

I am excited to share that we have hired two outstanding educators to lead our new **One City Preparatory Academy (OCPA)** that will open in Dane County in September 2022. OCPA will be One City's second public charter school, and Wisconsin's first public Early College and Career Preparatory Secondary School that will serve students from grades 6 through 12.

As part of OCPA's rigorous, inspiring and self-actualizing academic program, our diverse study body will begin learning about the connection between higher education, advanced and extended learning opportunities, and professional careers in grades 6 and 7. In grades 8 and 9, they will deepen and expand upon their knowledge and understanding of complex social, political, economic, environmental, scientific, public health and industrial issues and challenges. They will also engage in creative design processes, project-based learning models, leadership development, teamwork and complex problem solving to cultivate and create innovative solutions to local, national and global challenges and needs. By the conclusion of 9th grade, our students will be able to draw clear connections between their education, their talents and passions, and the numerous careers paths they can pursue while attending OCPA.

By 10th grade, our students will begin completing college courses, and engage in internships and apprenticeships in several occupational fields. Their education program will prepare them to successfully complete their college education and/or career training program while attending OCPA, and after they receive their high school diplomas. We expect that 100% of our students will complete at least 30-college credits, at the expense of One City Schools, by the time they complete 12th grade.

We intend to use our per pupil funding, and moderate fundraising, to cover their college tuition and training costs. We also plan to partner with higher education, employers and technical and professional training institutions across the United States and internationally, to give our students a plethora of options to continue their education and secure employment after graduation.

Through this model of schooling, we will be able to enrich the education of our students, better prepare them for careers, life and success as young adults, reduce the amount of higher education debt they might otherwise accrue if our program did not exist, and produce legions of highly talented young people that will be well-positioned to move our community, their families, and our country forward in the future.

We will continue to share information about OCPA with you and the general public as we work to build the school's educational, co-curricular, internship, apprenticeship and athletic programs. Please note, in September 2022, we will add grades 5 through 10 at our new facility. In fall 2023, we will add 11th grade and in fall 2024, we will add 12th grade.

Ms. Devon Davis, who currently serves as One City's school developer for OCPA, has accepted our offer to serve as the school's founding Principal. In this role, Devon will provide leadership, management and daily supervision of all functions relative to the

development, opening, operation and growth of One City's secondary school (grades 6 - 12). She will begin serving in this role on July 5, 2021.

Before joining our team in October 2020, Devon served as the interim Head of School of Madison Country Day School (MCDS) (PK - 12) in Waunakee, Wisconsin. Prior to that role, she served as the Head of MCDS' middle school for seven years. Prior to MCDS, Devon worked as a school counselor at The Summit School (grades 6 - 9) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina (2008 - 2011) and as a school counselor at Jonesville Elementary School (grades 4K - 8) in Jonesville, North Carolina (2004 - 2008).

At MCDS, Devon served on the leadership team, re-entry task force, diversity and equity committee, safety team, ISACS (Independent Schools Association of the Central States) accreditation committee, search committee and as a soccer/futsal coach. Devon holds a bachelor's in psychology from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and master's in education from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Dr. Natalia Navarro Albaladejo has accepted our offer to serve as the Director of Teaching and Learning with OCPA. In this role, Natalia will be responsible for leading the implementation and ongoing success of the educational program at One City Preparatory Academy, ensuring that our teachers and staff are well prepared to deliver an exceptional instructional experience for our scholars. She will officially join our team on August 23, 2021. She and Devon will spend the following 12 months working together with David, Faren, other One City team members, and external partners, to get OCPA ready to open to serve students in grades 6 - 10 in the fall of 2022. We will add grade 11 in 2023 and grade 12 in 2024.

Natalia currently serves as a Bilingual Resource Educator at Madison West High School, teaching English and Second Language (ESL) and English Language Arts, while also developing curricula that is anti-racist and culturally relevant to West High's diverse student body. Prior to Madison West, Natalia taught Spanish language and Hispanic Culture at Madison Country Day School (2012 - 2020). Before that, she served as a Bilingual Resource Specialist at Chavez Elementary School in Madison, and as a senior lecturer in language, culture, writing and literature courses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Additionally, Natalia worked as an Examiner for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme.

At MCDS, Natalia served on the diversity and equity committee and led the Summer Exchange program with students from Spain. At UW-Madison, she launched e-Portfolio software for a Spanish course and served as the Language Program Director at Tulane University.

Dr. Navarro earned her bachelor's in English Studies and Certification in Pedagogy (aka a Teacher License credential) from the University of Alicante in Alicante, Spain. She earned her master's in Spanish from the University of Rhode Island and her PhD in

Hispanic Studies from Penn State University. She currently holds four teaching licenses in Wisconsin: ESL, English Language, Spanish and Bilingual teacher.

Please note, Ms. Davis can be reached at **ddavis@onecityschools.org**. Dr. Navarro's email address will not be active until she begins her tenure with us on August 23rd.

The future is bright, and will be secured by investing in and growing happy, healthy and strong children.

Onward.

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