

Lang selected to succeed McClennen at Journeys

Phillips Academy dean of faculty will begin new position at the end of the academic year.

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Journeys School of Teton Science Schools has a new head of school.

Nancy M. Lang will succeed Nate McClennen after he steps down at the end of the year to assume his new role as Teton Science Schools' director of innovation.

Lang is coming from Andover, Massachusetts, where she served as associate dean of faculty at Phillips Academy, a prestigious boarding school for grades nine through 12.

However, she is not new to the Tetons. Lang and her husband, Corbin, began vacationing in Driggs, Idaho, about 15 years ago and took a yearlong sabbatical there in 2010.

She is thrilled to begin working at Journeys.

"Journeys is a very special and well-established school," Lang told the News&Guide. "Nate McClennen has nurtured the vision of the founding faculty members and given Journeys the traction to transition to the next phase. I'm honored to be given the opportunity to work with the leadership team in TSS to begin that next phase."

McClennen called Lang's hiring "really good news."

"More than anything, I want Journeys School to continue to evolve, grow, excel and impact students and families as it moves into the ripe old age of 15 years," McClennen said in a statement from the school, "and Nan-

cy is the right person to do this. I look forward to working with her as part of the TSS leadership team."

Teton Science Schools Executive Director Scott Ferguson and board member Joohee Muromcew led the search for a new head and announced her appointment Thursday.

"Our students deserve the very best teachers," Muromcew said in the statement. "I have the greatest confidence that Nancy's impressive professional experience, natural leadership skills, and authentic, engaging personality will clearly advance Journeys' stated goal to create a highly desirable learning environment for excellent teachers and students."

Lang holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cornell University and a master's in mathematics for teachers from the University of Massachusetts. She is the mother of three school-age children.

Her academic career spans 25 years as a teacher and administrator. Following three years of service in the U.S. Air Force, Lang started teaching at Miami Valley School in Dayton, Ohio, in 1990. In 1993 she accepted a teaching position at Phillips Academy and moved to Andover. Her tenure there lasted 22 years.

It was this "highly focused experience" and leadership in various capacities that led to her selection by Journeys School, Ferguson said.

As Journeys begins drafting a new strategic plan in the next 18 months, Lang wants to build more collaborative programs and expand online learning. The school is also exploring adding a boarding component that she would like to help carry into the next phase.