

ACADEMY WELCOMES NEW TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR AND DEAN OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Jay Martin and Veda Robinson have been named to key positions at the Academy.

Martin, former chief information officer at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA, has been named director of technology services at the Academy. He assumed this new position in August and will be a member of the Principal's Staff. Also joining the Academy in August was Robinson, who is the new dean of multicultural affairs.

Martin comes to the Academy with an extensive background in technology and 20 years of experience working in educational settings. As chief information officer at Loyola Marymount University (LMU), an institution of 7,500 students, Martin oversaw an extensive redesign of the school's website and constructed multi-year business and implementation plans for information technology.

"Jay's knowledge of technological systems and his collaborative style make him a fine fit for this position, which is designed to provide leadership for the planning, development and use of information technology in support of the Academy's mission," says Principal Ty Tingley.

Prior to LMU, Martin served as interim vice president for information technology and associate vice president for information technology at Metropolitan State College of Denver, a baccalaureate-granting institution serving 20,000 students across a three-campus system. In these positions, he oversaw all campuswide information technology initiatives, championed long-range planning, worked to achieve consensus among various groups on campus, consolidated and centralized infrastructure and support functions, and oversaw fiscal planning for technology.

While at Metropolitan State College, he was a member of the Chief Information Council of the Colorado Commission of Higher Education, a body that represents all schools in the state college system. In that position, he worked with peer institutions to develop statewide networking initiatives.

"I was attracted to Exeter by its terrific people, their thoughtful planning and the culture of wanting to do things right," says Martin. "These are critical success factors for many endeavors, but particularly with technology, as decisions regarding technology have such long-term implications. I am honored to have been selected to work together with the

PEA community to ensure technology services are tightly aligned with the Academy's mission and strategic plans."

Martin earned a B.A. in business administration from Washington State University and an M.P.A. from the University of Colorado. He has served on the board of several nonprofit organizations and as a volunteer chess coach for kindergarten to eighth-grade students.

As Exeter's dean of multicultural affairs, Robinson will work with programs and support structures for students of diverse backgrounds and work to optimize communications between the parents of those students and the Academy. She will be a member of the dean's team in the Dean of Students Office.

She comes to the Academy from Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, where she served as director of college counseling, working closely with students, faculty and parents in the college admissions process. She was a member of the school's Admissions Committee as well as the Benefits Committee, the Professional Growth Committee, the Development Committee and the Diversity Committee.

Previously, Robinson was associate director of college counseling at Phillips Academy, where she was a member of the Curriculum Committee, the Advising Committee and the Prize Committee. She has extensive experience in admissions as well, having been a member of the admissions staffs at Georgetown University, De Pauw University and Colby College.

Robinson has served on the review committee for the Presidential Scholars Program and has been a frequent speaker and panelist for the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the New England Association for College Admission Counseling.

Robinson holds a B.A. degree from Colby College and attended a continuing coursework in counseling program at Boston University.

"Veda will be a great addition to our office," says Dean of Students Ethan Shapiro. "With her wealth of experience dealing with all members of a community and her background in independent schools, she is the right person to help the Academy move forward in the area of multicultural affairs. A national search was conducted for this position, and from a fine field of candidates, Veda was the search committee's first choice."



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