



OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

**Director of College Counseling Announcement
Cynthia Pitta**

January 27, 2021

To the Austin Prep Community,

In the fall I shared with you we retained the services of Wickenden Associates, a highly respected placement firm to lead the search for Austin Prep's Director of College Counseling. I am pleased to announce, following a national search which included the review of dozens of applications from professional educators working in college admissions offices and independent school college counseling offices from as far away as China, I have appointed Cynthia Pitta as Austin Prep's next Director of College Counseling, effective July 1, 2021. As you know, Cyndy agreed to be an Interim Co-Director of College Counseling this year while we conducted the search. I am grateful to Cyndy's colleague, My Doan, for also serving as an Interim Co-Director this year.



The framework of our current college counseling program was developed as a part of a strategic plan that Austin Prep implemented several years ago and Cyndy played a major role in its implementation. The program is established, the college counseling staff is experienced, and the students of Austin Prep will benefit from Cyndy's leadership – she is familiar with our School community, believes in our mission, and has demonstrated a strong commitment to Austin Prep during her 8-year tenure as a member of the college counseling staff.

A graduate of Bowdoin College and a two time All-American on their women's soccer team, Cyndy holds a Master of Science in Applied Educational Psychology from Northeastern University. Cyndy will have an additional title next year: Austin Prep Parent. Her son, Nolan, will be joining Austin Prep as member of the Class of 2028. Please join me in congratulating Cyndy in her new role at Austin Prep!

Sincerely,

James Hickey, Ph.D.
Head of School