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La Lumiere School Welcomes Seven Distinguished Faculty

LaPorte, Ind. – August 11, 2009 – La Lumiere School is pleased to announce seven notable additions to our faculty. Each new educator brings to campus a wealth of knowledge and experience in his or her subject area and a deep commitment to education. Their diversity will enhance our current programs and their talents will allow for more extra-curricular offerings.

Al Baker will be teaching freshman English and will work diligently to get our Latin program up and running. Dr. Baker comes to La Lumiere from the University of Nebraska where he was a Lecturer in the Department of English. He received his undergraduate degree in English from Southern Illinois University, an MA in the Classics from The University of Nebraska and a PhD in English from The University of Nebraska. Dr. Baker will reside on campus.

Erin Kidd, originally from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL just completed her Masters of Theological Studies at The University of Notre Dame. Ms. Kidd will be teaching Old and New Testament and will live on campus.

Cathi Murray, mother of students Jessica Ann and Alana, brings over 10 years of teaching to La Lumiere this fall. She will be teaching our ESL courses. She received her B.S. in Education from Northeastern Illinois University and for the last few years, Mrs. Murray has been a substitute teacher at La Lumiere as well as other area schools. Since 2004, she has been a Town Council Member for the Pines.

New English teacher and English Department Chair **Melissa Norris** moved to campus earlier this summer. She most recently taught English at The Hammond School in Columbia, SC. Mrs. Norris holds a B.A. in English from Wittenberg University and an M.A. in English Literature and Composition from University of South Carolina. She has over 10 years of teaching experience and will offer our English Department a vision for enhancing our strong writing program.

Christine Buckingham had a short move to campus from her last position at The Culver Academies where she was a Freshman Biology teacher. Originally from Venice, FL, Ms. Buckingham received her B.S. in Biology from Florida Southern College. She will live on campus.

With over ten years of teaching experience, **Matthew Buchanan** moved to campus from Bermuda Dunes, California. He will teach junior English. Mr. Buchanan received a B.A. in English Literature from The University of California, San Diego. Mathew will reside on campus.

Don Snedden didn't move very far coming from The University of Notre Dame where he finished his coursework for his PhD in Biochemistry. He received a B.S. in Biochemistry and a B.S. in Microbiology from Florida Atlantic University. Don Snedden will reside on campus.

About La Lumiere School

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with an enrollment of 185 students that provides a comprehensive college preparatory education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It seeks to develop character, scholarship, and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend, 60 miles east of Chicago, and 8 miles from both La Porte and New Buffalo.

More information about La Lumiere School can be found at www.lalumiere.org

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