



NATIVITY ACADEMY
AT SAINT BONIFACE

Nativity Academy News

Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is an independent, Catholic middle school that provides a foundation for a life without limits.

Annual Report 2025

We Honor a Beloved Founder: Sr. Paula Kleine-Kracht, OSU

Nativity Academy was founded in August 2003, by Fr. Tim Hogan, former pastor of St. Boniface parish, Fr. William Fichteman, former pastor of the Cathedral of the Assumption, and administered by Sr. Paula Kleine-Kracht OSU. Nativity Academy at St. Boniface was established as an independent private middle school in the Catholic tradition to educate children from the Clarksdale housing project across the street.

Described as a “trailblazer in Catholic education,” Sister Paula transformed the lives of countless students in Louisville. In her 50 years in education, Sr. Paula was principal of Sacred Heart Academy from 1994 to 2001, building the school’s very successful International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. She also served as principal of Angela Merici High School from 1980–84 when it merged with Bishop David High School to form co-ed Holy Cross High School.

Sr. Paula taught at Sacred Heart Academy and Angela Merici High School in Louisville, and at Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, S.C. in the 1970s; was an adjunct professor at Roosevelt University in Chicago in the 1980s, assistant professor at the University of Delaware in the 1990s, an adjunct professor at Bellarmine University from 2011-2013, and a teacher in the Jefferson County Public Schools Adult Education program from 2013 to 2014. She served as Councilor on the Leadership team of the Ursuline Sisters from 2014 to 2020.



Adriene Taylor, Sr. Paula, Lauren Alderman and Stephanie Thompson gather in St. Boniface Church in 2025.

Sr. Paula received the Msgr. Felix Pitt Award for principals in 1983; in 2001, she was honored with both the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Catholic Secondary Education Award and induction into the Distinguished Gallery of Graduates of Bellarmine University; and in 2016, she was one of seven alumni recognized by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Louisville at the annual *Salute to Catholic School Alumni*

celebration. Sr. Paula also received an Honorary Alumnus award from Holy Cross High School in 2018.

Up until her death, Sr. Paula still regularly attended all Nativity fundraisers, luncheons, and graduations, was a mentor to so many, and the catalyst to countless supporters through the years. Sr. Paula died on October 31, 2025. While we feel a major loss to our community, we are blessed with the promise to make her legacy live on for years to come. Thank you Sr. Paula for your vision, faith, and dedication.

Sr. Paula was inducted into Nativity Academy’s Hall of Fame in 2023, and Nativity named a scholarship in her honor that same year. Donations can be made in Sr. Paula’s honor for the scholarship funds that support our graduates’ Catholic high school education.





Dear Nativity Academy Family,

Each year in the liturgical season of the Nativity of Our Lord, I try to reflect in a special way on the theological significance to our school's name. A nativity is the process or circumstance of one's birth, and The Nativity, of course, is the birth of Jesus Christ. I can't help but be in awe of the circumstances and process of Jesus' birth: a poor, traveling family who was rejected in their hometown of Bethlehem to the point where God's Son was birthed in a stable alongside livestock. Then not long after, they take off in haste to live as refugees in Egypt because God told Joseph in a dream to do so. Yet to and through the fulfillment of God's mission with the Incarnation of his Son, Joseph and Mary remained filled with faith and eyes fixed on God's plan.

With Sr. Paula's passing on October 31, this year's Season of The Nativity gives me particular pause surrounding the circumstances and process of our Nativity Academy at St. Boniface's beginning. The stories from those beginning days and years were certainly not without their difficulties, and yet, our founders, founding board members, founding teaching staff, and first school families, kept the faith with their eyes fixed on God's long-term plan for our school.

The Ursuline Sisters and Xaverian Brothers, our founding sponsoring congregations, are well known for their dedication to excellence in every facet of the operation of their schools. This year's Nativity Annual Report carries on this legacy, demonstrating to you, our stalwart supporters, that we are staying true to our commitment to excellence in pursuit of our mission: providing Catholic education for a foundation to a life without limits.

Know of our deep gratitude for all you do to keep Sr. Paula's vision of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface thriving. Even in the most difficult of challenges, we will lean into the principles of excellence and faith. Thank you for your investment in us.

In Thanksgiving,

Meghan Weyland

Meghan Weyland
President
Nativity Academy at St. Boniface



Joshua Jordan Shares His Story

Proud alumnus of the first
graduating class
at Nativity Academy

As a young man navigating the school system and trying to find the right fit, I was fortunate that my parents came across an opportunity that matched both my academic and extracurricular needs at Nativity Academy.

I never realized at the time that attending Nativity would become

the foundation of my personal development and the starting point of who I am today. Because of the generosity of those who invested in students like me, I now have the blessing of providing my own family--a wife of 13 years and three beautiful daughters--a life and opportunities that I did not have growing up.

I am proud to be part of the first graduating class at Nativity Academy, Class of 2006, and Nativity opened the door for me to attend the greatest high school in the country, Saint Xavier, Class of 2010.



Joshua stands at the center of the back row (blue collar) with his 2006 graduating class at Nativity Academy at St. Boniface.

This year, I had the privilege of attending the Nativity 2025 Live Auction, and seeing firsthand what it takes to fund the school was truly eye-opening. The generosity of people who invest in the youth is inspiring, and it was powerful to see their investment pay off--not only in the success of current students, but also in alumni like myself who are living proof of the impact their support creates.

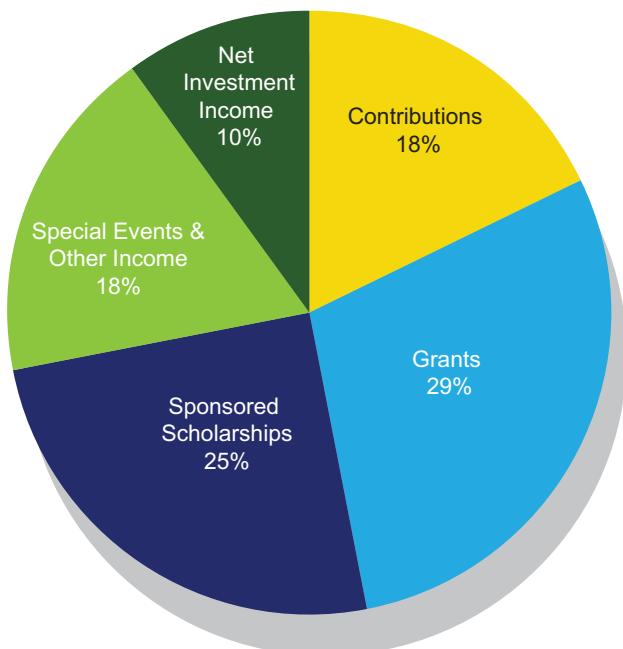
I am extremely grateful for Sister Paula and her team, whose vision made it possible for students like me to have a chance. As a member of Nativity's first graduating class, it is incredibly rewarding to see the school continuing to thrive after all these years educating young people and building strong foundations for lifelong success.

Thank you,

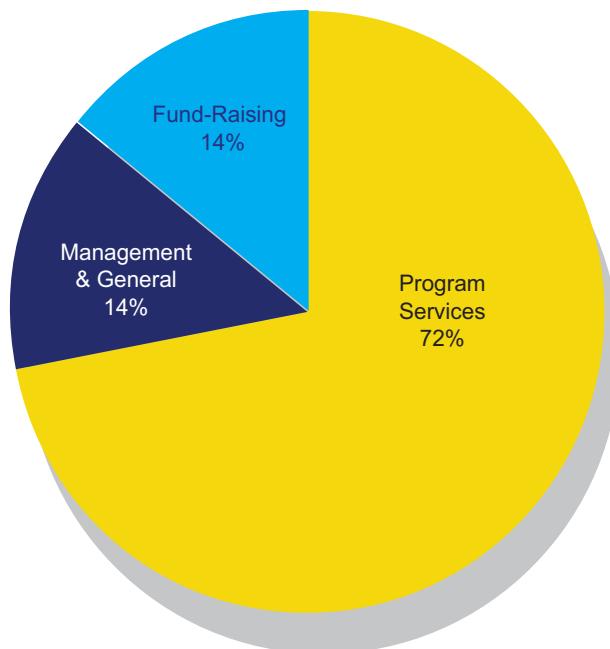
Joshua Jordan

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2025 INCOME



2025 EXPENSES



Income and Support	year ending June 30, 2025
Contributions	\$396,343
Grants	\$617,306
Sponsored Scholarships	\$544,544
Special Events and Other Income	\$382,249
Net Investment Income	\$214,727
Total	\$2,155,179

Expenses	year ending June 30, 2025
Program Services	\$1,266,421
Management & General	\$245,012
Fund Raising	\$244,463
Total	\$1,755,896

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Additional detailed financial information is available upon request.

A full copy of the June 30, 2025 Audited Financial Statement is available at nativityacademy.org.

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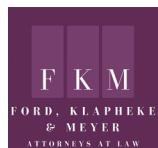
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You are the foundation upon which Nativity Academy is built.

Your steadfast belief in our mission has shaped this program through the years and will continue to transform lives for generations to come.



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Debbi and Art Dunlap have been faithful partners in Nativity Academy's mission for many years. As long-time student sponsors, they believe deeply in the power of education to change the trajectory of a child's life.

Their generosity has helped students grow in confidence, character, and opportunity—long after graduation. For the Dunlaps, giving has always been about investing in people and ensuring that every student has the support needed to succeed.

Looking ahead, Debbi and Art have chosen to extend their impact by including Nativity Academy in their estate plans. Their legacy gift reflects a commitment to future generations and ensures that Nativity's mission will continue for years to come.

A planned gift is a meaningful way to honor your values, care for your loved ones, and create lasting impact. If you are considering a legacy gift, we invite you to speak with your estate planner and contact Nativity Academy for a confidential conversation.

WAYS TO REMEMBER NATIVITY ACADEMY

- Include Nativity Academy in your will or trust
- Name Nativity Academy as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy
- Create a charitable bequest aligned with your values
- Contact Nativity Academy to discuss legacy-giving options



Cathy & David Durik



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For more than a decade, The WHAS Crusade for Children and Kosair for Kids have been steadfast partners in advancing Nativity Academy's mission to provide a foundation for a life without limits. Each organization has contributed more than \$200,000 to Nativity in the school's lifetime, and their sustained generosity continues to transform the educational experience of our students.



Their support directly funds essential positions—our Learning Coordinator and School Counselor—ensuring that every student receives individualized academic guidance and vital social-emotional support. In addition, these grants have enabled us to invest in technology, educational and psychological assessments, social-emotional learning initiatives, and the flexible classroom furniture featured in this report.

WHAS Crusade for Children

Established in 1954 by WHAS-TV, the WHAS Crusade for Children raises funds to improve the lives of children with identified needs. Over 72 years, the Crusade has raised more than \$222 million, returning 100% of donations to agencies, schools, and hospitals throughout all 120 Kentucky counties and 30+ counties in southern Indiana. Fire departments play a pivotal role, generating more than half of the contributions each year through roadblocks and community events.

Kosair for Kids

Since 1923, Kosair for Kids has championed children's health and well-being across our region. Their mission is to enhance the lives of children by providing financial support for healthcare, research, education, social services, and child advocacy. Their long-standing commitment helps children overcome obstacles and reach their fullest potential.



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We welcome our donors, sponsors, community members and prospective families to visit and tour Nativity Academy.

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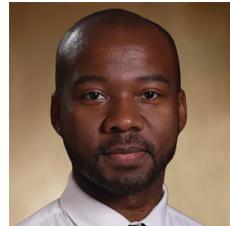
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NATIVITY AUCTION 2025

Nativity Graduates Soar

Kevin Howard (Nativity Class of 2010)
DeSales High School, Class of 2014



After graduating from high school, Kevin received his bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville. While studying at U of L, Kevin participated in the Metropolitan College UPS Program and worked there in logistics following graduation. Kevin continues to work in logistics in a supervisory capacity.

Margaret Wright (Kevin's grandmother)
Founding Nativity Board Member & Retired JCPS Educator

"I really have had a passion for the mission of providing education to kids at risk, particularly of middle school age." When her grandson Kevin moved to Louisville for middle school "Nativity was a place where he really felt he belonged. He bloomed there. It was really a Godsend."



Uriel Trujillo (Nativity Class of 2011)
Saint Xavier High School Class of 2015

Uriel is currently a Dual Operations Manager with Marriott, where he has developed strong leadership, organizational and financial management skills. His long-term goal is to transition to accounting and he is now pursuing a degree in Business Administration.



Daniel Trujillo (Nativity Class of 2018)
Saint Xavier High School Class of 2022

Daniel is a junior at the University of Louisville Speed School as he works toward a degree in electrical engineering. "My grandmother didn't like the reviews for the middle school my older brother was assigned to so she found a small Catholic school that she could afford. Nativity was supportive and St. X provided discipline and process of achieving at different levels."



Remii Foshay (Nativity Class of 2025)
Nicole Muzomwe (Nativity Class of 2024)
Sacred Heart Academy



Sacred Heart Academy freshman, Remii Foshay (left), has wasted little time taking advantage of opportunities at Sacred Heart Academy. As a member of SHA's Madrigal Chorus, she traveled to Orlando's Disney World to sing at its annual Christmas celebration. She also joined her parish youth group in Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference. At SHA Remii is taking Chinese and aspires to travel to Japan one day. Sophomore Nicole Muzomwe (right) has brightened SHA's campus as a cheerleader along with Nativity classmate Na'Riahe Cunningham (not pictured).



Nativity Alums Shine at the University of Louisville

Nativity Academy alumni have many stellar options within Kentucky for their post-secondary education, including the University of Louisville. Nativity's Graduate Support Program continues to check in with them as they pursue their career goals.



Group Photo at the University of Louisville (Left to right)

Angelo Centeno (Nativity Class of 2020, Saint X Class of 2024)
Majors: Secondary Education, English



Mariah Branigan (Nativity Class of 2020, Holy Cross Class of 2024)
Major: Early Elementary Education



Jaiden Robinson (Nativity Class of 2021, Trinity Class of 2025)
Major: Engineering



Camden Henderson-Reed (Nativity Class of 2020, Holy Cross Class of 2024)
Major: Engineering



Imani Prince (Nativity Class of 2020, Mercy Class of 2024)
Major: Early Elementary Education



Aaliyah Lawrence
(Nativity Class of 2023)
Presentation Class of
2027



Aaliyah is a Sister Paula Scholar and heavily involved in the theater program at Presentation Academy. She has participated in Nativity's Graduate Support Program, including going on college tours to investigate her next step after high school.



Ramyah Carnell (Nativity Class of 2022)
Assumption High School Class of 2026

Ramyah is a Governor's Scholar in Creative Writing and plans to attend college next year. She writes, "Nativity Academy was an experience no other school could provide. It was uniquely important to me, and the community there made me who I am and built me up for my high school experience."





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