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Gray Collegiate Academy hires new Chief Financial Officer

WEST COLUMBIA, SC --- Gray Collegiate Academy (GCA) is continuing its path of expansion and success with the recent appointment of Mrs. Martha (Marty) D. Rawls as Chief Financial Officer.

Rawls brings a wealth of expertise and experience in the areas of public school and public school district finances, most recently serving as the Chief Financial Officer at School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties. Rawls is an industry veteran with a proven track record of strategic leadership and execution, previously serving in leadership positions for several governmental agencies including the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the SC Office of Regulatory Staff, and the SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority. Rawls is also a Certified Government Finance Officer.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Marty Rawls as the Chief Financial Officer at Gray Collegiate Academy,” said Dr. Brian Newsome, Principal at Gray. “This is a new position for our school, but vital for the continued expansion of our school, students and facilities. Her expertise, work ethic, and proven track record of success will be crucial for continued growth at Gray. Marty was highly sought after from various institutions, and we are very happy that she has chosen to call Gray ‘home’. She is one of the best in her field, and we will continue to hire the best and brightest to support our faculty, staff, students and families.”

Rawls was selected from a large pool of highly qualified applicants for the position of Chief Financial Officer. Gray Collegiate Academy looks forward to welcoming Mrs. Rawls into the GCA Family on April 1.

“We are so fortunate to welcome such a qualified professional to the team at Gray,” said Ms. Teresa Brazell, Board Chair of Gray Collegiate Academy. “Ms. Rawls is a shining example of the excellence that has become the standard at GCA.”

“I look forward to my new opportunities at GCA working with Dr. Newsome, the board, the staff, and the students,” said Ms. Marty Rawls. “I am excited to learn more about the instructional model for education and how I can match that with my skills in education finance.”

Gray Collegiate Academy, a public charter school authorized by the Charter Institute at Erskine, serves over 650 students in grades 8-12 in West Columbia, South Carolina. Gray is nationally renowned for its outstanding academic and athletic programs and was recently named a Gold School of Excellence by the Charter Institute at Erskine. GCA also recently broke ground on a new athletic complex that will house its championship-winning War Eagle athletic programs.



Ms. Marty Rawls, Chief Financial Officer at Gray Collegiate Academy.