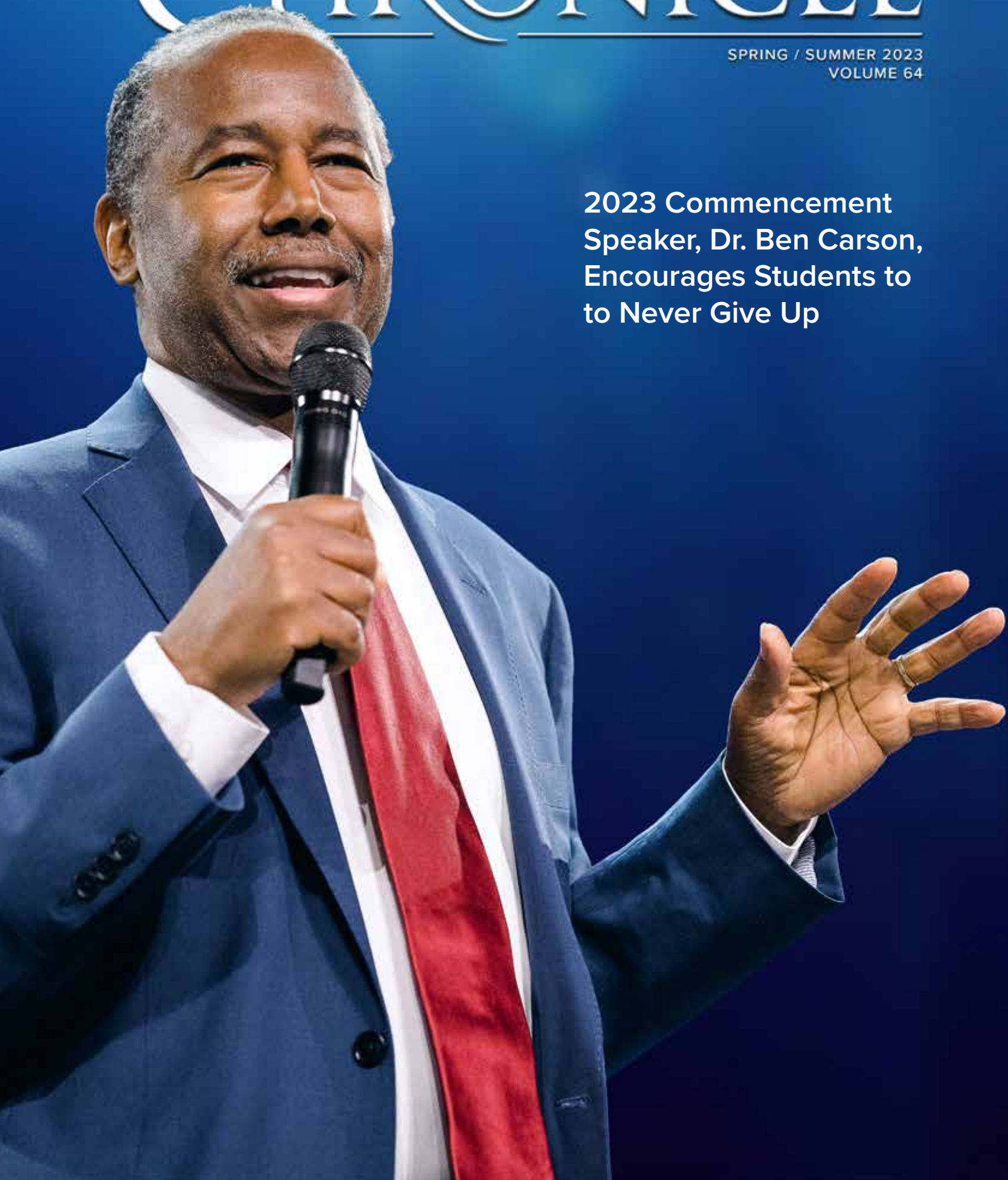


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MISSION STATEMENT

The King's Academy exists to assist the home and church in their endeavor to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). Its mission is to share salvation through Jesus Christ and to graduate Christian leaders who seek to impact their world for the King of kings through academic excellence and spiritual vitality.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

RANDAL L.

MARTIN

TKA: A Leader in Christian Education

TKALEADS As we reflect on the 2022-2023 school year, we witness the blessings of God upon the diligent efforts of our faculty, staff, and students. Record enrollment was fostered with the addition of the state-of-the-art Frank DiMino Student Union and Esther B. O’Keeffe Innovation Center and the introduction of The King’s Online Academy. TKA continues to thrive, nurturing the hearts and minds of our students, building character, and putting Christ first.

TKAACHIEVES We had remarkable success with outstanding achievements that garnered recognition at local, state, and national levels. Academically, we had a record-breaking five students named National Merit Finalists, nine students scored 12 perfect subsections on the SAT and ACT, junior Justin Wright achieved a perfect score on the PreACT, members of the Class of 2023 were accepted by Ivy League, Christian, and top tier universities nationwide and accepted an impressive \$8.1 million in scholarships. International senior Ziyan (Christy) Zheng won a Pathfinder Award and TKA elementary standardized testing results once again provided eligibility for a National Blue Ribbon Award.

TKAPRAYS Spiritual life remained King’s focus as 53 students made decisions to follow Jesus and hundreds grew deeper in their faith. Service was an offshoot of this faith as students dedicated themselves to various charitable endeavors. They participated in building eight homes for Guatemalan families in need through Hope Project International, honored veterans by placing flags on their graves, sent hundreds of gift boxes with Operation Christmas Child, and raised tens of thousands of dollars for numerous charities such as the American Heart Association. The Class of 2023 alone contributed nearly 25,000 hours of community service in Palm Beach County, equivalent to more than a quarter million dollars in value to local charities and citizens.

TKAWINS In sports, King’s football and boys basketball teams won their first district titles in years, embodying a hard-working and resilient TKA Lions’ mentality. Junior swimmer Aly Bozzuto and the Lady

Lions won two individual state golds enroute to an FHSAA state runner-up finish. Overall, TKA’s varsity teams won 81 percent of all contests and achieved a school record 16 championships, including district, regional, county, and state victories. A record thirty-one seniors signed letters of intent to play at the collegiate level and Lady Lions basketball guard Janessa Williams was named Florida 3A Player of the Year after leading her team to a second straight Final Four berth.

TKAPERFORMS In The Smith Family Conservatory, the TKA Symphony Orchestra debuted to a standing ovation for *Night at the Movies*. Instrumental excellence continued with *A Night of Jazz* with world-renown trombonist Wycliffe Gordon. King’s Digital Media Arts celebrated Telly, Viddy, Communicator, and AVA Digital awards for its feature length productions and unveiled the popular fan series, *Star Wars: Gray Trials*. Notably, two devoted fans traveled all the way from Melbourne, Australia to appear as extras in Studio 70’s *The Wreck of Echo 10-4!* Additionally, TKA Theatre Co.’s productions of *The Little Mermaid*, *Ruth the Musical*, *The Music Man*, and *Annie Jr.* received acclaim from the local and global theater communities and created an ongoing relationship with the premier Christian theater company, Sight & Sound.

What an outstanding year it has been! We acknowledge that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without God’s blessings and we express our heartfelt gratitude to you, the TKA community, for your prayers, support, and exceptional work ethic. By diligently serving our King, you have expanded the influence of our school at the corner of Belvedere and Sansbury, shared the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, and produced Christian leaders who will impact the world while excelling in academics, athletics, and the arts. As you read this edition of The Chronicle, please join me in expressing our gratitude to our hardworking faculty, staff, and students, and let us praise our King who enables these remarkable achievements!



DR. DEBORAH
RANTIN
MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Middle and high school years are transformative. The 2022-2023 school year has been marked by growth, success, and treasured memories. The opportunities provided and accomplishments achieved will leave a lasting impact on students. Mornings started with friendly faces in King's Corner, as they welcomed faculty, staff, students, and families with delicious coffee and tasty treats. In its inaugural year, the student-led coffee shop experienced tremendous success with a portion of the profits being invested by the Business Program Investment Group.

Academic excellence continues to be a shining hallmark of The King's Academy. Through dedication, hard work, and a thirst for learning, students have excelled in all areas. The Class of 2023 displayed impressive achievements with five seniors recognized as National Merit Finalists and four seniors recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars. Four students were recognized as National African American Scholars and five were recognized as National Hispanic Scholars by the College Board. The graduating class also had a Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Award winner and experienced success at the Dream Awards. Seniors earned 888 acceptances from 234 colleges with 43% of the class admitted to the top 100 ranked colleges and universities.

Students flourished as they utilized the newly opened Frank DiMino Student Union and its

impressive spaces including the Esther B. O'Keeffe Courtroom & Center for Liberty, The Day Family Center for Medical Sciences, and the Smith Family Bistro. These state-of-the-art facilities enhanced students' learning with real-life, hands-on application. The completion of the O'Keeffe Innovation Center builds excitement for the 2023-2024 school year. The Center will allow students to embrace innovation, push knowledge boundaries, and seek new frontiers of accomplishment.

In athletics, we witnessed unbelievable feats! Fans were met with exhilarating victories and triumphant moments. Whether it was winning championships, breaking personal and school records, or demonstrating teamwork, our athletes have shown that success comes from discipline, resilience, and perseverance. Additionally thirty-one seniors

committed to playing collegiate sports and collectively TKA experienced a record-breaking amount of championships.

These successes were all possible through God's goodness. Students' lives have been eternally impacted for His Kingdom. It is not easy to walk by faith in the world today. Dr. Ben Carson noted this in many conversations with TKA leaders and during his graduation address to students. By God's grace, we witnessed students faithfully walk through the year relying on the Lord. We celebrated rededications, new believers who came to know the Lord, and others who followed in baptism. There is no greater joy in Christian education than to see lives forever changed. What a blessing it is to be a part of a Christ-centered school.

We look forward to all that next year will bring!

"The 2022-2023 school year has been marked by growth, success, and treasured memories, but there is no greater joy in Christian education than to see lives forever changed."

- DR. DEBORAH RANTIN



FIFTY-SECOND

Commencement Exercises

On June 1st, The King's Academy held its 52nd Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2023. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ben Carson, world-renown neurosurgeon and former U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary. Dr. Carson encouraged graduates to never give up! Sharing stories from his childhood and career as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he challenged students to know that they have been gifted with a purpose. He

emphasized that God is in control of their lives and to trust Him with all of their hearts.

The class was well represented with speeches delivered by Valedictorian McKayla Martin, Salutatorian Zac Webb, and Gianna Del Nero Marcondes who gave the senior testimony. His People senior vocalists sang *From Now On*, from *The Greatest Showman*, Bree Taylor and Alex Theodore performed a stirring rendition of *Crossing a Bridge* from *Anastasia*, and Leonardo Rincon entertained

guests with a stunning violin solo of *Sonata for Violin Solo No. 1 in G minor*, by J.S. Bach. Following a recap of the year's highlights from MS/HS Principal Dr. Deborah Rantin, the seniors were presented their diplomas. Class President Paolo Brown led the turning of the tassels and this year's recipient of the Alan Reamsnyder Award, Macy Shipman, closed in prayer.



Scan to watch the 2023 Commencement Ceremony



Leonardo Rincon



Dr. Ben Carson



Bree Taylor and Alex Theodore



McKayla Martin



Zac Webb



Gianna Del Nero Marcondes



McKayla Martin, Valedictorian

National Merit Finalist

Liberty University, majoring in Music - Vocal

McKayla Martin represents the embodiment of a King's graduate. She is a respected leader across campus since enrolling at TKA in ninth grade, intentionally developing herself academically, artistically, and spiritually. Having completed more than 300 hours of community service is simply a reflection of her heart. Over the years, she has led several student organizations and has served as an Ambassador, Global Ambassador, and Co-President of Group316, a student led lunch-time Bible study. As a senior, McKayla was selected for the esteemed position of Spiritual Life Prefect, TKA's highest spiritual student leadership role, serving students throughout the year by encouraging them to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus in a variety of programs.

As a scholar, McKayla's National Merit Finalist recognition is rated at the top 1% among all 2023 U.S. graduating seniors. She began taking high school courses as a seventh grader and has continued an upward trend with her rigor. Her academic acuity is seen through various accolades including a cumulative GPA of 4.672, designation as Junior Marshal in eleventh grade, designation as an English superlative award recipient, and active membership in six honor societies. As a performer, McKayla has been an active member of The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts Program serving as a Theatre Captain. Commendably, she will graduate having participated in 13 TKA theatre performances. McKayla's long-term goal is to become a music therapist.

"I hope to leave TKA with a legacy of being godly, kind, hard-working, humble, and joyful. I would like to be remembered as the girl who loved her Lord and her peers and teachers more than herself."

- MCKAYLA MARTIN



Class of 2023 Statistics

134 Graduating Seniors

43% Acceptances to Highly Competitive Colleges

9 Perfect Scores on ACT & SAT Subsections

4 National Merit Commended Scholars

Zacary Webb, Salutatorian

National Merit Finalist
University of Florida, majoring in Computer Science

Zacary “Zac” Webb is commendable, exemplary, and accomplished. Zac is compassionate and deeply cares about the world around him, especially those who are less fortunate. He has traveled to the Dominican Republic five times for mission trips to build water purification systems for underprivileged communities. During his free time, he taught lacrosse to the local children to “distract them from the everyday struggles of their lives”. As a participant in the O’Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program and a member of the varsity boys’ lacrosse team, Zac has been an outstanding member of our student body and has continuously increased his impact in the classroom, in the courtroom, and on the athletic field. On the field, Zac attained impressive results winning 240 faceoffs, scoring 22 goals, 23 assists, 136 ground balls, and being named co-MVP, first-team all-district and first-team

all-regional during his senior season. He proudly acknowledges that mastering time management has been one of his greatest personal challenges. His high school coursework has given him a strong foundation for future academic success, having successfully completed ten AP level courses and four dual enrollment courses. His engagement in application-based classes such as mock trial and business have helped him discover his strengths in verbal reasoning, public speaking, and reading comprehension. Zac is graduating with a cumulative GPA of 4.671, and has received the English, Science, and Social Studies Senior Superlative Awards. Zac has active membership in seven honor societies, two in which he serves in leadership. Additionally, he achieved the recognition of National Merit Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



“Being able to manage academics, family, athletics, extracurriculars, and friends during high school taught me the importance of staying organized and setting realistic goals.”

- ZACARY WEBB

Salutatorian

\$8.1 Million		Total Scholarships	24,300		Community Service Hours
888	College Acceptances	100%	College Acceptance	75%	with a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or Higher
41%	Bright Futures Scholarships	31	Collegiate Athletic Commitments	18	International Students
5	National Merit Finalists	5	AP Scholars with Honor	5	National Hispanic Scholars
4	AP Scholars with Distinction	4	National African American Scholars	1	Pathfinder Scholarship

National Merit Finalists

Ruby Freeman

The University of Florida, majoring in English

Ruby is a top scholar in her class graduating with a 4.631 cumulative weighted GPA and achieving titles such as AP Scholar, senior superlatives in Social Studies and the Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts, and National Merit Finalist. She is naturally gifted in music, art, digital animation, history, and pre-law studies while also being a top performer in STEM-related areas. Ruby will graduate with The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts distinction in

Instrumental Arts and the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies distinction. She served in the highest leadership role available to students at TKA as a Conservatory Prefect. As a professional violinist, Ruby has been selected for three consecutive years to participate as a member of the Florida Music Education Association All-State Orchestra. Additionally, she plays the viola and guitar. Ruby plans to major in English with a minor in music.



Madison James

Rice University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Madison is upbeat, responsible, and executes excellence in everything she does. Her determination has allowed her to graduate with the DiMino Engineering & Technology Program of Distinction while serving as a Prefect on the Academic Council and a leader in seven honor societies. As a National Merit Finalist, Madison has received a full scholarship to attend Rice University. She is a top performer in her class having been named an Academic Excellence Pathfinder finalist, AP Scholar with Honor, and earning senior

superlatives in both Science and DiMino Engineering and Technology. Madison has achieved top academic performance earning a 4.667 cumulative weighted GPA. Commendably, she seamlessly maintained strong academic performance while being highly engaged at TKA and in her community. She is a leader who knows how to bring an idea to life as both president of the Robotics Club and co-founder and vice president of Women in STEM. Madison will study mechanical engineering with the goal of opening her own engineering firm.



Jenson Smyle

University of Central Florida, majoring in Health Services

Jenson Smyle is dedicated to his studies, consistently performs with excellence, and is a vibrant member of our school community. He graduates with The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts Distinction with a concentration in Performing Arts and the O'Keeffe Pre-law Studies Distinction. Jenson has been an active participant of the Regiment Band, Symphonic Band, and the Percussion Ensemble since ninth grade. His commitment to excellence in percussion earned him the opportunity to display his outstanding abilities in this year's production of *The Little Mermaid* where he impressively played 28

different instruments, thus earning the Senior Superlative Award in Instrumental Arts. Jenson has a great sense of humor, values honesty, and demonstrates sincerity in all his interactions evidenced by his nomination of the Outstanding Citizenship Award in 2022, selection into the 2023 Homecoming Court, and voted as "best smile" among his classmates. Jenson graduates with a 4.609 cumulative GPA and maintained active membership in eight honor societies. He plans to pursue his passion in the sciences and engineering as he continues to narrow down his choice of career.



Pathfinder Award in Communications

1st
Place

Ziyan “Christy” Zheng

New York University, majoring in Film

Ziyan “Christy” Zheng, a Chinese native, is ambitious, intentional, and creatively gifted. With a life-long goal of becoming a notable filmmaker, she joined The Smith Family Conservatory’s award-winning Digital Media Arts Program in the eleventh grade. As a leader of TKA’s Studio 70, Christy has directed two films and held a variety of distinct roles in the creation of more than 12 short films. Maximizing every opportunity to grow in the industry, in the summer of 2021, Christy participated in the University of Southern California’s *Student of Film Directing Tips and Tricks: Cinematic Storytelling* seven-week program where she acquired enhanced script-writing, editing, and other filmmaking skills. Christy served as camera operator and gaffer for Studio 70’s student produced murder mystery film *The Wreck of Echo 10-4*, and recently won a Communicator Award of Distinction in the professional low-budget category for film & video. Commendably, as a senior, Christy directed a new musical TV show *Lion Heart* telling the difficulties of an international student’s journey to study in America. Christy, also known as “crispy Christy” for her flawless ability to adjust the camera lenses, is not only a gifted filmmaker, but an outstanding scholar, having taken an impressive load of seven AP courses in two years, and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 4.396. Scholastically, she is an active member in four honor societies. When reflecting on the number one lesson she gained from her TKA education, Christy excitedly commented, “*I would say the opportunity to learn about God and build a relationship with Him. God draws people to himself, but he uses places like King’s and the amazing people here. I’m grateful for my friends and teachers who have patiently explained God’s words to me and presented me with God’s love through their actions.*” Prior to attending NYU’s prestigious film program, Christy will serve this summer as Co-Director of TKA’s student-directed full-length comedy *Flamingo Heist*.



“Christy’s personality, talent, and spirit are of such exceptional quality it’s a marvel all her traits belong to one person. She is a gifted artist, a creative storyteller, and she blesses everyone with her unmerited patience, kindness, and generosity. The influence she leaves behind is far greater than the projects she produced. **Her true legacy is her faithful witness for Jesus Christ to her peers.** The seeds she has sown in future believers, the encouragement she’s granted new believers, and the inspiration she’s bestowed on old believers is her eternal and lasting gift to The King’s Academy.”

- AUSTIN PARENTI, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA JOURNALISM





McKayla Martin



Zacary Webb



Eduarda Dias Pantoja



Jennifer St. Germain



Benjamin Hurovitz



Sandra Watson



Maximo Toledo



Carson Chung



Julian Bonilla

VALEDICTORIAN

- **McKayla Martin** (4.672 GPA) - Liberty University

SALUTATORIAN

- **Zacary Webb** (4.671 GPA) - University of Florida

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OF DISTINCTION

- **Eduarda Dias Pantoja** (4.767 GPA) - Fordham University

KARL A. KAHLERT ACADEMIC AWARDS

This scholarship is awarded to the students with the third and fourth highest GPA. It was started by the Kahlert family in honor of their son.

- **Madison James** (GPA 4.667) - Rice University
- **Ruby Freeman** (GPA 4.631) - University of Florida

ALAN REAMSNYDER MEMORIAL AWARD

This scholarship recognizes the student who best exemplifies the qualities of Christian love and devotion to the Lord, has a strong Christian character, treats those in authority with respect, and loves fellow students.

- **Macy Shipman** - Liberty University

THE PASS IT ON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors a senior who embodies what TKA's mission represents – leadership, academics, and Christian testimony.

- **Jennifer St. Germain** - University of Miami

MARK KENDALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This scholarship was started by the Kendall family in honor of their son.

- **Benjamin Hurovitz** - Palm Beach Atlantic University



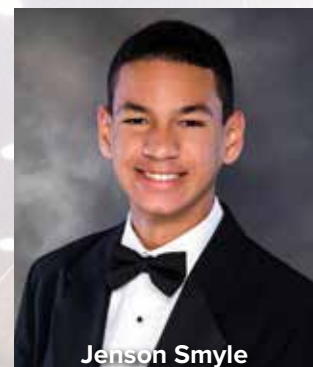
Madison James



Ruby Freeman



Macy Shipman



Jenson Smyle



Sophia Willingham



Alexander Theodore



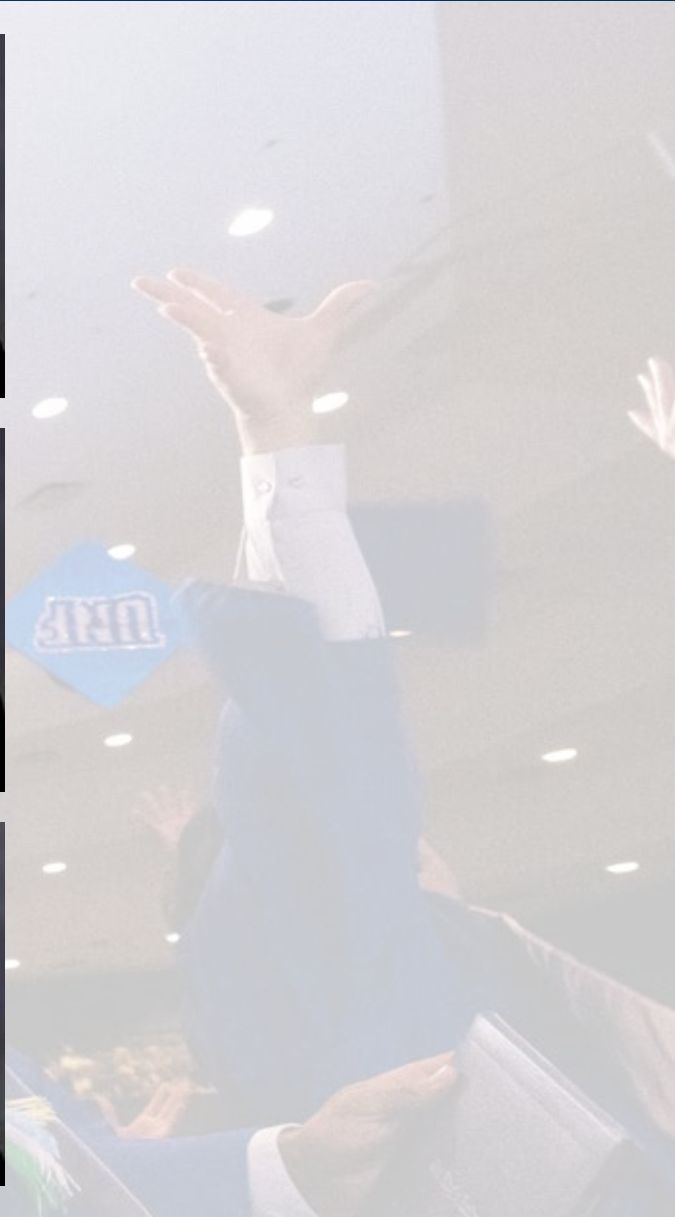
Celia Mason



Alexander Thomidis



Ziyang "Christy" Zeng



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

- **Sandra Watson** - University of Massachusetts Boston; amassed 2,364 hours of community service

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

- **Ruby Freeman** - University of Florida
- **Madison James** - Rice University
- **McKayla Martin** - Liberty University
- **Jenson Smyle** - University of Central Florida
- **Zacary Webb** - University of Florida

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS

- **Benjamin Hurovitz** - Palm Beach Atlantic University
- **Sophia Willingham** - Belmont University
- **Alexander Theodore** - Princeton University
- **Maximo Toledo** - University of Florida

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLARS

- **Carson Chung** - Rollins College
- **Madison James** - Rice University
- **Jenson Smyle** - University of Central Florida
- **Jennifer St. Germain** - University of Miami

NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLARS

- **Julian Bonilla** - Columbia University
- **Celia Mason** - University of Central Florida
- **Alexander Thomidis** - Florida State University
- **Maximo Toledo** - University of Florida
- **Sophia Willingham** - Belmont University

PATHFINDER SCHOLARSHIP

- **Ziyang "Christy" Zeng** - 1st Place (Communications) - New York University

Creating Lifelong Memories

Attending The King's Academy from Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten, where a strong foundation is built, life-long friendships are formed, and memories are made, is a true blessing. In August of 2008, The King's Academy Preschool (TKAP) was launched and these three seniors were members of the inaugural 3-year-old class.

Back Then... and Now!

Brett Allen

South Greenville University (Golf)



Blake Foley

Vanderbilt University



Paige Munna

University of North Florida (Swimming)



"I am proud to be the man that The King's Academy shaped me into today. I am grateful to graduate with a great education, a good head on my shoulders, and a golf scholarship at North Greenville University. I know I will always be able to count on my TKA family for support."

- BRETT ALLEN '23

"I may have spent 15 years in school, but I'm leaving with more than just a diploma. I have friendships that will last a lifetime, memories that will always bring a smile to my face, and the knowledge that with hard work and determination, anything is possible."

- BLAKE FOLEY '23

"My time at TKA has been nothing short of transformative. From preschool through my senior year, I have been surrounded by a community that values both academic excellence and Christian values. Being a part of the swim team has taught me the value of hard work and perseverance. I'm grateful for the educators who poured into me and for the amazing friends who have become family. I have developed a strong foundation of faith and education that will serve me well in my future. Thank you King's for shaping me into the person I am today."

- PAIGE MUNNA '23





Class of 2023 College Acceptances



**PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY**



**COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY**

**UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA**



**VANDERBILT
UNIVERSITY**



**EMORY
UNIVERSITY**



**THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

UCLA



RICE

**BOSTON
UNIVERSITY**



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

**LAFAYETTE
COLLEGE**

**Carnegie
Mellon
University**

**OBERLIN
COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY**

**M UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN**

**UC DAVIS
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**



USC

UC San Diego



**WHEATON
COLLEGE**



**UNIVERSITY
of VIRGINIA**



**Northeastern
University**



**WISCONSIN
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

UC SANTA BARBARA

Abilene Christian University
Art Center College of Design
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Averett University
Baldwin Wallace University
Barry University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Binghamton University
Bowling Green State University
Brenau University
Brescia University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
Calvin University
Chestnut Hill College
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Coastal Carolina University
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Daemen University
Davis & Elkins College
Eastman School of Music
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
Emerson College
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida International University
Florida Memorial University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern College

Florida State University
Fordham University
Greensboro College
Grove City College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hawai'i Pacific University
Heidelberg University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Houghton University
Howard University
Husson University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
John Cabot University
Keiser University
Lafayette College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Lipscomb University
Long Island University (Brooklyn)
Long Island University (Post)
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Marymount Manhattan College
Merrimack College
Miami Dade College
Miami University (Oxford)
Millsaps College
Mississippi State University
Monmouth University
Montreat College
Nazareth College
Neumann University
New York Film Academy
North Carolina State University

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Santa Fe College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
South Florida State College
Southeastern University

Southern Connecticut State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Wesleyan University
St. Andrews University
St. Thomas University
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Fredonia
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee
The Juilliard School
The New England Conservatory of Music
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
The University of West Florida
Tilburg University
Truett McConnell University
Universidad de la Laguna
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Springfield
University of Kentucky
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Louisville

University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth)
University of Miami
University of Minnesota Rochester
University of Mississippi
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Florida
University of Oklahoma
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
University of Saint Katherine
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Vermont
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
University Targu Mures Medical Campus Hamburg
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wabash College
Warner University
Washington & Jefferson College
West Virginia University
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A Flourishing School

The history of The King's Academy is filled with stories of great provision and examples of God's ongoing faithfulness. For more than five decades, we have witnessed important changes, innovative ideas, incredible expansion, and new programs. The future looks bright as we report that King's continues to experience ongoing and unprecedented growth. Every area of our school is exploding with new life, increasing our opportunity to provide a distinctly Christian education, and making an even greater impact for the kingdom of God. It is evident, perhaps more than ever, based on our 2023-2024 enrollment, that families in our community are looking for a school that is committed to excellence and eager to provide a Christ-centered education for their children.

It is more important than ever to be steadfast in our historical commitment to excellence with our eyes fixed on Christ while building opportunities for students to learn how to live as Christians in the world. It is our pledge to produce a Christ-centered education that ensures our students are prepared to navigate life with a strong moral compass. As the Apostle Paul admonished, we are not to be *"little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of*

deceit" (Eph. 4:14) but rather we are to be *"equipped for every good work"* (2 Timothy 3:17). We also are training our students to have a heart for serving the communities in which they live. *"As each has received a gift, using it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"* (1 Peter 4:10). King's remains steady in its pursuit of excellence across all aspects of education, shaping tomorrow's Christian leaders and empowering them to make a lasting impact on the world.

With any kind of growth in life, we can anticipate new challenges. It is important to remember that although new challenges bring many opportunities to put our hand to the plow and utilize a great amount of wisdom and discernment, difficult is not the same as bad. Our administrative team is united and poised to answer any potential challenges with grace and wisdom. We are confident in the abilities God has given to our team and the tireless work displayed by our teachers and staff.

In response to this growth, our facilities are also expanding, and we are continually exploring new opportunities for our students in academics, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities. We remain dedicated to providing a well-rounded education that addresses the mind, body, spirit, and heart of each child. We know that it is God who goes before us and gives the growth, so let us continue to give Him the glory and set ourselves apart through an unwavering commitment to the truth of His word, rigorous curriculum, and innovative and distinct learning pathways.

Together, we will ensure that The King's Academy remains a beacon of truth and excellence, impacting generations to come for the glory of God.



Developing the Next Generation of Problem Solvers

The DiMino Engineering and Technology Program has been shaped over the years by impressive leadership and a successive cohort of students who have completed its comprehensive curriculum. The Class of 2023 graduated 13 seniors with a distinction in Engineering, and 11 seniors with a distinction in Technology. These accomplished students significantly influenced various aspects of the program, including the development of a state-of-the-art engineering lab, the introduction of new courses including Aerospace Engineering and Cyber Security in the upcoming school year. Students in the program are

challenged to adopt a problem-solving mindset and become collaborators and thinkers to find solutions to real-world problems. Seniors in the Engineering Design and Development course collaborated to identify a problem, developed a solution, and manufactured a working prototype. They presented their findings and work in front of a panel of judges which included TKA administrators, faculty, and engineers in the community. Seniors Gianna Del Nero, Ella Rodila, and Sophia Willingham earned first place for best design for their prototype for self-sustaining

coral growth. Their self-powered device called Haven creates a low voltage of electricity to increase coral resilience and growth. The team was also recently named a finalist in The Paradigm Challenge national competition!



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"I could not be more excited for my students. The amount of effort, dedication, and hours of research and hard work were obvious throughout their presentations. Their ability to take an entire school year's worth of work and condense the engineering process into a 14-minute presentation in front of an esteemed panel of judges is incredibly impressive."

NATE DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF THE DIMINO ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



L to R: Gianna Del Nero, Sophia Willingham, and Ella Rodila



New Middle School

Navigating the middle school years can be a challenging yet rewarding period for young students. Many of us can recall our own middle school experiences filled with growth, self-discovery, and perhaps even some awkward moments. It is during these formative years that students begin to develop their sense of identity and seek to establish meaningful connections with their peers. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”* With this in mind, The King’s Academy is faithfully committed to providing a nurturing environment where students can grow, learn, and thrive in all stages of their educational journey.

JOHN RAINES
Middle School Principal



TKA has long been recognized for its commitment to academic excellence and its dedication to fostering a Christ-centered educational environment. Building upon its rich history of success, King's is excited to announce the launch of an expanded Middle School which will provide a more focused and supportive environment for students in grades 6 through 8. With this addition, the school structure will now encompass Elementary (JK-5th), Middle School (6th-8th), and High School (9th-12th).

Having had the privilege of serving in Christian education for nearly 20 years, including 10 years as a MS teacher, I am excited to step into the role of MS Principal alongside a fantastic team who have a Christ-centered vision for the future. With this new venture comes a greater focus on age-appropriate curriculum and instruction, and ensuring academic needs and interests are met at this critical stage of their development. The new department will offer an increased emphasis on leadership opportunities, allowing students to take on more significant roles within their age group and promoting personal growth and confidence. Our students will not only be well prepared for high school but will be equipped with knowledge and skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Our goal is to provide an age-appropriate environment with more personalized attention for these young learners ensuring that their

unique academic, social, and most importantly, their spiritual needs are met. The expanded middle school will feature focused spiritual development with tailored chapels that address the unique spiritual concerns of young adolescents. Harro Van Brummelen, a respected Christian educator and author, highlights the importance of nurturing the intellectual and spiritual growth of this age group: *"As Christian educators, we recognize that young adolescents are at a stage where they are developing their God-given abilities to think critically, discern truth, and make wise decisions. Our role is to nurture these capacities and guide students in their intellectual and spiritual growth."* At The King's Academy we strive to always keep Christ at the center of all that we do.

One of the many joys for students entering middle school are the new opportunities, including electives and athletics. Students will be encouraged to explore new interests and develop their skills and talents through specialized extracurricular activities. We are blessed as a school to be able to offer such a wide range of activities. These options will enrich the educational experience and provide a robust campus experience.

Our middle school teachers are highly trained in their subject area and have a heart for teaching and mentoring this age group. One of the benefits that this team is anticipating with the new school is the opportunity for enhanced teacher collaboration. Educators within the

same grade levels will have devoted time to regularly share best practices, resources, and strategies. By investing in the professional development of teachers, King's will be better equipped to guide students through this growth period in their lives, ensuring a solid foundation for their future success.

The King's Academy is confident that the new middle school department will further enhance its mission to provide a high-quality, Christ-centered education for all students. The school community looks forward to witnessing the remarkable achievements and growth of our middle schoolers as they embrace the new opportunities. For many of us, middle school was a time of braces and growth spurts, along with discovering new gifts and passions. These days and moments can be much more than just an awkward phase and should be the launching ground for a child's future. Philippians 1:6 states, *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Nurturing the whole student during these transformative years is at the heart of the school's mission. By providing a supportive, Christ-centered environment where middle school students can thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually, TKA is preparing them for a lifetime of continued growth, empowering them to live out their faith and make a meaningful impact on the world around them.



Senior Girls Luncheon

The Senior Girls' Luncheon and Boys' Barbeque are time-honored traditions at The King's Academy. Established by the Prayer Moms and Dads in 1999, these events are celebrated annually by the senior class bringing together parents and students to reflect on their years at TKA and look toward the future.

At the Class of 2023 Senior Girls' Luncheon, held at Benvenuto's Restaurant, the seniors received

messages of inspiration from Mrs. Heidi Martin, Assistant to the President, and Mrs. Taylor Bartz, Director of Spiritual Life. Both speakers shared personal experiences and challenges, encouraging the seniors and mothers to "Thrive Through the Transition" by maintaining their relationships through respect, setting boundaries, and maintaining good communication. They emphasized the importance of

perseverance, courage, and faith, urging the girls to carry these values into their college years.

Proverbs 27:9 states, *"Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice."* This verse highlighted the importance of seeking advice and giving advice and the joy that can come from surrounding oneself with supportive and encouraging individuals. The seniors were reminded that they do



Senior Boys Barbeque

not have to navigate the challenges of college and life alone, and that there are people in their lives who are willing to offer advice, guidance, and support when needed.

The Senior Boys' Barbeque was held at the Lake Pavilion in downtown West Palm Beach. Led by TKA Director of Student Ministries, Mr. Josh Bartz, the boys enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Mr. Bartz challenged the boys to invest in

lasting relationships by having a genuine concern for others and to be intentional about surrounding themselves with friends who will encourage them in their walk with the Lord. TKA Bible teacher Mr. Dan Stuart, shared valuable advice he received from his own father, always leave a place better than you found it. This message encouraged the boys to think about how they can positively impact the world around them and make a

difference in the lives of others.

The Girls' Luncheon and Boys' Barbeque are much more than annual events. They are opportunities for the graduating seniors to receive spiritual guidance, practical advice, and support from their parents and peers. Traditions such as these represent a time-honored commitment to helping our students transition from high school to college with confidence and faith.



World Language Program

The World Language program at The King's Academy challenges students to broaden their perspectives, cultivate empathy for others, and think critically about new ideas. Diverse course offerings including Spanish, Latin, and French allow students to pursue their unique interests as they learn from highly qualified, passionate educators. All TKA students are exposed to world languages. Elementary students receive weekly lessons that begin in kindergarten, and our most advanced secondary course offerings include a college-level, AP course conducted entirely in Spanish.

The World Language department emphasizes student appreciation of languages and cultures. Department Chair, Señora Hodges, explains that this emphasis on a joyful classroom environment translates to a more focused emphasis of grammar and vocabulary. The intentionality of fostering a culturally rich environment is very evident during our annual Sidewalk Café. The event was a dream of former Spanish teacher, Señora Silva, who yearned to recreate the vibrant, open-air markets



Señora Silva

of Europe and Latin America on campus. The inaugural Sidewalk Café was held in 2002, and it has become a highly anticipated annual event that honors the culture, food, and music of world languages taught on campus.

Students who have completed Spanish 2 have the opportunity for a true immersion experience through TKA's study abroad trip to Salamanca, Spain for two weeks during the summer. Salamanca is an internationally respected intellectual

center; the University of Salamanca was founded in 1218 and is the oldest university in the Spanish-speaking world.

King's Latin program continues to expand with the addition of a middle school Logic class in the fall. The study of Latin serves as a foundation for many other subjects including law, medicine, engineering, and English language courses. More than half of all English words are derived from Latin, and over 90% of all scientific terminology finds its origin in Greek or Latin. Knowledge of Latin provides TKA students with a unique Biblical perspective as Latin was the language of the early church.

In Revelation 7:9, John describes his vision of *"a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before the throne and before the Lamb."* The body of Christ is diverse, vibrant, and includes languages from every corner of the world. The King's Academy is honored to glorify God and reveal His nature to our students through the study of the cultures and languages that He has created.





Explore Program Collaborates with O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies

The Elementary Explore Mock Trial Program introduces young students to the legal system in a fun and engaging way. It aims to teach them the basics of the legal system and the roles of various trial participants including lawyers, witnesses, judges, bailiffs, and jurors through two components, the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) unit and the Mock Trial.

During the CSI unit students learn the basics of forensic science and crime scene analysis. Hands-on activities allow students to collect and analyze evidence from a crime scene such as hair, fabrics, footprints, fingerprints, and other physical evidence. Students also learn about

the roles of various professionals involved in criminal investigations, such as police officers, forensic scientists, and lawyers. At the end of the unit students present their findings on visual boards and in a short video production.

The Mock Trial centers around a hypothetical case written by high school students and instructors in the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program. Students develop a variety of skills, such as critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork as they represent the state or the defendant in the case. With the help of high school students and instructors, Explore students learn to analyze witness testimony, write direct

and cross examination questions, formulate arguments, and present their ideas to support their side's point-of-view.

This year's trial was the fictional case of *State v. Jack Griffin* which was based on *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The hearing was to determine whether Jack was guilty of breaking and entering and theft. Judge Max Toledo '23 presided over the trial in the Esther B. O'Keeffe Courtroom. Guest witnesses included Elementary Principal Adam Miller as Big Daddy Weave (aka the Giant) and first grade teacher, Christine Kovachik as Mrs. Dreamweaver (aka Mrs. Giant). The jury found Jack not guilty of breaking and entering, but guilty of theft.

"We are grateful for Mrs. Pappas, Dr. Brown, and students of the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program for this incredible experience. It has been an amazing journey of discovery, critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration. I am so proud of all the students' hard work, motivation, and dedication to the process!"

- KIMBERLY HORNE, EXPLORE PROGRAM TEACHER



ADAM
MILLER
ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL

Why We do What We Do!

As part of Florida history education, fourth-grade students visit the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the St. Augustine Lighthouse each year. Brave students climb the 105 and 219 steps of the respective lighthouses to enjoy an expansive and breathtaking view of Palm Beach and St. Johns County.

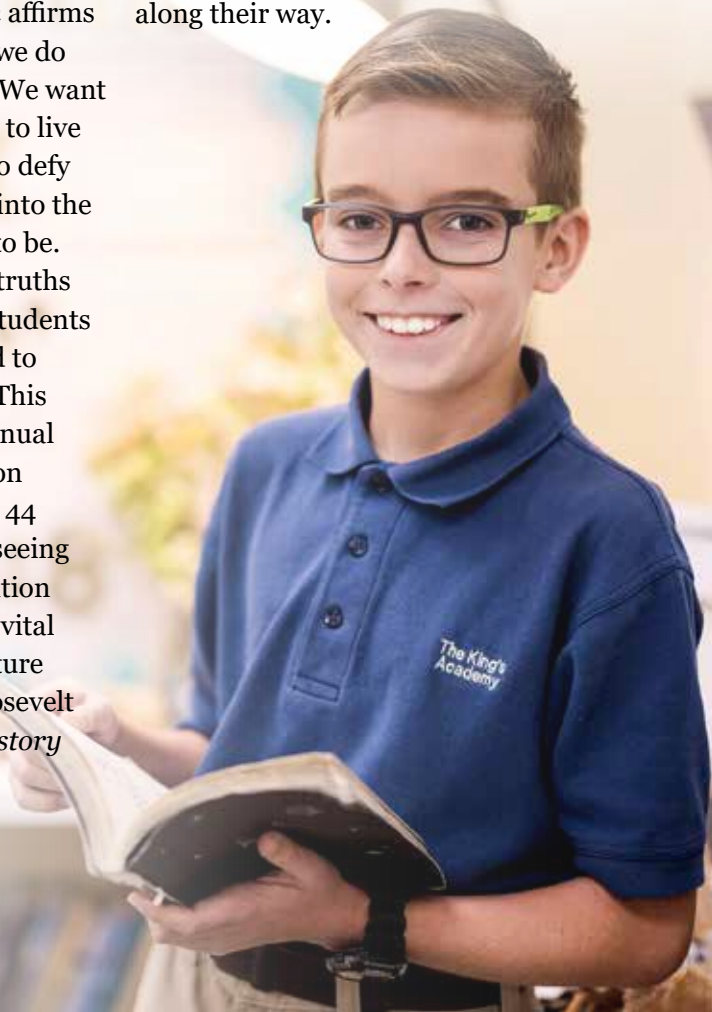
The King's Academy is located 10 miles from the ocean, yet it has served as a lighthouse in the community for over 53 years. A lighthouse guides ships to safe harbors and warns them of hazards that can cause damage along the way. A lighthouse reflects vertical light onto a horizontal surface, which creates a long, steady beam of light that can be seen for miles. As an educational institution that influences and shapes thousands of lives each year, The King's Academy strives to reflect the light of God's truth onto our students' hearts so they can become a steady beam of light in an increasingly dim culture.

Ephesians 4:14-15 says, "...we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is

the head, even Christ." Sixth grade students participated in "GIG groups" which were modeled directly from this passage of scripture. GIG means Growing in God, which is our daily prayer and main focus for our work with students. More than 50 elementary students have made a profession of faith in God this school year. This statistic affirms exactly why we do what we do. We want our students to live differently, to defy cultural norms, and to grow into the people God has called them to be.

By providing foundational truths from scripture and history, students are becoming more equipped to shine brighter in our world. This is epitomized through the annual sixth grade trip to Washington D.C. For the 73 students and 44 parents attending this year, seeing the Christian heritage our nation was founded on firsthand, is vital to preserving freedom for future generations. Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We cannot read the history

of our rise and development as a Nation, without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic." The Bible is the most widely published book and has shaped every aspect of history. By staying committed to its foundational truths, students can avoid hazards that cause wreckage along their way.



Growing in God

Helping Parents Navigate Technology & Social Media

Supporting our elementary parents as they navigate their students use of technology and social media was the focus of a workshop held this spring. High school teacher Brandon Marlow and “video game pastor” Jared Stewart shed light on the pros and cons of technology with helpful tips for successful tech interactions. Our students are digital natives. Cell phones, streaming services, and instant connectivity have been pervasive components in their world since birth. While many benefits can be found in technology, if left unmoderated, students can be exposed to content beyond their capacity to understand or respond. The goal of the workshop was to partner with the home to instill a strong sense of digital citizenship within students and move them from merely consuming content to effective digital use and creation.

Mr. Marlow noted that U.S. teens spend an average of 7 hours online

daily according to Global Youth Culture. Most of this time is spent consuming content and interacting with peers through apps such as TikTok, YouTube, and Snapchat. As a result of this increased screen time, teens across the country have reported feeling a stronger sense of isolation, insecurity, depression, and anxiety.

Many misconceptions on apps such as Snapchat give both parents and students a false sense of safety. Students believe that pictures appear only temporarily while some parents are unaware that parental controls and filters can be removed from the user side of the app. Common concerns of using these apps include the sharing of personal information, pornography, false online personas, negative effects on mental health, and extortion. As is the case with most things in life, moderation is key. Overuse and addiction can slowly creep into the hearts of our children without the proper guardrails in place.

Mr. Marlow and Mr. Stewart emphasized that parenting children through the usage of technology must be intentional. Students may be able to navigate a phone better than adults, but they require guidance and supervision in training their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual skills.

Entrusting children with access to the world at their fingertips is a great responsibility as we rest in the truth that “to whom much is given, much will be required” (Luke 12:48). This responsibility requires students to be good stewards of technology. As parents whose goal is to shepherd the hearts of their children, the charge has moved beyond the physical and into the digital world. Modeling and guidance must be prioritized as we seek to shape the next generation into Christ-loving and responsible citizens.



Sixth Grade Superlative Winners

- Math: **Luke Bromberg, Ben Brainard**
- Pre-Algebra: **Brady Young, Teddy Phillips**
- Reading: **Macy Sherman, Mason Cabrera**
- Writing/Grammar: **Madeline Mason, Brady Young**
- Science: **Selah Nabhan, Luke Bromberg**
- History: **Madeline Mason, Jacob Locatelli**
- Bible: **Lydia Kovach, Luke Bromberg**
- James 1:12 Perseverance: **Marcos Nores, Nitika Sheikh**
“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”
- James 1:22 Christian Character: **Jayden Thyroff, Sara Magaro**
“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”



CHRISTINE
SOWERS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
PROGRAM DIRECTOR



International Student Program Update

With a strong focus on academic excellence and cultural integration, the International Student Program continues to be a stepping stone for success and personal growth. This year we welcomed 78 students from 26 countries and autonomous regions. The graduating class of international students has achieved remarkable accomplishments with all graduates being accepted into universities across the U.S. and around the world, including Carnegie Mellon, NYU, Fordham, University of California San Diego, and others.

This school year was also marked by the spiritual growth of our students. Four students put their faith in Jesus; one from Japan, one from France, one from Brazil and one from China. Ryo Ushikubo '25, from Tokyo, Japan, is hosted by a TKA family—Jerel and Mistie Olson. Jerel is the pastor of a local church and had the privilege of baptizing Ryo. Their son, Xane '25, shared that when Ryo told him the decision he had made, he wept knowing the eternal impact this experience had. The hope these students have when they return to

their home countries and the impact they can make on their communities is immeasurable. Witnessing the transformative power of the gospel in their lives has not only strengthened our staff's faith but also filled them with unparalleled excitement for what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do.

The International Student Leadership Council (ISLC) provides an important opportunity for present international students to assume leadership roles and mentor their peers. Their unique qualifications stem from firsthand experience as international students who have integrated into a new educational system, overcome language barriers, and navigated the complexities of forging new friendships. One example of the transformation that can take place is seen in Shuyao "Shelly" Li, originally from Beijing, China. Shelly joined The King's Academy in 9th grade, a school chosen by her parents to provide her with an exceptional education that would give her abundant opportunities for success. Shelly, who served as ISLC president, will continue that

pursuit of success as she plans to study Environmental Engineering at the University of California San Diego. Her leadership enriched the school's community by bridging cultures, fostering mutual respect and understanding, and inspiring peers to persevere despite challenges. Shelly conveyed her own experiences with the incoming international students, sharing the wisdom and insights she has gained along her journey. Many TKA students have benefitted from her presence on campus as she leaves behind a legacy of growth, inspiration, and leadership. As an exceptional artist and a talented engineer, she graduates from TKA having earned both The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts Program of Distinction in Visual Arts and the DiMino Engineering and Technology Program of Distinction.



"When I first met Shelly, she was reserved and timid, yet incredibly kind. Over the past two years of knowing her, she transformed into a remarkably confident and dependable leader – undoubtedly one of my go-to students. Her presence will be dearly missed."

- NATE DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF THE DIMINO ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Shuyao "Shelly" Li



Eduarda Louise Dias Pantoja

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
MAJOR: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Eduarda Louise Dias Pantoja, originally from Belem, Brazil, joined The King's Academy in her junior year. Having previously attended a private school in Brazil, she was unfamiliar with the expectations of honor codes, dress codes and weekly chapels and wanted to go home immediately. When asked what ultimately made her stay, she emphatically replied, *"The people here!"* She spoke of the support and kindness of her dorm parents, dorm sisters and the faculty and staff on campus.

Eduarda graduates as the 2023 International Student of Distinction, awarded to the student with the highest GPA in the International Student Program. Unlike the 4-year criteria for other high GPA accolades, international students may be considered for this award after attending TKA for two years due to the nuanced circumstances of studying abroad. Her cumulative GPA over her two years at TKA is an impressive 4.77.

She also graduates with the Business Program of Distinction which has laid a great foundation for future endeavors. She will attend NYU in the fall and plans to major in international studies with a minor in sustainable business. She demonstrated her ambitious nature by creating a 10-year post-college plan. She plans to work in the private sector to earn enough capital to invest in green technology and she aspires to land on the *Forbes* list of "America's Richest Entrepreneurs Under 40." Regardless she will forever be a member of our TKA family and we are glad she chose TKA for her high school education.

Many past and present students say, *"there's something different about TKA."* While our school has many unique qualities that contribute to our reputation, the experience students have is largely determined by the individuals who make up our school community, including the students themselves. Eduarda exemplifies the distinctive aspects of TKA. Her presence and active participation bring about original perspectives and fresh insights. God uses this to expand our horizons and helps us improve our program overall.

"Eduarda has been impressive since her first day here. She has an amazing intellect and makes insightful and challenging contributions in class. She's been a highly effective, organized, and thoughtful leader in our King's Corner Coffee start-up. I look forward to hearing of her future successes!"

- ANNE SPELL, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS STUDIES

Secondary Spiritual Life

Josh and Taylor Bartz, Directors of Student Ministries

Chapel Gets Real

Contrary to popular belief, the Bible is not an ancient book littered with outdated rules and principles that hardly matter for today or tomorrow. In fact, the Bible has much to say about how we should live our lives and what a flourishing, God-honoring life looks like. If TKA students are going to experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from knowing Christ, they must learn how God has designed them to be in relationship with one another. Dr. Sean McDowell, a gifted communicator and world-renowned Christian apologist, spoke to middle and high school students in Chapel about sex, love, and relationships. He shared that true freedom is living according to God's design. Rather than looking at the question of sexual morality from a cultural perspective, he challenged them to see it from a Biblical perspective. Using Genesis

1 and 2, Sean reminded the students about the dangers and perils that follow when we misuse sex outside of God's intended design. Since Sean is an apologist at heart, he used logic and reason to convince students that living according to God's Word makes sense and creates a better world regardless of their belief in God or Christianity.

Chapel Gets Practical

Our hope and desire is for chapel to be more than just head knowledge and more than just static information that is forgotten once the service concludes. That is why our Spiritual Emphasis Week was so impactful. Not only did students hear powerful messages on the importance of joining God in his great mission in the world, but they were also able to put that knowledge into practice as they participated in a service project. Pastor Eugene Cho shared a

message about perseverance in the faith amidst confusion, loneliness, defeat, and insecurity. He reminded students that Christ has called them to a greater purpose in life and to see the brokenness around them as a challenge to do something about it. Growing up as an immigrant in the United States from Seoul, Eugene's heart for the poor and the marginalized began to grow as he witnessed the hate and evil that is so prevalent in our world today. In 2009 Pastor Eugene founded *One Day's Wages* which is an organization whose purpose is to help alleviate global poverty. In 2020 Eugene became the President of Bread for the World, a Christian advocacy group that works to end world hunger. It is no coincidence that the day following Chapel students were able to glean with CROS Ministries, helping pick over 3,500 lb of peppers. Gleaning originates in the Old Testament and





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is a ministry that collects leftover food in the fields and donates it to those in need. Students donated the gleaned peppers to the Feeding South Florida Food Bank, which helps provide food to those with severe food insecurity in Palm Beach County. Having heard the message to go out and share the love of Christ with those around them, students were able to participate in that calling and experience what it looks like to join God in His great mission.

Chapel Redefined

Christians around the world are using their God-given talents to glorify God and to preach the message of Jesus with passion and conviction. This semester, students experienced an unconventional way of worship. In February, a Christian rap group,

Social Club Misfits, performed a concert of original songs that worship God through the musical style of rap. Our hope is that students saw the beauty in the diversity of music that God has created and how Christians can use music to glorify Him. Similarly, students were blessed to hear from a professional BMX group, *StuntDudes*, who visited chapel in May. Through their love and unique gifting in BMX, this team of athletes has traveled to more than 50 countries performing high-flying stunts all while preaching a powerful message of the hope and forgiveness found in Jesus. Vic Murphy, *StuntDudes* founder and world-renowned BMX rider, challenged students to consider whether they are on the broad road that leads to destruction or on the narrow road

that leads to life. By accepting Jesus as their Savior, they are promised life today and life forever. Their chapel performance culminated with a “Jump of Death” where one member jumped over MS/HS Principal and MS/HS Directors of Student Ministries. Everyone walked away unscathed and seriously impressed at this team’s talent and love for Jesus.

At King’s we strive to make chapel services engaging, informative, and most importantly, centered on the Gospel message. Our hope is that students look forward to coming to chapel and find that this time is an encouragement and a highlight of their day.



Scan the QR Code
to watch TKA's
Chapels

For centuries, people in Western culture felt some social pressure or some social benefit to going to church, reading the Bible, and praying. Americans were largely “Christianized” in their thinking. To be known as a “good churchgoing man or woman” was part of being an upstanding citizen. Being a Christian was a status-enhancer. At worst, people were indifferent toward Christianity.

“Attendees are emboldened to meet the challenges and questions of our culture with poise and winsomeness.”

Times have changed. For a vast number of Americans, these ideas are weakening or absent. Our culture has grown cold to Christianity’s message and hostile to its presence. The issue is not that Christianity’s message is simply being rejected; it is that the gospel is becoming incomprehensible and increasingly despised. Christians no longer find themselves in a culture where their faith is highly regarded in public: they are no longer in the centers of cultural production, their

Reasonable Faith

ideas are openly repudiated as a threat to democracy, and ascribing to Christian views now brings negative consequences.

As a result, Christians are increasingly bombarded with objections to their faith. Without a thoughtful faith that asks questions and grapples with issues, many Christians lack confidence in what they believe and why they believe it. This fall, HS Bible teachers and Reasonable Faith directors Mr. Dan Stuart and Mr. Jerry Barrantes launched a Reasonable Faith Chapter for parents. Nearly 50 adults attended weekly apologetics meetings to discuss topics such as God’s existence and the problem of evil—with the intention of exploring the reliability of the Gospels and Jesus’ resurrection. *“I realized that Christianity not only meets the needs of our heart, but it also meets the demands of our intellect as well,”*

shares parent Paula Diaz. Attendees learned how to make sense of these chaotic cultural changes, discovered best defenses for the Christian faith, experienced greater confidence in what they believe and why they believe it, and were emboldened to meet the challenges and questions of our culture with poise and winsomeness. This was all introduced in the context of a warm and engaging community called Reasonable Faith.

Reasonable Faith features the work of philosopher and theologian Dr. William Lane Craig. Its three-fold mission is to: 1) to provide an articulate, intelligent voice for Biblical Christianity in the public arena; 2) to challenge unbelievers with the truth of Biblical Christianity; 3) to train Christians to state and defend Christian truth claims with greater effectiveness. To receive meeting reminders for the Fall session text @cghehk to 81010 or email Mr. Stuart at dstuart@TKA.net.



Scan the QR code for more information about TKA’s Reasonable Faith Chapter



Real Heroes

Alyson Crews, Director of Elementary Student Ministries

Captain America, the Black Panther, Wonder Woman, and the Incredible Hulk. All are heroes loved by many. All are characters who have been created and are played by great actors.

So where do we go to find a *REAL* hero? What makes a good hero? Christopher Reeve, the actor who was cast in the role of Superman in 1978, said it well. *"I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."* I especially appreciate fifth grader Andrew Fisher's definition of a hero. *"A hero is someone who cares, helps others, and is a Christ-founded person who helps others come to God."*

This year the Elementary Chapel theme was, "Rise Up and Be a Hero." Speakers unpacked a variety of hero characteristics and challenged our students to be people who strive to make a positive impact in the life of



Hacksaw Ridge, a 400-foot vertical cliff. The story captivated our students as they learned of how God used an ordinary man to do extraordinary things. Chapel speakers taught our students about how God used other ordinary

people like Noah, Moses, Queen Esther, and Mother Theresa.

Heroes love, heroes rescue, heroes encourage, heroes help, heroes sacrifice, and heroes save. Throughout the year, students were continually pointed to Jesus Christ who is the ultimate Hero and exhibits those characteristics and more in complete perfection. Students repeatedly heard the good news of the gospel which says that though we are sinful, through Christ, we can be made new and can reflect the goodness of God in our lives. Our great hope for our students is that they would receive the mercy and grace of God, through Christ, live lives that honor Him, and be a real hero in the lives of those around them.

someone else. At a time when people are frequently hurting others with words and actions, it was refreshing to focus each Wednesday on the good that can be done to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Students heard that heroes respond to others in need. They had opportunities to live that out through our annual participation in the shoebox collection for Operation Christmas Child and the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising effort with First Care for Life. Students learned that heroes sacrifice for the good of another as they listened to the story of Desmond Doss who served as a combat medic during World War II. Corporal Doss dodged enemy fire and saved an estimated 75 men who were wounded and trapped on top of



"A hero is someone who cares, helps others, and is a Christ-founded person who helps others come to God."

FIFTH GRADER ANDREW FISHER

The Remarkable Storyteller: Mr. Chris Huether

Jeff Gentry, MS/HS Bible Teacher

When TKA graduates are asked to reflect on which teachers inspired, encouraged, and genuinely demonstrated Christ's love, the responses include many, but nearly all remember the middle school Bible class they shared with a unique teacher, Mr. Chris Huether. A thirty-three-year veteran of The King's Academy, Mr. Huether weaves the message of God's word into the very fabric of his students' hearts with a powerful combination of storytelling and truth statements. Much like Jesus, who often used parables, Mr. Huether punctuates his lessons with anecdotes from the Bible, history,

culture, and life experience. With a gifted grace, he leaves his mark. "Readers are leaders, and don't ever forget it" is one of several "Huetherisms" that resonate with his students.

Mr. Chris Huether is grateful to God for his wife of 37 years, Maria. He is the proud parent of five children and proud grandpa of three grandchildren. Mr. Huether has authored a book on the life and teachings of Jesus entitled *The Life of Christ: The Most Compelling Life Ever Lived*.

"I'm thankful that I have had the opportunity to teach 7th and 8th

graders over the years," remarked Mr. Huether. "It is an honor to be able to share the Word of God with younger students which will hopefully give them a hunger for the Scriptures. It is also a blessing to see them grow in their faith as God is faithful to honor His Word as it is shared. I'm also glad that I have had the privilege of teaching alongside some of the best teachers that can be found anywhere."



Watch Mr. Huether's acting debut in Studio 70's short film "Remember the Pasta."

Storyteller



Growing!

It is an exciting time at The King's Academy as we build on campus and in the lives of our students. God continues to bless our school with exceptional students, flourishing programs, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors. Thanks to the faithful prayer and generous financial support of our school community, more than \$1.8 million was raised for the Annual Fund during the 2022-2023 school year. Additional funding was raised to support much needed and exciting campus additions. Participation was key to that success! Hundreds of families, foundations, and friends invested in the mission of our school by providing the resources to build intentionally designed spaces needed to offer challenging

and engaging academics while supporting the robust programs, activities, and events that help shape and develop well-rounded Christian leaders to their full potential.

As The King's Academy grows and thrives, we do so committed to maintaining God's Word as the foundation of all that we do. We look forward, with great anticipation, for all He has planned for our students and school. Thank you for your ongoing partnership to deliver the best in Christian education. Generous giving creates incredible opportunities for students to be challenged and grow as leaders and thinkers.



Esther B. O’Keeffe Innovation Center

TKA’s newest edition, the Esther B. O’Keeffe Innovation Center will encourage students to pursue their passions, engage in cutting-edge innovation, and develop powerful professional skills to propel them to higher education and beyond. The Center is part of a cross-functional plan that creates a safe haven for

new ideas, provides opportunities for individual and group collaboration, and fosters an environment of innovation through the creation, sharing, and testing of ideas. The Innovation Center will inspire new thinking and communicate key aspects of brand and culture. It will also enable the strengthening of academic programs

and Programs of Distinction including the STEM program, Business Program, Digital Media Arts Program, Computer Science, Art, and the Elementary Explore Program, while providing additional classrooms that allow King’s to remain on the cutting edge of education.



The O’Keeffe family’s generosity is reflected in the names of many Palm Beach area facilities and programs. The Esther B. O’Keeffe Charitable Foundation has been a faithful supporter and friend to TKA. In addition to their recent leadership gift to fund the construction of the Innovation Center, they have also supported our nationally-recognized programs through endowing the O’Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program and providing a significant gift to assist with the funding of the Page Center and the Frank DiMino Student Union. The Esther B. O’Keeffe Charitable Foundation was established in 1990 by the late philanthropist Esther B. O’Keeffe, wife of the respected surgeon and philanthropist Dr. Arthur O’Keeffe.



Opening the Doors to Innovation

The King's Academy community celebrated the completion of the Esther B. O'Keeffe Innovation Center with a special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and soft opening in April. Honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Keeffe of the Esther B. O'Keeffe Charitable Foundation, along with King's Board of Governors, family and friends gathered to give God the glory for all the wonderful things He continues to do in our midst.

The day was filled with jubilation as guests visited the new creative spaces, enjoyed a God-honoring program, and a wonderful time of fellowship during the catered luncheon.

The King's Academy is grateful for the Esther B. O'Keeffe Foundation and their generous and on-going investment in our school. The Foundation is making a tremendous impact in the lives of our current and future students. We are grateful

for all the donors who came alongside King's allowing us to build this new innovative building and classrooms debt-free. Their investment makes it possible for us to make an impact in greater ways.

The new two-story building is located just west of the Smith Family Café. The state-of-the-art addition will be enjoyed by elementary, middle, and high school students and will set TKA apart from other K-12 schools as well as some colleges and universities. Students will be taught in intentionally designed spaces that are outfitted with the best technology and equipment available to ensure their spiritual and academic success.

The project's design team included Hedrick Brothers Construction, InterPlan Architects, Urban Design, and Simmons and White.

Thank You to All Our Generous Innovation Center Donors

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DIGITAL MEDIA STUDIO

Lights! Camera! Action! The Digital Media Studio provides a full scale studio space affording film students the opportunity to create high quality content utilizing state of the art technologies and equipment. The Digital Media Studio boasts a Hyper Pixel 1.9mm LED volume wall, now utilized in major movie productions, providing a high resolution digital background for films. Students in the Game Design course will also acquire skills to design visual images which can then be projected as custom backgrounds for Digital Media Arts productions on the LED volume wall.



EDITING STUDIO

The Editing Studio provides a high powered editing space featuring a triple screen monitor display equipped with Adobe Creative Suite, DaVinci Resolve Studio, Blender, and Unreal Engine. The space includes 8K editing PCs which will give students the opportunity to learn and work on the highest level of industry equipment.

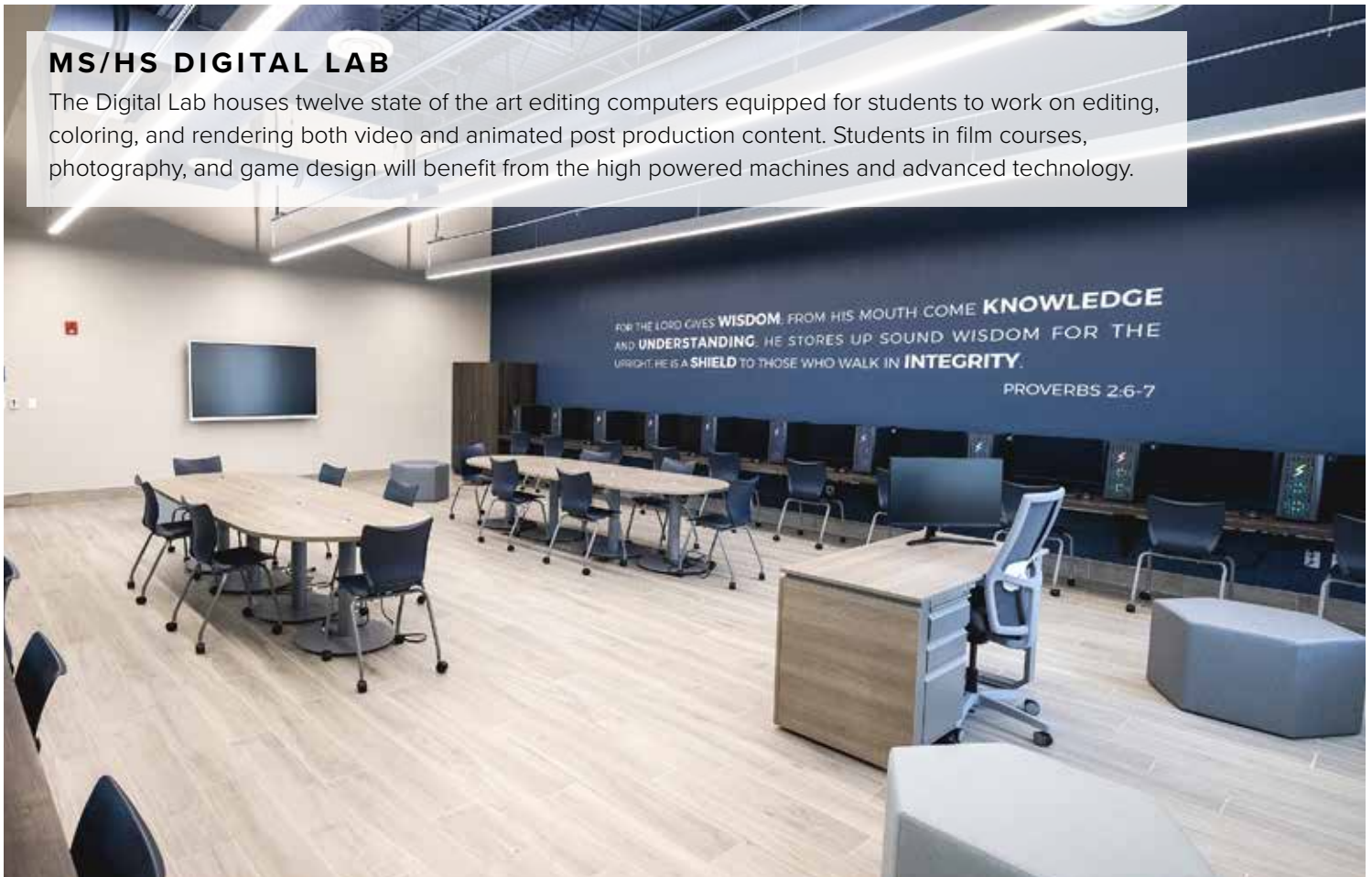


BUSINESS CLASSROOM WITH FINANCE LAB

Learning connects with real life in this innovative space. The Business Program of Distinction students will use this collaborative classroom for learning during the school day while providing opportunities for group discussion and connection as they study entrepreneurial, economic, and ethical principles to make a positive impact on economies and societies. The Finance Lab, equipped with FactSet Terminals, provides an opportunity for students to have the tools to research financial data and global market insights with the goal of developing diverse investment portfolios. Students in the Business Program of Distinction Investment Club will utilize the terminals to make investments with revenue earned from the student run King's Corner coffee shop.

MS/HS DIGITAL LAB

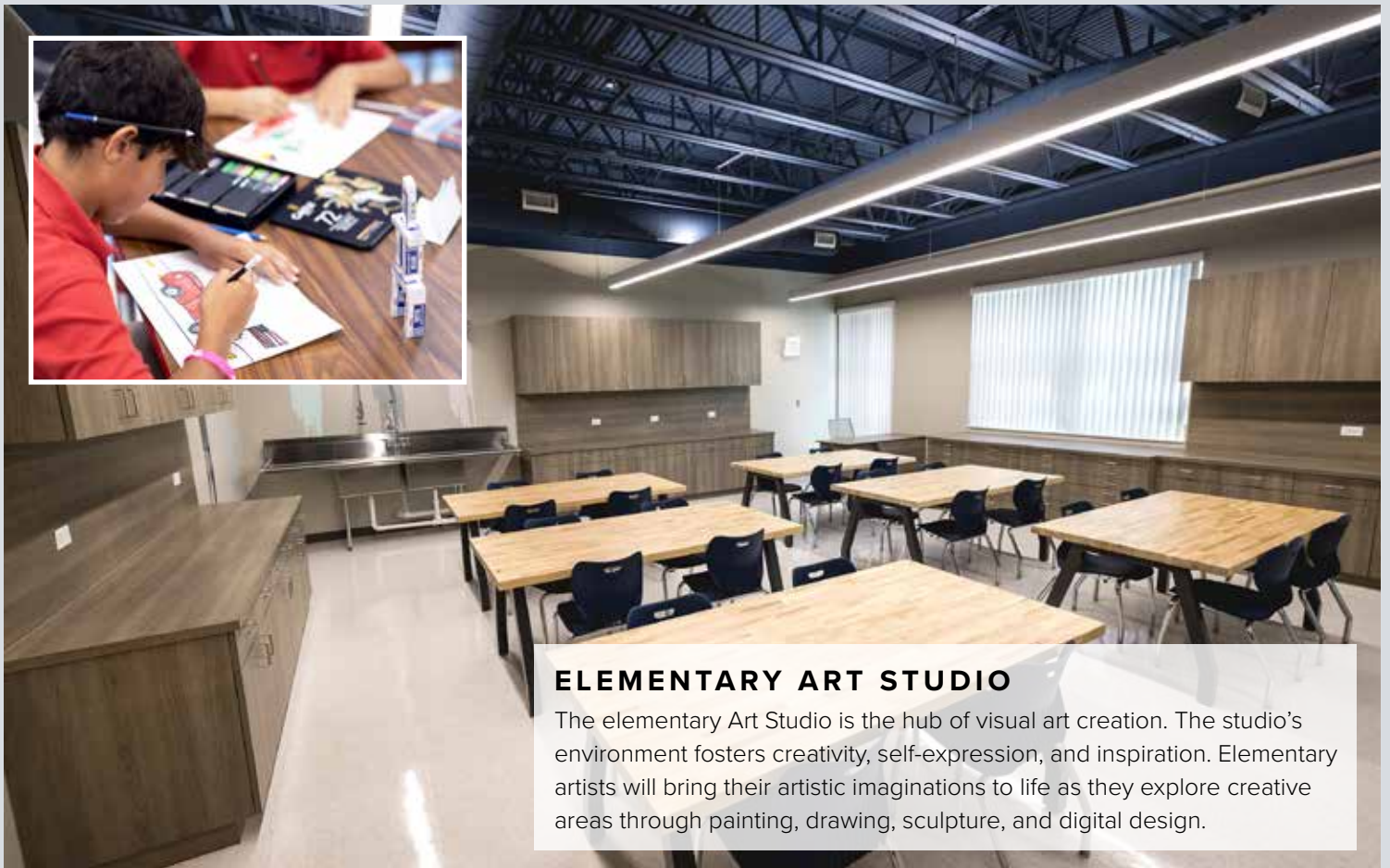
The Digital Lab houses twelve state of the art editing computers equipped for students to work on editing, coloring, and rendering both video and animated post production content. Students in film courses, photography, and game design will benefit from the high powered machines and advanced technology.





ELEMENTARY DIGITAL LAB

The Digital Lab engages digital natives and transforms them from merely consumers to producers. The facilitator guides students through thinking and activities that foster design innovation. Students will develop their digital building block skills which include: analyzing and managing data, software development, computer programming, digital security and privacy, and basic computer technical skills.



ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO

The elementary Art Studio is the hub of visual art creation. The studio’s environment fosters creativity, self-expression, and inspiration. Elementary artists will bring their artistic imaginations to life as they explore creative areas through painting, drawing, sculpture, and digital design.



EXPLORATION LAB

The Exploration Lab serves as the basecamp for students in the elementary gifted program. With an intentional design which engages students in high degree complex activities, gifted learners can reach new heights and learn without limits. Product and project-based learning in a small group setting provides time for in-depth study in areas of individual interests. Students participate in carefully planned educational opportunities designed to stimulate critical and creative thinking. Using a multi-disciplined approach, the program provides students with the opportunity to engage in research, competitions, activities, and community events that are meaningful to them.



STEM LAB

The elementary STEM Lab is a collaborative space designed for hands-on practical learning. Creating, discovering, designing, and building will propel students to execute and iterate new ideas until each idea is accomplished and integrated into practical application. Learning experiences in the STEM lab will ultimately prepare students for the workforce by enriching academic, technical, human, digital building blocks, and business enabler skills.



New Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center

This spring, The King's Academy announced a significant investment from The Frank DiMino Foundation that will allow for the construction of the Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center on its campus. The center will be an extension of and foundation for the school's JK-12th grade program. The 10,000 square foot building will serve nearly 200 students with an enriching and developmentally appropriate designed program and curriculum that will prepare two, three and four-year-olds for elementary school and beyond.

"I am so grateful for the tremendous generosity Frank DiMino and The Frank DiMino Foundation have shown our school. Mr. DiMino has truly made an impact at TKA and throughout the community. His investment will allow us to reach students at a younger age with essential early

childhood education and care," shared TKA President Randy Martin. For more than 50 years, The King's Academy has been providing truly distinctive Christian education with a commitment to excellence. The early childhood center will be comprised of caring educators who understand the commitment it takes to lead the youngest members of our school community. The center will challenge students in a vibrant and engaging environment while developing social, developmental, and cognitive skills while their natural sense of curiosity, wonder and joyful exuberance is encouraged. The curriculum will provide age-appropriate, high-quality academics based on standards derived from current research on brain-based learning and the Florida Early Learning Standards.

Mr. Frank DiMino is no stranger to The King's Academy or the community. His name is displayed

on many local and national facilities in honor of his generosity. He has been a wonderful supporter of The King's Academy through the endowment of the school's nationally recognized DiMino Engineering & Technology Program, support for the school's championship Competitive Cheerleading Team, naming the Frank DiMino Science Center, and the Frank DiMino Student Union.

Mr. DiMino is a South Florida resident and philanthropist. He was born in Grotte, Sicily. His family immigrated to the U.S. in 1935, when he was a young boy, and eventually settled in Rochester, New York. At a young age, Mr. DiMino assisted his mother in the financial support of his family. It was this situation that sparked his lifelong passion for entrepreneurship and philanthropy. At the height of his entrepreneurial activity, Mr. DiMino owned and operated a wide variety of businesses.

Please consider how you can make an impact on future generations. Fundraising continues for the outfitting of the Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center including the construction of an impressive splash pad, a developmentally-appropriate expansive playground, and a nurturing and engaging environment. We value your support and invite you to be part of this exciting addition. To make a gift today or to inquire about naming opportunities, please contact the Development Office at 561.686.4244 ext. 319.



In Memory: David Fiebig

AUGUST 18, 1941 - JUNE 9, 2023

TKA CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD 1993-2006
BOARD MEMBER 1982-2006

"It is impossible to overstate the impact that Mr. Fiebig made on our school. Without founders like Mr. & Mrs. Fiebig, The King's Academy might not exist today. Thousands of TKA students have benefitted from their sacrificial support and dedication to Christian education and the Gospel. We remember a life well-lived and celebrate Mr. Fiebig's heaven-going."

- RANDAL MARTIN, PRESIDENT



Founding member and former TKA Board Chair, Mr. David Fiebig stepped into the presence of his Savior Jesus Christ on June 9th. Mr. Fiebig served on the Board of Governors for 24 years. He was a man of integrity and never wavered from his commitment to help King's grow. He led the Board through the school's transition from the 20-acre Cherry Road campus to our current 65-acre Belvedere Road campus. Mr. Fiebig leaves a tremendous legacy that will impact generations.

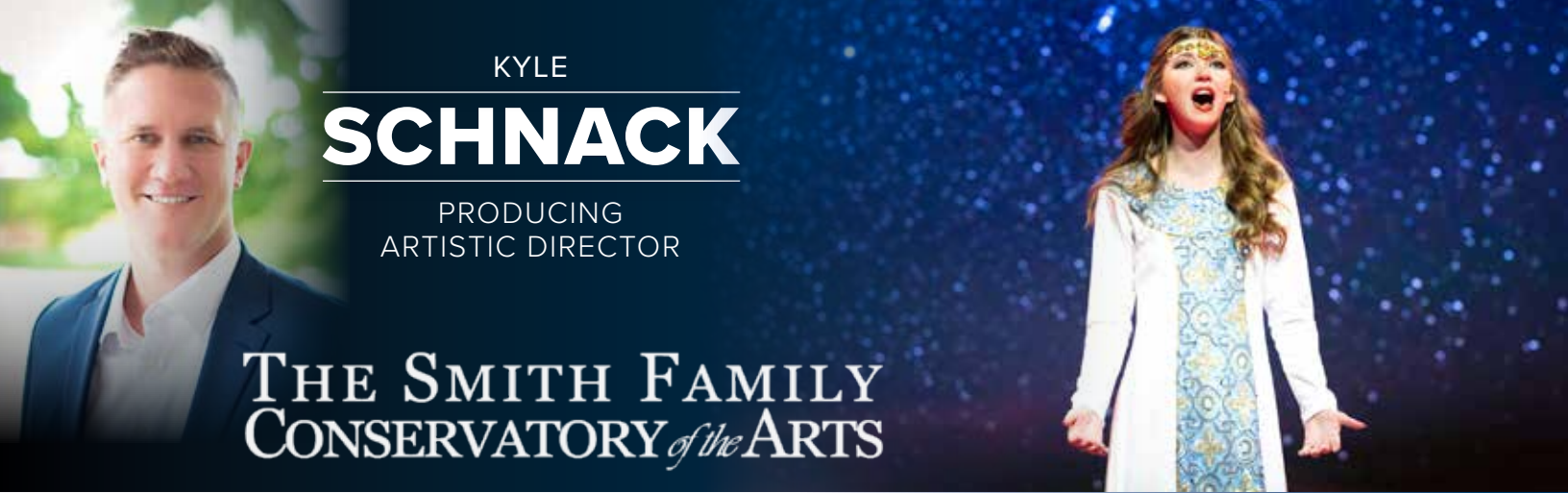
Please remember the Fiebig family, including Mrs. Betty Fiebig, son Scott Fiebig '88 and daughter and TKA teacher Debbie Valdes '87, in your prayers. The family has requested that donations made in Mr. Fiebig's memory be designated to TKA's Academic Support Program.



Scan to watch an interview with Mr. Fiebig recorded for TKA's 50th anniversary.

"I first met Dave Fiebig as a young adult at Palm Bible Chapel where he was my Sunday School teacher. He was so knowledgeable and inspired me to study God's word for myself. When I became President of TKA, Dave was the Chairman of the Board and a great mentor. He was a wonderful, humble leader, who loved TKA. It was a pleasure working under his leadership."

- JEFF LOVELAND '75, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



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THE SMITH FAMILY CONSERVATORY *of the* ARTS

The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts is built upon a foundation of faith, placing Christ at the center of our objectives in every element of the performing and digital arts and letting Him work through our brokenness in order to reveal His majesty. An exciting and direct opportunity to pursue this objective was a partnership between The King's Academy Theatre Company and Sight and Sound Theatre Company.

The King's Academy was the first high school in the world to produce *Ruth*: a Sight and Sound Theatre Company production. Not only was this a phenomenal show featuring sensational music, outstanding performances, opportunities to foster community relationships, and

RUTH

AN ORIGINAL SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES® PRODUCTION

innovative technical pursuits, it was wholly centered on the gospel.

The story of Ruth follows a young woman from Moab, a land in opposition to the beliefs of the Jewish people of Bethlehem. In the midst of this land and a people who were so distant from the God of Abraham and Isaac, God worked. He chose Ruth, an unlikely person to accomplish his extraordinary work, eventually leading to the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

In every production performed in the Page Family Center, we seek the

redemptive nature of storytelling and work to communicate this to our students and audience. This production was unique as each rehearsal became a Bible study. Students and faculty were keenly aware of the Holy Spirit working in the rehearsal room and throughout the run of the show.

We know that God was working through this incredible partnership, and look forward to working with Sight and Sound Theatre Company to produce more world premiere musicals in educational theatre.



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Ruth the Musical



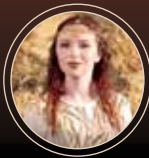
"Each night I was giving my performance to the Lord and I was taking the time to worship Him in all that I did on stage. The most wonderful part is that it did not leave the theatre, it stayed with me. As an actor, Ruth allowed me to step into the shoes of a real-life person and experience her journey with God. That's something that you don't get to explore in every show, and I genuinely treasured it." - MADELINE BEGIN '24 (RUTH)



"Ruth gave me the opportunity to grow as an actor, a friend, and in my faith. During the process, the theatre program became a tightly-knit family centered around God. No other show has ever given me this type of experience. Being able to do what I love while worshiping and sharing the message of God is something I'll take with me for the rest of my life." - MICHAEL MEHALKO '24 (MAHLON)



"I saw God work powerfully both in and through the cast of Ruth. I learned the truth that God works through hardships; He taught me the importance of relying on Him, and I felt His Holy Spirit and presence so strongly. The fact that God used our efforts to change people was incredibly humbling." - DREW DANION '25 (BOAZ)



"Being able to perform in this show was not only an amazing learning experience but it strengthened my relationship with Christ for which I am forever grateful." - OLIVIA BASS '24 (ORPHA)

MEREDITH WILLSON'S THE MUSIC MAN



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The Music Man

The Music Man, featuring more than 60 Conservatory theatre and dance students, opened on the Page Family Center stage. Meredith Willson's six-time, Tony Award winning musical comedy followed fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill (Zebulun Kovach '23), as he conned the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vowed to organize, despite the fact that he didn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash were foiled when he fell for Marian, the librarian (McKayla Martin '23), who transformed him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

"The pleasure of performing was never more prominent than in *The Music Man*. We got to truly showcase the excellence of the TKA Theatre Company while keeping Christ at the center of our lives and our work."

- ZEBULUN KOVACH '23

BEHIND THE SCENES

A large area of growth in The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts has been in Technical Theatre. High school students have the opportunity to study Technical Theatre and Design 1 and II. Beginning in the fall of 2023, offerings will expand with the addition of an honors technical theatre course and an elective for middle school students. Through these electives, students will learn a general overview of the technical side of theatre and design concepts that will help them in a wide range of careers including engineering, construction, interior design, technical theatre, event planning, and graphic design.

The production of *The Music Man* was an incredible opportunity for students to work on the set transitions, lighting, fly rails, ushering, set construction, props, costumes and sound.



Technical Theatre Post

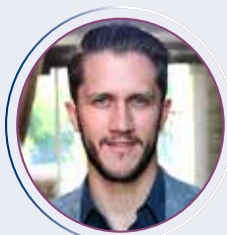


Theater Tech Group



"My favorite part of the process was doing scene work with my acting partners in rehearsal. Even though we were creating a fictional setting, the key was finding the truth within and bringing that out."

- MCKAYLA MARTIN '23



"I could not be happier with the growth of this particular area of the Conservatory and cannot wait to see how far these students will go! Technical theatre is the backbone of theatre arts. All the magic happens in areas of the theatre that many never see. I am so proud of these students and the work they have accomplished this year!"

- KYLE SCHNACK, PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Annie Jr.



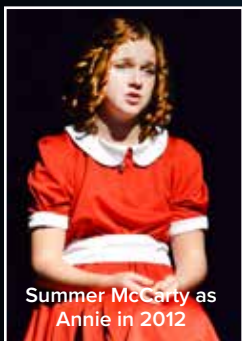
In November of 2012, TKA alumnus Summer (McCarty) Hoskins '17 curled her hair and put on the classic red and white dress that we all know and love. Walking onto The King's Academy gym stage she sang the famous line, *"The sun'll come out tomorrow,"* closing the curtain on *Annie*. Summer went on to grow into new roles and new places. Never once did an eighth grade Summer see herself back at King's as a vocal arts and theatre instructor teaching a new group of middle schoolers the same songs with a newfound passion and purpose.

"Teaching these Junior Conservatory students and watching

them actively use their gifts to glorify and pursue God has made me even more passionate about my profession. The opportunity to empower students each day to tell stories through a redemptive lens is the biggest blessing," said Summer. *Annie Jr.* is about an orphan, adopted by a man who would do anything to save her from her hard knock life. *"The reality that this is each of our stories with the Lord was such a powerful conversation among the cast."* Summer went on to share, *"Before each show I watched students go out and pray over the seats of the theatre so that audience members might experience the same*

love and grace of our Heavenly Father. They knelt on the stage and offered it as a vessel unto the Lord. They sang the same song I did all those years ago, 'I love you Lord and I lift my voice to worship You.'"

The King's Academy Theatre Company production of *Annie Jr.* featured more than 65 6th-12th grade students from The Smith Family Conservatory performing arts and dance programs. Special guests included Elementary Principal Adam Miller's family dog, Ginger Miller, who captivated audiences in her role as Sandy and beloved HS Bible teacher, Mr. Jeff Gentry, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Summer McCartney as Annie in 2012



"It is exciting to see a younger generation carrying on the legacy that so many of my friends left behind. Seeing Schaffer Hornsby in the actual red and white dress that I wore and watching flashes of my past come to life is a feeling that is hard to describe.

I am grateful for the lessons that I learned here as a student and eagerly anticipate the lessons I will learn from my own students now."

- SUMMER HOSKINS '17, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF VOCAL ARTS & THEATRE ARTS



NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

February 10th was a noteworthy day for The Smith Family Conservatory Instrumental Arts Program. Years of hard work, dedication, and vision culminated in the premiere of The King's Academy Symphony Orchestra. This new ensemble is a combination of the high school

Symphonic Band and Philharmonic Orchestra. Under the direction of Mr. Wes Lowe, Mr. Mickey Smith Jr., and Mr. Andrew Jeffrey, the Symphony Orchestra produced their first concert, *Night at the Movies*.

This show featured a selection of iconic movie soundtracks, ranging from *Star Wars* and *James Bond* to the *Avengers* and *Top Gun*. Audience members enjoyed impressive music while watching highlights from movies on a large

LED wall. What made the concert truly special was the incredible talent displayed by the students as each musician played their instrument with precision and passion, creating a truly unforgettable experience for all in attendance.

The annual *Night of Jazz* was filled with show-stopping performances including Mr. Wycliffe Gordon, world-renowned trombonist, as a guest artist. Mr. Gordon has been named trombonist of the year

for more than 15 years and is widely considered the best trombone player in the world. His artistic style and virtuosity were on full display as he exhibited his mastery of different plunger techniques, as well as his skill on the soprano trombone. The Jazz Ensemble matched his intensity and played with an energy and passion that was felt throughout the audience. The show featured outstanding student soloists including Julia Basile '25 on the trombone and Ashton Horne '25 on the drums. A surprise announcement by Legends Radio 100.3 named Maddie Begin '24 and Hadiya Stewart '24 as the Young Artists of the Year. They will join a long list of talented TKA jazz artists who have gone on to achieve great success in their careers. The night will be remembered for years to come and a testament to the incredible jazz program at The King's Academy.



Scan the QR Code to watch the *Night at the Movies*



Scan the QR Code to watch the *Night of Jazz*



"Our innovative and modern approach to teaching combined with unique performance experiences is gaining our program national recognition. We want to create lasting memories that will leave an eternal impact upon our students."

- WES LOWE '12, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL ARTS

Visual Arts Program

The Smith Family Conservatory Visual Arts Program is thriving! Students continue to study both contemporary themes and topics from art history while articulating and practicing techniques through various types of media. Each class focuses on using the Elements and Principles

of Design in a visually engaging way that communicates with the viewer. Many of our students are award winners at the local and national level. The Visual Arts program offers extracurricular activities including the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and Art Club, which allow students to

connect with other artists and explore the arts in our community. This year, students visited the Norton Museum of Art to discuss Storytelling in Art. Some NAHS members attended a field trip to a glassblowing studio to learn the processes involved in creating a glass vessel.



"I am excited about the addition of stained-glass window-making, basket weaving, and ceramic throwing/building to the program this year. I look forward to the continued growth of the Visual Arts Program and students using their God-given talents to glorify Him."

- SARAH BEST '16, DIRECTOR OF VISUAL ARTS



Lola Hathorne '26



Ella Rodila '23



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Spring Dance Showcase Honors the Lord

The Smith Family Conservatory Dance Department held a Spring Dance Showcase themed around "Christ's Love for Us." Its namesake was evident throughout the evening as more than 150 students in K-12th grade delivered

moving performances. The evening closed with the senior class dancers being recognized for acceptances to prestigious colleges and universities including North Carolina School of the Arts for Dance, Carnegie Mellon for Musical Theatre, and many more.

The Smith Family Conservatory Dance Department is led by Director of Dance Cathy (James) Higgins '87 and Douglas Gawriljuk.



Scan the QR Code to watch the Spring Dance Showcase



"For this performance we wanted students to celebrate Easter and the free gift of salvation by displaying their gifts as an offering to God, rather than a performance."

- CATHY (JAMES) HIGGINS '87, DIRECTOR OF DANCE ARTS



Vocal Arts Showcase is Full of Praise

The Smith Family Conservatory Vocal Arts department dedicates the work they produce to the Lord and if you attended this year's Spring Vocal Arts Showcase, you heard the fruit of that dedication.

There is truly nothing like the experience a student has in choir class. Students in 4th-12th grade enrolled in a vocal arts elective have the opportunity to take an hour out of their day to focus on singing and are introduced to music theory, challenged by the meaning and intention behind the lyrics, worship, and build strong like-minded

peer groups.

In April, *King's Kids* choir which is made up of 4th and 5th grade students performed alongside our middle school choir, *In Him* and the high school choir, *His People*, in a Spring Showcase. The evening was filled with songs of worship, redemption, and hope. There is nothing greater than seeing students raise their hands and voices in worship. This is the heart of our identity in The Smith Family Conservatory and the vocal artists this year represented that truth beautifully.

We were also blessed to experience incredible solo, duet, and group performances by Vocal Arts senior students. It was a wonderful culmination of their time at King's and we are excited about what lies ahead for them as they continue to share their gifts and talent with the world.



Scan the QR Code to watch the Vocal Arts Showcase



**"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make
a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"**

- PSALM 95:1





New Digital Media Studio with LED Virtual Wall Glorifies God on an Epic Scale

The King's Academy is excited to announce the grand opening of its cutting-edge film studio which features a groundbreaking LED Virtual Wall. This state-of-the-art addition to King's facilities will revolutionize the way students engage with digital media, unlocking unprecedented opportunities for creative expression while providing a platform to glorify God on the highest scale possible.

At The King's Academy, the power of storytelling is viewed as an opportunity to glorify God. Inspired

by the profound words of legendary director Frank Capra, who thought filmmaking was as powerful as preaching, King's aims to take this responsibility seriously. The new studio's capabilities will allow us to tell stories on a grandiose scale, rivaling productions like *Pirates of the Caribbean* while infusing the gospel in an artful and meaningful manner. In the summer 2024, Studio 70 plans to produce a feature-length film inspired by *The Chronicles of Narnia*, designed to captivate audiences with its epic storytelling

and spread the gospel message.

The King's Academy's commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities in the field of digital media is further amplified by the establishment of The Digital Media Studio and its LED Virtual Volume. This transformative facility empowers students to reach new heights of technical expertise, explore uncharted creative territories, maximize production capabilities, and glorify God through the art of storytelling.



HEIGHTENING TECHNICAL CAPACITY AND ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY

The LED Virtual Wall empowers students with advanced technical skills and expertise positioning them at the forefront of the industry. As virtual production becomes the definitive way of the future, students who embrace this innovative technology will significantly increase their employability, ensuring they are well-prepared for the evolving digital media landscape.

UNLEASHING IMAGINATION AND EXPANDING CREATIVE BOUNDARIES

The Digital Media Studio's LED Virtual Wall breaks free from

the limitations of traditional independent filmmaking. With the ability to simulate any environment imaginable, students are encouraged to explore their creativity and tell stories that transcend continents and time periods. By embracing this limitless potential, students can create awe-inspiring narratives that resonate with audiences, captivating them on a truly epic scale.

SAVING TIME AND COST

By simulating environments within the LED Virtual Wall, the need to rent costly locations across South Florida is eliminated, saving valuable time and resources. This cost and time efficiency, observed

by major studios, enables King's to embark on more ambitious and larger-scale productions, reaching its 100K subscribers and beyond with impactful stories that touch the hearts and minds of audiences.

SECURING A SAFE FILMING ENVIRONMENT

The Digital Media Studio provides a controlled and secure environment for students to unleash their creativity. By eliminating the unpredictability associated with shooting on location, the safety and well-being of its students is ensured, allowing them to fully focus on their artistic endeavors and produce exceptional content.



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Looking Ahead to Next Year 2023-2024 TKA Theatre Season





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ATHLETICS



Building a Championship Culture

The 2022-2023 winter/spring season was historic. We recognize that our success is a result of our commitment to glorify God in all that we do. In Matthew 19:26 Jesus spoke to his disciples saying – *“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”* We often look at this first and relate it to a common challenge, contest, or struggle we may have in our season or in life. While this is a great motivation to trust that God can do wonderful things through us, the passage has reference to a different meaning. In Matthew 19:20-25, Jesus speaks of individuals with resources and no need for dependency on anyone except themselves. This lack of dependency on Jesus would make it

exceedingly difficult to get into heaven. The disciples then asked – who can be saved? Jesus responded, *“with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”* We all have this desire to be self-sufficient so that we have no need to depend on anyone else. What God so greatly wants from us is our dependency on Him, a relationship desired so greatly that he gave his life for us. A gift freely given making any impossible person’s salvation possible. This is the message and the hope that we want each student-athlete to hear at TKA. It was once said that .02% of high school athletes make it to the pros, while the chances of standing before a holy God is 100%. Developing excellence in

athletes and preparing them for eternity is our mission.

This year Lions athletes and teams:

- **Won 8 district championships:** girls volleyball, football, girls swim and dive, girls basketball, boys basketball, girls beach volleyball, boys volleyball and girls track and field
- **Advanced 6 teams to the FHSAA Elite 8:** girls swim and dive, boys swimming, girls basketball, boys basketball, girls beach volleyball, boys volleyball
- **Achieved a cumulative average GPA of 3.75** in the athletic program
- **Had 31 graduating seniors sign with their choice to play collegiate sports.**



The Kingspys

The Athletic Department presented their Second Annual Kingspys Awards to recognize the outstanding characteristics and abilities of athletes and coaches representing their teams and teammates. Championship rings were given to our Boys and Girls Cross Country and Girls Swim and Dive teams. The Kingspys are the end of season awards celebrating the accomplishments of the teams together as one program in similar fashion to the ESPYs. Months of planning and preparation went into the selection process, gift baskets, decorations and deserts which made a memorable event for all in attendance.





Boys Basketball Ends a 33-Year Drought

Boys basketball has exhibited significant growth and potential in recent years. Through their commitment they built momentum and broke a 33-year drought by capturing their first championship since 1990. Seniors **Will McPherson**, **Jackson Worley**, **James Shoenfelt**, and **Jack Chamberlain** set the tone for the season by providing depth on and off the court to direct the Lions and keep their focus on the post-season run. One-thousand-point scorers **Jermaine Council** and **James Shoenfelt** led the offense along with talented sophomore **Javian Jones**. They finished the regular season 23-1 with a 7-game win streak heading into the district tournament. That streak carried through with a semifinal win over John Carroll and Benjamin to secure their first district championship since 1990. The Lions went on to beat Santa Fe Catholic High School and Bell Creek Academy before bowing out in the Regional Final and Florida High School Athletic Association Elite Eight.

Lions basketball was highly regarded by the *Palm Beach Post* and *Sun Sentinel* garnering All County selections for **Jermaine Council** (1st Team), **Ransom Soles**, **Javian Jones**, **Jack Chamberlain** and **Reggie Workman** (2nd Team) with **Coach Murray Smith** being selected *Sun Sentinel* Palm Beach County Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.

Girls Basketball – Back-to-Back Final Four

What is the best way to follow up a state final four season? You go back and do it again! The Lady Lions tore through the regular season schedule going 18-4 against some of the best basketball programs in South Florida. Impressive wins against teams such as last year's 3A State Champion Westminster Academy, Male Academy, and Liberty High School from Nevada proved that they were a force to be reckoned with. The Lady Lions raced through the playoffs with a district championship win over Cardinal Newman, and regional wins over Edgewood, Holy Trinity, and Seffner Christian. Their two-year run to the finals was led by seniors **Janessa Williams**, **Jordan Race**, and **Naomi Cadet**. Janessa Williams and Jordan Race led the charge, both eclipsing the 1000-point mark in their senior year. Sophomore sensation **Jade Jones** and **Sophia Kateris** will be counted on next year to steer the ship back to Lakeland.

The girls were recognized with high praise and post season honors for their amazing run and talent. **Janessa Williams** was selected as the Florida Dairy Farmers 3A Player of the Year. All County First Team selections were earned by **Jordan Race**, **Jade Jones** and **Janessa Williams** with Janessa being named the Palm Beach County Player of the Year. **Sophia Kateris** was selected to the Second Team, and **Chris Race** was once again named the Palm Beach County Coach of the Year.



Boys Wrestling

The learning curve for the Lions in their inaugural season came quick under the direction of first year Head Coach Dr. Dale Porcher. Dr. Porcher's experience as a high school state champion competing at high level amateur tournaments, and MMA training proved beneficial for the upstart Lions. His patient approach, technical development, and teaching allowed the Lions to make great strides. Six wrestlers advanced out of the district tournament including **Dartavious "Tay Tay" Saintelus, Tyce Porcher, Ridge Martin, Nathan Winters, Joel Henning, and Ryo Ushikubo**. The team finished the regional tournament with a remarkable 10th placement out of 28 schools and ahead of every 1A school in Palm Beach County. **Dartavious Saintelus** carried the honors for Kings by being the first regional runner-up wrestler to advance to the 1A FHSAA State Finals.

Competitive Cheer

TKA competitive cheer owns the longest run and consecutive trips to the FHSAA State Championships. This year they qualified for their 16th advancement in a row. Coach Jenn Allen continues to produce championship caliber teams and always brings out the best in her athletes. This year the Lions switched to a tumbling division with a team comprised largely of new middle school athletes. Big days are ahead for the competitive cheer team.



Boys Volleyball Sets the Standard with State Final Four Appearance

The second-year boys volleyball team has set a lofty standard for others to pursue. The Lions inaugural 2022 year ended with an impressive (21-6) season followed by this year's (27-2) record. The new program captured impressive accomplishments including a District Championship, Regional Championship, and a State Final Four appearance. These incredible feats were achieved by both boys volleyball and beach volleyball as they competed in a single FHSAA class that included all participating schools, regardless of size and strength.

The season was capped by special recognition in the *Palm Beach Post* and *Sun Sentinel* with **Logan Taylor** being named Player of the Year, Coach Taylor as Coach of the Year, and First Team All-County selections for **Saulius Vilkelis** and **Micah Tumas**.

"When I think about our starting line-up only in their second year playing the sport, I am blown away by what they were able to accomplish."

- COACH CHRISTY TAYLOR



Girls Beach Volleyball Returns to the State Championships

Girls beach volleyball continues to be an elite program with a combined two-year record of 36-3, including an undefeated 13-0 regular season this spring. Under the direction of second year Head Coach Rachael Perla, the team is quickly becoming a known entity with MaxPreps rankings at the end of the regular season of #1 in West Palm Beach, #2 in the state of Florida, and #3 in the nation.

The Lady Lions continued the regular season by capturing the district championship, winning two regional games versus Park Vista and Wellington, advancing to the FHSAA State Championships where they defeated St. John Lutheran before bowing out in a 3-2 thriller loss to Vero Beach, last year's State Runner-up. Senior **Kate Taylor** was named the *Sun Sentinel* Palm Beach County Player of the Year.

Boys Soccer

The Lions finished the season 4-10-2. Strong play by the young players and another middle school championship by the young team leave a bright hope for the future.

Girls Soccer

The Lady Lions finished the season with an impressive 10-6-1 record and advanced to the second round of the regional playoffs. A team with 10 eighth and ninth grade players promises to create quite the buzz and excitement for the upcoming years.

Boys Lacrosse

Boys lacrosse finished the season with a record of 10-9. Coach Jacob Webb and the team battled every step of the way and were unafraid to take on tough competition. Of the 9 losses, 5 had a differential of 2 goals or less. The Lions were led by seniors **Zacary Webb** who controlled the faceoffs, **Brad Wharton** and **Patrick Law** led the attack.

Girls Lacrosse

Coach Brett VanAlstyne and girls lacrosse continue to have stellar seasons. This year the Lady Lions amassed a record of 15 wins and 5 losses. Despite being paired with what may be the hardest girls lacrosse district in the country, they continue to compete, battle, and rank in the top 25-30 teams in the state of Florida. Eight school all-time records were matched or broken by **Savanna Webb**, **Lucy Dailey**, **Sara Scannell**, and **Mia VanAlstyne**.



Softball

With a new head coach and the graduation of six senior starters, Lions softball was ready for a rebuild. That did not happen! Instead, Lions softball continued their winning ways with a regular season record of 12 wins and 2 losses. Returning starters **Chiara Laus** and **Marlo Lacy** provided the leadership; while newcomers **Gracyn Needle**, **Lily Stone** and **Kiersten Zimmerman** jumped right in the fray making an immediate impact on the team. Eighth grader **Gracyn Needle** proved to be a force behind and at the plate batting .622 with a school record 54 RBIs and 3 HRs. Special days are ahead for the Lady Lions.

Baseball

The varsity baseball team had high aspirations with a senior laden team heading into the 2023 season. Offseason injuries to the top pitchers on the staff would make the season challenging, but the Lions battled each step of the way. Seven of the losses were by one or two runs, and the season record could have easily been flipped with a few more bounces going the Lions way. Seniors **Louis Federico**, **Ryan Pender**, **Carter Gschwind** and **Austin Ceppo** signed college offers to continue playing in college next year.

Track and Field is Back on Track

The Lions boys and girls track team returned to playoff championship form capturing the girls district championship and boys runner-up trophy. The girls waited until the final 4x400 race to secure just enough points to win the title in dramatic fashion. Four athletes medaled at the FHSAA 2A State Finals. **Colton Lawson** finished as the 1600m Runner-up with a new school record of 4:18.91, **Michael Castillo** finished 8th in the 3200, **Tianna Demeritte** placed 4th in the high jump, and **Avery Fronrath** finished 7th in the 3200 and 7th in the 1600. **Colton Lawson** was also named the M. Nelson Loveland Male Senior Career Athlete for the 22-23 season.

Boys and Girls Tennis

Seniors **Jaden Williams** and **Sandra Watson** paved the way for the young tennis upstarts to take the reins next year. **Jaden Williams** set a school record with a 128-10 and district runner up finish, winning 17 matches in a row at the number one position. The girls went 7 and 7 led by **Sandra Watson** who will be playing for University of Massachusetts.

“Coach Scott Williams continues to develop a strong tennis program at TKA. Jaden Williams is a byproduct of the program and Coach Williams’ ability to bring out the best in his athletes.”

- ADAM WINTERS, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



2022-2023 TKA College Signees

SWIMMING

- Ava Fasano - Purdue University - NCAA Division I
- Amanda Loomis - University of North Florida - NCAA Division I
- Paige Munna - University of North Florida - NCAA Division I
- Madison Sipowksi - University of North Carolina - Wilmington - NCAA Division I
- Madison Okon - Washington University - NCAA Division III

GIRLS LACROSSE

- Trinity Reback - North Greenville University - NCAA Division II
- Mia VanAlstyne - Palm Beach Atlantic University - NCAA Division II

BOYS LACROSSE

- Brad Wharton - Flagler College - NCAA Division II
- Patrick Law - Grove City College - NCAA Division III
- Austin Nelson - Palm Beach Atlantic University - NCAA Division II

GIRLS BEACH VOLLEYBALL

- Kate Taylor - University of Louisiana - Monroe - NCAA Division I

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- Sarah Starke - Southern Connecticut University - NCAA Division II

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- Logan Taylor - North Greenville University - NCAA Division II
- Saulius Vilkelis - University of St. Katherine - NAIA

BOYS GOLF

- Brett Carter Allen - North Greenville University - NCAA Division II

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

- Colton Lawson - University of North Florida - NCAA Division I

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Janessa Williams - Long Island University - NCAA Division I
- Jordan Race - Southern Wesleyan University - NCAA Division II

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Jack Chamberlin - Spurgeon College - NAIA
- James Shoenfelt - Southern Wesleyan University - NCAA Division II

FOOTBALL

- Jackson Worley - Troy State University - NCAA Division I
- Thomas Cornett - Fordham University - NCAA Division I
- RJ Tolbert - Wabash University - NCAA Division III
- Shinnosuke Yoshida - Cal Lutheran - NCAA Division III
- Josh Facon - Keiser University - NAIA

BASEBALL

- Louis Federico - South Florida State College - NJCAA
- Ryan Pender - Palm Beach Atlantic University - NCAA Division II
- Carter Gschwind - Embry Riddle University - NCAA Division II
- Austin Ceppo - Warner University - NAIA

GIRLS TENNIS

- Sandra Watson - U Mass - Boston - NCAA Division III

BOYS TENNIS

- Jaden Williams - Southern New Hampshire University - NCAA Division II

TKA

2022-2023 ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

1



FHSAA State Runner-Up
Girls Swim & Dive

3

Palm Beach County Championships

Girls Swim & Dive (Repeat Champions); Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country (First PBC Championships in School History)

6

FHSAA Elite 8 Teams

Girls Swim & Dive, Boys Swim, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Beach Volleyball, Boys Indoor Volleyball



1

Nationally Ranked Top 10

Girls Beach Volleyball

3

FHSAA Regional Championships

Girls Swim & Dive, Boys Volleyball (Firsts in School History), Girls Basketball (Repeat Champions)



6

Final FHSAA State Ranking

Boys Volleyball



15

Teams Advanced to FHSAA Regional Playoffs

Girls Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Boys Swim & Dive, Girls Swim & Dive, Football, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer, Boys Wrestling, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field, Girls Beach Volleyball, Boys Volleyball, Softball

1

3A Girls Basketball Player of the Year

Janessa Williams



3.75

Cumulative GPA for Varsity Athletes



7

PBC Coaches of the Year

Bill Mitchell (Boys Cross Country), Melissa Perry (Girls Cross Country), Gina Proscia (Girls Swim & Dive - *Palm Beach Post*), Gina Proscia (Girls Swim & Dive - *Sun Sentinel*), Chris Race (Girls Basketball), Murray Smith (Boys Basketball), Christy Taylor (Boys Volleyball)

31

Senior Student-Athletes

Signed Letters of Intent to Play Collegiately*

1

New Varsity Sport

Boys Wrestling

4

1000-Point Basketball Scorers

Jordan Race, Janessa Williams, Jermaine Council, James Schoenfelt

2

Final FHSAA Ranking

Girls Beach Volleyball

5

Palm Beach County Athletes of the Year

Colton Lawson (Boys Cross Country), Aly Bozzuto (Girls Swim), Janessa Williams (Girls Basketball), Kate Taylor (Beach Volleyball), Logan Taylor (Boys Volleyball)

By The Palm Beach Post or Sun Sentinel

8

FHSAA District Championships

Fall

Girls Volleyball (3rd Consecutive Year), Football (1st in 17 years), Girls Swim & Dive (1st in School History)

Winter

Girls Basketball (Repeat Champions), Boys Basketball (First in 33 years)

Spring

Girls Beach Volleyball (Repeat Champions), Boys Volleyball (First in School History), Girls Track & Field

39

All County Second Team Selections*

By Palm Beach Post and Sun Sentinel

2

Individual/Relay State Championships

Aly Bozzuto - Swim (50 freestyle)
Girls Swim 200 Medley Relay (Fasano, Bozzuto, Herrera, Bell)

5

Palm Beach County Athletes of the Year

By The Palm Beach Post or Sun Sentinel

3

Final Four Appearances

Girls Basketball, Boys Indoor Volleyball, Girls Swim & Dive



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS



11

Teams / Individuals Advancing to the State Finals

Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Boys Swim, Girls Swim & Dive, Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Boys Wrestling, Girls Beach Volleyball, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field, Boys Indoor Volleyball



68

All County First Team Selections*

By Palm Beach Post and Sun Sentinel

496

Varsity Team Members

951

Athletes on TKA Teams

ERNESTON '17

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Loving Them to Jesus

“Coach Maddy, I want to thank you for this wonderful season, for your constant prayers, and for letting me be in your life to learn more about God. You are like a second mother and someone who guides me to do my best even when I feel I can’t. You have picked me up at my lowest and helped me pursue my dreams to play college basketball.” Love you Coach, #7

This is one of many testimonies that TKA alumnus Madison “Maddy” Erneston ’17 has received from the teens she coaches in her AAU basketball team, *The Private Snipaz*. Maddy graduated from Coastal Carolina University in 2021 and serves as a missionary for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in the Conway-Carolina Forest area of South Carolina.

“I love coming alongside coaches, athletes, teachers, and communities with the good news of Jesus. There is no other ministry that allows you to share the gospel on public school campuses,” says Maddy. She encourages students through Bible studies, weekly huddles, and high school leadership teams, meeting with more than 60 students and 30 coaches weekly. During her first nine

months as a staff member, Maddy witnessed 524 students accept Christ!

Last year, while serving in a local government housing community, Maddy felt compassion for the young teens who were hungry for love and acceptance. She noticed their passion for basketball and the respect that the status of an athlete brought. She began praying and fasting, asking the Lord to show her what she could do to make a difference for these teens facing so much division and hardship. On the 20th day of her 21-day fast, God told her to start a basketball team. With no training as a coach and the reality that the last time she played was in middle school, Maddy hesitated but stepped out in faith. She started a Christ-centered non-profit basketball team that gives every athlete a fair chance to be successful

on and off the court. The program began with 14 boys, wearing t-shirts with duct tape for numbers who competed in local tournaments.

Community members noticed and asked how they could become involved. Tournament fees were paid, new jerseys were donated, and a \$15,000 gift was given to sponsor the team’s next season. Coaches and teams in the area began asking to join the program. The program expanded to five teams and teammates have become more of a family than a group of athletes. As a result of Maddy’s “yes,” 65 athletes are hearing Bible teachings, learning important life skills, and being mentored by a team of loving coaches. She wants every person she comes in contact with to know that a relationship with Christ will change their lives forever.

“These kids mean the world to me. They are my motivation and fill my life with so much joy.

My goal is to give them a chance to succeed in life and stay off the streets, while teaching them how to be Christ-centered young men. I just want to love them to Jesus!”

- MADISON ERNESTON '17





Tom Romano



Chris Anderson



Karl Shoemaker



Meredith (Love) Steinmetz



Harry Hersey & family



1974

Tom Romano '74 retired after 40 years of driving a bus for Palm Tran and enjoys playing piano for Florida Gardens Baptist Church. He recently visited New York City where he had the opportunity to play George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" on a \$2,800,000 Steinway named "Pictures at an Exhibition" in the Manhattan Steinway store.

1976

Chris Anderson '76 retired on January 1, 2023. He owned and operated Green Grass, Inc, a successful landscaping business in North Palm Beach County for over 39 years. He is looking forward to travelling with his wife Sue and spending more time golfing and surfing.

1989

Karl Shoemaker '89 has been awarded an endowed research chair at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is now the "Robert F. and Syliva T. Wagner Distinguished Professor of History and Law." Kyle began working at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002. Aside from time as a visiting professor at the University of Miami Law School in 2007, Bilken University in Turkey in 2014-2015, and one year as a research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton University, he has spent his academic career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

1991

Meredith (Love) Steinmetz '91 was named Francis Marion University's J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2022-2023 academic year. This annual award is the highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member. Meredith joined the FMU English faculty in 2003. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Loyola University, a Master of Arts in Literature from Clemson University, and a Ph.D. in Composition and Rhetoric from Miami University in Ohio.

1996

Harry Hersey '96 and wife Julie have been married 25 years this October. They have two daughters, Haley who recently graduated with high honors with a finance degree from the University of Florida and Haiden, a sophomore at Old Miss. Harry owns and operates a nutritional supplement consulting company in the vitamin manufacturing industry. They live in West Palm Beach and spend a lot of time at their ranch in Okeechobee.

2006

Danielle Bradley Lewis '06 has felt called to be a professional athlete since she was a little girl. Danielle is now living her dreams as a US Pro Triathlete, competing in long course triathlons all over the world. She has earned multiple podiums, including a recent 3rd place finish at the IRONMAN 70.3 North American Pro Champs in St. George, Utah. Danielle also qualified for the IRONMAN World Championships where she will compete in Kona, Hawaii in October. *"When I was young, I wanted to be a professional athlete so I could use my platform to motivate, inspire, and empower others to pursue their dreams. I've had a lot of ups and downs in sports. At times it felt pretty bleak, but now I'm at a point where I can see how all the challenges have given me a story of resilience. I'm gaining more opportunities to share and connect with others."*

Danielle is married to Andrew, who is also a triathlete. They reside in Boise, Idaho with their dog George and cat Miles. Follow Danielle @daniellewistri.

2008

Elizabeth (Armstrong) Nunes '08 and husband Justin welcomed their daughter, Olivia Jean on March 3rd. Liz is the Director of Luxury Sales at Illustrated Properties and resides in Boynton Beach, Florida.

2011

Todd Lowen '11 and wife Savannah welcomed their third child Grant Thomas Leigh Lowen on April 5th. Big brother Jack is 3 years old and sister Millie is 1 year old. Todd works for Fidelity Investments in Charleston, South Carolina.

Zachary Sorrentino '11 and wife Jaclyn welcomed their second child, Annelise on May 6th. Big sister Allison is 2 years old. Zachary graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine in 2022 and has started his residence in their Lillian S. Wells Department of Neurosurgery.

2012

Ryan Larson '12 and wife Kristin welcomed their first child James Ryan on May 30th. Ryan works for the State Legislature and Kristen works for an insurance company in Tallahassee.

2013

Whitney (Baldwin) Powell '13 has been named president of the F. Malcom Cunningham Barr Association. Whitney is an associate attorney at Cole, Scott, & Kissane. She earned her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Public Administration at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU). She graduated from the FAMU College of Law in 2013. Whitney is married to Senator Bobby Powell.

2014

Brooke Bray '14 graduated from St. George's University Veterinary School in June 2023 and will start working as a small animal veterinarian at Family Pet Center in Frisco, Texas in August.

2015

Andrew Goodlett '15 and **Haley Koncir '15** were married on December 23, 2022 at Ever After Farms in Indiantown, Florida. TKA alumni in the wedding party included **Marissa Koncir Bergmann '10**, **Charlie Goodlett '12**, **Bobby Biscupiak '15**, **Grayson Smith '15**, and **Bryson Mills '15**. Andrew is the Business Affairs Assistant Manager at the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office and Haley is the Team Lead at Good Samaritan Outpatient Imaging Center. They live in West Palm Beach.

2018

Kayla Barnowski '18 is engaged to Parker Sanford. They are planning a March 2024 wedding.

2022

Isabella Willingham '22 was selected to be on the University of Florida's elite dance team, the Dazzlers. They perform at various athletic and community events including home football games. Isabella graduated from TKA's Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts with a distinction in dance.



Olivia Jean, daughter of Elizabeth (Armstrong) Nunes



Todd Lowen & family



Zachary Sorrentino & family



Ryan Larson & family



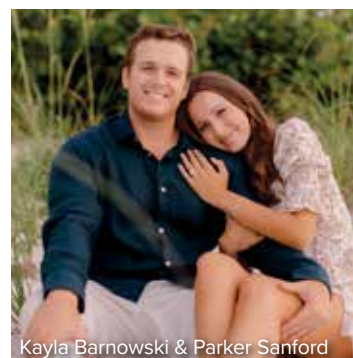
Brooke Bray



Whitney (Baldwin) Powell



Andrew Goodlett & Haley (Koncir) Goodlett



Kayla Barnowski & Parker Sanford



Isabella Willingham

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tutwiler '85
Mr. and Mrs. Dante Vitolo
Mr. Louis Vitolo



Brian Wright '85

Brian passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023, after a valiant battle with brain cancer. He was 56 years old. After graduating from The King's Academy in 1985, Brian attended the University of Miami where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He went on to earn his Master of Computer Science degree from Florida Atlantic University and accepted a job with Pratt & Whitney, where he worked for more than 30 years. In 1994 Brian met the love of his life, Andrea, and the two were married in 1995. They have two children Jenna '20 and Justin '24. Brian stayed in excellent shape playing tennis and ultimate frisbee. A devout Christian and dedicated family man, he lived a life full of joy and contentment. In addition to his wife Andrea and his children Jenna and Justin, Brian is survived by his parents, Ed (former TKA math teacher) and Jan Wright, his brothers Brad Wright '87 and Nathan Wright '92. The family has requested that donations made in Brian's memory be designated to TKA Athletics.



Nicholas Ryan Mediavilla '17

Nick Mediavilla passed away unexpectedly on June 13, 2023, at 24 years of age. Nick graduated from The King's Academy in 2017 and went on to pursue a degree in Marine Mechanics at Palm Beach State College. He worked as a marine mechanic all along the South Florida coast. Nick adored his family and his dogs, Bailey and Bella. He was passionate about all outdoor activities, especially fishing, lobstering, boating, and camping. He loved music and was a firm believer in Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior.

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