

Dear Bishop William White Society Members,

Between the excitement of the Eagles Super Bowl win in February and the busy spring season just around the corner, the EA campus is buzzing with energy.

As special donors to EA, we want to provide you with a glimpse of some ways our students are engaging in learning and growing. We also included a brief interview with our new Assistant Head of School, Paul Sanders, so you can get to know a little more about him.



Many of you know and love Alumni Programs Assistant Nancy Taylor, Hon. Nancy has decided to retire in June after 18 years of service to Episcopal. Nancy told Head of School T.J. Locke that the parts she would miss most are “her” alumni and her interactions with all of the guests who come to Sherrerd House. She loves hearing your

stories, watching your families grow, and helping you stay connected to Episcopal.

Nancy is so dedicated to Episcopal and the EA Alumni who she has met over the years she wanted to do something for the school. She joined the Bishop William White Society to help ensure the school’s future and cemented her place in the EA community forever. Nancy will continue to join us for our lunches and celebrations each year, and even though she will not be staffing the event, she will probably still help you put on your name tag! We wish her all the best in her next stage of life and hope you will stop by to see her or seek her out during Alumni Weekend in May.

Thank you for your support of Episcopal,

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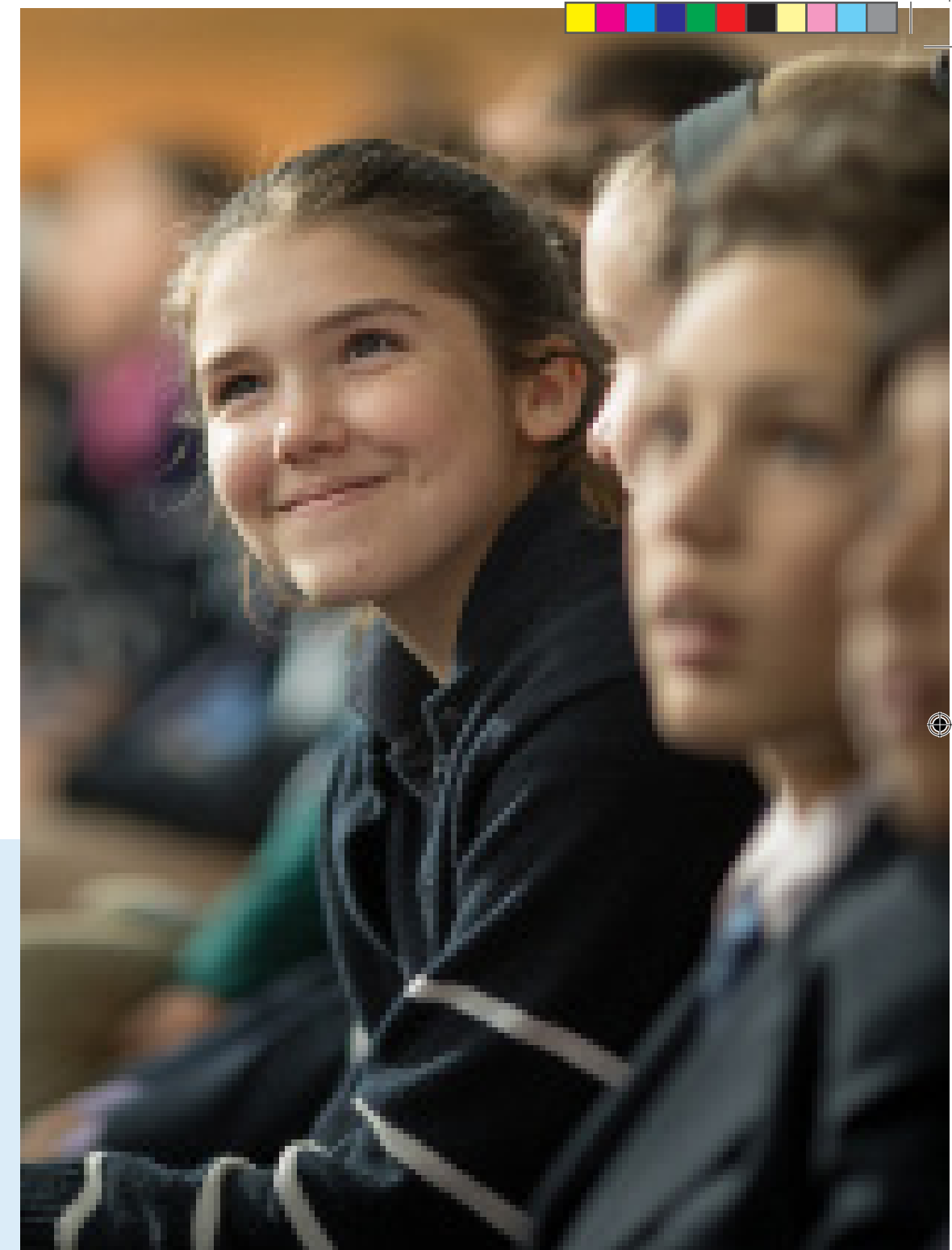
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*“That Physics Show” brings science to life as part of the Clare Foundation STEM Speakers Series.*



**THE BISHOP WILLIAM WHITE REPORT**  
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# Spotlight: Mix It Up Day

One day each spring, you can spot a splash of spring colors on campus. It isn't crocuses or daffodils bursting to life but instead Middle School students, teachers, and staff wearing bright t-shirts as part of Mix It Up Day.

During this event, organized by Middle School Student Council, students wear the t-shirts "to create artificial differences in our community." The ultimate goal is to reduce prejudice, improve intergroup relations, and increase overall awareness of our biases.

Throughout the day participants face restrictions and receive special privileges based on the color of the shirt they are randomly given to wear.

The day poses challenges for all involved. What if you were craving a deli sandwich for lunch? The deli was not available to those wearing a blue t-shirt. Pizza was off limits to the orange group, and the green group was barred from the bakery

The EA Mix It Up Day is a full-day social experiment involving 275 students and over 50 faculty and staff. It follows months of lead-up activities including a diversity/inclusion-themed slogan contest, discussion about school climate, and speakers on anti-bias, anti-bullying, and diversity-related topics. The goal throughout is to make Episcopal safe, welcoming, and inclusive for every member of our community.

Student feedback is incredible with 90% of the students agreeing the day should be an annual part of the school year. Faculty overwhelmingly find the day to be a meaningful teaching tool. "I really enjoyed being able to talk about topics that would otherwise be uncomfortable to mention," said one student. In addition to the internal praise Mix It Up day receives, the Middle School has earned the Mix It Up Model School Award from Teaching Tolerance five times over the last nine years.



## Happening on Campus

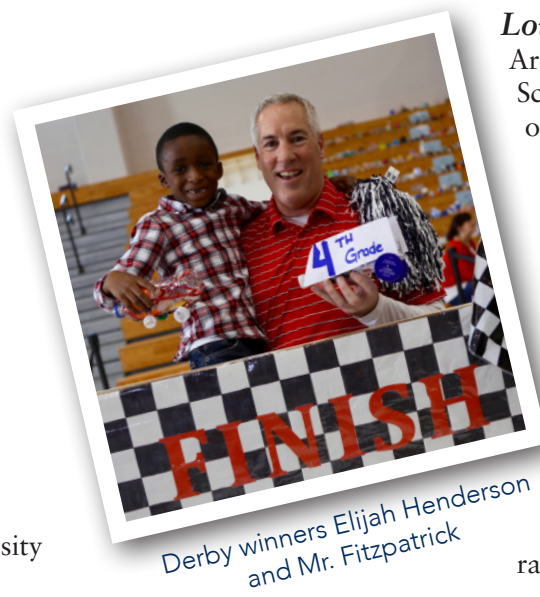
*There is always something exciting happening on campus. Here are two of the countless experiences that make Episcopal such a special place.*

### STEM Speakers Series

The newly-established STEM Speakers Series launched in January with a lively production of the Off-Broadway hit, *That Physics Show*. Made possible through a grant from the Clare Foundation, the STEM Speakers Series exposes students and faculty to dynamic, innovative, and creative thought leaders across a range of STEM areas.

Visit [episcopalacademy.org](http://episcopalacademy.org) for more information, including:

- Dr. Bonnie Bassler, Chair of the Molecular Biology Department at Princeton University
- Dr. Robert Sapolsky, Professor of Biology and Neurology at Stanford University
- Dr. Talithia Williams, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Harvey Mudd College
- Dr. Craig McLauchlan, Chair of Chemistry, Illinois State University
- Dr. Gregory Ott, Senior Director of Medicinal Chemistry, Teva Pharmaceuticals
- Dr. Ralph Sando, Chief of Ophthalmology Service, Bryn Mawr Hospital



Derby winners Elijah Henderson and Mr. Fitzpatrick

### Lower School Derby Day

Armed with plastic bottles, caps, and cardboard tubes, Lower School students took their assignment to build a derby racer out of up-cycled materials seriously.

"It was great to see all the young engineers in action!" said Lower School Technology Coach Christian Cloud. "All of our students were using the Design Process to create, test, and race their wonderful cars. Students made mistakes in their designs, but with determination they re-designed their prototypes to achieve the goal of racing down the ramp."

When the building was complete, Lower School students competed in the Derby Day competition. Each student raced against their homeroom classmates down a track built by Head of Lower School Terry Malone. That winner then raced for the grade finalist spot.

Each grade finalist raced in the grand finale where first grader Elijah Henderson's Sunkist soda bottle, filled with red pipe cleaners, zipped to the finish line first.



### Meet Paul Sanders, Assistant Head of School

Paul Sanders joined the Episcopal Academy community in July as the new Assistant Head of School.

Paul most recently served for four years as the Head of Upper School (grades 6-12) at the International School of Amsterdam. Before that, he spent time at The Dwight School in New York and Great Valley High School in Malvern. Paul earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

#### What is your impression of EA so far?

I expected to find a school community with high expectations made up of a lot of very, very, smart people, and that is exactly what I have found. I am so happy to have also found a kindness and a welcoming spirit at EA, so it has been a great transition.

#### How is EA different than an international school?

There is a bit more solidity and awareness of tradition here than in my previous school. That's harder to find in an international school because of the somewhat more transient nature of that kind of community. We really loved the extreme diversity of the community in an international school, but it's also so nice to be at a place with an even deeper connection to its past.

#### What key things are you responsible for?

T.J. often describes my role as one of "chief of staff," which I think makes sense. My job is to make sure that everything is running smoothly and efficiently, and all aspects of the school are continuously improving. I hope to have the opportunity to do some work on things like student wellness, cultural competence, diversity, and global-mindedness going forward.

#### What are your favorite moments so far?

The spirit of EA/Haverford/AIS Weekend was contagious and unlike anything I have seen in my previous schools.

#### And looking forward to?

I love the overall energy of springtime at schools and can't wait to experience traditions like the Arts Festival and graduation.

