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**CLARENDON HALL
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CLARENDON HALL ANNOUNCES NEW HEADMASTER

SUMMERTON, SC –Clarendon Hall’s Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Mrs. Kelley B. Wannamaker will be the Saints’ Headmaster effective July 1, 2019. Wannamaker was on campus Tuesday, March 19, to be introduced to the full faculty and staff. She will succeed Headmaster Phillip Rizzo, Jr., who announced his retirement in January 2019, after six years leading the school. Rizzo will remain with Clarendon Hall through June 30, 2019, and will assist Wannamaker in her transition.

A native South Carolinian, Wannamaker earned her B.S. and Master of Education from the University of South Carolina. She has been in education since 1990, working with children from birth through 12th grade. She comes to Clarendon Hall from Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, where she served for two years as Lower Campus Principal and 12 years as Head of School.

In making the announcement, Clarendon Hall Board Chairman and CEO Charles B. “Tripp” James, III stated, “Mr. Rizzo is one the best administrators we have ever had. He has raised our academic standards immensely, hired a strong, dedicated faculty, and created a student-focused environment. Clarendon Hall would not be where it is today without him.” James continued, “After meeting Mrs. Wannamaker, we knew she was the next leader for Clarendon Hall. We are confident she will continue to raise the bar and enable our students to excel while remaining true to our mission of Academic Excellence in a Christian Environment.”

“Mr. Rizzo has a genuine love and concern for the students and their families. He has the heart of a Saint, and Clarendon Hall has been blessed by his outstanding leadership,” said Board President and Alumnus L. Travis McIntosh. McIntosh went on to say, “Mrs. Wannamaker is a people person with a proven track record. In addition to her education experience and impressive credentials, she has 14 years as a SCISA School Administrator and has served as President of the SCISA Headmaster’s Association. She is sincerely interested and engages others, especially the students and staff, and wants them to succeed.”

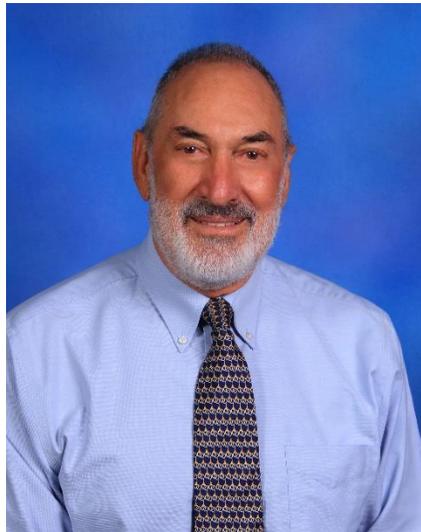
Following the announcement, Wannamaker stated, “Clarendon Hall has a distinct reputation of offering a quality education in a warm, family-friendly Christian atmosphere. To be given the opportunity to serve as the next headmaster is very humbling. I realize the vital role the school plays in the community, and I understand that continued success is extremely important. I look forward to working with the board, staff, parents, and students of Clarendon Hall.” Wannamaker and her husband Rusty have five children (four daughters and one son), and one grandson. Their family will be growing with weddings for two of their children within the next year. They are members of First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg.

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As one of the most well-established schools in the area, Clarendon Hall has provided superior elementary and secondary education in a non-denominational Christian environment since 1965. Clarendon Hall is an independent co-educational school for kindergarten three years old through twelfth grade. In addition to being a founding member of the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), Clarendon Hall is accredited by AdvancEd/SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). Clarendon Hall is located at 1140 South Dukes Street in Summerton. For more information, contact the school office at (803) 485-3550 or visit the website at www.clarendonhall.org.



Phillip Rizzo, Jr.



Kelley B. Wannamaker

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