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### Johnny Graham Named Founding Head of School at Springdale Preparatory School

NEW WINDSOR, MD (February 27, 2017) – Johnny Graham, an experienced boarding school administrator and educator serving several top global boarding schools in the United States, has assumed the role of founding head of school at Springdale Preparatory School, a co-educational day and boarding school that will open in New Windsor, in Carroll County, Maryland, in August 2017.

Graham has extensive experience in the leadership and advancement of independent schools including expertise in developing and administering curriculum, strategic planning, board of trustee and professional staff recruitment and development, student recruitment and enrollment management, global and domestic networking, donor engagement and accreditation leadership.

Graham has worked diligently to build a new day and boarding program since he was appointed founding head of school for Springdale Preparatory School in July 2016. Among his comprehensive responsibilities, Graham is responsible for developing all aspects of Springdale Preparatory School's operations and culture. This includes recruiting leadership, faculty and support staff; developing policies and procedures for executive and academic departments; overseeing the continued development and construction of campus facilities; collaborating with local zoning and economic development officials; and creating curriculum and instructional procedures.

"The mission of Springdale Prep is to guide young people to create, think critically, cultivate global literacy and shape purpose-filled lives," says Graham. "Our platform includes experiential learning, and we will guide each student to utilize every experience as an opportunity for growth and self-discovery as they develop into responsible and empowered young adults."

Previously, Graham served in several capacities for the co-educational Brandon Hall School in Atlanta, Ga., including interim head of school and associate head of school/dean of students/history instructor. Graham oversaw a student population of 200, and supervised directors of residential life, athletics, security, medical services, counseling, technology, admissions, academics, transportation, advancement, communications, the dean of

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students, the physical plant and the chief financial officer. He managed a \$7 million operating budget, recruited international students and coordinated study with foreign schools, and grew the board of trustees. His efforts landed Brandon Hall School to a top 20 ranking on the state of Georgia.

Among his prior positions, Graham served as athletic director at the Howard School in Atlanta, Ga., history teacher and coach at the Westminster Schools, also in Atlanta, and history teacher and dorm parent at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn., his alma mater. He held similar positions at the Christ School in Arden, NC.

Graham earned a master's degree in educational leadership from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and African American Studies from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He is a Ph.D. candidate in instructional design for online learning.

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### **About Springdale Preparatory School**

Springdale Preparatory School is a new, co-educational boarding and day school located on 21 acres in northern Maryland's rolling countryside. A college preparatory school with a diverse student population from Maryland counties, other states across the country and from all over the world, Springdale Prep offers rigorous academics while equipping all learners with the tools needed to meet all of life's challenges. Springdale prepares students for enduring success beginning with a foundation of respect for other students, faculty, and the world around them. Students develop strong relationships with each other and with faculty, who help to shape them to become tomorrow's leaders. Whether in the classroom, in the dormitory, or on the athletic fields, students experience learning through innovation and develop the skills needed to embrace lifelong learning and make a difference.

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