

Ascension Classical School announces hire of new head of school

Ascension Classical School (ACS) is pleased to announce Dr. Timothy M. Kovalcik as its new head of school. Dr. Kovalcik has over 20 years of experience in teaching and administration at the university, international and private school levels. ACS is excited to welcome his ability, talent and creativity as the school enters a new phase of establishing Ascension's Logic and Rhetoric schools – the classical equivalents of middle and high schools.

Dr. Kovalcik's resume is extensive. His Ph.D. in medieval studies was granted by the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. He is a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Theology. Since 2001, he has served in multiple academic and administrative positions, including The Griswold Distinguished Professor of History at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., teaching pastor at numerous churches and president of the school board at Decatur Christian School. In these various roles, Dr. Kovalcik has served as the history department chair, council on faculty chair, social science secondary education coordinator, board of trustees representative and has overseen multiple organizational responsibilities. He is also a robust scholar, with many conference presentations and publications related to medieval history, local history and the theory of history. For all of his accomplishments, he has been internationally recognized by his peers, including winning the 2016 Teacher of the Year Award at Millikin University and being named a Coleman Scholar by the Coleman Foundation in 2017.

Dr. Kovalcik is married to Helene and they have four children: Kaley (19), Emmery (17), Isaiah (15) and Sara Beth (13). They are a busy family with multiple interests, including a voracious reading schedule, world travel, a plethora of pets and an aggressive athletic agenda. ACS welcomes them to Shreveport!

ACS was started in 2014 and boasts a unique and comprehensive model for education. The school focuses on a distinct Christian worldview while embracing the time-honored pedagogy of the classical tradition. Dr. Kovalcik comes at an exciting time. In 2020, ACS moved into its new building at 10540 Norris Ferry Rd. and is currently enrolling students K-7th grade. In the next few years, the ACS campus will be expanding, and the first high school graduating class will be in 2027. Dr. Kovalcik's vast experience and vision will be a great asset as this wonderful project blossoms along the Southern Loop.