



We are excited to announce the appointment of Chris Pomar as Swift's 4th Head of School. Chris will begin his appointment on July 1, 2020.

Chris has had a distinguished Atlanta-based career in various educational and philanthropic roles that have prepared him to successfully lead Swift. He previously served as the founding Executive Director of The Dyslexia Resource, a nonprofit with a mission to provide teacher training, create partnerships designed to improve dyslexia awareness, and promote the work of remediating students with dyslexia in public schools across metro Atlanta. Chris has completed Associate-level coursework in the Orton-Gillingham approach.

Prior to his work with specialized education, Chris was the Assistant Head of School for Holy Innocents' Episcopal School from 2003 – 2015 where he managed all functions related to admissions, financial aid, re-enrollment, communications and marketing. From 1997-2000 and in the 2004-05 school year, Chris led the advancement and community outreach efforts for Holy Innocents.

In addition to his work in education, Chris has significant experience and built an extensive network of connections through his work in non-profit fundraising. He is currently the Vice President of Community Affairs at PruittHealth and the Executive Director of the PruittCares Foundation. Previous fundraising roles he has held include advancement positions at several universities including at Emory University. He was a campaign consultant for Coxe Curry & Associates from 2000-2003, where he worked with numerous schools, universities, and other non-profit organizations in metro Atlanta to help them realize their philanthropic goals.

Chris has a B.A. in English from Emory University and a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from Georgia State University. He serves on the Board of Directors and is a founding member of the Executive Committee for The Giving Kitchen. He formerly served as a member of the Alumni Board at Oxford College of Emory University and as President of the Admissions Cohort of the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools.

Appointing Chris Pomar is the culmination of a year-long process to identify Rich Wendlek's successor after he announced his retirement from 35 years of school leadership including the last 10 years at Swift. In Fall 2018, the Board of Trustees appointed a search committee and invited Richard Phillips, Dean of the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University and former chair of the Swift School Board of Trustees, to lead the effort. After selecting Carney Sandoe & Associates, one of the nation's leading independent school search firms, to be our search consultant, we then looked to our dedicated community of stakeholders to help define the qualities, experience and cultural fit we desired of our next leader. Doing so provided the critical input we used to evaluate the qualifications of the finalists who were invited for campus interviews drawn from a national pool of impressive prospective candidates.

The Swift community will continue to benefit from the outstanding leadership of Rich Wendlek during the 2019-2020 school year. Rich is committed to working closely with the Board and leading the administration to ensure a seamless transition from himself to Chris for our community. We are thankful for Rich's leadership and dedication over the past 10 years and are confident that Chris will continue to strengthen Swift's mission and further advance the school as a leader in dyslexic education.

We extend much appreciation to the dedicated members of the Search Committee who were instrumental in finding Rich's successor: Roni Battaglia, Lower Division Director; Jeff Kudlata, Board Vice Chair; Sandi Epstein, Director of Learning Support; Natalie Felix, Fellow-in-Training, AOGPE; Cary Lane, Middle Division Faculty; Martha Moore, Director of Advancement; Donald Paul, Board Member; Louie Reese, Current Parent and

Paving the Path Capital Campaign Chair; and Michael Wright, Treasurer and Board Member. Their energy and enthusiasm for Swift is undeniable and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Chris and his wife Pam have three children and one grandchild. We welcome them all to our Swift School family and look forward to many exciting years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Frank". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Scott Frank
Chair, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Richard Phillips". The signature is more formal and uses a serif font style.

Dr. Richard Phillips
Board Chair Emeritus, and
Chair, Head of School Search Committee

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