Southern Teachers is assisting Sidwell Friends School in its search for a dynamic Athletic Director to manage its athletics program, which consists of 68 teams across grades 7-12. Sidwell Friends School teams compete in the Independent School League (girls) and the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference (boys), have won titles through the District of Columbia State Athletic Association, and have achieved success at the national level. The Athletic Director reports directly to the Head of School, sits with the Board of Trustees, and is a member of the senior administrative team.

The Athletic Director is responsible for communicating and promoting the goals and objectives of the athletics program to students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators, and trustees. He or she oversees hiring and supervision of an assistant AD, two athletic trainers, 12 full-time coaches, and 45 part-time seasonal coaches; maintains the operating budget; purchases equipment and uniforms; and ensures the safe usage, care, and condition of all equipment, facilities, and fields. The AD schedules, attends, and coordinates logistics for athletic events (e.g., transportation, hiring officials, and crowd oversight), maintains accurate records of athletic results, coordinates the selection of award winners, and helps plan an awards night. He or she supports the work of the Admissions office; represents Sidwell at league meetings and ensures fulfillment of league requirements; and works effectively with coaches and the Director of College Counseling to support student-athletes who intend to participate in college level athletics.

The successful candidate will have a degree in an appropriate discipline (master’s preferred) and a demonstrated record of success spanning 5-7 years as an AD at either the high school or college level. He or she must possess the ability to multitask, work under pressure, problem-solve, and communicate effectively. The AD will have a clear understanding of the school’s Quaker values and traditions, be a strong and articulate advocate for students and coaches, and work effectively with teachers, parents, and alumni. A commitment to diversity, high expectations for student conduct inside and outside of competition, a genuine warmth of personality, and a healthy sense of humor and humility are essential.

Founded in 1883, Sidwell Friends is a co-educational Quaker day school with campuses in Washington, DC, and Bethesda, Maryland. Serving over 1,100 students, the school has long been known for its strong academic programs, its commitment to diversity, and its emphasis on environmental stewardship. Quaker values inform every aspect of the school day, inspiring students to see how kindness and empathy can shape their lives, their community, and the world.

To apply, please complete the online Application to become a Southern Teachers Candidate and submit a cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this position, which begins in July 2022.