

VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



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VES NAMES NEW HEADMASTER

Mr. James B. Barber, Chairman of the VES Board of Trustees, and his colleagues on the board, have endorsed the recommendation of a nine member search committee by announcing that Mr. G. Thomas Battle, Jr. has been appointed the 12th Headmaster of Virginia Episcopal School.

Battle, a distinguished VES graduate of the Class of 1983 and currently a Second Vice President-Wealth Management with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Winston-Salem, NC, will assume his official duties at the near-century old school on July 1, 2010.

Mr. Battle is a native of Charleston, WV and attended the University of Virginia earning his B.A. in Economics in 1987. He earned his M.B.A. from the Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary in 1995 where he was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. Mr. Battle also completed an executive leadership program at University of North Carolina in 2000.

Mr. Battle served on the faculty at VES from 1987 to 1993. He taught history, coached football and lacrosse, and served as an advisor and dorm master. Battle was appointed the Director of Annual Giving and supported the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign that raised 8 million dollars for the school. Since leaving VES, Mr. Battle has been a loyal alumnus, devoting much of his time and energy to the school's continued progress in volunteer positions as his class reunion chairman and alumni association representative; he has served on the school's Board of Trustees since 2003, lending considerable wisdom to the Finance and Academic Committees while serving as chairman of the Admissions Committee. His professional career beyond VES included his role as an investment product manager for Central Fidelity and Wachovia, an eBusiness Director and Director of Product Initiatives for Wachovia's Wealth Management Division and a financial advisor and Certified Financial Planner™ at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Mr. Battle's wife, Mary Stuart Battle, is a graduate of Collegiate School (Richmond, VA) and holds both a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies and a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. Mrs. Battle taught science, served as a dorm master and student advisor at VES from 1989 to 1993. She also taught middle school science and was Assistant Director of Admissions at Collegiate School. The Battles have three children.

Virginia Episcopal School, a college preparatory, coeducational, boarding and day school for students in grades 9-12, is located in Lynchburg, VA and strives to lead students toward full stature.