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MISSION STATEMENT

The King's Academy exists to assist the home and church in their endeavor to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). Its mission is to share salvation through Jesus Christ and to graduate Christian leaders who seek to impact their world for the King of kings through academic excellence and spiritual vitality.



The King's Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in administration of its policies, admission policies, scholarship, and loan programs.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TKA Family,

Happy 2018! As I reflect on the year just past, it is evident that God's hand has been upon The King's Academy. And, that He has done *"exceedingly abundantly more than we [could] ask or think, according to [His] power that works in us."* (Ephesians 3:20) Here are some of His blessings:

- 75 First-Time Decisions for Christ
- 800-Seat Page Family Theatre Completed and Dedicated
- 2-Story Boswell Science & Technology Center Under Construction
- Helping Families through Global Outreaches
- \$1.25 Million Endowment
- Performance at 58th Presidential Inauguration
- 200+ TKA Preschoolers
- National Champions in Competitive Cheer
- National Top 5 Theatre Company
- 89% Advanced Placement Passing Rate
- Back-to-Back SFC Football Championships
- SAT Score Increase to 30% Above National Average
- Perfect Seasons in Bowling and Volleyball and 7 FHSAA Team Championships
- Sharing the Good News through 7 Christmas Programs
- New Strategic Plan "The Future is Now"
- Campus Improvements
- \$250,000 of Community Service for Palm Beach County

In a recent chapel, King's Director of Student Ministries Stephen Kimpel used the Apostle Paul's story to remind students that God's best is sometimes just beyond a perceived risk or "insurmountable" challenge. He encouraged students to abandon fear and to live boldly — relying on God for the results. This bold attitude is our challenge for 2018. Paul encourages us to avoid relying on past accomplishments and to pursue excellence with these words, *"[F]orgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [we] press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 3:13-14) I am excited to see what our talented, hard-working faculty and students will accomplish at The King's Academy in 2018. As you read this issue of The Chronicle please join me in thanking our King for all that He has done and remember that *"if God is for us, who can be against us?!"* (Romans 8:31)

May God bless you, your family, and The King's Academy richly in this new year.

Sincerely,

Randal L. Martin
President



TKA LAUNCHES CHRISTIAN PRE-LAW PROGRAM

The King's Academy formally launched its Christian Pre-Law program on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017 with an explanation of the program and announcement of major gifts given to underwrite and endow the program for decades to come! TKA Board Chair Dr. Clyde S. Meckstroth '77 welcomed a crowd of about 100 guests and students to the Esther B. O'Keeffe Lobby of the Page Family Center for Performing Arts before Callahan Burton '21 and Logan Othmer '18 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, respectively. President Randy Martin shared the inception and long-term vision for the program, then Director of Development Glenn Martin '88 announced that gifts totaling \$1,250,000 were given to The King's Academy to fund the nation's first high school Christian pre-law program focused on the principles of liberty upon which the United States of America was founded. The King's Academy piloted its pre-law program in 2016 and launched a full slate of classes this school year. Recognizing TKA's commitment to excellence in all that it does, donors sought to accelerate the school's development of this groundbreaking program and to empower TKA to become the preeminent proponent of liberty principles such as free speech, free markets, individual liberty, and limited government. Along with the announcement of the initial major gift, the potential for another \$1,000,000 through a matching gift challenge was presented.

TKA Christian Pre-Law Program Director Denise Brown, JD, MBA presented the entire slate of courses available to students, along with Mock Trial Team and

Club details. She then introduced Angela Lares '19 and Matthew Simon '20 who each spoke about their experience in law classes, excitement about future opportunities, and appreciation for TKA innovation in offering the program which includes courses in Introduction to Law, Business Law and Ethics, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and the capstone course Legal Advocacy Skills.

Following the impressive addresses by the students, Headmaster Douglas Raines introduced three distinguished guest speakers: David Nammo (National CEO of the Christian Legal Society), Sia Baker-Barnes (TKA parent and president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association), and Scott Hawkins (alumni parent, past president of the Florida Bar, and current Chair of the University of Florida Law School). Each touched on the various ways in which study of the law and principles of liberty which undergird the US legal system are vital to our freedom and to justice in a country which upholds the rule of law and the constitution. Baker-Barnes and Hawkins particularly talked about how encouraging it is to see TKA embarking on this innovative approach and encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunities as they strive to learn leadership. Hawkins concluded with the verse from Micah 6:8 *"what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

If you are interested in supporting the program and doubling or even tripling your gift through the matching gift challenge, contact the Development Office.



“As a parent of three TKA students, and a practicing attorney, I am incredibly excited about the Christian Pre-Law Program, and the opportunities it will provide to our young leaders. The program is poised to provide exposure to the legal system, education about the role of laws in our society and most importantly, opportunities for students to understand the importance of playing an active role in our society and communities.”

- Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes, Esq.
President of the Palm Beach County Bar Association



PROGRAM DIRECTOR DENISE BROWN

Denise Brown is Director of the Pre-Law Program. Denise earned her BA and MBA from Palm Beach Atlantic University, where she was a member of the inaugural class of the Frederick M. Supper Honors Program. Denise earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law. At UM, Denise wrote for the *Inter-American Law Review* and was a member of the State Champion Moot Court team, arguing before the Florida Supreme Court on the Defense of Marriage Act.

Denise is a licensed Florida attorney with a background practice of appellate law and commercial litigation. She was granted a career federal staff attorney position in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida in the chambers of the late Honorable James C. Paine where she served from 2000-2005. Denise has taught and developed business and law courses for more than eighteen years, including courses at the University of Miami School of Law, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and Valley Forge Christian College, among others.

Denise developed TKA's Pre-Law program using a mix of resources. Since the program seeks to be as current, practical, and relevant as possible, she networked with

attorneys in the field to augment the course content and provide guest speakers. Each course in the program has signature hands-on experiences and field trips to make course content interactive for students.

"The funding provided by this gift and its match potential creates limitless possibilities for expansion. We are planning to enhance the existing curriculum and are exploring ways this program can touch students outside the program with an understanding of our Constitutional rights and freedoms."

Denise and her husband Curt reside in Royal Palm Beach and have three sons: Devon '17 (currently a freshman at Southeastern University); Jared (a ninth-grader); and Brady (a fourth-grader).

*COURSES CURRENTLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Introduction to Law
- Business Law & Ethics
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law (Honors)
- Legal Advocacy (Honors)

A competitive Mock Trial team and supporting Club were formed in the 17-18 academic year.

"THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE STUDENTS IS INFECTIOUS, AND IT RENEWS A LOVE FOR MY PROFESSION AND ALL THE POSSIBILITIES IT OFFERS."

- DENISE BROWN, ESQ.

"DENISE BROWN CREATIVELY ENGAGES PRE-LAW STUDENTS IN RIGOROUS ACADEMIC DIALOGUE AS A PART OF EXCEPTIONAL COURSES AT THE KING'S ACADEMY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY PROVIDED TO GROW THE PROGRAM AND EXPAND THE EXPERT FACULTY." - RANDAL L. MARTIN, PRESIDENT



PROGRAM STUDENT TESTIMONIES

MATTHEW SIMON '20

Having a lawyer as a dad, I grew up listening to case stories in my dad's office. I've known for quite some time that I've wanted to pursue law, and when I arrived at King's in 9th grade and saw that they had an entire law program, I couldn't think of a better place to start. I began taking "Pre-Law" my first semester and learned not only the foundations of being a good lawyer, but everything involved in law. Being given a summons during my English class, setting up our own mock trial, and watching *Twelve Angry Men* were not only the highlights of my law class, but my entire freshman year. When I was told about the five other classes provided in the law program, signing up for "Criminal Law" my sophomore year was one of the easiest decisions I have ever made. With more drive than ever to become a lawyer, I was more than excited to see everything the law program at King's had to offer. Criminal law has been no exception to the outstanding quality of Mrs. Brown's classes. I have learned more about criminal procedures as a lawyer and all the details behind a crime than I could have imagined going into the class. Not only was I blessed enough to sit as juror on a juvenile court hearing but was able to take a jail tour to get even further knowledge about the criminal justice system. Looking back on the two classes of The King's Academy law program I've enrolled in, my knowledge about the justice system and what being a lawyer entails has grown tenfold, and my passion to become a lawyer has only risen. I will no doubt be finishing all five classes in this program and am beyond excited to see what each one has to teach me.

ANGIE LARES '19

I have been attending TKA for three years, and I'm very excited to be a part of the Pre-Law Program. My sophomore year was the first year I took a law class. I enrolled in "Introduction to Law" and learned things such as what laws are, why we have them, and how we uphold them. We also covered alternate dispute resolutions and the trial process. At the end of the semester we did a mock trial within the class where everyone got an opportunity to play a role. I signed up for one of the Defense Attorney roles and I participated in cross examining one of the witnesses, which I personally really enjoyed doing. This year, I'm enrolled in the "Criminal Law" class. We have covered types of crimes, the dual court system, sources of rights, the differences between the juvenile and adult system, the process that policemen have to go through before making an arrest, the exclusionary rule, and Miranda rights. We have gone in-depth with the trial process, covered sentencing, and even touched on the criminal mind. One thing that we did in this class that I plan on pursuing further was attend youth court and sit in on a real juvenile case, being able to participate in the deliberation. I plan on taking "Business Law" next semester and finish my senior year with "Constitutional Law" and "Legal Advocacy." I aspire to attend Florida State University and study Communications, and then pursue a degree in Law at FSU College of Law to pursue a career as a Criminal Defense Attorney. I'm very grateful for this program and how much I've expanded my knowledge. By taking these two courses, I'm 110% sure this is what I want to do, and I'm excited about the future.



COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

PREFECT COUNCIL 2017-2018

The Prefect Council is made up of senior leaders who demonstrate high levels of commitment to The King's Academy's values and ideals. They help oversee all areas of student life. This year the Prefects have displayed this with their service at Open House, Grandparents Day, National Adoption Day, the Boswell Science and Technology Center Groundbreaking and the launch of our new Christian Pre-Law Program.

- Academic Prefects - Kelly Ahkee, Hunter Malmin
- Athletic Prefects - Sam Cornelius, Isabel Albert
- Service Prefect - Kimberlee Sorber
- Spiritual Life Prefects - Casey Gustafson, Alyssa Blakeney, Samuel Manoharan, Lauren Rapp
- Student Life Prefects - Logan Othmer, Gracie Mercurio
- Unity Prefects - Kelsey Richardson, Caylin Gatchell
- Fine Arts Prefects - Taylor Korte, Graham Popadic



STUDENT COUNCIL 2017-2018

The Student Council is a group of four to five students from each class who have been elected by their peers. They are responsible for assisting with planning and implementing student life events on campus, including Homecoming, and building unity within their classes.

- 12th grade - Jake Zimmerman (President), Darn Faveur, Esther Kankam, Gigi Perez
- 11th grade - Kyle Martin (President), Genesis Gutierrez,

- Dean Kateris, Chris Pappas, Micaela Rodriguez
- 10th grade - Ali Graves (President), Ani Brown, Jesse Hernandez, Patricia Monroe
- 9th grade - Olivia Henley (President), Hope Leinwol, Hannah Norman, Camden Popadic
- 8th grade - Mason Shipman (President), Townsend Childress, Christina Lahud, Carmen Majano, Mia Rodriguez
- 7th grade - Zebulun Kovach (President), Reagan Collier, JD Pina, Max Toledo



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

PATHFINDER AWARD NOMINEES

Sixteen seniors have been selected to represent The King's Academy at this year's Pathfinder High School Scholarship Awards. These prestigious awards, sponsored by *The Palm Beach Post*, are presented each year to high school seniors throughout Palm Beach and Martin counties who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in 18 academic, vocational, and athletic categories. Pathfinder interviews will be held at Palm Beach Atlantic University in March and College scholarships of \$4,000 for the first-place winner, \$3,000 for the second-place winner and \$2,500 for the third-place winner in each category will be presented at a ceremony on May 17, 2018, at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

Congratulations to the following 2018 Pathfinder nominees:

1. Academic Excellence - Kelly Ahkee
2. Art - Dewen Tang
3. Business - Logan Othmer
4. Community Involvement - Christian Cordon-Cano
5. Computer Science - Hunter Malmin
6. Drama - Mackenzie Graves
7. History/Political Science - Marie Schuhler
8. Literature - Hailey George
9. Mathematics - Dio Mou
10. Music/Instrumental - Nathan Clifford
11. Music/Vocal - Gianna Perez
12. Reach for Excellence - Joshua Morel
13. Science - Ashley Hennessey
14. Sports - Madeline Furtado



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Student Ambassadors are selected by faculty and administration to represent The King's Academy and assist the Admissions Department. More than 80

Ambassadors serve during campus events throughout the year, including Open House, conduct campus tours, and reach out to welcome prospective students and families.

PATHFINDER NOMINEE HIGHLIGHTS



Christian Cano '18

Christian Cordon-Cano has been attending The King's Academy since 3rd grade. He was chosen to represent TKA at Pathfinders in the area of Community Service because he is a student who not only has compassion for others, but acts on it. His non-profit organization plays an integral part in helping students, who otherwise could not pay for them, receive school lunches.



After hearing on the radio about the problem of “lunch shaming” in schools, I was disgusted that something like that could happen in our country and decided I had to do something. I got together with a friend of mine, and we created an organization called School Lunch Fairy which raises funds to help public schools either cover unpaid school lunch balances or set up emergency lunch funds for students who can't pay for their lunches. We also advocate to end “lunch shaming” where students are publicly humiliated because their parents are behind on school lunch payments. To date, we have raised almost \$40,000 and have been able to help 18 school districts in six states. We have been mentioned in the New York Times, CNN, Houston Chronicle, and local TV stations. Duffy's Foundation has also been one of our partners as well as Rock Band House on Cliff, and American Idol finalist Dalton Rapattoni.

Being involved with School Lunch Fairy has opened my eyes to the amount of people that are at a disadvantage in our country. This has showed me that we need to be united and help these children have a fair chance at succeeding. I hope to one day be a voice for the disadvantaged, possibly by studying law. School Lunch Fairy is proof that anyone can make a difference in our world; your age or background doesn't matter. Imagine if we all tried to make our ideas a reality—our world would be so much better!



Hailey George '18

Hailey George has been attending The King's Academy since 6th grade. She was selected as this year's Literature Pathfinder because she is so passionate about writing. She has written several novels and is currently writing another.

I have been writing since I was a little girl. I discovered poems when I was three years old and started to write, dabbling in song writing, poetry, and short stories. I took a break, not sure I really wanted to pursue it. Then, I started writing again in middle school. I wrote an entire novel by hand, decided I hated it, and threw it away. After that, at age 13, I started my novel Heaven's Fallen. I wrote in between classes. Starting the novel, I had no idea where it was going to go or what I wanted to say. So, I prayed on my way to brush my teeth before bed, and by the time I got to the toothpaste I had the answer for the entire plan of the book. It took me two years to complete the novel.

My second novel titled Letters of a Sad Soul was completed in six months. I received a contract proposal from Austin Macauley, a publishing house with locations in New York, London, and Cambridge. Currently, I am working on my third book titled The Highest Low. I also have two poetry chapbooks published on Amazon with a handful of articles published in the Town Crier, a local newspaper, and a spread in Wellington the Magazine.

- *Beyond Words* – my first collection of poetry
- *The Emotionless Enigma* – a collection of poetry, flash fiction, and short stories
- *Heaven's Fallen* – my first novel, the secluded life of a teenage girl quickly spirals into a web of paranoia and supernatural encounters. As she leaves home and moves to a haunted mansion and is thrown into the torturous world of high school, she meets Johnny Messagero. Together, the two anger the underworld and spark the coming of centuries old demons who wish to bring about the demise of the entire planet. Demons or humans? Who will win? And, what really is the end?

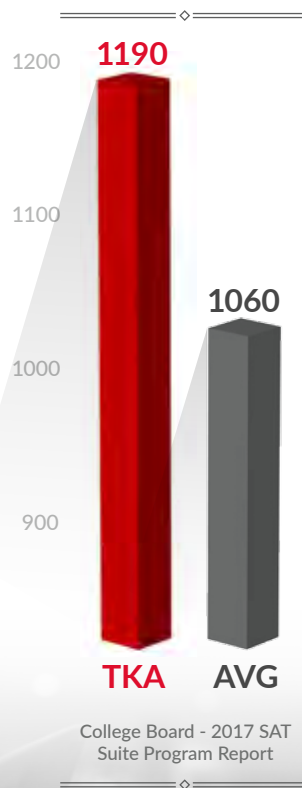


DOUGLAS
RAINES
HEADMASTER

PROMOTING ACADEMIC STRENGTH

The King's Academy's reputation for high standards and teachers who invest daily to engage students is the foundation of our success. The high expectations and academic rigor, all from a Biblical worldview, have proven results with above-average levels of student outcomes, outstanding college acceptances, and tremendous test scores.

Last year, the prestigious Council for American Private Education (CAPE) reflected the intense concern over the "abysmal performance of the public sector on SAT scores." Thankfully, comparative statistics from religious and independent schools indicate much greater success on such high-stakes tests. TKA faculty are increasingly impressed by our students, as the Class of 2017 SAT average was 1190 compared to a national average of just over 1000. These scores are only a partial story of King's remarkable graduates as



their scores place them in an elite group of students throughout the nation.

A survey of other premier schools indicates King's students are truly investing in their studies. TKA's 89% Advanced Placement pass rate showcases the extraordinary commitment of the student body. It also reaffirms that the achievement begun in the elementary school program (whose continued success is proven by achievement test scores in the top 15% nationally) is paying off during pivotal times in students' academic careers. TKA's results on College Board examinations confirm our students are receiving a nationally benchmarked and effective education. Graduates from The King's Academy enter college and life as successful problem solvers, team leaders, and inspired students, who forge ahead to impact and improve the communities they serve.





DELIA ALBEE – IMPACTING STUDENTS SINCE 1977

Miss Delia Albee is a lifelong learner who is dedicated to the mission of The King’s Academy. She has served 40 years with a dedication to excellence in instruction that is truly inspiring to the entire school

community, and we look forward to many more years of her impacting young hearts and minds. Her colleagues’ words reflect the respect they have for her as we celebrate this important milestone.

“It was a privilege to work beside Delia Albee for thirty-eight years. I learned so much from her acceptance, unconditional love, patience, and professionalism as a Christian Educator and co-worker. I am personally thankful for her spiritual and eternal influence on our daughter’s heart and life. Delia will always have my affection, admiration, and appreciation. (Psalm 25:4-5)”

- Jonathan Otto
Former Elementary Principal

“It is rare these days to see the type of loyalty and commitment in any workplace that results in the longevity that we see from time to time at The King’s Academy. But this is a different type of “workplace,” and Delia Albee is not your average employee. She is steadfast, joyful, loyal, committed, and a lover of children. The early and continued reputation of education at TKA was highly influenced by Delia Albee.”

- Jean Albert
Elementary Dean

“The Honorable Queen Bee: Always willing to answer an academic question and give scholarly advice! Delia is tenderhearted and compassionate, always ready with a listening ear. She faithfully blesses people with her years of wisdom and love.”

- Cathy Simons
3rd grade teacher



40 YEARS

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” Miss Albee has done exactly that at TKA since 1977 when myself and Kelly Loveland Gourley, the first of two generations of the Loveland family, started under her teaching. To have her as my children’s teacher as well was beyond exciting. She is loved by so many that have had her as a teacher and now as a dear friend.” - David Loveland '90

David Loveland '90 and the late Kelly (Loveland '90) Gourley were in Miss Albee’s first 1977 class

“Delia Albee is a master teacher. She is diligent about finding new ways to effectively teach her students to best meet their individual learning styles. I’ve been blessed to know her as a friend and colleague.”
- Kim Leslie, kindergarten teacher

“Miss Albee’s love for God and her passion for teaching are a true reflection of her heart for serving others. It has been a joy to watch her impact so many lives for eternity.”
- Sharon Caldwell, Former Elementary Dean of Students

“Delia, this was written about you. ‘You helped shape my daughters’ minds at the beginning of their formal education and for that and so much more, you are still my favorite teacher.”
- Carolyn Slade 4th grade teacher

Dedication
Excellence
Loyalty
Inspiring
Authentic
- Kim Phillips, 4th grade teacher



ROSEMARY BEAUMONT LIBRARY: A CAMPUS HUB



THE SUMMER OF 2015 SAW MAJOR CHANGES FOR TKA'S LIBRARY



Weekly story time

The summer of 2015 saw major changes for TKA's library. The old library look was stripped away and replaced by a modern and vibrant new design. A 500-gallon salt water aquarium, multiple collaboration spaces, including the CUBE, and new shelving and resources accompanied this new look. However, these were not the only changes made to this now inviting and exciting space.

The revival of the Rosemary Beaumont Library's look also revived its spirit. Located at the heart of campus, the library is now a center of activity. Multiple classes and individual students pour through the doors each day to utilize the space and its many resources. Elementary, Middle,

and High School students each have their designated spaces. Elementary classes enjoy a weekly story and book checkout time, while Middle and High School students benefit from library instruction, such as librarian-provided lessons on research and citations in the CUBE, and peer tutoring. The library is now a hub of 21st century learning!

In addition, the library has become a social place. Showcases, including STEM technology, Open House, and National History Day, combined with author visits, mock trials with law students, and even an annual book fair keep the library buzzing throughout the year.

The library has even reached



into the virtual world. A number of online resources, including ebooks, scholarly databases like JSTOR, and online encyclopedias offer students access to quality information for school projects. Each year new resources are added to the library's virtual offerings, ensuring that it is not just a place for print books, but a gateway to information.

The staff at the library work hard to make the space inviting while also meeting all of its patrons' needs. As a result, the library has transformed over the past few years to become a welcoming space, encouraging learning and exploration for all students and staff.



STEM Technology Fair



PTF use The Cube for their monthly meeting.

EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

TKA's elementary Academic Support Department has grown since its inception on the Cherry Road campus. In 1998, two TKA students enrolled in educational therapy provided by a private learning center. Their program started before the end of the school day, and it posed a question in TKA administrators' minds, "Were we doing enough to meet the needs of all our students?" Finding the answers birthed the Academic Support Department. Today, almost 20 years later, TKA's dedication to helping students has expanded to include programs for all different types of learners, offering more than 11 elementary services that deepen student learning, strengthen weaknesses through intervention programs, and accommodate eligible students for greater classroom success.

One change in the last few years is an increased commitment to early intervention through occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy. TKA is purposefully focused on providing younger students with a strong foundation in skills necessary for efficient learning. The plasticity of the brain of younger children

often shortens the time needed for intervention, and TKA encourages parents to participate in free student screenings that identify the need for therapy services. Therapists and parents become a partnership with the common goal of providing foundational skills necessary for academic achievement.

Along with early intervention identification and services, supplemental reading and math programs are available for students who benefit from intense practice in a small group setting. *Wilson Reading Therapy*, *Rx for Discovery Reading*, and *Rx 4 Discovery Math* are brain-researched academic programs which use multi-sensory approaches to instruction. Teachers and administrators recommend students for these programs based on data-driven evidences and teacher observations. Educational therapists also provide programs that strengthen processing, attention, and memory for those with formal educational testing.

In 2011, TKA also launched the *Success for All Students* program, which provides strategies and accommodations for children with

learning, medical, attention, or social disorders that interfere with learning. Through this program, the SFAS and classroom teachers and instructional assistants work to lessen the impact a student's diagnosed weakness has on learning. This collaborative approach often makes a big impact as it works to minimize learning roadblocks so students can better reach their individual level of success.

In 2014 TKA hired a certified gifted instructor to develop a quality program for elementary-aged gifted students. Now in its third year, the gifted program, called *Explore*, is meeting the needs of academically talented students. Gifted students are "out of the box" thinkers who need opportunities to research and produce beyond the scope of regular classroom instruction. In *Explore*, students tap into creativity, delve into research, and participate in competitions and community events.

With the advent of the digital age, learning in the 21st century is an ever-changing field. The King's Academy teachers seek to provide the best learning environment and pedagogy possible for students who learn in diverse and varied ways.



"THE SFAS PROGRAM SERVED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN ME AND THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL MY DAUGHTER'S NEEDS ARE MET."

- SFAS PARENT

"EXPLORE HAS TAPPED IN AND ENRICHED MY SON'S INTEREST TO A NEW LEVEL AND HE IS CHALLENGED AND BLOSSOMING ACADEMICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY."

- EXPLORE PARENT

TKA's Elementary Academic Support Department: (L to R): Lisa Anderson, April Jamason, Allyson (Kearse '96) Fischer, Renee (Overton '97) Mars, Rett Paulsen, Bonnie Mutz, Diana Danion, Nina Root, Ann Gill (not pictured: Penny Parent)

CHAR
PAGE
CLASS OF 2018



TKA ONLINE LEARNING

Char Page started at The King's Academy in kindergarten the same year the Belvedere Road campus opened, but approaching the beginning of her senior year, she knew she needed to "go out into the world a bit early."

"I've been blessed to have such a strong foundation," Char explains. "I have an incredible family and The King's Academy has given me so much support and love. I was becoming too comfortable, and I wanted to get outside of that. My mom and I travelled to Thailand in May with the founders of 'Friends of Thai Daughters,' and I just knew that I had to go back. While standing in the security line at Ft. Lauderdale airport — all by myself with nobody looking out for me — ready to head back to Thailand for 3 months, I knew I was on my own."

Char's first trip drove home the importance of the work in Thailand: providing a secure family for girls who were in the very real danger of falling into human trafficking. "These

girls have no family that wants them, no resources to fall back on, and no place to call their own. Their lives were the opposite of my own, where family, friends, school, and community provide such support and love. Mrs. Valdes (Debbie Fiebig Valdes '87), my Learning Strategies teacher, has always encouraged me to do the best in whatever situation I am in. I work differently, and it has been hard work, but I've always had a strong support network. These girls have nobody; I needed to go back."

So Char decided to finish her studies through *TKA Online* from the other side of the world as she poured love into the lives of girls with nothing — most of whom are right on the fringe of the human trafficking world. In the lives of these 17 young girls all living under the same roof, Char saw the signs of trauma and abuse, but the longer they were in the "Friends of Thai Daughters" program, the more confident they became and the more knowledgeable about their value as human beings.

She saw them go from not being able to trust anyone to growing as part of a family. "That is why it was important for me to go back," she explains, "It reinforces their value to see that someone cares for them."

"I did chores with them and taught them English, developing a true appreciation for what TKA's junior high teachers go through each day, and helped them with homework. We had a weekend 'Lit Club' that was sort of like group therapy in many ways, teaching them about positive body image, internet safety, travel safety, and so much more. In the guise of teaching language skills, they were learning life skills that we get naturally."

She explains that in the big picture, one person can only do what one person can do. Playing a role in someone's life may be small, it is not insignificant. She concludes, "I became content with being part of the puzzle in influencing these girls' lives, content with doing what I could to impact their lives."

GROUNDBREAKING EXPANSION

On Tuesday, September 26th, The King's Academy broke ground on the latest addition to the Sansbury's Way campus, the two-story Boswell Science & Technology Center. John and Holly (Loveland '95) Boswell provided the lead gift for the state-of-the-art facility which will include the Smith Family Chemistry/Physics Lab, a gift from

grandparent Jan Smith, and three Life Science Labs. In addition, the second story of the center will include a Programming/Robotics lab and an Engineering Lab. Hedrick Brothers Construction is the general contractor, with completion scheduled for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year!



QR Code to watch the full Groundbreaking Ceremony

Boswell Science & Technology Center

- 12,000 sq ft of Educational Space
- 1300 sq ft Smith Family Chemistry/Physics Lab
- 1000 sq ft Life Sciences Labs (3)
- 1500 sq ft and 1800 sq ft Labs:
 - Programming/Robotics Lab
 - Engineering Lab
- Virtual Dissection Programming
- Virtual Chemistry Programming
- 4 Offices for TKA International Student Program
- 2 Materials Storage Rooms



"WE'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE THREE ROOMS ON CHERRY ROAD. IT'S EXCITING TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE AND HOW WE CAN MORE ADEQUATELY PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME LEADERS IN THE SCIENCES FOR THE GLORY OF GOD."

MARY VIRKLER, SCIENCE CHAIR



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

The King's Academy has been blessed with gifts from families who are making the Boswell Science & Technology Center a reality. The following individuals have made leadership gifts allowing TKA to build with confidence!

The following areas have been named in honor of:

- **Mr. and Mrs. John (Holly Loveland '95) Boswell** Building
- **Ms. Jan Smith** Chemistry/Physics Lab
- **The Rodila Family** Life Sciences Lab

With additional gifts from:

- Miss Delia Albee
- Mr. and Mrs. Keith Allen
- Dr. and Mrs. D. Albrey Arrington
- Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bradley
- Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gill
- Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hedrick
- Miss Yan Jin
- Mr. and Mrs. Danny Loveland
- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin
- Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin
- Mr. and Mrs. Randal Martin
- Mr. and Mrs. Brian McDaniel
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Percy
- Mrs. Marjorie Potter-Kolb
- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Prieto
- Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Raines
- Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ryan
- Dr. and Mrs. Henry Virkler
- Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wysong

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

If you would like to talk about how you can be a part of this exciting project, please contact Glenn Martin at 686-4244 in the Development Office.

"THE BOSWELL CENTER WILL ATTRACT STUDENTS TO KING'S WHO ASPIRE TO CURE DISEASE, SOLVE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS, AND PROVIDE TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS — **ALLOWING OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCOVER GOD-GIVEN PASSIONS** ROOTED IN STEM PURSUITS."

RANDAL L. MARTIN, TKA PRESIDENT





ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is a yearly opportunity for donors to support the growth of TKA's total program. The Annual Fund campaign runs during our fiscal year, July 1st through June 30th. Tuition and fees cover the basic costs of education at The King's Academy, but in order to grow as an institution, the school relies on gifts and support. Annual Giving is an opportunity for individuals to invest in the students and the future of The King's Academy.

Last year, your gifts allowed students to perform at the presidential inauguration, nationally known speakers to pour into the lives of TKA students, and 10 percent of the student body to attend TKA because you said "yes" to the Annual Fund. Annual giving also renovated the Loveland Center, installed a new piano lab, enhanced security, and built new classrooms.

**The King's Academy Annual Fund supports five critical areas:
Technology, Student Scholarship Assistance, Faculty Development,
Programmatic Enhancement, and Facility Maintenance Needs**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Need based financial aid is a vital part of The King's Academy's financial plan each year. In addition to targeted budget amounts, gifts to The Annual Fund and designated gifts to TKA's Scholarship Fund allow more than 120 students to benefit from the Excellence that TKA provides. Approximately 10% of King's student body receives need-based financial aid, which represents the equivalent of at least one whole grade level! So the gift you make to TKA's Scholarship Fund today really fills an important void, making a Christian education possible for so many who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend!





MATCHING CHALLENGE

The King's Academy recently received gifts totaling \$1,250,000 to fund the nation's first high school Christian pre-law program focused on the principles of liberty upon which the United States of America was founded. The King's Academy piloted its pre-law program in 2016 and launched a full slate of classes in the 2017-18 school year. Recognizing TKA's commitment to excellence in all that it does, donors sought to accelerate the school's development of this groundbreaking program and to empower TKA to become the preeminent proponent of liberty principles such as free speech, free markets, individual liberty, and limited government.

TKA's program will also reach beyond the school's campus to the broader Palm Beach County community through events and activities and by bringing relevant speakers to campus. A robust online component is also in development.

The initial gifts provide funding for the entire program including an opportunity to earn an **additional \$1,000,000 through several matching incentives** encouraging gifts from attorneys, alumni, and new donors through June 30, 2019. Further, the gifts provide funds for student scholarships to encourage young people who aspire to a career in law as well as funds for faculty development.

YOUR GIFT FUNDS EXCELLENCE

Gifts provide vital support to our students and faculty while strengthening the overall TKA experience. Gifts of any amount are appreciated and have a positive impact on the school's mission to graduate Christian leaders. Contact the Development Office at 561.686.4244 ext. 325 or make a secure donation online at TKA.net.



SECONDARY SPIRITUAL LIFE

Stephen Kimpel, Director of Student Ministries

The fall and winter have been exciting for Spiritual Life in the middle and high schools. The Friday morning Bible study “Fused,” led by several senior leaders, has more than tripled in weekly attendance since last year. We have seen more than 40 people come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior just this semester alone. God has continued to bless us throughout this last fall and winter season with incredible chapel experiences. The chapels are being led by students in worship and in speaking. *See You at the Pole* saw a fantastic turnout in late September.

Robert Madu joined us as guest speaker for our Fall RUSH 2017. He spoke about having “Faith for the Middle” and Jesus who quenches our spiritual thirst. The students really enjoyed not only the content, but his creativity and comedy while communicating. It is his second time with us at TKA, and more than two dozen students made decisions to rededicate their life to Christ or accept Him for the first time.

The Senior Retreat was a true joy this year. Worship was led by Casey Gustafson '18 and Sam Manaharan '18. Senior Logan Othmer started off the retreat by boldly

sharing his testimony with his peers. We saw a very strong response across the student body. The Lord was evident throughout the entirety of the retreat, and it was incredible.

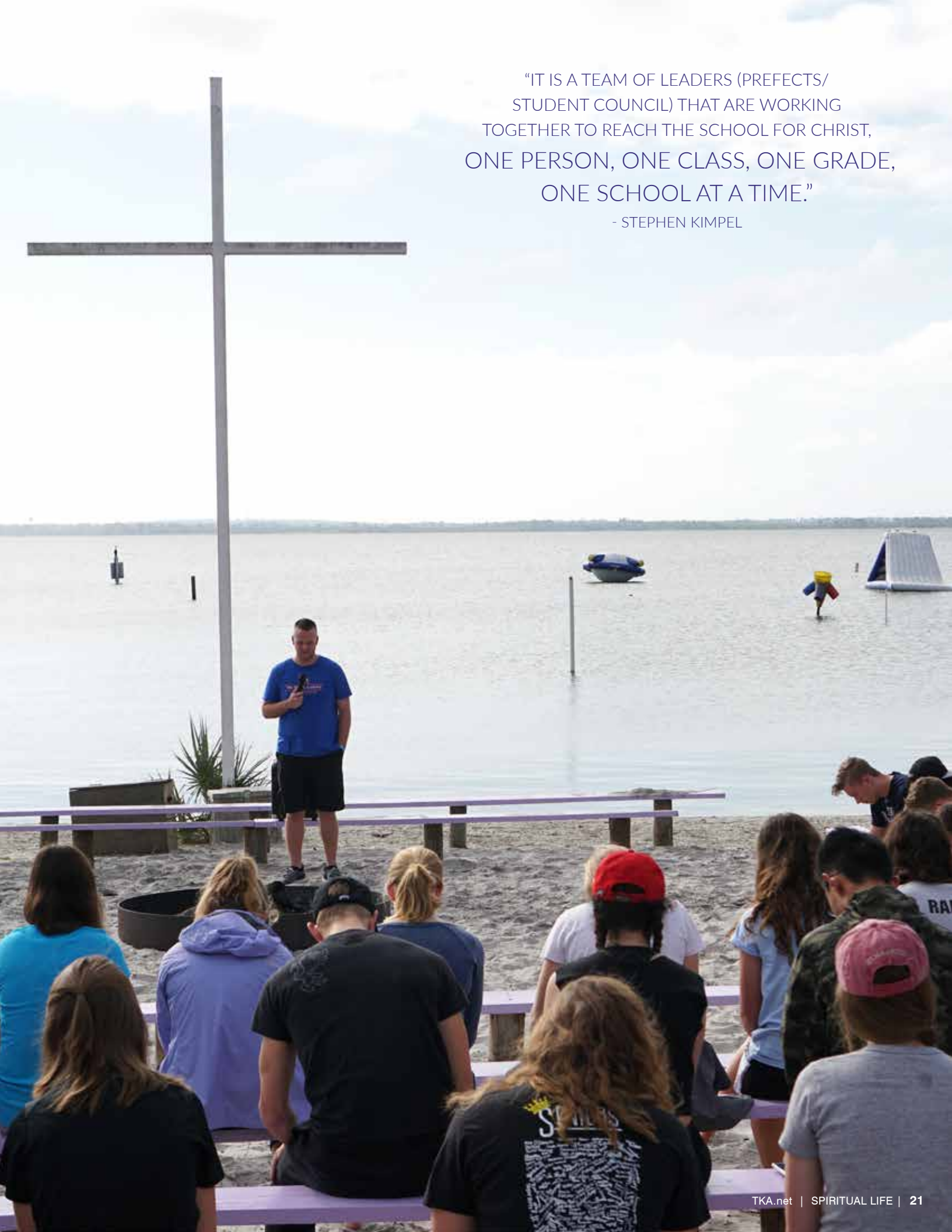
Forty-eight students and six TKA faculty participated in our second mission trip to Nicaragua with Hope Project International. This year they ministered in the city of Managua and built eight homes. Last year, 35 students registered for the trip over a two-month period. This year, 48 students signed up within 48 hours of the trip announcement. Hope Project International has been a great addition and partner to TKA’s desire to develop Christian leaders who will impact the world for Jesus.

Some of the most encouraging things throughout this last semester have occurred in the most minute and ordinary ways. For example, students are leading their peers in daily prayer before lunches and at the end of school days. I have been tremendously blessed by dozens of unbelievable student leaders in this year’s senior class. They are an encouragement to our community and are on fire for the Lord.



“IT IS A TEAM OF LEADERS (PREFECTS/
STUDENT COUNCIL) THAT ARE WORKING
TOGETHER TO REACH THE SCHOOL FOR CHRIST,
ONE PERSON, ONE CLASS, ONE GRADE,
ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME.”

- STEPHEN KIMPEL





NICARAGUA 2018

Forty-eight King's students, six TKA chaperones, and six chaperones from Hope Project International recently travelled to Nicaragua, for the second year, to serve the people of Cristo Rey, one of the poorest barrios on the outskirts of the capital city of Managua. Teams built eight homes of concrete and steel, providing shelter for 33 people who previously

lived in makeshift shanties. Students also took part in the presentation of school uniforms and school supplies to 150 children that Hope Project sponsors. Without these sponsorships, the children would be unable to attend school. On the last day of the trip students rested from their labors and enjoyed a swim in the extinct volcano *Laguna de Apoyo*.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:14-17



"I AM VERY GRATEFUL I GOT THE CHANCE TO SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD TO THE PEOPLE THERE. OUR MISSION CONSISTED OF BUILDING HOUSES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED, PLAYING WITH THE LOCAL CHILDREN, AND GIVING THE KIDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THEIR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. MY FAVORITE PART WAS THE HOUSE DEDICATIONS.

IT WAS MOVING TO HEAR THE FAMILY'S PERSONAL LIFE STORIES, WITNESSING FIRST-HAND THE IMPACT OUR WORK HAD ON THEIR LIVES.

- JAKE ZIMMERMAN '18



"RETURNING TO NICARAGUA THIS YEAR I KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT IN RELATION TO POVERTY, BUT EXPERIENCING IT AGAIN HELPS KEEP LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE. I GAINED A RENEWED APPRECIATION FOR MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WAS HONORED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO FATHERS PRESENT IN THEIR LIVES. PLAYING A PART IN

BUILDING HOMES FOR THE FAMILIES WE MET WAS VERY GRATIFYING, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT WE AS A SCHOOL GET THE PRIVILEGE TO GO!"

- CAYLIE CATOE '18



Did You Know?

Each year TKA Admissions:

- Fields an average of **2,200 phone calls**
- Tours approximately **500 prospective students**
- Visits **12 feeder schools**
- Hosts **2 Open Houses**
- Welcomes an average of **300 new students**

SEEING TKA THROUGH NEW EYES!

Admissions Director Amy Cuomo keeps a file with notes and cards from prospective parents and visitors to The King's Academy. "Their kind words are such a blessing in the hustle and bustle of the office," she says. "Our Admissions Team takes pride in introducing families to the TKA campus and community, and when they send a note expressing how great their visit was, we make a point to keep a copy!"

Cuomo, along with Admission Assistants Andrea da Silva and Lele (Erneston '90) Brown, loves working with new families as they get to know TKA. From phone calls to Open Houses, tours to shadow visits, the team "never loses the appreciation for King's and the blessing the school is to so many," as Cuomo explains, "because we get to see the faculty, staff, students, and campus through the eyes of those who have never

seen it before. The main thing is the overwhelmingly positive reaction that so many express; we have moms cry tears of joy in our office after meeting the people and seeing the campus of TKA. They feel as if they have found a home for their kids!"

"WE SEE TKA THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE"

Although the Admissions Team spearheads the work of introducing families to TKA, they are quick to explain that success is a larger team effort. Teachers, administrators, staff, and students all understand the importance of a warm welcoming environment when visitors are on campus. "Ultimately, we know that everyone on campus plays a role. Andrea, Lele, and I invest time in each individual who calls

What families are saying after visiting TKA

“THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATIVE TOUR. IT REINFORCED EVERYTHING WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT KING’S.”

“EVERYTHING ABOUT KING’S IS PRECISELY WHAT WE’VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.”

“A SUPERIOR, WELL-ROUNDED, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR OUR SON.”

“AFTER OUR TOUR OF TKA AND OTHERS, WE DECIDED THE KING’S ACADEMY IS DEFINITELY THE RIGHT PLACE FOR OUR DAUGHTER!”

“WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE FACILITIES, THE OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN TO THE STUDENTS, AND THE SMILING FACES!”

“THE VISIT DID NOTHING LESS THAN INCREASE OUR INTEREST IN BECOMING TKA PARENTS!”

“MY DAUGHTER SHADOWED AT KING’S ... I’VE NEVER SEEN HER SO EXCITED ABOUT SCHOOL!”

“(OUR TOUR) ASSURED MY WIFE AND I THE QUALITY OF STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM TKA IS WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUT OF OUR DAUGHTERS.”

“YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB ANSWERING QUESTIONS BEFORE WE EVEN THOUGHT OF THEM!”

Current families be sure to Re-Register February 1-28.



TKA Admissions Team: Andrea da Silva, Amy Cuomo, and Lele (Erneston '90) Brown

or visits campus, and student ambassadors take pride in meeting new students and even visiting feeder schools for high school fairs. That attention to making people feel special is an important part of our TKA family. We love watching students meet new families, seeing “Miss Bunny”(receptionist Bunny Fronrath Crocetti '83) bubble with

excitement during Open Houses, and introducing registrar Krista Mills to incoming Home School families as they navigate a new school paradigm.”

The King’s Academy’s continual pursuit of excellence balances seeing where improvements can be made against the quality that is offered each day. The Admissions

Team is blessed to be able to see the school through fresh eyes on a regular basis: the eyes of those who are seeing the students, faculty, programs, and facilities for the first time. Those eyes reveal a high-quality Christian school that impresses visitors and prospective families in myriad ways!



Pete, Vincent '08, Zach '10, Dominic '14, Gracie '18, and Tiffany Mercurio

TIFFANY MERCURIO – 18 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tiffany Mercurio and her husband Pete grew up in the West Palm Beach area. Although neither attended The King's Academy, they were aware of the school's strong Christian foundation and high academic standards. They knew TKA was the right choice for their children.

"I INSTANTLY FELT A CONNECTION TO THE LADIES AND KNEW THIS IS WHERE I COULD BEST SERVE TKA."

When Tiffany enrolled her oldest son, Vincent, in the Fall of 2001, The King's Academy was located at its original campus on Cherry Road. The Mercurios did not know any families at King's so Tiffany decided the best way to meet people was to get involved and volunteer. You could say she "jumped" in with both feet! As a new mom at TKA, Tiffany decided that a great place to get

connected would be to attend the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) kick-off meeting. "I instantly felt a connection to the ladies and knew this is where I could best serve the school. I love helping wherever I'm needed and giving back to those who have blessed my children in so many ways. PTF does just that!" By the time King's had moved to its sprawling new campus on Sansbury's Way, Tiffany had become a member of the PTF Board, where she has continued to serve and is currently its President. Over the years, Tiffany has been involved in a host of other projects including the school auction, Grandparent's Day, the Boutique & Trunk Show, and Fine Arts, to name just a few.

By 2004, the Mercurios had all four of their children enrolled at The King's Academy, and Tiffany served as a room mom for all of them. As the children grew older

and became more involved in extra-curricular activities, Tiffany found her volunteer role grew as well. She served as team mom for Zach's football team, for Dominic's baseball team, and currently for Gracie's cheer squad and track team. Tiffany is a familiar face in the Lions Den where she has volunteered countless hours, and you will see her at the school every day in the weeks leading up to Homecoming, helping the students with door decorating and other activities.

In her nearly two decades at The King's Academy, Tiffany has witnessed a lot of changes. She has seen the school grow from its modest campus to one that is now home to an 800-seat, state-of-the-art theatre, incredible athletic facilities that rival college campuses, and soon a new Boswell Science & Technology Center that will attract students to King's who aspire to cure diseases



PTF Board: Gina Mehalko (Secretary), Jocelyn Cool (Treasurer), Tiffany Mercurio (President), and Marti Prichard (Vice President)

and solve engineering problems. “I am so impressed with the academic tracks that have recently been added to the curriculum. I love the fact that my daughter can explore a career in Christian Pre-Law, Sports Medicine or Engineering. I feel that these opportunities, coupled with wonderful teachers and a superb college counseling office, really give King’s kids an advantage when preparing for college.”

Perhaps the most profound change Tiffany has witnessed is the spiritual growth that has taken place on campus in the last few years. She feels the addition of a Director of Student Ministries has had a huge impact on the lives of the students. She remarked on how the Prefect and Senior retreats positively influenced her daughter’s senior class. “The kids feel equipped and empowered to take ownership of what God is doing on campus at TKA.” She loves how the teachers pour into the students on

a daily basis. “Mrs. Giallombardo’s testimony had a profound effect on Gracie. I am very grateful for the spiritual and academic investment TKA faculty make in our children.”

In May 2018, Tiffany and Pete Mercurio will watch their youngest child graduate from The King’s Academy. When asked what she will miss most at TKA, she responds, “Most definitely the fellowship with the faculty and friends I made through serving with PTF. This organization allowed me to build relationships with teachers and parents outside the classroom. I will always treasure those friendships. I’m excited for the future of PTF at The King’s Academy. We have so many new families that have stepped up and become involved. I encourage everyone to continue to love on the faculty and let them know how much we appreciate them. They are teaching our children to be the Christian leaders of tomorrow.”

TKA PTF

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

(PTF) exists to work alongside faculty and staff to promote the Christian growth of students and the cause of Christian education at The King’s Academy in our community. PTF encourages communication between parents and the school and offers opportunities for parents to get involved. Dedicated volunteers support the school through prayer, volunteerism, and fundraising efforts.

Get involved!

If you would like to get connected and work alongside other parents of TKA, please contact **Lisa Gerardi** at lgerardi@tka.net or 686-4244 ext 320.

TKA HONORS GRANDPARENTS AND VETERANS



Grandparents' Day 2017 coincided with Veteran's Day, and The King's Academy's entire campus came together to make the event special! For the first time, Grandparents were welcomed in the Page Family Center for Performing

Arts, and the comfortable seating in the amazing new theater made the spectacular program and moving Veteran's Day tribute that much more special. Students from Junior Kindergarten through high school performed instrumental, vocal, and

dance pieces before guests visited classrooms and took grandchildren to lunch. TKA genuinely appreciates grandparents and the vital role they play in the lives of students.

“WHEN I CALL TO REMEMBRANCE THE GENUINE FAITH THAT IS IN YOU, WHICH DWELT FIRST IN YOUR GRANDMOTHER LOIS AND YOUR MOTHER EUNICE, AND I AM PERSUADED IS IN YOU ALSO.” 2 TIMOTHY 1:5







PAGE FAMILY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

On August 26th the Page Family Center for Performing Arts officially opened with a wonderful celebration honoring those who laid the foundation that has brought the Conservatory of the Arts Program to where it is today. Past and present directors and faculty

were honored at the event. Conservatory of the Arts students along with TKA alumni DJ Carter '03, Nate Adams '04, Tess Soltau '05, Angela Windsor '06, Kelly McGillicuddy '10, and Jose Kropp '14, performed to a full house. Guests were invited to a behind-the-scenes tour.

“THIS IS THE LORD’S DOING AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES.” PSALM 118:23



“Marie and I were thrilled to see how King’s has raised the bar in both its musical performing groups and its fine arts facility. I was literally in tears as I considered how far King’s has come from those early days when we had to climb over a metal gym to create sets for musicals. We are so proud to see that the seeds we planted in those early years have blossomed. We are so thankful the Lord has continued to bless King’s with Godly teachers and administrators who have a vision to strive for excellence in both performance and facilities.”

- Reverend Larry Davies, Secondary Music 1972-1977 & 1981-1991

- Marie Davies , Elementary Music 1983-1991

THE KING’S ACADEMY’S PAST & PRESENT DIRECTORS



DEDICATION REMARKS BY TUNY PAGE

We are proud to be in the company of so many who took the vision of a nationally-renowned high school theater program with a start-of-the-art dedicated theater from dream to reality. The contribution of our family is thanks in large part to my husband Dave's profound commitment to stewardship and his incredible generosity. We appreciate that this program stands on the shoulders of those who started performing arts at The King's Academy so many years ago without the benefit of a facility such as this. And while this beautiful building will support our students' paths to excellence, it is only a building and it represents only a small portion of what will determine their success not only in performing arts but in life. Ultimately it is the leadership and example of the teachers and directors that will influence the outcome. You all know this because with simple plywood stages and hard wooden benches you began what David Snyder calls "a tradition of excellence" in The King's Academy theater program by turning out students with a passion for the performing arts.

The often used phrase "dedicated to excellence" means a variety of things to those committed to this program. For some it's the ability to have our students accepted into top universities and colleges, to others it's being able to use our state-of-the-art technology to prepare students for a career in theater. Throughout there's an overriding



determination to challenge students both in their abilities and in their Christian faith that they might go into the world and do all for the glory of God. For one iconic volunteer, excellence is when "her kids" witness her determination to use her gift as a seamstress for their benefit and then go on to emulate that with their own gifts.

In our hearts we know that excellence on stage depends on technically well-executed performances. I suspect we all hope for the performances where altogether we move from the technically correct to the downright spiritual. Those performances are rare and rely on moments in time when performers, crew, support staff, and the audience energize one another with trust and plenty of vulnerability, but they never fail to be far greater than the sum of their parts. The ingredients that go into performances such as these are the things our kids learn and I hope continue to learn every day in this theater, things such as gratitude and respect for each other and for all those who support them in this program. Bravery is pushing themselves outside their comfort zones, profound reverence for the art of live performance, and a humility which keeps them open to the world of the possible.

When we support our teachers and directors and kids in learning these characteristics, there's no question in our minds but that our kids will leave this program in the words of Tess's song tonight "changed for good."



"I was honored to attend the grand opening celebration. The performances of the band, choirs, and alumni were magnificent! I was privileged to see one of my distinguished student artists perform, David Snyder, an excellent pianist and choral director. I was proud! Thank you to the Board of Governors, teachers, and parents for their faith in God who has done great and mighty things! Glory Alleluia!"

- ROSEMARY BASHAM
SECONDARY CHORAL 1987-1998



THE KING'S ACADEMY THEATRE COMPANY PERFORMS A CLASSIC



The King's Academy Theatre Company performed *White Christmas* in December to an enthusiastic audience of family and friends. The timeless tale of joy and

goodwill, filled with classic Irving Berlin songs, involved more than 70 cast members including singers, actors, dancers, and a full orchestra.



Scan QR code to watch *White Christmas*



The King's Academy Theatre Company opened the 2017-2018 season with *Beauty & the Beast*, a "tale as old as time." Based on the smash hit 1991 Disney movie and dating back to a late 18th century classic French fairy tale, the play featured an ensemble cast that included seniors Gracie O'Connor and Casey Gustafson as Belle and the Beast, with Tanner Gorall,

Sam Cornelius, Casey Butler, Graham Popadic, Kate Higgins, Christopher Pappas, Abby Scalici, Jessica Curley, and Kenna Wilson in supporting roles. With revolving set pieces, flying actors, and extravagant costumes, the audience was transported to a provincial life in a quaint French village which stood in stark contrast to the Beast's enchanted castle.



Scan QR code to watch *Beauty & the Beast*



TKA'S CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE **TOP 5 THEATRE PROGRAMS IN THE NATION** FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.



Christmas at the Kravis

TKA's annual Christmas program was once again held at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. Students in grades 2-12 celebrated the birth of our

Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, sent to earth from the Father to give mankind a way to be with God for all time. Through powerful narration, song, instrumental, and dance, the

students worshipped the King of kings and bore witness to the Light of the World who left His throne in heaven to dwell with us.



Scan QR code to watch the Christmas Program



THE KING'S REGIMENT CLOSES A STRONG SECOND SEASON



A GREAT YEAR FOR THE KING'S REGIMENT AND DANCE TEAM

Starting the year with a bang, the band opened its season with a performance of the National Anthem at a Miami Marlins game for the second year in a row. On a mission to keep the standing room only crowd entertained at homecoming half-time, the band debuted their "Vehicle" show about classic cars and classic rock. Two weeks later,

the band took their show on the road with a performance at the American Airlines Arena in Miami to a sold-out Heat vs. Celtics basketball game. The Heat production staff commented that the band was well-prepared and professional and would like them to perform again. Concluding their season, the King's Regiment and Dance Team,

joined this year by TKA's Basketball cheerleading squad, performed at Disney's Magic Kingdom. With the parks magnificently decorated for the Christmas holidays, and with a large audience lining Main Street USA, this annual parade is a highlight of the year for these dedicated performers.



Scan QR code to watch The King's Regiment & Dance Team Performances

VISUAL ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

Fall semester students created many exciting NEW projects adding to the TKA Visual Arts Curriculum. Two additional AP offerings have been added: AP Drawing Portfolio and AP 3D Studio Portfolio! In the **AP Drawing** class students focused on the power of the viewpoint and seeing objects from an ant's point of view looking up and underneath objects to focus on difficult perspectives! As Christ works in us to look at things through His perspective students have been looking at objects with a new viewpoint!



QR Code for
Glass Blowing at
Benzaiten
Art Center



AP 3D Portfolio students focused on visually communicating deeper meanings and messages in their art work, focusing on how Christ views each of us as unique, creative individuals. Senior Bralen Coble took the debris of palm branches and plants from Hurricane Irma and reconstructed them as parts to the skeleton structure of a human creating the concept of "beauty from ashes."



AP 2D Studio, AP 3D Studio Portfolio and **AP 3D Drawing Portfolio** spent an afternoon at the Benzaiten Art Center for Contemporary Glass learning how to blow glass vases, bowls or cups! Students focused on studying the art of Dale Chihuly and his amazing colorful pieces as inspiration for their blown works of art!



Sculpture classes were given a grant for a special outside project. Students visited the Benzaiten Art Center for Contemporary Glass and worked with their talented glass instructors to create hot glass sand castings of plant and animal life indigenous to Florida. Plaster was pressed into trays of sand and then removed. Hot liquid glass was then poured into the open space and once cooled became a solid piece of glass in the shape of their plaster.



Art 1 students reflected on how God uses everything for His glory to help others. Students drew from personal experiences which were hard for them to deal with but God supported and helped them so they can be a blessing to another teen. Using colored adhesive vinyl, students communicated messages of hope on the walls of the Arts building with written reflections for all to read about how God has worked in their individual lives.





BUILT FOR PERFORMANCE

NEW ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CENTER

In 2017 The King's Academy has taken intentional steps towards "excellence in athletics." One of those steps was to increase the proficiency of the Lions' student-athletes through performance training which maximizes student-athletes' potential through training in strength, speed, power, flexibility, conditioning, nutrition, and recovery. The opening of **The Page Family Center for Performing Arts** led to the rebranding and renovation of the M. Nelson Loveland Athletic Center and the core renovation was repurposing the old stage into a 3,000 square foot **Athletic Performance Center (APC)**. The APC features 14 squat racks, two full racks of dumbbells,

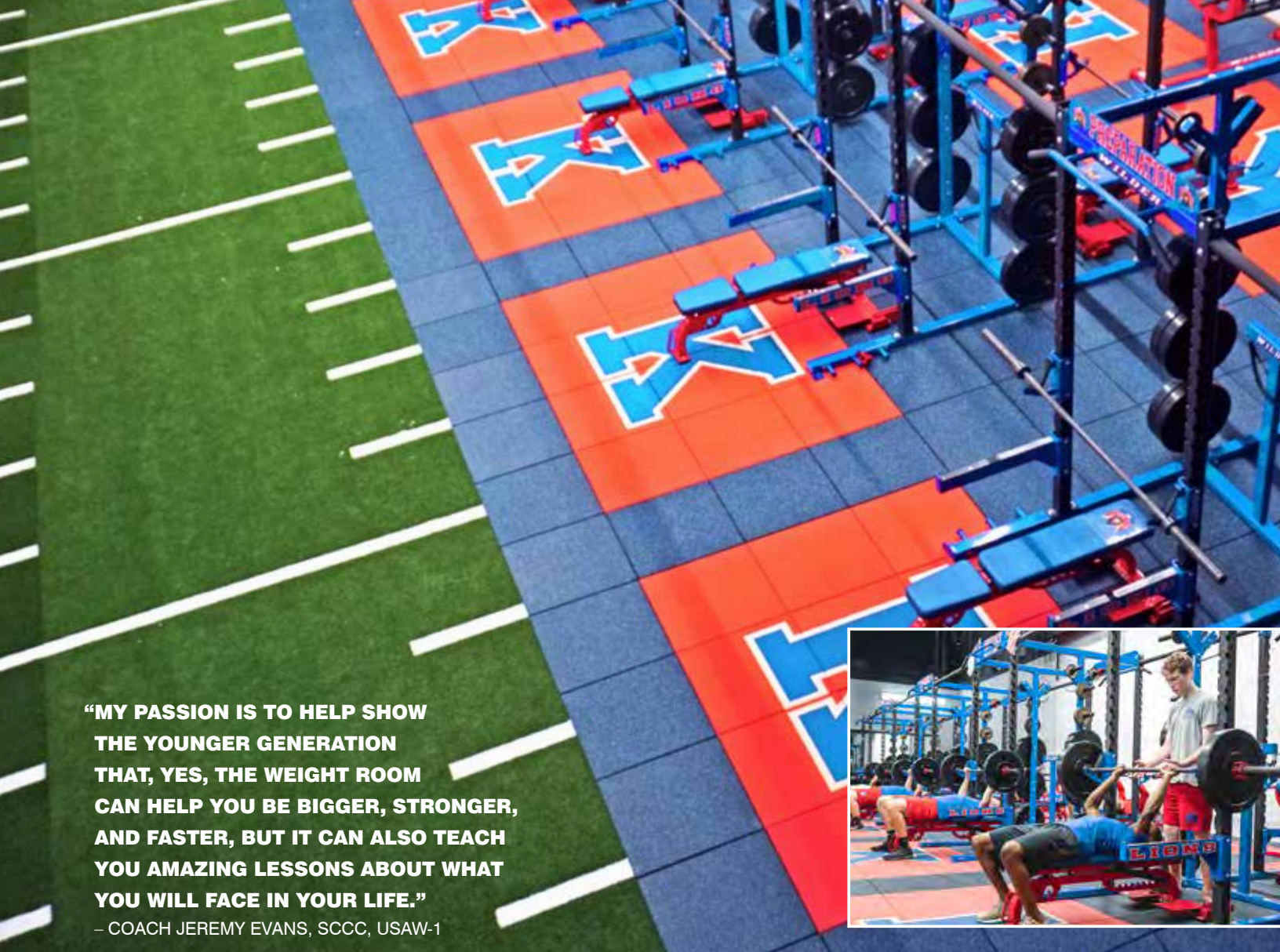
mirrored walls, TKA branded floors, and indoor turf. It is quite possibly the premier high school facility of its kind in the state of Florida. The APC, as visually impressive as it is, has required great leadership to ensure it is used to its fullest potential. Once again, The King's Academy responded by placing strong leadership into this cutting-edge facility.

NEW ATHLETIC TRAINING LEADERS

■ **JEREMY EVANS** holds two degrees in exercise-related fields and is certified in performance training through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association,

United States of America Weight Lifting, and Dr. James Andrews' Exos Human Performance Institute. Coach Evans has applied this knowledge base to developing programming and instructing the Lions' in the areas of strength, speed, power, flexibility, nutrition, and recovery.

■ **KIM (RUCH) LEDFORD '12** returned to her *alma mater* in August of 2017 to provide leadership particularly to the Lady Lions. Coach "Leddie," fresh off a championship career as a track athlete at Samford University and holding a degree in health science, has helped to redefine the value of performance training for TKA's female student-athletes.



“MY PASSION IS TO HELP SHOW THE YOUNGER GENERATION THAT, YES, THE WEIGHT ROOM CAN HELP YOU BE BIGGER, STRONGER, AND FASTER, BUT IT CAN ALSO TEACH YOU AMAZING LESSONS ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL FACE IN YOUR LIFE.”

– COACH JEREMY EVANS, SCCC, USAW-1



Coach Ledford has prioritized her own growth as a performance trainer, obtaining certification from the National Strength Coaches Association and Exos Institute.

TKA believes excellence is an important Christ-like quality. A testimony for the Lord is strengthened when the product of a

school is praise-worthy. The Athletic Performance Center and cutting-edge training tools in the hands of Christian coaches such as Evans and Ledford, who are passionate about sport-science, is moving the Lions’ closer to their potential and the excellence that has become a trademark of The King’s Academy.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Technology has been implemented as students receive the day’s workout and feedback on their smart phones through the *Teambuildr* program. Coaches receive instant analytical information to make adjustments necessary for a very personalized training experience for each student-athlete. Nutrition is not overlooked as student-athletes are offered recovery drinks after classes and practices while social media is used to stress important recovery choices, such as sleep habits and water in-take.

“MY LOVE FOR THE LIONS IS DEEPLY ROOTED, AND I AM PROUD TO USE MY LOVE FOR ATHLETICS TO IMPACT TKA STUDENTS IN THE WEIGHT ROOM, ON THE TRACK, AND ON THE FIELD. WHEN I WAS A STUDENT HERE, I HAD A FEVERISH PASSION FOR STRENGTH TRAINING. I WOULD LIFT WEIGHTS IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS EVERY DAY BEFORE SCHOOL, AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS THE TICKET TO MY DIVISION I ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP.”

– COACH KIM LEDFORD ’12, CSCS

FALL ATHLETIC SEASON

LOOKING BACK REVEALS PROGRESS

TKA Athletic Director Adam Winters and Associate Athletic Director Chris Hobbs collaborated on the following reflections on the past, present, and future of Lions Athletics:

When we look at TKA athletics 15 years ago, from the number of teams to the quality of facilities and coaches, standing on the shoulders of so many who set the foundation for all we experience today, we see tremendous progress. Our hope is that 15 years from now, others will say what we say today, "we could not have imagined the success of our teams and programs!"

Excellence in athletics with eternal impact means attracting coaches who can lead and pursue excellence both spiritually and athletically. Godly coaches, in the crucible of competition, can model Godly leadership that will produce champions far beyond the playing fields and courts. The by-product is to have student athletes go on to success in college programs, but far more they will go on to success as husbands, wives, parents, and leaders in their chosen professions and churches.

Excellent facilities such as the new Athletic Performance Center, the Full-

Page Aquatic Center, the renovated field house, track, and even lighted baseball and softball fields, give athletes the whole package far better than anywhere else we've seen. Beyond individual sport coaches, TKA has added Coaches Tyler Hamilton, Kimmy (Ruch) Ledford '12, and Jeremy Evans to lead TKA's sports medicine track and athletic training program. They are integrating sports science into TKA's athletic program to maximize the students' experience. We have not hit our full potential yet; we are growing each day, pursuing excellence.

UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASONS

Varsity Boys' Bowling behind the consistently strong play of Jake Zimmerman and Justin Rothberg posted an undefeated regular season. The team was victorious against every public school in Palm Beach County.

Varsity Girls' Volleyball, led by nine committed seniors, tallied a regular season record of 24-0. The Lady Lions eventually won 27 straight games finally being bested by eventual state champion Berkeley Prep in the FHSAA Regional Championship.





CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

■ **Varsity Football** extended its regular season win streak to 20 straight games. The streak was finally broken in a loss at Benjamin School. The defeat was “too little, too late” for the opponents of the South Florida Conference as the Lions had already claimed their **second-straight SFC Championship** at that point!



FHSAA DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

■ **Varsity Boys' & Varsity Girls' Cross Country** teams added 2017 district championships to the Lions' trophy cases this fall. The Lions' runners successfully defended their 2016 championship titles and have now claimed a total of 8 of the last 14

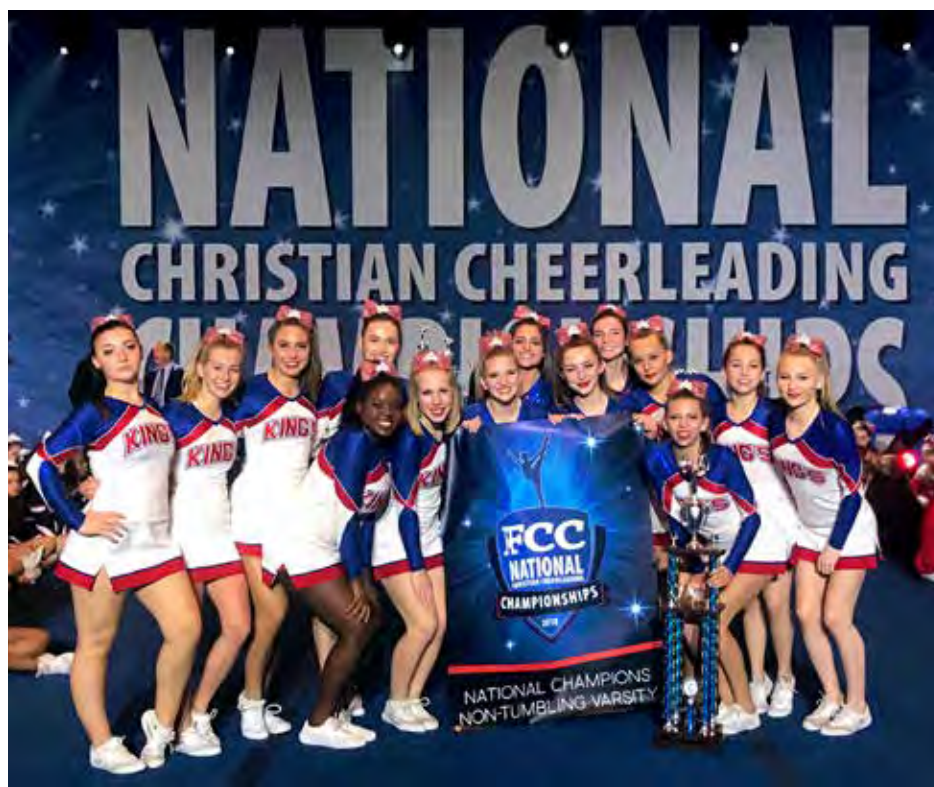
FHSAA District Championships dating back to the fall of 2011.

■ **Varsity Boys' Golf** made it back-to-back as they added the 2017 District Championship to the previously claimed 2016 trophy. Logan Othmer (NCAA Division I George Washington University commit) and newcomer Billy Civitella spearheaded the Lions return to district dominance.

■ **Varsity Girls' Volleyball** snapped a 9-year drought as they claimed the 2017 District Championship. The district championship match was one for the ages as the Lady Lions clawed back from an 0-2 deficit to defeat cross-town rival Oxbridge Academy. The Lady Lions would add another victory over Oxbridge Academy to their resume in the regional semifinals 2 weeks later.

SIX INVITATIONAL & PRESEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE FALL OF 2017!

- Varsity Girls' Cross Country, Spanish River Invitational Meet
- Varsity Girls' Volleyball, First Serve Pre-Season Classic
- Varsity Girls' Volleyball, Orangewood Christian Invitational
- Varsity Girls' Volleyball, North Broward Prep Invitational
- Varsity Boys' Golf, Vero Beach High School Invitational
- Varsity Boys' Golf, Westminster Invitational



BACK-TO-BACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

■ TKA's Varsity Competition Cheer Team competed in the FCC National Championships for the 19th time in the program's history. The 2018 squad successfully defended their 2017 title by taking first place in both the public and private school divisions. The championship trophy was not the only thing the Lions claimed as Coach Jenn Allen was recognized as a Finalist Coach of the Year and the team was awarded Best Showmanship and Best Stunts.

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

- **Logan Othmer**, Varsity Boys' Golf
- **Joshua Zuchowski**, Varsity Swim, 200 IM & 100 Backstroke
- **Pace Edwards**, Varsity Swim, 500 Free

RECORD SETTER

- **Madeline Furtado** becomes the all-time leader in kills for the Lady Lions volleyball program with 2,024 in her career.

LOCAL MEDIA ALL COUNTY RECOGNITION

- *Palm Beach Post* – Jonathan Yang, Joshua Zuchowski (swim), Justin Bridgewater, Cameron Dunn, Mia Rodriguez (cross country), Madeline Furtado (volleyball), Logan Othmer, Billy Civitella (golf)
- *Sun-Sentinel* - Joshua Zuchowski (swim), Justin Bridgewater (cross country), Logan Othmer, Bill Civitella (golf), Cory Croteau (football), Mia Rodriguez (cross country)

MADELINE FURTADO

2,024 KILLS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



COACHES OF THE YEAR

SUN-SENTINEL COACH OF THE YEAR

- **Bill Mitchell (cross country)** – Coach Mitchell is well known for his systematic training schedules and creating a high level of commitment in his athletes even during the brutal South Florida summer months. In four short seasons, Coach Mitchell has led the Lions to five district titles (Girls 2014, 2016, 2017 & Boys 2016, 2017).

SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

- **Keith Allen (football)** – Coach Allen and his 'tough people win' mantra has turned Lions football into one of the premier small school football programs in South Florida. Under Coach Allen's leadership, the 2017 Lions scored at dizzying paces with their spread offense and suffocated opponents on the defensive end with perfectly timed reads and blitzes.

DIVISION I COLLEGE COMMITS



LIONS MAKE COMMITMENTS TO DIVISION I COLLEGES

- **Annie Fletcher** (swimming) University of North Florida (NCAA Division I)
- **Andrew Lee** (baseball) Louisiana State University (NCAA Division I)
- **Logan Othmer** (golf) George Washington University (NCAA Division I)
- **Madeline Furtado** (volleyball) Liberty University (NCAA Division I)

SUN-SENTINEL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- **Madeline Furtado (volleyball)** – a NCAA Division I commit, captain, and school record-holder in kills, the "Iron Hammer" led the Lady Lions to an undefeated regular season, a 27-match win streak, and their first district title in 9 years.

THE KING'S ACADEMY PRESCHOOL



MAKING AN IMPACT

Working with preschool children all day provides ample opportunities both for humor and for profound impact. TKAP Directors Beth Brintnall (Greenacres campus) and her daughter-in-law Stephanie Brintnall (Wellington/Loxahatchee) experience both on a regular basis. “The kids put a smile on your face; that’s for sure,” says Stephanie. Beth adds, “and we are blessed to be able to share Jesus with them every day.”

Stephanie, who was The King’s Academy Preschools’ first ever hire when the Royal Palm Beach

campus launched in 2008, loves sharing stories about being called “Mrs. Nit Nall” or “Mrs. Grammaw.” She and Beth rarely talk work at family dinners, but they regularly share laughter over funny stories. “One day,” she recalls, “we were in circle time teaching about farm animals. I held up a picture of a goose and asked if anyone knew what it was. It was so quiet, and then all I heard was a child saying ‘AFFFFLLLLAAACCCCKKKK!!!’ I was cracking up!!”

Beth, a 22-year veteran preschool

teacher and director, came to TKAP Greenacres from Wellington Christian School’s preschool in 2010. “It is important to me to have left a positive mark,” she shares. “Each day we have the chance to leave an imprint of God on their lives. These are children who are growing stronger and developing each day, and we have the freedom to share Jesus openly!”

Beth and Stephanie have both been strong proponents of Christian school for decades. Stephanie is married to TKA alumnus Bill Brintnall ’90, and her daughters Grace ’17 and Morgan ’22 have been Lions for years. Beth’s two other children, Shane ’97 and Amy (Wellington High School ’95), both tragically passed away early. “But I am so grateful for the role of Christian education in their lives,” she explains. “I know the impact people who love God had on all of my children, and to be that light in the classroom each day for other young people is such a comfort to me.”

Stephanie continues, “and to visit the main campus and have a 4th or 5th grade student come running up to give me a hug after so many years is special. I know I’ve had an influence even though they have grown and matured!” Both Stephanie and Beth agree “the kids” at TKAP are the best part of each day!



HOMECOMING 2017

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS



Alumni and fans came out in strength to show their support for the Varsity Lions as they defeated Gulliver Prep 27-21 at Homecoming 2017. Congratulations to alumna Gilda Doria from the class of 2010 for being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. For The King's Academy, Gilda competed in track and cross country, but she starred on the soccer field. While leading the Lady Lions to four straight district championship titles, a regional championship, and a state final four berth, Gilda scored 83 goals and recorded 66 assists. She was a first team All-State selection and the state class 2A player of the year. Gilda was TKA's female athlete of the year in

2009 and 2010. She was also a member of US Soccer's Under-17 National Team pool.

Gilda went on to star at Duke University, serving as a 2-year captain for the Blue Devils and being a four-year starter. During Gilda's tenure, Duke appeared in two NCAA Final Fours and one National Championship, and the team earned a #1 national ranking! Gilda went on to play for the Washington Spirit and the Boston Breakers and won a WPSL National Championship in 2016. Gilda currently works for IBM as a Client Executive, managing an IBM sales team of 50+, a \$35 million quota, and responsibility for C-Level relationships.

GILDA CURRENTLY WORKS FOR IBM AS A CLIENT EXECUTIVE, MANAGING AN IBM SALES TEAM OF MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE AND A \$35 MILLION QUOTA.

Over the summer, TKA Athletics inducted Sammuell and Emmanuel Lamur '07 into the Lions Athletic Hall of Fame. Emmanuel couldn't be at Homecoming but Sammuell was there with his family. Sammuell and Emmanuel competed in both football and track for the Lions and were selected Honorable mention All-State and All-County in their senior year for football. After graduating, the twins went to Independence Community College and Kansas State University, where they played for legendary coach Bill Snyder. Emmanuel was a team captain and named All-Big12 as a senior.

THE LAMURS GO TO MISSION OF GRACE ORPHANAGE IN HAITI "TO SERVE OTHERS AND LOVE GOD."

After graduation, Sammuell played for the Tampa Bay Storm and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, while Emmanuel played with the Cincinnati Bengals and is currently with the Vikings in his 6th year in the NFL. The twins started "the Lamur Charity" to benefit the underprivileged in their home country of Haiti. They return each year to Mission of Grace Orphanage in Carries, Haiti where their goal is "to serve others and to love God by doing so." In addition to both twins being inducted into the Lions Athletic Hall of Fame, Emmanuel's high school jersey #9 was retired in recognition of his NFL and College career.



Back (L-R) Coach Mike Moore, Coach Dennis Patrick, Jay Evans '92, Aaron Bronson '92, Sean McMichael '94, Charles Alley '95, Matt Patrick '92, Coach Bill Alexander, Coach Wayne Sewell; **Front (L-R)** Jack Walter '22 represented his uncle Andrew Harrison '93, Matt Comerford '92, Patrick Moore '94, CJ O'Mara '95

BASEBALL TEAM HONORED AT HOMECOMING

The King's Academy has a rich tradition of success on the baseball diamond. With 12 district titles, 3 regional titles, and a Final Four appearance in addition to 2 State Championships, TKA was honored to celebrate the 25th

anniversary of its first team state championship at Homecoming. This year, nine members of the Lions 1992 FHSAA State Baseball Championship squad, along with their coaches, were recognized on the field during half-time festivities.



Listed alphabetically: Charles Alley '95 (#15), Pedro Arruza '92 (#10), Aaron Bronson '92 (#7), Matthew Comerford '92 (#8), John Evans '94 (#1), Jay Evans '92 (#9), Andrew Harrison '93 (#14), Olivier Kababe '93 (#13), JR Kerr '94 (#11), Jon Kotecki '94 (#4), Richie Leber '96 (#3), CJ O'Mara '95 (#2), Sean McMichael '94 (#18), Patrick Moore '94 (#6), Brad Nolin '94 (#17), Matthew Patrick '92 (#12), Tom Perry '92 (#5), Jed Shorr '92 (#16), Matt Roncace, Team Manager; Assistant Coach Dennis Patrick (#19), Head Coach Wayne Sewell (#17)



COACH SEWELL

Wayne Sewell served as Head Baseball Coach from 1990-2004. He led his teams to 2 State Championships, a Final Four appearance, 3 Regional Titles, 1 Sectional Title, and 6 District Championships. He was joined on the field by long-time assistant coaches, Dennis Patrick and Mike Moore.

SMITH '03**ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT**

As The King's Academy announces its groundbreaking Christian Pre-Law program, *The Chronicle* highlights alumnus Bill Smith, who is making an impact at home, in church, in the community, and as a Shareholder at the law firm Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. in West Palm Beach. Smith, who played soccer, football, and track at TKA, as well as performing in the 2003 production of *Carousel*, practices in the areas of Trusts & Estates, Estate Planning, and Tax Law.

The oldest of four brothers who all graduated from TKA, salutatorian Bill Smith went on to Stetson University and graduated *summa cum laude*, University of Florida Levin College of Law where he was a Law Review Research Editor graduating *magna cum laude*, and the UF Graduate Tax Program — quite an academic career. “My interest in law really all started at TKA.” Smith explains, “whether in Mr. Doug Raines’ AP U.S. History or Mr. Joe Batchelor’s AP English classes, I learned to love research and history and analytical reasoning and rhetorical writing. All of those guided me toward my career today.”

He points to the personal impact that TKA made as being more important than the academic impact, however. “I was going on a mission trip to El Salvador, and Señora Silva gave me a Spanish Bible before I left. She wanted me to go equipped to minister to the

people I would encounter. That really exemplified the care that teachers at TKA had for their students beyond the classroom, and it made a huge impact on me.”

Today Smith continues to impact those around him. He and his wife of 9 years, Michelle, teach Sunday School at Memorial Presbyterian Church. He serves on the foundation board and as past president of the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach; he even spent a number of years as TKA’s Key Club advisor as part of his service with Kiwanis. “There are a good number of the King’s family who are involved in Kiwanis. Cathy Burk-Hedrick, Kevin Mahoney, Bo Paty, and others have been integral to growing the Kiwanis Scholarship program that benefits TKA graduates each year.”

He also keeps in touch with classmate Joshua Sheats personally and in a unique way: “As I am doing yardwork, I often listen to Joshua’s podcasts. He has produced more than 500 episodes with more than 8 million downloads for his podcast called *Radical Personal Finance* (www.radicalpersonalfinance.com). For me, it

is both consuming knowledge and also the entertainment of hearing a classmate.” Keep an eye out in a future *Chronicle* for a highlight on Joshua!



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Grapevine



'90 Kent Annan (1) continues to work with Haiti Partners and was recently appointed a "senior fellow" at the Humanitarian Disaster Institute of Wheaton College. He will help launch a new M.A. program in Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership. "I'm excited about helping the next generation of humanitarian, disaster, and justice workers after doing this kind of work for more than 20 years. This will be a natural extension of my speaking and writing."

'02 Dr. Gregory Perreault (2,3) and his wife Dr. Mimi Wiggins Perreault celebrated the birth of their third daughter, Kyrie Caroline, on January 25, 2017. Kyrie joins her sisters Evangeline, 5 years, and Margery, 3 years. They live in Boone, NC where Greg is in his third year as an Assistant Professor of Multimedia Journalism. Greg's research has focused on journalistic paradigms in religion and video games.

'05 Lianne (Lowen) Smith (4) and husband Devin welcomed their son Daschel Scott Smith on January 8. Lianne and husband Devin recently moved to Asheville, NC and have a 2-year-old daughter, June Bea, who is excited to be a big sister.

'08 Burk Hedrick (5) married Lindsay Turman from Lancaster, PA on August 6, 2017. Pastor and TKA parent Jimmy Scroggins from Family Church married

them in a beautiful ceremony in Lancaster, **Parker Hedrick '11**, was best man and **Joey Lopez '08** and **Cheney Hedrick '15** were groomsmen. Alumni **Joe Savarese '08** and **Colt Jenkins '08** also attended the celebration. The couple live in Winter Park, FL. Burk works for Bainbridge Developers as a Development Manager, and Lindsay is a mother-baby nurse at Winnie Palmer Hospital in Orlando.

'08 Kristi Fogleman (6) married James Wright on July 1, 2017 at Ibis Golf and Country Club. TKA alumni **Carson Fogleman '15**, **Haley Weaver (Locke) '09** and **Priscilla Nicholson (Babrick) '09** were in the bridal party and **Shea Christine Glass (Lentini) '08** was the photographer. They live in Jupiter. Jim is an attorney at a local West Palm Beach firm and Kristi works for The Sterling Organization in Palm Beach.

'08 Whitney Schaefer (7) married Cameron Kelly in an elegant rustic wedding in Deland, Florida on January 14. TKA alumni **Cheyenne Schaefer '15** was the Maid of Honor. Whitney and Cameron spent their honeymoon in Asheville, NC. Cameron is a nurse in the Orlando area and Whitney is finishing her Bachelor of Science at University of Central Florida and works as a paramedic in Lake County. They live in Mt. Dora.



'87 Mike Thomas went on to graduate from Liberty University with a degree in Biblical Studies after TKA. Mike recently released the first two books in a chapter series called, *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls*. It is a time-traveling adventure series helping children discover the Bible. The chapter book series follows siblings Peter and Mary and their dog, Hank, as they discover ancient scrolls that transport them back to key moments in Bible history. The series takes young readers on daring adventures and allows them to experience the Bible in an exciting, engaging way. The first two titles in the series, *The Beginning and Race to the Ark*, are now available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. You can find out more about *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* online at secretofthehiddenscrolls.com.

Mike lives in Tennessee with his wife of 25 years, Lori, and their two sons, Payton (a senior at Ole Miss) and Peter (a seventh grader at Providence Christian Academy).



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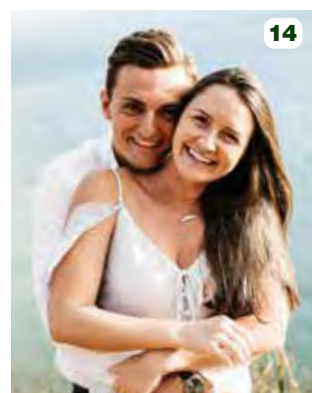
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'09 **Austin Stack (8)** is serving with a U.S. Navy squadron that flies the Navy's most technologically-advanced helicopter. Austin is a pilot with the "Airwolves" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron, a Mayport, FL based squadron where he is responsible for flying the Navy's next generation submarine hunter and anti-surface warfare helicopter, the MH-60R Seahawk.

'10 **Ashlhea Louis (9,10)** married Max Demianovich in a beautiful ceremony in Lake Mary, FL on July 22, 2017. The bridal party included TKA alumni **Zoe Andarsio '13, Casey Mahoney '10, Christina Sarubbi '11, Alexandra Pattee '12, Bailey Mudrick '12, and Amanda Fiedor '13**. Ashlhea and Max reside in Key West. Max serves as an Air Traffic Controller in the U.S. Navy and Ashlhea is the Marketing and Corporate Sales Director for the Alan S. Maltz Gallery.

'12 **Christina (Huether) Centeno (11)** and husband Nick welcomed their first child, Rowan Grace on December 2. Grace weighed 8lb 13oz and was 19.5" long. Christina worked at TKA as a substitute teacher prior to Rowan's birth and Nick works for a produce company.

'13 **Tyler Chaisson (12)** graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont in May 2017 with a Bachelors' Degree in Economics. Tyler led the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes and played football and track. He now attends the University of Massachusetts School of Law in Dartmouth.

'13 **Sarah Hood (13)** graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Florida State University. She has been accepted and received full fellowship into the University of Utah Graduate program pursuing a PhD in Mechanical Engineering. In that program, Sarah will be specializing in the field of lower-limb bionic technology, working in partnership with the local VA Hospital at the intersection of biomechanics, technology development and clinical research to further improve prostheses for military veterans.

'14 **Clark Aliapoulios and Brooke Begnoche (14,15)** have been dating since they were a junior and senior at TKA! Clark proposed to Brooke on July 31, 2017 on the coast of California in Big Sur. They will be married on June 16, 2018 in Boca Raton. Brooke graduated *Summa Cum Laude* in December from Palm Beach Atlantic University and was selected by her faculty as the Outstanding Graduate for the School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences. She plans to pursue her Master's Degree in Nutrition and earn a certification in personal training in order to open a private practice as a nutritionist and personal trainer. Clark was recently accepted to dental school at Nova Southeastern and will begin in August.



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'14 **Ashley Stack (16,17)** married Andrew Hernandez on October 7, 2017 in Greenacres. TKA alumni **Brooke Leyendecker, Katie Wentz, Michela Diddle, Grace Evans, and Alex Gantt (all TKA Class of 2014)** were in the bridal party. Ashley and Andrew live in West Palm Beach and work at Family Church Downtown. Andrew serves as the Student Pastor and Ashley is the Ministry Assistant to Students. They are both finishing their Bachelors' Degrees in Business Management.

'16 **Jessica Blakley (18)** has been accepted into a coveted paid government internship with the Tennessee State Legislature. She began in January and will work until May with Senator Jack Johnson of Franklin, TN, Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee, assisting him in committee and writing reports on concerns of their constituents. Jessica's goal is to work in state government when she graduates from Belmont University.

CLASS OF 2007 10-YEAR REUNION (19)

Members of the Class of 2007 celebrated their 10-year reunion at Due South Brewery in Boynton Beach in December. Alumni enjoyed catching up with old classmates and reliving old memories as they flipped through the yearbook.

Front Row (L-R) Charles Jones, Kelsey Duffy, Lindi Dimaio, Darein Wylin, Alex (Florindo) Adams, Laura (Bassett) Madsen, Megan Meckstroth, Peter Bono, Christian Paladino, Steven McGrew; **Back Row (L-R)** Annelise Evans, Marina Ishak, Nicole (Sans) Tryon, Travis Douglas, Caleb Adams, Hillary (Neal) Davis, Hailey Neal, Jason White, Jordan Alessi

CLASS OF 1992 25-YEAR REUNION (20)

Several members of the Class of 1992 got together to celebrate their 25-year reunion at Brio Tuscan Grille in Palm Beach Gardens in August.

(L-R) Gretchen (Walker) Cristantiello, Leah (Fair) Bronson, Tania Sigman, Heidi (Dieck) Garguilo, Kim (Holland) Freeman, James Powell, Matt Roncace (front), T Freeman, and Erik Benz



THE FUTURE OF TKA — PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-2017

TKA President Randy Martin's annual board report recaps an outstanding school year and includes a vision for TKA's future! Click on the QR Code or visit TKA.net/Presidents-Report to read a digital copy. Be sure to share with your friends and extended family!



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If possible, please complete this information for all alumni in your family. For example, if you are an alumni parent and your information has changed, or if your alumni son/daughter no longer resides at your address, please provide their current address, email, and phone information.



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Alumni, email us at t.tutwiler@tka.net when you have a baby and **we will send you a TKA "Lion Cub" onesie** (sized for 6 months). We would love to see pictures of your little future lion wearing it, so please post a picture to your social media accounts and tag us @TKAWPB and use the hashtag #TKAfuturelion.

Since 1970, The King's Academy has been equipping students to go out and impact their world in every sphere of influence. We are especially blessed when alumni choose to send their children to their alma mater. We currently have approximately 65 alumni families with more than 100 students attending TKA who are second and third generation lions.

ADD YOUR PIECE OF TKA HISTORY! AT TKAVault.NET

Do you have digital pictures or videos of King's in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, or today? Please send them to Mrs. Diddle at c.diddle@tka.net or upload them at TKAvault.net.



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A gift was received in honor of Nakku Chung

Mr. and Mrs. Jin Chung

A gift was received in honor of Christopher and Skylar Hansrote

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caswell

A gift was received in honor of Dylan Shepherd, to support building a home in Nicaragua

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shepherd

IN MEMORY OF ...

A gift was received in memory of Alex Brooks

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Simons

A gift was received in memory of Wanda Jenkins

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Dr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Meckstroth '77

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rasmussen

SCHOLARSHIP NAMED IN MEMORY OF WANDA JENKINS

One of the most valuable gifts Casey and I were given as children was an excellent education, and we were financially blessed to be able to give our own kids a wonderful education at The King's Academy. Today they are thriving in no small part because of their years at TKA.

It has been on my heart to help a child in the foster care system have the same opportunity at King's as our own children. Casey and I talked it over, and we've set up a fund at TKA specifically for a child from Place of Hope.

Someone who I know would've been quick to share this vision was my dear and precious friend Wanda Jenkins, who was incredibly generous (often paying expenses for children at King's quietly and anonymously). So we are setting this up in Wanda's name with the knowledge and blessing of her husband and children.

King's will work with Place of Hope to identify a child who could qualify for this scholarship, and it is our desire to help fund it yearly as we are able and as a child qualifies for admission.

If you feel you'd like to partner with us by investing in the future of a child, I ask that you contact Glenn Martin in the Development Office (561-686-4244) for more information. We've started the Wanda Jenkins Scholarship Fund (restricted to a Place of Hope foster child) and are excited to see it grow with more gifts.

Phillis and Casey Jones



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