



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS



Damian Kavanagh

Vice President of School Services

SAIS is pleased to announce that Damian Kavanagh has been appointed to the newly-created position of Vice President of School Services. Damian comes to SAIS with a strong independent school background, having served The Westminster Schools of Atlanta for 15 years in a variety of teaching, coaching, and administrative roles, and most recently serving as Head of School at Cambridge Academy in Greenwood, SC.

As Vice President of School Services at SAIS, Damian will manage the accreditation program and serve as the primary liaison to the SAIS Accreditation Committee. Additionally, Damian will travel around the region to observe accreditation visits and present workshops on-site at member schools. With experience in a variety of areas from teaching to technology to coaching, Damian has served on and chaired multiple SAIS-SACS accreditation teams. He was also an active volunteer in the accreditation program of the American Camp Association. These experiences allow him to bring a unique and informed perspective to the implementation side of the SAIS accreditation process.

A native of Charlottesville, VA, and a graduate of Saint Anne's-Belfield School, Damian earned both his BA and MA in Latin from the University of Georgia. He started his career teaching Latin and Ancient History at the high school and middle school levels at The Westminster Schools. He also directed numerous highly successful camp and auxiliary programs at Westminster. He has been recognized as both Georgia lacrosse coach of the year and Georgia lacrosse referee of the year (but not in the same year!).

Damian and his wife Wendy along with their two spirited children will be relocating to Atlanta this summer. Damian is eager to serve SAIS member schools and to help them as they fulfill their missions.

Please join us in welcoming Damian to the SAIS staff as of July 1. He can be reached at damian@sais.org or (404) 918-8850.

About SAIS

The Southern Association of Independent Schools is a 501(c)(3) voluntary membership organization for K-12 independent schools in the Southeast. The mission of SAIS is to provide leadership, accreditation services, and professional development resources that will strengthen member schools as they fulfill their missions. The SAIS office is located just north of Atlanta in the suburb of Alpharetta. SAIS currently has 342 member schools. More information about SAIS can be found at www.sais.org.