

LEARN MORE ABOUT DR. PATTERSON:

Dr. John Patterson joins Brentwood Academy as its third Head of School beginning on July 1, 2025.

Dr. Patterson was born and raised in Central Illinois where his family owned a local gas and oil business for over 90 years ([Patterson Bros. Oil & Gas](#)). He graduated from [Williamsville Township High School](#) in 1991 as a scholar-athlete. Following an illustrious high school basketball career, Dr. Patterson was inducted into the Illinois Basketball [Hall of Fame](#) in 1998.

Dr. Patterson received a nomination, was accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1992 and graduated in 1996 as a letterman on the basketball team and as a distinguished wreath recipient (3.0 GPA in academic, physical, and military programs). He graduated with a BS in [Systems Engineering](#) from West Point. Following his graduation from West Point, Dr. Patterson served five years of active duty in the U.S. Army, with part of that time in Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Desert Fox.

Following his active-duty Army service, Dr. Patterson embarked on a successful campaign in the medical industry with Johnson and Johnson and Stryker Medical. However, with all his corporate success, Dr. Patterson continued to feel called to his passion: basketball and young people. In 2002, Dr. Patterson realized this calling by becoming the head boys' basketball coach and math/computer instructor at [Liberty \(Bedford\) High School](#) in Bedford, VA. Following his three-year stint at Liberty (Bedford) High School, Dr. Patterson was hired to serve at [Liberty Christian Academy](#) (LCA) as the boys' head basketball coach and math instructor. In 2007, given his product management and leadership experience, Dr. Patterson was hired as the Assistant Head of School responsible for the Advancement Department at LCA. Shortly thereafter, in July of 2010, Dr. John Patterson was appointed Head of School at Liberty Christian Academy. Under his leadership, LCA grew to be the largest private school in Virginia and a flagship school for Christian education in the Southeast.

After 15 years at Liberty Christian Academy, ten of those as Head of School, Dr. Patterson accepted the position to become the Head of School at [First Presbyterian Day School](#) (FPD) in Macon, GA, in December of 2019. Dr. Patterson made his mark on FPD through a focus on differentiated academics, laser focused development goals, and a vision of excellence in every aspect of the school experience.

Dr. Patterson is respected nationally as a passionate advocate for Christian education. He brings a unique blend of experiences to the role, including military leadership, corporate business strategy, and educational leadership. Dr. Patterson makes servant leadership a priority and believes in listening, leading by example, and rallying a team to accomplish its goals. Above all, Dr. Patterson is committed to the mission and ministry of Brentwood Academy, prioritizing BA's commitments, values, and tradition while leading the school spiritually and academically. One thing is for sure, when you encounter Dr. Patterson, you are likely to be engaged with a word of encouragement and a "GO Eagles" as he departs.

Dr. Patterson holds master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Liberty University and an undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has served in education for 20+ years and has been married to his wife, Cindy, for 29 years. Cindy is also a 20+ year elementary school educator. The Pattersons have a daughter, Gracie, who graduated from Samford University and serves as a 3rd grade teacher in Birmingham, Alabama.