

Dear Annie Wright Community:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Christian Sullivan as the next Head of Annie Wright School, effective July 1, 2010.

Christian's appointment concludes a five-month process during which several candidates were invited to visit Annie Wright School and meet with the School's various constituency groups, including faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni and Trustees. We are most grateful to the members of the school community who spent time with, and offered feedback on, the candidates.

Our new Head of School is a global citizen and accomplished administrator and educator. A native of England, Christian holds a Bachelor's Degree from University of Durham, a Master's Degree from University of Bath, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Independent School Leadership at Columbia University. During his career he has demonstrated effective leadership as a math teacher and administrator at independent schools in London, England; Nairobi, Kenya; Oxfordshire, England; Oakton, Virginia; and Fairfield, Connecticut. Most recently, Christian served as Head of School at Fairfield Country Day School, where his colleagues describe him as a dynamic, clear-sighted and straightforward leader who is both thoughtful and principled.

Christian enthusiastically embraces Annie Wright's mission and embodies the criteria we sought in a new head. We look forward to welcoming Christian, his wife Lisa, and their two children, Alexis and Matthew, as they transition to Tacoma next summer. In accepting the appointment, Christian stated, "My family and I are thrilled to be joining Annie Wright School. We were seeking a school with a genuine global perspective that fosters respect among all in the community and sets high expectations for its young men and women in all that they do. We have found that school in Annie Wright."

As we welcome Christian, we also recognize and thank Rick Clarke for his four years of leadership during which he led Annie Wright School to a place of renewed strength and promise for the future. Under Rick's guidance, Annie Wright became an International Baccalaureate World School, trained all teachers in the All Kinds of Minds teaching philosophy, and brought diversity to the student body that is reflective of the School's international-mindedness. Additionally, Rick led the School to record-setting enrollment this academic year, despite the economic and financial constraints. We are most grateful for Rick's numerous contributions and will look forward to honoring him over the next several months.

Wishing you all the best,

Warren Martin
Chair, Board of Trustees

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