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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.

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TKA: Remains on Mission!

The King's Academy recently lost a key member of our school community, former Board of Governors' member Kamal Fereg. His charge to me during our last lunch together was that **"King's must continue to teach the Bible and tell students about Jesus."** Kamal was passionate about the Gospel. Throughout his life, he was bold in sharing the Good News—mailing thousands of Bibles to the Muslim community despite threats, lawsuits, and financial loss. His decision to serve as a TKA board member was congruent with his evangelistic mission, to advance God's Kingdom and to keep King's Christ-centered.

Kamal often prayed and our current Board of Governors continue to pray for King's to remain committed to its mission statement *"to assist the home and church in their endeavor to 'train up a child in the way he should go' (Proverbs 22:6) ... [and] 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"* until Christ's return. I am happy to report that The King's Academy remains on mission with **more than 100 salvations this school year to date, many baptisms, and hundreds of others rededicating their lives to Jesus and growing deeper in their faith daily.**

In fact, The King's Academy offers many spiritual life growth opportunities each school year. See pages 22-25 in this edition of *The Chronicle* for a recap of a few of them, including TKA's recent trips to Nicaragua to build our 60th through 75th homes with Hope Project International. Additionally, TKA students have enjoyed developing their spiritual gifts through King's Christian Leadership Program of Distinction, Reading Through the New Testament, Class Retreats, Nights of Worship, weekly chapels and spiritual emphasis events including See You

at the Pole, Meet You at the K, Group 3:16, Reasonable Faith Club, Maven apologetics training, Christmas at King's programs, and Student Leadership University. TKA parents have benefitted from Refresh for Moms, Reasonable Faith meetings, and Christian parenting sessions with national speakers such as Dr. Kathy Koch, Mary Tatum, and Lauren Chandler.

To complement this robust spiritual life activity, **TKA is pleased to announce an upcoming spiritual initiative, The Institute for Christ and Culture.** Under the leadership of Mr. Dan Stuart, Mr. Brandon Marlow, and Mrs. Jennifer Ceppo, the Institute is focused on pointing our school community towards unwavering faith, empowering the next generation to gain a deeper comprehension of their immediate culture while remaining steadfast in their beliefs. The Institute will also continue school-provided resources, training, immersive experiences, special speakers, and faith discussions with TKA parents, students, and faculty in an effort to empower, encourage, and equip.

I am excited to see how God will bless The King's Academy's spiritual mission and use our talented, hard-working faculty, staff, and students to advance His Kingdom in 2024. As you read this issue of *The Chronicle* please join me in thanking our King for all He has done and remember *"If God is for us, who can be against us?!"* (Romans 8:31)

May God bless you, your family, and The King's Academy richly in this new year!

Sincerely,



Randal L. Martin
President



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HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL



The King's Academy is a thriving example of a school that exudes academic excellence and spiritual growth. Our commitment to delivering a well-rounded education is evident in every facet of our high school programs. We provide a robust educational experience rich in content which includes opportunities that transcend conventional classroom boundaries and have Biblical truth woven into each day. Additionally, our Smith Family Conservatory students and athletic teams consistently surpass expectations by delivering high-quality, award-winning performances and championships. What sets TKA apart from other schools is the unwavering commitment to recognize and cultivate students' unique talents and passions.

King's consistently achieves remarkable academic outcomes. Students achieved an overall average 87% pass rate on AP exams, well

above the 60% national average, with many individual courses boasting a 100% pass rate. TKA continues to make academic strides as we recognized our National Merit seniors, with five students named National Merit Commended Scholars and 2 National Merit Semifinalists, (who scored in the top 1% of the country on qualifying PSATs). Fifteen students were awarded AP Scholars with Distinction, twelve AP Scholars with Honor, and twelve AP Scholars. Additionally, nine National Hispanic Scholars, two African American Scholars, and one National Indigenous Scholar were named. Students have also achieved perfect sub-scores on the ACT and SAT.

We continue to remain Christ-centered by providing engaging advisory times where high school students connect with classmates while drawing near to the Lord in fun and meaningful ways. In the fall, TKA

hosted a variety of chapel speakers who greatly impacted our student population. Students in the Christian Leadership Program of Distinction were given the opportunity to put their faith into action by participating in MAVEN. They visited a local university and interacted with college students and professors by sharing the gospel message. This opportunity had a tremendous impact on our students and gave them confidence in their faith.

Another factor that sets our high school students apart is their heart for service and their generosity. Students love the opportunity to serve the Lord by helping those in need. We remain in awe of the Lord's blessing at The King's Academy. I am continuously amazed at the Lord's provision for our school and grateful to serve alongside dedicated faculty and staff to ensure our students have the best high school experiences and education.

Thriving





DR. DOUGLAS

RAINES

VICE PRESIDENT
& HEADMASTER



A Balanced Approach to Learning

In the world of education there is frequently news of an improved approach to learning. These trends garner great fanfare in schools and result in frenetic activity in school systems. Through the years, we have periodically observed the pendulum swing in extreme directions on important topics in reading, math, science, and social studies. The King's Academy, however, has remained committed and steadfast in our approach to academic excellence. It is our goal to remain true to our convictions of best practices and approaches to reach the needs of our students and cultivate their God-given abilities. We look to prioritize a balanced approach to learning which allows us to provide our diverse student body with every opportunity to thrive. Our students receive an education that involves many traditional elements

of learning while also benefiting from innovative strategies and unique opportunities.

One of the things that will always remain central to TKA's approach to education is the foundational role of the teacher. The faculty at King's are not only experts in their fields but are also relational teachers that love and care for each student. Every new teacher that is brought onto the team is provided with the training, curriculum, and resources they need to meet the standards and benchmarks for their courses. We recognize these tools are significant, but our teachers are more important as they serve as the living curriculum bringing learning to life.

We believe it is vital for our teachers to use traditional means to deliver their content whether it be using physical textbooks, teaching students to write in cursive, conveying a lesson in the form of a story, or stopping everything to simply pray or read a devotion. Beyond that we look for ways to balance traditional teaching methods with non-traditional strategies to meet the needs and learning styles of all our students. In the elementary Explore program, for instance, teachers provide students with time for in-depth study in areas of individual interest, including building their own boats in an attempt to cross our school pool. Furthermore, these students engage in numerous project-based learning activities that have a high degree of complexity and require teamwork and problem-solving.



Students participate in National History Day.



Luke Ramos '24, a Boswell Aviation Scholarship recipient, earned his Private Pilot's license through the Aviation Program of Distinction.



Students are assessed using traditional methods such as formative and summative assessments.

Our elementary teachers are always considering new ways to meet the needs of kinesthetic learners including emphasizing learning through song and movement in their own classes. Students can be heard singing about the months of the year, mathematical principles, and many other topics found in the elementary curriculum. Various manipulatives are also utilized throughout our elementary classrooms to provide students with hands-on experiences and to allow students to visualize abstract concepts in math and science. In addition to traditional assessments, elementary students are assessed using non-traditional methods that focus on real-world problem-solving and critical thinking. One example is the Restaurant Menu Project, which is the culmination of our elementary Spanish program. Students collaborate in groups to prepare menus written completely in Spanish. Following the completion of presentations, a winning menu is selected and food from that menu is ordered for all students to enjoy.

Middle and high school students also receive many traditional and non-traditional educational opportunities. These years are pivotal as students build a strong

foundation in their core subjects and experiment with electives. Middle school students excel in diverse course offerings such as Film and Logic. Film students explore how camera techniques such as framing, shot composition, and camera movement are used to visually tell a story. Mock Trial allows students to develop analytical thinking and public speaking skills while engaging in simulated trial competitions against teams from other schools.

High school students can explore professional fields through TKA's Programs of Distinction. For example, students in the Aviation Program of Distinction learn both the theoretical knowledge needed to operate an aircraft and the practical aspects of flying, with many students obtaining their Private Pilot License prior to graduating from high school. Students in The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts receive numerous opportunities to showcase their training at professional venues and community events. These experiences and countless others in these stellar programs build

“TKA’s balanced approach promotes critical thinking, independent learning, and exploration while empowering students with the knowledge necessary to succeed.”

confidence and expose students to creative avenues of future pursuit.

In addition to our strong on-campus courses, another unique opportunity available to our high school students is The King's Online Academy. TKOA is a fully accredited online school with over 80 offerings including traditional, honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses. The King's Online Academy provides students

with flexibility as they study distinctly Christian coursework that is engaging and challenging.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”* At The King's Academy, we prioritize a balanced approach to learning which allows us to meet our students' needs through both traditional and non-traditional teaching methods. This balanced approach promotes critical thinking, independent learning, and exploration while empowering students with the content knowledge necessary to succeed academically at The King's Academy and beyond.



Students enjoy opportunities to connect creatively through classroom activities.



Students use manipulatives to visualize abstract concepts.



Students in the elementary Explore program participate in the Pringle Ring Engineering Challenge.

TKA Alumni Aviators Give Back

The installation of an FAA certified state-of-the-art Redbird FMX Flight Simulator and the launch of The King's Online Academy's ground school course offering has brought the Aviation Program of Distinction to new heights. Access to this technology and instruction provides aviation students with valuable flight experience and knowledge that better prepares them for flight lessons. The simulator is a safe place for students to learn and build their confidence behind the controls. The Aviation Program is very fortunate to have two TKA graduates with a combined 30+ years of flight experience return to provide valuable instruction implementing the many benefits the flight simulator offers.

David Williams '16 earned his Aviation Science and Technology degree from Aviator College and is currently Lead Captain on a Gulfstream G200 for Alerion Aviation. His pilot certificates and flight instructor ratings position

“TKA is a place where students can go deeper to really learn something about aerodynamics, airplane control, and procedures.”

HANS KAHLERT '99

him to provide valuable instruction and flight simulator training. David states, *“Being back at King's to teach has been a fulfilling experience after spending 14 years here as a student. It is an honor and a privilege to share my knowledge and experience in aviation with the next generation of Christian aviators.”* David's leadership and direction in the redesigned Aviation 101 and 201 Honors courses has been impactful, and students are already reaping the benefits.

Hans Kahlert '99 has a family legacy in aviation. He continues to use the airplane as a productivity tool in his family's real estate investment company and has over two decades of flight experience.

Desiring to broaden his aviation impact, Hans obtained his instructor ratings as well as his airline transport rating. In addition to using his aviation experience to achieve his personal and professional goals, he has enjoyed investing in TKA's Aviation Program by providing flight instruction and simulator training for Aviation 101 and 201 Honors students. Hans's dedication to the overall growth of our student aviators is moving the Aviation Program of Distinction forward.

Students enrolled in the program are progressing more successfully than ever as a result of the technological advancement that the flight simulator brings, along with the guidance and training that our alumni pilots provide. The Aviation Program of Distinction's efforts in flight simulator technology coupled with the investment of our alumni certified pilot instructors is impacting our students by equipping them to fulfill their dreams of flying.



“Mr. Williams and Mr. Kahlert are very helpful as they are well-informed and provide crucial information. They give us a better understanding of our airplane and provide diagrams and videos for us to comprehend aviation concepts. They also answer questions that we will see on our exams and check rides. The simulator is a huge part of our training and improves our landings and recognizing traffic patterns,” shares Dylan Thompson '25. Dylan aspires to become an Air Force Pilot while other students plan to become commercial pilots or pursue other careers in aviation.



Engineering Program of Distinction

The six-year award winning DiMino Engineering & Technology Program, which was launched during the 2015-2016 school year, experienced exciting changes and innovative developments this past year.

The Engineering lab was remodeled to include powered student workspaces, tool chests, ten 3D printers, transitional seating and a robotics floor for the growing Robotics Club and team. The redesigned Computer Lab was relocated across from the Engineering Lab and became an Engineering and Technology suite featuring new furniture, 27 computers and the innovative Redbird flight simulator, used by both the Aviation program and Aerospace Engineering students.

To complement the updated classroom spaces, two new courses launched within the Program of Distinction; Cybersecurity and Aerospace Engineering. Aerospace Engineering adds an elective offering to the existing Civil Engineering course and provides students with the opportunity to explore the fundamentals of flight in air and space through software simulations and hands-on experiences. They learn how these concepts apply to a career in aerospace engineering and to other engineering fields. In the area of technology, the new Cybersecurity course gives students a broad exposure to the many aspects of digital and information security, while encouraging socially responsible choices and ethical behavior in personal, system, and network security, as well as applied cybersecurity.

In addition to these innovative spaces and new curriculum, students are provided with opportunities to learn through engaging field trips. These include a visit to Limbitless Solutions, a facility that designs and manufactures custom modular prosthetics for young children and the FAU Ocean Engineering Lab where students learned about ocean engineering, the design and

manufacturing of submarines, and propulsion systems that mimic marine life movement. A visit to Johnson and Johnson's DePuy Synthes Lab exposed students to the engineering process within the surgical equipment of knee and joint replacement. Students were able to test the tools on synthetic bones to mimic the training that surgeons use to hone their skills.

“ I am impressed with the students, faculty, and support given to the engineering program. Our students have big dreams and our teachers help them achieve their dreams. Our administration team's support provides the avenue which allows students to see their dreams come to fruition. The Lord has big plans. We are just part of the journey.”

- NATHAN DAVIS, DIMINO ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR



The King's Investment Group Empowers Students



Operating in its inaugural year, The King's Investment Group has emerged as a dynamic effort comprised of 25 enthusiastic Business Program of Distinction students. The group's primary responsibility is to invest the profits generated by King's Corner Coffee, the student-led entrepreneurial venture located on campus.

The King's Investment Group provides a unique opportunity for students to gain real world experience allowing them to make decisions regarding the investment of real dollars. Members actively participate in the investment

decision-making process. They receive advice from experts including TKA parents Mrs. Delia Lalchan, Mr. John Lacy, and Mr. Sean McGould. Sophomore Casey Crews states, *"The King's Investment Group allows me to learn from expert panels. I enjoy working as a team to make decisions after researching, comparing, and presenting different stock options."*

The King's Investment Group initiative not only empowers students with practical financial skills but also aligns with the broader missions of King's Corner Coffee and The King's Academy. In addition to moving

profits into strategic investments, the King's Investment Group has developed a give-back approach. The student leadership team unanimously agreed to develop a program that sets aside 10% of King's Corner Coffee profit for use in an on-campus grant program. Grant applications opened in January 2024, and grant awards ranging from \$300-\$500 will be made semi-annually beginning in February 2024. Authored by senior Jonathan Jones, The King's Corner Student Grant Program will allow teachers and staff members to fund initiatives that fuel and reward student creativity and innovation.

"I have learned a lot from my peers and the professionals that have helped us work through our inaugural year as a club. My leadership skills have grown immensely, and I am grateful to be a part of the group."

- BRIANNA CARMILANI '24





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 NON-TRADITIONAL
 LEARNING



The King's Online Academy

The King's Academy is committed to the development of programs that best support flexible learning and student passions through the creation of The King's Online Academy (TKOA). This non-traditional program provides the opportunity for students to receive a strong, Christian education in a flexible format, affording the time needed to achieve success in extracurricular pursuits. Students may enroll as a full-time student, hybrid student, or even take a course or two to strengthen their academic schedule. Nearly 200 students are currently enrolled in courses this semester.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

MAKING WAVES ON AND OFF THE WAKEBOARD

Senior Colby Zebarth has utilized TKOA to provide time and flexibility to achieve success as a professional wakeboarder. He began attending King's in junior kindergarten and now attends TKA as a hybrid student. The hybrid program blends in-person courses with online courses through TKOA. This unique program was the perfect choice for Colby as his parents wanted to ensure he received a quality education while still pursuing his passion for wakeboarding.

As a professional wakeboarder, Colby's achievements are impressive. His dedication to the sport has taken him to competitions across the globe. In February, Colby's journey will take him to Australia to compete in Boardstock, Australia's longest-running professional wakeboarding event. Colby will undoubtedly continue to make waves in the world of wakeboarding while receiving a strong foundation of education through TKA and TKOA.

"TKOA has helped me tremendously. It's given me time to travel for wakeboarding competitions and win 3 world titles and 4 national titles."

- COLBY ZEBARTH '24

JOURNEY FROM FLORIDA TO RIO AND BEYOND

Taylor Vernie, a junior and member of King's varsity girls soccer team, enrolled in The King's Online Academy because she was looking for a strong Christian education that provided flexibility to support her club soccer schedule and dreams of playing at the collegiate level.

Taylor currently plays club soccer for FC Florida in the starting center back position where her passion and determination as a defender is evident. This summer she had the opportunity to travel with her club team to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil as guests of Botafogo, one of Brazil's renowned professional soccer teams. While there, they trained with the Botafogo's Academy teams and attended two games in the Estadio Nilton Santo's, a stadium built for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

"The flexibility of TKOA has helped me to pursue my dream of collegiate soccer by allowing me to be able to train more often."

- TAYLOR VERNIE '25





Prefect Council Activities Fair

Amidst the busy lives of King's students, a plethora of extracurricular activities are available; each beckoning the exploration of their passions and the discovery of hidden talents. Yet, the abundance of these opportunities presented a challenge. How could we bridge the gap between students and the myriad of clubs and organizations vying for their attention?

Dues Week, a week-long event dedicated to club sign-ups, is offered at the beginning of each school year during middle and high school lunches. Club representatives manage the forms and money while answering specific questions for students who

are exploring their options. The heart behind establishing the Activities Fair was to create an informative and engaging experience for both students and club representatives prior to Dues Week.

The Activities Fair provided a dedicated time after school for students to explore the vast array of extracurriculars available to them. Clubs and organizations set up stations for their representatives to share their interests and engage new members. The air buzzed with excitement as students wandered through the fair held in the Smith Family Bistro.

The success of the Activities Fair

was undeniable. Dues Week was transformed into a streamlined process with students arriving informed and eager to commit their time and talents. The Fair enhanced the experience for students wanting to get involved and stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and the impact of innovative students. The effort was entirely planned, organized, and led by student prefects collaborating with TKA's administration to enhance our school community. It is a reminder that by working together, we not only enrich our own lives but also contribute to the betterment of our school and the world around us.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE

- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Junior Classical League
- Creative Writing Club
- Collegiate Society
- Digital Media Arts Club
- Diversity Student Union
- E-Sports Team & Club
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Group 3:16
- HYPE Sports Marketing Club
- The King's Service Organization
- Journalism Club
- MS Mock Trial Team
- JV Mock Trial Team
- Varsity Mock Trial Team
- HS Law Club
- Moot Court Team
- Pickleball Club
- Pre-Med Club
- Reasonable Faith Chapter
- Robotics Team
- MS Spanish Culture & Language Club
- STEM Club (Primary DiMino Engineering & Programming Organization)
- Women in STEM Club
- Women of Influence Club
- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society for Dance Arts
- National English Honor Society
- National Latin Honor Society
- Florida Law Honor Society
- Math National Honor Society
- Quill & Scroll Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- National Social Studies Honor Society or Rho Kappa
- Spanish National Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

Students Immersed in Spanish Culture

TKA's Spain Study Abroad program was launched in the summer of 2006 after former King's Spanish teachers, Bob and Fatima Silva, attended a summer workshop for teachers in Madrid. During a weekend excursion they ventured to the breathtaking city of Salamanca which houses several universities, including the third oldest in the world. As they explored the city's rich cultural and historical legacy, Mrs. Silva envisioned creating an opportunity for TKA Spanish students to immerse themselves in the Spanish culture and deepen their appreciation for the language. The idea was approved by then President, Mr. Jeff Loveland, and 33 students participated in the inaugural trip in 2007.

Hundreds of students have enjoyed this experience including 48 students from last year's Spanish and History classes who attended the two-week summer program at La Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. Students

stayed in dorms in a historic part of the city surrounded by striking architecture. They were just a short walk from the lively Plaza Mayor, the central square of Salamanca, which serves as a favored gathering place and boasts many restaurants, musical performances, and a beloved gelato shop. On weekdays, after a stop at Croissanteria Paris for breakfast, students attended morning classes at the University. Following lunch, they embarked on excursions including exciting locations like Merida, Caceras, Segovia, and Avila to explore ancient castles, Roman aqueducts, and other historical sites. In the evening, study sessions were held to review their lessons and prepare for exams. On the last day students participated in a graduation ceremony. Successful completion of the program provides students with college credit.

Students also enjoyed a long weekend trip to Sevilla, Granada, and Cordoba. Hollywood came to

life as students toured the Plaza de Espana, the location used in *Star Wars* for the palace on planet Naboo. In Granada, they visited the Alhambra, an ancient palace perched on a hilltop. While in Cordoba, they explored the architectural wonder of La Mesquita, a mosque-turned-cathedral, and learned about the history of invaders in Southern Spain. When students were asked what their favorite part of the trip was, Ian Bowden '25 said, "*Salamanca. It's a beautiful city,*" but perhaps one student put it best, responding with "*Everything! The places we visited and Salamanca...*

I just want to go back to Spain!" The trip offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience that students cherish forever. It fosters new friendships, imparts valuable educational knowledge, encourages independence, and provides a profound immersion into another culture.

"The Spain trip was amazing and left a lasting impact on my life.

I was immersed in the Spanish culture and language and made life-long memories with fellow classmates."

- HAILEY ADKINS '25



Bob & Fatima Silva





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Middle School Update

As we reflect on the inaugural semester of our new middle school, there is much to celebrate. Vibrancy, engagement, and school spirit have been the hallmarks of the school year thus far. The hallways and classrooms are filled with enthusiasm and camaraderie as students enjoy and appreciate the rich and varied opportunities that middle school has to offer. Classrooms have been strategically grouped into middle school specific hallways to enhance the students' experience and create a distinct environment. Lunch periods and tailored chapel sessions have been divided to meet age specific needs while expanding elective options, honors classes, and clubs provide the opportunity to explore new and diverse interests.

Special attention has been devoted to preparing and supporting students transitioning from elementary to middle school. The logistics and rigors of being a secondary school student require preparation and training and the middle school

teachers, staff, and administration have been intentional in meeting that need. To assist students with the transition, a Foundations class for 6th graders was introduced to provide essential skills for navigating online platforms and developing effective study habits. The school year kicked-off with a donut breakfast to welcome and begin building relationships for incoming 6th and 7th graders.

The first semester has been marked by a series of student life events. More than 300 students attended the middle school *Back to School Bash* at Rapids Waterpark. This was a day of fun for students and teachers that fostered positive relationships. In September, students attended retreats at the Realife Camp in Vero Beach, providing a respite from studies and a time of team-building and spiritual growth. Homecoming was another highlight as students enjoyed tailored activities planned by the middle school student council. During Spiritual Emphasis Week,

middle schoolers volunteered to create paracord lanyards and write appreciation cards to service members.

Students continue to grow in the classroom and on the field. They participated on sports teams including: cross country, swimming, volleyball, and cheer. Notably, the middle school football team boasted an outstanding season, experiencing just one loss and demonstrating exceptional dedication and sportsmanship. Students also remained dedicated to academic excellence. Those who achieved the Principal's List Honor Roll were recognized with a special off-campus lunch, and the commitment to academic achievement was further celebrated during the induction ceremony of the National Junior Honor Society.

We anticipate a second semester filled with continued blessings and achievements for this vibrant body of middle schoolers.





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MILLER
 ELEMENTARY
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Elementary Overview

The King's Academy is firmly rooted in its faith and values with a rich 54-year heritage that guides us in our decision making. With this strong foundation, we are not moved by passing trends, pandemics, or cultural phenomena. The Book of Psalms opens with a description of a blessed man, *"He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."* - Psalms 1:3. This scripture beautifully articulates our prayer and goals for the students. As change occurs, students are learning to adapt and adjust. They are learning to stay firmly rooted in their faith in God who does not change.

The King's Academy is intentional about designing spaces and designating time to enhance the experiences of its faculty and students. I am a firm believer in change of place plus change of pace equals change of perspective. Change is good and change is constant.

When students returned to campus

in the fall, they were excited to see new and reimagined spaces. The newly opened Esther B. O'Keeffe Innovation Center was designed to be a hub of creativity and ingenuity. The elementary music building was completely remodeled and now includes a stage and a larger-than-life, wall mounted digital piano. The

playground received a significant upgrade with the addition of new turf which created a safer and cleaner space for daily play. These new places provide an opportunity for a new pace; therefore, elective classes were increased from 30 minutes to 40 minutes this year. Students move throughout the school day to





different places at different paces. This fosters a holistic educational experience and enhances their perspective. While embracing these changes, we do not waver in our core values and beliefs.

We seek to build their faith by opening each day in prayer. Daily Bible classes help deepen their understanding of God's word. Weekly chapels are carefully crafted to engage and encourage students through relevant messages. The annual Elementary Night at the varsity football game is a major

connecting event for families and a fun opportunity for students to cheer, run, bounce and play. Parents are encouraged to be a part of their child's experience not only for special events, but they have an open and standing invitation to join their students for lunch and chapel.

Our annual Constitution Day chapel is a vivid reminder of our nation's foundation and heritage. Fifth grade students performed a dramatic re-enactment of the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, and

the Constitution. The Constitution has had 27 amendments (changes) added to it since 1787. The changes were made in the best interest of the people and were not adopted without careful planning and consensus. The same can be said of recent changes at TKA. We hold strong to our convictions and foundation, while at the same time adopting new additions that will benefit the students and enhance their experience.

Constitution Day





Dream.
Create.
Inspire.



The addition of the Esther B. O’Keeffe Innovation Center has been a welcome blessing for our elementary students and teachers this year. The gift of added space draws students out of their classrooms and into another engaging environment where they can collaborate and interact with new content. Throughout the day, students from junior kindergarten through fifth grade weave through the first-floor hallways of the Innovation Center to learn in the Art Studio, STEM Lab, Elementary Digital Lab, and Explore Lab.

Each of these spaces was uniquely designed to enhance instruction through hands-on practical learning. The Elementary Art Studio provides students the

opportunity to study visual arts through drawing, painting, and sculpting. The STEM and Explore Labs focus on collaborative learning experiences where students use critical thinking skills to discover, build, and design through complex activities. Students in these classes are seldom stationary as they move through the classroom to collaborate with classmates, gather materials, or field test their latest creations. The Elementary Digital Lab provides a safe space for first through fifth graders to learn stewardship over technology. Students are taught basic 21st-century skills that move from consuming to producing content.

These designated spaces allow the elementary department to offer robust programming including the

after-school STEM Club, Drawing/ Cartooning Club, Art Club, and Coding Club. These after-school activities encourage students to further explore areas of interest while building a strong rapport with their teachers.

Whether learning basic coding skills, proper pencil strokes in art, or how to create a closed circuit using a potato, learning is coming to life for our elementary students. For something to be innovative, it must move beyond a placid approach toward a steady flux of collaboration and critical thinking. These new classroom spaces provide a steady stream of learning for our youngest learners as we guide them toward innovation.

Esther B. O’Keeffe Innovation Center



Kinder Buddies

At The King's Academy we look for unique opportunities to foster a sense of community and mentorship among our students. One program that exemplifies this spirit is the Kinder Buddies Program, an initiative where fifth-grade students team up with kindergarten buddies for a year of shared experiences and learning.

Each kindergarten student has been paired with a fifth-grade buddy, creating a unique bond that extends beyond the classroom. Throughout the school year, these buddies meet in various settings, including the kindergarten and fifth-grade classrooms, as well as spaces like the outdoor turf. The students have dedicated time to talk, play, and read.

One of the central activities of this program is reading. The fifth graders read stories to

their little buddies and create an environment that encourages a love for reading. The 5th grade students even had the opportunity to read stories they wrote themselves. The Kinder Buddies Program goes beyond academics; it's about building positive relationships. The older students act as role models, providing a positive influence on their younger buddies. The scheduled meetings have become highlights for both the kindergarteners and fifth graders, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

In the spirit of giving back, this year the buddies collaborated on a service project for Cros Ministries, an organization dedicated to providing food and charity to the homeless in Palm Beach County. Students worked together to collect essential items, such as food and toiletries, for

those in need. The fifth graders took charge of packing the bags while their kindergarten buddies contributed by coloring cards to add a personal touch for the recipients. Students prayed over the finished bags hoping that they would be a blessing to those who receive them.

The service project not only instilled a sense of compassion and empathy in students but also reflected the core values of TKA. By sharing the love of Jesus through this initiative, students aimed to make a positive impact on the lives of the homeless in Palm Beach County. As these buddies continue their school year together, we look forward to witnessing the growth of these relationships and the ripple effect of kindness within our school community.



“My Kinder Buddy and I experienced how to give back to people who need it most.”

- MAGNOLIA KAMINSKI, 5TH GRADE

“Our reading buddies are so nice! I love that they read books to us!”

- JUDAH CORE, KINDERGARTEN

“I like it when we get to color together!”

- ANSLEY MEARMAN, KINDERGARTEN

“Reading buddies make the kindergarteners feel so special and are excellent role models and friends.”

- MRS. ANTOLINO, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

“This program has quickly become one of my favorite things. It is such a beautiful thing to see the 5th graders genuinely love spending time with their buddies and kindergarten students get SO excited when they see their buddy in the hall.”

- MRS. JAMES, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER





CHRISTINE

SOWERS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Building a Global Bridge

In its 12th year, the International Student Program is making a significant global impact while shaping and influencing The King's Academy community. The 2023-2024 school year welcomed 67 students from 21 countries, including our first students from Nigeria and Bangladesh. Other countries represented this year include the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, China, Columbia, Estonia, France, Germany, Honduras, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The diversity of our program is one of its many strengths and we are grateful to God for continuing to expand its reach. Our prayer each year is that students' lives are transformed by the love of Christ and enriched by the global community at our school.

Fostering cultural integration, mutual understanding, respect, and empathy cultivates an environment that appreciates and learns from

diverse cultures. International students choose American high schools not only for the renowned academic standing but also to immerse themselves in the richness of the culture. They desire to learn about and participate in authentic American traditions, holidays, and practices. In return, our domestic students, staff, and faculty have the unique opportunity to discover and directly engage with people from other countries, cultures, and diverse backgrounds. The International Student Program not only connects TKA with the wider world but also promotes a mindset of understanding and acceptance that transcends cultural and political differences.

In an era marked by unprecedented connectivity, fostering global understanding and mutual respect is more crucial than ever. One innovative approach is the Global Ambassador program. The program offers students a chance

to take on a leadership role while concurrently acting as a supportive peer for incoming international students. Global Ambassadors are thoughtfully matched with new international students, considering factors such as age, grade level, and shared interests. During the summer the ambassadors initiate contact, ensuring that by the time the new students attend TKA, they encounter a friendly face to welcome them to the campus. Global Ambassadors also play a pivotal role during orientation by helping to show students around campus and answering questions about classes, clubs, sports, and more. The program's impact is two-fold. It helps international students feel welcomed and valued by our domestic students and introduces domestic students to various new cultures thus enriching their educational experience and deepening their cultural understanding.

Jonathan has served as a global ambassador for the International Student Program for the past five years. He will graduate in 2024 and plans to study politics in college. With the foundation laid while serving as a global ambassador, Jonathan is now more equipped to exert political influence rooted in a deep understanding of international perspectives and a commitment to promoting global connection and mutual respect.

"I have had the opportunity to meet students from all over the world and aid in their acclimation to their new home abroad. Personally, the program has left an indelible mark and has taught me so much about our complex world."

- JONATHAN JONES '24, GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

2023-2024 GLOBAL AMBASSADORS CHAIRS



Jonathan Jones '24 Isabella Beato '24 Trace Popadic '25

Moe Miura '24

Moe Miura enrolled at The King's Academy in August 2021. The student arriving then is not the same student who will graduate this spring. Perseverance, tenacity, growth, and transformation are a few of the words that describe her time at TKA.

Moe is from Kanagawa, Japan, located immediately south of Tokyo, where her mom, dad, and brother still live. Growing up Moe and her brother, who always loved American culture, watched American TV shows and movies. After watching the show *Glee* for the first time, she decided that she wanted to experience an American high school. Moe and her family researched various schools but the moment she discovered The King's Academy, with its myriad of programs and courses, she knew it was her top choice. She studied diligently to improve her English proficiency and enrolled in an English language course designed for adults in Hawaii to reach her goal. Moe was determined to make her dream a reality but the path would prove to be a difficult one.

Just before traveling to Hawaii for the English program in 2020, both of her parents were diagnosed with cancer. She describes her time in Hawaii as the hardest time in her life. She was only 15 years old, worried about her parents' health, and studying in a new country. Unyielding in the pursuit of her dream,

she persevered. Her goal was realized when she was accepted to King's and shortly after returning to Japan from Hawaii she was packing her bags to begin her high school career in Florida. After missing her connecting flight, Moe was stuck in a foreign airport for hours and finally arrived in West Palm Beach in the middle of the night where her host family, Cristian and Kristen Valenti, were waiting with balloons and a "Welcome Moe" sign. While she was thankful to be in America and no longer navigating airports, her luggage was lost and she was exhausted. There were several times during her first year that she contemplated returning home, and in her second year a health concern nearly forced her to. A transformation, however, occurred in that season of her life that was not recognized at the time, but now boldly declares "Jesus saved my life!" Moe was a confident atheist when she arrived in the States, assured that Jesus did not exist. Today, she is a believer who knows that He not only exists, but that He loves her and saved her. Moe's perspective changed. She now understands that the challenges she faced helped her become the person she is today and knows that Jesus was always there directing her path.

During her three years at The King's Academy, Moe has become a member of the National Honor Society, Math

National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and has helped with the King's Corner Coffee Shop. She has also served on the International Student Leadership Council where she's had a tremendous impact on new international students, gleaned from her own experiences and encouraging them to persevere. Moe will attend Florida International University in the fall where she plans to study business.

Tenacity



"I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in Moe. She has overcome challenges that most students never face. As this year's secretary of the International Student Leadership Council, her newly found confidence is evident. She is passionate about positively impacting the lives of others and determined to lead by example."

- CHRISTINE SOWERS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

"During the last 3 years, we have had the honor of witnessing Moe's spiritual and emotional growth. She is leaving TKA as a stronger and more resilient woman who knows she can lean on the Lord and those who love her for guidance and support. We are forever grateful that Moe is part of our family and will continue celebrating all she will become."

- CRISTIAN AND KRISTEN VALENTI, HOST PARENTS

Secondary Spiritual Life

Josh & Taylor Bartz, Directors of Student Ministries

Spiritual Emphasis Week

Each semester, the Student Ministries Office hosts a Spiritual Emphasis Week and students participate in various events to grow in their faith and learn more about Jesus. This year's Fall Spiritual Emphasis was held over six days and included morning worship, Bible studies, Chapel services, a local church fair, and special service projects. More than 400 students attended the optional morning worship to launch the week, and more than 100 students participated in the Group 3:16 Bible study. Six churches attended the church fair which gave students the opportunity to connect with local pastors during lunch. This year's keynote speaker for Chapel was Brent Crowe. Brent is the Vice President of Student Leadership University (SLU), an organization that trains thousands of students from all over the world in leadership and faith. Brent is also the author of several books including his most recent, *"Ten Steps to Your*

Best Life: Connecting the New Normal to the Ancient Wisdom of Jesus." Brent connected with Impact Leadership students to host a unique question and answer time and joined a special luncheon hosted for the 70+ students who would be attending SLU. Middle school students participated in a service project to cap off the week. They created paracord bracelets for the men and women in our armed forces. High school students partnered with Palm Beach Parks and Recreation and collected 58 pounds of trash from Lake Worth Beach. Spiritual Emphasis Week was a true testament to how TKA leads in opportunities for students to be challenged in their faith and grow as followers of Jesus.

Equipping Parents Through Workshops

Raising children in today's culture can be especially difficult and daunting. Parents may feel alone and overwhelmed with how to best teach or *"train their child in the way he should go,"* Proverbs 22:6. The King's Academy partners with parents to

equip them with helpful resources and connects them with experts who can offer sound and godly advice. Parent Workshops are a wonderful way to learn new information, connect with other parents, and discover how to best love their children through their formative years. In September, Mary Tatum, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Qualified Supervisor for the state of Florida with 20 years of experience working in the field of psychology, shared the difference between teenage angst and anxiety, and depression. She discussed the teenage brain in its formative state and how parents can connect with their children even when they seem resistant or removed. In November, Dr. Kathy Koch presented on the battle against technology and screens. Dr. Koch is the Founder and President of Celebrate Kids, Inc. and is a popular guest on Focus on the Family radio and other radio talk-shows. Both of these presentations are available on TKAtv. Two additional workshops are planned for the spring.



"We are constantly striving to create opportunities for parents to learn from the leading voices in the subject areas so they feel encouraged, challenged, and supported in raising their students."

- JOSH BARTZ, CO-DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES



Double Mission Trips, Double the Impact!

The opportunity to serve on TKA's annual mission trip has always been in high demand, but this year proved to be entirely unique and miraculous. In record fashion, registration for the 5-day trip filled within the first five minutes of opening, leaving a stacked waitlist of more than 50 students. During this year's homecoming

ministry drive we experienced an unprecedented number of donations collecting more than \$53,000! This allowed us to take two back-to-back teams to Nicaragua with Hope Project International, essentially doubling the number of students able to attend and the homes being built. The hard-working crew blessed

sixteen families, many of which were young single mothers and their children. The families were so grateful for safe homes with concrete floors. Through these mission trips students witness the power of God first-hand as they serve others.



“It was beautiful to think how we were the hands and feet of laying the physical foundation of the homes, while knowing that the spiritual foundation is rooted in Christ. This trip was so impactful that I was led to want to further my experience of missions work.”

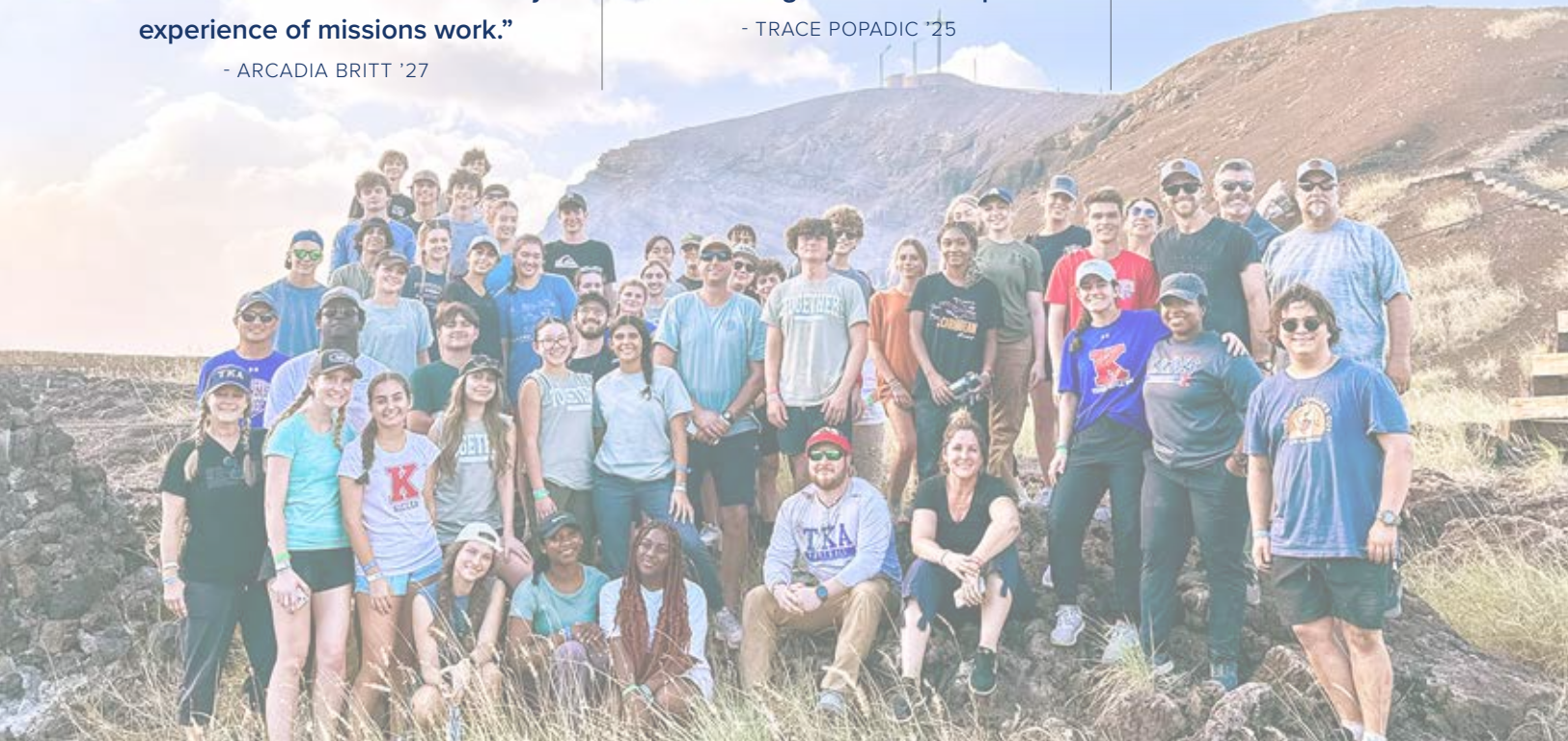
- ARCADIA BRITT '27

“It was really encouraging to see how God hears the cries of his children. It's amazing how the children carry so much joy given the little that they have. It was contagious and inspired me to bring it back to campus.”

- TRACE POPADIC '25

“Seeing the kids playing with a beat-up ball in their only pair of shoes reminded me that true joy doesn't come from materialistic things but from knowing God.”

- ISABELLA BUENO '25



“I'm very proud of our TKA students! They are outstanding ambassadors of Christ's love and met many needs for housing, food, and community. For years, our students have visited Central America to help those in need. This trip, they built their 75th home with Hope Project International!”

- RANDAL MARTIN, TKA PRESIDENT

Students Learn to Share & Defend their Faith

In October, students and faculty from the Christian Leadership Program participated in MAVEN's apologetics immersive experience. This engaging mission trip to Florida Atlantic University was led by Dr. Tim Stratton, a leading apologist and professor, who worked to equip students to defend their faith while preparing them to know the reasons why Christianity is true, answer difficult objections, and intelligently and graciously share the gospel with others.

MAVEN is a youth focused organization that exists to help the next generation know truth, pursue goodness, and create beauty, all for the cause

of Christ. They also equip those who teach and train them. Prior to the trip, Dr. Stratton visited Mr. Stuart's Bible classes and spoke to King's Reasonable Faith Chapter, answering students' questions about theology, culture, and apologetics. He explained how free thinking and



rationality exist only if God exists.

During the immersive experience our students interacted with students on FAU's campus. They shared "a reasonable faith," putting many "stones in the shoes" of doubting college students through winsome conversations. They also dialogued with invited friends of MAVEN, who are skeptics. Through this important and challenging mission experience, our students' faith grew stronger as they learned how to become gracious and compassionate communicators of their faith.

"The Maven team equipped our students by instilling them with the finest arguments that atheists and other religions have against Christianity. Dr. Stratton exposed all the logical faults in these arguments against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:5). In this way, our students became experienced and gracious defenders of the gospel. Maven means experienced. They are all maven for the gospel now."

- DAN STUART, MS/HS BIBLE & APOLOGETICS TEACHER





“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with so much joy.”

- PSALM 126:3

Elementary Spiritual Life

Alyson Crews, Director of Elementary Student Ministries

As chapel preparations were being made for the school year, consideration of the number of false messages that our young people are exposed to was key in deciding the new chapel theme. *“And the truth shall set you free”* comes from John 8:32. Jesus is speaking to those who believed Him when He said, *“If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”* (John 8:31-32)

At no other time in my lifetime can I remember such a flagrant assault on the truth. The idea that we can each hold to our own truths, that we just need to be happy with ourselves, and that we should follow our hearts, clearly goes against the teachings of scripture. With those messages in mind, elementary chapels have been geared to diving deep into the Word of God with a variety of guest speakers presenting the good news of the gospel.

Family Church West Pastor Joel McDonald shared the gospel message explaining the 3 Circles plaques that are seen throughout campus. TKA Alumni Proverb Newsome '87 serves as Minister to Family and Kids at Family Church Village, the Director of Reframe at Urban Youth Impact, and a Christian



hip-hop artist shared the stories of Zacchaeus, Ananias, and Sapphira and emphasized the importance of confession and truth telling.

Guest Speaker, Megan Dejarnett, was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy at two years of age. She has never walked but stays determined to choose joy over despair. Her words of truth to our students that they are *“fearfully and wonderfully made”* (Psalm 139:14) were received with gladness. Mickey Smith, TKA’s Associate Director of Instrumental Arts, captivated us with his God-given musical gift and his ability to connect with our students. He encouraged them to know the Word of God and to spend time with the Lord each day.

Shane Wilbanks, an illusionist, artist, and speaker with Make Known Ministries led our Elementary Fall Spiritual Emphasis chapel. Using illusions to draw students in, he shared that Jesus is truth but there is

an enemy who desires to trick us and draw us away from Christ. Dr. Kathy Koch encouraged students to know that God has made them special and unique and has given them gifts to be used for His glory. She shared her own struggles as a young child and how God developed gifts within her that are now used to encourage others.

One of my favorite chapels this year was led by Tyler Core, Campus Pastor of Family Church Gardens. He took time to answer questions about God and will return in the spring to answer the many questions that remained. Students have heard messages on prayer, forgiveness, and the meaning of Christmas, all with a continued desire to impart truth and point them to Christ, who is Truth.

The Lord has been gracious to our school. We have continued to experience the fruit of His grace. This semester alone, more than 100 students on our campus have made a profession of faith. Luke 15:10 tells us that *“there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”* I cannot imagine the celebrations that have been happening up in heaven over these new believers. We are overjoyed and humbled by God’s continued saving presence on this campus.



(L to R) Randy Martin, Darren Bardell (Executive Director of The Frank DiMino Foundation), Frank DiMino, Wendy Balch (Director of The Frank DiMino Foundation), and Rosario Larson

Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center

TKA's vision to expand its early childhood programs with an on-campus facility is becoming a reality thanks to God's provision and generous donors like Mr. Frank DiMino. In late September, a ceremony was held to celebrate the groundbreaking of the 10,500 square foot Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center. Mr. Frank DiMino, Darren Bardell, and Wendy Balch along with school administrators

gathered to turn the soil on the new Early Childhood Center. The Center will serve nearly 200 two-through four-year-old students with an enriching and developmentally appropriate program and curriculum that will prepare our youngest learners for elementary school and beyond. The center will be an extension and foundation for the school's K-12th grade program.

Students enrolled in TKA's Early Childhood Program will be nurtured through play-based learning and guided by loving teachers through key development milestones in a new on-campus, safe, caring, faith-filled environment beginning in the Fall of 2024.

The Center will feature hands-on, indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Classrooms will have ample footage and functionality with natural light aesthetics

Groundbreaking!





Artist's rendering, actual interior may vary slightly.

“I am so grateful for the tremendous generosity of Frank DiMino and The Frank DiMino Foundation. Their investment will allow The King’s Academy to reach students at an earlier age with essential early childhood education and care.”

- RANDAL MARTIN, TKA PRESIDENT

designed to encourage imagination, learning and curiosity. A covered outdoor play area is being designed for creative experiential activities such as science experiments, sensory play, art projects, and hands-on learning exploration. The classrooms will encourage increased age-appropriate student autonomy, coordination of motor skills, and self-confidence.

With furniture and resources sized for our youngest learners, students will be able to access and explore learning materials as well as complete independent tasks like pushing in their chair, washing their hands, and choosing a toy.

The Early Childhood Program seeks to provide an exceptional Biblically based and developmentally

appropriate program for the young learners. The program is designed to not only impart knowledge but also reveal God’s love by teaching to the child’s heart. Qualified nurturing teachers will provide a fun, engaging, and structured learning environment for students as they grow and learn with the foundation of a Biblical worldview.



Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center progress in December 2023.



Students in the Early Childhood Program will enjoy an engaging modern playground.



JK and Kindergarten students joined in the fun by participating in a thank you parade.



Generous Giving

We are so grateful for how God has richly blessed TKA since its founding in 1970. What was once just a dream that God placed on the hearts of a group of businessmen has resulted in the establishment of a school that has graduated more than 3,000 Christian leaders who are impacting their world for Christ. Those men took a leap of faith that resulted in the formation of the school we love, The King's Academy. God's provision has been evident every step of the way. Each parent, family, friend,

alumni, Board member, and colleague who has provided financial or prayer support are part of the story and have helped to make the education experience extraordinary for every student and the ministry of TKA.

This school year, King's has been blessed by robust Annual Fund giving that has provided students with beautiful baseball field renovations, pool lights for the aquatics center, tuition assistance, facility upgrades, flourishing spiritual life program, and enriched academic programs. This

year, the school has also been blessed with funding for the establishment of a new Accounting endowment as well as generous gifts that strengthened existing scholarship endowments (Grace Scholarship, M. Nelson and Jane Loveland Scholarship Endowment, James and Annie Erneston Scholarship Endowment). Support has been given for capital campaigns including the construction of the Frank DiMino Early Childhood Center scheduled to open in the Fall of 2024.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity."

- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

Thank you for your generous giving!

The following initiatives have been made possible over the past decade by the collective support of our entire school family.

Apr. 2015

Full Page Aquatic Center

Sep. 2017

Boswell Science & Technology Center

2017

DiMino Engineering & Technology Program Endowment

Aug. 2019

The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts

May 2021

Frank DiMino Student Union

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Sep. 2015

Page Family Center for the Performing Arts

Nov. 2017

Pre-Law Studies Endowment

2018

O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies

2019-2020

Gift of a Lifetime Campaign

Oct. 2021

Smith Family Café



Christian education depends on the support and generosity of stewards like you. We are humbled by all God has done over the past 54 years and recognize that He is not done with His school yet. Thank you for being part of the TKA story!

Please consider making a gift to support TKA by giving securely online at TKA.net or by calling the Development Office at 561-686-4244 ext 319.



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2023-2024 ANNUAL GIVING
(as of Feb. 2024)

\$3.5 Million



Oct. 2022

Esther B. O'Keeffe
Innovation
Center

Sep. 2023

Frank DiMino Early
Childhood
Center

2022

2023

Dec. 2022

Grace
Scholarship
Endowment

Sep. 2023

Accounting
Endowment

Giving Opportunities at TKA

ANNUAL GIVING

The Annual Fund supports all aspects of the King's experience and allows students to put their passions into practice. It allows the school to create learning environments where students of all ages have access to the tools and resources that help them bring their studies to life. Most importantly, annual giving supports the school's ongoing mission of graduating Christian leaders by providing funding for programs and initiatives in the specific areas of:

- Academics
- Student Tuition Assistance
- Faculty Development
- Campus Safety & Beautification
- Technology

CAPITAL GIVING

Capital Campaign giving is typically a multiyear pledge commitment that supports special initiatives and significant campus improvements that fulfill the school's long term strategic plan. From supporting building and renovation projects to establishing endowment funds, capital commitments ensure that the TKA experience endures from generation to generation.

ENDOWMENT GIVING

Endowment gifts have a significant impact on identified funding priorities. Through endowments- academic programs are enriched, teachers are properly empowered and equipped, students with financial hardships have the opportunity to receive a King's education, and facilities are improved and advanced for future generations. These transformative gifts further TKA's mission and purpose in the most meaningful and powerful of ways.

Gifts made to an endowment are invested in perpetuity to generate earnings to support the specified need. The endowment's principal balance is untouched so that growth can continue and provide a continual source of support for the school. Endowments support the long-term financial stability of the school.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts to The King's Academy are a personal way to make an long term impact, leave a legacy, and strengthen the TKA experience for future generations. Making a planned gift is a meaningful way to support The King's Academy while also considering your own personal, estate and financial planning goals. Strategic planning may help your estate while reducing a tax liability for your heirs. Planned gifts include will and living trust bequests, gifts of real estate, tangible personal property, retirement or life insurance plans, and gifts of stock and securities.

Family Fun Night!

Family Fun Night is a cherished annual event that brings our school family together to enjoy a night of fun, laughter, food, and community. Families make meaningful connections with returning and new families before the school year begins. With more than 1,700 new and returning students, this year's event had a record-breaking attendance.

We are reminded in Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Our prayer is that our unity would continue to be a testament to His grace, and our interactions would be guided by the love of Christ. Each year we are grateful to host this event as it exemplifies the importance of fellowship that is central to our faith.



**“Family fun night was a great opportunity to reconnect with our friends
and to get excited about the awesome new school year ahead!”**

- ANGELA HERNANDEZ, TKA PARENT



Grandparents Day 2023

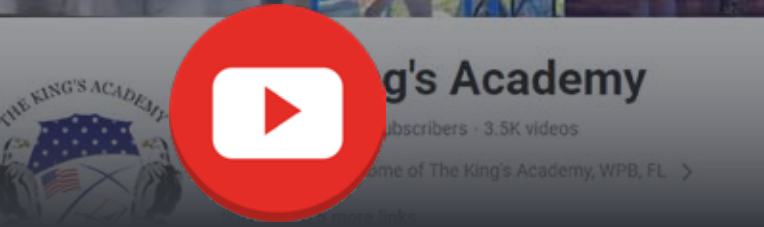
More than 750 grandparents and guests were welcomed to our campus for Grandparents Day 2023. Elementary students performed a medley of crowd favorites including *America the Beautiful*, *Thank You, Soldiers*, and *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* in recognition of American service members. Mr. Steven

Rasmussen, TKA's Board of Governors Chair, shared how TKA is raising the next generation of Christian leaders and the impact King's has had on his children and is having on his grandchildren. After the program grandparents visited classrooms, enjoyed milk and cookies in the Smith Family Café and Bistro, and

took commemorative photos with their grandchildren. Students had the opportunity to show how much they appreciate their grandparents and how thankful they are to live in a blessed country because of the sacrifices made by the men and women who serve our great nation.



116,000,000 VIEWS



TKAtv Receives More Than 110 Million Views!

The King's Academy's YouTube channel, TKAtv recently celebrated its 13th birthday! We are thankful to our 184,000 subscribers and to all our fans for 116,000,000 views, making The King's Academy the most subscribed, most watched K-12 school on YouTube! They have been a part of letting the world know about The King's Academy by liking, subscribing, commenting, and telling their friends and family about us.



TKATV'S TOP 6 VIDEOS

1		23M VIEWS Brutally Honest Valedictorian Regrets 23M views · 4 years ago The King's Academy, WPB, FL He is a senior valedictorian in the area of Bible, English, and...	23.3 million views
2		Matilda Jr Revolting Children TKA 8.8M views · 1 year ago The King's Academy, WPB, FL TKA Theatre Company and the Smith Family Conservatory	8.6 million views
3		ATHEIST ENCOUNTER featuring Sean McDowell 5.2M views · 2 years ago The King's Academy, WPB, FL Spoiler Alert: The Brutally Honest Valedictorian's Christian...	5.2 million views
4		Willy Wonka Live- The Inventing Room 3M views · 8 years ago The King's Academy, WPB, FL The King's Academy, a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School	3 million views
5		Sound of Music Live- So Long, Farewell 2.5M views · 9 years ago The King's Academy, WPB, FL The King's Academy, a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School	2.5 million views
6		Les Miserables Live- Do You Hear the People Sing? 2M views · 6 years ago The King's Academy, WPB, FL The King's Academy, a National Blue Ribbon, Christian school	2 million views

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT TKAtv TO CELEBRATE:

1. It took 4 years to gain TKA's first 2 million views.
2. During the 2022-2023 school year the TKA Lionheart channel received **25 million views, averaging 68,500 daily**.
3. According to Feedspot's "30 High School YouTube Channels to Follow in 2023" list, **TKA is ranked #1** as it is the most viewed and the most subscribed.
4. In 2022, Studio 70 students unwrapped a **Silver Play Button** received for 100,000 subscribers, the first K-12 school to do so. This button is on display in TKA's main lobby trophy case with replicas in Studio 70, the Page Family Theatre, and the President's Office.
5. TKALionheart viewers come from more than **200 countries** and territories and spend approximately **2,900 hours per day** watching TKA's events and its students' God-given gifts and talents.
6. With **3,300 video uploads**, the average TKA video has gained nearly 30,300 views.
7. TKAtv has **10 videos with 1 million+ views**, led by Kyle Martin's "Brutally Honest Valedictorian" speech with **23.2 million views**.
8. TKAtv has **18 videos with 500,000+** views.
9. TKAtv has **130 videos with 100,000+** views and 113 more videos with 50,000+ views.
10. TKAtv's 500th most watched video, *The Little Mermaid's* "The Fathoms Below" song featuring Michael Mehalko, has 19,761 views.

Homecoming 2023 *Friday Night Lights*

Middle and high school students enjoyed a week of wholesome fun and competition during Homecoming 2023, *Friday Night Lights*. School spirit and creativity were on full display as students sought to be “Best Dressed” through special themed dress days. Additional activities included a classroom door decorating competition, the traditional Powder Puff game (senior girls won 19-14), ultimate frisbee competition during half-time (senior boys won 20-6), and a field day. Faculty and staff

joined the theme day fun. Waldos, HS Principal Dr. Debbie Rantin and Assistant Principal Tammy Richardson, were spotted throughout the day across the campus. TKA President Randy Martin was pried in the face after losing a competition at the celebratory pep rally.

Members of the 2023 Homecoming Court shared heartfelt thanks, shout-outs, as well as advice for the under-classmen through a recorded video. Following the presentation, the Court and their escorts attended a special luncheon

at Saitos Restaurant.

This year’s ministry focus raised money for Hope Project International. Students raised a record-breaking amount allowing two missions teams to travel to Nicaragua to build double the number of houses. Homecoming week activities culminated with a strong win for the Lions and the crowning of this year’s Homecoming King and Queen, Hank Hahn and Hadiya Stewart. It was a week for the books!



Homecoming King & Queen



HADIYA STEWART

Attended King's for 5 years

- Conservatory Prefect
- Smith Family Conservatory Jazz Band, Orchestra, and The King's Regiment
- Drum Major for The King's Regiment her senior year
- Florida All-State Orchestra 6 years in a row
- Young Artist Award Winner from The Society for the Preservation of the Great American Songbook
- Member of seven honor societies
- Varsity Mock Trial Team
- Key Club

PEICHEN (HANK) HAN

Attended King's for 5 years as part of the International Student Program from China

- Member of two honor societies
- Varsity Mock Trial Team
- Varsity football team
- Varsity wrestling team
- Key Club
- 1 Gold Key Award, 2 Silver Key Awards, and Honorable Mention from the 2023 Scholastic Art Competition





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PRODUCING
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



TKA THEATRE *goars!*

The Smith Family Conservatory of the Arts is committed to excellence in all areas of Performing Arts. Students are given opportunities to develop and showcase their God-given talents through many aspects of theatre production. This fall, The King's Academy nationally acclaimed Theatre Company opened its 2023-2024 season with *Singin' in the Rain*. Set in the 1920s, this musical classic was filled with catchy tunes and dazzling dance numbers. The story follows the transition from silent films to "talkies" and the challenges faced

by actors during this transformative period in the entertainment industry. Students worked diligently to produce this monumental production and pushed themselves to reach new limits both on and off the stage.

Michael Mehalko and Beltran Nores worked tirelessly over the summer and every morning before school to bring the iconic characters of Don Lockwood and Cosmo Brown to life. Students sacrificed extra time to film the movie scenes that were projected during the show and the backstage crew coordinated each

of the transitions until they were seamless, including the infamous scene where it rains on stage!

In the hope of sharing the Gospel with our audience members, Drew Danion and Olivia Bass worked with administration to purchase and offer Bibles at the end of each show. More than 100 Bibles have been distributed to our patrons to date. "In TKA's theatre program, we strive to do everything for God alone, and we thought that offering His Word to the audience would be a great way to spread His love." - Drew Danion '25



**THE SMITH FAMILY
CONSERVATORY** *of the ARTS*



Scan to watch
Singin' in the Rain



In November, patrons were brought to tears with the powerful Black Box production of *Big Fish*. The intimate setting for this show allowed students to achieve a higher level of acting training as it took away the security of playing on the grand mainstage, with audience members only a few feet away from the actors. *Big Fish*, book by John August and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, is a stirring story

about the dynamic between a father and a son as the father approaches the end of his life. Throughout the play audience members experienced two characters wrestle with trying to understand one another and through many powerful scenes and songs, ultimately learning to love each other in the light of something bigger than themselves.

Senior Michael Mehalko served as the Assistant Student Director

and the Technical Theatre students constructed the entire set. My hope is that we continue to bless audiences with the light that lives inside these students and that God continues to work through this program for His glory.



Scan to watch
Big Fish

“Working closely with Mr. Schnack, I learned about the creative process, from developing scenes to working with the cast and crew. As an actor, this experience helped me understand the power of storytelling and character development. I grew as an actor and gained an even deeper appreciation for what we have at TKA.”

- MICHAEL MEHALKO '24, ASSISTANT STUDENT DIRECTOR

“*Big Fish* illustrated one of my favorite Biblical truths. Will Bloom’s life changes when he discovers who his father truly is and the same is true for us! We were created for a relationship with Christ and life through Him!”

- DREW DANION '25, LEAD ROLE AS EDWARD BLOOM

“My experience was nothing short of transformative. I reveled in the true and minimalistic beauty of the close actor-to-audience proximity. Prior to doing this show, I had always felt like my dream of being an actor was far from coming true; I left this show feeling completely changed by this character that is now a part of me.”

- MADDIE BEGIN '24, LEAD ROLE AS SANDRA BLOOM

“I am continuously impressed by how our students excel at everything we give them and this show was no exception. They not only mastered the intricate choreography but also worked on elaborate stage setups to transport the audience back to the glamorous era of Hollywood’s golden age. Through their hard work and dedication, they brought the charm and magic of *Singin’ in the Rain* to the stage, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.”

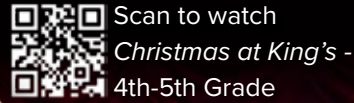
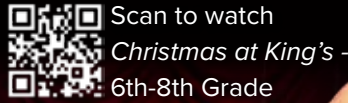
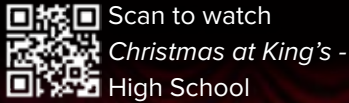
- SUMMER HOSKINS '17 – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF VOCAL & THEATRE ARTS



Christmas AT KING'S

TKA's Annual Christmas programs once again brought the entire school family together to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through powerful narration, song, instrumental, and dance, the students worshipped the King of kings and bore witness to the Light of the World who left His throne in heaven to dwell among us.

From His People Honors Choir, to powerful dance performances, to the adorable junior kindergarteners and everything in between, the entire student body proclaimed the Glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Christmas story.





FLAMINGO HEIST

Digital Media Arts Releases Third Feature Film

Flamingo Heist, Studio 70's third feature film, premiered at Regal Cinemas in Royal Palm Beach in December. The adrenaline-fueled, laughter-packed rollercoaster ride debuted with a bang to a packed house of students, parents, actors, and special guests. *Flamingo Heist* is not your typical movie; it's a riotous blend of action, humor, and unbridled creativity. The feature was directed by Studio 70's Executive Director, Austin Parenti and TKA alumna Ziyang (Christy) Zheng '23, and stars guest actors Emily Behny, Nick Puya, and Jevon White.

In the serene, picture-perfect neighborhood of Flamingo Heights, life takes an uproarious turn when organized crime sets its sights on this unsuspecting community. Ana Glade, a wannabe resident, refused to let this criminal invasion

stand. Determined to fight back, she pioneered a zero-budget and all but incompetent spy agency. What followed was a series of side-splitting mishaps, outlandish heists, and action-packed adventures as this ragtag group embarked on a mission to protect their beloved town.

Flamingo Heist is not just a film; it's a testament to the boundless creativity and dedication of the students and faculty at The King's Academy. This project was an exceptional collaborative effort with students playing pivotal roles at every level of production. From acting and directing to camera operation and more, the students exhibited tremendous talent, skill, and professionalism. Throughout the process, they learned valuable lessons about filmmaking, teamwork, and the power of creativity. Year

after year, this unique intensive experience propels students to great heights of success at TKA and beyond. Upon wrapping *Flamingo Heist*, Ziyang returned to New York University, the number one film school in the country. She shared at the premiere how impressed her professors were upon learning of her opportunities at King's.

When the Esther B. O'Keeffe Innovation Center opened this year, it gave Studio 70 a new home in its impressive Digital Media Studio. The studio features an enormous LED virtual production volume, ensuring safe, quality, visually stunning projects to come. The faculty and students of Studio 70 put the facility to the test, filming the final two chapters of their flagship series, *Star Wars: Gray Trials*, slated to release to YouTube in the spring.



Presented by Wells Fargo. Antonio Duboy, Wells Fargo Sr. VP, Commercial Banking with Austin Parenti



"In addition to the state-of-the-art technology, top tier university acceptances, and award-winning productions, we are a fellowship of disciples seeking to further our relationships with each other and God. We explore the nature of our God, reflect on the amazing grace of Christ, and seek to follow Him."

- AUSTIN PARENTI, DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS



ADAM

WINTERS

DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS



TKA's 2023 fall season included great successes, exciting accomplishments, rewarding performances, and bright futures for the Lions. Records were set in district championships, there were return trips to state finals, college scholarships were accepted, and teams set new standards for the future. The Lions certainly raised the bar of expectation. The elevated level of play and reason for a bright future for the Lions is not a coincidence. Teams and coaches prepared and put plans of action into place that have increased the strength of their teams. Off-season conditioning, strength, speed, and agility training have contributed to their success. TKA's injury care, prevention and rehabilitation is second to none.

The coaching staff has the unique opportunity to speak life into our athletes. They challenge, push, encourage, hold accountable, and love on our athletes so they can reach their greatest potential and be all that God has called them to be.

We are blessed to have the support and generosity of the TKA community. Our athletic program is growing and thriving because of the support of the TKA family. We give the Lord the glory for the success of the fall sports and eagerly anticipate the next two seasons. Thank you all for allowing us to pursue the athletic mission of providing excellent athletics with eternal impact.

TKA coaches shared a few God-stories and how He has used them to impact our athletes:

“God has allowed me to be on deck and **coach five years after my transplant.**”

“Long runs draw out deep conversations and vulnerability—**conversations about faith, love for the Lord and what He is doing in their lives.** On the way home from the state finals, the depth to which these athletes shared their faith overwhelmed me with joy and confidence. God is so good even in the little things.”

“It was great seeing the **fire that athletes brought leading devotions** this season.”

“**Our program saw two players give their lives to Christ.** We prayed every day, and carried our actions to honor God in all that we do.”

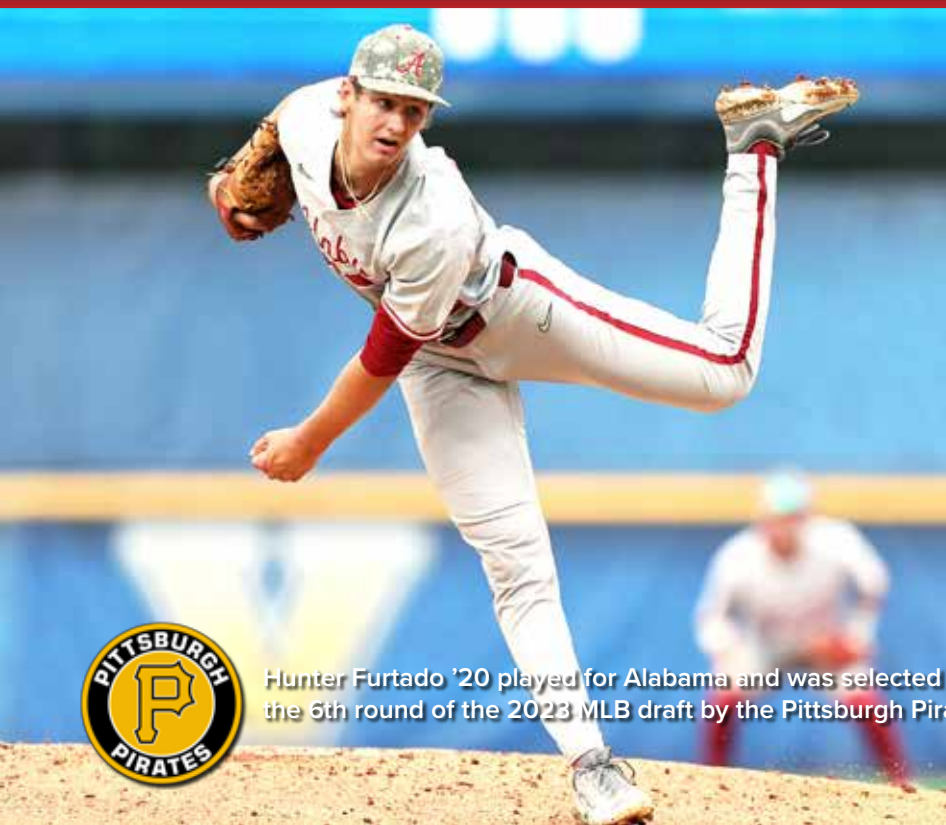
“A coach is someone who tells you what you don't want to hear, who has you see what you don't want to see, so you can be who you have always known you could be.”

- TOM LAUNDRY, FORMER DALLAS COWBOYS COACH

New Scoreboards Bring Excitement in the Loveland Athletic Center

New video scoreboard boards in the Loveland Athletic Center greatly enhance the gameday experience with the ability to play videos, announcements, motion graphics, and more.





Hunter Furtado '20 played for Alabama and was selected in the 6th round of the 2023 MLB draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.



Pedro Arruza '92



Justin Wake '19

NATIONAL CHAMPION

Former Lions Continue to Make Their Mark at the Next Level

Lions that have excelled at TKA have gone on to exceptional collegiate and even professional careers including **Heath Evans '97, Danielle (Bradley) Lewis '06, Emmanuel Lamur '07, Sammuel Lamur '07, Christina (Alessi) Matthews '10, Gilda Doria '10, Colt Morton '00, and Hunter Furtado '20.** Others have played in college and progressed through the ranks to coach and lead high powered college teams. **Pedro Arruza '92 and Mike Miller '09** are two former Lions making their marks in the NCAA.

TKA Hall of Famer **Pedro Arruza '92** just completed his 20th year as Head Football Coach of the Randolph-Macon

Yellow Jackets, a NCAA Division III powerhouse in Ashland, Virginia. Coach Arruza capped off his 20th season with a 2023 final four appearance in the NCAA Division III National Championships. Pedro was a standout running back at Wheaton College and has been recognized 7 times as the Virginia Division II/III State Coach of the Year.

Former TKA football quarterback and standout **Mike Miller '09** was hired this past summer as the Offensive Coordinator and Quarterback Coach at NCAA Division I University of Charlotte. Mike has worked his way up the coaching ranks putting in time as a Student Assistant at the University

of Alabama-Birmingham and Clemson, Grad Assistant at Alabama, and Tight End Coach and Co-Offensive Coordinator at Maryland. Mike is married to **Megan Kintz '12** and has three children.

TKA quarterback **Justin Wake '19** made quite the splash this fall leading Keiser University to its first NAIA Football National Championship, defeating Northwestern University (Iowa) 31-21. Justin, a backup quarterback for most of the year, started, finished, and led the Seahawks to the title. A great story and testament to Justin's character, ability, and leadership. Justin led the Lions to the FHSAA State Final in 2018.

College Athletic Early Signees to Date

BASEBALL

- Noah Feyereisen – Lafayette College – NCAA Division I

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- Micah Tumas – UC-Irvine – NCAA Division I

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- Devereaux Hoxsie – William and Mary – NCAA Division I
- Aimee Molina – Keiser University – NAIA

SWIM

- Noah Smith – Indian River State College - NJCAA
- Aly Bozzuto – Liberty University – NCAA Division I

GIRLS LACROSSE

- Lucy Dailey – Drexel University – NCAA Division I

GIRLS GOLF

- Leelou Girault – Lynn University – NCAA Division II



Fall Teams Reset the Standard

The Lions athletic teams set a new standard and rewrote the district championship history book this fall. The off-season preparation by our players and coaches led to five district championships. Boys swim and dive, girls swim and dive, girls cross country, football, and girls volleyball all captured district championships and beyond.

Boys swim and dive acquired their third district championship in school history, while the girls team earned their second consecutive and back-to-back title. This was the first time in school history that both the boys and girls won the district title in the same year.

The girls cross country team won the district championship while also capturing the Palm Beach County Championship for the second consecutive year. This was the 8th district championship for the girls and 13th overall in the cross country program.

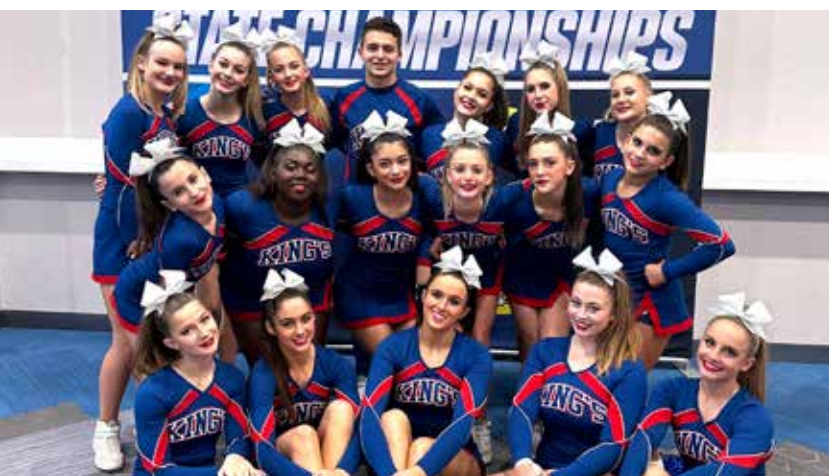
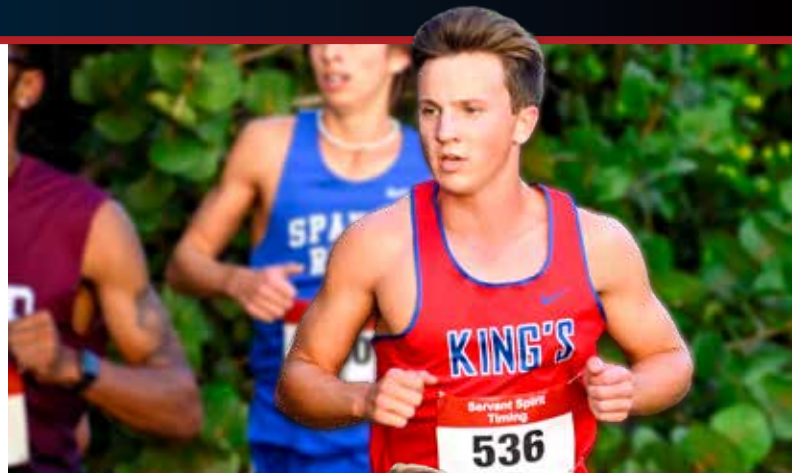
The Lions football team followed up their 2022 district championship with another title in 2023 defeating district foes Glades Central, Suncoast, and Inlet Grove for the championship allowing only 7 points total in the three district games.

The girls volleyball team continued its winning ways with their fourth consecutive district championship. The team is chasing the consecutive district championship record set by girls soccer (6) from 2007-2012 and boys basketball (10) from 1976-1986.

New Athletic Staff Members

Derek Chirch comes to King's as an experienced Athletic Director and basketball coach who has spent almost 20 years leading high school programs in Tennessee, Indiana, and most recently at Trinity Christian in Lake Worth. Derek graduated from Evangel University and completed his graduate degrees at Middle Tennessee State (Education Administration) and Wheaton College (Theology). Derek has already made an impact bringing a collegiate approach to our social media presence and coverage @TKALions.

Lyndzey Brigham joined TKA's Athletic Department as Assistant Athletic Director after 2 years of assistant coaching for both indoor and beach volleyball at Palm Beach State College. Lyndzey was instrumental as an assistant coach in leading the Palm Beach State beach volleyball program to win a national championship in the spring of 2023. A graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University (B.A. & M.A.), Lyndzey is a former indoor & beach volleyball Sailfish athlete.



Bowling Advances to States

Bowling continues to be one of the bright spots for the Lions. The 2023 season was no exception as the team consistently found themselves in the top half of the Palm Beach County Conference. At the FHSAA District meet, the girls team had their best match of the season and brought home the district runner-up title, advancing the team to the state championships for the second time in school history. Leading the team was Palm Beach Post All-County selection **Abigail Burton**. Her brother **Cameron Burton** was consistently the top finisher on the boys side. Coach Monique Storey and the team had a great season in their conference.

Comp Cheer Makes the FHSAA Finals for the 15th Straight Year

Under Coach Jenn Allen, the Lions have competed in the FHSAA State Finals every year since 2009, winning six state championships along the way and seven regional championships. The 2023-24 Lions with a small contingency of seniors and even larger number of underclassmen provided a sound mix of experience with youthful enthusiasm. Through competitions and showcases, the Lions grew quickly and were poised for the finals. They saved their best performance for the last and were strong enough to ensure third place. It was an amazing example how hard work, dedication, skill and commitment breeds success and why TKA Comp Cheer is one of the premier programs in Florida.

Cross Country Continues to Chase Success

Lions cross country has become one of the top programs in Palm Beach County. Boys Head Coach Bill Mitchell and Girls Head Coach Melissa Perry continue to put in extra effort, planning, and implementation leading to new successes each year. The program has grown in interest and we look forward to exciting years ahead. One of the youngest teams in Palm Beach County, the Lions were consistently in the top five in races throughout the season. Senior **Hudson Gates** led the way, finishing in the top ten five times and finishing second in the County Championships. He was named All-County by *The Palm Beach Post*. The boys advanced to both the regional and state finals with their strong depth and team approach.

The girls team had a historic run, posting one of the best seasons in program history. The Lions finished in first place in six races, including capturing the county championship and the district championship. They advanced to the state finals where they finished a remarkable 7th out of 32 teams. **Avery Fronrath** was both the district and county champion and was named All-County First Team. What a memorable season for Lions cross country with a bright future ahead and so many underclassmen returning in 2024.



Swimming and Diving Makes a Splash

TKA swimming has a rich tradition of excellence and this fall season may have been the best overall for the program. The Lions had seven first place team finishes. For the first time in school history, both the boys and girls teams won the district title in the same season. At the FHSAA Regional meet, both teams had impressive performances to move to the state finals, led by individual championships from **Aly Bozzuto** and **Emma Herrera**. At the FHSAA State Championship, both teams finished in third place, another milestone achievement for the program and the first time both boys and girls finished in the top three at the finals in the same season. Following the season, Aly Bozzuto signed with NCAA Division I Liberty University, and **Noah Smith** signed with NJCAA power Indian River State College. **Aly Bozzuto, Noah Smith, Emma Herrera, Noah Engstrom, Hamilton Gates, and Julianna Bell** were named All-County First Team by *The Palm Beach Post*. Girls swimming and dive head coach **Gina Proscia** was named the Coach of the Year by the *Post* and *Sun-Sentinel*. Coach Zuchowski and Coach Proscia continue to build a program of excellence and 2023 was a special chapter in the program's history.

TKA Football Repeats as District Champion

Lions football continued to establish a championship legacy of its own in 2023. Coming off a district title in 2022, expectations were high for Coach Dan Burack's team and they did not disappoint. Establishing themselves as a top 10 team in the county from week one, the Lions finished the regular season with an impressive record of 8-2 and another district championship. Along the way, the Lions picked up dramatic wins over traditional powers Gulliver Prep and True North and remained undefeated in the district. In the regional quarterfinals, the Lions picked up their first playoff win in five years with a big win at Kahlert Stadium over Somerset Canyons. **Marion Victor** piled up over 1,000 yards rushing this season enroute to an All-County selection. Wide receivers **Javian Jones** and **Reggie Workman** combined for 26 touchdowns, and quarterback **Joe Dailey** threw for over 1,000 yards with an incredible 21-0 touchdown to interception output. Javian Jones, Reggie Workman, and Joe Dailey were named All-County Offense. Defensively, the Lions had a great season with many standouts. Defensive end **Nick Darling** received All-County recognition and is a nominee for Player of the Year. With 17 wins and two district titles in the last two seasons, the Lions have proven to be one of the up-and-coming powers in the county and South Florida.



Golf is on Par for Future Success

With just two seniors, this year’s golf teams made their mark throughout the season and were the youngest in the district overall. The boys were led by **Ethan Keen** but had excellent performances from **Ethan Keen**, **Jadon Lansat**, **Cameron Cantine**, and **Beau Allen** throughout the season. An individual highlight was **Max McCabe’s** hole in one at the TKA Invitational at Mayacoo Lakes. The boys picked up five team wins and finished a solid fifth place at the district meet.

The Lady Lions had a breakout season with a team composed of primarily 6th-9th graders and senior **Leelou Girault**. Girault was the Lions top golfer, picking up a first-place finish at the Wolverine Classic. Following the season, she signed to continue her golf career at Lynn University and was named First Team All-County. The Lions were on the hunt on the back nine at districts to win the championship but finished a close third and punched their ticket to the regional finals. Coach Jeff Simke and Coach Cindy Gschwind positioned the team for success this season and set the stage for an impressive run in 2024 and beyond.

Girls Volleyball wins its Fourth Consecutive District Championship

Lady Lions Volleyball has long been a powerhouse in Palm Beach County. They came into the season with three district titles under their belts and continued their excellent play. Competing against the toughest schedule in the county, they finished the season at 19-10 with big wins over Calvary, Boca Christian, West Boca, and Dwyer among others. Taking on St. Andrews in the district championship, the Lady Lions played one of their best matches of the season to bring home their fourth straight district title. TKA advanced to the regional championship match and finished the season ranked as the #10 team in 3A. **Kelly Kinney**, an All-County selection, nominee for Player of the Year, and University of Minnesota commit, led the team in kills and aces and was second in digs. **Katie Shelhamer** led the team in digs and **Sofia Aguilera** paced the Lions in assists. Following the season, **Deveraux Hoxsie** signed with NCAA Division I William and Mary and **Amie Molina** inked her letter of intent with Keiser University. Coach Ashlei Furtado and her staff continue to build on the legacy of TKA volleyball with a slew of talented players returning.

FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS



All County Selections

The Lions were honored to have nearly 70 selections by The Palm Beach Post and the Sun-Sentinel to their All-County teams. Girls Head Swim and Dive Coach Gina Proscia was named Coach of the Year while Cross Country runner Avery Fronrath '24 was named Runner of the Year.

BOYS SWIMMING

Palm Beach Post

- First Team: Noah Engstrom, Hamilton Gates, Noah Smith

Sun-Sentinel

- First Team:

Noah Engstrom - 200 IM, 2:02.34
Hamilton Gates - 200 Free, 1:43.52
Noah Smith - 100 Free, 46.19

- Second Team:

Relays - 200 Medley (Enzo Gaeta, Drew McQueeney, Noah Smith, Max Strohecker)
Relays - 200 free (Noah Engstrom, Aaron McQueeney, Noah Smith, Tyler Wilkinson)
HM - Enzo Gaeta, Asher Smith

GIRLS SWIMMING

Palm Beach Post

- Coach of the Year: Gina Proscia
- First Team: Emma Herrera, Juliana Bell, Aly Bozzuto

Sun-Sentinel

- Coach of the Year: Gina Proscia

- First Team:

Julianna Bell - 50 Free/100 Free, 51.42
Aly Bozzuto - 50 Free/100 Breast, 23.29 - AA-C
Emma Herrera - 200 Free/500 Free, 1:49.52 200 Free
Stella Wiegert - 200 IM, 2:20.16
Relay - 200 Medley Relay, 1:45.44 (Bell, Bozzuto, Sipowski, Zuchowski)

- Second Team:

Kiki Minna
200 Free (Bozzuto, Foster, Herrera, Munna)
400 Free (Bell, Foster, Herrera, Munna)
▪ Honorable Mention: Sarah Person

CROSS COUNTRY

Palm Beach Post

First Team:

- Hudson Gates, Avery Fronrath

Sun Sentinel

- Runner of the Year: Avery Fronrath

- First Team: Hudson Gates, Avery Fronrath

- Second Team: Isabella Krell
- Honorable Mention: Judson Reback, Rachel Crews, Rachel Fader, Iris Gardner, Sofia Rodriguez

FOOTBALL

Palm Beach Post

- First Team Offense:

Marion Victor, Javian Jones

- Second Team Offense: Joe Dailey, Reggie Workman

- Honorable Mention: Tristan Stewart

- First Team Defense: Nick Darling, Javian Jones, Levi Champion, Matt McPherson

- Second Team Defense: Reggie Workman, Daniel Johnson

Sun Sentinel

- First Team Defense: Nick Darling, Javian Jones
- 2nd Team Defense: Levi Champion
- First Team Offense: Marion Victor
- Second Team Offense: Joe Dailey, Reggie Workman
- Honorable Mention: Dartayvious Saintelus

BOWLING

Palm Beach Post

First Team: Abigail Burton

GOLF

Palm Beach Post

- First Team: Leelou Girault

Sun Sentinel

- Honorable Mention: Leelou Girault, Sophia Enriquez, Callie Nelson, Beau Allen, Cameron Cantine, Ethan Keen

VOLLEYBALL

Palm Beach Post

- First Team: Kelly Kinney, Devereaux Hoxsie, Sofia Aguilera, Katie Shelhamer

- Second Team: Miranda Knoll

Sun Sentinel

- First Team: Kelly Kinney

- Second Team: Devereaux Hoxsie, Katie Shelhamer

- Honorable Mention: Sofia Aguilera, Miranda Knoll, Bella Pons



Homecoming Game

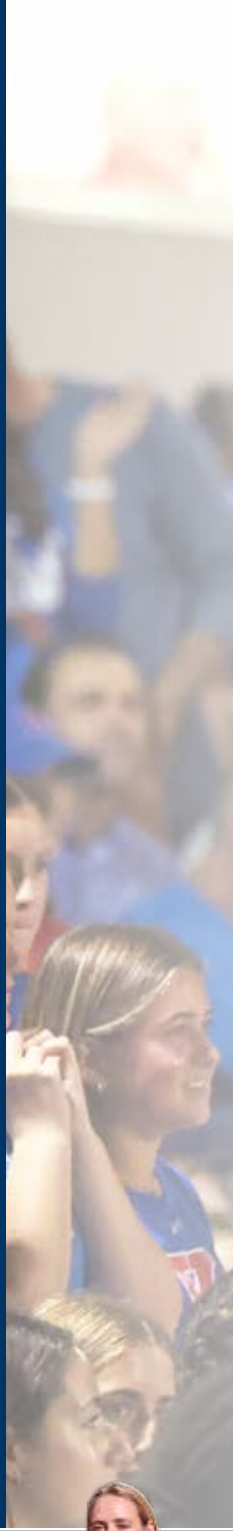


Many alumni joined us for the Homecoming 2023 game as the Lions soundly defeated Saint John Paul II 74-6. TKA Chief Operating Officer, Jeff Loveland '75 opened in prayer and The King's Regiment performed the National Anthem and debuted their spectacular half-time show, "I'm Still Standing" with the King's Dance Team.

Alumna Sarah (Collins) Wilson '14 was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame and honored at a pre-game dinner with fellow inductees, former coaches, friends, and family. Sarah played a significant role in the Lions athletic program and continued with a stellar collegiate career at Stetson University where she is the leading goal scorer for women's soccer in school history. As a Lion, Sarah was a four-time *Palm Beach Post* and *Sun Sentinel* First Team All-County selection in soccer, and three-time selection in track and field. She was also selected to the All-State team her junior and senior years. Sarah was captain of both the soccer and track teams and part of five District Championship teams, capturing individual District Championships in the 100, 200, long jump and 4x100.

Sarah went to the FHSAA State Finals three times and continued her exceptional high school career as a Hatter for Stetson University where she majored in finance with a minor in marketing and sales. Sarah's impressive collegiate career includes the accolades of Stetson Soccer's All Decade team, Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN) winner for life, Atlantic Sun All Conference team as a Freshman, ASUN player of the week, first team ASUN, ASUN all-academic team and United Soccer Coaches South Region team.

Sarah works for Datalink Software as a Health Consultant and owns a wedding company, Sarah Marie Photography. She is married to Brooks Wilson who plays for the Gwinnett Stripers, the AAA baseball team in the Atlanta Braves organization. They reside in Tampa with their golden retriever.



"I remember Sarah's speed in soccer and track. Sarah had a God-given ability to be a good athlete but used that work ethic and determination to train and prepare to become a great athlete."

- ADAM WINTERS, LIONS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ROB

DANLEY '85

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Since the school's establishment in 1970, The King's Academy has witnessed God's presence, provision, and protection. From its humble beginnings to its present day growth, the commitment to maintain the firm spiritual foundation laid by the founders of our school has remained. This rich heritage and ongoing dedication are a testament to the devoted team God has led to our school.

Mr. Rob Danley is an exceptional example of this kind of faithfulness. Rob began his time at King's as a JK student in 1971. He benefitted and enjoyed 14 years of study and graduated in 1985. After earning his college degree,

Rob happily accepted an invitation to return to a place with a special mission and a genuine family feel.

Rob served as a mathematics teacher and was known by his students for his authenticity and great problem-solving abilities. In his spare time, he explored the promising field of computer science and the ways it could be utilized to guide TKA into the future. During the Cherry Road years, Rob became the Director of Information Technology and continues to faithfully serve. He worked diligently to lay the foundation for many of our technological systems. He was often seen running cables and designing creative solutions to unique projects. He never shied away from the hard work necessary to get the job done. Following these important years, Rob prepared for the move to our current campus by building the integral operations of computer hardware, databases, servers, digital curriculum, and the various aspects of a complicated technological environment. His expertise includes project management, system administration, and technology integration. Rob continues to invest his time and expertise in the school and our students with a servant's heart and a sincere desire to see TKA thrive.

Throughout the past 33 years, Rob and his wife Tara have watched their sons, Carl '07, Chris '12, and Connor '27 benefit from a King's education. Much of what Rob does is behind the scenes, but he does it well and with humility, realizing it all advances the mission of training Christian leaders to impact their world for Jesus Christ.

"Rob Danley has an incredible ability to learn and facilitate all facets of technology in an ever-changing field. His expertise has been integral to the success and innovative growth at TKA."

- JENNIFER CEPPO, DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION & NON-TRADITIONAL LEARNING

"Rob is always willing to stop what he is doing to help others. I've enjoyed watching his brain work wonders for decades."

- JEFF GENTRY, HS BIBLE TEACHER

"I have known Rob for most of my life and consider him a trusted friend. I admired Rob as a youth leader in our church, marveled at his many talents, and appreciated his love for TKA. I am blessed by his commitment, expertise, integrity, and leadership."

- DR. DOUGLAS RAINES, VICE PRESIDENT AND HEADMASTER

1983

John Jahn '83 was inducted into the 2023 Lake Forest College Athletic Hall of Fame on October 7. After lettering at King's in football and track & field, John joined the Foresters' conference championship football team and started as left tackle. He was a First Team All-Midwest Collegiate Athletic Conference North Division selection and earned All-American honors from multiple organizations his senior year. John was invited to be an alternate for the 1987 Hula Bowl and became the first NCAA Division II player to receive an invitation to the annual college All-Star game. While recovering from an injury during his freshman year, John discovered an interest in weightlifting and competed in powerlifting for the next 15 years. He won the national and world Amateur Athletic Union and World Natural Powerlifting Association title while setting multiple records including 10 world and national drug-free powerlifting records. John drew interest from multiple NFL teams as well as from the World Wrestling Federation but chose to complete his degree in business. As a senior he founded an accounting and management company, Personalized Information Management Systems, that he continues to run today. He and his wife Lori have an adopted daughter, Lily from China who is a junior at UCF. The family resides in Jupiter Farms.



John Jahn



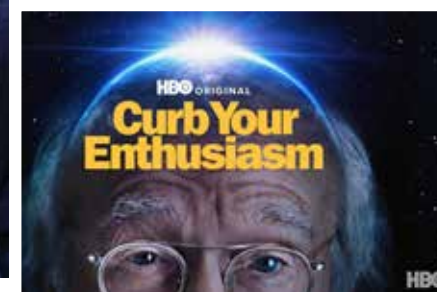
Andrew Ballard

1984

Andrew Ballard '84 recently accepted the position of Enterprise Event Manager for the City of Minneapolis. He helps event planners and host committees coordinate and navigate the multitude of city services necessary to run their events. He also works to promote the city as an event destination. Some of his upcoming events include the Big 10 Men's and Women's Basketball Championship and the U.S. Gymnastics Championships/Olympic Trials. Andrew is excited to showcase the city of Minneapolis to the nation and to the world.



D.J. Carter



2003

D.J. Carter '03 has been a Directors Guild of America (DGA) Assistant Director for the past 10 years and has worked on more than 50 different TV and film projects including *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (HBO), *The Morning Show* (Apple+), *Jury Duty* (Amazon), and the upcoming *Beverly Hills Cop 4* (Netflix). D.J. has been nominated for two DGA Best Comedy Series awards for *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. He and his wife Holly live in Los Angeles with their two boys. They are expecting their third child in late January.



1984

Randall Anderson '84 is the Youth Director of Chapel-by-the-Sea church in Melbourne, Florida and is the eldest son of beloved TKA Spanish teacher Mary Anderson. Randall met his wife Susan while working for Jimmy Buffet and together they were privileged to explore the world while managing his estate. In 2001 they moved to Melbourne Beach and started their family. They have four children, Arie (22), Kaia (20), Reef (18), and Isla (15) and were recently featured in the *Melbourne Beach Neighbors Magazine*.



Daniel & Lydia Demmery family



Vincent & Caretia Way family



Jordan & Madalyn Alessi



Caroline Chance & Michael Melear family



Cory & Amber Clark family



Josh & Amand Muir family



Caleb & Priscilla Nicholson family

2005

Daniel Demmery '05 and wife Lydia welcomed their first child, Clark Boone on November 16. Daniel is a Captain with American Airlines and Lydia is a Flight Attendant. They both fly out of Miami and reside in Port St. Lucie.

2006

Vincent Way '06 and wife Caretia welcomed their son Ashton on September 21. Born 2 months early at 2.5 lb, Ashton spent 45 days in the NICCU but is now strong and healthy at 10 lb and growing. The family resides in Dallas, Texas.

2007

Jordan Alessi '07 married Madalyn Walters in Alpharetta, Georgia on June 30, 2023. Jordan works as a graphic designer and writer. Connect with him at mindmeetsgod.com.

2008

Michael Melear '08 and **Caroline Chance '08** have a 3-year old son Charlie and are expecting a daughter in February. Michael is a residential realtor along the intracoastal in West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Island and Caroline works for a think tank based out of Washington D.C, called the R Street Institute.

Amber (Gaffney) Clark '08 and husband Cory welcomed their daughter Callie Rae on Fathers' Day, June 18, 2023. Amber is a Business Systems Analyst in Product Management for CHG Healthcare. The family resides in Jupiter.

Josh Muir '08 and wife Amanda welcomed their second baby, Olivia Maria on October 1, 2023. Josh is the Managing Director of his company ServiceCentral. They provide software solutions for depots, reverse logistics, 3PLs, retailers, insurers, and manufacturers, primarily targeting the electronic repair industry. Visit servicecentral.com/about for more details.

2009

Priscilla (Babrick) Nicholson '09 and husband Caleb welcomed their second son Luke Joseph on June 7, 2023. In God's sovereignty, their family birthdays run for four consecutive days: June 4, 5, 6, and 7.

As a missionary family they served in Peru for three years when their oldest was seven. They shared the Gospel and introduced skateboards and BMX bikes to youth in the Amazon jungle. They love adventure and have crossed the United States twice by camper and camped all the way up the east coast. They have driven through 43 states and explored numerous national and state parks, visiting natural springs, the Everglades, and the Keys. As a youth pastor their home has always been open to a flow of young people, including many kids they fostered. Randall is looking to retire soon and feels blessed to be living in a place he loves. Their family motto is *"pray together, stay together."*



2010

Christina (Alessi) Matthews '10 and husband Andy welcomed their daughter Remington Autumn Matthews on September 25, 2023. Christina resigned as the beach volleyball coach at Palm Beach Atlantic University to be a full-time mom to Remi.

Montana Lowe '10 married Brady Lee in a beautiful ceremony in Jupiter, Florida on July 29, 2023. Montana is a mathematics curriculum writer for the School District of Palm Beach County and Brady is the COO of United Franchise Group.

Jake Nicholson '10 was recently awarded the Tomatis Scholar Award and is a Chief Vascular Surgery Resident, leading the resident team at Core Health Hospital in Grand Rapids in his fifth and final year of training. Jake obtained his undergraduate degree from FSU followed by a Master's in Medical Sciences at the University of South Florida. He completed medical school at the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2019. Jake's impressive list of publications and presentations cover a broad range of topics and his research expertise in vascular surgery contributed to his recognition as the first recipient of this prestigious award. Jake is married to Tarah and they have two daughters, Lilian and Evelyn.



Andy & Christina Matthews family



Brady & Montana Lee



Jake Nicholson



Noah Timothy

2011

Christina (Silva) Torres '11 and husband Tim welcomed their first child, Noah Timothy on November 30, 2023. Christina practices probate, trust, and guardianship litigation at Gunster Law and is happy to be living back in Florida after five years in Washington D.C.

2012

Steven Kranz '12 has been named a partner at Adams Coogler, P.A., a civil litigation firm located in West Palm Beach. Steven and **Alyssa (Romain) Kranz '12** reside in Wellington, Florida with their two boys Parker (6 years) and Logan (3 years).

2013

Sarah Hood '13 graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Utah. Her research furthered the development of a robotic knee and ankle prosthesis to enhance the mobility of individuals with an above knee amputation. Her dissertation was on the "Clinical and Biomechanical Impact of Powered Prostheses on Users' Mobility," and her research resulted in 11 publications, and a publicly shared dataset. Her collaborative efforts within the lab resulted in an industry collaboration with Ottobock and the devices' recognition as one of TIME's 2023 Best Inventions. Sarah continues to call Salt Lake City, Utah her home. She works for Ultradent during the day and enjoys skiing, climbing, and mountain biking in her free time.



Steven & Alyssa Kranz family



Sarah Hood

1984-1989

Albert Rossodivita '84 and **Tim Willcox '85** started Pura Vida Missions in Costa Rica 20 years ago. They were supported by their wives, **Sheryl (McConaughay) Willcox '85** and **Cristina (Haas) Rossodivita '89**. Sadly, Tim passed away in 2021 and those who knew and loved him went into action to accomplish one of his dreams, to further share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Costa Rica. The Tim Willcox Discipleship Center was opened in 2022. This beautiful facility now hosts weekly discipleship courses, English and computer classes, music lessons, and continues to be a beacon of Tim's legacy.





Victoria (Crocetti) Maniotis family



Nate & Janessa Cannon family



Alex & Anai Bell



Jamie & Ashley Williams



Jake Gerardi & Olivia Martin



Dillon & Jordan (Winters) Larson



Joshua Tutwiler & Emily Abbatacola



Victoria (Crocetti) Maniotis '13 and husband Nick welcomed their first child Vivian Lee on November 2, 2023. Vivian was born 6 lb 1 oz and was 19 3/4" long. Victoria is a Nurse Practitioner with her Doctor of Nursing Practice and works at Total MD in family practice. Nick is a lawyer at Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey, and Fronrath.

2014

Nate Cannon '14 and wife Janessa were told they would not be able to have children. After much prayer, they welcomed their miracle daughter Elliana, which means "God Answered," on April 23, 2023. Nate is in the energy business and works at Vecenergy in Palm Beach. The family resides in Port St. Lucie.

2016

Alex Bell '16 married Anai Vindel at a beautiful ceremony in Palm Beach on October 21, 2023. The couple met at church and live in North Palm Beach.

2018

Jamie Williams '18 married Ashley Brody on April 15, 2023. The couple met in carpentry class at Liberty University. Jamie graduated from Liberty in 2022 and works for Kenton Industries making custom scope turrets. The couple resides in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

2019

Jake Gerardi '19 proposed to **Olivia Martin '19** in July. Their love story began at TKA in 8th grade. The wedding will be held in Hilton Head this May and the couple will reside in West Palm Beach.

Dillon Larson '19 and **Jordan Winters '19** were married at The Wanderers Club on January 13, 2024. Members of the wedding party included TKA students **Jake Gerardi '19**, **Nick Van Reeth '19** (Co-Best Men), **Cory Croteau '19**, **Mark Witzen '19**, **Nate Winters '17**, **Garrett Larson '14**, **Ryan Larson '12**, and **Ryan Winters '26**. The bridal party included **Morgan Winters '21** (Maid of Honor), **Olivia Higgins '22**, **Sofia Higgins '19**, and **Amanda (Fiedor) Larson '13**. Dillon works in finance at NextEra Energy and Jordan is a Wellness Coordinator with the Gehring Group. The couple resides in Palm Beach Gardens.

2020

Joshua Tutwiler '20 proposed to Emily Abbatacola on January 12, 2023 in Keauhou Bay, on the big island of Hawaii. The couple met and currently staff together at Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Kona, Hawaii and have traveled extensively taking the gospel to many different nations. Their wedding will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on June 22, 2024.



"Tim was my best friend, surfing buddy, and ministry partner for more than 30 years. As we celebrate our 20-year anniversary I am blessed to be a part of this amazing mission that has hosted thousands of short-term missionaries, built dozens of homes, sponsored hundreds of children, and seen countless people come to salvation in Jesus Christ.

I am grateful for the influence my teachers and coaches at TKA had on our lives. If you would like to bring a mission team or support this incredible ministry, that has stood the test of time, you can find us at www.puravidamissions.com."

- Al Rossodivita '84

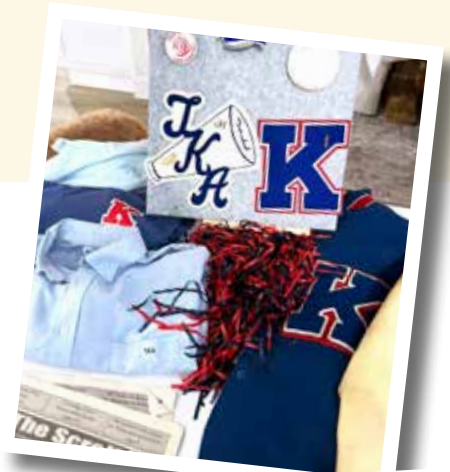


CLASS OF 2003 20-YEAR REUNION

The Class of 2003 held their 20-year reunion on Saturday, December 16. Classmates and their families gathered at Defy Trampoline Park for a morning of family fun activities and enjoyed dinner at the home of Chris and Natalie Chafin in the evening. Many thanks to D.J. Carter for coordinating the event and for personally connecting with 84 of the 89 students in the class.

A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2003:

- 89 students in the graduating class
- 14 students met their significant others at TKA
- 135 babies (and counting) between them
- 3 are owners/operators of a Chick-fil-A restaurant
- 1 lives in Puerto Rico
- 1 lives in Italy
- 1 lives in Canada
- Interesting jobs include: funeral director, professional singer, jewelry designer, calligrapher, golf pro, oral surgeon, website influencer, and podcaster



“The 20-year reunion events were so much fun! It was such a treat to meet everyone’s families at the trampoline park. The evening event was filled with delicious food, great conversations, and many laughs. Our class is very special, and I was thrilled to see such a great turnout!”

- D.J. CARTER '03



ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI

The 1980s Reunion Planning Committee is researching options for an **ALL Alumni Reunion** to be held June 6-9, 2024 in Palm Beach County.

They need **YOUR** feedback in order to plan next steps. The committee is coordinating a nautical theme and water-based daily activities with an optional Land or Sea package for the weekend (Friday to Sunday). **Please scan the QR code to provide your feedback.** Questions can be directed to **Laura (Wehr) Luter '83** at (727) 919-3206 or email at ljluter@gmail.com.



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David Weda '85
Tiffany (Warren) Zaniewski '85



Kamal Fereg

The King's Academy fondly remembers Kamal Fereg, former TKA Board Member, who passed away on July 19, 2023 at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife Hoda and sons Peter '08 and Mark '09. Kamal served with dedication on The King's Academy Board of Governors from 2008 to 2016. TKA President Randy Martin remembers, "Kamal was a constant gentleman, always ready with a kind word. A thoughtful board member, his passion for keeping King's Christ-centered and for sharing the Gospel was evident in his interactions with TKA students and the broader community." Kamal's generosity touched the lives of many as he provided thousands of free Bibles to seekers in the Muslim community. His commitment to faith and service will be dearly missed, but his legacy of love and compassion will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him. An unwavering man of faith, Kamal's life is reflected in the words of Psalms 57:7 shared at his memorial service, "My heart is steadfast O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise."



Christopher Davis '77

Christopher Davis '77 passed away in August 2023 after succumbing to injuries from a motorcycle accident. Chris and his wife Erica live in Colorado and were hit by an oncoming motor cycle while training to ride Pikes Peak. Chris obtained his Bachelors in Electrical Engineering from FAU and worked for IBM for 40 years. He co-holds 5 patents related to data optimization and machine learning. Chris is survived by his wife Erica, brothers Jeff and Gary, son Bryan, daughter Heather, and four grandchildren. Chris was an unapologetic follower of Jesus and loved to play guitar for his church worship band.



Gerri Cantrelle

Gerri Cantrelle, longtime employee and friend of The King's Academy, recently lost a 20-year battle with cancer and is now fully healed and with her Savior. Gerri started driving a bus in 1971 when TKA was holding classes at Belvedere Baptist Church on Cherry Road. She faithfully served at King's for more than 30 years holding various roles including cafeteria server, PE teacher, and Bookstore Manager from 1985-2006. Gerri is lovingly remembered by her husband Nolan of 65 years, and children Darren '83, Andrew, and Michelle.

"My mother was a social butterfly who loved people well. She was a prayer warrior! She sacrificed the opportunity to have higher paying jobs so that her children could have a quality Christian education. When she found out she had cancer she lived her life to the fullest. She and my dad travelled, visited kids and grandkids, and made amazing memories for us all. She is missed every day but left an amazing example to her children and grandchildren on how to love the Lord with all your heart and be brave and strong no matter what life brings." - Michelle (Cantrelle) Brewer, daughter





Garrett Wiggs '08

Garrett Wiggs passed away unexpectedly on July 18, 2023 at 33 years of age. Garrett graduated from The King's Academy in 2008 and served in the United States Navy. He went on to become an electrical estimator, avid fisherman, and chef. Garrett was adored by his parents Michael and Brenda Wiggs, sisters Kathleen (Wiggs) Adams '12, Elizabeth, and Emily Wiggs. Brenda, who taught 5th and 6th grade at King's from 2003 to 2011 would like to thank the many TKA friends who supported their family at Garrett's memorial service. It meant a great deal to their family.

Kathleen (Wiggs) Adams '12,
Garrett Wiggs '08, Brenda Wiggs



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