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FEATURE: AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. JEFFERSON HUANG, PRESIDENT OF THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOOLS

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In early March I sat down with Dr. Huang in his office on the second floor of the Brooklandwood mansion to learn more about him and his plans for the St. Paul's Schools. In 2018, he and his wife made the decision to move across the country from California to Maryland so that he could become the President of the newly unified St. Paul's Schools. Only nine months into his new position, Dr. Huang says that "St. Paul's is his second home."

After 24 years as the vice president and a philosophy professor at Claremont McKenna College, Dr. Huang remarks that St. Paul's offers a fun switch and new and different feel. He feels a connection with the warm community, loves our beautiful campus, and embraces our new identity as individual schools on one interconnected campus.

He is working on an ambitious set of 31 goals. These include combining the Pre and Lower schools, working on a mission statement for them, and finding the right way to unify the Girl's and Boy's Schools while still allowing each to maintain its small feel and unique traditions. Dr. Huang explains that the next steps in the unification process are to review the AP and IB curricular systems, cultivate joint fundraising opportunities, form a more unified admissions system, and implement a plan for the schools to "lean into" the 2020 presidential election. Creating enjoyable social interactions between the schools is a top priority as well: "I want to have some fun," he tells me. Some of his ideas include festivals with food trucks and more events similar to Friday Night Lights.

Although originally from the East Coast, Dr. Huang lived on the West Coast for 30 years. The main differences that he noted between Maryland and California are that it is more formal here than in California, California is way more crowded and has terrible traffic, there are earthquakes in California, and it is spring all the time in California. Dr. Huang really likes Maryland and all the different elements that the

state offers, from mountains to beach and from countryside to city. He describes Baltimore as a “very cool city with a unique sense of community and a funky/ hipster vibe.” He is fascinated by the phenomenon of “Smalltimore” and how people have so many connections with each other; he’s never seen anything like it.

Dr. Huang’s experiences at Claremont McKenna taught him valuable lessons that he has carried over into his new position at St. Paul’s. These involve the importance of knowing and staying in your role, being cautious because even well-intentioned efforts can result in issues, if compromise is not an option, making the right decision regardless on it maybe not pleasing everyone, and taking “pause points” to look back on your choices and reflect on how you can improve upon them.

Outside of the professional realm, Dr. Huang is particularly interested in food, music, and travel. With regards to food, he shares that he tends to lean toward the spicy/hot category. He says, “my father was a Chinese immigrant and my mother was a Texan woman, so I grew up eating a variety of foods that may appear exotic to us.” He enjoys exploring new foods and restaurants and particularly loves visiting Hampden and Fells Point for the spectacular food spots in those areas.

Music is another passion. Growing up, he played the double bass and sang in his college choir. He listens to a wide variety of music: Vivaldi’s Four Seasons, The Rolling Stones, The Grateful Dead, and Earth Wind and Fire; to Post Malone, Lizzo, Halsey, and John Mayer. He enjoys concerts and has traveled around the country to attend them, these include Coachella and the Newport Folk Festival, among others.

He has traveled all over the United States and has visited many countries around the world. His destinations have included the Great Pyramids of Egypt, the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, and Stonehenge. “Travel gives me a newfound appreciation of global cultures and people as well as a glimpse into different perspectives and ideas that I can carry over to my position at The St. Paul’s Schools,” he says.

We are fortunate to have such an insightful, considerate, well-rounded man such as Dr. Huang serving as our community’s leader in this new chapter of our schools’ history, and I can’t wait to see where he guides us in the years to come.



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