



Celebrating Dedicated Leadership and the Opportunity to Serve



Peter Klein
Nativity Board Chair

Hello Friends, Donors, and Supporters,

As I close out my time as Board Chair at Nativity Academy at St. Boniface, I cannot help but reflect on my introduction to Nativity, the unexpected call to serve as Board Chair, and what the Board has accomplished over the past three years.

My late and beloved father introduced me to Nativity more than 20 years ago. As only Sister Paula could, she heard through a mutual friend that my dad—newly retired and experienced in coaching youth basketball—might be interested in volunteering. A week later, he was asked to be a founding Board member and was “voluntold” by Sister Paula to start the Nativity basketball program as head coach. What a blessed “coincidence” that was for me and my family.

I remember refereeing scrimmages and spending time with the team, witnessing firsthand the impact of Nativity’s mission and its founders on the students and families they served. I was immediately drawn in. It was clear this was a place where lives were being changed—and a place I wanted to serve.

After serving on the Board for six years, I was honestly surprised to be asked to step into the role of Chair. It wasn’t something I had mapped out or expected, and I did not feel fully prepared. But through prayer, conversations with my wife and trusted mentors, and a great deal of reflection, I felt called to say yes. There is never a “perfect time” to give or to serve—but I am incredibly grateful that God called me to this role over the past three years.

Together, the Board has made meaningful progress. We successfully transitioned from canonical sponsorship to fully assuming responsibility for Nativity’s Catholic identity and governance—no small undertaking, and one that positions Nativity strongly for the future. We also launched a three-year strategic plan, and I am encouraged to see that work continuing to evolve under the leadership of our Board Chair Elect, Chip Summers, as he refines and accelerates the next phase. It certainly wasn’t all smooth. 2024 tested us. We

experienced significant leadership transition, including the departures of our Executive Director and Principal, the retirement of our Director of Advancement, and changes to our financial operations. Those moments could have set us back. Instead, they challenged us to lean in, stay focused, and make thoughtful, disciplined decisions. Because of that perseverance, Nativity is now in a remarkably strong position.

I am incredibly proud of our leadership team. Meghan Weyland (President), Andrea Peveler (Principal), and Lauren Alderman (Advancement) have already elevated Nativity to new heights. Our enrollment is projected to be the highest it’s been in 4 school years, and financially, we are stronger than we have ever been. That does not happen by accident—it is the result of disciplined work, shared commitment, and a deep belief in our mission.

To our leadership team: thank you for stepping in, stepping up, and leading with clarity, purpose, and heart. To our donors, board members, and supporters: thank you for your generosity, your engagement, and your unwavering belief in Nativity Academy. Your support makes this mission possible.

When you take on a leadership role—especially at a place like Nativity—you hope that when your time comes to an end, you have left it better than you found it. That is the standard I set for myself, and I believe—because of the collective efforts of this Board, our leadership team, and all of you—that we can confidently say that has been accomplished.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. And thank you, Dad, for introducing me to this beloved school and mission. It has truly been an honor.

In partnership and prayer,

Peter Klein
Board Chair
Nativity Academy at St. Boniface



The Klein family with the Elliot family

Nativity Makes Waves



Martin Lindsey, Anna Holt, Nativity student swimmers and Meghan Weyland.

Nativity Academy made waves this year with the launch of its very first swim team. What began as a goal to elevate the school’s STEM program through marine robotics quickly evolved into a labor of love for technology instructor Martin Lindsey.

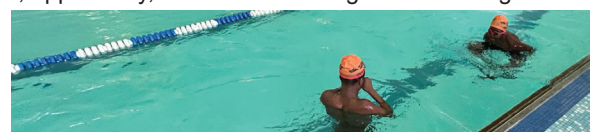
Drawing from his experience and leadership in the Central Adult Learn-to-Swim program, Mr. Lindsey recognized a critical gap in swim safety among Nativity student and decided to introduce students to the fundamentals of water safety, giving them a valuable life skill. The

program progressed, empowering students to build confidence and prepare to compete.

Nativity’s swimmers rose to the challenge, representing their school at the CSAA All-Catholic Schools Meet—a remarkable achievement for a first-year program. The team’s success reflects their hard work and strong sense of community.

Central High School’s pool and coaching staff and Swimville USA provided generous support with gear and swimwear. Co-coach Mrs. Anna Holt, the Central Adult Learn-to-Swim program, and all the dedicated parents and volunteers made for a great first season.

The swim team has made a lasting impact, and Mr. Lindsey remains focused on his vision of integrating marine robotics into Nativity’s growing STEM offerings. Nativity continues to establish itself as a hub for innovation. Our swim program stands as a powerful example of how education, opportunity, and care come together to change lives.



*Congratulations
to our Graduates!*



Class of 2026



Nativity Academy Graduates of 2026 have been accepted to the following high schools:

- Michaele Bell**
Saint Xavier High School
- Korrine Davis**
Presentation High School
- X'Ziyah Deshields-Ayo**
Mercy Academy
- Guy Elliott**
Saint Xavier High School
- Antwan Lovelace**
Trinity High School
- Sasha Newby**
Assumption High School
- De'Shayla O'Bannon**
Holy Cross High School
- Antonio Simms**
DeSales High School
- Semaj Wathen**
Holy Cross High School
- Kyler Woodson**
DeSales High School

(Front L-R) Korrine Davis, Sasha Newby, X'Ziyah Deshields-Ayo, De'Shayla O'Bannon,
(Back L-R) Michaele Bell, Semaj Wathen, Guy Elliott, Antonio Simms, Antwan Lovelace, Kyler Woodson

2026 Scholarship Awards



Lisa Brents Memorial Scholarship
and
Nativity Eagle Award
X'Ziyah Deshields-Ayo
(Mercy Academy)



Frank Klein Memorial Scholarship
Guy Elliott
(Saint Xavier High School)



Father Tim Hogan Scholarship
Semaj Wathen
(Holy Cross High School)



Erin Faulkner Memorial Scholarship
and
Presentation Allen Memorial Scholarship
and **Highest HSPT score from Nativity at Presentation**
Korrine Davis
(Presentation Academy)



Walsh Skelly Scholarship
Antwan Lovelace
(Trinity High School)



Father Bill Fichteman Scholarship
Kyler Woodson
(DeSales High School)



Mitchell Klausung Memorial Scholarship
Michaele Bell
(Saint Xavier High School)



Nativity Graduate Support Program Scholarship
and
DeSales Colt Development Scholarship
Antonio Simms
(DeSales High School)



Sr. Paula Kleine-Kracht Scholarship
De'Shayla O'Bannon
(Holy Cross High School)



Assumption Success Scholar Program
Sasha Newby
(Assumption High School)

Nativity Launches Partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana

When the Mackin Foundation approached Nativity Academy with the opportunity to bring an on-site mentoring program to our students, we were honored—and excited. The program has officially launched, with five mentor-mentee matches already up and running.

Lauren M. Novak of the Mackin Family Foundation states:



The Mackin Family Foundation is proud to partner with both Nativity School and Big Brothers

Big Sisters Kentuckiana through the peer mentoring program. Both organizations have deep and longstanding roots in our community, and it has been inspiring to see this partnership gain momentum in its inaugural year. We believe strongly in the impact of education, mentorship, and peer connection in shaping the lives of young people, and we look forward to seeing this program continue to grow and positively influence students for years to come.



Zariah, 7th grader and Lauren Novak of the Mackin foundation, also a Big Sis

This partnership is making a meaningful impact. **Advancement Coordinator Lauren Alderman who was a “Big” to one of our 8th-grade students shares her experience:**

I love having an hour each week to be fully present and focused on nothing but my ‘Little.’ We’ve had fun getting to know each other and quickly built a strong, mutual support system. The communication between the Nativity team and the Big Brothers Big Sisters team has been excellent. This experience has made me better at my job and deepened my connection to our mission.

Nikki Green, Site-Based Program Manager, emphasizes the importance of collaboration in this shared effort:

In-school mentoring at Nativity Academy thrives because of the partnership between parents, mentors, Nativity Academy, and Big Brothers Big Sisters staff—all of whom play a role in nurturing and supporting each mentoring relationship. By meeting students where they are during the school day, mentors are able to build students’ confidence while supporting their academic and personal growth.

Nativity student mentee:

I like how nice my sister was, and how creative she was, especially when she took me around the school and showed me things I hadn’t seen before. My favorite activity was cooking. We made chex mix and decorated cookies. Miss Lauren told me how it was going to be in high school and helped me learn how I will need to act. I will miss everything about having my sister next year.

Claire Zoeller, Nativity school counselor:

I am incredibly grateful that Nativity has had the opportunity to partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters this school year. It has been a joy to watch our students build and strengthen their relationships with their Bigs over time. It always brings a smile to my face when they eagerly ask if their Big is coming to visit that day. I have seen tremendous growth in the students who are part of this program, and I look forward to seeing it continue to expand in the years ahead.

We will continue to grow this partnership in the coming school year—to expand opportunities for more students to benefit from mentorship. **We are now seeking additional “Bigs” to join this impactful program.** If you are interested in learning more about the commitment or structure of the program:

Please reach out to our school counselor Claire Zoeller at czoeller@nativityacademy.org

Or, scan the QR code to apply.



Together, we are building strong relationships that help our students thrive—both in and beyond the classroom.

A Great Annual Day of Golf and Support for Nativity in Memory of Frank Klein

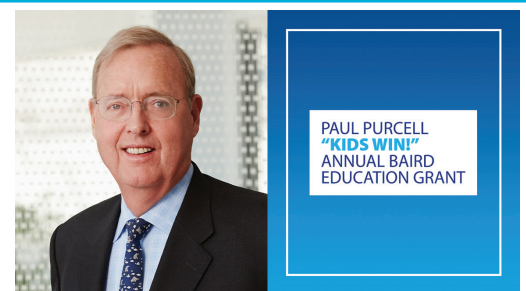


Father Anthony Shane, Meghan Weyland, Ashely, Peter, Donna, and Mark Klein at the 2026 Golf Tournament

With a record number of teams, The golf scramble brought out many friendly faces and some new supporters. We had a beautiful day at Audubon Country Club sharing in the mission of Nativity Academy. Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and participants.

Frank Klein Memorial Scholarship

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



Nativity Academy receives \$50,000 Baird Purcell Grant for the Graduate Support Program

Nativity Academy is one of 38 recipients around the country of the 2026 Paul Purcell “Kids Win!” Annual Baird Education Grant. Funded by Baird, Baird Foundation and Baird associates, the international, employee-owned financial services firm established the grant to honor former Chairman & CEO Paul Purcell, who passed away in February 2020.

“Paul believed deeply that access to high-quality education can change a child’s life, We’re proud to support organizations as they expand access to quality education for young people, regardless of their circumstances.”



Nativity Donor Spotlight Pat Crowe

Continuing a Legacy of Love Through Education



Pat and Jane Crowe

For Pat Crowe, supporting Nativity Academy's students is more than a commitment—it is a calling rooted in love, faith, and the enduring legacy of his late wife, Jane.

Since Jane's passing five years ago, Pat has felt guided to carry forward what mattered most to her: ensuring that young people have access to a transformative education. Through Nativity's

student sponsorship program, Pat supports 4–5 students each year. But his impact goes far beyond financial generosity.

Pat takes the time to truly know the students he sponsors. He asks about their families, their interests, and their dreams for the future. He shows up—joining them for lunch at Nativity, celebrating milestones like graduation, and reminding each student that they are seen, valued, and supported. His presence reflects a deep belief that education is not only about opportunity, but about relationships.

That belief is one he shared with Jane, whose life was devoted to learning, service, and the power of education to change lives.

As their son Timothy wrote in tribute:

Jane Crowe *"lived a life devoted to learning, service, and the power of education to change lives."* With humility, she often said, *"I am only doing my share,"* yet her share profoundly shaped generations. She believed that literacy opened every door, reminding others, *"Learn to read, so you can read to learn."*

From helping build a foundation for young learners through the Children's House preschool in Louisville, to creating outreach programs that supported families in need, Jane's work reflected her belief that education extends beyond the classroom. It is about forming character, nurturing compassion, and using one's gifts in service of others.

Today, that legacy lives on through Pat.

"My wife, Jane, passed away five years ago," Pat shares. "I believe the Holy Spirit is guiding me to continue her legacy through education, which was especially important to her."

At Nativity Academy, that legacy is visible in the lives of the students Pat supports—students who are not only receiving an education, but also gaining a champion who believes in them every step of the way.

Through his generosity and genuine care, Pat is ensuring that Jane's lifelong commitment to education continues to shape new generations of learners.



Advancing our Mission Together

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 - Beyond a One-time Gift

4 Smart Ways to Support Student Sponsorship

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. Discuss charitable contributions with your financial, legal and tax advisors due to new charitable deduction laws in 2026 for non-itemizers.

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 and Yourcause.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 2026-27 school year.



Leave a Legacy

*Have you considered us in your will?
Your impact can last a lifetime.*

**For more information please contact: Lauren Alderman | Advancement Coordinator
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Activities and Trips Expand Nativity Students' Horizons

Eighth-graders Educational and Fun Trip to Cincinnati



Nativity students and administrators join with XJA students at the Xavier Jesuit Academy, a Nativity Miguel school in Cincinnati. On this trip they also explored The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.



Students gather with Mr. Red for Cincinnati Reds Baseball during an 8th-grade trip.

An inspiring visit with a Nativity alum at UofL



Eighth graders, X'Ziyah, Sasha, and Korrine meet with Nativity alum and UofL graduate, Blake Ruffin at UofL.

Dallas Grant -TARC bus art competition winner



On May 28th, the Portland museum announced that Dallas Grant, Nativity rising 8th grader, was a winner of the TARC bus design competition.

National Park Trust Grant Award - Field Trip to Alberta O. Jones Park -



Nativity was selected as a grantee in the 2026 Kids to Parks Day School Grants Program. The National Park Trust provided a grant to fund the students' park experience at Alberta O. Jones Park.

Nativity Track BIG at CSAA City Championships and at State Meet!



So proud of the effort, grit, and teamwork from every athlete who competed. This is what hard work looks like!

Team Results:

7th/8th Grade Boys – 2nd Place Overall

7th/8th Grade Girls – 3rd Place Overall

Individual Standouts – Boys:

- Antwan Lovelace – 400m, 200m, 100m
- Justice Spillman – 55m Hurdles, 100m, 5th Long Jump
- Lance Whitehead – 55m Hurdles, 5th Long Jump & High Jump
- Guy Elliot – Shot Put (8lb)
- Dallas Grant – High Jump & Long Jump
- Karter Sorrells – 4th Shot Put (6lb)
- Mansa Vaughn – 5th Shot Put (6lb)

Individual Standouts – Girls:

- Chyna McClellon – 100m & 200m
- 4x100m Relay Team (Chyna McClellon, Chloe Morris, Kai'Moni Kellam, Wakira Alcorn)
- Chloe Morris – 4th Long Jump
- Kae'Yah Taylor – 6th Long Jump
- Zariah Mapp – 6th Shot Put (6lb)
- Izabella Trammell – 6th Shot Put (6lb)
- Brooklyn Winburn – 6th High Jump, 8th 100m



At the Kentucky State Meet, Nativity had 5 athletes in 4 events: Antwan Lovelace, Wakira Alcorn, Kai'Moni Kellam, Chloe Morris, and Chyna McClellon. Chyna finished 8th in the 200m dash!



Consuelo Santillan
Nativity Class of 2010

Sacred Heart Academy
Class of 2014  Sacred Heart ACADEMY

Villanova School of Management
Church Management Certificate



We welcome one of Nativity's own, Consuelo Santillan, as our new Extended Day and Year Program Director. Consuelo has stayed connected with Nativity since her time as a student, serving as teacher and assistant and on Nativity's Board of Directors. She brings experience in Parish Ministry Administration, Community Engagement and as a Real Estate Coordinator to her new position at Nativity.


NATIVITY EAGLES

Taking Flight...



Blake Ruffin
Nativity Class of 2017


Trinity High School
Class of 2021 

University of Louisville
Class of 2026 
Major: Psychology,
Collegiate Football Athlete

Blake plans to play another year of collegiate football for the Louisville Cardinals while pursuing a master's degree in psychology.



Anyah Hendrix Nelson
Nativity Class of 2019

Holy Cross High School
Class of 2023 

University of Louisville
Class of 2027 
Majors: Business

Besides working and attending classes, Anyah was selected as *Beyond Hustle's* Billionaire in the Making for her cosmetic business, NyBeauty LLC.



Kurtis Cotten
Nativity Class of 2017


Saint Xavier High School
Class of 2021 

Eastern Kentucky University
Class of 2025
Major: Aviation 
Aerospace Management

After completing an extensive program in aviation, Kurtis began his career at the Louisville Airport with hopes of eventually becoming a pilot for the U.S. Air Force.



Rayne Jones-Foster
Nativity Class of 2015

Dupont Manual High School
Class of 2019 


Lindsey Wilson University
Class of 2024
Major: Business
Collegiate Track Athlete
MBA Lindsey Wilson
Class of 2026 

Rayne currently serves on Nativity's Associate Board, works at UPS and completed his MBA in May. An accomplished long jumper, Rayne also helps with Nativity's track team.



Shanya Bibb
Nativity Class of 2018

Presentation Academy
Class of 2022 

Eastern Kentucky University
Class of 2026
Major: Criminal Justice 

Shanya serves as a commissioned corrections officer with the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections.



Trinity Lawler
Nativity Class of 2018

Sacred Heart Academy
Class of 2018 


Bellarmine University
Class of 2026
Major: Marketing
Activities: Chorus, BSU


Trinity is a published author and plans on pursuing a career in marketing.



Terris Foster
Nativity Class of 2018

Assumption High School
Class of 2022 

Eastern Kentucky University
Class of 2026
Majors: Forensic Biology,
Spanish 

Terris is to pursue a master's degree at Indiana University hoping to work in the field of criminal justice forensics.. 

The Nativity Academy staff, mentors, and volunteers support our graduates to and through high school, post-secondary education, and beyond.

Friends Since Middle School – Now to Work in Law Enforcement

Little did Shanya Bibbs and Demari King know how entwined their lives would become when they stepped onto Nativity Academy's campus in middle school. "If I were to describe my sixth-grade self, I would say she was carefree, hopeful, and just living life," Demari recalls. "I was also a little off the chain with my friend group at Nativity, who I now call family."



Shanya also remembered being a "free spirit." "I was extremely hard-headed but very motivated to better myself."

Included in her Nativity education were opportunities to represent the school as part of the Kentucky Youth Assembly and Kentucky United Nations Assembly, made possible through efforts of their social studies teacher, Dr. Tami Harbolt. "My love for criminal justice began at Nativity in sixth grade when Ms. Harbolt forced me to go to KYA and KUNA. From that point on I grew to love politics, understanding politics, and learning how our government and law system work."

Demari's attraction to law enforcement also began at an early age and continued in high school at Presentation Academy where she and Shanya attended. "That dream has always stuck with me, and being at Pres during career week and seeing the women officers made me want to truly pursue my dreams even more."

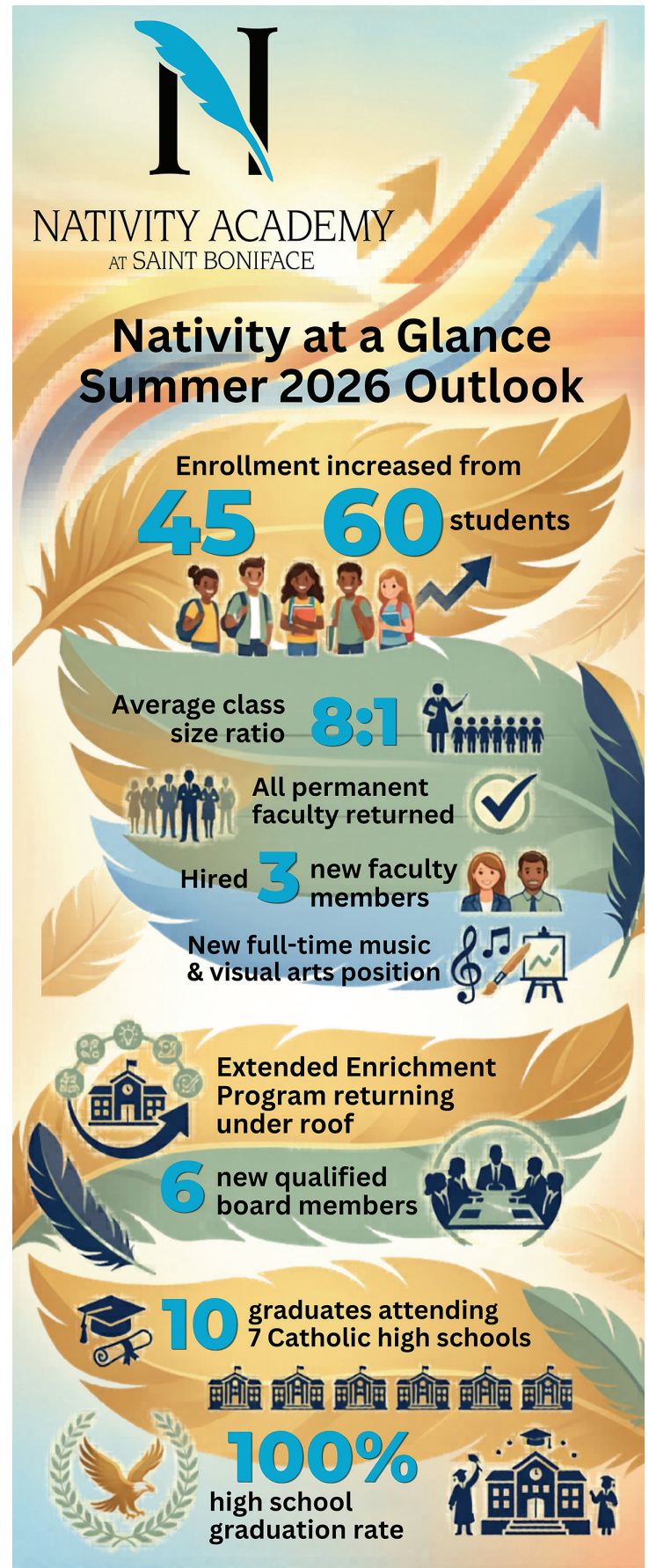


Shanya is thankful for the support she received going to a Catholic high school. "Pres saw something in me I didn't see in myself. Having teachers that constantly push you, even after you graduate, shows how much Presentation Academy teachers care about their students!"

Both Shanya and Demari agree that the support they received in high school encouraged them to go beyond their comfort zones and to grow as people. Both Nativity graduates have pursued law enforcement degrees through Eastern Kentucky University. Today Shanya is a full-time sworn correctional officer for the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections and will complete her undergraduate degree in August. Demari recently graduated from ECU and will become an officer with the Louisville Police Department.

"I benefited from Nativity in many ways," Demari said. "One of the biggest is where I am today. I always say Nativity is the foundation of my education."

Nativity Academy is not just about educating a child for a future career. "Nativity gave me sisterhood," Shanya explained. "The same girls I met in sixth grade are the same girls I call sisters and are my close friends to this day. Nativity gave me experiences not other middle schools could."



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