John Carroll Catholic High School Welcomes Paula Marino to Executive Leadership Team

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – November 12, 2026 – John Carroll Catholic High School is proud to announce the appointment of Mrs. Paula Marino as its new **Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Operations**, effective November 11, 2026. This exciting addition to the school's leadership team reflects John Carroll's continued commitment to strengthening its mission and building a bright future for generations of Cavaliers.

Marino brings more than 30 years of distinguished leadership experience from Southern Company, where she recently retired from her position as Senior Vice President of Operations and Business Shared Services. Throughout her career, she led large-scale operations, strategic planning initiatives, and organizational development efforts, earning numerous professional honors, including induction into the **State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2017**.

Beyond her impressive professional accomplishments, Marino has a deep and longstanding connection to the John Carroll community. A proud parent of three John Carroll graduates and wife of 1987 alumnus Sal Marino, Paula has served as **President of the John Carroll Booster Club since 2019**, generously dedicating her time, talents, and leadership to enriching the student experience and supporting Cavalier programs.

In her new role, Marino will focus on strategic planning, institutional advancement, stewardship, and operational initiatives. She will work alongside Principal Ronald Steele (‘04), who will continue to lead the school's academics, faculty, student life, and daily school operations. Together, they will help advance John Carroll's Catholic mission and strengthen the school's future.

"We are thrilled to welcome Paula into this important leadership role. Her exceptional professional experience, passion for Catholic education, and unwavering dedication to John Carroll make her a tremendous asset to our school community."

- *Principal Ronald Steele ‘04*

“It is an exciting time at John Carroll! We are experiencing growth, investment, and enthusiasm! John Carroll has been serving the Birmingham community for 80 years and I am honored to join the team that will be creating the path for the future.”

- *Paula Marino (Executive Director of Institutional Advancement & Operations)*

Please join us in congratulating Paula Marino and welcoming her into this exciting new chapter of service and leadership at John Carroll Catholic High School!

John Carroll Catholic High School educates young men and women in a welcoming, Catholic environment that fosters academic excellence, nurtures holistic integrity, and inspires Christ-like servant leadership.