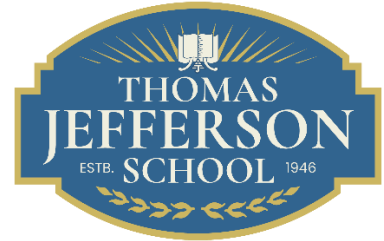


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### **Thomas Jefferson School Joins the Mosaic Ambassador School Program as the 122<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador School**

St. Louis, Missouri, July 5th, 2023 - The St. Louis Mosaic Project is proud to announce that Thomas Jefferson School (TJ) is now a member of the Mosaic Ambassador School Program. The St. Louis Mosaic Project Ambassador School program encourages member schools to reinforce an internationally welcoming and inclusive culture through pledges unique to each school.

As a day and boarding school, TJ is committed to creating a community that is welcoming to and curious about people worldwide. TJ students develop an understanding of cultures and customs from many different places because TJ is itself a mosaic composed of faculty, staff, and students from all over the world. One-third of TJ's students come from other countries.

TJ has shown commitment to celebrating and uplifting international communities by hosting international dinners, organizing lectures, and giving students ownership of planning and educating the community about the Moon Festival and Lunar New Year celebrations. In addition, students and faculty participate in service days at local agencies that support immigrants and celebrate their value to the St. Louis community.

Now that TJ is a Mosaic Project Ambassador, it has pledged to expand its commitment to international inclusivity, such as designing welcoming murals and an array of flags, increasing opportunities for students to learn about and celebrate other cultures and countries, and striving to increase website accessibility by including multilingual options. "A third of our student population is international, and we see this as a distinct strength of our community. As a classroom teacher, I see firsthand how much the presence of international students adds to the vibrancy of our classrooms," says Director of College Counseling and Faculty member Eric Steere. "Not only will this collaboration allow us to provide even more intercultural

opportunities for our students, but it will also empower our students as advocates and supporters of this important mission.” Thomas Jefferson School and the St. Louis Mosaic Project are excited about the future of their partnership, and both look forward to continuing to uplift the international communities of St. Louis together.

### **About Thomas Jefferson School**

Thomas Jefferson School is a co-educational, non-sectarian, independent boarding and day school located in suburban St. Louis, Missouri. TJ School engages its students in the education necessary to live as responsible citizens of the world. Through the strongest possible college-preparatory program and within a nurturing community, students develop a responsibility for their own learning and a desire to lift the world with beauty and intellect. Thomas Jefferson School is committed to building and sustaining a community rooted in diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. These values, which are central to the school’s mission, fundamentally inform and shape student learning, achievement, and preparedness for life.

### **About the St. Louis Mosaic Project**

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis’s lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center St. Louis, and a 32-member committee. The St. Louis Mosaic Project’s goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest-growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2025, to design and support regional attraction strategies, and to promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. For more information about the St. Louis Mosaic Project, please visit <https://www.stlmosaicproject.org/> or email [ecohen@worldtradecenter-stl.com](mailto:ecohen@worldtradecenter-stl.com).