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## Announcing Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School's New Head of School

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that **Mr. DeAndre Calhoun has been selected as Holy Trinity: An Episcopal School's new Head of School**, effective July 1, 2025. Following a rigorous national search, the Board unanimously and enthusiastically approved his appointment.

DeAndre brings to Holy Trinity a strong reputation as a collaborative and strategic leader with a proven ability to build and inspire teams while driving strategic initiatives. A distinguished graduate of Morehouse College with a master's degree in education from The University of Georgia, DeAndre has over 25 years of experience in teaching and educational leadership. He joins our community from the Black Pine Circle School in Berkeley, CA, where he is currently the Interim Head of School, a role that he assumed after previously holding the position of Upper School Head and Assistant Head of School. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Calhoun has exemplified a profound dedication to academic excellence, community, and equity evidenced by his initiation of innovative programs and partnerships, including the Vanguard Conference for African American Boys and a partnership with Black Girls Code. Notably, in the 2020-2021 academic year, he successfully led the transition between on-campus and distance-based learning for the school community in a way that met the needs of students, families and the faculty and staff.

Furthermore, Mr. Calhoun possesses deep experience and connection to the Episcopal educational community, having spent nine years as a parent and three years as the Director of Development and Communications for St. Paul's Episcopal School in Oakland, CA. Our Episcopal values of academic excellence, spiritual and moral formation, and inclusiveness resonate deeply with him, and align with his passion for fostering a supportive and dynamic learning community.

Throughout the search process, the committee was guided by the priorities of the Holy Trinity community and the Board's goal to identify a mission and values-driven leader to navigate the school's future in alignment with our Strategic Plan while honoring our commitment to the learning triangle and its role in developing our students into "The Best You." We are confident that Mr. Calhoun is the right leader to uphold our school's mission and values while guiding us into Holy Trinity's next 60 years and beyond.

The enthusiasm and confidence expressed by the Holy Trinity community during the search process highlights Mr. Calhoun's ability to lead our community:

*“Mr. Calhoun definitely has what it takes to lead this community. Given his background and experience in multiple roles throughout education, he is prepared to be in a high leadership role.”*

*“The school needs a professional leader who can strategically make decisions at the macro level while engaging and supporting their staff. Mr. Callhoun demonstrated that he is thinking at a strategic macro level.”*

*“He showed a genuine interest and excitement in being on campus and in meeting individual parents of the school. His energy and engagement throughout the Parents Forum exemplified a dynamic leader and a charisma that can inspire internal staff to follow his lead and for external stakeholders to want to provide support.”*

As part of a comprehensive succession plan, our current Head of School, Mr. Mullin will work hand-in-hand with Mr. Calhoun, along with a specially formed Transition Committee and the Board of Trustees to ensure a smooth and thoughtful transition. DeAndre will officially begin his new role as head of school on July 1, 2025.

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone in our community who participated in this months-long search process, including the Search Committee, led by Crista Wise, parents, faculty, staff, and community members that worked together to make this process a success. Please join me in warmly welcoming Mr. DeAndre Calhoun to the Holy Trinity community. We look forward with excitement to the positive impact he will undoubtedly make on our school as we embark on a new chapter under his leadership.

Respectfully in service,



Kelly Wagner  
Chair, Board of Trustees