



Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

We have reached the end of a strange and challenging year. Our students continue to be a great source of inspiration — and we are pleased to report they have all returned home safely.

We understand this has been a very hard year for many. As we look ahead to 2021, we are grateful for the financial contributions that help sustain the Putney experience. We hope you will consider [making a gift](#) to Putney.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As a part of ongoing diversity, equity, and inclusion work, all faculty and staff will participate in a professional development series in February 2021. The three-part “Engaging in Diversity, Inclusion and Action Series,” led by [Dr. Liza Talusan](#), seeks to both raise awareness and take real action toward culturally relevant spaces. Each week, Dr.

Talusan will facilitate learning experiences for the 60-minute session and provide reflection assignments to be completed before the next session.

The sessions include:

- **Getting Ready to Do the Real Work** — Focused on why diversity, and in particular, race, matters.
- **Identity-Conscious Leading** — Focused on our learned biases, how they show up in our work, and ways to dismantle them.
- **Leadership and Change Management** — Focused on leadership and agency, as well as the action, conflict, and risk that accompanies change.



Winter Arts and Writing Workshops for Putney Alumni



Starting this year, we are excited to offer a [selection of online workshops](#) for alumni of The Putney School and Putney Summer Arts. Brighten your new year and let your artistic side flourish in our series of online workshops, where you'll create, grow, laugh, and learn with Putney alumni of all generations.

All workshops will meet via Zoom. Each week you'll be invited to stay for an optional social time to share work and visit with your fellow alumni.

Length: Sunday afternoons for six weeks

Dates: January 10 - February 14, 2021 | 4 - 5:30 p.m. ET

Tuition: \$300

Register Now for Winter Arts

Registration is also open for our [Summer Program for Teens](#). Due to COVID-19 safety measures, we will be offering one 4-week session, June 27 - July 24, 2021. With twenty workshop choices, there's something for everyone! We hope you'll share this opportunity with all the young artists in your life.

Project Weeks

Students have just wrapped up their fall [Project Weeks](#)—from home. With this being our second semester conducting Project Weeks virtually, some students have taken a digital approach to their work.

Check out the horror fiction podcast, “[Guilt of the Damned](#)” by Jason '22, Jaden '21, Graham '21, and Jonas '22, for the story of a detective investigating the unusual disappearance of two officers.



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Updates from the Board

The board met virtually and in a shortened format in December, a session focused on making sure that the administration and trustees are well informed about the success and challenges of the fall term and what appears to lie ahead for the spring and beyond.

Fall Trimester and Winter Reopening

The fall trimester was largely successful with only one asymptomatic case of COVID-19 on campus. Students are expected to begin returning to campus in early February.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The DEI committee has been drafting a charter for itself, working to update the school's strategic goals, and exploring the relationship between the board and the faculty and staff. There is an ongoing effort to improve outreach regarding our DEI efforts.

Admissions

The admissions office has provided interested applicants with an interactive experience that accurately conveys the spirit of The Putney School. These new methods will influence the admissions process for the foreseeable future and will likely provide valuable lessons.

Business and Finance

The current year budget expenditures are in line with moderately optimistic projections. Our budgeting for COVID-19 testing was low but the overage was manageable. The budget is being adjusted steadily due to circumstances of the pandemic.

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