



Wesleyan Diversity Statement Commitment to Diversity

Wesleyan School is dedicated to educating students in a diverse atmosphere that celebrates God's unique creation of every individual, preparing students for a rapidly changing world.

Diversity at Wesleyan

The intricate combination of personality, background, talents, culture, ethnicity and race in the members of the Wesleyan community is critical in the fulfillment of the school's mission:

... to be a Christian school of academic excellence by providing each student a diverse college preparatory education guided by Christian principles and beliefs; by challenging and nurturing the mind, body, and spirit; and by developing responsible stewardship in our changing world.

Importance of Diversity

Wesleyan's Christian ideals regarding diversity are based in the following Biblical truths:

1. Creation-- Made in the image of God, every person has God-given worth and dignity and each is a distinct expression of God's creative initiative (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 139:1-18).
2. Fall-- The human choice to rebel against God brings jealousy, discord, injustice, prejudice, and disunity within an individual, between people and in society on the whole (Genesis 3, Romans 1:28-32).
3. Redemption-- Through Christ, God offers to reconcile Himself with the people of this world. Further, He calls Christians to play a part in the redemption of the world by confronting inequity and honoring the uniqueness of individuals (2 Corinthians 5:18, Matt 22:36-39, Luke 10:25-37).

Three facets of the school share the primary role of creating and maintaining a community committed to diversity.

Christian Principles and Beliefs

Wesleyan School is a community sustained by Christian principles and beliefs. The community, often referred to fondly as a "family" where differences combine to form a nurturing environment, affirms God's workmanship in each individual. School curriculum and programs are likewise intended to foster respect for diversity which extends to people outside of the Wesleyan community. A global missions program and local service trips exist both to serve God and others and to teach Wesleyan students the value of each person. Such programs are reinforced by the school motto—J.O.Y. (Jesus, Others, Yourself)—which invites students to prioritize God and others before themselves.

Admissions

Through the admissions process, Wesleyan seeks to enroll students who will enhance the school community through the many facets of their identity, including ethnic, racial and socio-economic diversity. Relationships between faculty members and students, as well as peer to peer friendships, play a very important role in education. Thus, the specific identities of the individuals in our community are paramount in their influence on each student.

Faculty and Staff

All Wesleyan faculty and staff share and model their Christian faith and a passion for ministering to students through the use of their God-given talents. Employing teachers for many academic disciplines who can lead multiple extracurricular activities requires a diversity of skills. Additionally, each teacher brings his or her set of life experiences to the classroom. Wesleyan recognizes specifically the significance of employing educators of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds who share Christian faith and passion, and school administrators actively recruit these candidates.