

NEWS

NATIVITY ACADEMY AT SAINT BONIFACE

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

We Proudly Present our 2015 Nativity Academy Graduates



Friends,

As we celebrate spring here in Louisville, I see and feel new life all around me. It takes shape in our students here at Nativity Academy as they visualize their next academic step – as new or returning middle school students, as newly-minted high school students, and as

nervous high school graduates headed into their last summer of freedom before the realities of post-secondary education set in. It takes shape in our upcoming 5th grade class, currently poised to begin its inaugural year. This season fills me with joy as I watch growth through conquered challenges, new leadership at our school, and a building set to begin construction to house our growing student population.

I am so proud of our students. There's no way to capture and share with you all of the deeply moving moments that I see as

Executive Director of Nativity Academy. They have grown in their faith, in their levels of personal responsibility, and each and every student has pushed themselves to their highest potential during their time here at Nativity. As I watch 22 of our 23 students select and be selected by a Catholic high school, I know that the work we do here matters. To whom much is given, much is expected, and our students continue to exceed our expectations.

Your prayers, donations of time and gifts, and continued support are such a gift to us. Spring is the season of new life, and you, our advocates and friends, are the reason we are able to keep growing, giving, and succeeding year-round. May every season bring new life here at Nativity Academy!

Carol Nord

Executive Director

From our Graduating Students...

When we asked our graduating 8th graders two questions, these were their responses:

As you leave Nativity, what have you learned?

"I learned that to become a better person, I will need help from others. I can't do everything myself."

"[I learned] the importance of the people who surround us."

"I've learned who I am, what I can do, and what's ahead of me....It is a small school that gives BIG opportunities

If you had a magic wand and could change anything about the school, what would it be?

"I'd make our gym bigger so we could have basketball games here."

"Probably the gym – I would love to have more games and activities here."

"Nothing. Really."

2015 Nativity Academy Auction Results Are In!



Come Fly With Me



Friends of Nativity,

A big thanks to YOU, our wonderful supporters and attendees, for our most successful

Auction to date! We had our first-ever sellout event and our first-ever college graduate as the featured speaker!

I want to share with you that we raised over **\$156,000** this year, and - equally importantly - **over \$.85 of every dollar** stayed in-house to go to support the work of educational justice that we do at Nativity!

We could not have kept our expenses so low, nor could we have raised as many dollars, without your support. From the staff, volunteers, and students of Nativity Academy, **THANK YOU!**

Stay tuned on our website for our 2016 Auction location and date!

Brooke Burnette
Advancement Director

Nativity Academy Auction 2015
April 17, 2015
in The Hangar at Bowman Field



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Enjoying the Nativity Auction together, left to right, wife of Joshua Jordan, Donna Klein, Nativity graduate Joshua Jordan, Frank Klein, Kathy Gahm.

Nativity Students Shine at Leadership Conferences



KUNA student group with Jamil Hardaway at front left

Nativity Academy at St. Boniface received the Outstanding Delegation Award at the 2015 Middle School Summit #2 meeting of the Kentucky YMCA's Kentucky Youth Assembly in December 2014. The students worked every Tuesday afternoon to present two bills at the assembly. One bill passed and was signed into law. Jamil Hardaway received an award for Outstanding Committee Chair and all 27 of the attendees reported great satisfaction with the experience of democracy in action!



Nativity Academy student group at Kentucky Youth Assembly



First Experience at Camp Loucon



In following with the Nativity school format of having a summer camp component, Nativity Academy sent 23 eighth grade students to Camp Loucon, located in Leitchfield, KY.



Camp Loucon, which is sponsored by the Methodist church, is a deeply spiritual and engaging space for students to explore and deepen their relationship with God.

Two of our students, Demetri and Larrell, were originally reluctant to attend: when asked after the camp concluded what their favorite part of the week-long program was, they both responded enthusiastically "it was the worship. And the community – building."

It was truly a conversion experience!

New Faces Of Nativity

Nativity Academy is delighted to welcome new faces to our team!



Principal, Tom Kallay

As our wonderful Principal, Meghan Weyland, changes roles to become full-time mom to her two young children, we are honored to announce Mr. Thomas Kallay as Nativity Academy's new Principal.

Tom grew up in West Louisville and attended Christ the King and Flaget high schools. He moved to Montana early in his career in education and has now settled back in his hometown. Tom brings a passion for the position and a great deal of administrative experience, especially at the middle school level. Please send your notes of welcome to Tom as he continues his service in educational justice here at Nativity Academy!



Food Services Director, Stephanie Duvall

Having previously volunteered with Nativity Academy through our Nativity Auctions, Stephanie is very familiar with the work we do. With more than 15 years of food service experience, she comes to us from St. Nicholas and Sts. Simon and Jude. She's the figurative "woman behind the curtain", and we are excited to have Stephanie working with us at Nativity!



Advancement Coordinator, Susan Kwasny

Nativity Academy is lucky to have snagged Susan Kwasny as Advancement Coordinator! Susan brings a strong combination of special events, PR/Communications, and Community relations experience to the Advancement office. If you know Susan, drop her a note of welcome!

Every Gift Matters

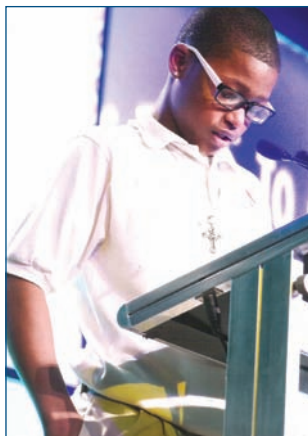
We recently received this heartwarming letter that a volunteer shared with us, with a \$10 bill tucked inside. This excerpt, below, was especially meaningful:

"At a discussion at work the other day, I was talking about the Nativity fundraiser [Annual Auction]. This little old lady who has two jobs - one at Target - and doesn't have two nickels to rub together said that she wanted to give you something to help. So here is the \$10.00 she gave me. I know that, to her, it must have seemed like a lot of money! Do something good with it!"



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Annual Golf Scramble

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Louisville, Kentucky 40229



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Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM

Scramble Format

Prizes for the first and second Place Teams

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