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## MASTER'S ACADEMY APPOINTS NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

***After a national search, Board welcomes Dr. Rick Brewer to lead the school into the future***

The Board of Master's Academy of Vero Beach is pleased to announce Dr. Rick Brewer as the new Head of School. After an extensive search process by Vanderbloemen, Dr. Brewer was chosen by the Board from an impressive pool of well-qualified candidates.

Dr. Brewer will become the third Head of School in Master's Academy's twenty-six-year history. The school was founded in 1998 with an inaugural class of fourteen Kindergarten students. Under the leadership of Dr. Grant Powell, the school added grades and the first senior class graduated in 2009. Currently, Master's Academy serves over 315 students in Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade on their campus at the corner of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Vero Beach.

Dr. Brewer shared, *"I am excited to join the amazing Master's Academy 'family' and humbled by the opportunity to provide steward leadership for the students, faculty, staff, parents, Board, and supporters. Master's Academy is positioned to experience significant growth in the coming years as more families discover this transformational educational experience available to K-12 students. I'm grateful for the support and prayers of the Master's Academy family as we launch this new season of life and Kingdom advancement."*

The outgoing Head of School, Dr. Wayne Smith, joined Master's Academy in 2013 and successfully led the school for the past eleven years. Smith grew enrollment by approximately 30% and implemented strategic initiatives to add programs and improve technology while significantly growing and balancing the organization's budget.

Dr. Smith stated, *"I have been immensely privileged to serve as Head of School at Master's Academy. With the Lord's blessings and the dedicated efforts of an amazing team, the school has grown in every area while never wavering from our foundation as a biblical worldview school. Master's Academy is well positioned to flourish even more under Dr. Brewer's leadership."*

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Dr. Brewer comes to Master's Academy from Louisiana Christian University where he served in leadership as President and CEO for the past nine years. Brewer has thirty-seven years of experience in Christian higher education, holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policies from the University of South Carolina, a Master's in Business Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in History from Charleston Southern University. In addition, he has completed certificates in higher education and nonprofit leadership from Harvard, Duke, and Baylor Universities.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Louisiana Christian University, Dr. Cheryl Clark, had this to say about Dr. Rick Brewer, *"...He champions Christian education and has led the university with integrity, conviction, and grace. Dr. Brewer's astute visionary and strategic leadership, experience, wisdom, work ethic, and dedication to preparing graduates and transforming lives leaves a legacy that will endure through the countless lives he has encountered and impacted."*

A visionary and results-driven leader, Brewer and his team at LCU demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence. Dr. Brewer was instrumental in expanding programs, growing enrollment, and initiating strategic change while at LCU. The university successfully established partnerships, upgraded technology, and raised over \$50M for campus refurbishment under his leadership.

*"Dr. Rick Brewer is a visionary and thoughtful leader who inspires everyone to reach their full potential...His Christian character and leadership skills are impeccable..."*, said Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, President Emeritus, Charleston Southern University.

Dr. Jay Strack, President of Student Leadership University in Orlando, refers to Dr. Brewer as, *"one of the most highly effective leaders I know."* Dr. Brewer is also an experienced educator, musician, athletic coach, Christ-follower, and ordained minister. Among his accomplishments, he has recorded *Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs I and II*.

Attesting to his competence as a transformative servant-leader, Dr. Brewer served as the Board Chair for the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and for the International Alliance of Baptist Colleges and Universities. Dr. Brewer also served on the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; the Rapides Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors; Paul Harris Fellows with Rotary; the Louisiana Board of Regents STEM Advisory Committee; and as President and CEO of the Louisiana Athletic Club, LCU's for-profit business with locations in Pineville and Alexandria, Louisiana.

*"Dr. Brewer is a transformative leader of people. He is a man of deep faith, an accomplished educator, and a huge supporter of athletics. Master's Academy of Vero Beach has scored a touchdown for their students, faculty, and their community,"* stated Jamey Chadwell, Head Football Coach, Liberty University.

Master's Academy serves families in Indian River County and north St. Lucie County who desire a biblical worldview education for their children. Enrollment is skyrocketing following the expansion of the Florida School Choice voucher program and Master's

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Academy is searching for space to accommodate this growth and expand for the future. By partnering with parents in the education of their children, Master's Academy is well positioned to flourish. Unique offerings include NILD educational therapy, honors courses, dual enrollment, a vocational-technical program, fine and performing arts, and a robust athletic program. For more information about Master's Academy, visit [www.mastersvb.org](http://www.mastersvb.org) or email [info@mastersvb.org](mailto:info@mastersvb.org).