

## **Collegiate School**

Dear Collegiate Community,

In 2020, following the Board's adoption of the recommendations of the History and Symbols Task Force, the School began the process of considering how best to proceed with updating our Mascot and our Latin Motto. We are delighted to now share the outcomes with the community.

A group of faculty led the charge in developing a new Latin phrase for the School. We extend our gratitude to those who served on this committee: Katie Hill, Tom Jundt, Drew Keller, Shashi Stapleton, Chris Torino, and Ray Voelkel. We are pleased to share these three Latin words, **Communitas, Sapientia, Humanitas** (roughly translated as *Community, Wisdom, Humaneness*), which have been adopted by the Board of Trustees. They represent what we believe to be the best of our community and the values we strive to represent. This motto will now hold a place on our School seal. The version below is an initial mock-up, with the new motto, traditional school colors, and historical alignment with the original crest. It will continue to be refined in the weeks ahead.



Throughout the past year, you have regularly received updates from our Updating Mascot Committee, led by Jesse Cohen '82. This committee worked diligently to design a process that was inclusive of our community, fully aware that a change such as this would garner a range of reactions. We were pleased the committee ended up receiving nearly 100 ideas from the Collegiate community and enlisted the work of a design firm and illustrators to bring some of these ideas to life. In all, 2,907 of you participated this past week in voting to determine a new visual representation of the Collegiate Dutchman.

We are pleased to announce and share our new Dutchman: Triumphant, our clear winner, receiving 58% of all votes. (*The Dutchman as Community concept received 30% of the votes and the Windmill 12%.*)



We will now take this result and begin the process of refining the drawings and creating our final imagery of this new Dutchman. We look forward to embracing him as a part of our School's future and are excited to see this image begin to appear on Collegiate gear soon.

We want to thank the members of the Updating Mascot Committee for their hard work and thoughtfulness over the past year: Jesse Cohen '82, Leah Christenson, John Kosner '78, Zander Kurita '22, Matthew Kuster '22, German Llarch, Mike Shepard '22, James Solomon '83, Shashi Stapleton, Dwight Vidale, Ray Voelkel, and Julie White.

We hope you will join us as we look forward with enthusiasm, coming together as a community to embrace these new elements of our identity!

With gratitude,

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