



DAVID J. KASIEVICH '98

Head of School | St. James School

As a community leader and an advocate for equal access to education, David Kasievich has devoted his life and career to serving others.

Mr. Kasievich and his spouse, Rev. Andrew Kellner, were invited by Dr. Audrey Evans, founder of the country's first Ronald McDonald House, and Rev. Sean Mullen, Rector of Saint Mark's Church, to cofound St. James School, a tuition-free school for children living in an under-resourced neighborhood of North Philadelphia.

As head of the Episcopal middle school, Mr. Kasievich's responsibilities include: serving as the academic community leader; managing the administrative team; developing and retaining first-rate faculty and staff; serving as the chief advancement officer; and overseeing the annual \$1.8 million fundraising effort.

"Equal access to education is the civil rights issue of today, and it's something that needs more attention in our country," Mr. Kasievich said. "I believe that education is the equalizer."

Previously Mr. Kasievich worked as the director of development for Community Partnership School; director of development and strategic planning for Young Scholars Charter School; director of Lasailian volunteers; and as a teacher of La Salle College High School and West Philadelphia Catholic High School.

Mr. Kasievich received his bachelor's degree in human services from La Roche College in 1998, and a master's degree in theological and pastoral studies from La Salle University in 2001. He will begin a Doctor of Ministry program in educational leadership at Virginia Seminary this summer.

"La Roche's robust student-life program provided me with the social capital needed to prepare me for my career as a teacher, fundraiser, nonprofit leader and person of faith," he said. "La Roche and its people remain an important part of my life."

In addition to his responsibilities at St. James, Mr. Kasievich is the founding board member of the Nativity Miguel Coalition of Schools; an active member of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church; former board member of the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services; a delegate of Lasailian International Assembly; and former board member of Tree House Books.