

Huskies Against Hate Co-Founders

Hannah, Grace, Mary and Genesis worked together to spearhead Huskies Against Hate at Hough High School in the hopes to promote more awareness surrounding racial issues and the importance of diversity and inclusion. To do this, they partnered with Global Minds United, a Davidson-based organization, to implement a two-year training program for teachers and staff. The girls also lead biweekly round tables for the school about important issues, as well as created an educational resource website for Husky students to access.



Photo by Jamie Cowles

Hannah Vernile

Age: 18

School: Hough High School graduate; attending UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall

Neighborhood: Northstone

Hannah was a founding member of Huskies Against Hate (HAH) at Hough High School in June 2020. Through HAH, the group partnered with a local organization called Global Minds United to implement a two-year training program for teachers on the basis of change management, diversity, implicit bias and more. Hannah helped lead round tables at school and was on the Global Minds United student task force, and also created a website as an educational resource for the entire school.



Grace DiPietro

Age: 17

School: Hough High School

Neighborhood: Crown Harbor

A recent Hough graduate, Grace served as a chairman of National Honor Society, a committee member of Huskies Against Hate, a class representative for Key Club (a branch of the Kiwanis Club) and a member of Tri-M (a music honor society). Grace also received the AP Scholar with Distinction award and placed first in Mecklenburg County's PTA Reflections competition for literature. Grace is a prospective biology major and is planning to attend American University in Washington, D.C. this fall.



Genesis Delgado

Age: 16

School: Hough High School

Neighborhood: Commerce

Genesis has been a part of many organizations including Sources of Strength, National Hispanic Honor Society, National Honor Society, JROTC, Huskies Against Hate and Global Minds United. She constantly volunteers for anything and everything, especially if it's to help other people. She has received awards within JROTC that highlight her character and academic achievement within the program as well as a character award from the school.

Mary Brown

Age: 18

School: Hough High School

Neighborhood: Cambridge Grove

Mary helps facilitate and participate in conversations about equity and diversity. She was a member in both Hough's Global Minds United and Huskies Against Hate clubs, where they discussed current topics involving injustices and encouraged a self-reflective environment where everyone could learn and grow.

