

# **Nativity Academy News**

Fall 2022

An independent Catholic middle school that transforms the lives of students who have a commitment to achievement and whose families demonstrate financial need.

## Annual Report 2022 - Bringing our Mission to Life









Amy Olson

Dear Friends of Nativity,

Each morning our students pray and then recite *The Academy Way*.

We are Nativity Academy.
We are committed to achievement.
We respect ourselves and one another.
We overcome all obstacles that stand in our way. We lift others up.
Together we SOAR.
We are Nativity Academy.



I am grateful that you too are living out *The Academy Way*. Our students would not achieve the life-changing results without your gifts of time, talent, treasure, and prayer. Your support helped the Nativity class of 2018 have a 100% high school graduation rate in May of 2022. Many of our graduates are now first-generation college students who have received academic scholarships and college cares support through the Nativity Academy Graduate Support Program.

Thank you for helping our students achieve. Thank you for respecting and honoring our students with your financial support. Thank you for lifting our school in prayer. Through your generosity, our Nativity Eagles SOAR (Strive, Overcome, Achieve, Respect)!

I hope this annual report provides each of you with validation of your wise investment. Please know you are welcome to visit the school. I invite you to see first hand, *The Academy Way*.

With gratitude,

Amy Olson
Executive Director
Nativity Academy at St. Boniface

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31



Will Wells

Dear friends, supporters, and sponsors of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface,

We are pleased to share with you the latest version of the Nativity Academy annual report. The past two years have been challenging and have brought significant changes to our school. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to tell you there is a

buzz of excitement and a renewed sense of energy and commitment to our mission.

Our new Executive Director, Amy Olson, and our new Principal, Roni Witherspoon, have inspired this fresh approach to our long-standing mission. They, along with the team of faculty and staff who bring this mission to life daily, are positioning Nativity Academy to build on the successes of our past and achieve new levels of success for the young people in our community that Nativity is uniquely able to serve.

If you have not come by the school recently, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of the tours (we will be announcing dates soon) and see firsthand the lifechanging work occurring at 529 E. Liberty daily. I am confident in saying you will walk away from your visit with a renewed sense of optimism for our future once you see our students and teachers in action and learn about the new and exciting changes in our graduate support and extended enrichment programs.

Some of you are long time donors and others are more recent additions to our family, however, each of you makes this work possible through your prayers, donations, advocacy and innumerable and often unheralded but significant contributions.

We are looking forward to celebrating the successes of our first 20 years and beginning our journey into the next 20 years next fall—stay tuned for more information about this.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for what you do to support the mission of Nativity Academy that is needed in our community now more than ever.

Will Wells
Nativity Academy Board Chair



#### **Our Mission**

The NativityMiguel Coalition (NMC) is an alliance of nonpublic pre-k through 12 schools that work together to bring equity to all students through education. Investing in the fundamental belief that every student deserves the opportunity to become their best authentic self, the NMC provides its members with the support and structure needed to deliver an holistic education that values empathy, equality, and connection.

#### Our Member Schools

NMC member schools are the driving force of our organization. Through these remarkable institutions, all children - regardless of faith, race, gender, or income - are provided with an inclusive education that meets each child's individual needs and nurtures their unique aspirations. Through love and support, NMC member schools teach all students how vital they are to their cultures and communities, as well as society-at-large.



Nativity Academy has been a member school of the NativityMiguel Coalition since 2003.

### **Nativity Academy - Beyond the Walls**

#### Nativity Academy basketball is off and running!



Nativity's new head coach, **Andre Coleman**, a 2015 grad

We are pleased to welcome

Andre Coleman, a 2015 graduate of Nativity Academy. Andre graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2019. He attended Indiana University Southeast majoring in Business Marketing and Professional Sales. Andre is currently a supervisor at UPS. Welcome back Andre!

Andre Coleman and Luke Hayes

**Luke Hayes**, Social Studies teacher at Nativity Academy, will be assisting Andre with the Nativity Academy's Eagles basketball team. "We are excited about the prospects for our boys' basketball team."



#### Another Eagle soars at St. X!

Kameren Calvin, Nativity Academy alum and Saint Xavier High School freshman, garnered October's Xaverian Award for the Class of 2026.

Each month Saint Xavier faculty and staff recognize students who exemplify simplicity, humility, zeal, compassion, and trust. *Congratulations Kameren!* 





# THANK YOU

For being a force for good.

Total Raised \$55,975.00. We asked, you answered.

- √ Made a match incentive gift
- √ Helped us exceed our goal of \$50,000
- √ Reached out to friends & family for their support

#### Nativity Academy Results of Give for Good Day

- Increased donor giving by 28% with 119 donors
- Finished 26th out of 500 non-profit organizations participating
- Exceeded last years' Giving Day donations by \$15,5556.00
- You made a generous investment that will pay off in the future lives of our students.

We are so Incredibly Thankful for You!!

## **Student Sponsorship Program**

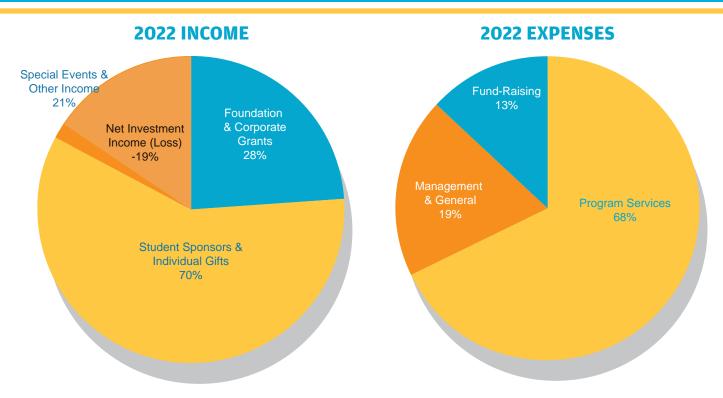






"I am proud to give to Nativity Academy...a special place that is driving generational change through education. Thanks to all who support Nativity." - Give for Good Donor

# **Annual Report 2022**



Income & Support	year ending June 30, 2022
Foundation & Corporate Grants	\$376,347
Student Sponsors & Individual Gifts	\$935,018
Special Events & Other Income	\$277,130
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(\$250,280)
Total	\$1,338,215

Expenses	year ending June 30, 2022
Program Services	\$922,548
Management & General	\$263,714
Fund Raising	\$180,354
Total	\$1,366,616

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#### Nativity Academy Transforms the Lives of Students and Families as Part of its Mission



Kurtis Cotten

Kurtis Cotten, Nativity
Academy Class of 2017,
is truly soaring—
figuratively and literally—
as a student in Eastern
Kentucky University's

aviation program.

"Ever since I was a little boy, I have always been amazed by those 400,000-pound

airplanes soaring in the sky with such ease."Kurtis's dream of becoming a pilot was like no other career path in his family. "I didn't allow that to change what I wanted to be," Kurtis explained. "I wanted to do something different and something I could wake up and be proud to say, 'Yeah, I fly planes'."

But during his senior year at Saint Xavier High School, he realized how expensive pursuing his passion would be and opted instead to work at UPS and accept a full-tuition scholarship at the University of Louisville to become a mechanical engineer. "Halfway through that first semester, I realized this is not what I wanted to be doing for the rest of my life. My love was for airplanes and traveling the world." Now, within just one semester, Kurtis will soon receive his private pilot's license. Then, he can fly anywhere at any time. "That's a pretty sweet deal!"

Fortunately, Kurtis has had support along the way. Together with Nativity Academy's Graduate Support Program, he figured out how

to make attending a private Catholic high school possible, and felt Nativity prepared him educationally, as well as with a better understanding of the Catholic Church. His time at Saint Xavier was "formational."

"St. Xavier really changed me into a great person, and I am thankful to be a part of the St. Xavier brotherhood forever." That transformation was set into motion at Nativity Academy, particularly through people like former counselor, Lisa Brents, who has since passed away. During a rough week, Kurtis listened to Ms. Brents' advice: "Smile more; worry less."

"I started to look at life differently and worry about the things I can control, not the ones I can't. She helped me learn that it's good to take just one step at a time." Nativity's support of Kurtis' career path has continued through its College Cares Program, which offers small grants to students in college or trade schools. "Whether it's electronics, gas, books, etc. Nativity has no problem helping out a fellow graduate, and I am really appreciative of that!"

He now passes on this advice to families considering Nativity
Academy: "Send them!" Nativity leads its graduates into great
Catholic high schools and I don't think my family would have ever
considered sending me to one if I hadn't gone to Nativity."

"I had a lot of fun (at Nativity) but I also learned a lot of good things from a lot of great people."



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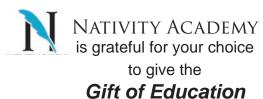
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