



## **APPOINTMENT OF THE BEACON ACADEMY'S SECOND HEADMASTER**

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Trustees of the Beacon Academy wishes to announce that Martha Taft Elkins has been selected to be the next Head of School, succeeding Ma. Elena P. Locsin. Marty will assume the post on 1 July 2012.

Many in the Academy community participated in the process with a truly collaborative spirit, and the Board and its Search Committee are convinced that, from a very strong, focused field of candidates, we have chosen someone that best embodies the spirit, ethic, and mission of the school as the institution's 2<sup>nd</sup> Headmaster.

Since 2009, Marty Elkins has been the Director of College Counseling at the New Hampton School in New Hampshire USA, which has the distinction of being the first secondary boarding school in New England to offer the IB Diploma Program. She was Director of College Counseling at the Groton School in Massachusetts from 2001 to 2009; Director of College Counseling (1998 -2001), Dean of Students / Dean of Girls (1989-1998), and a candidate for Head of School at the Holderness School in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Throughout her superlative administrative career, Marty has maintained a constant, direct presence in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in student residential life. She has taught AP American History and Middle Eastern History, coached three varsity level athletic sports, and discharged her duties as Dormitory Parent/Head at the schools she has served.

In 2005 Marty was involved in the organization of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS) for which she served as its first Executive Director from 2007-2010 following its founding and formal incorporation. She is currently on the Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer and Finance Chair. The ACCIS counts among its membership the finest independent secondary schools in the United States.

Marty graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1975, earned her BA from Williams College (1979), M.A.T. in Secondary Education from The University of New Hampshire (1982), and C.A.S. in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from The Harvard University Graduate School of Education (1986).

Raised in a family of educators, Marty grew up on the campus of Phillips Exeter Academy where her father distinguished himself as a legendary professor and Head of the Department of Sciences. Marty joins the Beacon Academy team with her husband Paul E. Elkins -- better known as "Elk" -- AB Major in Biochemistry from Harvard College (1979) and a Candidate for Masters in Biology at the University of New Hampshire, who will take on the position of Dean of Students and teach the sciences at the Academy in addition to other duties. They have one daughter who is herself an Exeter graduate. About Cordy, Marty writes, "...her experience only reaffirmed the transformative power of an Exeter education and the Harkness approach". With Marty's vast experience with college counseling and the network of college placements formed over a lifetime, your Trustees see the Elkins' arrival as opening a new chapter in the expansion of the Academy, and the development of our modest collaboration with Exeter and the Harkness philosophy in Asia.

The Board of Trustees and its Search Committee wish to thank the students, parents, faculty, and staff for their invaluable participation and feedback during the search process. It is with great confidence and highest expectation that we look forward to all that must be done in the coming years to enable the Beacon Academy to reach its fullest potential. We thank Mailin Locsin for the founding leadership at the Academy and look forward to her continued involvement as Dean of Faculty, shepherding the partnership between the Academy and the Beacon School.

We hope that you will join the Trustees in extending a warm welcome to Marty Elkins.

**THE BEACON ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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