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Dr. **ROBERT ARMSTRONG** currently serves as the Campus Administrator and Rhetoric School Principal at the Collin County campus of Coram Deo Academy in Plano, Texas. He has been involved in Classical Christian education for more than 35 years. For over 20 years' he has served as a Head of School where he evaluated and trained faculty in classical pedagogy, enhanced classrooms as communities of learners, and guided mission driven evaluations.



ROBYN BURLEW came to Veritas as the head of upper school in 2014, after serving in a classical and Christian school in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for fifteen years. Mrs. Burlew's childhood in rural upstate New York laid the foundation for a love of the outdoors and the created world. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Houghton College and a master's degree in integrated curriculum and instruction from Covenant College. She is a member of the national council of the Alcuin Fellowship and serves in the Mid-Atlantic chapter. Mrs. Burlew has three grown daughters. In her free time, she enjoys the piano, hiking, and her golden retrievers.



TY FISCHER has been the head of school at Veritas Academy in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, since 1997. He received a BA in history from Grove City College and a master of divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He serves on the board of the Association of Classical Christian Schools. He has been involved in numerous curricular projects. Recently, he edited the book *Teaching Beauty: A Vision for Music & Art in Christian Education*. He was the managing editor of Veritas Press' Omnibus Project. He was a contributor to *Perspectives on Family Ministry* and *Perspectives on Your Child's Education* which were published in October 2009. Ty and his wife, Emily, are the parents of four daughters: Madelyn, Layne, Karis, and Elyse and the proud owners of one "periodically good" puggle, Roxy



DAVID GOODWIN has served as the president of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) since 2015. Formerly, he was the head of the Ambrose School, a classical Christian school in Boise, ID, from 2003 through 2014. He served on the ACCS Board as an elected member from 2010 to 2014, and helped develop the strategic plan for the ACCS. Prior to his work in classical Christian education, Mr. Goodwin spent 13 years in marketing and new business development for a large computer products manufacturer. He holds an MBA and BIS from Boise State University. He and his wife, Stormy, work as a team on many ACCS projects and attend All Saints Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho. They are the parents of three children, one who attends New Saint Andrews College in Moscow, ID, and two who attend the Ambrose School.



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BILL HIGH is the Executive Chairman & Founder of The Signatry: A Global Christian Foundation. His mission is to empower families in building multi-generational legacies of generosity. Bill works with families, individual givers and financial advisors, with expertise in guiding business owners looking to sell or transition their business to the next generation. Bill practiced law for 12 years before embarking on a new adventure, starting up The Signatry. Since 2000, The Signatry has received contributions of over \$4 billion and facilitated over \$3 billion in charitable grants. A forward-thinking entrepreneur, Bill also helped found iDonate, an integrated online donation platform serving the nonprofit community. Bill is an author and a sought-after conference speaker on topics relating to family legacy, philanthropy, and the transforming power of biblical generosity. He was named one of the Top 25 Philanthropy Speakers in the U.S. by Philanthropy Media. Recent books include *Giving It All Away...And Getting It All Back Again: The Way of Living Generously*, coauthored with David Green, Founder & CEO of Hobby Lobby, and *Charity Shock: Ten Critical Trends Revolutionizing the Fundraising World*, coauthored with iDonate CEO Ray Gary. Bill has been married to his wife Brooke for more than 30 years. They have four children, two sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. Learn more about Bill at billhigh.com.



KEITH NIX has served as the head of school at Veritas since 2010. Mr. Nix serves as the vice chairman of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS) and president of the Board of Academic Advisors for the Classic Learning Initiatives, and was the prior chairman of the Society for Classical Learning. He frequently consults with classical Christian school boards and leaders, and has served on the board of the Virginia Council for Private Education. Prior to moving to Veritas in 2010, Keith was a board member, and then later head of school at the Westminster School in Birmingham, Alabama from 2004–2010. He is a founding Arête Fellow and has facilitated the Arête Fellowship gatherings since 2009. Prior to working in classical Christian schools, Keith was president of Nixgroup, a boutique consulting firm working with start-up and early stage organizations and businesses. Mr. Nix plays tennis competitively, hopes to improve his golf game, and loves to read great books. He is married to Kim, an accomplished artist; the Nixes have two grown sons and a daughter in college.



JIM REYNOLDS and his wife, Nancy, moved to Richmond from Orlando in the summer of 2018. Previously, Jim was serving as the dean of faculty at the Geneva School, a Christian, classical school in Orlando, Florida. When Jim and Nancy first learned about Christian, classical education, they experienced it as a homecoming. Many years back, they had helped begin a Christian school with many of the ideals they now see bearing fruit in Christian classical schools. Jim has a BBA from the University of Michigan and an MA in education from Eastern Michigan University. Before working at the Geneva School, he was with Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt School Publishing for 19 years as an educational consultant, marketing manager, and vice president/editor-in-chief. Jim enjoys live music—both listening and playing, spending time with his family, and getting out in nature.



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KATHARINE SAVAGE is the founder and head of Philadelphia Classical School. She and her husband have three children ranging from nine to 16 years old. She also serves as a representative member on the board for the Association of Classical Christian Schools. Originally a Southerner, Katharine graduated from Belhaven University before trekking up to Philadelphia for her husband to attend Westminster Seminary. Her most widely used leadership resources have come from counseling classes at Westminster Seminary plus the pure grit from 30 years of ballet. She enjoys solving problems, creating new systems, reading great books, and having friends over for Saturday morning brunch.



DAVE SEBIEL is the father of five, the husband of Brooke, and a rider of bikes. When he's not working on his doctorate from Southern on organizational leadership, he is playing baseball with his sons or chasing kids at recess. He is the head of school at Coram Deo Academy in Carmel, IN. Carmel is one of the top places to raise a family in the country.



ANDREW SMITH has been a teacher and administrator in Christian classical schools since 2003. Prior to joining Veritas in 2017, he was director of upper school at the Geneva School, in Orlando, Florida, and before that, head of upper school at Westminster Academy, in Memphis, Tennessee. Andrew's academic work has focused primarily on rhetoric, and he is regularly involved in consulting and teacher training for various schools in the classical Christian renewal. He is a member of the national council of the Alcuin Fellowship and currently serves as the director of the Mid-Atlantic chapter. Andrew has a BA in history and an MA in philosophy from the University of Memphis, and an MDiv from Samford University. He and his wife, Keri, have four children.



CARL WARMOUTH began his career in classical Christian education in 2008. He is the grammar school dean at The Ambrose School in Meridian, Idaho and previously served as a teacher across several grades, a high-school principal, and then headmaster at Trinity Christian School in Opelika, Alabama. He also served as interim head of school at Ambrose from 2018–2020. Carl has presented several workshops at ACCS conferences and serves as a member of school accreditation committees regularly. He enjoys building a confessional school culture based on joyful obedience. He has been married to his wife Janine for 27 years and has two grown children. Janine has been teaching at classical Christian schools for 22 years and his daughter teaches upper-school Latin at Ambrose.



“THE END THEN OF LEARNING IS TO REPAIR
THE RUINS OF OUR FIRST PARENTS
BY REGAINING TO KNOW GOD ARIGHT,
AND OUT OF THAT KNOWLEDGE

TO LOVE HIM,

TO IMITATE HIM,

TO BE LIKE HIM,

AS WE MAY THE NEAREST BY POSSESSING
OUR SOULS OF TRUE VIRTUE, WHICH BEING
UNITED TO THE HEAVENLY GRACE OF FAITH
MAKES UP THE HIGHEST PERFECTION.”

—JOHN MILTON,

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