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Mrs. James Abiola heads the Department of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging. Her work is guided by the [Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools](#) and rooted in the Catholic faith. Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr (SHA) commits to fostering a community that is welcoming, affirms the individual experience of each student, and nurtures students to embrace their inherent value as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. Our school believes an inclusive learning community is integral to achieving academic success and individual growth while equipping students to serve the world with compassion, critical consciousness, authenticity, and hope. In our diverse world, Sacred Heart Academy prepares and inspires students to be active, informed, and responsible citizens at local, national, and global levels.

Mrs. James Abiola's background is in elementary education and supporting district-wide initiatives as a teacher leader. Her educational training in curriculum, instruction, and school administration help her to view the student experience holistically and support teachers in fostering inclusive learning environments.

Mrs. James Abiola is the author of *Anti-Racist Teaching: 8 Steps to Build a Framework for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Your School*, published in 2024.

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