

## An Apology to the Chantilly Community:

We would like to apologize to the Chantilly High School community for our overtly racist action during the senior panorama event 6 years ago. There is no excuse for our past ignorance. We acted in a manner unbecoming to ourselves, our families, and the community that raised us. This has been an important time of self-reflection as we have educated ourselves, grappled with our past actions, and participated in the restorative justice process; we now have a better understanding of the impact that words can have.

First and foremost, we are sorry for hurting the community, especially the African American community. Furthermore, we acknowledge that while we affected the community as a whole, we also brought up feelings of pain, sadness, and anger on an individual level as well. It is important to us that we express our anguish in realizing we hurt and let people down on a personal level. We now know that our thoughtless action made many individual students of color feel further ostracized from the community, and for that we are truly sorry.

Since high school, each of us has actively sought out ways to become involved in opportunities that promote growth, policy change, and inclusion in our communities. Through these efforts and continued education, we are working to become allies to those who feel oppressed, underrepresented, and unheard. As allies, we will actively address racist actions and culture anywhere we see them by speaking up and speaking out. We are truly sorry and hope that this public acknowledgement of our racism helps start the conversation for potential solutions toward equity within Chantilly High School.

Sincerely,  
Sam Greenfield  
Sean Crowley  
Tyler Bryant  
Troy Fries