



From the desk of David Wick, Headmaster

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Graves as our Dean of Residential Life

Jim brings more than 20 years of boarding school experience and working with adolescents to Oak Creek Ranch School. Most recently, Jim took an 18 month break from working with teens, and supervised a number of group homes for the developmentally disabled in the Phoenix area. Prior to this he held a number of positions at St. Paul's Preparatory Academy including Dean of Students, Parent Liaison, Dean of Counseling, Dean of Residential Life, School Counselor, and even started out as a dorm advisor. As Dean of Students he created the school's Leadership and Character Development program, had oversight of the Residential department and worked closely with both the Academic and Counseling departments. Jim was also responsible for student discipline.

As Dean of Residential Life for Oak Creek Ranch School, Jim is responsible for directing our Residential Program and staff; guiding students in their daily life; developing and maintaining policies related to student behavior; expanding our Leadership and Character Development program; and communicating with parents and families of students regarding student's progress outside the classroom.

Jim previously served as Committee Chair of Boy Scout Troop 226 in Phoenix where he also held the position of Scoutmaster. Jim enjoys camping, hiking, reading, writing and spending time with his wife Joyce and their children, Christina (age 26) and Jeremy Waters, and Aaron Graves, age 20.

Jim holds a Masters degree in Counseling from University of Phoenix and earned his B.A. degree in Sociology/Social Work from University of Maine.

Please join me in welcoming Jim Graves to Oak Creek Ranch School!

David Wick, Jr.

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