

MARYVALE WELCOMES MALIKA DELANCEY, EXPERIENCED BALTIMORE-AREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL EDUCATOR, AS NEXT PRESIDENT

LUTHERVILLE, Maryland – The Board of Trustees of Maryvale Preparatory School is delighted to announce that Malika DeLancey will be the new President of Maryvale effective July 1, 2023. After an extensive national search, Ms. DeLancey was chosen from an impressive pool of candidates.

"I am filled with joy to be joining the team at Maryvale," Ms. DeLancey shared, "From the moment I stepped on campus, to the welcome of the students, to meeting the members of the community, I knew Maryvale was a place where faith, mission, and empowering girls through an individualized educational experience comes together. I am honored to follow a strong leader like Tracey Ford and lead Maryvale's next chapter."

"For Maryvale, it was critical that we select a President who embraces the <u>Hallmarks of a Notre Dame de Namur Learning Community</u>, which embodies the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and The Maryvale Way," according to Sr. Patricia Loome, SNDdeN '62 and Board of Trustees Member and *Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Representative*. "Both professionally and personally, Ms. DeLancey stood out as the person to best lead Maryvale with faith and love."

"We are thrilled that such a well-known and highly respected Baltimore-area independent school leader is joining Maryvale," shared Patricia M.C. Brown '78, Chair of Maryvale's Board of Trustees, and an alumna. "Over her nearly 25-year career, Ms. DeLancey has developed a reputation for leadership and excellence, as she engages communities, innovates with teams, brings joy, and celebrates success."

Ms. DeLancey currently serves as the Dean of Admission at Oldfields School in Sparks, Maryland. Before joining Oldfields, Ms. DeLancey served as Lower School Principal at The Park School of Baltimore, Associate Head of The Lower School at McDonogh School, and Director of Diversity at Garrison Forest School. She also served as a board member of Sisters Circle, a youth mentoring organization founded by a Maryvale alumna, and of the Middle Grades Partnership, a program that unites independent and public middle school students while developing their academic skills. She started her career as a teacher.

Ms. DeLancey graduated from The Seton Keough High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park. She completed a master's degree in education from Johns Hopkins University.

"I am confident Ms. DeLancey will strongly lead Maryvale into the future. With her foundation of Catholic values, understanding of the pressures facing students as an experienced educator and parent, and track record of leadership, Ms. DeLancey will build on Maryvale's strong faith tradition and commitment to individualized education and innovate in ways to prepare our students for life," added Sherry Pudloski '85, Maryvale alumna, Board of Trustees member, and chair of the Maryvale Search Committee.

About Maryvale

Maryvale Preparatory School is an all-girls Catholic independent school serving grades six through 12. Affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Maryvale provides an environment where each student can reach her academic, spiritual, physical, and civic potential in a loving, supportive, and diverse community. Building upon its unique heritage, Maryvale's mission is to provide an exceptional education that responds to change and prepares young women for life. For more information, visit www.maryvale.com.