



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE

CAK hires basketball coach

For immediate release

June 1, 2018 (Knoxville, TN) - Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) has announced Abby Williams as its new girls head basketball coach and assistant athletic director. She replaces Caitlin Hollifield, who accepted a basketball head coaching position with West High School. Williams joins CAK from South Doyle Middle School, where she was the school's 8th grade assistant principal.

Williams began her coaching career in 2010 as an assistant coach for the Red Bank High School boys basketball team in Chattanooga. After moving to Knoxville in August 2011, Williams coached an undefeated South Doyle Middle School girls basketball team. In 2012, Williams was named assistant coach of the Bearden High School girls basketball team, followed by a head coaching position at South Doyle High School where she doubled the team's winning percentage, appeared in the regional tournament, and had consecutive 20-win seasons in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons (the first time in more than 10 years for the school). For the past five years, she has coached with TN Fury, an AAU basketball organization in Knoxville founded to physically and spiritually impact youth through competitive athletics.

Williams began her teaching career in 2011 as a physical education teacher at Hardin Valley Elementary. She also taught health at South Doyle Middle School before becoming a Mentor Teacher and Lead Teacher, then subsequently joined the administrative ranks.

"As I consulted with many coaches and professionals in our area, they all indicated that Abby Williams would be a 'homerun' head coach for our basketball program," said Ried Estus, athletic director for CAK. "Additionally, Abby was looking to devote more time to coaching and rejoin the high school ranks. God was definitely in the details, and we are thrilled she will be joining our team."

She is a graduate of Halls High School where she was a two-sport athlete in basketball and volleyball. After playing basketball for two years for Carson-Newman University, Williams transferred to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in health, as well as a Master's degree in educational leadership. She and her husband, Darren, attend Faith Promise church. They have two children, Aleaha and Carson.

ABOUT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE:

Founded in 1977, Christian Academy of Knoxville's (CAK) purpose 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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