



Engineering & Science University Magnet School

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Being our Best Selves: Aiming for personal growth and public purpose in our homes, school, community, and the world

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. We are excited to begin a new page in our story with our returning and new students. Thank you for choosing ESUMS, as your place to carry out your mission to be an educator. We are among those whose career paths allow us to be of service to others in a profound way. ESUMS faculty are not only dedicated but also talented. All members of our staff are valued and play a role in the ESUMS story of being one of the state's highest-ranking STEM schools, a school where we strive for excellence (go for the gold) as we chart our course and soar together!

This year's school theme, *Being Our Best Selves*, aligns with our school vision and builds upon a decade of initiatives aimed at helping our faculty and students meet individual growth targets and gain knowledge to problem solve for the greater good. I hope that each of us will be our best selves and aspire for personal growth and public purpose in the home, school, community, and world. At ESUMS, we will aim to be our best selves to do our best for others. ESUMS administration is committed to nurturing and encouraging students and adults to respect, inspire, and learn from one another. ESUMS faculty will challenge and support students to find and develop what is finest in themselves and to consider how to extend their gifts to the world as they engage in learning activities that promote a balance of intellectual curiosity, engagement, and leadership.

As we embrace the 2021-22 School Year Theme: Being Our Best Selves, ESUMS staff and students will work to un-tap personal potential for the public good in the following areas:

- Being intentional about teaching, learning, and engagement to meet stewardship obligations for our global community and the natural world.
- Seeking teaching and learning opportunities within and outside of the school to discover and hone personal interests, power and responsibility.

- Committing to principles shared by our intentionally diverse and inclusive school in which students and faculty from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences learn and grow together.

I look forward to your return on August 26 and 27 (the agenda will be emailed by the 20th). We welcome students back to school on August 30. Please review the Staff Handbook available on the school website: esumsnh.net. I look forward to soaring with you and striving to live up to the theme of Being Our Best Selves to provide ESUMS students with an exceptional 2021-22 educational experience.

Educationally Yours,



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Engineering and Science University Magnet School, a public college preparatory middle and high school, challenges students to imagine, investigate and invent while preparing them for demanding STEM programs at the collegiate level.