



Forging Bonds

with the
Charlotte Community

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Latin Hosts Community Relations Luncheon

November 18 marked a special day for the Charlotte Latin community as the School hosted representatives of diverse organizations from the greater Charlotte community during a luncheon in the Forum. Community leaders joined members of Latin's parent body, Administrative Team, and Diversity Committees to discuss ways that the School and diverse communities may strengthen their relationships.

"The primary objective was to share Charlotte Latin's academic mission and diversity journey with those equally committed to quality multicultural education in Charlotte. We wanted to create an opportunity for

Above: Vice Chairman of the CLS Board of Trustees Kevin Henry greets Victoria Sprow (left) and Violetta Moser of the Latin American Women's Association.

authentic dialogue about our successes and challenges and enrich current community alliances to achieve strategic diversity goals," states CLS Director of Diversity Nick Wharton, who coordinated the event.

Vice Chairman of the Board Kevin Henry conveyed that diversity is a priority of Charlotte Latin's Board of Trustees, and Headmaster Arch McIntosh provided a brief "state of the school" address. The guests also were escorted on campus tours by members of the Admissions Office.

Judging from the positive feedback from those in attendance, Wharton believes that the luncheon served to clarify the value of a Charlotte Latin School education and to address some misconceptions about the School. "The honesty and candor of our discussions set an impressive tone for future collaborative efforts," says Wharton. "Effective diversity and inclusion efforts require trusting relationships. This gathering strengthened existing relationships and established new ones with key community stakeholders that we expect will result in measured actions to sustain our momentum."



Top left: CLS Director of Diversity Nick Wharton and Dorothy Counts-Scoggins. Bottom left: Rabbi Judith Schindler and Head of Middle School Debbie Lamm. Top right: CLS Director of Technology Mike Richardson and Sean Langston. Below right: CLS Lower School teacher Martha Owen and Ahmad Shakur.

Community Relations Luncheon Guests

- Nicholas Beamon**
Principal, Whitehead Associates Inc.
- Keith Burnam**
Founder, Kipp Academy
- Joe Canty**
Director, Chris Canty Camp
- Julie Chiu**
Attorney, Latin Parent
- Dorothy Counts-Scoggins**
VP, Quality, Childcare Resources Inc.
- Dee Dixon**
Owner, Pride Communications
- Gerald Henderson-Johnson**
Publisher, Charlotte Post
- Reverend Tazwell Henderson**
University Park Baptist Church
- Kevin and Tina Henry**
Latin Parents
- Sean Langston**
Realtor, Latin Parent
- Violetta Moser**
President, Latin American Women's Association
- Amanda Prothero**
Director of Development, Kipp Academy
- Anu and Vinod Sajja**
Latin Parents
- Rabbi Judith Schindler**
Temple Beth El
- Ahmad Shakur**
Director of Development and Marketing, International Museum of Muslim Cultures
- Victoria Sprow**
VP, Latin American Women's Association
- Doris Tan**
VP, CAACC, Broker Realtor, Prudential Carolina
- Keva Walton**
VP, Strategic Partnerships, Chamber of Commerce
- Regina Wharton**
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