

Dear Episcopal Collegiate School Students,

As co-chairs of the Board-driven Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, we are honored to lead such an important initiative for Episcopal Collegiate School. We commit to making this effort as inclusive as possible. With broad participation, we will be able to maximize our efforts to listen, learn, and work together to cultivate a more diverse and inclusive environment for Episcopal students and their families.

Thank you to those students who have already participated in this initiative or expressed interest. We hope others will join. For the first time this year, Middle and Upper School students (grades 6-12) can participate in the Student Diversity Council. If you would like to sign up for the Student Diversity Council, please complete this form. Please note that if you completed the *Join the Conversation* page, take a minute to click on the link above and complete a couple survey questions. This information will provide us with a starting point for understanding where we are as a community in fostering an inclusive environment at Episcopal.

Diversity Council faculty sponsor, Debbie Pettibone will continue to organize and facilitate meetings. You will receive an email from Ms. Pettibone with details about the upcoming meeting schedule starting the week of August 24th. During the first meeting, participants in each Diversity Council will self-select two representatives who will serve on the Board-driven Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. The inaugural meeting of the Task Force will take place on September 2nd.

We hope you will consider joining the Middle and Upper School Student Diversity Councils. We look forward to adding as many voices to this conversation as possible.

Our best,

Dr. Christopher Jones and Ms. Lizzie Phillips