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A year-long opportunity and support system for new heads of school

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 • CHICAGO

JANUARY 24, 2018 • CHICAGO

JUNE 11 - 12, 2018 • ST. LOUIS

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BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

Who Should Attend: Heads of school in their first two years of headship at an ISACS school. Experienced heads who are new to an ISACS school have participated also and found the program to be beneficial.

Why Attend: Being a head of school is never easy, and it is particularly challenging at the start of one's career. The New Heads Network (NHN) will provide content, skills, and perspective on the headship as the first (or second) year unfolds. A mentor will be assigned, and there will be opportunities to learn from colleagues and to build relationships with other ISACS heads. The NHN seeks to:

- assist new heads in practicing and learning the craft of heading a school;
- provide a cohort group so new heads can learn with and from one another; and
- be fun! We will laugh with and enjoy one another!

FACULTY

THOMAS R. HOERR, PhD is the emeritus head of the New City School in St. Louis, MO, and retired after 34 years leading the school. Previously he worked as a teacher and principal and led The Washington University program in non-profit management. He is the author of five books, his newest being *The Formative Five: Fostering Grit, Empathy, and Other Success Skills Students Need*. He has written over 120 articles and has written the "Principal Connection" column in Educational Leadership since 2004. Tom has led the ISACS New Heads Network for seven years, since its founding, and served on the ISACS Board of Directors. He facilitates the ASCD Multiple Intelligences Professional Interest Community and is a Scholar In Residence, teaching in the principal preparation program, at UM-St. Louis. Tom is an enthusiastic, but poor, basketball player.

CLAUDIA DAGGETT, MEd joined ISACS as its president in 2014. She began her independent school career as a teacher at The Prairie School and has served in a variety of leadership roles, including 11 years as head of school at Friends Academy in Massachusetts. Following her departure from headship in 2006, Claudia served as executive director of the Elementary School Heads Association and independent school consultant with Gregory Floyd & Associates. She is a frequent presenter at national and regional conferences on topics of independent school leadership, governance, and school civic engagement.

Claudia and Tom will provide experienced advice throughout the year while the group develops the beginnings of a peer network important to every head.

BENEFITS TO THE SCHOOL

New heads face common problems, such as building relationships with administrative teams, the board, faculty, parents, and students. Meeting with each other several times during the year—under the guidance of two experienced heads—can help avoid pitfalls and enhance the chances of a strong first year and beyond.

MENTORING COMPONENT

Each new head will be paired with an experienced ISACS head. Mentoring opportunities will be provided during the year through telephone calls, emails, and in-person opportunities at the January Heads of School Conference in Chicago.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The program will span the course of one year and will provide three opportunities for new heads to come together from September through June. Additional video conference calls may be added throughout the year, as needed.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

ISACS Classroom • Chicago, IL

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

- **How to survive your first year**
 - **Working with your board**
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

Swissôtel Chicago • Chicago, IL

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

- **Reception, dinner and discussion with mentors on the eve of the start of the Heads of School Conference**
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MONDAY, JUNE 11 - TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

New City School • St. Louis, MO

Time: 9:30 AM start on June 11 and 1:00 PM end on June 12

- **Sharing of first year experiences among the group**
- **Sessions on the headship and board relations**
- **Planning for the future**

REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ISACS.ORG

The ISACS New Heads Network (NHN) is a complement to the NAIS Institute for New Heads (INH). INH provides a week-long intensive seminar in July of the head's first year. NHN supports that head throughout the year through discussion of application of skills and concepts with NHN colleagues and faculty and a carefully matched mentor relationship. Dual registration is encouraged and offered at a discounted rate.

FEE FOR THE ISACS NEW HEADS NETWORK

\$1,500 for September, January and June meetings, which includes:

- programming: 9/18, 1/24 and 6/11-12;
- breakfast and lunch: 9/18;
- reception and dinner: 1/24; and
- two breakfasts/two lunches/two dinners: 6/11-12.

Financial assistance is available for small schools; contact the ISACS office for more information.

As part of the NHN, ISACS encourages new heads to attend the ISACS Heads of School Conference in Chicago, January 25-26, 2018. New heads enrolled in the NHN will pay \$300 instead of the \$600 registration fee for the Heads of School Conference. (New heads must register for the Heads Conference separately. ISACS will provide a coupon code for the discount when conference registration opens in the fall.)

Fee for Dual Registration for ISACS NHN & NAIS INH

Dual registration includes the following 25% discount for both programs:

- NAIS member: \$4,464
- Non NAIS member: \$5,476

For more information and to register call the ISACS office to request a discount code and a link to a web page where you can register for both programs.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations.

SEPTEMBER HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Visit www.isacs.org/neighborhoodhotels for several hotel options near the ISACS office with discounted rates for ISACS members.

JANUARY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS • SWISSÔTEL CHICAGO

323 East Wacker Drive • Chicago, IL

ISACS has secured a discounted rate of \$157/night. To reserve a room, please do so for at least two nights and stay for the heads conference. Please call (312) 565-0565 and use the group code: "ISACS 2018 Heads of School Conference" by Tuesday, January 2.

JUNE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS • THE CHASE PARK PLAZA • SAINT LOUIS • 212 N. Kingshighway Blvd. • St. Louis, MO

ISACS will obtain a discounted room rate and provide participants with reservation information.

Directions and parking for hotels and meeting locations are available at www.isacs.org

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