



# WELCOME!

## FROM THE PARENT-FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Greetings Latin Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This is the time of year when we are usually gathering at the gymnasium to celebrate the new school year. Unfortunately, the CoViD-19 pandemic has forced us to socialize in smaller groups and/or at a distance. Nevertheless, we are a united community that will prevail in our efforts to support each other, in as many creative ways as possible; even as our country has seen a rise in tensions and hostilities toward several groups, and African Americans in particular.

The Parent Faculty Association (PFA) exists to connect families, help cultivate a positive school culture, and raise funds in support of school objectives and operations. Every member of the Latin community is a member of the PFA and this year our focus areas are designed to engage parents on an even deeper level. These areas of focus include (1) DEI - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, (2) Social & Connection, (3) Support & Learning, and (4) Fundraising. In the coming weeks, we will be providing additional details about each area and soliciting your input through a brief activities/events survey to help us guide/reimagine our offerings for the year.

We, the Executive Committee (EC) members, look forward to your sharing your thoughts and ideas with us throughout the year, especially within the context of this new and uncertain environment. We will also continue our close partnership with school leadership to create events designed to educate and enrich families and offer meaningful engagement activities that encourage group interactions for the betterment of at-large and specific sub-groups.

**STAY INFORMED! STAY INVOLVED!** Read through the Legenda (Fridays), look out for highlights in the DeFacto text messages (Sunday), and connect with your grade reps via email (mid-week) and occasionally through Zoom sessions. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade families: If you are interested in being the 5<sup>th</sup> grade rep, please send an email to [PASecretary@LatinPCS.org](mailto:PASecretary@LatinPCS.org) by Tuesday, September 1. We hope to hold 5th grade elections next week via an electronic survey tool called Survey Monkey.

We are looking forward to an amazing year!

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