have worked in grades K-12<sup>th</sup>, teaching secondary vocal and instrumental music, teaching 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Bible, middle school exploratory classes, and serving as a principal and head of school, training teachers in higher education, and building international partnerships with educators throughout China. I studied K-12 Music at Truman State University, Biblical Studies and Music Ministry at Cincinnati Christian University, and K-12 Educational Administration at Michigan State University. My passion is secondary students but in reality I love and enjoy working with anyone that wants to learn. Finally, I am called to Christian schooling and my life has been a journey that is evident of this call. I am blessed to be working at CASS and CAL.



**Chad Foster, MS/HS Assistant Principal:** I have been married to Hollie (who happens to work in our Athletic Office) for 16 years. We have three kids: Keaton, 8th grade; Caleb, 6th grade; Ella, 4th grade. Hollie and I are members of Southeast Christian (Blankenbaker) where we have been active since 2003. Hollie and I have served in various capacities including work with paraministries such as Right to Life, Scarlet Hope, and Manhood Journey. Professionally I just started my 7th year as an administrator in our Middle School. Prior to that, I spent two years as a high school guidance counselor and seven years as a high school teacher at Bullitt Central. There I served for two years as an assistant athletic director, varsity head coach and assistant with boys' and girls' basketball and volleyball. Before these positions I taught and coached four years at Bardstown High School. I enjoy the family ministry my position affords. God has prepared good works in advance for us and CAL is certainly one of them. My prayer is that generational change takes place as students leave here and enter their larger spheres of influence.