

Q & A

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How do you pronounce your last name?

It's Polish and is pronounced /mill-en-check/.
Mr. M works well, too



Where are you from?

I was born in Detroit, MI and have a lot of extended family in that area. However, much of my life has been in Eugene, OR, with the last 4 ½ years just outside of Fort Worth, TX. While we loved the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest, we were attracted to Southern culture, community feel, and importance of family.



Please share some details about yourself and your family.

My beautiful wife, Leah, was raised in Eugene, OR, and we met while serving in the ministry of our church's high school youth group. One year later, we were married. By God's grace, we will be married for 20 years in July. We have five children who are excited to join the WCA community—Keila (16), Brycen (14), Annie (10), Preston (7), and Darcy (3). They can't wait to make friends and get involved! We love all sports, and will check out some Ragin' Cajun games in the near future! In serving our local church, Leah serves in children's ministry and I serve in a pastoral care ministry for men who are experiencing challenges in life.





How does your family feel about moving to Louisiana?

We're excited. As I've told close family and friends, it's the people! The WCA community has been so welcoming, and the food is incredible. One talking point that came up repeatedly during my campus visits was how deeply people feel connected to the area. You can sense the pride and it's contagious.



What is your educational background?

My bachelor's degree is in Teacher Education from Bushnell University in Eugene, OR. My master's degree is in Educational Technology from Western Oregon University. I completed another post-master's program in K-12 Educational Leadership and some doctoral level coursework in the same subject. I have an active Head of School certification from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) which is one of WCA's accreditation partners.



What are your views and experiences with Christian Education?

Christian education is a beautiful ministry that goes beyond presenting truth—it's lived out through relationships and real-world application. That's why we should always thank our great teachers and coaches! True freedom comes not just from knowing the truth but abiding in God's Word as disciples (John 8:31–32). My calling into Christian education came after years as a math teacher and coach, sparked by a question God planted in my mind: Where are the institutions in our society that will develop leaders in Christ?





What was your most recent professional role?



After leading a 350-400 student Christian school in Eugene, OR, I became the Assistant Head of School at Liberty Christian in Argyle, TX, overseeing 140+ academic staff and supporting 1,300+ students as part of the Executive Leadership Team. My role included enhancing professional development, goal-setting and evaluation systems, biblical worldview training, student assessments, dual enrollment programs, and student-centered teaching methodologies. I've also coached basketball and football for many years at both the youth and varsity levels.



What inspired you to pursue this leadership role at WCA?



A fellow ACSI Head of School in Louisiana who is familiar with both of your campuses, referred me to WCA, speaking highly of its community and suggesting it could be a great fit for my experience and leadership style. Through prayer and discernment, the Lord guided each step of the process, opening doors and confirming His direction. After visiting the campus and meeting with the team, I couldn't agree more—WCA truly embodies a strong, Christ-centered community. The warmth, commitment, and shared vision I witnessed confirmed everything he shared, and I am eager to be a part of it.



How would you describe your leadership style?

My leadership style is both shepherd and strategist. I believe Christian education is a relational ministry, where serving the Lord first (Colossians 3:23) brings alignment and excellence in all we do. As a strategist, I seek ways to improve staff support, enhance the student experience, and streamline operations while recognizing when things are working well and should be preserved. For example, I plan to assess current academic programs and seek opportunities to enhance student learning across the grade levels. It's about knowing when to innovate and when to protect what's already established and thriving.



What unique qualities or experiences do you bring to this position?

At my core, I am a teacher and coach, and I view Christian education through that lens, recognizing that teachers and coaches are the heartbeat of any school community. My 17 years in education span both ends of the spectrum—from growing a small Christian school in a challenging cultural environment to leading a large, well-resourced school with robust programs. Those experiences taught me the importance of servant leadership and the value of strong systems to support growth. Above all, people fuel my soul, and I look forward to meeting you and your family around campus.



Mr. Mlynczyk enjoys writing about Christian education and leadership, and usually posts a short 3–5 minute article every week. If you're interested, you can learn more at ChristianEdLeadership.com.