



NATIVITY ACADEMY
AT SAINT BONIFACE

Nativity Academy News

Spring 2018

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

Saying Goodbye to Yesterday and Welcoming Tomorrow



Dear Friends of
Nativity Academy,

Graduation time is here and celebrations are in full swing! This May marks the 13th

graduating class of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface. So many successes have occurred over the years and we have much to be proud of!

During our Awards and Graduation ceremonies, our graduates have been saying goodbye to yesterday and welcoming the promise, challenge and anticipation of tomorrow. We encourage our graduates to dream their greatest dreams and seek their highest goals. These dreams are the greatest gifts that lie within themselves, and by pursuing them, they will begin to unwrap their future.

We dare our students to be different and make a difference in the world.

Our eighth grade graduates have successfully completed their course of study and are clearly prepared to move on to the high school of their choice. We are proud that 92% are matriculating to local Catholic High Schools.

Our high school seniors are receiving accolades with the awarding of scholarships to various postsecondary institutions. They plan to attend Campbellsville, Marshall, Fisk, Morehead State, and Howard Universities, as well as NKU, EKU, WKU, UofL and JCTC. What a remarkable accomplishment given the obstacles many have faced!

We have over 220 students in our Graduate Support Program (GSP). We work with these students from grade

eight through post-secondary education. It is truly gratifying to see how the seeds planted here have grown and prospered. This edition of our newsletter shares a few of these stories.

Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is truly a special place. Our successes continue to grow as we work with each child. It is truly a blessing to work hand-in-hand with students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, donors and sponsors to change the lives of these children as they continue to conquer the obstacles life presents. Nativity is making a difference!

Blessings,

Carol Nord
Executive Director

Tom Kallay



Tom's retirement from Nativity Academy gives us a sense of joy for him and Joan, and yet we do it with a heavy heart. As principal, he has been a significant part of the growth within our school. His leadership, compassion and vision set a path for future.

We welcome Jessica Farrell as the new principal for Nativity Academy. She is a current teacher and teacher mentor. Her new role offers an opportunity to expand on her hopes and dreams for the entire student body. Today, Jessica, you lead the Academy. Tomorrow your students will lead the world.

Jessica Farrell



Special Edition: We celebrate the successes of our Graduate Support Program: page 2





Brandy Jones-Sutton
Director GSP

Graduate Support Program (GSP) Update – After Nativity...

Educational Performance!

Nativity Academy supports our students for 12-years during their educational journey. We provide tutoring, homework support, financial application assistance, high school and college on-site tours...and the results are staggering!

89.2% High School Graduation Rate

72% Post-Secondary Advancement

Presidential Award

Four Nativity Academy graduates now in high school were honored with the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award.



Our graduates are exhibiting leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship skills that are emblematic of our nation's 40th President.

Congratulations to our Nativity graduates:

Andre Coleman
Jalyn Shorter
Jennifer Zaragoza
Alexis Cammack



Arak McDuffie chooses Marshall University

Nativity Academy's own 2014 graduate Arak McDuffie has announced his commitment to Marshall University.

Arak was recognized as an All-State selection by the Courier-Journal. Arak attended Trinity High School whose team this year went 15-0 with a Class 6-A State Championship.



Demetri Scott receives Outstanding Underclassman Award!



Congratulations to the Harold Davis, Head Coach at De-Sales High School and Demetri Scott for a Perfect 10-0 Regular Season. Demetri was honored at their Football banquet with the Most Outstanding Underclassman Award

and was recognized on the GLFCA 2017 All-District First Team. Way to go Demetri, Nativity Academy '16 Graduate!

Hardaway Honored with Youth Character Award

Thirteen area teens were recognized in October as 2017 YMCA Youth Character Award honorees. Our own graduate, Jamil Hardaway was one of the elite honorees. Youth Character Awards recognize teens who demonstrate exceptional leadership while incorporating the Y values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.



Students are nominated by teachers and mentors who write essays explaining how the student demonstrates the YMCA's core values, examples of who has been impacted by the youth's actions and character and how the community has been strengthened through his or her service. A committee of YMCA leadership volunteers chooses the honorees, and each honoree receives a \$1,500 scholarship.

Andre Coleman: Leadership



Andre Coleman graduated from Nativity Academy in 2015. He is now enrolled at St. Xavier High School. This year, he has exceeded his own expectations. He has maintained being on the honor roll

the entire 2017-2018 school year. He was chosen for the XBSS Student Leadership Program and will be attending the NKU Multicultural Leadership Institute this summer. Andre Coleman is also the 2018 recipient of the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award. Congratulations on a great year Andre.

Arian Franklin: Medical Career



Arian Franklin graduated from Nativity Academy in 2008. She is a 2017 graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. Arian is one of 22 Nativity Academy graduates who have now completed their college education.

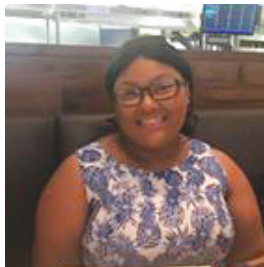
Arian, who received her degree in STEM, is currently planning to become an Air Force officer and use her military experience to enter the medical field with a specific interest in the specialties of pediatrics, cardiology or anesthesiology.

Micah Petway



Micah Petway, 2014 Nativity Academy graduate, received the 2017 Annual Black Achievers Award presented by the Chestnut Street Family YMCA. This was the 38th annual celebration that recognizes local high school student's innate abilities, high academic achievement,

good character and perseverance that fosters self-determination.



Alaina Grant named "Unsung Hero" by the Downtown Rotary Club

A 2014 graduate of Nativity, Alaina Grant was recently honored with a prestigious award from the Downtown Louisville Rotary Club. Alaina, who at-

tends Mercy Academy earned the Angela Mason Scholarship for four years of high school. She has been a member of the Louisville Girls Leadership, MACCS, JAGGS Animal Care Society, the Social Studies National Honor Society, the National Honor Society, and the Spanish Club.

Alaina completed the Baptist Hospital East Volunteer Program in Pain Management. She volunteers at the Humane Society and is on call at the American Red Cross. She received the Honors Award for being on the Principal's List earning a 4.0 in honors classes. Alaina will be attending the University of Louisville and majoring in Nursing in Fall 2018.

Nativity Says Good Luck... Never Goodbye!

Congratulations to this year's college graduates:

Cornelius Jackson

B.A. Criminal Justice University of Pikeville

Reality Alexander

B.S. Biology - Pre-med University of Louisville

Special thanks



Eighth Grade trip to Washington D.C.



Nativity Academy 8th-grade students enjoyed the annual field trip in May to Washington D.C.. Included in the 3-day trip were non-stop educational tours which included the U.S. Capitol Building, a meeting with Congressman John Yarmuth, the Smithsonian Museum of African American History, and the National Mall. Executive Director Carol Nord, Counselor Lisa Brents, director of EEP, Dr. Tami Harbolt, and faculty member Karen Woo accompanied students on this exciting and educational experience of the nation's Capitol.



Congressman Yarmuth meets the Nativity students to welcome them and acquaint them with the work of the federal government.

In Memory and Honor of our Nativity Academy Family Members, we thank you for your service.



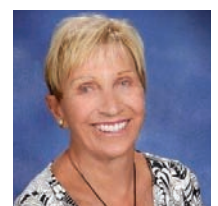
Mary Louise Engelhard Barr
1921-2017



Father Timothy Hogan
1939-2017



Mariyam Dauda Sweeney
1976-2018



Virginia "Ginny" Frank Mackin
1937-2017

Drowning Prevention Workshop



Nativity Academy students were provided the opportunity to participate in a Drowning Prevention workshop by the University of Louisville Swim Team at the Ralph Wright Natatorium in April. It was a great experience and Nativity Academy very much appreciates the support of the University of Louisville Swim Team in providing this very important training.

STLP Empowers Our Students



Girls' team left to right, Terris, Nevah, A'nya & Ithzel.



Boys' left to right, Daniel, Stephen, Antonio & Varlee.

The Kentucky Department of Education's Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) uses project-based learning principles to empower student learning and achievement through the utilization (and creation) of technology to solve school and community needs. STLP provides a means for student to design, make, connect and learn.

Student products, projects, and services are showcased through local, regional, and state events. The

"Big 3" events include Regionals, DPOJ, and STLP State Championship. Nativity Academy was represented by two teams of students who created websites to promote their causes (Healthy Eating & Diversification).

HEALTHY EATS (GIRLS' TEAM)

<https://sites.google.com/student.nativityacademy.org/stl-phealthyeats/home>

WHY NOT? (BOYS' TEAM)

<https://sites.google.com/nativityacademy.org/whynot/home>

Congratulations to our students and to Nativity Academy staff members Amy Fears and Jessica Farrell for their guidance & leadership.

Kentucky United Nations Assembly



KUNA! Learning International Diplomacy

NA Students Bring Home "Conference Life Award"

Nativity Academy students participated in the annual Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA). This 3-day experiential learning conference allowed students to participate directly in simulated international diplomacy.

KUNA offers students the opportunity to experience the richness of cultures from around the world, develop empathy, and improve their critical thinking skills, while engaging with a wide variety of perspectives and global issues.

As Ambassadors emulating the culture and diverse interests of UN member countries from around the world, our students were immersed in the culture of another nation and were encouraged to re-examine the world from a new perspective. They developed solutions for international issues by writing, presenting, debating, and voting on UN Resolutions.

"Conference Life Award"



The Nativity delegation was presented the "Conference Life Award" for creating a positive environment and embodying the spirit of the Conference.

Nevaeh and Trinity earned gavels as committee chairs.

What's the Buzz

Spelling Bee Winners



Congratulations to Jahari, left, winner of the all-school Spelling Bee, and to Mikale, the runner-up.

Twenty Nativity Academy students competed in a spirited battle to see who would represent the school at the Archdiocesan & Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee in February. Both Jahari and Mikale are 6th graders.



Giving Today and In The Future

Sarah Ball is a perfect example of what makes a Nativity Academy supporter so important to the present success and future viability of our school.

As one of seven children whose Mother encouraged each of her children to obtain a college education, even if they had to do it on their own (five have college or

advanced degrees), Sarah is a strong believer in a quality education. Sarah recently retired from the Kentucky Donor Organ Affiliates (KODA) after 30 years of service as Director of Finance and has become a vital part of the support necessary for Nativity Academy to achieve its mission.

She has been a volunteer at Nativity Academy for nine years, beginning with her involvement in the development of the school's library and assisting with the silent auction for Nativity Academy's primary fund raising event.

Sarah continued to expand her involvement at Nativity Academy working with the Extended Enrichment Program and the 8th grade class leaders. Sarah now serves on the Nativity Academy Board of Directors and is a member of the Advancement, Education and Graduate Support committees, in addition to being a vital part of the Nativity Academy auction event.

She truly enjoys working with Nativity Academy students and wants to see each one of them succeed. She sees the determination of the students, each of whom have different perspectives and strengths but a common passion for success. Sarah believes the faith-based portion of the Nativity Academy program provides a strong foundation for treating everyone

with kindness and respect. Sarah also sees strong study habits as being very important for Nativity Academy students.

"I think education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty," Sarah said. "It was instilled in me that education is important. I see it in my life and in the younger generation how important education is to all of us. I want Nativity Academy students to have the opportunity for a quality education and I want to see Nativity Academy continue to be there for our students both today and in the future."

As an example of Sarah's commitment to education, each year during the Christmas season, she gives Nativity Academy students the opportunity to select a book they would like to read, and she purchases the book for them at Christmas time. Sarah believes reading is very important for educational development and enjoys seeing the various reading interests of Nativity Academy students.

To continue Sarah's commitment to Nativity Academy into the future, she decided to make a planned gift to Nativity Academy by meeting with her financial advisor and her attorney to arrange for a percentage of her estate to go to Nativity Academy. Sarah said, "I found the process to be very simple and by doing this, I join other Nativity Academy supporters who have a desire to see Nativity Academy continue to offer a quality education to students focused on being successful in achieving their goals."

To learn more about how you can be a part of giving today and in the future, please contact Chip Keeling at ckeeling@nativityacademy.org or by going to our website at www.nativityacademy.org and selecting "Menu" / "Leave a Legacy".

Nativity Academy is very fortunate to have Sarah Ball, and so many other passionate volunteers, who are vital to our current and future success. Thank you, Sarah.



Carol Nord Honored with St. Katharine Drexel Award

Congratulations to Nativity Academy's own Executive Director, Carol Nord, for becoming the recipient of the Saint Katharine Drexel Award.

The Award is presented to elementary school teachers of the Archdiocese of Louisville for their dedication, commitment, and sacrifice to Catholic education.



Volunteer Spotlight

Without the generous support of a \$50,000 anonymous donation and the time and talent of Jay Saling, a long-term supporter, our refurbished cafeteria would still only be a dream.

With the donation we were able to reconstruct the entrance to the cafeteria so our students would not have to walk outside to enter. We were also able to add a large walk-in refrigerator freezer which allows us to receive and store more perishables, saving the Academy money. We were also able to buy a convection oven, ice maker, dishwasher and serving table.

And thanks to the dedication of Jay, members of his company, Saling Wealth Advisors and friends, we were able to brighten and freshen up the entire eating area. A big thanks to all!



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Quail Chase Golf Club
7000 Cooper Chapel Road

**Plan Now To Attend
Thursday, September 13, 2018!**

- shoot-out and prizes for the 1st- and 2nd-place teams.
- mid-day box lunch
- evening buffet with Chicken & Ribs.

www.nativitylouisville.org/golf-scramble/

Golf scramble sponsorship!

A wonderful way to promote your company and help us break the cycle of poverty for Nativity Academy students.

**For sponsorship opportunities call:
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