Richmond, VA July 1, 2019 – Penny B. Evins begins her tenure as Head of School for Collegiate School today.

Evins has assumed the helm of the 104-year-old school upon the retirement of Head of School Stephen D. Hickman, who completed a five-year tenure on June 30.

“I am excited to meet new people, learn about a new culture and serve the community, past, present and future,” Evins said.

She comes to Collegiate from St. Paul’s School for Girls in Baltimore, where among other successes, she led the school’s healthy growth in enrollment and expanded the curriculum to include real-world experiences for students during her six-year tenure.

Evins began her career at the Webb School of Knoxville in Tennessee as an Upper School guidance counselor, ethics teacher and soccer coach, and a year later was tapped to lead the Middle School and teach English. She went on to serve as Middle School counselor, teach life skills, coach soccer and eventually serve as a strategic planning consultant and admission associate at The Lovett School in Atlanta. After a five-year tenure as Head of Lower School at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans, she was named Head of St. Paul’s School for Girls, where beginning in 2013 she led a co-ed early childhood through Pre-Kindergarten program, and the 5th-12th Grade girls’ school, on a shared Baltimore campus with St. Paul’s School.

A native of New Orleans, she attended Isidore Newman School. She is a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut and received a B.A. in English and M.Ed. in counselor education from the University of Virginia.

John W. Martin, incoming Chair of the Collegiate Board of Trustees and co-chair of the Head of School Search Committee, said the school leadership and entire community are thrilled to welcome Evins.
“We look forward to Penny’s leadership in supporting our core values and timeless culture and in advancing our central mission and strategic priorities. Penny will be a remarkable asset to our community.”

Joining Evins at Collegiate is her husband, Sam Evins V, also a longtime independent school educator and coach, and their two teenage children. The entire family will join her in building strong relationships and furthering the Collegiate mission, she said.

“I’m looking forward to discovering opportunities and harnessing the strengths of Collegiate.”

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Collegiate School is a JK-12th Grade, 1680-student college preparatory school located at 103 N. Mooreland Road, Richmond, VA 23229. Its mission is to create a diverse and inclusive community of learners who are committed to an educational experience that fosters the intellectual, moral, emotional and physical development of each student. For more information, visit www.collegiate-va.org.