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LISA ACADEMY 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF **L**EARNING
INNOVATING
SUPPORTING
ACHIEVING

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LISA FAMILY,

It is our honor to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our esteemed Public Charter School with each of you. The last 20 years have seen wonderful growth for LISA Academy academically, professionally, and in enrollment. We are full of pride for the journey we have experienced so far.

We offer the deepest gratitude to each student, parent and caregiver, teacher, administrator, staff member, and vendor, and supporter who contributed to the success of LISA Academy so that this monumental year has been made possible.

Our goal is for students to feel they have received the top STEM-C focused education in the state as they enter the world prepared for the 21st Century and its challenges. LISA scholars and alumni are going on to do amazing, world-changing things!

The following pages are a tribute to our beginnings and contain aspirations for the future.

May the future 20 years be even more incredible than the former. Thank you for being a member of the LISA Academy family, you are deeply appreciated.

Cynthia Dawson
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OVER 4,400 CURRENT STUDENTS STATEWIDE

OVER 500 STAFF MEMBERS

5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
4 MIDDLE SCHOOLS
3 HIGH SCHOOLS
1 HYBRID SCHOOL



LEARN INNOVATE SUPPORT ACHIEVE

2004

LISA Academy opened as 6-8th grade middle school with 163 students



2008

LISA North opened



2016

LISA Chenal opened, later becoming LISA West Elementary



2019

LISA North Middle High opened



2019

LISA Springdale campus opens after merger with OMA to begin serving students in Northwest Arkansas



2020

LISA West High opened after acquiring Little Rock Prep



2021

LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School opens to serve students across Arkansas



2022

LISA Rogers-Bentonville campus opens

2023

LISA Fayetteville campus opens



2025

Rogers secondary campus coming 2025



2026

Fayetteville secondary campus coming 2026

LISA Academy aims to serve 6800 students statewide



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Arkansas Dept. of Education top performing schools
- #1 in Little Rock Area High Schools
- #4 in Arkansas High Schools
- Top Overall Growth State/Region
- Silver Medal AP School Honor Roll

- Rocketry National Qualifier
- Solar Car National Qualifier
- Math Counts State Champions
- Science Olympiad State Champions
- 6 Years of Science Quiz Bowl Champions

- Robotics State Champions
- 30+ scholars sent to AR Governor's school
- State awards for sports in Basketball, Backstroke, and Track
- Best Choice school winner 3x



LISA ACADEMY COLLEGE MATRICULATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
EMORY UNIVERSITY
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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AUBURN UNIVERSITY
BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE
CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
CHAMPION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY
CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
DALLAS COLLEGE
DAVIDSON COLLEGE
DAWSON COLLEGE
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY
GRINNELL COLLEGE
HARDING UNIVERSITY
HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY
HENDRIX COLLEGE
HERZING UNIVERSITY-MADISON
HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY- JOPLIN
LANE COLLEGE
LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS
LYON COLLEGE
MISSOURI BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
NEWMAN UNIVERSITY
NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
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XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

OVER 95% GRADUATION RATE AND OVER 95% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE

2024 SENIOR CLASS RECEIVED $6.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS







STEM-C EXPLORATION







LISA SPEAKS OVER 50 LANGUAGES



#1 MOST DIVERSE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ARKANSAS

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OVER 60 STUDENTS HAVE EARNED THE ARKANSAS SEAL OF BILITERACY

STATE OF ARKANSAS SEAL OF BILITERACY

ALBANIAN
ALBUERA
ARABIC
AZERBAIJANI
BADAGA
BANGLA
BENGALI
CAMBODIAN
CEBUANO
CHINESE
CHOSON-O
DUTCH
ENGLISH
FARSI
FILIPINO
FRENCH
GA
GERMAN
GHANAIAN
GUJARATI
HILIGAYNON
HINDI
HMONG
HUNGARIAN
IGBO
ILONGGO
INDONESIAN
JAPANESE
KANNADA
KAZAKH
KHMER
KIRIBATI
KOREAN
LAOTIAN
MAGYAREN
MALAYALAM
MANDARIN
MARATHI
MARSHALLESE
MONGOLIAN
NEPALI
NIBONGO
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STRATEGIC PLAN





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Pursue inclusive & purposeful network growth
2. Develop talent strategy that supports growth with quality
3. Accelerate learning for target populations
4. Smoothly launch new schools and regions
5. Transition to LISA program model 2.0

STUDENT SUCCESS PROFILE

- I am a college and career bound scholar.
- I am a curious and resilient problem solver.
- I am an involved and compassionate citizen.
- I am a supportive and inclusive team player.

In the 2024-25 academic year, LISA Academy is implementing the **LISA 2.0 Model** to launch the district to the forefront of charter schools in the state. This program includes higher expectations for students, with middle school students taking advanced courses so they may focus on college credit courses in high school and be better prepared for STEM-C studies and careers post-graduation.

LISA 2.0 features a tiered graduation system, where at minimum, students must have a 2.3 GPA and at least a 19 on the ACT to graduate. By implementing these requirements, students will be able to achieve their full potential.

LISA Academy offers many career pathways, ranging from the Medical Program to Computer Programming to Engineering, and more! College and Career Counselors meet with students beginning in middle school to coach students to prepare for the future and accomplish their dreams. Even after graduation, counselors continue to follow up with alumni and assist them as needed.



IN THE NEWS

"We're excited to partner with LISA Academy. A quality STEM education, coupled with the extracurricular activities and enrichment programs LISA offers, will be a real benefit to current and future students in Springdale."

Ben Temple;
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, December 2018

"LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville Honored by Arkansas Department of Education for Exceptional Growth and Achievement, Expanding to Serve K-12 by 2025"

Rogers Lowell Chamber of Commerce, November 2021

"LISA Academy Opens New Central Kitchen to Feed Over 3,000 Students"

Fox 16, August 2024

"LISA Academy North Middle-High School Rocket Team Make National Finals"

KATV, April 2024

"LISA Academy Opens Fayetteville Charter School"

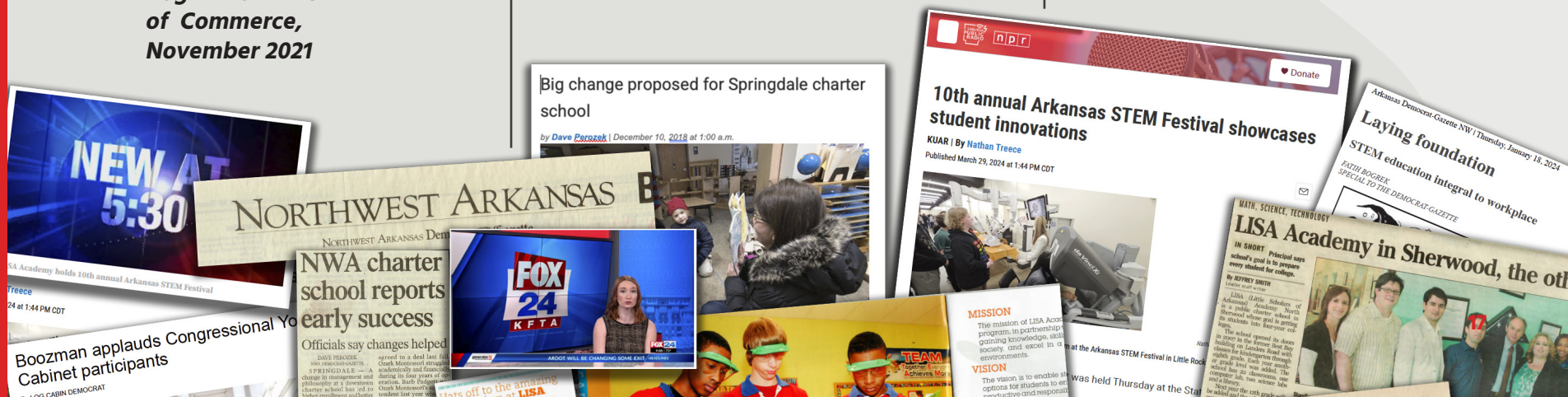
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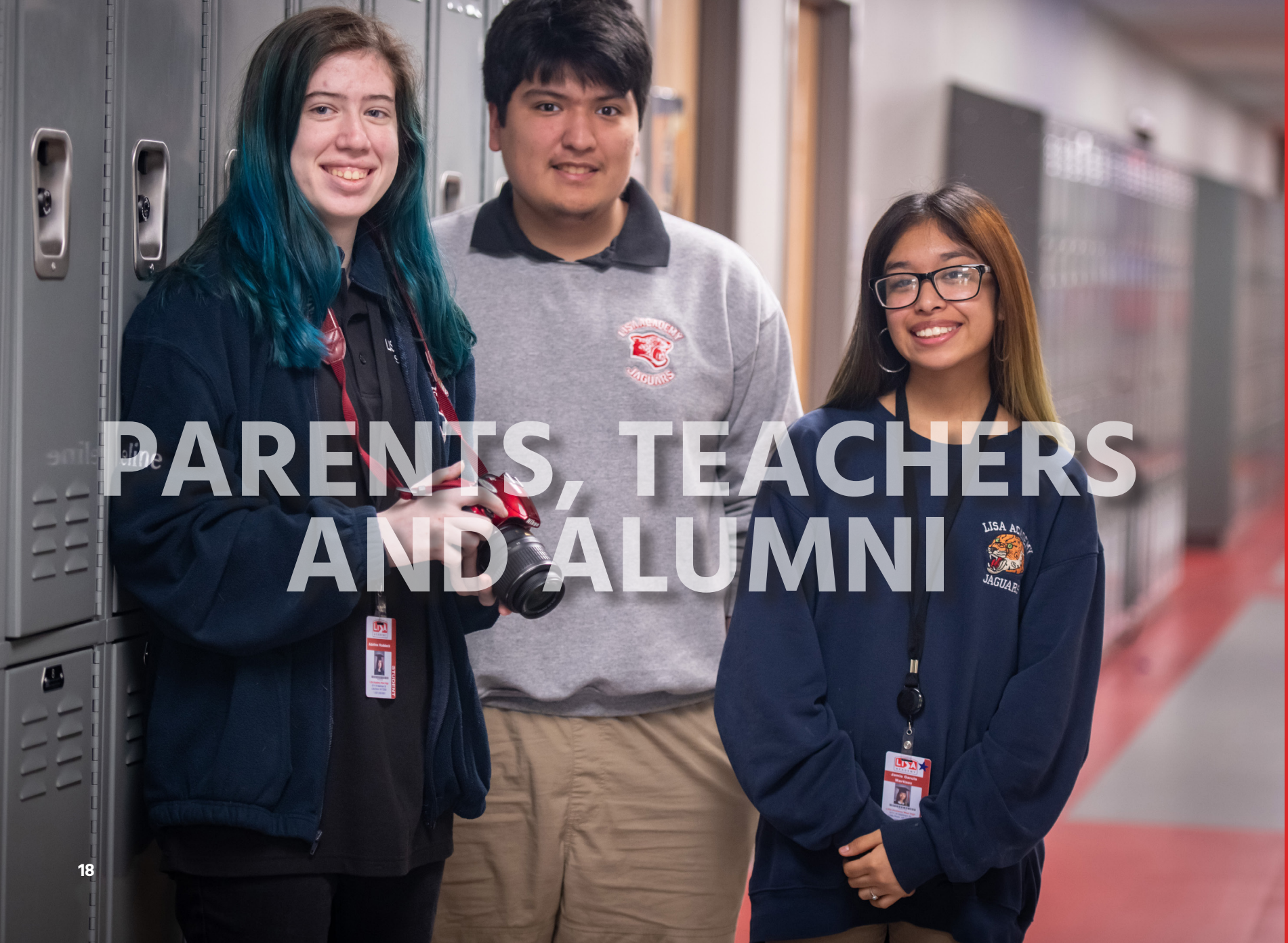
"LISA Academy Charter School Blends Online Learning with On-campus Activities"

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, October 2021

"State Backs New Charter School"

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, May 2020





PARENTS, TEACHERS AND ALUMNI

"The best advice I can give to LISA parents and students is probably that it's never too early to pursue what you are passionate about, and that it makes such a big difference when applying to colleges and graduate schools. I remember that LISA required all students to get 100 volunteer hours to graduate. That's why I initially started volunteering at Camp Aldersgate and realized my passion for occupational therapy and working with children with disabilities! Ever since then, I just did whatever I could to get me closer to the field of OT and I think that really helped me when it came time for interviews."

LISA Graduate

"LISA really prepared me well."

LISA Graduate

"We focus on STEM, but we have so much more to offer."

LISA Graduate

"I love LISA Academy."

LISA Graduate

"I liked LISA and the diversity of the students."

LISA Graduate

"We have some of the most dedicated staff in the state of Arkansas."

Teacher

"LISA district and staff team continues to grow and excel in spite of challenges."

Teacher

"Every teacher we come in contact with is kind, helpful, and is a part of creating an environment that is safe and non-threatening for my children."

Parent

"Teachers and other administrators show a high degree of commitment in student education and overall caring!"

Parent

"Very supportive of my child's growth and development"

Parent

"Caring, go above and beyond. Excellent leaders and instructors!"

Parent

"Thank you for your methodology, teachers, and dedication."

Grandparent



GIVING BACK

At LISA Academy, students are encouraged to build strong community relationships through volunteering and giving back. By participating in various service projects, students learn the importance of empathy, social responsibility, and civic engagement.

LISA Academy is also appreciative of parents and caregivers who devote their time every day to the academic success of their students. Through Home Visits and Parent Academy, our district is able to connect with parents and caregivers throughout the year.

These experiences not only enrich the academic journey of our students but also help them develop into compassionate leaders who understand the value of contributing to the well-being of others. LISA Academy believes that fostering a culture of giving back creates a positive impact that extends beyond the classroom, benefiting both students and the community at large.





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MISSION

The mission of LISA Academy is to provide an academically rigorous college preparatory program, in partnership with students, families and the community, and guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills and the attitude necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society, and excel in a changing world by providing dynamic, resource-rich learning environments.

VISION

Our vision is to prepare students to succeed in education and in the workplace of their choice, while encouraging and providing pathways for students to enter STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics careers. This student-focused approach will lead to students becoming productive and responsible citizens and even Nobel Laureates.

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