

## TIMOTHY J. DERNLAN

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### EDUCATION

**Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies**, May, 2013

*Outstanding Graduate*

Major: Leadership Studies

Focus: Christian Theology

Ashland University – Ashland, OH

Dissertation: *Spiritual Formation: A Comparative Study of Modern and Classical Christian Schools*

**Master of Education in Educational Leadership**, May, 2009

Lehigh University – Bethlehem, PA

**Bachelor of Arts in Education**, May, 1999

Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN

**Bachelor of Arts in Communication**, May, 1998

Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

#### Head of School

Bayshore Christian School  
Fairhope, AL  
2020-present

Leading fully accredited ACCS school with a \$3.2 million budget  
Oversee all aspects of leading 60 staff members and 440 students  
Administrator of school undergoing new building campaign

#### Superintendent

Reach Christian Schools  
Bear, DE  
2015-2019

Led a Christian school district of five PK-12 Christian schools  
Overseeing \$9.2 million budget, 200 employees, and 1200 students  
Organizing and founding administrator of Reach Christian Schools

#### Head of School

Tall Oaks Classical School  
New Castle, DE  
2014-2019

Led fully accredited ACCS school with a \$2.2 million annual budget  
Oversaw all aspects of leading 35 staff members and 210 students  
Increased retention by 10%, enrollment by 10%, and fundraising by 16%

#### Principal

Tall Oaks Classical School  
New Castle, DE  
2013-2014

Oversaw, evaluated, and trained 25 teachers and 3 assistant teachers  
Taught twelfth grade leadership class and grades 1-10 physical education  
Mentored and disciplined students struggling with various difficulties

#### Head Wrestling Coach

Ashland University  
Ashland, OH  
2008-2013

Managed annual budget of \$400,000, 50 athletes, and several staff  
Fundraised an average of \$40,000 annually for special wrestling projects  
Oversaw budgets, scholarships, travel, compliance, recruiting, scheduling

**Head Assistant Wrestling Coach**

Lehigh University  
Bethlehem, PA  
2006-2008

Coordinated all recruiting efforts of prospective student-athletes  
Co-Directed summer wrestling camps of over 950 campers  
Assisted in management of annual budget and travel schedule

**Assistant Wrestling Coach**

Penn State University  
State College, PA  
2003-2006

Developed and implemented new individual and team system of training  
Oversaw the academic progress of the student-athletes  
Administered youth clubs, camps, tournaments, and alumni golf outings

**International Wrestling Club Coach**

Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH  
1999-2000

Organized Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Clinic for 600 coaches  
Coordinated all training sessions for Ohio International Wrestling Club  
Developed alumni relations and communications campaign

**Graduate Assistant Wrestling Coach**

Purdue University  
West Lafayette, IN  
1998-1999

Coordinated the set-up of home wrestling events  
Developed marketing strategies for the promotion of home events  
Monitored the study table hours and academics of student-athletes

**Owner / CEO**

Victory Wrestling Camps  
Various Locations, OH  
1998-2006

Managed annual operating budget of over \$100,000 per summer  
Coordinated and directed 14 camps at 12 locations for 600 campers  
Hired, trained, and paid 30 staff members each summer

**OTHER EXPERIENCES****Upper School Principal**

Bayshore Christian School  
Fairhope, AL  
Fall, 2019

Oversaw, evaluated, and trained 20 teachers and 3 office staff  
Future facility building committee and fundraising team member  
Mentored and disciplined students struggling with various difficulties

**Interim Head of School**

Tri-State Christian Academy  
Elkton, MD  
Spring, 2018

Led this school of 330 students during a time of administrative transition  
Developed and implemented classical scope and sequence for grades 1-12  
Hired, trained, and mentored new school administrator

**Interim Principal**

Journey Christian Academy  
Newark, DE  
Winter, 2017

Led small start-up special needs school during administrative change  
Counseled parents, hired staff, developed operational procedures  
Hired new administrator, built a budget, and trained new staff

**Interim Director of Development**

Tall Oaks Classical School  
New Castle, DE  
Spring, 2016

Wrote and awarded \$100,000 grant from the Longwood Foundation  
Raised \$42,000 in end of year Day of Giving campaign  
Developed new literature and annual calendar for development office

**Resident Athlete**

U.S. Olympic Training Center  
Colorado Springs, CO  
2001-2003

Trained as a fully funded athlete to make the United States Olympic Team  
Represented the United States at wrestling competitions around the world  
Delivered speeches, presentations, and mentoring to local K-12 students

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Red Lion Christian Academy**

Bear, DE

2017-2018                      The Gospel of Matthew (ACSI CEU)    Faculty

### **Tall Oaks Classical School**

New Castle, DE

2019, Spring                      Leadership Survey                      Grade 11  
2016-2017                      Leadership Survey                      Grades 11-12  
2015-2016                      Systematic Theology                      Grade 10  
2015-2016                      Leadership Survey                      Grade 12  
2015, Spring                      Personal Finance                      Grade 12  
2014, Fall                      Leadership Survey                      Grade 12  
2013, Fall                      Leadership Survey                      Grade 12  
2013, Fall                      Physical Education                      Grades 1-10

### **Veritas Classical Christian Academy**

Ashland, OH

2012-2013                      Rhetoric and Logic                      Grade 9

### **Ashland University**

Ashland, OH

2012, Fall                      Human Communication (Section I)    Undergraduate  
2012, Fall                      Human Communication (Section H)    Undergraduate  
2012, Spring                      Fundamentals of Coaching Wrestling    Undergraduate  
2009, Spring                      Fundamentals of Coaching Wrestling    Undergraduate

### **Emerson Edison Charter School**

Colorado Springs, CO

2002-2003                      Mathematics - Title One                      Grades 6-8

### **Wayne High School**

Huber Heights, OH

2000-2001                      Introduction to Acting                      Grades 9-12  
2000-2001                      History of Theater                      Grades 9-12

## **GUEST LECTURES**

### **Ashland University**

Ashland, OH

2012, Fall                      Sport Ethics                      Undergraduate  
2012, Summer                      Leadership Intensive                      Doctoral  
2012, Spring                      Sport Management                      Undergraduate  
2011, Fall                      Sport Ethics                      Undergraduate  
2011, Spring                      Sport Management                      Undergraduate  
2010, Fall                      Sport Ethics                      Undergraduate  
2010, Spring                      Fundamentals of Coaching                      Undergraduate  
2010, Spring                      Sport Management                      Undergraduate

## **GRANT WRITING**

2018, Winter                      Awarded \$28,000 for school technology from Crystal Trust

2018, Spring	Awarded \$5,000 for school technology from The Calkins Foundation
2017, Spring	Awarded \$50,000 for school technology from Crystal Trust
2016, Spring	Awarded \$100,000 for facility renovations from Longwood Foundation
2014, Winter	Awarded \$28,000 for school technology from Crystal Trust
2014, Fall	Awarded \$20,000 for NILD from Chichester duPont Lydia Fund

### **COMMITTEES**

2017-present	Association of Classical and Christian Schools Accreditation Chairman <i>Regents Preparatory School of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK</i> <i>Bayshore Christian School, Fairhope, AL</i>
2014-present	Association of Classical and Christian Schools Accreditation Team Member <i>Regents School of Austin, Austin, TX</i> <i>Grace Academy, Georgetown, TX</i> <i>Bayshore Christian School, Fairhope, AL</i> <i>Cary Christian School, Cary, NC</i> <i>Grace Academy, Georgetown, TX</i>
2012-2013	Ashland University Strategic Planning for Retention Committee Member
2012-2013	NWCA National Duals Selection Criteria Committee Member
2012-2013	NCAA DII Wrestling Ranking Coaches Poll Committee Member
2012-2013	NCAA Super Regional Two Host Institution Head Coach

### **CONSULTING**

2018, Winter	The Ambrose School in Boise, ID Socratic Learning – Upper School Staff and Faculty
2017-2018	Providence Classical School in Williamsburg, VA Strategic Planning – Head of School and Board of Directors
2016, Fall	Phil-Mont Christian Academy in Erdenheim, PA General Counsel – Board of Directors
2015, Fall	Heritage Classical Academy in Hudson, OH Strategic Planning – Board of Directors
2011, Fall	Ashland Christian School in Ashland, OH Strategic Planning – Board of Directors

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2019, Fall	Served Meals at W. F. Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette, AL
2018, Fall	Reach Church Adult Sunday School Substitute Teacher in Bear, DE
2018, Fall	Kirkwood Soccer U12 Girls Coach in New Castle, DE
2018, Spring	Reach Church Communion Sunday Prayer Team in Bear, DE
2018, Winter	Delaware Elite Wrestling Club Coach in Middletown, DE
2018, Winter	Tim Tebow’s Night to Shine, Respite Room Volunteer in Bear, DE
2017, Winter	Deploy the Joy Elderly Assistance in Wilmington, DE
2017, Fall	Reach Church Communion Sunday Prayer Team in Bear, DE
2017, Summer	Reach Church Upper School Sunday School Teacher in Bear, DE
2017, Spring	Upward Soccer Coach in Newark, DE
2017, Spring	Reach Kids Teaching Assistant at Reach Church in Bear, DE
2017, Winter	Tim Tebow’s Night to Shine, Respite Room Volunteer in Bear, DE
2016, Spring	Upward Soccer Referee in Newark, DE

2015, Fall	Nursery Volunteer at Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE
2015, Spring	Upward Soccer Coach in Newark, DE
2014, Summer	Sunday School Teacher at Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE
2012, Spring	Nursery Volunteer at Harvest Church in Medina, OH
2012, Summer	National Wrestling Coaches Association Leadership Academy in Edwardsville, IL
2011, Spring	Recruited Volunteers for Make-A-Wish Foundation event setup in Ashland, OH
2011, Spring	Organized and Taught at “Boys will be Boys” father-son outreach in Ashland, OH
2011, Fall	Sunday School Teacher at Harvest Church in Medina, OH
2011, Spring	Nursery Volunteer at Harvest Church in Medina, OH
2010, Fall	Sunday School Teacher at Harvest Church in Medina, OH
2010, Spring	Founded “Wrestlers for a Better Community” to help widows in Ashland, OH
2010, Spring	Organized Volunteers for American Heart Association event setup in Ashland, OH
2009, Fall	Organized Sponsorship of two local families for Adopt-a-Family in Ashland, OH (more available upon request)

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

2019, June	<i>Reaching the Wounded Athlete</i> Hope 4 the Wounded National Conference in Columbus, OH
2018, November	<i>Seven Marks of Intentional Christian Education</i> Classical Christian Academy in Post Falls, ID
2017, June	<i>Spiritual Formation in Christian Schools: Modern vs. Classical</i> ACCS Pre-Conference Leaders Day in Pittsburgh, PA  <i>Classroom Management: Behavior Modification vs. Heart Transformation</i> ACCS Repairing the Ruins Conference in Pittsburgh, PA  <i>A Trivium Approach to Physical Education and Sports</i> ACCS Repairing the Ruins Conference in Pittsburgh, PA
2015, February	<i>The Effectiveness of Classical Christian Education</i> P.E.O. Chapter D Monthly Meeting in Greenville, DE
2014, November	<i>Behind the Curtain</i> Tall Oaks Classical School Harvest Dinner in New Castle, DE
2013, April	<i>Building a Successful Team</i> Ashland Rotary Club in Ashland, OH
2012, May	<i>Big Time Fundraising for Small College Programs</i> (Discussion Panel) NWCA Leadership Academy in Evansville, IL
2011, December	<i>Best Practice for Faith Formation in Christian Schools</i> Doctoral Mentorship Presentations in Ashland, OH
2011, April	<i>The Importance of Physical Interaction Between Fathers and Sons</i> Ashland University Service Day in Ashland, OH
2010, September	<i>The Life and Work of C.S. Lewis</i> (Master of Ceremonies) Great Men of the Christian Faith Fall Lecture Series in Ashland, OH

2010, April	<i>Transitioning from Follower to Leader</i> Stark County Post Season Wrestling Banquet in Massillon, OH
2009, September	<i>The Life and Teaching of John Calvin</i> (Master of Ceremonies) Great Men of the Christian Faith Fall Lecture Series in Ashland, OH

## **HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Academic**

2013	Outstanding Graduate of Ashland University Doctoral Program
1998	Academic All-Big Ten Conference Selection
1996	Academic All-Big Ten Conference Selection

### **Leadership**

2012	Bob Bubb NCAA DII National Coach-of-the-Year Nominee
2012	NWCA/FCA Coaches Leadership Academy Mentor Coach
2011	Bob Bubb NCAA DII National Coach-of-the-Year Nominee
2011	NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Coach-of-the-Year
1998	Purdue University Red Mackey Award Winner
1998	Purdue University Wrestling Team Captain
1997	Purdue University Wrestling Team Captain
1997	Chairman of Purdue University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

### **Coaching**

2008-2013	Coached Nine NCAA DII All-Americans
2008-2013	Produced Twenty-six NCAA DII National Qualifiers
2008-2013	Mentored Twenty-one NWCA DII All-Academic Student-Athletes
2008-2013	Ranked in the Top Ten Nationally for Team G.P.A.
1998-2008	Produced Forty-two NCAA DI National Qualifiers
1998-2008	Coached Eleven NCAA DI All-Americans
1998-2008	Mentored Six NCAA DI Academic All-Americans

### **Recruiting**

2012	Head Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the Nation
2011	Head Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the Nation
2010	Head Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 5 <sup>th</sup> in the Nation
2009	Head Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> in the Nation
2007	Head Assistant Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> in the Nation
2006	Assistant Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the Nation
2005	Assistant Coach of Recruiting Class Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the Nation

### **Athletic**

2004	United States of America Final Olympic Trials Qualifier
2001	FILA Pan American Championships, 5 <sup>th</sup> Place
2001	USA Wrestling Senior National Championships, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
2000	United States of America Final Olympic Trials Qualifier
1998	NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship All-American
1996	USA Wrestling University National Champion
1994	USA Wrestling Espoir National Champion
1992	FILA Junior World Championships, 5 <sup>th</sup> Place

## **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Classical Christian Schools  
Association of Christian Schools International  
Society for Classical Learning

## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

Spiritual Formation  
Classical Christian Education  
Educational Leadership  
Leadership Theory  
Organizational Leadership  
Change Management  
Virtue Ethics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Dernlan, T. (2020). *Classical Christian Virtues: Contemplating the Good Life*. Philadelphia, PA. Titus Books. (Self-Published)

Dernlan, T. (2018). *Spiritual Formation in Christian Schools*. Philadelphia, PA. Titus Books. (Self-Published)

Dernlan, T. (2013). *Spiritual Formation: A Comparative Study of Modern and Classical Christian Schools*. (Electronic Dissertation). Retrieved from <https://etd.ohiolink.edu/>