



Idaho Conference administration and Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) is pleased to announce that John Soulé has accepted the invitation to be Gem State Adventist Academy's new principal, effective July 1, 2020. John and his wife, Teresa, are coming from Central California Christian Academy, where he has served as principal. John has spent his career working in Adventist academies, both boarding and day, in teaching and administration. His mission statement reads: "To empower faculty and staff to be

well equipped in mentoring students for Christ." Once he and Teresa have arrived, we'll share more information about them. Welcome, John and Teresa!

In welcoming the Soulés, we are saying a fond farewell to the Thormans. We appreciate the five years Marvin and Lisa Thorman have served at GSAA, for the many hours of work, for the improvements that have been made, for the care and concern they have had for students and staff. Marvin facilitated GSAA becoming even more spiritually grounded. During his tenure, GSAA attained the highest level of accreditation available in the North American Division through Adventist Accrediting Association, which is a six-year accreditation with a mid-term evaluation. Mission days were started, with students and staff heading out into the community to impact local missions like the Salvation Army, Boise Rescue Mission, Idaho Food Bank and more. Marvin and Lisa have made a choice to pursue other opportunities. Marvin and Lisa leave a worthy legacy for our students and staff.

Plans to celebrate the Thormans will be shared later.