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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,

It's a great day to be a Lion! As you know, King's past school year was outstanding. So outstanding, in fact, that it is difficult to succinctly list our God-given blessings.

So, here are but a few:

- The 121 graduates of the Class of 2017 received \$7.3 million in scholarship awards and acceptances to Ivy League and highly-selective universities including Cornell, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Rice, William & Mary, Colgate, and New York University to name just a few. These seniors also gave 32,000 hours of service to our local community, worth well over \$250,000 to the residents of Palm Beach County.
- Enrollment grew, most notably in elementary, necessitating the addition of class sections in kindergarten and first grade (and fifth grade for the 2017-18 school year).
- Students benefited from campus improvements including the upgraded Rosemary Beaumont Library, TKA's renovated track, locker rooms, Kahlert Stadium, a new piano laboratory, and, of course, the opening of the spectacular Page Family Center for Performing Arts. (This summer enhancements continue with the addition of five classrooms, a new 3,000-square-foot athletic performance center in the Loveland Center, and an enlarged athletic training facility and film room in the field house.)
- TKA Lions Varsity athletic teams compiled an impressive 70% winning percentage (with a combined record of 286-121-4) during the 2016-17 school year with varsity teams winning five district championships, one regional title, an undefeated conference football championship, and national championships in boys golf and competitive cheerleading. Senior Andrew Kozan was an individual national golf champion and junior Justin Bridgewater added a state track championship in the 800-meter run.

- TKA Conservatory students wowed audiences nationally in New York City at Lincoln Center, in Washington D.C. at the 58th Presidential Inauguration, and closer to home with crowd favorites including *Les Miserables*, *Funny Girl*, *Lion King Jr.*, *And Then They Came for Me*, and *Cheaper by the Dozen*. The King's Regiment and Philharmonia performed at Marlins Stadium, FIU Stadium, and even Disney's Magic Kingdom. And, the entire TKA student body shared the Good News of our Savior's birth with *Christmas at the Kravis*.
- Most importantly, more than 35 students decided to follow our King as Lord and Savior, fulfilling our mission to share salvation through Jesus Christ and to graduate Christian leaders. Many more students also renewed spiritual commitments and matured in their faith. It's wonderful to report that almost 50 years since its founding, The King's Academy is still training up children in the way they should go! (Proverbs 22:6)

With all of this success, it might be easy to rest on our laurels. Instead, I'm pleased to announce the completion of King's new strategic plan, *The Future is Now*. Please check your mail in early August for your copy of this important plan, the culmination of direct input from all of TKA's stakeholder groups (parents, students, administration, faculty, staff, and board of governors). Thank you to all who completed surveys and participated in focus group meetings. Your suggestions were the basis for this exciting plan, which will ensure sustainable growth at The King's Academy for years to come!

Sincerely,

Randal L. Martin
President





SONYA
JONES '87
 MS/HS PRINCIPAL

CLASS OF 2017: WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI FAMILY!

As the year closes, it is fitting to reflect on the senior class and its many accomplishments. The Class of 2017 is special in many ways and has made a distinctive mark on The King's Academy. They united together in prayer and witnessed a miracle as they walked the journey of healing with classmate Jenny Spell. Throughout the year there were many firsts: In the fall, the boys' varsity golf team, led by Senior Andrew Kozan, traveled to Arizona and won a National Championship for the first time in TKA history, with Andrew winning an Individual National Championship. The football team, consisting of 15 seniors, went undefeated and won the SFC Championship. The King's Regiment, donning new royal uniforms and newly branded instruments, had its inaugural year. They performed the *National Anthem* at a Marlins game and marched in the Disney World parade, as well as many Friday night performances.

As the winter season came upon us, the entire family of elementary, middle, and high school enjoyed a spectacular Christmas program at The Kravis Center. This was a new experience for many as it has been a long time since we have been able to share Christmas together like we used to at the West Palm Beach Auditorium.

During the spring season, the girls' varsity lacrosse team captured their first District Championship in only their second year as a team, and had their first eligibility playoff. The Class of 2017 was the last group to perform a musical, *Les Miserables*, on the M. Nelson Loveland Stage and the first class to perform a musical, *Funny Girl*, in the new Page Family Center for Performing Arts. The day many seniors left for their senior trip, TKA had its first Pathfinder winner in the category of History/Political Science with Reid Champlin winning a \$4000 scholarship. Reid graduated third in his class, earning a 4.51 GPA and will attend William & Mary on a full scholarship.

In early May just before graduation, this class of seniors embarked on a whirlwind trip to Hawaii and Alaska. During this memorable trip, they rode ATVs in the Hawaiian terrain where *Jurassic Park* and many other movies and television shows were filmed, snorkeled with turtles and octopi, hiked Diamond Head, the rainforest, and Denali National Park, and took a cruise through Alaskan glaciers. More importantly, they bonded as a class for the last time!

Although bittersweet, the special Class of 2017, wearing colorful cords and stoles in honor of each person's accomplishments, graduated in front of family, friends, faculty, staff, and administration on May 30th at Palm Beach Garden's Christ Fellowship. Although it is hard to say goodbye, I know that each will make a significant mark on this world for Christ, and they are well prepared to do so! They now join another special group of people, the alumni of TKA. Welcome to the family!



SENIOR TRIP

by Sophia Dorribo '17

Eighty seniors, 10 days, two destinations, and one packed schedule. The Class of 2017 senior trip saw new friendships formed, old ones strengthened, and vastly new experiences. The opportunity to visit both Hawaii and Alaska in one trip is something that none of the seniors will soon forget.

“THIS TRIP WAS TRULY AN INCREDIBLE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE, EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS AND CHANGING OUR VIEW OF THE WORLD.”

SOPHIA DORRIBO '17

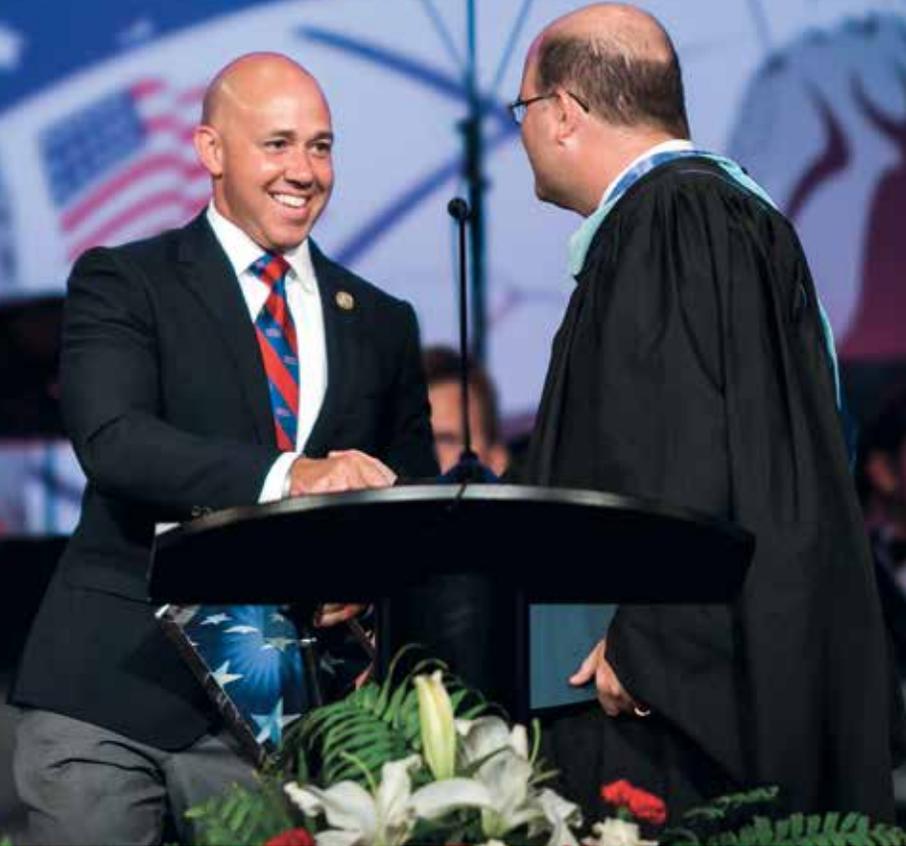
The dual destination component of this year's senior trip meant that the first few days were radically different from the last, in both climate and atmosphere. Hawaii consisted of days that were laid-back yet structured, and packed with activities. We braved

the blue depths and snorkeled with sea turtles, toured lush green valleys and mountains of Kualoa Ranch on ATVs, and saw sets of famous movies such as *Jurassic Park*. Arduous hikes to Manoa Falls and the top of Diamondhead Crater led to a view of God's beautiful creation from a stunning new viewpoint. We toured the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, and learned of the thousands of men who perished on that fateful day. While much of the schedule was highly structured, there was still plenty of time to relax with friends on the beach or near the hotel. Opportunities to surf or swim at the beach, enjoy relaxing breakfasts, and spend time at the Honolulu Zoo or Aquarium complemented the formal activities, while on Sunday we attended a service at Kaimuki Christian Church.

One red-eye flight later our class landed safely in Anchorage, Alaska.

This part of the trip involved more travel time viewing the gorgeous scenery. A glacier cruise allowed relaxation and hours of stunning scenery, from glaciers calving into blue waters, and bears and goats on the mountainside, to otters and sea lions in the water. Even the drive was beautiful on one of the world's most scenic highways. Alaska was a learning experience as seniors learned about The Iditarod Dog Race, took a sled ride, and held sled dog puppies. The drive to Denali was a long one but scenic views of forests and moose, and even some of the students' very first views of snow falling filled the time. Hiking the trails around Denali National Park with friends and enjoying the beautiful wildlife was a great way to end our trip. Everyone was exhausted by the time we arrived back at the Ft. Lauderdale airport but incredibly fulfilled by the exciting 10-day journey.





Brian Mast
US Congressman
18th District of Florida



Scan the QR code to view Brian Mast's graduation speech.

46TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

On May 30th, 121 seniors joined the ranks of TKA alumni and pressed on toward the calling God has placed on each of their lives. In a beautiful ceremony at Christ Fellowship, the audience heard inspirational and God-honoring addresses by 2017 Valedictorian Carissa Martin, Salutatorian Max Meier, and International Student of Distinction Charlie Chen as well as senior testimonies by Jacob Brodnick and Victoria Kalloo. Guest speaker United States Congressman Brian Mast gave the Commencement Address and inspired students to rise above the

challenges of life, facing adversity head on while relying on God. The Symphonic Band and His People Honors Chorus gave moving performances and solos by Rhys Lowe, Gabriella Edwardo, and Summer McCarty brought enthusiastic applause. Following a recap of the year's highlights from Mrs. Sonya Jones, seniors were presented with their diplomas, and Class President Aidan Hobbs led his classmates in turning the tassels. The evening was closed in prayer by much-loved senior Jennifer Spell.



Scan the QR code to view all of the graduation speeches and performances.





121 Graduating Seniors

67% with a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or Higher

32,000 Hours of Community Service

100% College Acceptance

\$7,258,784 Total Scholarships

8 Athletic Scholarships

1 Pathfinder Award Winner

54% Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

65% Awarded Scholarships

Top 5 HS Music Theatre Program

1 Undefeated Football Season - SFC Champs

1 National High School Golf Champions





CARISSA MARTIN

VALEDICTORIAN

4.67 GPA

**Attending Emory University,
Studying Neuroscience**

An extraordinarily gifted student, Carissa will attend Emory University and study neuroscience. Her cumulative GPA of 4.67 is one of the highest in the history of The King's Academy. She was band president, president of three honor societies, and created and ran the Peer Tutoring program. She was an Ambassador and Prefect, and led the TKA Science Olympiad team to States in its very first year.



Scan to view graduation speech.

One of her teachers said it best: "Carissa is the deepest well I've ever taught. She digs deeper than any student I've ever had."



MAX MEIER

SALUTATORIAN

4.52 GPA

**Attending University of Florida,
Studying Political Science and
Economics**

Max took more Advanced Placement classes than any student in TKA history and somehow managed to work 20 hours a week as a manager of a golf course. He was a member of four honor societies and active in the Future Business Leaders Association and the Political Science Club. He is planning on studying economics and political science at the University of Florida. His best experience in the classroom was in AP US Government, and he credits Mr. Raines for giving him a passion for US history.



Scan to view graduation speech.

"I plan to attend law school at Georgetown. I want to become a corporate lawyer representing businesses in New York City."



Charlie Chen

International Student
of Distinction
(4.43 GPA)

Wake Forest University



Grace Brintnall

Mark Kendall
Scholarship Award
(3.87 GPA)

Florida Atlantic University



Reid Champlin

(4.51 GPA)

Karl A. Kahlert
Academic Award
*College of
William & Mary*



Kristina Martin

(4.50 GPA)

Karl A. Kahlert
Academic Award
Samford University



Kirsten Adkins

(3.93 GPA)

Pass It On Scholarship
Florida Atlantic University



Victoria Kalloo

(4.11 GPA)

Alan Reamsnyder
Memorial Award
University of Florida



William Bayonne

Principal's Award



Matthew Corrigan

Community Service
Award (2,268 hours)

CLASS OF 2017 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

AMERICAN MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ACADEMY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ANDERSON UNIVERSITY
 ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY ASSUMPTION COLLEGE **AUBURN UNIVERSITY** AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY BELMONT UNIVERSITY BENTLEY UNIVERSITY BERRY COLLEGE BOB JONES
 UNIVERSITY **BOSTON COLLEGE** BRYANT UNIVERSITY **BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY** CAIRN UNIVERSITY
 CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CENTRE COLLEGE CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE CLARK UNIVERSITY
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY **COLGATE UNIVERSITY** COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY COLORADO COLLEGE CONVERSE COLLEGE **CORNELL UNIVERSITY**
 CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS DREXEL UNIVERSITY ELON UNIVERSITY **EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL**
UNIVERSITY **EMORY UNIVERSITY** ENDICOTT COLLEGE FAU HARRIET L. WILKES HONORS COLLEGE
 FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY FLAGLER COLLEGE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY FLORIDA GULF
 COAST UNIVERSITY FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FLORIDA
 SOUTHERN COLLEGE **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** **FORDHAM UNIVERSITY** FURMAN UNIVERSITY
 GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** GETTYSBURG COLLEGE GORDON COLLEGE
 HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY HILLSDALE COLLEGE **HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY** HOUGHTON COLLEGE
HULT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL - LONDON INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON
 JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY **JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY** JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY KEISER
 UNIVERSITY LA SALLE UNIVERSITY **LIBERTY UNIVERSITY** LYNN UNIVERSITY **MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN**
COLLEGE **MERCER UNIVERSITY** MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY** NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART **PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY** PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY POINT PARK UNIVERSITY QUINNIAC UNIVERSITY
RENSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE **RICE UNIVERSITY** ROLLINS COLLEGE ROSE-HULMAN
 INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY** SAMFORD UNIVERSITY SANTA FE COLLEGE
SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SETON HILL UNIVERSITY SEWANEE:
 THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY **SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**
 SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SPELMAN COLLEGE ST. OLAF COLLEGE **STETSON UNIVERSITY**
 STONEHILL COLLEGE STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY
 COLLEGE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY** THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
 THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY THE KING'S COLLEGE **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**
 THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA **TRINITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**
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 NORTH FLORIDA UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
 UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA VALENCIA COLLEGE VIRGINIA TECH WAGNER COLLEGE
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ST. LOUIS** WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY WESTERN
 CAROLINA UNIVERSITY WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY WOFFORD COLLEGE WORD OF LIFE BIBLE INSTITUTE

CLASS OF 2017 STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Alexandra Burks
Johns Hopkins University

Co-Captain of the Lions varsity basketball team, Alexandra Burks comes by her interest in medicine easily; both her parents are doctors. “If you want to study medicine, being accepted to Johns Hopkins

University is a dream come true!” After a period of personal wrestling about opportunities at some Florida colleges, she made the decision to attend Johns Hopkins. Secondary history teacher John Raines commented *“Alexandra is a one-of-a-kind student and a remarkably gifted young lady. Her love for learning was contagious, and she was a teacher’s joy to have in class. I had the privilege of having Alexandra twice; for AP United States History and in my AP Government and Politics course. Not only was her work ethic admirable, she was also a student whom I could count on to be actively engaged in the topics discussed in class. Her kind demeanor made her a friend to all, and her dedication to academics made her a stellar student. I will miss having her in class but look forward to hearing about the outstanding accomplishments she will be making in the near future!”*



Giselle De La Rua
University of Miami

TKA Ambassador and Vice President of the National Honor Society, Giselle De La Rua graduated with the Conservatory of Arts Performing Arts Distinction. Giselle had some tough

decisions to make. She was a gifted singer and had a passion for performing, but she realized that she had a greater love. Her passion for science gave her clarity for her future. “I was accepted to Rice, and it is such a great school. But at the end of the day, I was one of 72 accepted to the University of Miami in their Neuroscience Department. It was always my dream to study neuroscience, and getting into Miami’s program made it easier to make the decision.” She hopes to continue to medical school, and when asked what type of medicine will she practice, she said “I’m interested in neurochemicals and neurotransmitters so ultimately it would be a mix of neuroscience and endocrinology.”



Aidan Hobbs
New York University

Class President, Ambassador, Homecoming King, and recipient of the Most School Spirit Award, Aidan Hobbs graduated with two Conservatory of the Arts Distinctions in Instrumental Arts and Performing Arts. Aidan knew he wanted to study

acting and he knew he wanted to attend New York University. He applied early decision, and when he was accepted he said, “I instantly withdrew all my other applications. I knew NYU was for me.” To say he is excited to start in the fall would be a huge understatement!



Reid Champlin
College of William & Mary

2017 *Palm Beach Post* History/Political Science Pathfinder Award winner, Reid



Champlin is a change maker, a mover, and a shaker who inspires others. He has an insatiable quest for knowledge and is self-taught and well-versed on

a myriad of subjects. His greatest contribution to The King’s Academy is his leadership: President of the Political Science Club, Chairman of the Model UN Club, and President of the National History Honor Society. Reid was selected to serve on the Historic Security Council at the National High School Model United Nations in New York City, where his passion for history and diplomacy led TKA’s team to a competitive finish this year.

Reid Champlin does not sit back and wait for opportunities to come knocking, he initiates opportunities and challenges himself in new ways every day. Reid was the sole TKA student to take advantage of an internship opportunity on Judge Bradley Harper’s campaign. Reid witnessed history as Harper became the first elected African American Palm Beach County Judge. Reid was honored to be a guest at Judge Harper’s investiture ceremony.

Reid credits long time TKA teacher Bruce Stutzman “for being the single most influential person in forging my love of politics, international relations, and history and an incredible role model who always reminds me to temper my social passions with a mind for justice and morality.”

Reid is thrilled to accept a full scholarship at the College of William and Mary where he plans to study economics, history, politics, and English. Reid aspires to immerse himself in international diplomacy and national security. His ultimate goal is to serve as a foreign service officer for the Department of State.



2016-2017 TEACHER AWARD WINNERS

The Board of Governors' Award in Memory of Amy Halle Hinckley was established by alumna Dr. Dominique Musselman '80 in memory of her friend and classmate. TKA's Board of Governors expanded the award in 2016 to honor both an Elementary and a Middle School/High School Teacher of Excellence with a larger financial award. Mrs. Bonnie Mutz (Elementary) and Mrs. Jennifer Arrington (Middle School/High School) were the recipients of the 2016-2017 Amy Halle Hinckley Awards.

Bonnie Mutz, Academic Support Coordinator, previously worked as the Director of Admissions, 2nd grade teacher, and for the last five years she has led the SFAS (Success for all Students) program. She is a consummate professional who gives tirelessly to advance the Kingdom of God in the hearts of students.

Mrs. Mutz has a thriving program with nearly 100 students. She fosters trust and conveys the belief that God "fearfully and wonderfully" created each of them with unique talents. Students have excelled under her mentorship and direction. Mrs. Mutz believes in every child and pushes each one to do great things. She is a life-long learner and delves into research and professional development with the passion of a first-year teacher.

Jennifer Arrington, chemistry and physics teacher, is best known for bringing material to her students in ways that help them see how it applies to the world around them. She exhibits devotion to her students, a love for Christ, and a hard-working attitude. Her teaching style keeps students engaged, encouraged, and excited to learn.

Mrs. Arrington enriches chemistry and physics lessons in a way that reflect her experience and passion for both the subject material and her students. She is famous for her unique labs, which are complemented by her sense of humor. Mrs. Arrington's students truly value her commitment to their education.

Each year the Prefect/Student Council presents the William H. Vimont Award to a faculty or staff member at the Senior Awards Ceremony. William H. Vimont was the first headmaster at TKA and was known for his love and concern for the students.

This year's recipient, Scott Sawyer, was chosen by the students for showing the same spirit. Mr. Sawyer teaches high school world history and has impacted many students in a powerful way through his desire to mentor. Mr. Sawyer holds a weekly Bible study for high school boys in his home.



BONNIE MUTZ
Academic Support Coordinator



JENNIFER ARRINGTON
Chemistry / Physics Teacher



SCOTT SAWYER
HS World History Teacher

EXPANDED COURSE OFFERINGS

by Douglas Raines, Headmaster

The King's Academy desires that students excel with their God-given gifts. As such, in addition to our rigorous college preparation courses, we have provided opportunities for high school students to choose classes from any of the following course electives:

AVIATION

TKA students are living the aviation dream! The King's Academy now offers a class for 11th and 12th grade students to work towards their private pilot license. Students will learn about a wide range of topics, including aerodynamics, aircraft performance, airspace, communications and radar services, how to read and understand sectional charts, flight operations, FAA regulations, safe flight operations, navigation, weather, and weight and balance.

BUSINESS

Students in the King's Academy Business program take coursework that will prepare them to enter college level classes with basic literacy in accounting, marketing, finance, human resource management, supply chain management, and other facets of the business world. Cecilia Breland '12 received the Executive Women

of the Palm Beaches Scholarship and has recently graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Entrepreneurship. She now works as a manager for ALDI in Atlanta. Jessica Blakley '16 became the owner and operator of her own business, Makeup Doctor, during her senior year at TKA and received a Business Pathfinder Award. She currently attends Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Matt Corrigan '17 operates his own lighting business and competed at Palm Beach Atlantic University in January as part of the Entrepreneurship Challenge.

CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS

King's Academy Conservatory of the Arts offers an incredible breadth of options. TKA students have the ability to refine their God-given artistic talents with a major in one of five disciplines, including Performing Arts, Instrumental Arts, Visual Arts, Dance Arts, and Musical Theatre. TKA's Conservatory of the Arts, currently ranked as one of the "Top Five Fine Arts Programs" in the United States, is designed to provide rigorous academics alongside inspiring experiences that ignite a lifelong passion for the arts.





ENGINEERING

TKA's Engineering program empowers students to step into the role of an engineer, adopt a problem-solving mindset, and make the leap from dreamers to doers. Engineering courses engage students in compelling, real-world challenges that help them become better collaborators, communicators, and thinkers. At TKA, we are shaping the innovators, creators, and designers of today and tomorrow.

PRE-LAW STUDIES

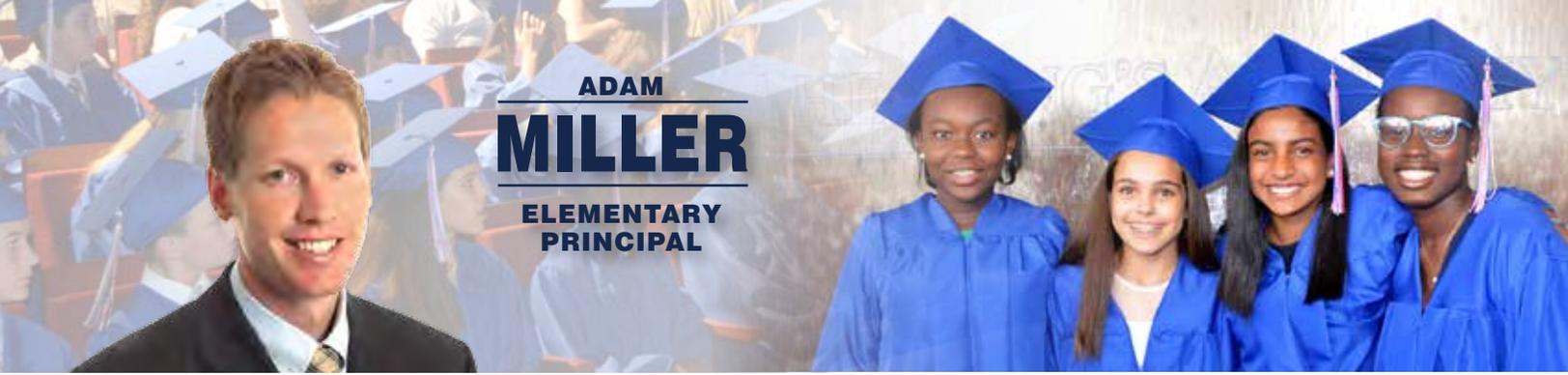
Students in the Pre-Law Studies program gain literacy in the field of law and on specific legal issues through practical application of course concepts. Students also participate in a mock trial at the end of the semester to understand the process of litigation. Collaborative and project-based learning extends to all six courses in the program, with students in Business Law drafting real contractual obligations, negotiating a mock NFL draft agreement, and surveying the campus as part of the unit on premises liability. Students in the honors Constitutional Law course examine how courts have interpreted key rights and freedoms and conduct debates on issues shaping current laws. The program culminates with an honors-level Oral and Written Advocacy course where students learn to make persuasive arguments as they represent a client's interest.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Ministry track seeks to empower and equip young students who possess an interest in vocational ministry. Students will be strengthened in their calling, character, and competency as they implement Biblical Text and its impact on everyday life. Secondary students will be exposed to hands-on ministerial experience and a high level of study within Biblical academia. The Ministry Track will aim, in the first year, to equip students with helpful skills for Biblical interpretation and on-campus ministry.

SPORTS MEDICINE

Students in Care & Prevention of Athletic Injuries, one of the five sports medicine courses at The King's Academy, write an essay on the physiological contributors and probable cause of Jesus Christ's death against the historicity of Roman crucifixion. Students explore the physical stressors and injuries that Christ suffered beginning with the day of the Passover meal through His arrest and trial, culminating in a Roman soldier's method of ensuring His physical death. With their budding knowledge of human physiology students with the sports medicine distinction pursue a deeper and more intimate relationship with the Great Physician, the God of all creation, and the Savior of humanity.



ADAM
MILLER
ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL

We have had an outstanding academic year at The King’s Academy. It was a heartwarming experience to see our kindergarten, sixth grade, and senior students graduate and move on to a new chapter in their lives. One of the aspects that makes The King’s Academy unique is that we are one school serving children from ages 4-18 on a beautiful 60-acre campus with state-of-the-art facilities. Almost a third of our seniors who graduated have attended TKA for 13-14 years. Thirty-one students began their academic careers in our junior kindergarten and kindergarten programs.

It is my prayer and mission that we develop students who will make a positive impact on society by sharing

the message and hope of Jesus Christ. We firmly believe the instruction and life skills our students are taught will benefit them in every aspect of their lives. The Bible verse on the front of the sixth grade graduation program stated, *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”* Proverbs 22:6. This verse is also included in our mission statement as a Christian educational institution. It is important to note that we are not reducing the cosmic operation of the universe into “if-then” propositions. God is sovereign, and we are all free agents. Central to the goal of accomplishing our mission is to partner with the home and church in the development for each child



6TH GRADE SUPERLATIVES

Julian Bonilla (Bible), **Michael Castillo** (Math), **Reagan Collier** (Pre-Algebra, Composition), **Franco Cuomo** (Science, Composition), **Lauren Dhana** (Math), **Madison James** (Social Studies, Bible), **Zebulun Kovach** (Reading), **Sophia Laurich** (James 1:12), **Macy Shipman** (James 1:22), **Maximo Toledo** (Social Studies, Science, Reading), **Jaden Williams** (James 1:12), **Jackson Worley** (James 1:22)



who attends The King's Academy. TKA regularly engages families to actively participate in their child's educational experience, such as the sixth grade trip to Washington D.C.

Forty-two students and 21 parents descended on our nation's capital to see first-hand the Christian heritage on which our great country was founded. Throughout the Old Testament, God's people developed memorials as a sign of remembrance for their generation and for all of the generations to follow. As we visited the memorials in Washington D.C., our students witnessed the sacrifice, leadership, and ingenuity required for a nation to thrive and flourish amidst adversity. I had the distinct pleasure to attend the trip with the sixth grade faculty.

We prayed as a group at the base of the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court and in front of the White House. Our prayer was that God would raise up leaders from within our school to serve our country and preserve our nation's rich history.

The 2016-17 school year has concluded. Kindergarten students will be moving on to first grade, and sixth grade students are embarking on middle school. Our mission has not changed, and we view our job as being of the utmost importance. Thank you for the continued opportunity to partner with you in the development of your child. As a faculty, The King's Academy collectively works every single day to prepare students for the next chapter of life.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER SUPERLATIVES

This year the 6th grade team added two superlatives to the end-of-year awards. Both awards were given with a unanimous decision by the 6th grade team. It was an honor for the 6th grade team to award all four of these students the first annual Christian Character Superlative for 6th grade.



The James 1:12 Award was given to two students who showed perseverance throughout the year. **Jaden Williams** and **Sophia Laurich** both stood out among their classmates as students who embraced the Biblical trait of faithful endurance in difficult times. They worked hard in academics, participated with sportsmanship in athletics, and showed tremendous growth in their Christian lives.



The James 1:22 Award was given to two students who demonstrated outstanding Christian character and leadership. **Macy Shipman** and **Jackson Worley** both set themselves apart in their walk with the Lord. They were leaders in their classes in character and faith.





EXPLORE PROGRAM - ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

The Explore program provides gifted elementary students with challenging enrichment beyond the regular classroom. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, the program provides students with resources to delve into carefully planned educational opportunities that develop critical and creative thinking, problem solving, communication skills, independent learning, social processes, and leadership.

This year's Explore topics included physical science, electricity, engineering, math, literature, and independent studies for more than 40 students. The 2016-2017 Explore engineering challenges:

- **Drop It** required the students to design cartons that would protect an egg from a 50-foot drop.
- **Marble Machine Challenge** inspired students to build the best Lou Goldberg chain reaction machine.
- **The sixth grade *Odyssey of the Mind* team** competed in the state finals at the University of Central Florida against teams from across the state in Division II

"Ready, Set, Balsa, Build." The team engineered a strong tower out of balsa wood. Congratulations to Julian Bonilla, Kala Nores, Ella Rodila and Max Toledo and coaches Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Toledo, for placing 8th in the state! Their 15-gram balsa structure held 355 pounds!

- **Literature units** are a very productive activity in the program. Every year, students read a novel together and discuss it in Socratic circles. They learn to use good discussion elements and essential communication skills. This year, the 4th grade read *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* inside their own "Narnia nook" in which they designed and painted a beautiful snowy "Narnia" scene.
- To end the year with a splash, the entire Explore program studied buoyancy and competed in the **Second Annual King's Cardboard Classic** in which students built large cardboard boats and raced them across the pool at the Full Page Aquatic Center.

The objectives of TKA's Explore Program can be embedded into any area of interest, and when students are engaged in their passion, their projects are meaningful.



Back L to R - Jiaxu “Hazard” He, Jialin “Charlie” Chen, Haolin Xiong, Luis do Nascimento Pollon, Caleb de Carvalho e Silva De Marco, Melvin Olsson, Rujun “Dennis” Li, JiaWang “John” Pan, **Front L to R** - Carolina Amerini, Tania Sutardji, Yasmin Lacerda Xavier, Maria Marcote Feijoo, **Not pictured** - Qi “Patrick” Shen

TWELVE INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES

Brian Burrage, Director of International & Non-Traditional Learning

The class of 2017 included the largest and most diverse group of international graduates ever to put their mark on The King’s Academy, including students from Brazil, China, Indonesia, Italy, Spain, and Sweden. Everywhere you looked throughout the year, there they were; not only participating, but excelling. Whether it was Luis Pollon’s performance as the lead in the senior homecoming skit, Caleb

DeMarco’s efforts as kicker for the undefeated football team and being named Captain, Co-MVP, and both *Sun Sentinel* and *Palm Beach Post* All-County First Team for soccer; or Charlie Chen paving the way in the Aviation Program and Science Olympiad, all while completing seven AP courses and going on to be named International Student of Distinction, these students define what it means to be “excellent.”

College matriculations will include five top-50 schools, with acceptance highlights such as: Wake Forest, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, UC Davis, Penn State, and the prestigious AMDA Los Angeles. The International Program exists to further the school’s mission statement. This wonderful group of young people will truly “impact their world,” and will forever hold a place in TKA history.



 2016-17 Graduates
 2017-18 International Students

CHARLIE CHEN – 2017 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OF DISTINCTION

Jialin (Charlie) Chen joined The King’s Academy as an international student in the 10th grade and has had a lasting impact during his tenure. The son of Fenfang Zhang and Yuan Chen, Charlie hails from the city of Yinchuan, China and came to TKA to pursue a lifetime of new opportunities.

Charlie is a tirelessly focused student and has taken on an incredibly challenging academic load. As an upper-classman, he completed AP Calculus AB & BC, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Physics, mainstream English 3 and Honors English 4, and AP Psychology. He’s such an exemplary student, that mathematics faculty member Kevin Shaw joked, “I am fairly certain that the *College Board* will have to create a “Six” for Charlie, as a perfect score of “Five” on the Calculus BC exam less than adequately reflects his abilities.” Anyone demonstrating this type of academic achievement would be special. The fact that Charlie did it in his second language is nothing short of remarkable.

Charlie is not just a gifted student, he’s also a committed member of the TKA community. In addition to his many academic achievements, Charlie participated in the inaugural Science Olympiad, Instrumental Arts, and Aviation Programs, served as Vice President of the Science National Honor Society, and spent more than 120 hours completing community service projects locally, including focused service with the organization Caps of Hope, which provides wheelchairs to low-income children and their families.

Charlie’s infectious personality and light spirit made him a favorite during his tenure at TKA. Charlie’s host family, Barb and Lindy Mizell, remarked that beyond his “dimples that would warm any room” his most special quality is his incredible resilience, saying, “We’ve really learned a lot from Charlie; no matter how intense a situation, he’s always able to take a step back, laugh easily (sometimes at himself), and put things in perspective. We are REALLY going to miss him.”

Charlie will attend Wake Forest in the fall, where he will study engineering.



“CHARLIE HAS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL BECAUSE HIS INTELLIGENCE, CHARACTER, HEART, AND HUMILITY MAKE HIM A JOY TO TEACH.”

- MRS. GIALLOMBARDO, SENIOR HONORS ENGLISH

“NOT ONLY DID CHARLIE EXCEL ACADEMICALLY, HE ALWAYS HAD A POSITIVE OUTLOOK AND AN ATTITUDE OF CARING FOR OTHERS. HE EXEMPLIFIES EXCELLENCE.”

- MRS. VIRKLER, CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS

“I LOVE CHARLIE’S READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO CLASS DISCUSSION. HE HAS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE THAT ADDED GREAT VALUE.” - MR. GENTRY, SENIOR BIBLE



A SUCCESSFUL NIGHT IN THE CITY

Will you run or will you bid? That was the charge from comic Ted Cunningham at this year's Mane Event Dinner and Auction, *A Night in the City*, where guests enjoyed great food, hilarious comedy, and even a little dancing as the evening wound down — all while raising more than \$285,000 for TKA's Annual Fund. Held in the beautiful Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center, perhaps the most important part of the night was a poignant message from a former parent encouraging giving to the *Call to the Heart* for need-based financial aid. The *Call* raised more than \$55,000 for TKA's Scholarship Fund and Scholarship Endowment! Led by Co-Chairs Holly (Loveland) Boswell '95, Diane Hanlon, and Ellen Hobbs with Silent Auction Chair Apryl Scalici, the night was a huge success thanks to the dedication, generosity, and hard work of many volunteers, sponsors, and donors.



All proceeds from The Mane Event support The King's Academy Annual Fund which benefits financial assistance, co-curricular programming, faculty development, facility improvements, and technology advancements.

"Comedian Ted Cunningham proved to be a fantastic addition. The energy and enthusiasm of our community has not wavered as we continue to achieve our goals and even surpass them. Thank you to all volunteers and guests for your support, friendship, and leadership," said Ellen Hobbs.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Presenting Sponsors: **Insurance Office of America, Regal Paint Centers, Chuck & Diane Hanlon**
 Platinum Sponsors: **Braman Honda of Palm Beach, Premier Family Health, Tide Dry Cleaners, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**

"THIS YEAR'S AUCTION, A NIGHT IN THE CITY, WAS AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL EVENING FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, SCHOOL PRIDE, AND INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY." ELLEN HOBBS, AUCTION CO-CHAIR

THE KING'S ACADEMY STRATEGIC FOCUS

In August, The King's Academy Board of Governors will introduce a new strategic plan. Entitled *The Future Is Now*, the comprehensive plan will lay the ground work for initiatives designed to prepare TKA for success in the coming years.

The Future Is Now will focus on Instilling Faith, Influencing Culture, Impacting Learning, Inspiring Innovation, and Initiating Growth. The 2017-18 Annual Fund will be the first step toward ensuring that strategic needs are funded, while continuing to provide funds for opportunities as they arise.

Your gift to the 2017-18 Annual Fund is a vital investment in the students of The King's Academy. Be on the lookout for the formal announcement of *The Future Is Now* Strategic Plan, and please consider what you can give to the 2017-18 Annual Fund.

2016-17 ANNUAL FUND SUCCESS!

The King's Academy community came together to meet its \$600,000 goal for this year's Annual Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Fund provides needed resources for:

- Need-based Financial Aid
- Technology Upgrades
- Faculty Development
- Campus Improvements
- Programmatic Enhancements



THE FUTURE IS NOW



INSTILLING
INFLUENCING
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INITIATING

TWO WAYS TO ENSURE TKA'S MISSION ENDURES

The King's Academy's new Strategic Plan, *The Future Is Now*, identifies a strong endowment as vital to the future success of TKA. Endowments for need-based financial assistance and for faculty chairs are two ways donors can ensure that TKA's mission endures through economic fluctuations. Your investment in Planned Giving is a thoughtful way to maximize your investment in the students of The King's Academy!

1. TKA'S STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

The King's Academy currently has two named scholarship endowments: **The M. Nelson & Jane Loveland Scholarship Endowment** and the **James & Annie Erneston Scholarship Endowment**. Proceeds allow the school to provide more need-based tuition assistance than would otherwise be available to families who apply for aid. You can make a gift to one of the two established scholarship endowments, or you can contact the Development Office about making a gift to establish a scholarship endowment 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' someone important to you and your family.

2. ENDOWED FACULTY CHAIRS

A wonderful way to honor a faculty or staff member who has made an impact is to establish an endowed faculty chair. Your planned gift can endow a faculty chair in honor of a faculty or staff member who has made an impact in your family's life. Proceeds from the endowment will offset the costs of employment, allowing TKA to ensure a strong and vital faculty impacting the lives of students. A great way to establish an Endowed Faculty Chair is to include The King's Academy in your estate plan. Contact the Development Office for details on how you can leave a legacy for The King's Academy.

Gene and Bonnie Martin (pictured below) have loved and supported The King's Academy for more than 35 years. As parents in the 80s and 90s and now as grandparents of current TKA students, they have served the school and supported its mission in many ways. As a former Chairman of TKA's Board of Governors (Gene) and a former school nurse (Bonnie), they see the value of investing time and money in the mission of the school. As they considered their estate plan, they wanted to include TKA in that plan, leaving a legacy for the school. After ensuring that their long-term care needs would be accounted for — and being generous to their family — they included bequests to three charities they've supported for years in their plans. There may be no better way to support TKA than to leave such a legacy gift!

Planned giving offers individuals and families a way of making a charitable donation to the school through outright gifts, bequests, annuities, insurance policies, and the establishment of endowed funds. The Development Office of The King's Academy is prepared to assist families interested in creating a legacy as part of their overall financial and estate planning.



For more information on how you can impact TKA's future, visit: www.TKAGiftPlanning.net

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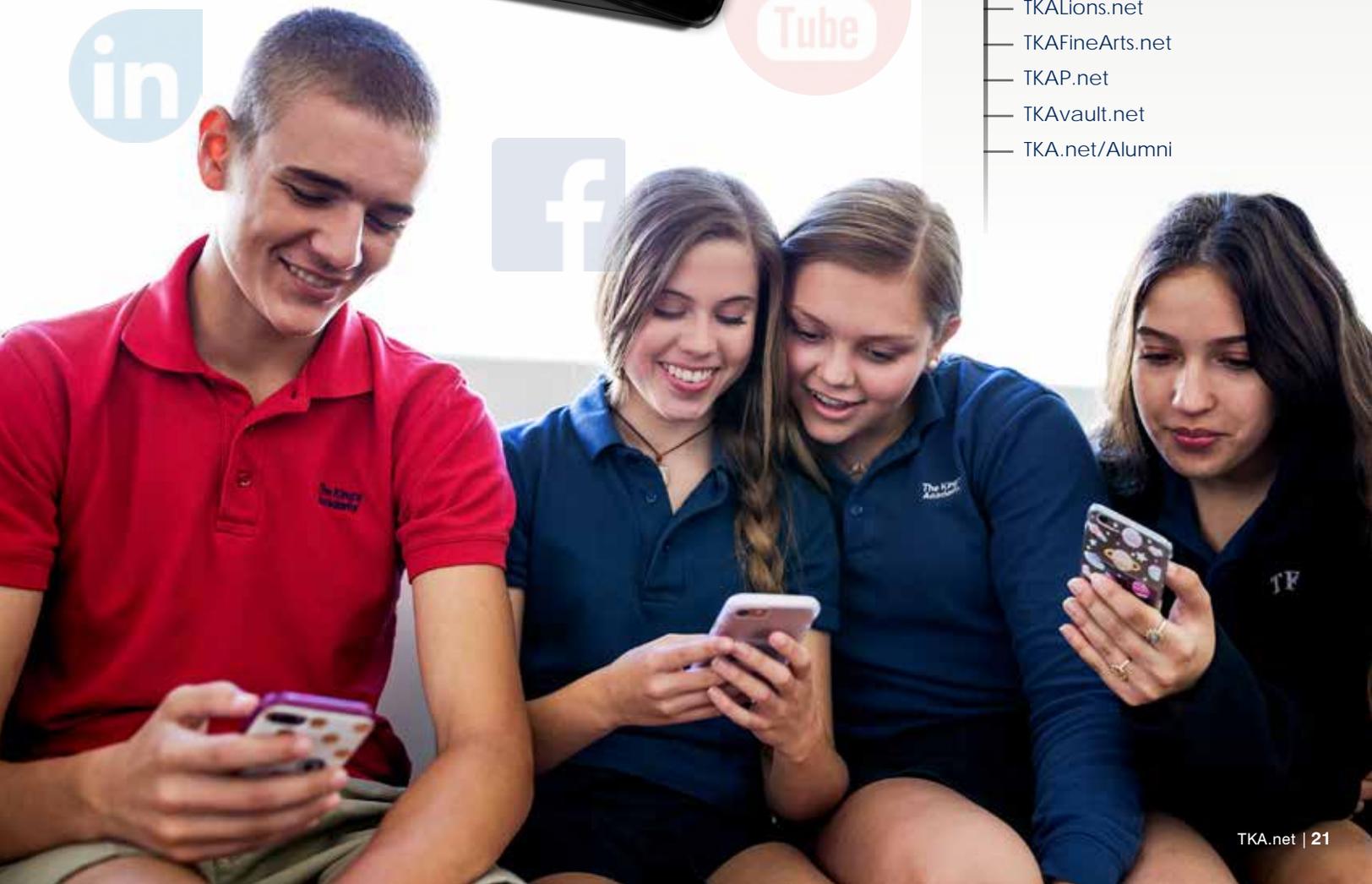
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NICARAGUA — TKA IMPACTING THE WORLD

Keith Allen, High School Engineering Teacher

When TKA Head Football Coach and STEM Engineering Program leader Keith Allen signed on to travel with 36 King's students to Nicaragua for a short-term missions project, he had no idea he would be using all facets of his experience in guiding the TKA team. He did know the group of students would be hard-working, with amazing attitudes. "That's just what this group is," Coach Allen explains. "It's a credit to them. They were there to serve, and they did so with no complaints. In fact, there was healthy competition to which team could 'serve best.'"

The group was serving with *Hope Project International*, building basic homes for families who previously lived in dirt-floor tents within yards of a huge waste dump outside of Casa Del Rey. Providing houses with concrete floors for these families has a proven impact: decreasing the infant mortality rate by 60%. "The Nicaragua trip allowed me to see what true poverty looks like," said TKA Junior Alexis Breitfelder. "It helped me realize that countries like Nicaragua still need help to get above the poverty line and are still untouched by Christianity."

The King's group was divided into three teams and each was tasked with building one house per day. After the first day, the group's engineering class students began to solve the problem of how they could build more efficiently and accomplish more. "We had football players who were workhorses and engineering students who brought their problem-solving skills to the table. Senior Jacob Brodnick observed the operation on day one, and on day two was effectively 'running the show' for his team. His ability in engineering and his leadership from football combined for the perfect storm of coupling manpower, effort, and organization to equal greater efficiency," Coach Allen explains.

The third day, after building six houses for destitute families, the teams were able to help the families move into the new homes. The families were brought to tears, as were the students and chaperones. One father, whose family lived at the end of the barrio closest to the waste dump, said, "Now my family is safe. Thank you!"

"THE BEST PART WAS GETTING TO MEET THE LOCAL PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T JUST PROVERBIAL 'PEOPLE IN NEED IN A FARAWAY PLACE,' THESE WERE CHILDREN OF GOD RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME WHOM I WAS ABLE TO HELP WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS."

HOLLY GARFIELD, 9TH GRADE





ENGINEERING STUDENTS DESIGNING NEW WAYS OF IMPACT

Upon returning from Nicaragua, engineering students worked on a “tolerances” project in which they built Fidget Spinners, examining how design tolerances can affect quality and usefulness in manufacturing. As they built the spinners using bearings and TKA’s 3-D printer, students started wanting to buy the products. Coach Allen recognized that the spinners could actually be sold to raise money for next year’s Nicaragua trip. The class has already raised enough to build more than two homes for families in Nicaragua. TKA students and faculty are truly “impacting their world for the King of kings!”



SENIOR TRADITION

Each year seniors enjoy a special luncheon/BBQ with their mothers or fathers as they prepare to graduate from high school and transition into college. This annual tradition provides a unique time for parents to share memories and encourage their seniors as their senior year comes to a close.

SENIOR BOYS' BBQ

“The King’s Academy has had a tremendous impact on our son Jared and our family. The past six years here have been a true blessing, with us being able to have two of our children graduate from TKA. The teachers and staff have been wonderful Godly examples and mentors and have helped instill Christian faith, honor and morals into each of our kids. The positive influence on the TKA campus is tremendous, and thanks to this school we are confident Jared and his sister will be able to achieve whatever goals they set out to accomplish.”

- Bill Kirkpatrick

“THANKS TO TKA WE ARE CONFIDENT JARED WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHATEVER GOALS HE SETS OUT TO ACCOMPLISH.” BILL KIRKPATRICK



SENIOR GIRLS' LUNCHEON

“My husband and I will always remember the first day of kindergarten at The King’s Academy for our Victoria. When we drove onto the Cherry Road campus, Victoria was so excited she could barely sit quietly in her booster seat. However, that excitement quickly turned to tears when it was time to say goodbye. That day will be imprinted on our minds forever because we both left the school parking lot in tears.

It has been many years since that first day of kindergarten, and Victoria is now a TKA High School graduate. As I look back and reminisce about her time at TKA, our family has numerous precious memories of our little girl’s journey. She has blossomed into a beautiful Christian young lady who has made her family so very proud. We have been truly blessed that God has put so many wonderful people in our daughter’s path.

We hear time and again that “it takes a village to raise a child.” We are so thankful that the kind, God-fearing, and honorable young lady our Victoria has turned out to be is not only because of our efforts and prayers as her parents, but also because of the numerous selfless acts of love and kindness, the many words of encouragement, and the daily prayers which are continuously and freely given by the wonderful TKA family.”

- Carol V. Kalloo



“VICTORIA HAS BLOSSOMED INTO A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN YOUNG LADY WHO HAS MADE HER FAMILY SO VERY PROUD.” CAROL V. KALLOO



PREPARING TO IMPACT THE WORLD

35 students from The King's Academy Model United Nations team traveled to New York City to participate in the annual National High School Model UN in March. Blizzard conditions in the Northeast did not hinder their determination to actively engage in their assigned committees discussing notable international issues.

This year's National High School Model UN (NSHMUN) included a total of 5,217 student delegates from 72 countries from the best high schools in the world, including The King's Academy.

This year The King's Academy student delegates represented South Africa, Senegal, and the Ukraine. Each team member participated in an intensive research project and developed a complete country



profile to prepare for the event. In addition, the students immersed themselves in real world issues and current events.

Seasoned team members Alexa Mickler, Max Meier, Reid Champlin, and Chase Pereboom were honored to be assigned to special committees: United Nations Security Council, International Court of Justice, and the Crisis Committee.

Model UN consists of five parliamentary debate sessions that last approximately three hours each. TKA members either authored or significantly contributed to formal resolutions including Reid Champlin, who brought the final report of the Crisis Committee at the closing ceremony of NHHMUN from the podium of the General Assembly Hall in the United Nations.

“I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF OBSERVING AN IMPRESSIVE LEVEL OF COMPETENCE AND GENUINE ENTHUSIASM AMONG OUR STUDENTS.” MR. BRUCE STUTZMAN

“IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE FOR STUDENTS TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT COMPLEX POLITICAL ISSUES.” REID CHAMPLIN '17

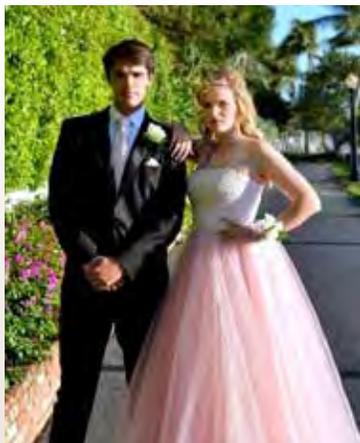




“A BLACK TIE AFFAIR”

THE ANNUAL JUNIOR-SENIOR TRADITION

Each year the Junior Class Student Council plans the Junior-Senior Formal to honor the seniors. This year’s event theme was *A Black Tie Affair*. Held at The Country Club at Mirasol, students enjoyed an elegant evening with gourmet dinner, which included the ever-popular mashed potato bar, followed by dancing and prize drawings.



“WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THESE SENIORS AND THE MEMORIES WE HAVE MADE WITH THEM. THE CLASS OF 2017 HAS BEEN GREAT ROLE MODELS TO ALL OF US. IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO DEDICATE THIS PROM TO THEM.”

GRACIE MERCURIO,
JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

“THE ATMOSPHERE, DECORATIONS, AND DJ WERE AWESOME! IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST NIGHTS OF MY LIFE, DEFINITELY THE BEST WAY TO GO OUT.”

SENIOR MASON BEAUDROUX



PAGE FAMILY CENTER

The King's Academy was blessed to open the new Page Family Center for Performing Arts in early May. More than 400 generous supporters made gifts to the *Dedicated to Excellence* campaign to provide dedicated space on campus for both Fine Arts and Athletics. A special dinner in the Esther B. O'Keeffe Lobby honored major donors to the campaign.

PAGE FAMILY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS



47,000 concrete blocks

114 tons of rebar steel

7000+ lineal ft of scaffold

7,720,000 pounds of concrete

5½ miles rigging aircraft cable wire

"We are so blessed to have this high-end facility where our work will continue to uphold its tradition of excellence and our patrons' experience will greatly improve due to the comfortable house seating. This theater is one of the best in South Florida, and with its state-of-the-art equipment and expansive stage and fly space, it rivals the best Broadway stages."

- DAVID SYNDER '93, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

"The King's Academy's pursuit of excellence has a ripple effect across many departments. As TKA's Fine Arts Department moved into its luxurious new space, the TKA Athletic Department rediscovered its spacious gymnasium."

- CHRIS HOBBS, ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR / BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH

FOR PERFORMING ARTS



Dave, Tuny, and Char Page with TKA President Randy Martin (L) and Board Chair Dr. Clyde S. Meckstroth '77 (R)



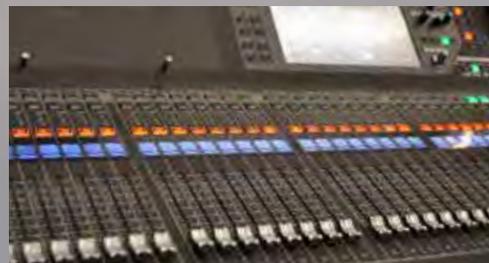
Miss Clare O'Keeffe of the Esther B. O'Keeffe Foundation with TKA Director of Development Glenn Martin '88, President Randy Martin, and Board Chair Dr. Clyde S. Meckstroth '77



All donors to the *Dedicated to Excellence* campaign are recognized in dramatic fashion on a beautiful water feature in the Esther B. O'Keeffe Lobby. Scan the QR code to view the complete list of donors.



THE HIGH NOTES



State-of-the-Art Sound Engineering



Comfortable Seating for 800 Patrons



2,000 sq ft Esther B. O'Keeffe Lobby



3,500 sq ft Hobbs Family Stage



9 ft Yamaha Grand Piano from The Metropolitan Opera Company in NYC

20 x 50 foot Proscenium Arch

State-of-the-Art Choir/Orchestra Shell



**LES MISERABLES —
FINAL PRODUCTION IN THE
SPORTS & FINE ARTS CENTER**

The King's Academy Conservatory of the Arts students performed the final production on the M. Nelson Loveland Sports and Fine Arts Center stage. *Les Miserables* was presented to sold-out audiences who raved about the quality of the performers, including TKA alumnus Nate Adams '04 reprising his role of Jean Valjean from his senior year.

The final performance on April 8 marked the end of an era at TKA after 12 years, 20 full-stage productions, and more than 180 performances.





FUNNY GIRL OPENS THE PAGE FAMILY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Conservatory students opened the Page Family Center for Performing Arts with a stunning production of *Funny Girl*, dedicating the performances to beloved TKA parent Antonia Pappas. Patrons gushed about the beauty of the new space and the professional feel of the production. An official Grand Opening is planned for August 26th at 2PM and 7PM with a one hour performance by TKA students and alumni followed by a behind-the-scenes tour.





KIDSERVATORY

David Skinner, Director of Instrumental Music

This year began a new adventure with elementary instrumental music students participating in TKA's "Kidservatory." We are delighted to be working with elementary students to introduce them to the joys of playing a musical instrument. Students have the opportunity to learn one of 10 different band instruments in classes that are offered 40 minutes per day, four times per week.

This year we added 4th grade into the mix, and the elementary band boasted more than 70 brand new 4th and 5th grade band members! Students were given an aptitude test at the beginning of the school year to determine the best instrument choice and excitement abounded as we began making a "joyful noise!"

By December, students demonstrated their newfound skills with a wonderful performance in *TKA's Christmas at The Kravis*. What a wonderful opportunity it was to perform in this world-class venue! As young musicians continue developing through the first year, we begin to see them finding the joy of music and the satisfaction of perseverance as undiscovered talents begin to appear.

The first year concluded with an impressive performance at the Spring Showcase in the brand new Page Family Center for Performing Arts. We couldn't be more proud of the efforts of TKA's newest band students, and we look forward to working with these fine young musicians throughout their years at TKA.

"TO SEE YOUNG STUDENTS STRIVE THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF MUSIC MAKING, AND THEN TO SEE THE LOOK OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AFTER A JOB WELL DONE IS ONE OF THE JOYS OF TEACHING." - DAVID SKINNER '93

A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF JAZZ



TKA's Conservatory of the Arts Jazz Band presented "A Night of Jazz" at the Duncan Theatre on the campus of Palm Beach State College on April 28th. It was a wonderful evening of jazz standards from the Great American Songbook. The evening featured several senior soloists, student vocalists Yasmin Lacerda '17

and Gigi Perez '18, and special guest artist Paul Magersuppe. The young jazz ensemble tackled a large amount of music for this full-length concert program and through their diligent efforts presented an outstanding performance to an enthusiastic audience.



DAVID SNYDER '93 RECOGNIZED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Artistic Director David Snyder, was recognized as the Christian Schools of Palm Beach County Teacher of the Year! Mr. Snyder was recognized for his ability to encourage and inspire those around him to dream big, work hard, and always strive for the best. He is a supportive leader who encourages his students to love God and pursue their passions.



2017-2018 SEASON

- 8/26 Grand Opening Celebration of the Page Family Center for Performing Arts
- 9/8 TKA Philharmonia & Palm Beach Atlantic Side-By-Side Concert
- 9/21-23, 28-30 *Beauty & the Beast*
- 10/27 Fall Conservatory Vocal and Band Concert
- 12/1-2, 8-9 *White Christmas*
- 12/8-9 Regiment Disney Parade
- 12/20 *Christmas at the Kravis*
- 1/25-27, 2/1-3 *Black Box - Peter and the Star Catcher*
- 2/9 TKA Philharmonia performs the waltzes of André Rieu
- 3/1 Evening of Chamber Music
- 3/9-10, 15-17 *Oliver the Musical*
- 4/6 A Night of Jazz
- 4/8 Afternoon of Sacred Music
- 4/19-21, 26-28 *Ghost the Musical*

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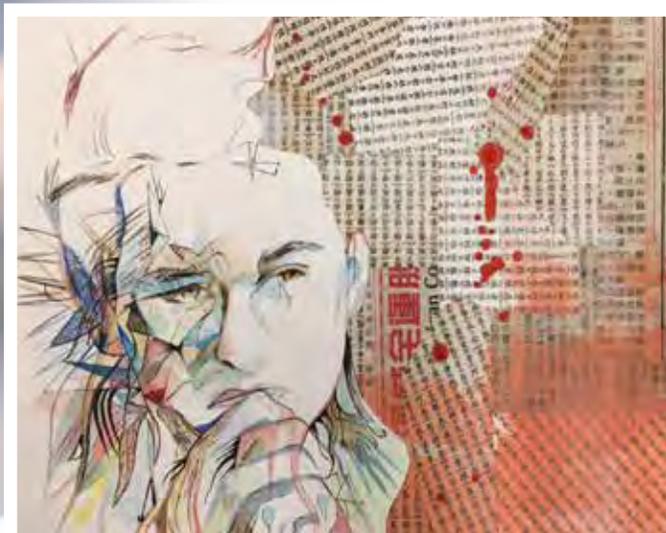
CLASS OF 2017



Coco Mendez won a Silver Key in this year's National Scholastic Art Awards competition for his self-portrait done in watercolor and mixed media collage.

Coco is fascinated with how lines create movement in the world around him. As a nationally ranked wake boarder, he is aware of how lines in water create the movement and basis for the tricks that he does in competitions. Lines also create energy and emotion in his art. Coco intends to continue incorporating lines in his film major at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). He is excited about the creative and innovative environment that SCAD offers to its students.

Prior to starting SCAD in spring of 2018, Coco intends to travel the United States and abroad. While overseas, he is excited to become immersed in the colors and culture of India and the magnificent landscapes of Iceland. His interest in traveling to learn about cultures and experience different landscapes will aid him in his growth as a film maker. His compassion for cultures, ethnicities, nationalities, and sociological components of people will aid him in his pursuit of producing artistic films with scenes that mix color, composition, emotion, and the principles of design.



Coco's self-portrait in watercolor and mixed media collage won a Silver Key at the National Scholastic Art Awards.



Senior Malley Puc was an integral part of the Conservatory of the Arts during her time at TKA, with lead roles in *Titanic*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, and *Cheaper by the Dozen*. She shared her thoughts about her time at TKA with “The Chronicle.”

Music and dance have always been a vital part of my life, from performing skits in church and singing along to Disney CDs to being a member of the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches. But when I saw my first musical, I knew that musical theater was what I was meant to do for the rest of my life! I started training seriously in 6th grade, and then came to TKA in 9th grade.

I immediately immersed myself in TKA’s fine arts offerings. You could even pinpoint the beginning of my TKA fine arts to when I came to shadow with my great friend Summer McCarty, with whom I have shared the stage on many occasions since. I was fortunate enough to be a part of almost every production King’s has done since my 9th grade year. I am maybe most proud to have been a part of the cast of *Funny Girl* that had the honor of opening the new Page Family Center for Performing Arts. I’ve seen the progress of what the department has been able to do, and performing in that beautiful house was an honor. I was completely overjoyed and overwhelmed by the experience!

TKA has positively impacted my walk with Christ in many ways, and I am so grateful. I have found specific mentors and friends at King’s who have helped me grow in my relationship with God. David Snyder ’93 has had a particular impact on my life. Not just on stage, but off stage as well. He instilled in me and so many others that all glory be given to God and the importance of consistently seeking a relationship with Jesus. I can’t thank him enough. I will be attending Marymount Manhattan College in New York City, studying musical theater, and I will take so many of his lessons with me.

I have witnessed the power and importance of live theater; it’s a vital tool for telling stories, important stories that spark feeling. Hopefully my work and studies will lead me to Broadway, but I know God’s plan for me involves encapsulating different characters and telling important stories.

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**Varsity Athletes
with a GPA of
4.0 or better**



3

Coaches of the Year

Keith Allen (Florida Dairy Farmers Independent and SFC), Ross Cash (NFHS and Palm Beach Post), Janis Smith (Sun Sentinel 1A-2A)

1

**Undefeated Football Season (11-0)
First in school history**

TKA ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

The 2016-2017 was a year of significant accomplishment for TKA athletics. The winning began in the fall with the boys' golf team's District Championship and the Antigua National Invitational Championship. Andrew Kozan won the Antigua Individual National Championship, the District Championship and was the FHSAA State Runner-up. The boys' and girls' cross country team won both District Championships and placed at the State Finals. The swim team moved up in the ranks and finished as District Runner-Up, advancing a handful of athletes through Regionals into the State Finals. The fall was capped off by the football team finishing with its first undefeated season in school history and winning the SFC championship

game! The boys' soccer team finished as District Runner-Up and advanced to the Regional Semifinal. The Competitive Cheerleading team won the FCC National title and were the FHSAA State Runner-Up.

The Lions competed well all year and finished each season on a strong note. The future of TKA Athletics looks very bright, and we are excited for the passion, commitment, and desire to compete next year. The Lord has blessed TKA with an exceptional year, and we can say *"we have run the race with endurance that is set before us"* Hebrews 12:1.

The "by the numbers" summary comprehensively shows the overwhelming success of the 2016-2017 athletic campaign.

1

FHSAA Cheer Regional Championship 1A Non-Tumbling

2

TKA Golfers finishing in the top 5 at the FHSAA State Golf Championship

86

Palm Beach Post and Sun Sentinel Fall, Winter, and Spring All County Athletes

1

FHSAA Boys Track 1A Regional Runner-up

5

FHSAA District Championships
Boys Golf, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Boys Track & Field, Girls Lacrosse

139

Lowest combined boys golf team score of 9 hole tournament

1

FHSAA Individual State Champion
Justin Bridgewater in the Boys 800m run

7

Seniors participating in All-Star games
Football, Basketball, Baseball

20

TKA Track Athletes Advancing to the FHSAA State Finals

1

Southeastern Football Conference Championship
TKA 21 Pinecrest 13

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Record Fall Varsity Winning Percentage

20

Total Team Invitational and FHSAA State Series Championships

2

TKA Lions National Championships - Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders and Antigua National Golf Invitational

278

Lowest combined boys golf team score of 18 hole tournament

7

TKA Medalists at the FHSAA Track State Finals
Boys 4x800, Deuce Shaw (Pole Vault), Brandon Pritchard (Shot Put), Sierra Smith (100m), Brianna Oats (300m Hurdles), Alexis Hobbs (High Jump) Justin Bridgewater (800m)

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TKA Student-Athletes continuing their careers at the college level next year:
Alex Brown (Stetson University – Football), Dylan Costa (Florida Southern – Baseball), Andrew Kozan (Auburn University – Golf), Jared Kirkpatrick (Southeastern University – Football), Dana Leininger (Trinity University – Swimming), Ricky Neyman (Pensacola State College – Baseball), Austin Sharkey (Centre College – Baseball), Ashlynn Weston (Palm Beach Atlantic – Lacrosse)

1

Antigua National Golf Invitational Individual Championship

3

TKA Golfers in the Top 5 at the Antigua National Golf Championship

233

Varsity Athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or better

6

FloridaHighSchoolFootball.com All-State Players:
Christian Guida, Alex Brown, Justin Wake, Jacob Brodnick, Ryan Kingman, Jared Kirkpatrick

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TKA Student-Athletes

**TKA CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS****CHEERLEADING****BOYS' GOLF****FOOTBALL****GIRLS' LACROSSE — NEW PROGRAM TO DISTRICT CHAMPIONS IN ONLY 1.5 YEARS!**

Eighteen months ago, Varsity Girls Lacrosse did not exist at The King's Academy, but now they hold the title District Champions! The Lady Lions brought a record of 12 wins and 2 losses into the District Tournament and the championship game pitted the #2-seed Lady Lions vs the #1-seed Wellington High School, a team the Lady Lions suffered one of their two losses against earlier in the season. The championship game did not disappoint as the teams found themselves knotted at 6 with less than two minutes to play. The Lady Lions, determined not to let history repeat itself, gained possession, and Molly Erneston found the back of the net with 1:08 remaining to secure a 7-6 victory and the school's first-ever Lacrosse District Championship.

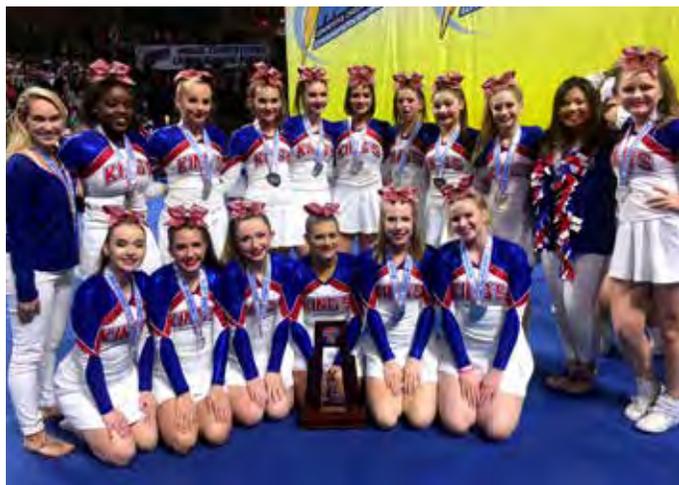
"Winning a District Championship is a remarkable achievement and a tremendous accomplishment for a second-year team. The majority of the team had limited experience with lacrosse when the team was established in 2016, but the players quickly committed themselves to the common goal of becoming excellent athletes and lacrosse players. A successful season and a victory in the District Championship could not have been possible without a full team effort, and it was inspiring to watch the players come together at exactly the right time." - *Varsity Girls Lacrosse Head Coach, Brett VanAlstyne*



COMPETITION CHEERLEADING — FCC NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

The King's Academy Varsity Competitive Cheer team put together an unbelievable amount of preparation for their performances this year. The leadership of Head Coach Jenn Allen produced unbelievable results. The Lady Lions Competition Cheer team has been a consistent and truly competitive team the last 10 years and a strong presence in the FHSAA and FCC community. Their reputation of sportsmanship and camaraderie, with a great mixture of competitiveness have set TKA apart. TKA Competition Cheer is valued for its leadership, participation, and enthusiastic support of its coaches and parents.

The journey to the FCC National Championship began at the FHSAA Regional Competition where they were the first team to compete. The girls nailed the routine winning the Regional Title. The Lady Lions then hopped on a bus and traveled to Orlando for the Fellowship of Christian Cheerleading (FCC) National Championship. The team performed two flawless routines, earning



them the 2017 Fellowship of Christian Cheerleading National title and the FHSAA Regional title all in one day. The girls capped their great season with an FHSAA State Runner-Up finish in Gainesville; missing the State title by a mere 0.3 points!

TENNIS

The Boys (6-9) and Girls (9-6) tennis teams upgraded their schedule this year and raised the level of competition. The Lady Lions won their last 5 matches, winning 35 out of 36 games. Sixth grader Jaden Williams was the highlight of the District Playoffs finishing as runner-up in the 5th seed.



SOFTBALL

The Girls Softball team finished the season 9-10, finishing strong and winning 5 of their last 6 games. The Lady Lions defeated Benjamin 8-6 in the District Quarterfinal before bowing out in the District Semifinal.



BASEBALL

The team got off to a slow start but came on like wildfire winning 7 of their last 8 games heading into the playoffs, before losing in the District Semifinal. The Lions (12-13) were led by college commits Austin Sharkey (Centre College), Dylan Costa (Florida Southern), and Ricky Neyman (Pensacola State College).





JUSTIN
BRIDGEWATER
CLASS OF 2018

JUSTIN'S PREPARATION LED TO A TRACK & FIELD INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Justin Bridgewater is a junior track and field standout and varsity basketball player for the Lions. Justin is a competitive, hardworking, dedicated, young man of character. Justin recently won the Individual State Championship in the 800m dash at the FHSAA State Finals.

The 2017 FHSAA Track & Field State Championships was the stage where Bridgewater would stake his claim as one of Florida's best track athletes. Justin's preparation for the high profile event began long before the meet. TKA's Distance Coach, Bill Mitchell, describes Justin's training efforts as "very responsive to each workout and willing to push hard through difficult training regimens."

JUSTIN WINNING TRACK & FIELD 800M DASH AT STATE FINALS

The journey to the State Championships began for Justin by winning the District and Regional Championships in the 800m race

and 4x800 relay. The ultimate test awaited as the best track athletes from around the state descended upon the State meet. Bridgewater's attention to training and preparation throughout the season proved invaluable as he lined up for the 800m race. Justin trailed much of the race, but made his move as the pack of runners rounded the final corner. As if all of his training efforts crystallized in the final 100m, Justin, who needed every inch of the final stretch, overcame the leader of the group and claimed TKA's second individual State Championship of the 2016-2017 season!

JOSHUA
ZUCHOWSKI
CLASS OF 2022

SEVENTH GRADER BREAKS NATIONAL SWIMMING RECORDS

TKA 7th grader Joshua Zuchowski broke five USA National Swimming records in the boys 11-12 age group this year. Joshua, previously homeschooled but now a full-time TKA student, is the fastest person in that age group in the history of USA Swimming! His National Age Group records (NAGs) put him ahead of Olympic Gold Medal winning swimmers Michael Andrew, Ryan Lochte, and even Michael Phelps—the greatest individual medley swimmer in the history of the sport, winning Gold in the last four Olympic Games.

Zuchowski, who is coached by his father, TKA swim team coach Jonathan Zuchowski, is not looking too far ahead, despite his success this year. “He realizes how far away the Olympics are and what it takes beyond just being one of the best. He will leave the Olympic question in the Lord’s hands, and if it is God’s will, then Joshua will swim for His glory,” Dad says.

Understanding that life is bigger than just swimming, Joshua was featured on NBC News’ Today.com for an act of generosity and sportsmanship that truly reflects his commitment to

loving one another. Joshua had noticed that a friendly rival from almost every meet had not been at two competitions in a row; he found out that the boy was in the hospital with a rare bacterial infection in his hip. “Josh got very emotional and he just said, ‘Dad, I feel horrible for him, is there something we can do?’” Coach Zuchowski told Today.com. “Then he said, ‘I expect to win five gold medals (with his rival not swimming). What do you think if I swim for him and give him the high point trophy?’ He wrote the card he was going to give Reese before he even swam a race. The card said, ‘I swam for you today, and I want to give you this trophy.’”

Josh, who lives in Jupiter and hopes to swim for Stanford University in college, accomplished his goal of winning five medals and the high-point trophy as the top point-getter in the meet. He gave the card to Reese’s swim coach with an encouragement for him to get well soon so they could “get back to battling in the pool.” The other boy, Josh’s number one competitor, said it was the nicest thing anyone had done for him. Josh definitely has a big heart; he couldn’t believe he was getting so much attention for something that just seemed like a natural, right thing to do!

JOSHUA IS THE FASTEST PERSON IN HIS AGE GROUP IN THE HISTORY OF USA SWIMMING





ANDREW
KOZAN
CLASS OF 2017

ANDREW KOZAN — ABILITY, DRIVE, COMMITMENT, AND DEDICATION

Senior Andrew Kozan has been a stalwart example of Lions athletic success since he arrived at TKA in 8th grade. Andrew has constantly and consistently developed his game each year and is recognized as one of the top young golfers in the US. The Auburn University signee has a long list of accolades to his evidencing his drive to be recognized amongst the elite in the golf world. Andrew's drive, determination, and commitment to success garnered him the many titles.

Andrew has led the Lions to four FHSAA District Championships, one FHSAA Regional Championship, and one Antigua National Championship. He has also been captain the last three years, and a shining example of how an individual can lead by ability and character. The Lord blessed Andrew with a unique set of skills, and he desires

TITLES THE LAST 5 YEARS:

- 2014 *Sun Sentinel* and *Palm Beach Post* Golfer of the Year
- 2015 Honda High School Classic Champion
- 2015 *Sun Sentinel* and *Palm Beach Post* Golfer of the Year
- 2015 Rolex AJPA (American Junior Golf Association) All American
- 2015 Winner of the AJGA Puerto Rico Open, qualifying to play in the PGA Puerto Rico Open
- 2015 FHSAA 1A Individual State Champion
- 2016 Played in first PGA event - Puerto Rico Open
- 2016 *USA Today* 2nd Team All - American
- 2016 Antigua National High School Golf Invitational Champion, leading the Lions to the National Championship
- 2016 FHSAA 1A Individual State Runner-up
- 2016 *Sun Sentinel* and *Palm Beach Post* Golfer of the Year
- Two District and Regional Individual titles

to influence others for Christ through the sport of golf. TKA Head Boys Coach and NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) FL Golf Coach of the Year Ross Cash says, "Andrew is a pure delight to coach because of his willingness to do what is asked of him, but not only that, he does it with zeal and fervor. He is one of a kind, and simply the best golfer to ever come from this area...period."

The King's Academy is proud of Andrew's accomplishments as an individual, student, and athlete. TKA Athletic

Director Adam Winters states, "The sky is the limit for Andrew as a golfer. His ability, coupled with drive, commitment, and dedication set him apart from his competition. We look forward to following Andrew's career, and we're excited to see how the Lord will use him to advance His kingdom."



CHECK OUT THE
NEW TKAP VIDEO!



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

By Douglas Raines, Headmaster

A, E, I, O, U AND SOMETIMES, WHY?

“Why?” Is probably a young child’s favorite question. At an early age, everything is new and fascinating—they cannot help but try to figure out how the world works.

At The King’s Academy, we know our youngest students are innately curious and need a dynamic learning environment. A multi-sensory approach can help them learn concepts, so classes sing songs and use visual cues to teach skills. Their imaginations are constantly sparking with ideas, so we give them a chance to be a part of the storytelling. With their knack for observation they make great scientists, so we let them explore the natural world through hands-on projects. It is also never too early to learn how God loves us, so time is set aside each day to pray for each other and learn more about our Creator.

In this day and age technology is easily accessible during a child’s formative years, yet it is truly unnecessary to extend that exposure into the school day. As technology for young children becomes more popular, device use should never replace unstructured, unplugged, interactive, and creative play which research shows is the best way children learn. In fact, unstructured playtime is more important for brain development in young children than any type of media use. Technology must not take the place of interactions in the real world, including playtime with teachers

and peers, outdoor activities, and social interactions essential for a child’s development.

Research shows that overexposure to technology at early ages can create difficulties with:

- **Hand dominance** - electronic devices allow for switching hands easily
- **Secondary visual areas** - attention, working memory and facial recognition
- **Development of linguistics and imagination;**
- **Physical issues caused by tech neck** - a poor posture of the head moving forward, shifting the body’s center of gravity
- **Decreased empathy and social interactions** with family and peers
- **Screen addictions and sedentary life choices**, even in little ones

The curriculum TKAP provides combines the best practices in early childhood education and development complemented by a balance of self-directed and teacher-led learning activities. Students stay physically and mentally active throughout the day, engaging in a learning environment designed just for them. School should be a fun, stimulating, safe, and nurturing introduction to the world, a time that sets the stage for a lifetime love of learning. Children come to us with the “why?” and we help them find the answer.

NATALIE (MILLER)

WILLIAMS '04

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

From the time her parents enrolled her at The King's Academy in 3rd grade, to her time in Doug Raines' AP History course as a senior, Natalie (Miller '04) Williams says, "King's prepared me for a world I had never been exposed to: people who thought differently, looked differently, and came from different places. My experience at King's helped me to acknowledge and engage with people from all walks!"

In between her time in 3rd grade and her recent honor as one of the "Top 30 under 30" in Atlanta, Natalie has experienced a lot herself. After graduating from TKA, Natalie studied political science and journalism at Emory University. "I always enjoyed investigating and writing; I anchored the Emory TV News cast and always seemed to gravitate toward political stories, but I really wanted to be more of an active player than just reporting. During college, I served as an orientation leader, a campus tour guide, a residential life representative. I even sang in the Emory Gospel Choir and danced with the Caribbean Dance Troupe. I really was not one to just watch from the sidelines. I did not want to be a politician, for sure, and I didn't want to get a PhD and teach. I liked having order and a rubric to guide me through the many grey areas of life, and that led me to law school."

Natalie, at the urging of her parents, took advantage of an opportunity at Columbia Law School in New York City. "Can you imagine parents suggesting their little girl head off to the big city on her own? But I was prepared for that. King's then and now was integral to all I am. I had learned the importance of seeking out fellow believers and keeping myself rooted in scripture and my relationship with God. I had

also met my now-husband Chris at Emory; we started dating a week before I left for New York! We maintained a long-distance relationship for three years while I was at Columbia. We were married in West Palm Beach a week after graduating from law school, then two days later I was in Atlanta studying for the bar. We didn't take a honeymoon until two days after I took the bar exam. It was a whirlwind time in life, but our faith kept us rooted."

Natalie's second summer internship was with Jones-Day in Atlanta, and after graduating she was hired in their division that works on white-collar crime investigations. The majority are government investigations through the US Attorney's office (insider trading, health care kickbacks), but some involve internal company investigations of executives as well. "One high-profile case I worked on was the investigation into allegations of cheating on standardized testing in the Atlanta School System. It was a big deal in Atlanta, of course, and got a lot of national attention. All of the investigations involve situations where there is a lot on the line: jail time, major fines, and public perception."

Natalie's involvement with LEAD Atlanta in 2015 garnered her recognition as one of the top 30 Atlanta professionals under 30 years of age, quite an honor in a city known for a thriving young professional community!

Natalie and Chris have two children, Corinne and Campbell. They both are involved at Atlanta's Fern Bank Museum, where they love taking the kids.



"KING'S PREPARED ME FOR A WORLD I HAD NEVER BEEN EXPOSED TO: PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY, LOOKED DIFFERENTLY, AND CAME FROM DIFFERENT PLACES."

MACEY (LESLIE)
NORTON '08

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

In Junior High at TKA, Macey Leslie Norton '08 discovered film while watching then TKA football coach Dan Smith (husband of 6th grade teacher Kim Smith) making a highlight video of that year's football team. She loved the idea of making films that could move people's emotions. For Christmas, all she wanted was a program for making movies. "I was basically making glorified slide shows," says Norton "but I loved it." She would put pictures of her friends to classic "friends are friends forever" type songs, and her friends would be moved to tears or laughter. That's when she decided she loved storytelling. Norton fell in love with the idea that she could evoke emotion in people by properly building the story.

A college internship at Christ Fellowship Church's media department solidified her love of film. "We would edit a lot of testimonies, and I loved the idea that they were true 'God stories.' He wrote the story, and it was my job to share it in a way that brought Him glory. It gave my creativity meaning and purpose."

Norton then discovered Biola University — a Christian college with a thriving and respected film school. "I loved that I had professors who encouraged my vision to use my creativity and career as my ministry. They pushed me to be the best filmmaker I could be, but also saw the value in personally meeting with me to talk about my spiritual walk and ways I could be a light in the industry. I also made a lot of great contacts, including my friend and Youtube star Aaron Benitez who recently visited my Studio 70 classes at King's!"

In college, Norton remembers one of her big dreams was to be on tour being a personal videographer for a

musician. She was fascinated by the idea that people were paid to follow a band around to document their tours. As she was about to graduate, she was backstage at a music festival, and met up with the videographer from the country band Lady Antebellum, who encouraged her. "Move to Nashville," he said "I'll help you get a job!" With no job in hand though, Norton moved back to Florida. "Three weeks is an eternity with no job," Norton recalls, "but then he called and said that country star Sara Evans' manager was going to call me. He called that same day, and I moved to Nashville that weekend. The next day, I jumped on the tour bus and was back in LA on a leg of the tour!"



Nashville is where she met her husband Ryan, who was a coach and PE teacher. "When TKA started recruiting him to come teach there, we knew it was amazing opportunity. Soon after, TKA Artistic Director

David Snyder '93 asked Norton if she had any interested in teaching high school kids how to do film in Studio 70. "I said 'Sure!' It was a new adventure for me but rewarding. I love film, and seeing students' creative light bulb and discovery of film turn on that young is exciting.

I love providing 50 minutes of their day where they can tap into a different part of their brain; they can relax and create. My very favorite is when I can connect with a student whose strengths aren't celebrated in the traditional educational system. That was once me. When I discovered the art of storytelling and creativity, my success as a student was solidified. Every student should have an outlet to feel successful. All strengths should be celebrated."

"I LOVE FILM, AND SEEING STUDENTS' CREATIVE LIGHT BULB AND DISCOVERY OF FILM TURN ON THAT YOUNG IS EXCITING!"

Grapevine



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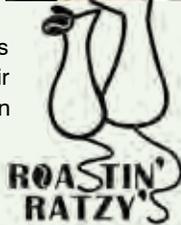


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'95 Shannon Slade Ratzlaff

along with her husband Brock have started a home-roasted coffee company called Roastin' Ratzy's Coffee. What started as a hobby making coffee at home soon turned into a business as friends began asking to buy their coffee. They now have an Etsy shop where coffee fans can buy a variety of roasts. Both are teachers at Highlands Christian Academy in Pompano Beach. Visit etsy.com/shop/RoastinRatzy's.



'90 **Chris Goepfner (1)** dropped by TKA's campus while on vacation to catch up with **Jim Meldrim '88**, **Glenn Martin '88**, **Jeff Gentry**, and **Jeff Loveland '75**. This was Chris' first visit to the "new campus," and he said, "It's amazing what God has done at TKA. This place had a huge impact on my life spiritually, and it is wonderful to see how God continues to bless the school." Chris is the founding pastor at Riverbank Church in White River Junction, VT (www.riverbankchurch.com).

'02 **Nick Petro** and **Taryn Loveland Petro '01 (2)** welcomed their daughter Margaret June Petro on April 10, 2017. Maggie weighed 8 lb, 7 oz and was 19½ inches long. She joins big sisters Clara (6) and Annabelle (4).

'04 **Whitney Baldwin (3)** became engaged to Bobby Powell on December 23, 2016. They will be married on December 30, 2017. Whitney is a Supervising Attorney with Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. and Bobby is the State Senator for District 30 in Palm Beach County and Project Manager with Urban Design Kiliday Studios.

'04 **Robert Goosens (4)** and wife Meredith welcomed a daughter, Vivian Rose in February, while their son Robbie turned two. Rob is the Vice President of Precise Paving and they reside in West Palm Beach.

'06 **Lauren (Cunningham) Pavlik (5)** and husband James welcomed their son, Hudson, in June 2016. Lauren works at Emilio Pucci on Worth Avenue and Jimmy is a realtor. They live in North Palm Beach.

'07 **Hillary (Neal) Davis (6)** and husband Nathan welcomed their daughter Stella on December 22, 2016. Hillary and Nathan reside in Birmingham, Alabama, where Hillary works as a nurse and will graduate as a nurse practitioner in August. Nathan works as a mechanical engineer/regional sales manager.

'08 **Taylor Denman (7)** began working for the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office in 2015. He was named *Deputy Sheriff of the Month* in 2016 for closing a case when others did not. He was recently recognized as *Pahokee Sheriff of the Year* at an Awards Dinner in May. Taylor is a member of the Palm Beach County Emergency Force Field and helps protect the President when he is in town.

'09 **Priscilla Babrick (8)** married Caleb Nicholson in Atlanta, Georgia on New Year's Eve. TKA alumni **Joe Babrick '08**, **Kristi Fogleman '08**, **Haley Locke '09**, and **Mark Babrick '11** were in the bridal party. Caleb and Priscilla met while working at Chick-fil-A and both work in the Atlanta Support Center. Priscilla works in Field Operations, and Caleb works in the Talent Pipeline programs.



'10 Christina Alessi (9) married Andrew Matthews on April 15 in a small, family wedding in Naples, Florida. Christina, who graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University, is training and playing professional beach volleyball while working at the Breakers in Palm Beach. Andy graduated from Lewis-Clark State College. They live in West Palm Beach.

'10 Eric Sheffer (10) attended and graduated from Auburn University in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and attended Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Eric graduated from Law School on May 12, 2017 with a Juris Doctor and was on the Dean's List.

'11 Monika Meskyte (11) graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in May with a Master of Arts (Theological Studies). Monika received her BA in Multidisciplinary Studies with a focus on ministry from Southeastern University and has been involved with music ministry in various forms throughout her academic career. She plans to move back to West Palm Beach where she will continue to pursue ministry, especially through music and helping young adults discover their purpose.

'11 Chip Corley (12) graduated from Florida State University in December of

2015 with a Bachelor's in Economics. He is currently working at his father's stock brokerage firm, 1DB Asset Management and enjoying the business world (pictured back, center).

'11 Todd Lowen (13) married Savannah Smothers in a beautiful ceremony in Tavares, Florida on May 7. TKA alumni **Lianne (Lowen) Smith '05** and **John Gryskiewicz '11** were in the bridal party. The couple met while attending the University of Florida. Todd works for Fidelity Investments in Jacksonville and Savannah recently graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida.

'13 Hayley Field and **Luke Albert '14 (14)** were married on May 21 in Islamorada, Florida. The bridal party included best man, **Andrew Albert '11**, groomsmen: **Kyle Branham '03**, **Clark Aliapoulos '14**, **Tyler Wright '14**, and **Juan Mendez '15**, bridesmaids: **Kristen Albert Scott '02**, **Brittany Albert Branham '04**, and **Anna Shea Albert '11**. The couple resides in West Palm Beach. Luke is attending Palm Beach State College and will graduate in December, 2017. He is also employed by ITG Kicks. Hayley graduated from FSU and is working at The Breakers.



'10 Samantha Gaffney graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama in December 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a minor in Computer-Based Honors and Research. She was inducted into the XXXI Women's Honor Society, which recognizes the 31 most influential women on campus during their four years. In April 2017, Samantha graduated with a dual degree from the University of Alabama Birmingham, completing a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Health Administration. Recently, Samantha moved to Los Angeles where she was selected as the top candidate for the Hospital Administrative Fellowship position for the UCLA Health System, the #4 Health System in the country.



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Class of 1976 Reunion (22, 23, 24)

TKA's Class of 1976 celebrated their 40 year reunion on February 11. Alumni toured TKA's beautiful 60-acre Belvedere Road campus on Saturday afternoon followed by dinner at The Wanderer's Club in Wellington. Director of Development **Glenn Martin '88** conducted the tour along with President Randy Martin and past president **Jeff Loveland** from the class of '75. The class was impressed by the amazing progress of TKA's programs and facilities, and they commented on the continued dedication to the spiritual mission of the school.

'13 Rina Patel (15) graduated from the University of Central Florida in December with a Bachelor's in Science - Health, Science Pre-Clinical. She is currently working on her doctorate at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

'13 Cathryn Urso (16) graduated from Florida State University on May 6, 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Cathryn graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of several distinct honor societies, including The Garnet and Gold. She has taken a position at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee in their Neurological ICU.

'13 Nicholas Farmer (17) recently graduated from the University of Florida with his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Business Administration. He proudly wore the hands and feet of UF's mascot during the ceremony. Serving as the school's mascot led him to represent the University of Florida at many amazing places, meeting many incredible people, and making unforgettable memories on and off the courts and fields.

'13 Emory H. Rogers (18) graduated from Furman University in 2017 with a BS degree in International Affairs & Politics and

Urban Studies. Emory made a presentation to over 5,000 at the Furman graduation ceremony as the Senior Class President. In August Emory will be attending Law School at the University of South Carolina.

'13 Amanda Fiedor (19) graduated from Florida State University with a BS from the College of Human Sciences. She recently relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina to participate in a internship program with Merz North America, a specialty healthcare company that develops and commercializes innovative, high quality treatment solutions in aesthetics, dermatology, and neurosciences. Amanda is working in the aesthetics marketing unit and hopes to continue her career with Merz this Fall.

'16 Bryson Mawn (20) has enlisted for six years in the United States Airforce. He will be working in the Tactical Air Control Party, providing close quarters air support to the Army Special Forces. He is currently attending eight weeks of Basic Military Training in San Antonio, Texas.

'16 Makayla Richardson (21) is the first-ever sophomore to be voted Vice President of the Palm Beach Atlantic University Student Body. Makayla is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

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