

# THE TALI RALLY



## Welcome to The TALI Rally!

Each quarter, we will be sharing spotlights and stories from EPS alumni who are actively creating a better world. You will also be able to read updates on current happenings at EPS and get information about upcoming alumni events for you to attend. We also have a variety of ways for you to keep in touch and update your contact information with EPS. We hope to hear from you soon!

## ALUMNI FEATURES



### Talia Sesaiah ('17)

It was two elective courses at EPS – neuroscience and statistics – that sparked Talia's interest in data science. After taking those classes in her junior and senior years, she went on to major in Statistical Data Sciences and minor in Neuroscience at Smith College. As an undergrad, she did a summer internship at the Allen Brain Institute before heading to Brown to pursue a Masters in Biostatistics.

Looking back, Talia attributes her success in college to skills she learned at EPS. Everything from writing strong essays to breaking down complex projects were things that she learned in upper school. The most powerful skill was having open communication with EPS faculty, which translated into confident communication as a college student. In fact, a thoughtful follow up email to a guest speaker at Brown became a job offer at the University of Washington. Talia currently works for the UW Department of Biostatistics where she supports Alzheimer's disease research. Her work provides Alzheimer's research teams with statistical analyses, designs for research projects, and data visualizations. Talia said, "There is both creativity and rigor in the statistics and data science of my work which I appreciate....engaging in those things helps keep my skills sharp."

## Isobel Wright ('24)

For the past four years, Isobel has been sharing her passions and giving back to both the wider community and to EPS. During her junior year at EPS, Isobel started volunteering with Teen Link, which is a suborganization of Crisis Connections, an organization that manages the 988 support line in King County. Teen Link is a crisis support organization that offers phone call, text, and chat support services to young people who are struggling. A teen can send a chat message and a Teen Link volunteer (like Isobel) would send a response. Studying teen mental health and counseling services offered at different kinds of schools was the focus of her senior Independent Study at EPS, a topic she proposed in her junior year. Through that work, Ryan Winkelmann (EPS Social Studies faculty) invited her to present to his class as part of their vision project in which students were asked to explore a social issue and find effective solutions. Even after graduating, Isobel has continued returning to EPS to present about Teen Link. As a second-year student at Columbia studying Psychology, Isobel is eager to continue helping others in the future, ideally in a career as a therapist.



**Would you like to be featured in our next TALI Rally?**

Reach out to Katie Meredith at [kmeredith@eastsideprep.org](mailto:kmeredith@eastsideprep.org)!

## James Rimmer ('15)

Education, much like life, isn't always linear. It's important to learn how to adapt and be flexible. Through his formational experiences at EPS, those are some of the most impactful life lessons that James carried with him from EPS and out into the world. He went on to study at the University of Denver and earned a bachelors in Real Estate Development in 2020. He is currently running the Real Estate / Development arm of a local family office in Washington state. Over the past year, James has been working with Dr. John Stegeman (Upper School Head) to develop a student seminar course focusing on sustainable development and green / sustainable development practices. They co-taught the seminar for EPS students for the first time this year and it was a success. James and Dr. Stegeman are currently planning to offer it again in fall trimester 2026.

## Danny Brambila-Diaz ('23)

Danny joined EPS through Rainier Scholars, a community-based organization focused on academic enrichment for students of color in the Seattle area. After touring, he was excited to start his journey at EPS. What he discovered was a tight-knit, supportive community where he was encouraged to explore all aspects of his identity and academic interests.



In ninth grade, Danny discovered his passion for human health. Through case studies in class and personal experiences at home, he realized that medicine is more than cells and science – it's about people, resources, and equity. After graduating from EPS, he started studying at Brown University, intentionally pursuing a career in medicine, using his passions to impact the community.

In the future, Danny hopes to get his EMT license and work as an emergency medical technician. After medical school, he plans to do a residency in emergency medicine. He says, "Ultimately, I want to address healthcare equity. Many immigrant communities fear hospitals – worried about bills or not being understood. As someone from a first-gen, low-income background and a person of color, I hope patients can see themselves in me and feel trust. That impact matters most."

To read more of Danny's story, check out our most recent issue of *Inspire* magazine [HERE](#).



## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS – EPS NEWS

### Building Bridges: 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies

Over the past couple years, EPS has started pairing up buddies - twelfth graders and fifth graders - to build bridges between the grades. The goal of the connections is to help the fifth graders navigate their new school and community (especially at the start of the school year). On the flip side, seniors get to see themselves in the fifth graders and remember what they felt like when they first started at EPS. Through their mentoring, by the end of the school year the fifth graders feel like true EPS Eagles. The buddies share lunch once a trimester and often do activities together - they recently made tie-dye T-shirts on the Sport Court!



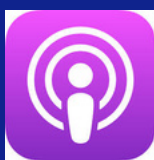
### Sustaining the Future : Watershed Service Day

One of the longest-lasting traditions at EPS has been middle school service projects at Watershed Park. That legacy is living on today - just a few weeks ago we sent our fifth and sixth grade students out to do some work toward environmental restoration. Those blackberry bushes seem to just keep coming back!

### EPS Insightful Questions Podcast

To hear more EPS updates, check out the EPS Insightful Questions podcast, your monthly gateway into the vibrant world of education through the lens of the Eastside Prep community. In each episode, we invite diverse voices, including students, teachers, parents, and alumni, to pose thought-provoking questions that resonate with the ever-evolving landscape of education. We will explore the intersections of pedagogy, technology, inclusivity, and innovation—seeking answers that inspire, challenge, and shape the future of learning.

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#### Episode 24: Alumni Reflections



Head of School Sam Uzwack is joined by two Eastside Prep alumni: Josie Kranick and Lorenzo Da Fieno, both EPS Class of 2024.

#### Episode 23: Care for the Environment



Head of School Sam Uzwack is joined by student Alyson, Burton Barrager and Marinn Carpenter, a resource specialist for King Conservation District for a conversation about caring for the environment with intention.

#### Episode 22: Clarity in the Digital Age



Head of School Sam Uzwack is joined by student Victoria, School Counselor Amy Sanchez, and Trustee Dr. Habib Rahbar for a rich conversation about responsible use of technology tools, digital boundaries, and growing up in the age of artificial intelligence.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### All School Musical “Urinetown”

May 14 7:00, May 15 7:00, May 16 2:00 and 7:00  
TALI Theatre. Reserve tickets [HERE](#).



### Alumni Pub Night (21+)

May 21 at 5:30-8:00 pm at Stoup Brewing in Ballard.  
Make sure to [RSVP here](#).



### All School BBQ + ArtsFest

May 30 at 11:00-3:00 on campus at EPS. Join us for food, faculty vs. alumni games, student performances, and a chance to socialize and reconnect. Make sure to [RSVP here](#) for this fun social event!



### Class of 2015-2016 Reunion

The Classes of 2015 and 2016 are invited back to campus on May 30 from 5:30-10:00 pm for their class reunion! [RSVP here](#) to let us know you are planning to attend.

## LINKS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EPS

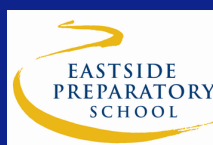
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content specifically for EPS  
alumni and sharing all of the  
ways EPS alumni are creating a  
better world.