



## Letter from Matthew Bristow, Chair of the Board of Trustees

March 6, 2026

Dear Holland Hall Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I write to share important news about the future leadership of Holland Hall.

Earlier this winter, J.P. Culley informed me that the 2026–2027 academic year will be his final year serving as Head of School. While this news carries with it a sense of poignancy, it also reflects the thoughtful leadership that has defined J.P.'s tenure.

As you will read in his letter below, J.P. and Mary have entered a season of discernment as a family. After what will be fourteen meaningful years in Tulsa, they feel a growing desire to live closer to their extended family. This decision is not prompted by another opportunity, but by a deeply personal commitment to family and place. We respect that decision and are grateful for the transparency and generosity with which it was shared.

The Board is deeply appreciative that J.P. provided such long notice. This timeline allows us to conduct a deliberate, comprehensive search for Holland Hall's next Head of School, with external and internal candidates. As you read this today, our Board of Trustees is engaged in a two-day offsite Board retreat where we will discuss and plan next steps. Tomorrow, our Board will have the opportunity to vote on the formation of a search committee, advisory committee, and engagement with experienced consultants to guide the process.

I will work closely with the Board, Executive Committee, Search Committee and Advisory Committee. In the coming weeks, we will share information as we plan for opportunities for community input and engagement. We are committed to a search that reflects the strength of our institution and the aspirations of our community.

While this season at any school can cause anxiety, Holland Hall is in a very strong position. We are aligned in our mission, financially secure, and energized by truly remarkable faculty, staff, and students. That strength is due in no small part to the leadership team's work over the past many years. Under J.P.'s guidance, the school has experienced sustained enrollment growth, strong fundraising momentum, strategic campus improvements, and a deepened commitment to student-centered learning and faculty development.

We will have many opportunities over the coming year to celebrate the Culleys and their leadership. For now, please join me in expressing gratitude for J.P.'s continued commitment to Holland Hall through the summer of 2027. His focus remains exactly where it has always been: on our students, our faculty, and staff.

Our Board of Trustees approaches this next chapter with confidence, gratitude, and excitement for what lies ahead.

With appreciation,

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Chair, Board of Trustees  
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