

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

## Nativity Is a Middle School and a Family for Life



Meghan Weyland  
Executive Director/  
President

Dear Nativity Academy Family,

At the writing of this letter, I have served as Nativity Academy Executive Director/President for less than 40 days. These days have been filled with joyous occasions like Nativity's 8th grade graduation, the Archdiocese's African-American Catholic Leadership Banquet, and

high school and college graduations. One lesser known recent series of events that have kindled just as much excitement for me are the individual meetings I held with all current Nativity staff members. I conducted these meetings in my first month to gain an overall sense of what is going well and where we can get better. Time and time again, from all facets of the Nativity operation, our people believe that what we do best is care about the kids and families we serve. Nativity may be a middle school, but it becomes and remains a Nativity family for life. In the world of Catholic education, we know that school staff are the mission deliverers. A Catholic school president can talk all she wants about mission, but if the principal and staff don't believe it in their hearts, it won't manifest. I am inspired to be clasping arms with such a professional, passionate, fun group of staff. When days get tough, it can be so hard to

keep sight of why we do what we do. I am humbled that I get to lead a group of people who strongly believe in the sacred work of providing a Catholic education for a life without limits.

This most recent Lent, I read Thomas Merton's *Seven Story Mountain*. In his first visit to Gethsemani, Merton was a recent Catholic convert discerning a religious vocation on an Advent retreat with the Trappist monks. Merton observed a lot of things on this poignant retreat, one of which was that the holy and kind disposition of a small group of retreatants surpassed that of many of the monks. Merton quickly realized these retreatants were benefactors of the Trappists. I feel humbled by and deeply grateful for our own holy and kind hearted Nativity benefactors. We couldn't do this sacred work without your support. I have the awesome gift to serve in leadership of an organization where all members of our mission assume admirable dispositions of holiness and kind heartedness.

In the Joy of the Nativity,

Meghan Weyland  
Executive Director/President





## Student Sponsorship - Giving Strategies

Our Student Sponsorship Program remains the primary source of funding for our mission. As the cost of education continues to rise, we encourage you to review your giving strategy and consider increasing your sponsorship support. ***Please take a moment now to consider these options...***

### Giving That Goes Further

#### 4 Smart Ways to Support Student Sponsorship:

There are many ways to make an impact — beyond a one-time gift. Whether you're planning for the future, giving from your retirement, or multiplying your gift through your employer, these strategies can help you give in meaningful and tax-smart ways. Consult with your financial and legal advisors as you consider these options for sponsorship and for leaving a legacy..

##### 1. Gift Planning

Automatic ACH and Credit Card withdrawals are a convenient option for making your sponsorship gift. These scheduled donations contribute to your student scholarship throughout the year.

##### 2. Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

A DAF allows you to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants over time. If you have a DAF, consider recommending a gift to support our work — and don't forget to notify us so we can thank you!

##### 3. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you're 70½ or older, you can give directly from your IRA through a QCD. It counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but doesn't increase your taxable income — a powerful way to give smarter from your retirement funds.

##### 4. Company Matching (Benevity.com)

Double your impact at no extra cost! Many employers match charitable contributions, and platforms like Benevity make it easy. Check with your HR department to see if your company participates. You could turn a \$100 donation into \$200 instantly.

***Nativity Academy is currently accepting Sponsorship Donations for the 2025-26 school year.***

##### Leave a Legacy

We thank our loyal donors and encourage you to leave a lasting legacy by including us in your estate plans. Whether through a will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement account, planned giving ensures your support continues well into the future — while potentially offering tax advantages today.

***For more information please contact:***

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#### Principal's Letter



Andrea Peavler  
Principal

Hello!

We had a wonderful school year, and I cannot believe it is already summer! This past school year enabled me to connect and engage with each student, faculty/staff member, and family through various opportunities. Our students expanded their knowledge while

participating in a rigorous and robust curriculum that includes leadership experiences such as partaking in our HOUSE system. Next year, students will be provided with even more intentional cross-curricular opportunities focusing on STEM/STEAM across the entire curriculum. Due to our collaboration with BrainStem and the efforts of our fabulous Martin Lindsey, Director of MakerSpace, various class sessions will continue to take place for students to learn how to use and create products in the UofL Speed School MakerSpace. With the hiring of our new Science teacher, there will be numerous opportunities for students to be active learners and embrace their creativity while using their critical thinking and collaboration skills.

As stated in Nativity's vision statement, "through Catholic education we enrich and empower the mind, body, and spirit of students through middle school, high school, and beyond," Nativity is a school that places emphasis on the whole child.

I am a firm believer in educating the whole child so that learners can reach their fullest potential; I believe that all students can learn at a high level if provided the support, guidance, and opportunity to do so. To accomplish this, teachers must feel supported and build upon their capacity to achieve this goal. Students benefit immensely from this and by being engaged in the classroom through having meaningful and authentic lessons that challenge them to reach their fullest potential. For the '25-'26 school year, as part of the School Improvement Plan, teachers will work in PLCs (Professional Learning Community) to look at assessment data and lesson plans to create engaging lessons that meet the needs of each student. Supporting teachers and learners is my passion so that students in our community can have the best experience in education and thrive. I am passionate about supporting all learners and educators and providing an equitable educational experience for all stakeholders. I am extremely excited for what the future holds here at Nativity Academy, and I am honored to be principal. I am confident we will continue to soar!

With love and gratitude,

Andrea Peavler  
Principal





(Front L-R) Reanna Farmer, Kennadi Johnson, London Wathen, Skylar Sorrells, Remii' Foshay, Leia Greenwell-Graham. (Middle L-R) Levi Escobar, Josiah Crim, Ty'Shon Mimms, Anyiah Whittaker, Sa'Niyah Williams (Back L-R) Calvin Guy, Xakeri Bailey, Myles Crenshaw, Derez Grider, Jaih Mack-Taylor, Justin Muhammad



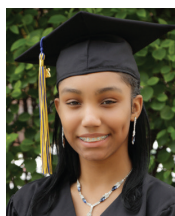
*Congratulations*

*Graduates!*

*Class of 2025*



## 2025 Scholarship Awards



**Lisa Brents Memorial Scholarship**  
Leia Greenwell-Graham  
(Assumption High School)



**Brown-Quesenberry Scholarship**  
Remii' Foshay  
(Sacred Heart Academy)



**Graduate Support Program Scholarship**  
Justin Muhammad  
(Trinity High School)



**Erin Faulkner Memorial Scholarship**  
Reanna Farmer  
(Mercy Academy)



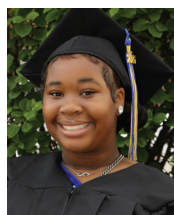
**Walsh Skelly Scholarship**  
Josiah Crim  
(Saint Xavier High School)



**Ursuline Sister Paula Kleine-Kracht Scholarship and Eagle Award**  
Jaih Mack-Taylor  
(Saint Xavier High School)



**Mitchell Klausung Memorial Scholarship**  
Skylar Sorrells  
(Mercy Academy)



**Price Waterhouse Cooper Reimagine Scholarship**  
Kennadi Johnson  
(Presentation Academy)



**Father Bill Fichteman Memorial Scholarship**  
Myles Crenshaw  
(DeSales High School)



**Frank Klein Memorial Scholarship**  
Derez Grider  
(Saint Xavier High School)



**Price Waterhouse Cooper Reimagine Scholarship**  
Anyiah Whittaker  
(Presentation Academy)



**Father Tim Hogan Memorial Scholarship**  
Sa'Niyah Williams  
(Mercy Academy)



## Message from the Board Chair



Peter Klein

Dear Friends of Nativity,

As we welcome the start of summer, my heart is filled with joy, optimism, and deep gratitude for God's perfect timing. This season marks a special moment in the life of Nativity Academy, and it's a joy to share the many blessings unfolding at Nativity Academy.

We are thrilled to welcome back Meghan Weyland as our new president—a true homecoming! Meghan served as principal of Nativity a decade ago, and her return is nothing short of providential. With her deep understanding of our mission and her unwavering commitment to our students, I can think of no one better to lead Nativity into this next chapter. Her leadership is already inspiring the entire community, and we are blessed to have her at the helm.

The transitions we've experienced over the past year have brought great clarity and strength. Today, Nativity is led by a cohesive, mission-focused, and motivated team, united in purpose and spirit. The energy within our school is palpable—there's a renewed sense of excitement and possibility in every hallway and classroom.

I'm also humbled and overjoyed to share that the very first Frank P. Klein Jr. Scholarship has been awarded this year. Watching our students pursue their academic and personal dreams—and seeing the Nativity family rally around them with such love and support—fills me with pride and hope.

As you read through this newsletter, I invite you to reflect on the impact of your generosity and consider renewing or beginning a student sponsorship in a way that works for you. I also hope you'll mark your calendars for our fall auction in October, which will spotlight the inspiring journeys of our graduates, and recognition of those who have been critical to their success. We're already planning some exciting enhancements to make this our best celebration yet!

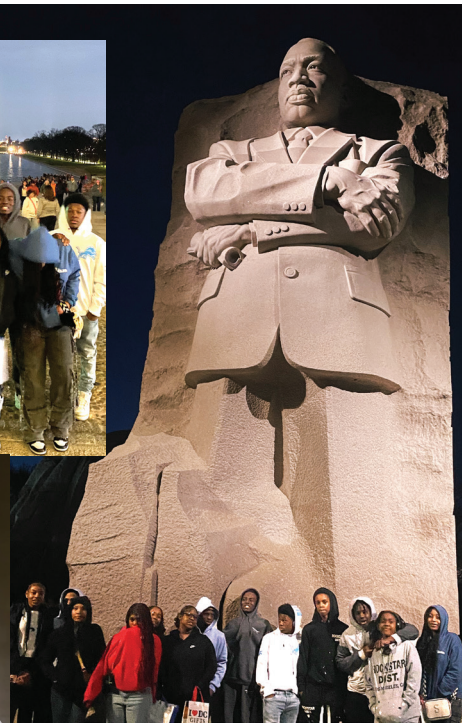
Thank you to all our benefactors, sponsors, and friends. Your belief in Nativity Academy makes everything possible. We are grateful beyond words.

Together we soar,



Peter Klein  
Board Chair

## Annual 8th-Grade Trip to Washington DC



Eighth Grade students travelled to Washington DC as they completed their year of graduation from Nativity Academy. The class of 2025 visited the White House, The Washington monument, the Lincoln memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial and encountered the history and legacy of our nation's capitol.

## Nativity Celebrates 10 years as a Charity Seal Holder with the BBB



Executive Director, Meghan Weyland, recently accepted a certificate from Reanna Smith-Hamblin, CEO, BBB Serving Greater Louisville, celebrating Nativity's ten years as a Better Business Bureau Charity Seal Holder since 2015. The award states: "As an organization that operates in accordance with BBB Standards for Charity Accountability, your organization exemplifies honesty, integrity and excellence."



# Track and Field Break Records

Drew Melton - Track & Field Coach



The future is bright for Nativity Academy Track and Field! The Track team finished up their final week of Track with 2 meets. The CSAA City Championship was held at St. Xavier High School on April 27th. Nativity walked away with 2 team trophies in the 5th and 6th grade division - our girls placed 2nd overall while our boys brought home 1st place overall! On top of the 5th and 6th grade team success, many of our athletes made it to the podium in their respective events.

Following the championship meet our team competed in one final meet in the Middletown Track Series at Eastern High School. Rain delay and all, many of our athletes continued to break personal records and finish strong, including 6th grader Chyna McClellon qualifying for the State Meet in the 200m dash and Remii' Foshay qualifying for the State Meet in shot put! Big Congratulations to Chyna and Remii'!



(l-r) Chyna McClellon and Remii' Foshay

Although the team season is over, our two state qualifying athletes continued their journey to State. Our ladies brought their best to the Kentucky Middle School State Track Meet. Both Chyna and Remii' put up personal best in their respected events. Our

team is extremely proud of how our ladies represented Nativity Academy at the State Meet! We look forward to seeing Remii' continue to throw at Sacred Heart Academy next year as well as seeing how Chyna continues to grow here at Nativity for the next two years!

## Eagles Basketball Championship!



Nativity Academy Eagles coached by Jermaine Prince and Jermaine Prince, Jr. - the 6th grade boys basketball team took 1st place in the 2024-2025 CSAA Tournament! CSAA Louisville is the largest Catholic School Athletic Association in the country, offering opportunities for grade school students to play in well-organized and well supervised leagues.

**Plan now to support Nativity Academy**



12th annual Give for Good Louisville  
**September 18, 2025,**  
from midnight to 11:59 pm ET

[giveforgoodlouisville.org](https://giveforgoodlouisville.org)



## Nativity Soaring Robo Eagles Team

Soaring Robo Eagles, Nativity's first robotics team, in Partnership with BrainSTem U competed in the city-wide Kentucky Derby Festival Robo Rumble.



Angelica



Zariah



Ty'Niya



Lance



Kayla



Chloe



Kyree



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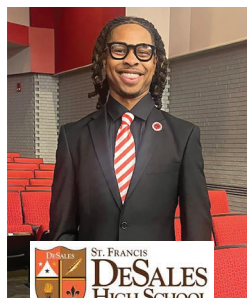
**Sphero Hero** competition 2nd place winners!

## Hardaway Family Celebrating Graduations



Caelia Hardaway graduated from Fisk University the same weekend as her older brother and fellow Nativity grad Jamil Hardaway graduated from McPherson College. They are celebrating here with their mother, Associate Board member and former Nativity parent, Carla Hardaway.

Camden Smith  
Nativity Academy '20  
DeSales graduate '24



Winner of the MVP award for WKU's Summer Academy.

Inducted into the Black Male Initiative – Why Knot Us – a community service organization mentoring grade-

school boys. President's List – WKU – for his first semester.



Jada McIntyre '25  
Black History Month SHA  
Student Spotlight



Jada holds the SHA record for both long and triple jump.

She is an active participant in the Black Student Union with Heart at SHA.

Alexis Cammack  
graduate of UofL  
Brandeis School of Law



Nativity graduate and current UofL Law School graduate, received an

award on May 17 at the African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinnner.



Jahari Jackson

Freshman at Clark Atlanta University



Graduate of Nativity DeSales High School. Winner of \$10,000 Scholarship - Catholic Education Foundation Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner 2024, Member of the Mighty Marching Panthers



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Jaiden Robinson  
awarded the

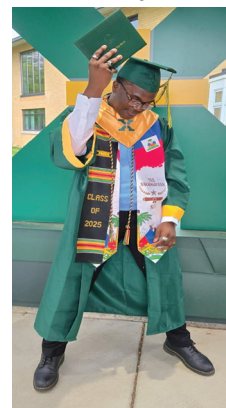
Father John H. Morgan Scholarship



Alumni Dinner. Jaiden will be attending UofL Speed School in the fall.



Armonte Snodgrass awarded a  
Rodrique McCrady Scholarship



Nativity and St. X graduate Armonte Snodgrass was honored with a Rodrique McCrady Scholarship at the Archdiocese's annual African-American Leadership Awards Banquet in May.



The Nativity Academy family of staff, mentors, and volunteers support our graduates throughout both high school, into post-secondary education and beyond...building competencies inside the academic arena and within their communities.



## Becoming "Doctor O"

by Orion Rushin, MD  
Nativity Academy Graduate



Orion Rushin, MD

*I would like to thank you personally for being part of my village and supporting me along this journey. I know that I could not have made it to this pinnacle point in my life without you, my parents, family, and friends. However, the highest honor goes to God.*

*If you are to take everything away from my journey, I want you to know and see that God was the author, illustrator, and editor. I could not have imagined in my wildest dreams what he has made of my life. It was through laying down my will and taking up his, that I was granted this high honor.*

*It may have appeared to be a series of sacrifices, but if you look closer it was truly obedience. He called me and I answered. I allowed many things to take second to this calling. Yes, I did not partake in being in a relationship, getting married, having a child, starting a family, going on a vacation, moving out on my own, and the shopping sprees as it was not my season for those things. As you can see some of those same opportunities have waited for me and are that much more enjoyable!*

*Not only was I granted physicianship, but I was able to relearn myself in his image with his unfettered view of me. He gave me standards, morals, values, and purpose. His ways are greater than mine and his understanding supersedes any that I may have.*

*I'm often told I "wore medical school well", when in truth you saw and witnessed the strength of God, the power of his favor, and the beauty of the life he thought for me. As this journey in medical school concludes and we celebrate and smile, I challenge you, as Doctor's orders, to lay down your will and take up his. Allow him to blow your mind, as he has done mine. He is proven, and "Becoming Dr. O" is a testimony!*



the 'Future Healers Journey to Wellness Personal Journal.'

Dr. Orion Rushin has served in the development of a wellness journal for children provided by a Louisville program that aims to help children impacted by gun violence. Orion is one of the students at the University of Louisville's School of Medicine who served in the Future Healers Program and co-authored



Suzanne Haugh, Nativity's Graduate Support Program director celebrated Orion's graduation from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in May 2025. Dr. Orion Rushin has begun her residency in psychiatry at Northwestern University.

## Great Golf and Support for Nativity

NATIVITY ACADEMY  
AT SAINT BONIFACE



Frank Klein  
MEMORIAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT



Peter, Mark, Frank, and Kevin Klein

A great group of enthusiastic golfers participated in Nativity's Annual Frank Klein Memorial Golf Tournament at Audubon Country Club on April 24, 2025. Frank was one of Nativity's original board members and was committed to the educational opportunities that Nativity provided students from Louisville's urban core. Frank was involved in forming the first boys' basketball team at Nativity. He chaired the Golf Event each year. After his death in 2015, Nativity restored the basketball floor and named and dedicated it to Frank Klein.

Frank was a devoted and beloved member of the Nativity Academy community. You can support his vision and dedication today by donating to the Frank Klein Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides a yearly student scholarship.

To donate now go to: [nativitylouisville.org/golf-scramble](https://nativitylouisville.org/golf-scramble) and click the Donate to the Frank Klein Memorial Scholarship Fund button.



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The Shoot-Out Prize was sponsored by ISCO and included 4 tickets to the ISCO Championship at Hurstbourne - an official FedExCup event on the PGA TOUR schedule, July 10-13, 2025 at Hurstbourne Country Club. 7



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