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Carol Lynn McNair
Chief Advancement Officer
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In February 2020, Georgetown Day School (GDS) welcomed seasoned advancement strategist C. Lynn McNair as Chief Advancement Officer, in charge of providing oversight for the School's external affairs, including development, communications, and community relations.

McNair brings more than 25 years of experience in the nonprofit world, setting strategy, developing fiscal capacity, establishing partnerships with individuals, foundations and corporations to enhance philanthropic giving, and honing her expertise as a communicator. McNair comes to GDS after serving as the Vice President of Philanthropic Partnerships for the Alliance for Excellent Education, a national policy and advocacy organization working to ensure that all students graduate from high school with the skills necessary for future success. Previously, McNair served in leadership roles at the Internet Society, the Salzburg Global Seminar, the American Association of University Women, and the National Governors Association. She serves on the Board of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy and co-founded and co-chaired the African American Women's Giving Circle of the Washington Area Women's Foundation.

As Chief of Advancement, McNair builds on the success of the school's recent capital campaign (which raised more than \$50 million toward a new Lower/Middle School building and increased financial aid), nurture and strengthen the School's relationship with the neighborhood and the larger DC community, and ensure that GDS's educational philosophy and mission are known and understood.