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SAN MARCOS—[San Marcos Baptist Academy](#) President Vic Schmidt has announced to the school's trustees his plans to retire July 1.

"I would have preferred to serve the academy for several more years, but some health issues prompt me I leave at the end of this school year," Schmidt said.

When Schmidt was named as the academy's 12th president in November 2001, he brought to the post a unique perspective, having served the school in three previous positions. He joined the academy staff in April 1992 as the commandant of cadets and dean of boys. He then served as principal from July 1997 until June 2000, when he became executive vice president.

Prior to joining the academy staff, Schmidt completed 24 years active duty in the U.S. Army, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He served in a wide variety of command and staff positions in the United States, Vietnam and Germany.

"The academy has experienced remarkable growth and development while

President Schmidt has been in charge,” said Bobby Dupree, vice president of development.

Enrollment has increased by more than 30 percent, aided by record-setting re-enrollment, he noted.

Numerous construction and campus improvement projects occurred under Schmidt’s direction, and he was instrumental in initiating a comprehensive strategic plan that establishes a roadmap for the academy’s future, Dupree said.

“Vic always has the academy’s best interest at heart,” he said. “Even with his retirement, he’s placing the academy on a road to an even brighter future. All the elements are in place to ensure the right person is selected to carry on with the mission of the academy.”

Schmidt served the academy “with honor and distinction,” trustee board Chairman Billy Belcher said.

“He was the right person for the right job at the right time, and we sincerely appreciate all that he has done to move the academy forward,” he said.

Mel Shook will chair a three-member search committee to seek a new president for the academy. Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of application and resume to SearchCommittee@smba.org or San Marcos Baptist Academy, Attention: Search Committee, 2801 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos 78666. Individuals requiring additional information and those interested in providing nominations for the position may contact Beverley Elliott at (512) 753-8008.

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