

## **THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL RECOGNIZES DR. ADAM MULLER, Ph.D**

Irving, Texas (October 31, 2008)— Middle school English and Latin teacher, Adam Muller, says his parents' early and persistent emphasis on the value of an authentic classical education served him well in his most recent accomplishment. This month, Dr. Muller officially completed his Ph.D., with a specialization in American literature, from the University of Dallas in Irving. He graciously gives the praise to his former teacher and guide, Dr. Louise Cowan: "She saw the potential in me at an early age to accomplish this, and she went out of her way to ensure that I was accepted into the Ph.D program after my undergrad work. Years later, she became my dissertation director. Without her, I never would have accomplished this."

Teaching gives Dr. Muller the opportunity to do what he loves, which is to read and pursue his interest in literature. Though he has taught both college and high school students, he feels middle school students are the most interesting. They "have demanded more out of me than any other group to date, but at the same time, students at this age respond the best to a challenging class. I love teaching at the Highlands because the students really seem to enjoy it here. "

His book on classical rhetoric was published in January of this year through the institute for Excellence in Writing. It is intended for high school level students, and it is essentially a writing composition textbook based on a series of oratorical exercises that they used to train students. He was "excited to have the chance to revive these 'old school' writing exercises."

Dr. Muller completed his undergraduate work at Thomas More College in Merrimack, New Hampshire. He is currently writing an ESL course for a company called "Mango Languages". He and his "beautiful wife, Annie" live in Dallas with three children. He grew up in Ft. Worth, plays the bass guitar, and his favorite book is *The Iliad*. His four-year-old Alexander very aptly sums up his father's accomplishment when he describes him as a "doctor for students, but not medicine."

### **About the Highlands School**

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