



OVERVIEW

Donelson Christian Academy is a rigorous, college-preparatory Christian school that has served the Nashville, Tennessee, community for over forty years. The school educates over 800 students from 12-month-old preschool to grade twelve. Donelson Christian Academy draws the majority of its students from Metropolitan Nashville and Wilson County. The secondary school facilities were expanded in March 2002, by adding science laboratories, a visual arts studio, athletic facilities including a second gymnasium, and other designated classroom areas. The first floor of the entire campus was fully renovated following the Great Nashville Flood of May 2010. The \$2.7 million dollar project was completed in August 2010. Ongoing campus improvements include the Athletic Hospitality Center which was completed in August 2016.

The curriculum at Donelson Christian Academy is ideally suited to challenge individual students in every area of their educational experience. The Academy offers college preparatory classes in every subject area. Honors courses are offered in a variety of disciplines beginning in the middle school. At the high school level, students are offered the opportunity to receive college credit by taking up to 18 credit hours in dual-enrollment courses. In addition, up to 64 credit hours are available through 11 AP courses taught enabling further study in college-level courses.

The Academy has developed a strong reputation in both athletics and fine arts. Twenty-four sports are offered on the varsity level. The fine arts department offers a wide range of classroom and performance opportunities for students.

DCA offers its students a traditional college-preparatory education centered on a Biblical worldview. The program is traditional in that it provides curriculum strengths in Christian studies, English, foreign language, mathematics, science, and social studies. It is Christian in that it recognizes the Bible as the final authority in matters of life and thought. Students are encouraged to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior and to develop a worldview that integrates Christian faith with all areas of learning. The Academy aims to develop students who are grounded in the Truth, challenged within a supportive community, transformed by the renewing of their minds, and equipped to serve as Christ-like leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

The school functions as a nurturing community in which students are respected as unique individuals created in the image of God with special abilities and needs. They are taught by skilled and knowledgeable teachers who love students and are dedicated to helping them realize their highest potential - intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially, and creatively. Small classes allow each student to receive individual attention and have abundant opportunities to participate. Technology is utilized in all classes and students in grades 6-12 are issued iPads.

DCA takes an active interest in the development of its students' intellectual, spiritual, moral, and physical habits. The early development of a disciplined lifestyle in the context of a relationship with Jesus Christ will provide a solid foundation for a responsible and joyful future.

MISSION

Our mission is to serve Christ by assisting parents in providing students with a challenging, college-preparatory education taught from a nondenominational biblical worldview that develops the whole person into a Christ-like leader in the home, church, and community.

THE COMMUNITY

The community DCA desires is one of close, partnering relationships so that parents and teachers are working in unison to support students as they achieve the highest potential academic success and spiritual growth.

A key differentiator for DCA is a genuine sense of community. The school community places great emphasis on the nurturing and education of students, by sincerely caring for all family members. These community relationships form to challenge young people to excel in all areas of their educational experience. DCA parents are a true distinctive. Parents are engaged, supportive, and hard working contributors to the school.

THE LOCATION

Nashville is the capital of the U.S. state of Tennessee and is located on the Cumberland River in Davidson County. The city is a center for the health care, publishing, banking and transportation industries. It is most notably known as a center of the music industry, earning the reputation of being "Music City". Nashville is a dynamic city that hosts incredible history, arts, professional sports, and outdoor recreation. Home to twenty-four post-secondary educational institutions, Nashville earned the nickname of the "Athens of the South" because of its numerous colleges and universities. The warm and welcoming atmosphere allows people from around the world to call Nashville home.