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Benedictine Announces the Appointment of Mr. Jacob Horne as Principal and Mr. Kevin Farmer as Assistant Principal

SAVANNAH, Ga.— Following the approval of the Benedictine Military School Board of Trustees and its Chair, Mr. Mark Shawe, along with the Archabbot of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., the sponsoring religious community of Benedictine Military School (BC), Headmaster Father Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B., announced the appointment of Mr. Jacob Horne as principal and Mr. Kevin Farmer as assistant principal of BC, effective July 1, 2017.

Mr. Horne, who has served as the assistant principal at BC since 2013 and is working toward a doctorate in educational leadership at Valdosta State, has been a “strong and effective educational leader,” according to Mr. Dennis A. Daly, who has served as principal for the past two years. Mr. Daly will continue his involvement with BC in the areas of strategic planning and development.

“We are deeply grateful to Mr. Daly for his contributions to the academic enhancement and athletic success of BC during his tenure,” Father Ziemkiewicz said. “He has been an outstanding leader and a creative force for innovation in his role as the academic leader of BC. We are greatly appreciative of his achievements and for expanding the legacy of excellence for which BC has become well known. We look forward to his continued service to Benedictine Military School.”

Mr. Horne, who succeeds Mr. Daly, is in his eighth year at BC. He has been assistant principal since 2013. Mr. Horne began teaching at BC in 2009. He served as Social Science Department Chair, advised Model United Nations and the Sabre Yearbook. He also coached soccer, wrestling and track and field.

Born in Birmingham, Mr. Horne was raised in the Savannah area. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Education from Georgia Southern University in 2008 and has taught at BC since 2009. In 2012, he earned a master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Georgia Southern and an additional master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Valdosta State University in 2016. He is currently working toward an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Valdosta State. Mr. Horne and his wife, Brittani, an early childhood educator, have two sons: Noah, 3, and Jonah, 9 months.

“Jacob is one of the best educators I have known in my 40 years in education,” Mr. Daly said. “He is thoughtful, intelligent, hardworking, dedicated, loyal and mature. No one works harder than Jacob. He sets the bar high for all of us.”

Mr. Farmer is a 1992 graduate of BC. The Savannah native is in his fifth year as Benedictine’s Director of Admissions. He is known by many for developing state championship baseball programs, and has served as BC’s Guidance Counselor and Advanced Placement Coordinator. He will continue to coach BC’s baseball team. Mr. Farmer has served 18 years as an educator in both private and public education. He is currently working toward a master’s degree in Counseling Education Higher Ed Services. Mr. Farmer and his wife, Sarah, an early childhood educator, have a 9-year-old daughter, Emma.

“Mr. Farmer will work closely with Mr. Horne in leading BC, which is one of the flagship college preparatory academic institutions in Savannah,” according to Headmaster Father Ziemkiewicz.

Principal-designate Horne noted that “Kevin is an outstanding role model for students at BC. He brings a unique skill set of common sense educational wisdom and youthful enthusiasm, both of which have proven to be highly effective in motivating our students academically and athletically.”

Mr. Horne noted that “as a leader, Kevin has demonstrated an unquenchable drive for excellence in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the community. Kevin is very well respected amongst our Cadets, teachers, parents, and alumni community. His leadership as Assistant Principal will serve the Savannah community very well. I am looking forward to working with him to continue to provide the Savannah community and the region with a world class college preparatory program.”

BC is a Catholic, Benedictine military school educating a diverse male population in the military tradition. While BC is committed to preparing young men for college, it also fosters lifelong learning and service to others. BC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information about BC visit www.thebc400.com or follow us on Facebook.