



# CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE

## East resigns; Estus named new AD

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May 3, 2017 (Knoxville, TN) - Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) has announced that John East has resigned as its athletic director, and Ried Estus has been named his successor. Estus most recently served as assistant principal at CAK's high school. He will assume his new post on June 1.

East served as CAK's athletic director since June 2014 and will be leaving to pursue a new business venture. Prior to joining CAK, East was Assistant Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for The Walker School in Marietta, GA.

Estus has been with CAK since 2009 and has more than 20 years of experience as an athletic director, most recently at Lees-McRae College. During his tenure at Lees-McRae, Estus served in a variety of roles, including founder of the women's soccer program in 1987, head women's soccer coach, head women's tennis coach, head softball coach, physical education instructor and athletic director. In 2011, Lees-McRae named its soccer facility after Estus, and in 2013 he was inducted into the Fred I. Dickerson Hall of Fame for his work as both a coach and athletic director for the college. Estus has an Associate Degree in science from Montreat-Anderson College (Montreat, N.C.), a Bachelor of Science in physical education/education from Covenant College (Chattanooga, Tenn.), and a Master of Arts in physical education/education from Appalachian State University (Boone, N.C.).

"I sincerely appreciate Coach East's service to CAK, and his commitment to fostering a positive Christian environment for all of our student athletes," said Bob Neu, CAK's Head of School. "I feel confident that Coach Estus will continue to build upon this tradition, and I look forward to seeing how God moves in this next chapter for CAK."

"Coach East has done a tremendous job in building our championship-caliber athletics program at CAK, most notably guiding our transition to Division II," said Estus. "The degree of our success will be directly related to our coaches, student athletes, and our families, and how we weave those assets together to glorify God. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity, and I am eager to help position our coaches and student athletes for optimal success."

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### **ABOUT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE:**

Founded in 1977, Christian Academy of Knoxville, the purpose of CAK is to provide an excellent elementary and secondary school education fully integrated with Christian values and a biblical worldview. CAK serves children age 3 through 12th grade and is divided into elementary, middle and high school, each with its own facility and principal. The 77-acre campus is located in west Knoxville in Cedar Bluff.

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