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CHRIS KHAEMBA OF KENYA'S ALLIANCE HIGH SCHOOL NAMED INAUGURAL DEAN OF AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Christopher S. Khaemba, Principal of Alliance Boys' High School since 1998, has been named the Inaugural Dean of African Leadership Academy (ALA), a pan-African secondary institution located on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa that seeks to develop future generations of leaders for the African continent. Khaemba will leave Alliance High School at the end of the school year to begin work with the Academy, which opens its doors in September 2008.

"We are thrilled to have found an educator of Mr. Khaemba's caliber to serve as our Inaugural Dean," said African Leadership Academy Founder and CEO Fred Swaniker. "He is a paragon of the Academy's values and a proven, world-class school leader."

Khaemba was named Dean after an exhaustive, six month global search process. "No stone was left unturned in the interview process," said ALA Chief Operating Officer Chris Bradford. Khaemba was subjected to ten rounds of interviews with African Leadership Academy Founders, Governors, and Advisors from around the world. The ALA team also interviewed members of the Alliance faculty, governing body, and a number of Khaemba's former students. In a field of finalists that included renowned educators from across the continent and around the globe, Khaemba stood out.

Dr. Ralph Townsend, Headmaster of Winchester College in the United Kingdom and a member of the African Leadership Academy Advisory Board, notes: "I was privileged to be involved in the selection process for the appointment of the new Dean of African Leadership Academy. Chris Khaemba was the outstanding candidate in a very impressive field. He is a man of international standing and will ensure that African Leadership Academy rises to international distinction."

African Leadership Academy seeks to transform Africa by developing and supporting future generations of African leaders. Beginning next year, ALA will bring together the most promising 15-18 year old leaders from all 54 African nations for an innovative two-year program designed to prepare each student for a lifetime of leadership on the continent. Students will be selected to attend the Academy based on merit alone and will complete an innovative curriculum with a focus on leadership, entrepreneurship, and African studies. ALA graduates will attend the world's finest universities and will ultimately lead Africa toward a peaceful and prosperous future.

Khaemba is ideally suited to build such an institution. Since joining Alliance as Principal in 1998, he has steered the school back to 1st position on the national academic rankings and has annually sent 20-30 boys from a wide variety of backgrounds to the world's leading universities, including Harvard, Yale, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Pennsylvania. He has expanded enrollment at Alliance by 25%, raised Kshs. 34,000,000 for the construction of new facilities, and coordinated the establishment of the Bursary Endowment Fund. He has also given Alliance a more global outlook by developing exchange programs with leading schools in the United Kingdom and United States.



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Nathaniel Choge, who graduated from Alliance in 1997 and later earned a BS and MS from MIT, notes: “Mr. Khaemba is a great leader and teacher who draws his reward from the accomplishments of his students and does everything in his power to ensure their success. He led us not just by telling us what was expected of us, but by inspiring us constantly, awakening greater expectations of what we could achieve given our opportunities. The students at the African Leadership Academy are lucky to have him.”

As the inaugural Dean of African Leadership Academy, Khaemba will build the school from the ground up. He will work with the ALA staff to hire the initial faculty and select the first class of students from across the continent and around the world. He will oversee the implementation of the unique ALA curriculum and the Academy’s university placement program. And he will live on the beautiful ALA campus with his wife Esther and their four children.

“In September 2008, we will welcome 100 students from across Africa and around the world to our campus on the outskirts of Johannesburg,” says Founder and CEO Fred Swaniker. “Parents from all over the continent will entrust their children in Chris’ care for two of the most formative years of their lives. I can think of no better person for this challenging role.”

Khaemba relishes the challenge. “I am honored by my selection as Dean of African Leadership Academy,” says Khaemba. “The decision to leave Alliance at the end of the year was not an easy one, but I look forward to the challenge of working with outstanding young men and women from across our beautiful continent.”

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