

Biography of Charlie Britton



Charlie began his career in independent school education as a teacher and coach at Trinity-Pawling School. He then served as English department chair at the St. Mark's School of Texas where, in 1996, he was awarded The Murrell Teaching Prize for excellence. Subsequently, he became Head of the Senior School at Shady Side Academy, where, in 2003, a Trustee created an award in Charlie's name. Charlie left Shady Side Academy to become Head of School at Casady School and remained there for five years before being named Head of School at McDonogh School.

At McDonogh, Charlie served as Head of School from 2007-2018. During Charlie's tenure the school was recognized with four Top Workplace awards for mid-size companies by The Baltimore Sun, including two for leadership. In his final year, his achievements in ethical leadership were recognized by the McDonogh School Board with the Charles W. Britton Director of Character and Service Chair. The Daily Record recognized Charlie as an Influential Marylander who made significant contributions to his profession.

While at McDonogh, Charlie was instrumental in creating Folio, a professional development program used by over 170 independent schools. He has served as board chair of Folio Collaborative and presented on the Folio Evaluation System at the National Association of Independent Schools Conference.

Charlie currently works as a Senior Consultant for the Head of School Practice at Carney Sandoe & Associates. He also serves as a trustee of the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS) and St. James Academy (Pre-K through 8) in Maryland.

Charlie grew up in Southport, Maine where he lives with his wife, Jennifer. They have two children: Trevor, 26, and Annie, 23. He holds a BA in English from Lake Forest College and a MA in English from Middlebury College. He is a voracious reader, an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan, and enjoys golf.

Charlie is excited to serve as Sant Bani School's Interim Head of School. He has enjoyed learning about the school's history and its mission. He is looking forward to joining the Sant Bani School community and getting to know all students and their families.

All of Charlie's references confirm that he is kind, a highly strategic thinker, a good listener, and an unabashed optimist. In keeping with Sant Kirpal Singh's statement that "we have something to learn from everyone," Charlie wrote, "I know enough about myself to understand that I don't have all the answers."