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La Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School Hires School Leader

Delawarean, Mark Phelps to assume head of school position

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La Academia's Board of Directors is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Mark S. Phelps as the new Head of School, effective July 1, 2015. After a careful and comprehensive search, Dr. Phelps was selected from a strong pool of candidates and stood out throughout the search process as a strong match for our new leader. He comes to us as a highly dedicated educator with 13 years of experience in roles that include public school teacher, working with pre-service teachers in higher education, and as a school administrator. In his current position as Associate Principal of Seaford Middle School, Dr. Phelps has shown a strong commitment to meeting the needs of all students and in connecting with families and communities across all cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

His doctoral research investigated the K-12 school factors that support the academic success of undocumented Hispanic students. During Dr. Phelps' tenure in the schools he has served, he has demonstrated an ability to develop strong and productive relationships, make decisions based on what is best for students, and employ current research to inform instructional practices.

"I am honored to join the Academia Family as the new leader and look forward to getting to know the staff, families, community, and most of all, the students", says Phelps. "I envision La Academia as a school where children and staff can't wait to wake up and begin their school day. This is truly an exciting time for La Academia as a growing dual-language and Expeditionary Learning school. I am ready to begin working with the talented and committed staff at La Academia as we continue inspiring our students to become joyful, creative, confident and multi-cultural leaders in their communities."

Come chat with Dr. Phelps at the school's Open House on Saturday, July 25th at 10am

Enroll Now!

Academia Antonio Alonso is a free public elementary charter school and is currently accepting kindergarten and 1st grade applications for the 2015 – 2016 school year. There is no fee to attend and all students may enroll. Parents and students who are interested in learning more Academia Antonia Alonso are encouraged to attend upcoming open houses and visit the school's website:

<http://www.acadmiacharter.com/>