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KEITH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL NEW FACULTY FOR 2009-10

ROCKFORD, IL – Four new faculty members – some already celebrated academics, others young scholars – started their tenures at Keith Country Day School this week. New to the college-preparatory school are: Kelly Aldrich, Kristin Burns, Linda Jane Smith and Rachel Tedrick.

“Our well-known commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service together with our reputation as an incubator for faculty talent made Keith stand out in a very competitive climate to attract these impressive new hires,” said Dr. Ron Lee, Head of Middle and Upper School.

Kelly Aldrich – Kelly is the new P.E. and health teacher in the middle and upper school. She earned her BS in education with a minor in health education from Butler University. This is her sixth year teaching. Most recently, she taught in Denver and coached volleyball, something she will also do at Keith. In some ways, Kelly is coming full-circle with this job because she attended middle school at Keith.

Kristin Burns – Kristin joins the middle school faculty teaching social studies. This will be her fourth year teaching. Previously, she worked in both the Harlem and Winnebago school districts. Kristin graduated from Marquette University with a BA in history and anthropology and she completed Purdue University's Transition to Teaching graduate program.

Linda Jane Smith – Linda joins Keith as the new Choral Director in the middle and upper school. She has taught music in the Rockford area for more than 20 years. Linda has a master's degree in music education from Catholic University and earned her BA at BYU. In addition to teaching, Linda has also been a soloist with the USAF Singing Sergeants, the Rockford Bach Chamber Singers, Mendelssohn Chorale, the Rock Valley College Community Chorale and the Rock Valley College Women's Ensemble.

Rachel Tedrick – Rachel is Keith's lone rookie teacher this year. Recently she completed her master's degree in physical education at Rockford College. Her BS is in exercise science and health promotion. She joins the faculty as the new lower school P.E. teacher. Last year, she worked with first through eighth grade students and she has a variety of experience as a fitness instructor and strength and conditioning coach.

Keith School is an independent, nonsectarian, college-preparatory school founded by Belle Emerson Keith in 1916. Located on a 15-acre campus overlooking the Rock River, Keith serves students from age three through grade 12 from the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin area. The school is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and fully-accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. More information about Keith School is available at Keithschool.com

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