

The Teaching Vocation:

A Conference for Men Exploring Professions as Educators

Purpose: To assist professionals and college students as they explore a possible career in education and to initiate regular professional collaboration within a developing network of aspiring educators.

Wednesday, January 5th:

- 5:00pm **Reception**
- 5:30 pm **Is Teaching Viable?**
Discerning a Professional Career in Education
Mr Rich Moss
- 6:30-8:30pm **Dinner**

Thursday, January 6th:

- 8:00am **Welcome: Coffee Reception**
- 8:45am **The Teaching Vocation**
Mr. Alvaro deVicente, Headmaster
The Heights School
- 9:40am **Mass (Optional)**
- 10:30 am **The Teacher and Parents: On Partnership with Primary Educators**
Mr. Andrew Reed, Head of Middle School
The Heights School
- 11:15 am **Tour of The Heights School**
Perspectives on a school in action
- 12:00pm **The Teacher as Mentor: Coaching Christian Manhood**
Mr. Joe Cardenas
Director of Mentoring, The Heights School
- 12:45pm **Lunch**
- 1:15pm **Panel Discussion and Q&A over Coffee and Dessert**

with Mr. deVicente, Mr. Reed, Mr. Cardenas, Mr. Moss

- 2:00pm **Day in the Life of a Teacher:
On Family Life, Fatherhood, and Finances as an Educator**
Mr. Kyle Blackmer and Mr. Shane O'Neill
Q&A moderated by Mr. Rich Moss
- 3:00pm **Our Story: Small Group Discussions led by Heights Faculty**
*Break out discussions led for groups based on stations in life: married
and single; college, young professional, and beyond.*
- 4:00pm **Meditation (optional)**
with Fr. Diego Daza
- 4:45pm **What is Teaching Like... Really?**
Refreshments and a reality check over lessons learned
Lower, Middle, Upper School Faculty on life in the classroom.
*Enjoy a beverage along with a small group presentation by faculty from
each of our three school divisions.*
- 6:00pm **Dinner and Optional Organized Activities in Washington, D.C.**

Friday, January 7th:

- 8:00am **Welcome: Coffee Reception**
- 8:30am **The Formation of a Teacher: On Preparing for the Classroom**
How do I prepare? Do I really need a degree in Education?
How do I ramp up for a change to teaching from a different career?
Mr. Colin Gleason, Head of Lower School
- 9:15am **On Freedom: An Introduction to The Heights Classroom**
Mr. Andy Reed, Head of Middle School
- 9:40am **Mass (Optional)**
- 10:30am **Freedom in Action: Visiting Classrooms**
- 11:30am **Who are you in School?**
On our educational personas: the coach, instructor, mentor, guide.

- 12:15pm **Lunch**
- 12:45pm **Panel Discussion and Q&A on Classroom Experience over Coffee and Dessert**
Mr. Colin Gleason, Mr. Andy Reed, Mr. Michael Moynihan
- 1:30pm **On Forming Contemplative Souls: Our Students and Our Own *The Liberal Arts and the Quiet Mind***
Mr. Michael Moynihan
- 2:00pm **Reading Group Discussions led by faculty members.**
Group A: for professionals considering a career change.
Group B: for students considering a career in education
- 2:45pm **Break**
- 3:00pm **Where do you Invest your Life? On Schools Worth Living For**
A facilitated discussion coordinated by Mr. Rich Moss on the qualities conference participants should consider as they explore their options.
- 3:45pm **Conference Summary: On the Profession, Vocation, Joys and Travails of Teaching**
Mr. Rich Moss
- 4:00-6:00pm **Farewell Happy Hour**