



Crossroads Academy Announces Appointment of Next Head of School

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INTENSIVE SEARCH PROCESS RESULTS IN SELECTION OF NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL WHOSE TERM WILL BEGIN JULY 1, 2015

Lyme, NH— Crossroads Academy is delighted to announce Brad Choyt as its next Head of School. The school's Board of Trustees was unanimous in its support of the Search Committee's enthusiastic recommendation of Mr. Choyt based on an extensive and highly competitive eight-month search process. He will begin his term as the successor to current Head of School Jean Behnke on July 1, 2015.

Mr. Choyt has more than two decades of experience as an educator, administrator, and leader of independent schools. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a commitment to fostering learning environments for children that promote both intellectual inquiry and character development – the very values embodied in Crossroads Academy's commitment to Core Knowledge and Core Virtues. Mr. Choyt has an established record of leading schools, including serving for two years as founding director of Green School in Bali, Indonesia. He was most recently the Head of School at North Yarmouth Academy (NYA) in Yarmouth, Maine. At NYA, he significantly increased enrollment and annual giving while simultaneously undertaking a number of impressive strategic and educational initiatives including opening a new Lower School and launching a successful summer program for the surrounding local community.

Mr. Choyt is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and earned his undergraduate degree at Brown University with majors in Studio Art, Religious Studies, and Art History. He holds an MFA from the University of Pennsylvania. A native of Bedford, New Hampshire, Mr. Choyt has lived and studied in Israel, Indonesia, India, Nepal,

and Tibet during the course of his career. He and his family are looking forward to returning to New Hampshire and settling in the Upper Valley. Mr. Choyt's note of introduction can be found [here](#).

Sean Gorman, President of the Board of Trustees, states, "The Crossroads Academy Board was particularly impressed by Mr. Choyt's combination of vision, intelligence, thoughtfulness, energy, and dedication to the intellectual and character development of children. He is ready and eager to build on the solid and successful base of all that Jean Behnke accomplished during her thirteen years as Head of School. Crossroads Academy looks forward to a great future under Mr. Choyt's leadership."

About Crossroads Academy:

Crossroads Academy is committed to academic excellence and moral integrity. It inspires its students to love learning, act honorably, and contribute actively to intellectual, cultural, and civic life.

Founded in 1991 by Mary Beth Klee, Crossroads Academy is an independent, coeducational day school for students in kindergarten through grade eight. Crossroads sequential, classic curriculum is based on the Core Knowledge philosophy as developed by E.D. Hirsch, and on the Core Virtues Program, a character education program created by its founder. According to Head of School Jean Behnke, "Our practices and our campus support our engaging and experienced faculty in delivering these two programs to our student body. Upon graduation, our students attend the finest public and private high schools in New England."

In 2004, Crossroads was accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), whose visiting committee noted, "Students at Crossroads Academy appear happy to be there...[they are] actively engaged in their work with a sense of fun, respect, curiosity, and enthusiasm."

Crossroads enrolls approximately 120 students from within a 50-mile radius. Students are drawn from numerous Upper Valley communities including Lyme, Hanover, Canan, Orford, Lebanon, Piermont, Monroe, Grantham, Enfield, Grafton, and Warren in New Hampshire, and Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, Topsham, White River Junction, Vershire, and Woodstock in Vermont.

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