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GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL NAMES NEW PRINCIPAL

New Principal has 19 years combined experience as high school teacher and administrator

RIVER GROVE, ILL. – May 14, 2009 – Anthony “Tony” Tinerella, the dean of students at Marmion Academy in Aurora, has been named the new principal at Guerin College Preparatory High School.

“Tony comes to the position with a solid understanding of the educational and spiritual needs of today’s students as he spent more than 19 years as a teacher as well as an administrator in an area Catholic high school,” said Terry Malik, president of Guerin Prep. “He brings a very high level of enthusiasm and energy to the job. He has a proven track record of listening to the views of all constituencies – especially parents. I am sure he will quickly establish a solid rapport with teachers and students as well.”

Tinerella will begin his tenure as principal July 1. He succeeds Bonnie Brown, who has served as Guerin Prep’s principal the past eight years. She will be the new principal at Prince of Peace School in Lake Villa.

Tinerella earned a master’s degree in education and administration with a Type 75 certification from North Central College in Naperville in 2007. He holds a bachelor of science degree in biology with an education sequence from Illinois State University, Normal. He has begun a doctoral program in educational administration from Northern Illinois University.

Tinerella, a 1984 graduate of Marmion, has served at Marmion in various capacities since 1990. He has been the dean of students since 2001. His role as dean included creating a teacher evaluation and assessment rubric and administering annual teacher evaluations. He also headed the curriculum and instruction committee for the School Improvement Plan.

Before his current duties as dean of students, Tinerella was the assistant dean of students for six years. During two years of that time, he was also the chairperson of the science department, where he helped design and implement a new science curriculum. He has taught both biology and physics at the school.

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In addition, Tinerella has served as the head football coach and as a baseball coach and was the director of the weightlifting club. He was part of the Kairos retreat program for 13 years.

He was given the distinguished service award by Marmion Academy in 2008 and was named their most dedicated teacher in 2006. Aurora University honored him as a “Teacher Who Makes a Difference” in 2004. He is also listed in Outstanding High School Teachers Who’s Who and is a 3rd Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus affiliated with Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Wood Dale.

Tinerella explained how his experience at Marmion will impact his new role as principal of Guerin Prep. “Marmion is rooted in the Benedictine values of service to others, especially service to students and teaching. These values, instilled in me by the many outstanding monks and lay teachers I have been mentored by at Marmion, combined with Marmion’s outstanding leadership programs have prepared me to be a faith-filled, disciplined, and driven individual who is ready to serve the Guerin Prep High School community and inspire others to fulfill its mission of love, mercy and justice.”

As principal, Tinerella will serve as the educational leader of the school and support and promote the mission of Guerin Prep and its Catholic identity. His specific responsibilities will include the day-to-day operation of the school, including all areas of academic and student affairs.

“As the new principal of Guerin Prep, I intend to build upon the traditions brought to the community by the Sisters of Providence and the Holy Cross Brothers and combine with that, the Benedictine values that I bring both personally and professionally,” Tinerella said.

“My hope is to re-energize the school community through collaborative, hands-on leadership, connecting students, faculty, staff and the community through a common vision. This vision involves the building and nurturing of a relationship with God, assuring maximum academic achievement of all students and instilling a strong moral sense based upon Christian values.”

Tinerella and his wife and three children live in the western suburbs.

About Guerin Prep

Guerin College Preparatory High School is a Catholic secondary school dedicated to the education and faith development of approximately 650 young men and women. Sponsored by the Sisters of Providence, the school was founded as an all-girls school in 1962 and changed its mission to co-education in 2004. Guerin Prep proudly claims both Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross high schools as its foundation schools. Visit www.guerinprep.org

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