

## **Sacred Hearts Academy Appoints Dr. Scott Schroeder Head of School**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Honolulu, HI – Dr. Scott Schroeder has been appointed Head of School for Sacred Hearts Academy in Kaimuki, Oahu. Dr. Schroeder was introduced to students and faculty today at a school assembly hosted by the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts and the Board of Directors, the school's governing organizations.

After a nation-wide search and extensive due diligence, conducted by recruiting firm Kumabe HR and Sacred Hearts Academy's Head of School Selection Committee, Dr. Schroeder was selected, making him the first male to serve as Head of School at the all-female Academy since it opened in 1909.

"Our decision to appoint Dr. Schroeder Head of School was based on his proven track record and vast experience in education," said Sister Regina Mary Jenkins, President of the Sacred Hearts Academy Corporation. "Dr. Schroeder has spent his entire career in education, serving in faculty and leadership positions since 1996. His Christian-based values also reflect his life-long affiliation in Catholic education as a student and faculty member, making him the best candidate to lead our Academy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

While Dr. Schroeder will join the Academy on July 1<sup>st</sup>, he will officially begin serving as Head of School on August 1, 2019. Until then, Betty White will continue as Head of School, where her career at Sacred Hearts Academy has spanned 48 years -- as a teacher for 20 years, followed by Head of School, a position she has held for 28 years. White announced her pending retirement in January 2018, agreeing to stay in her position through the 2018-2019 academic year to provide the Academy with ample time to find a replacement and for transition.

"Betty's incredible leadership and management skills have played an integral role in evolving our Academy into the outstanding educational institution it is today," said Chair of the Board of Directors, Gwen Yamamoto Lau. "We have been extremely blessed to have Betty with us for so many years. She has served as a mentor and positive role model to thousands of Hawaii's young women, inspiring them to become leaders with character in our communities. We have many multi-generational alumnae who have sent their daughters and grand-daughters to Sacred Hearts Academy because of the environment Betty has fostered, one that values our students as individuals and provides them with a safe and caring environment where they can receive a quality college-preparatory education."

"The Academy has been an important part of my life for many years," said Betty White. "Leaving this beautiful school, our students and their families, and our amazing faculty was a difficult decision. I've worked closely with Dr. Schroeder over the years in his role as a Sacred Hearts Board member, and I am confident he has the

skill sets and shared common values needed to continue Sacred Hearts Academy's mission and legacy."

Dr. Schroeder currently serves as Dean of the School of Business and Communication and Professor of Management at Chaminade University of Honolulu. He has also held faculty or administrative positions at Antioch University, Bainbridge Graduate Institute, and Claremont Graduate University. He graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. from Santa Clara University, obtained an MBA from Arizona State University, and a PhD from UCLA, specializing in Management and Psychology. Dr. Schroeder also completed post-doctoral work at Harvard University as a fellow at the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education.

In July 2013, Dr. Schroeder joined Sacred Hearts Academy's Board of Directors and was named Chair in July, 2017. He subsequently resigned from the Board in October, 2018 to apply for the position of Head of School.

"Today's young women have unprecedented opportunities and face emerging challenges as well. The Academy's core values and approach to education distinctively prepare students for personal and professional success, and contribution to our communities throughout their lives. I am tremendously honored to be appointed Head of School and eager to work with Academy faculty, staff, parents and alumnae to ensure the School provides its students the best that a Sacred Hearts, Catholic education offers: spiritual enrichment, adventurous learning, and a joyful atmosphere," shared Dr. Schroeder.

Sacred Hearts Academy welcomed its first 75 students and 19 boarders in September 1909. In 1990, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart passed the administration of the Academy to lay staff, and the school continues the tradition of providing a quality Catholic education for Hawaii's women. Sacred Hearts Academy currently serves 800 students, in grades Pre-School to 12. The Academy is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS).

Sacred Hearts Academy is located at 3253 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816, phone number 808-734-5058.

###