

**Rick Lukianuk** comes to Heritage Christian Academy having served as Head of School at Christian Heritage Academy (CHA) in Northfield, Illinois since July 1st, 2005. During that time he has assisted in the development and managed the implementation of a far reaching Strategic Plan that has included the following aspects:



1. The establishment of CHA's Chicago Campus.
2. The launch of a new High School focused on critical thinking, communications and Christ's calling; this High school features a new curriculum, leveraged use of new technology, differentiated learning and focused student understanding of each student's abilities, passions and calling in life.
3. A comprehensive professional development plan for each employee allowing for master teacher and administrative tracks, as well as merit based pay increases and mentoring programs for new hires.
4. Development of a comprehensive set of student outcomes in every subject area and the establishment of a list of desired student character trait outcomes developed in conjunction with a pastoral advisory council of local church leaders.
5. The completion of a multimillion dollar capital campaign that positioned the school for future development and growth.

During Rick's tenure, CHA successfully completed its third full ACSI and NCA accreditation, without contingency. As a result of the High School and Chicago campus initiatives, the school has shown consistent enrollment growth, including all time records for applications and new enrollments again this fall. CHA has also been named a Best Christian Workplace in America each of the last five years and Rick was named as one of its "Outstanding Leaders" last fall by BCW. He hosted a weekly radio show entitled "Teaching Today's Kids" and wrote a blog to support the show and all of his educational activities.

The son of Sam and Mary Lukianuk, and the first grandson of four Ukrainian immigrants, Mr. Lukianuk grew up in Trumbull, Connecticut with a love for God, a fascination with history, and gifts in music. Dreaming of becoming a history teacher, Rick could not have guessed how God would direct his path through Duke University, Duke Law School, and after 17 years as a successful international attorney, direct his steps back into education.

Rick's love of history and his gifts in musical composition and performance continued through high school, where he spent two years living in Heidelberg, Germany. He continued composing and performing throughout his undergraduate studies at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he earned his degree in History and Religion, (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa). In 1982, he received his Juris Doctorate from the Duke University School of Law where he was named a Reynolds Scholar. During those years, Rick composed and directed several musical productions, during which he met his wife, the former Lee Ann Cheves, who has her BSN from Duke University and a Masters in Voice and Opera from the Hartt School of Music.

Mr. Lukianuk began his legal career in Hartford, Connecticut where he specialized in corporate law. Rick joined United Technologies Corporation in 1980 in Detroit, Michigan, where he developed his expertise in international law, mergers and acquisitions. He later served as vice president and general counsel for Fisher Scientific's international operations. During his tenure, Fisher established its significant presence in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America with worldwide sales increasing from \$50 to \$500 million.

Eleven years ago, Mr. Lukianuk stepped away from his successful career as an international corporate attorney. "I had the chance to take a break from my career and consider what was really important to me," Lukianuk recalled. "In doing so, I discovered something I was passionate about—Christian education --that also brings my family and career into better balance."

Rick and his family downsized their lifestyle so that he could serve as high school principal of Portsmouth Christian Academy in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he led in the development of a strategic plan, budget, and programming for the K-12 school. During his five-plus years at PCA, the school became the largest non-denominational, faith-based school in New England, financing and purchasing a new K-8 facility housing almost 500 students. That was followed by the construction of a new high school campus sized for 500 students in 2003.

Now God's call has come from Heritage Christian Academy to lead the school through its next phase of growth and development. Rick's passion is to equip the next generation of Christian leaders with knowledge, understanding and wisdom, and the ability to use knowledge to make wise choices. He sees the partnership of home, school and church as essential to the success of such an endeavor as outlined in Deuteronomy, Chapter 6. His goal is to develop HCA students who understand the world around them, have a deep personal relationship with God, are committed to lifelong learning, and are prepared to impact the world around them for God's glory and His intended purposes. He believes God has brought together some very special family, students, staff, and leaders at HCA and Redeemer Presbyterian Church to accomplish this powerful work. Rick and his wife, Lee Ann, will be relocating to Kansas City this summer and both feel privileged to become part of the HCA and the Redeemer community.