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From the Superintendent

Dear Clayton Community,

It is an honor to write to you today and officially introduce myself as superintendent of the School District of Clayton. I am incredibly humbled by the faith each of you and the Board of Education has shown in me, and I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to lead our District from excellent to transformational.

From a very early age, I have always believed that anything is possible when you put your heart and mind to it. As I entered the field of education, that belief turned into reality as I committed myself to always making student-centered decisions and to believing in the power of yet for my students. Here in Clayton, we have already developed a fluid roadmap for the next few years through our strategic plan—a plan I wholeheartedly support. This plan provides us with direction, focus and clarity on our next steps as a District.

For us, beginning with the end in mind to develop the competencies our community outlined in our Profile of a Clayton Graduate is central to this work. With these competencies, our students will indeed be ready to be leaders who shape the world through independence, creativity and critical thinking. A focus on equity work and fostering a sense of belonging is a must in addition to a much needed balance between social emotional

learning and academic success. Now, more than ever, our world needs us to be a place for everyone to grow as learners in head and heart.

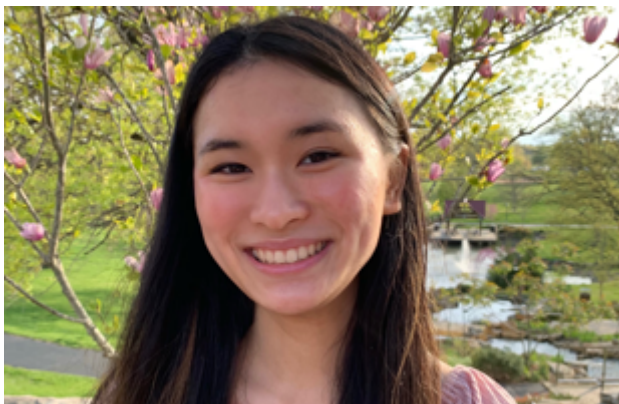
As we begin this next chapter of our journey as a learning community, my commitment to you is to work my hardest, always do what is in the best interest of our students and live out my personal mission statement of elevating others through my actions to help change the world. Without a doubt, we have the best students, staff and families and together we will continue to create a community that is focused on building relationships that are grounded on trust, respect and treating one another with dignity. Our learners deserve nothing but the very best from us, and we will give them our very best.

I would welcome the opportunity to connect and interact with each of you on social media, so please consider following me (@claytonsupt) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). I once again thank you for giving me this opportunity. I am honored to partner with our students, staff and community to continue to see the School District of Clayton thrive!

Thank you!

Nisha

CHS Senior Wins Princeton University's Princeton Prize in Race Relations



The Princeton University's 2021 Princeton Prize in Race Relations for the greater St. Louis region was awarded to rising Clayton High School Senior **Kaitlyn Tran**. Tran was awarded for the creation of The National Data Coalition Against Anti-Asian Hate. She is the coalition's co-founder and leader. She started the group as a way to unite various

organizations working in Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) advocacy and organize their data in a more meaningful way. Tran noticed victims of hate crimes against AAPI communities do not report these incidents due to fear of consequence and lack of ensured anonymity. She wanted to create a better system to gather as much accurate data as possible to create legislative change. To learn more about her award, [please visit this website](#). [Learn more in Featured News](#).

District Receives Communications Awards

The School District of Clayton's Communications Team received several awards from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) for their 2021 award program. The District was honored in the following categories: Golden Achievement Awards and



Publications/Digital Media Awards. These awards are a reflection of our amazing teachers, students and staff for providing the opportunity to tell stories about their incredible work. [Read on to learn more about the awards and which projects were awarded.](#)

Job Position Opening - Clayton Kid Zone



The School District of Clayton's before and after school program, Clayton Kid Zone, is hiring part-time positions for the 2021-2022 school year.

Applicants should be 17 or older and be able to work either morning and/or afternoon shifts. [Please follow this link](#) for more information and to apply.

Focus On: Keep Cool and Have a Safe Summer!

As summer events start to return, it is important to remember to keep you and your family safe while having fun this summer through these simple practices.

Stay Cool

- Keep hydrated by keeping water bottles on hand whenever possible.
- Always use sunscreen when heading into the greater outdoors to prevent sun damage.
- Never leave children or pets in a hot car.
- Watch for signs of heat distress including muscle cramps, dizziness, high body temperature and more.

Waves of Fun

- Make sure your children have floatation devices like water wings and life jackets to keep them afloat.
- Be sure to reapply sunscreen as needed.
- Follow all safety precautions whether you are at the local pool or a national park.

[Read this article from Landmark to learn more.](#)

Nutritional Notes



Why should people switch from a grocery store to a farmer's market?

Not only is it a fun activity for the whole family, but it can be a great resource for all of your summer recipes. Follow these reasons below to learn why you should buy local and healthy food:

- You can only find the freshest produce at the local farmer's market. Skip the journey between the farm and the grocery store to ensure the best product.
- Shopping at a farmer's market is the best way to know what's in season.
- Go Green! Buying products at the farmer's market reduces the resources used to get the produce from farm to table.
- Try something new you may not have tried before!
- You can support local businesses directly at a farmer's market.

[Follow this article to learn more.](#) [Find a farmer's market in St. Louis here.](#)

Get Social With Us

Be sure to follow us on all of our social media pages below:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)

Calendar

July 21 - WMS Summer Social

Aug 3 - Kindergarten Sneak Peak

Aug 4 - Find Out Your Kindergarten Teacher

Aug 6 - Next issue of eNews

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