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### **Canterbury School announces next Head of School**

J. Harrison Stuart to lead independent school following national search

GREENSBORO, NC - Canterbury School will welcome J. Harrison Stuart as its sixth Head of School this summer.

“Harrison has a national reputation as one of the most gifted up-and-coming leaders in Episcopal schools, and we are fortunate that he has chosen Canterbury as his next school home,” said Board of Trustees President Hank Lovvorn. “We are delighted that Harrison and his family are joining us and look forward to a bright future with him as our next Head of School.”

Stuart is currently founding Head of School at Episcopal School of Nashville, where he has helped create a school community with a focus on equity, inclusion, spirituality, and a commitment to each student.

“I am delighted beyond measure to accept this opportunity to become Canterbury School’s next Head of School,” Stuart said. “Canterbury has cultivated a strong mission of service to developing the whole child within an inclusive and spirited school culture. As I engaged with Canterbury’s happy students, I experienced an authentic sense that the school is living this mission each and every day.”

A native of Lexington, Ky., Stuart is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School, Hampden-Sydney College, and Belmont University, where he earned his M.Ed. in nonprofit leadership. He began his career in education with roles as a 6th grade teacher and Director of Development at Episcopal School of Knoxville, as well as Director of Admissions and Enrollment at Woodberry Forest.

Over the past six years, Stuart has shaped Episcopal School from the ground up, growing the student body from 16 students in 2016 to 130 or more in 2021-22, and from three faculty members to more than 25 next year. His experience at Episcopal School has given him a

first-hand understanding of what equity and inclusion mean in an educational setting and a wealth of knowledge about how to help all students succeed from their first day on campus.

The announcement is the culmination of a national search that began earlier this year. Head of School Phillip E. Spears will leave Canterbury this summer following five years of dedicated leadership. He will next serve as the Associate Head for Student Life at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va.

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### **About Canterbury School**

Canterbury School empowers young leaders with curiosity, compassion, and creativity. A preschool-8th grade Episcopal school in Greensboro, Canterbury offers challenging academics, a diverse and inclusive student body, and a focus on service learning in every grade. In its 28th year, Canterbury develops students with the skills to be responsible citizens, capable problem solvers, creative thinkers, effective communicators, and respected leaders. Learn more about Canterbury's unique approach to education at [www.canterburygso.org](http://www.canterburygso.org).