



# MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

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## INTRODUCING NIKKI DANIELS

The Monte Vista Christian School Board of Directors has named Nikki Daniels as the school's next Head of School. The announcement concludes a comprehensive search that began with the April resignation of former Head of School Mitchell Salerno. Nikki has led as Interim Head this summer

and will transition into the role of Head of School effective immediately.

Prior to her four years of service as MVC's Assistant Head of School, Nikki spent nearly twenty years in Christian education at both the secondary and university level. Nikki has led offices of external relations, business/finance, enrollment, and development, and has teaching experience in both in-person and online environments. Nikki has led numerous successful annual and capital campaigns, securing over fifty million philanthropic dollars in support of scholarships, endowments, and capital projects. Nikki holds an undergraduate degree from Wheaton College (IL) and a master's degree in business administration (MBA), with a concentration in nonprofit management from North Park University in Chicago.

Nikki's leadership vision for MVC includes but is not limited to restoring boarding enrollment to pre-pandemic levels, successfully implementing Year 1 of the IB Diploma Program (DP) for Grades 11-12, securing IB authorization of the Grades 6-10 Middle Years Program (MYP), and safely reopening the school for all students in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nikki and her family - including husband Ryan and children Linnea (MVC Class of 2026), Thomas (MVC Class of 2028), and Naomi (MVC Class of 2030) - relocated to Watsonville from Chicago in 2017 to answer God's call to Monte Vista Christian School. They have lived on campus throughout this time and have come to know and love the MVC community. Their church home is Twin Lakes, where their children have also attended elementary school.

*"As we prepare to begin our 96th year serving students and families from around the world, God's hand of blessing remains clearly evident at Monte Vista Christian School. Over the past four years, I have seen our faculty and staff empower learners to achieve their highest potential through Christ-centered educational excellence over and over again. This includes preparation for college and life but, most importantly, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I can think of no greater calling than to chart a path forward for MVC in its second century that will grow this work - for the sake of our students and for the glory of God."*

- NIKKI DANIELS

## QUICK NIKKI FACTS

- *Some of Nikki's MVC favorites include football games under the lights in Mustang Stadium, the view from Price Hall's eastern upper landing, and, of course, the Cafe's chocolate chip cookies.*
- *Nikki and her family enjoy exploring California's natural beauty with their cartop carrier, tent, and chocolate lab named Sadie.*
- *A native of Western New York, Nikki is a lifelong fan of Buffalo wings and the Buffalo Bills.*

