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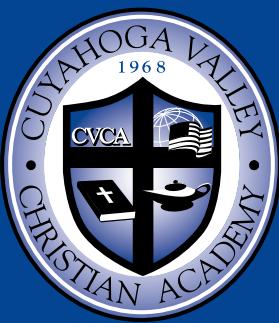
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2021 PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our First Graduation
Ceremony in Royals
Stadium – A Celebration
of the Class of 2021





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CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
JUNIOR ROYALS CLUB

JOIN TODAY!

ALL students in grades 1-5 are invited to become a **Junior Royal** and enjoy some truly Royal treatment! Club members receive year-long FREE sports passes, FREE T-shirt, special events, summer camp discounts, and tons of prizes!

Join CVCA's Junior Royals Club at cvcaroyals.org/junior-royals

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58



What a year! Have you ever had a year of such uncertainty, change, frustration, swirling chaos, and surging emotions?

As the unsettling nature of our world seemed to come from every angle, I believe the Lord spoke very clearly in the midst of all the tumultuous noise:

"Regardless of circumstances... Regardless of feelings... Regardless of crises and trials... Regardless of a pandemic... Regardless of frustrations... Regardless of cultural pressures... Regardless of chaos... Regardless of what's popular... **Your WHY and WHAT did not and will not change.**"

This year we have certainly had to adapt and keep adapting our HOW – how we went about accomplishing our mission. In truth, each year we continue to seek ways to improve and raise our missional bar higher and higher to fully prepare CVCA students for their next steps as Servants for Christ.

But two of the main lessons we learned this year at CVCA, and what the Lord has shown us quite clearly in His abundant faithfulness is:

1. We are steadfast in our WHY. Why do we do what we do? For God's glory to be known and praised! CVCA is aggressively and unashamedly committed to the Glory of Christ.
2. We are steadfast in our WHAT. What do we do? Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ. Our mission is embedded in every area of the school. It is in our DNA. This mission focus allows us to prepare our students in every way to become 21st century disciples of Jesus Christ. And this focus creates an environment that develops students' gifts while fostering an authentic relationship with Christ to create Kingdom impact wherever the Lord leads them.

We are galvanized, more than ever, in our belief that CVCA has been placed here to impact students and families at a time such as this where the world needs an anchor of Truth along with a sail of Hope and Love that can only come from the redeeming power of the Gospel at work in our lives. We are steadfast. We have never been more passionate about this calling!

After this year, we are even more convinced that a family's experience at CVCA must always be more than an education or just the sharing of information. It is trajectory-shaping daily encounters that can transform and prepare young people to maximize their talents towards a much greater purpose than self improvement.

No matter what swirls around us and no matter what the world throws at us, we are steadfast in our confidence of Who moves within us and His calling for us as a school.

"To God be the glory, Great things He has done." I am not sure I've ever quite understood those words as clearly as I do now. Thank you for prayerfully walking this journey with us.

All to Him I owe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JS Spodnik". Below the signature, the name "Jason Spodnik '88" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

August 2020



ROYALS FIELDHOUSE REVEALED

When school started, the student body got its first look at the Royals Fieldhouse. Little did we know during construction that this new addition would play a key role in keeping our students on campus during this unconventional school year.

September 2020



OUTSIDE CLASSES

Warm September weather allowed most teachers to take their classes outside, allowing for optimal distancing.

LIVESTREAM SPORTS

Games were closed to most spectators outside of immediate family; but that didn't stop our loyal fans. Varsity Royals football, boys and girls soccer, and volleyball were available to watch via livestream. This option became a blessing to friends and families who could now cheer on their athletes from around the country.

October 2020



VIRTUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day went virtual, and it was a hit! On October 2, grandparents

enjoyed online content created just for them. They could learn about CVCA's history; watch a campus video tour; listen to messages from staff, alumni, and students; and enjoy an interactive quiz with prizes. The response was remarkable with over 400 grandparents participating from around the U.S., Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East!

November 2020



HIGH SCHOOL LUAU

On November 7, the new Royals Fieldhouse was transformed into a tropical paradise. After a fall without Homecoming, students were ready for a party. High schoolers enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, food, and fun!



ROYAL THEATRE FALL PLAY

The Royal Theatre delighted audiences and challenged themselves with two one-act plays: *Radium Girls*, a serious and emotional historical drama, and *Pirates*, a hilarious comedy based on the classic musical, *Pirates of Penzance*.

December 2020



#GIVING TUESDAY

This year, #GivingTuesday was renamed #(thanks)GivingTuesday at CVCA and

celebrated our faculty, staff, and coaches who went above and beyond to keep our students safe and meeting in-person every day. The celebration included an historic \$100,000 matching gift challenge that resulted in over \$250,000 raised for student Financial Assistance.



VIRTUAL HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Although the CVCA music ensembles were not able to perform live Christmas concerts this year, the choirs created a virtual choir concert by video recording their end-of-semester classes.

January 2021



ROBOTICS REGIONAL CHAMPS

The Royal Technic robotics team placed first in the Region for the third year in row. The competition looked different this year due to COVID as the students competed from CVCA, live-streaming their events to judges at Grove City.

February 2021



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month was celebrated in a variety of ways, among them: art student Sophia Karas created a series of drawings of inspiring Black women, bringing their

faces to life through her talents. Middle school students studied African-American scientists who have greatly impacted their fields. And students in our African-American History class took turns highlighting key figures of Black History.

March 2021



22ND ANNUAL ROYAL EVENING

The Development Office took special care to create a safe Royal Evening that would still engage participants, create fun and community, and raise funds for Tuition Assistance. The virtual event was a success with guests participating in numerous ways and generously giving to support CVCA students.



SPIRIT WEEK

Fitting with the unusual school year, Spirit Week moved from Homecoming week in the Fall to two weeks in the Spring. Students embraced the festivities with the same excitement and school spirit as ever!

April 2021



ROYAL THEATRE SPRING MUSICAL

What a joy it was for the Royal Theatre to present its Spring Musical after last year's show had to be canceled. The stu-

dents entertained their audiences, both live and livestreamed, with a delightful production of *Anastasia*.

May 2021



JR/SR PROM

On May 8, the Sheraton Suites hosted a Gatsby-themed event for our juniors and seniors that included dinner, dancing, entertainment, senior gifts, a cotton candy cart, photo booth, and more.



PROM COURT

Instead of Homecoming Court, we celebrated the end of the year with a Prom Court. The group of honored students was introduced at a lacrosse game where Carter Scott and Marina Ntragatakis were crowned Prom King and Queen.



FINE ARTS PRESENTATIONS

The Fine Arts Department ended the year with several instrumental and vocal concerts and the ever-popular Portfolio Show – all highlighting the incredible artistic talents of CVCA students.

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

The end of the school year for the graduating Class of 2021 included several



memorable events, including Senior Breakfast, Senior Chapel, a visit from the Swensons Truck, a "Senior Garden" in the front yard of the school, a fun day at Camp Carl, and the traditional run through the halls.

SENIOR WORSHIP NIGHT

On May 21, we continued a new tradition started last year – the Senior Worship Service. Held at Grace Chapel in Bath, the evening was a heartwarming time of worship and celebration as we thanked the Lord for His blessings on our school and the graduating class.



CVCA 52ND COMMENCEMENT

With COVID protocols in place, the CVCA Administration sought a way to safely hold Commencement. The result was a beautiful ceremony held in Royals Stadium where our graduates and their families and friends celebrated together.



June 2021

SUMMER CAMPS

Even without students in school, campus has been buzzing with activity from our athletic and drama summer camps.

IN MEMORIAM

We recently lost two dear friends of CVCA and true champions of Christian Education. Although their loss is deeply felt, we are thankful for their many years of faithful support of our mission and their inspiring lives of faithful servanthood.

JOHN RASNICK

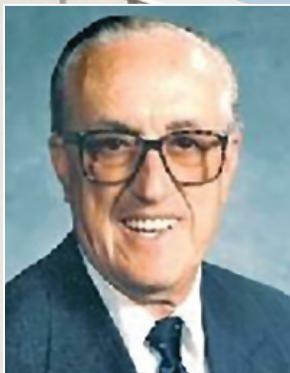
CVCA lost one of its foremost champions when John Rasnick went home to be with the Lord on March 10, 2021. John's life-long association with CVCA began when he was asked to join the CVCA Board of Trustees in the 1980s. His tenure on the Board stretched from 1988 to 2010, and during that time he served three stints as Chairman. Less well known is the breadth and value of John's influence during these years. He willingly used his considerable gifts and numerous connections within the Akron area to move CVCA forward, while remaining acutely attentive to the needs of students and families within the CVCA community. He greatly respected and befriended CVCA's teachers and staff members, and his warmth and caring made everyone feel like they were his close friend.



Sensing a call to make Christian education more widely available, John singlehandedly founded Emmanuel Christian Academy (ECA) in 1993. His energy and passion for children, especially those historically considered at risk, drove his efforts and contributed greatly to the success ECA (a wonderful Pre-K-8 Christian school in West Akron) enjoys today.

Every organization needs "champions," people who believe deeply in the organization's mission, who understand the difference the organization is making, and who use every opportunity to advance the organization's cause. Few have fit this description better than our friend John Rasnick. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy is secure, and the Kingdom impact he made lives on in the countless lives he touched.

John is survived by his wife, Janelle, daughters Elizabeth Ingram '04 and Sarah Wiseman '10, and son Robert '07.



JOHN SNODERLY

CVCA founding Board member, John Snoderly, went home to be with the Lord on February 3, 2021 at the age of 91. Mr. Snoderly provided invaluable legal counsel to the CVCA Board of Trustees during the Academy's early years, and throughout his life and career, he quietly stayed involved in his community by sharing his wisdom and expertise with many local charities, businesses, schools, and individuals.

The Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy community is grateful for Mr. Snoderly's service and extends condolences to his wife (Cathy) and family.

Meet our CVCA Board of Trustees

As the CVCA Board has changed and grown over the years, it has always been comprised of individuals who are committed to the Lord, CVCA, and the mission of our school. We are deeply thankful for our Board and the invaluable leadership, service, and expertise they bring to guiding the CVCA community.



ERIC BOSSHARD '88

CEO/Senior Analyst at Cleveland Research Company, Eric joined CVCA's Board in 2008. He is married to alum Darcie (Lieske) '88. Their children have all attended or are attending CVCA: Claudia '19, Camille '20, and Griffin '23.



DAVE PETNO '84, SECRETARY

Vice President of USI Insurance Services, Dave, a CVCA alum, has served on the Board since 2003. All of his children graduated from CVCA: Kendall '13, Braden '17, and Luke '21.



BRAD DEETSCREEK

The Lead Pastor of Family Ministry at Grace Church and a Youth Ministry Professor for Grace College, Brad joined CVCA's Board in 2013. His children, Finn '18, Sullivan '21, and Killian '23 have attended or are attending CVCA.



DON RICHARDS, VICE CHAIR

Retired Senior Managing Director of Accenture, Don joined the CVCA Board in 2011. His three children all graduated from CVCA: Katherine '07, Daniel '09, Peter '12.



PAUL ECK, CHAIRMAN

An External Advisor Consultant for PIMCO Investments, Paul joined our Board in 2015. He is married to alum Tracy (Bush) '89 and his children have all attended or are attending CVCA: Haily '16, Austin '17, Anna '20, and Aidan '22.



DR. JULI SLATTERY

A former CVCA student, Juli is a clinical psychologist, author, speaker, and the president/co-founder of Authentic Intimacy. She joined the CVCA Board in 2021. Her son, Christian '21 recently graduated from CVCA.



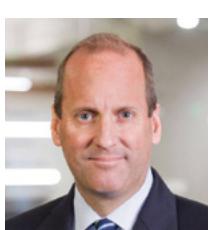
CYNDI HOLMES

A former CVCA English teacher (2001-2016), Cyndi has been a member of the CVCA Board since 2019. Cyndi's children, Whitney '04, C.J. '08, and Morgan '12, all graduated from CVCA.



TOM SULLIVAN

A CVCA Board member since 2019, Tom currently serves as the Director of Camp Carl. Paul's children have all attended or are now attending CVCA: Katie '17, Cole '20, and Jackson '22.



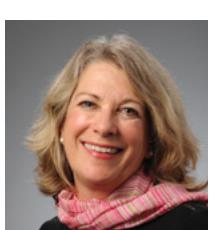
RICH MILLISOR

A Partner at Fisher Phillips, LLP, Rich has served on the CVCA Board since 2015. His daughter, Arden '20 graduated from CVCA.



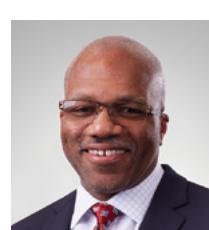
MARK VAN DRUNEN

Managing Director and Senior Wealth Advisor at MAI Capital Management, LLC, Mark joined the CVCA Board in 2020. Paul's children have all attended or are now attending CVCA: Abigail '20, Hannah '22, and Caleb '26.



DEBRA OWENS

Debra serves as the Chair of The University of Akron College of Business Marketing Department. She joined the CVCA Board in 2021. Debra's daughter, Sarah, graduated from CVCA in 2009.



WAYNE WALKER

The Vice President and CFO of Beckett Thermal Solutions, Wayne has served on the CVCA Board since 2019. His sons Karl '05 and Alan '07 both graduated from CVCA.



Continuing our Pursuit of Academic Excellence through Reaccreditation

We are extremely excited to announce that CVCA has recently been jointly reaccredited by Cognia and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). The accreditation process is a rigorous and important accountability marker in continuing to maintain high academic standards and remain mission-focused on a vibrant Christ-centered education.

Additionally, during the recent spring accreditation visit, CVCA was approved to become a member of the Council on Educational Standards and Accountability (CESA). CESA includes some of the best Christian schools across the nation that demand academic and programmatic excellence for the glory of God.

During the accreditation process, CVCA received the following commendations, encouraging us in our daily pursuit of Christ-centered excellence:

“In a time when it is becoming more difficult to be distinctively and authentically Christian, CVCA’s culture – from the board to the administration, from the faculty to the students – exemplifies the thoughtfulness and diligence it takes to reflect an educational community centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**”**

– Kathryn L Wiens, Ed.D., CESA Executive Director

“With uncompromising understanding of and devotion to its mission, CVCA demonstrates an impressive commitment to rigorous standards, best practices, innovation, strong fiscal and institutional management, and a willingness to take big steps of faith in pursuit of growth and improvement.**”**

– Jim Marsh, CESA Associate Director

“From the moment we began to review the self-study materials for accreditation to the last conversation at the school, it was evident that CVCA was a place wholly committed to providing the best education possible for students. We were impressed that the school was interested in all aspects of a student’s growth – social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and of course, academic. Teachers love their students and students thrive in such an environment. CVCA truly is a special place!**”**

– Dr. Erin Wilcox, Chair, ACSI Visiting Team

Thankful for the Dedication of our Faculty and Staff

by Matt Koons, Headmaster

The legacy of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy is remarkable as God has been faithful to the school for more than fifty years now. As a faculty and staff we realize that we are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves. We seek to serve Christ with humility for the good of students and the glory of God. Therefore, we are more than confident that God is at work in His sovereign plan, and His purposes have not been thwarted by the challenges of this past year.

The 2020-2021 year has been nothing short of a massive herculean act on the part of CVCA's entire faculty and staff. Almost everything that has happened this year has taken twice the energy and planning in order to execute well. Their dedication to the mission of the school is certainly inspiring, and their endurance and steadfast faithfulness is based on a deep love for students and commitment to Christ. This year, especially, the Lord has used this group of hardworking people to make an impact in the lives of students for the sake of God's kingdom and His glory. It is a woeful understatement to simply thank those who have sacrificed so much to make this year a possibility, but the CVCA community is indeed grateful for the amazing efforts of every single one of our teachers and staff members in *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ!*

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CVCA's 2021 Educator of the Year

It is a CVCA tradition to give the annual *Roger Taylor Educator of the Year Award* to a faculty member who has exemplified the mission of CVCA. The intent is to honor and recognize an educational leader who serves with humility and grace, one who is a pedagogical master of their curriculum, and relationally invests in the discipleship ministry with his or her students. This award is nominated and selected by a faculty vote.

This year's outstanding educator award has been given to **Mr. David Ramey '10** who has served at CVCA for the

past seven years as a 7th grade Social Studies teacher and boys and girls tennis coach. David is passionate about the classroom and deeply committed to the mission of the school.

In nominating him for this honor, David's peers at CVCA shared their respect for him and his career...

“David has gone above and beyond during this pandemic to make what was already an engaging academic environment more innovative by developing new strategies to help students stay engaged and learn in new ways.”

“David is a passionate and dedicated educator. Students love being around him, and they learn his content and love his energy.”

“He is one of the strengths of our middle school program.”

“His passion and love for kids and teaching is inspiring and contagious!”

“David gives 100% of himself to his craft and his students! He pours into the lives of students both in the classroom and on the court.”

“Ping Pong Club...varsity tennis for two different seasons each year...and he does history so well.”

“He is innovative in the classroom and personally wants to encourage and get to know his students.”

“He is a strong communicator in so many ways. I have watched him engage in meaningful lifelong conversations with students both in and out of class.”

“David has an ability to connect with his students both inside and outside of the classroom.”

“His passion for kids is inspiring and contagious!”





Giving Thanks from My Six-Foot Island

by Louisa Neumann, Middle School Student Ministries

God uses all things for good, and the 2020-21 school year gave us perspective and reason to give thanks like no other school year. As we journeyed the online school life in March, April, and May of 2020, one thing became clear: we want to be together. We need each other, we love each other, and we want to come to school together. The reality of these truths being felt deeply by students has created a heart of thankfulness that we have enjoyed this school year.

In the CVCA Middle School, the top four on the list of things students are thankful for are in-person school, family, friends, and in-person Chapel. All four have the same common thread – people being together. We know God created us for relationships and community. This past year has opened so many students' eyes to see, feel, and

appreciate the way we were created and the belonging we have together.

Our six-foot islands are never more apparent than in chapel; yet high on the list of moments in the school year that students are thankful for are chapel days. Gathering together to worship and hear from God's Word is central to who we are at CVCA. It was a joy to hear one of our eighth grade students share: "Worshiping God together and having chapel made school feel more like home and our community here feel like a family."

Reflecting in thoughtful conversation, we ended our school year hearing this from another one of our eighth graders: "Being in school helps my relationship with God grow because of chapel and Bible class. Also this year, I have met



new friends. Being online last year means the blessing of coming to school in person this year allows me to see how I am more thankful for all the smaller things I didn't appreciate before."



CVCA Middle School Athlete Breaks State Record!

CVCA 8th grader **McKenzie Neal** recently won the 2021 OHSAA Junior High State Championship in Shot Put with a distance of 43 feet, 11 inches – a new Junior High State Meet Record!

CONGRATULATIONS MCKENZIE!

Beyond Traditional Classroom Learning, CVCA's **Schools of Distinction** can have a Lasting Impact on Students' Lives

My Experience in the School of Ministry

by Gracie Sommer '21



The School of Ministry has been the most impactful thing for my walk with Christ in my time at CVCA. I have watched my teachers lead by example on how to love others and build the Kingdom with how they live for Christ.

I love that in SOM, we get to hear countless testimonies of God's grace and why it is worth it to give your life up for the sake of the Gospel.

I'll never forget some of the conversations I've had with Pastor Rick and Chrisi Thompson. They've taught me to love Christ first because



you CANNOT love anyone else well until you do. I've learned that nothing is more important in your ministry than your own relationship with Christ. Every day is a day you can live for yourself or for Christ. I learned that there is no other way to find meaning and true joy without the Lord. Writer, C. S. Lewis said, "Joy is never in our power and pleasure usually is. Joy is the very presence of God. Nothing can meet it." In God's presence is the fullness of joy. He is everything! I'm deeply grateful for the impact that the School of Ministry has had on me and for all that I've been able to hold onto from it.

SOBE Sixth Annual Business Pitch Night

by Eric Ling



On March 24, the School of Business and Entrepreneurship held its 6th Annual Business Pitch Night. At this event, students have the opportunity to pitch their original business ideas they developed from idea to prototype and proof of concept to a panel of experts for the chance to win \$10,000! Having the opportunity to deliver a high stakes presentation while in high school is a foundational experience for the students' future endeavors. Not only are they more fully equipped with business and presentation skills, but they also learn the importance of teamwork, resourcing, managing deadlines, and pursuing excellence rather than completion while discovering how to thrive with their unique God-given gifts. No matter the result of the pitch, every student that competes in the Business Pitch Night is better equipped to tackle any challenge that comes their way in college and career.

- **First Place (\$5,000): HYDROPLANT** – Isabella Beckett, Sarah Holmes, Addy Hyatt, Marina Ntragatakis
- **Second Place and People's Choice (\$2,500): SMART LOCKER** – Tahlia Banks, Andrianna Georgekopoulos, Rahel Krasznai, Caitlynn Patton, Juliana Smith
- **Third Place (\$1,500): ROWAN** – Tierah Clarke, Madelyn Gaba, Natalie Majcher, Shanna Patrick
- **Best Startup (\$1,000): JAYBEE CUSTOMS** – Jackie Budrevich

Congratulations, also, to the following students who did not win a prize, but who worked incredibly hard and did well on their performances:

- Youlogy – Michael Bevington, Logan Papa, Luke Petno, James Tassiello
- Circulo – Sarah Beth Lentz, Jack Peak, William Rybka, Erin Venus
- Whiplash – Ashton Bergdorf, Blake Bolinski, Vinny Fisher, Jacob Koons, Alex Singh
- Runview – Niko Andamasaris

“...every student that competes in the Business Pitch Night is better equipped to tackle any challenge that comes their way in college and their career.” – Eric Ling



“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” Isaiah 43:2 (Class verse)

The 52nd Graduating Class of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy:

Olivia Adkins	Aaliyah Coleman	Maleah Gibbons	Jacob Koons	Jack Peak	Kyra Smith
Nicholas Andamasaris	Hannah Coleman	Khloe Gill	Rahel Krasznai	Sydnie Pearce	Grace Sommer
Jaime Anderson	Taylor Collins	Alexander Grecco	Sarah Lentz	Peter Perdue	Alexander Stout
Rebecca Bailey	Callie Conner	Olivia Haberfield	David Lewis	Luke Petno	Carson Tanner
Andrew Balogh	Jonah Cornish	Olivia Halfhill	Malia Livingston	Sokpanha Phlong	James Tassiello
Zackary Balogh	Morgan Cowley	Coryn Hegele	Sha'Nautica Lott	Logan Porter	Hae Blu Moo Thaw
Tahlia Banks	Robert Curtis IV	Taylor Helwig	Anna Lytle	Samuel Porter	Luke Thelander
Isabella Beckett	Gabriel Dearden	Grace Hengsteler	Natalie Majcher	Austin Pownall	Amelia Timko
Ashton Bergdorf	Sarah Decipeda	Mason Henry	Yolanda Marotta	Jordan Ramsey	Hannah VanGeest
Michael Bevington	Sullivan Deetscreek	Sarah Holmes	Sidney Marshall	Alexander Rhoa	Christian Vargo
Kamarie Black	Katie Demoss	Julia Holzman	Courtney Mauck	Jordan Ricker	Haleijah Varner
Olivia Bogardy	Emily Dickson	Adeleine Hyatt	Isabella McClendon	Micaiah Rios	Erin Venus
Blake Bolinski	Kira DiPolo	Jillian Iannetta	Jayden Milan	Samuel Risjan	Hazel Walker
Jack Bova	Gabriel Emery	Hannah Jacob	Jessica Morehouse	Collin Roberts	Kennedy Weaver
Aaron Broadous	Clay Farley	Anna Jacobs	Courtney Morris	Shahriar Ronami	Maleah Webster
Joshua Brookbank	Delaney Ferguson	Mariah Jones	Diamond Mull	Brianna Roy	Talia Westerfield
Mary Brookes	Reilly Ferraby	Madison Judge	Samaria Murphy	William Rybka	Jaden White
Heh Gaymoo Brow	Vincent Fisher	Madison Jurisch	Gabriel Nevmerzycki	Troy Sarkiewicz	Alyssa Williams
Jacqueline Budrevich	Emily Folger	Niki Kafantaris	Lauren Nguyen	Caden Scarbrough	Jacob Wodrich
Joseph Camera	Aurus Fox	Tyler Kamp	Jon Nichols	Carter Scott	Elle Zabor-Saksith
Kelly Cannata	Payton Fraley	Sophia Karas	Marina Ntragatakis	Joshua Shelford	Susan Zalick
Audrey Cannone	Ahnna Frank	Joshua Khalil	Emma O'Connor	Avery Shipp	Zachary Zemanski
Tierrah Clarke	Andrew Fridline	Bryce Kightlinger	Zachary Ortega	Alexander Singh	
Kira Claypoole	Madelyn Gaba	Mikaela Knapp	Logan Papa	Christian Slatter	
Alexandria Clements	Lucas Garcia	Daniel Kolb	Shanna Patrick	Ethan Smith	
Joseph Cochran	Andrianna Georgekopoulos	Noah Koons	Caitlynn Patton	Juliana Smith	

100% of Class of 2021 graduates were accepted to colleges and universities

93%
attending
54 different
colleges

34%
attending
out-of-state
colleges

7%
attending
“Top 100
Best College”*

53%
attending
a “Best College”*

National Merit Finalist
Jackie Budrevich

National Merit Commended
Hannah VanGeest

33%
attending
Christian colleges

59%
attending
Ohio colleges

*2021 US News and World Report National University Rankings

\$12,034,300
awarded in college scholarships

Graduates most Popular Majors:
Engineering
Nursing
Business
Marketing
Accounting
Economics

**Average
EBRW SAT**
564
**Average
Math SAT**
545
Average ACT
23.1

50
**Royal
Scholars**
4.0 or higher
GPA for
entire high
school career

Class of 2021 Valedictorians

Jackie Budrevich



Daniel Kolb



Hannah VanGeest

Class of 2021 Salutatorians

Rebecca Bailey



Andrew Balogh



Aaliyah Coleman



Sarah Decipeda



Kira DiPaolo



AJ Grecco



Taylor Helwig



Tyler Kamp



Sophia Karas



Noah Koons



Sarah Lentz



Natalie Majcher



Lauren Nguyen



Marina Ntragatakis



Emma O'Connor



Zachary Ortega



Sydnie Pearce



Samuel Porter



Kyra Smith



Luke Thelander

Royal Servant Awards

Payton Fraley
Samuel Porter

**Akron Beacon Journal 2021
Star Student Nominees**

Daniel Kolb
Jackie Budrevich

**Buckingham Scholarship
to The University of Akron**

Lauren Nguyen

5 Attending HBCUs*

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

Military

AFROTC
Scholarship
3 enlisting in
the military

Athletics

16
student-athletes
committed to
college athletics

53
scholar-athlete
award winners

Fine Arts

1 full tuition
music scholarship

Colleges Attending:

Marietta College
Miami University–Oxford
Moody Bible Institute
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Oakwood University
Ohio University
Olivet Nazarene University
Pennsylvania State Univ.–Penn State Altoona
Pepperdine University
Seton Hill University
Southeastern University–Bayside College
Stark State College
Texas Christian University
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
The University of Akron
The University of Northwestern Ohio
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Louisville
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of Toledo
Ursuline College
Walsh University
Wheaton College
Wilmington College
Xavier University

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2021 Royal Scholars

CVCA's Royal Scholars are an impressive group of graduating seniors who have achieved a GPA of at least 4.0 through their entire high school careers. Each year, the Royal Scholars are recognized at a special night when the honored students invite one CVCA teacher/coach/staff member who has influenced them the most during their time at CVCA. The students have the opportunity to thank their parents and that special guest for the impact they have had on their lives during their high school years.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 Royal Scholars who were recognized at the 12th Annual Royal Scholars Ceremony on April 8.

Royal Scholar	Honored Guest
Rebecca Bailey.....	Mrs. Moore
Andrew Balogh.....	Mrs. Riordan
Zackary Balogh	Mr. Fairchild
Blake Bolinski	Mr. Ling
Jackie Budrevich.....	Mr. Ling
Joseph Cochran.....	Mr. Newland
Aaliya Coleman.....	Mr. Hyatt
Morgan Cowley	Miss Foti
Sarah Decipeda	Mrs. Kamp
Kira DiPaolo	Miss O'Brien
Emily Folger.....	Miss O'Brien
Ahnna Frank	Mrs. Kamp
Andrew Fridline	Mr. Eernisse
Luki Garcia	Mr. Kamp
Andrianna.....	Mrs. Kirkwood
Georgekopoulos	
Alexander Grecco	Ms. Wagner
Taylor Helwig	Mr. Eernisse
Sarah Holmes.....	Mr. Ling
Julia Holzman	Mrs. Kamp
Addy Hyatt	Mr. Ling
Tyler Kamp	Mr. Piland
Sophia Karas	Mrs. Riordan

Royal Scholar	Honored Guest
Mikaela Knapp.....	Mrs. McSparran
Daniel Kolb.....	Mr. Kamp
Noah Koons.....	Mrs. Krupa
Sarah Lenz	Mrs. Kamp
Natalie Majcher.....	Mrs. Meszaros
Jessica Morehouse	Mrs. Knapp
Diamond Mull	Mrs. Pykare
Lauren Nguyen	Mrs. Hutt
Marina Ntragatakis	Mrs. Kulton
Emma O'Connor.....	Mrs. Kulton
Zach Ortega	Mr. Newland
Jack Peak	Mr. Peters
Sydnie Pearce	Mr. Harr
Samuel Porter	Mr. Piland
Josh Shelford	Mr. Ramey
Ethan Smith	Mr. Kamp
James Tassiello	Mr. Fairchild
Luke Thelander	Mr. Ramey
Hannah VanGeest	Mrs. Krupa
Maleah Webster.....	Mrs. Krupa

Royal Scholars not in Attendance:
Michael Bevington
Jonah Cornish
Kyra Smith

2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2 Thessalonians 3:7 Scholarship

Drennan Akins
 Colin Brewer
 Julia Dolan
 Olivia Dunphy
 Kendall Herman
 Leah Lytle
 George McWilliams
 Max Pastoria
 Nathan Polidoro
 Matthew Reitinger
 Allison Wesley
 Josh Williams

Adams Memorial Scholarship

David Lewis

Allie Armstrong Memorial Scholarship

Aiden Cannone

Ambassador for Christ Scholarship

Ethan Brewer
 Cerena Dawson

Apostle Paul Scholarship

Anna Ripple

Audrey J. Bloom R.N., B.S.N. Medical Professions Scholarship

Morgan Jones

Beyerle Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Porter

Blair Family Ministry Scholarship

Naomi Bogue
 Cailyn Crofts

Brenda Burnham Unruh Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Nguyen

C. H. Tipton Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Dworning

Carlene King Memorial Scholarship

Mary Shreve

Creative Writing Scholarship

Yolanda Marotta

Debbie Arnold Memorial Scholarship

Marissa O'Keefe

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients! 77 scholarships were awarded for 2021-2022 thanks to generous friends of CVCA. Information about each scholarship can be found at cvcaroyals.org/scholarships.org. To learn how you can establish an annual or endowed scholarship, please contact Dr. Roger Taylor in the Development Office at 330-929-0575, ext. 211.

Don Bechtel Scholarship

Morgan Beatty

Dr. Kye Harris Memorial Scholarship

Harrison Kaselak

Excellence in Christ Scholarship

Elizabeth Albrecht
 Virginia Boyd
 Bria Bucciarelli
 Cameron DeCarlo
 Gianna Karas
 Courtney Patton
 Amya Walters

Excellence in Fine Arts Scholarship

Lily Drybola

Forrest & Dorothy Crocker Founders Scholarship

Elise Gorsuch
 Grace Toner

Forrest Stein Memorial Scholarship

Marissa O'Keefe

Glenn Meadows Scholarship

Brennan Darr
 Becca Stahl
 Jackson Sullivan
 Casey Warren

Gregory Gerycz 2 Chronicles 7:14 Memorial Scholarship

Donovan Brown
 Malcolm Brown

Hershman Family Scholarship

Calvin Marshall

Jay Jones Memorial Scholarship

Isabel Januszewski
 Leo Smith

Leap Scholarship

Ben Perelka

Mark Kirk Memorial Scholarship

Gabriella Lurtz
 Grace Lurtz
 Maryann Pinney
 Caroline Rusinoff

Michelson Foundation Scholarship

Lauren Frank
 David Van Hala

Mindy Ormond Memorial Scholarship

Selah Gray
 Katrine Melika
 Blaise Robinson

Monteith Family Founders Scholarship

Kyle Snider

Natalie Pausch Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Harner
 Christian Marshall

Otto Bosshard Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Heidinger
 Lucas Mitchell

Paz Chu Memorial Scholarship

Kaitlyn Stuver

Pete & Billee Keslar Founders Scholarship

Bree Bolinski
 Sarah Thelander

Proverbs 11:25 Scholarship

Eli Diakandru
 Irene Jayapandian
 Gavin Kastner

Psalm 118:23 Founders' Testimony Scholarship

Natanya Bloom

Richard & Carol Heasley Lifetime Service Scholarship

Ellie Ritterbusch

Richard L. Shellenberger Social Studies Excellence Scholarship

Jonah Cornish

Richard P. DeBlander Memorial Scholarship

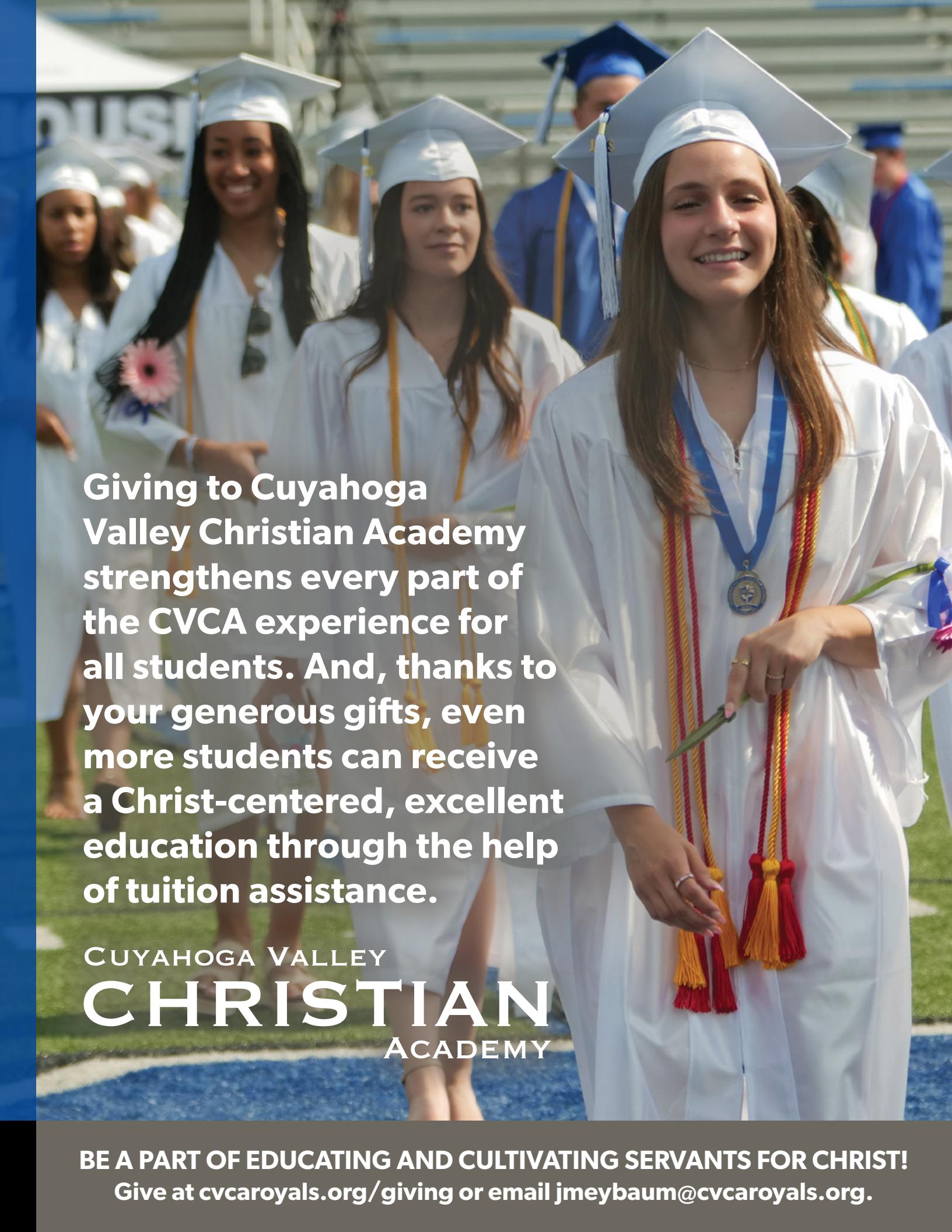
Sara Ha
 Neala Harris

Ron & Judy Moncrief Founders Scholarship

Abigail Hayes

Tammi Stewart Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Camera
 Predrag Tolmachev

A group of young women in white graduation gowns and caps are walking in a procession. One graduate in the foreground on the right is smiling and holding a small green object. The background shows other graduates and stadium seating.

**Giving to Cuyahoga
Valley Christian Academy
strengthens every part of
the CVCA experience for
all students. And, thanks to
your generous gifts, even
more students can receive
a Christ-centered, excellent
education through the help
of tuition assistance.**

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The 22nd Annual Royal Evening Celebrating CVCA Together Virtually

In a year of everything being completely different, the structure of this year's Royal Evening was no exception. In the midst of the uncertainty about hosting large gatherings like the gala, the difficult decision was made to host a virtual event this year. The challenge became how to keep the spirit of the Royal Evening alive even when we were not able to be together in person. Challenge accepted!

Through some creativity, CVCA was able to provide the sights, sounds, and smells of an in-person event with the generous help of 35 corporate and foundation sponsors who believe in the mission of CVCA. The usual gourmet meal was made possible through a drive-thru pick-up at CVCA and home delivery by a fleet of volunteers and students. The all-new Royal Evening Celebration Boxes given to each guest overflowed with specialty gifts to add fun to the at-home gatherings,

including cotton candy glitter bombs for drinks, DaisyCakes cake pops, SOBE's Shya coffee, CVCA mugs, and other favors from sponsors. An exclusive hour-long livestream program with comedic elements, a student watch party, and new video content entertained the CVCA community locally as well as across the United States and in Canada. The regular and live auction continued until the following evening, which created some fun bidding competitions.

The Lord blessed this virtual event. Amazingly, the outpouring of generous gifts by the CVCA community equaled our in-person event from last year. All of these gifts went directly to help CVCA students with tuition assistance. We love how the community rallies to give a CVCA education and experience to even more students each year!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PRAYED, VOLUNTEERED,
DONATED, AND PARTICIPATED!**



260 Meals distributed on March 6th

78 Celebration Boxes sent out – some to states as far as Arizona, Georgia, and Connecticut

35 Sponsors participated for over \$100,000 of sponsorship revenue!

596 Livestream Views between Boxcast and YouTube the day of the event and ongoing

18 States where people watched the Royal Evening Livestream

“CVCA Royal Evening 2021! While it definitely looked different this year, it was so much fun... I'm blown away at peoples' generosity. Not just because they CAN give, but because they choose to give so freely so others can have the experience they did.”

– Bettie Schmikla, Parent of Alumni and 11th Grader

“I was entertained for this year's virtual Royal Evening! I laughed my way through the comedic videos all the while fighting in a bidding war for an item or two. Lost both items, but donated to the cause anyway.”

– CVCA Parent of 8th Grader

“We missed breaking bread together in person but loved the new incredible Royal Evening Celebration boxes.”

– CVCA Parent of 10th Grader

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PRESENTING SPONSOR**

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We appreciate your continued support of the Royal Evening and CVCA students!

Because of YOU...

The mission and ministry of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy grew stronger in 2020-2021, even in the midst of numerous pandemic challenges and responsibilities. The CVCA community rallied around the ministry with a stellar year of giving in order to provide top-notch, rigorous, college-prep, in-person education and Christ-honoring experiences every day of school during a COVID year.

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Families who desperately needed and wanted their students to be in school could send them to CVCA with tuition assistance. Those families who faced urgent need due to COVID's impact on Ohio's economy were helped by you through the Families to Families Fund.

BECAUSE OF YOUR ASSISTANCE...

Families who needed their students to be quarantined or learn remotely, could do so with enhanced technology to make learning effective and impactful.

BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT...

Sports, fine arts, robotics, and clubs were able to thrive under pandemic regulations to further develop students' athletic and artistic potential.

BECAUSE OF YOU...

Teachers and staff had everything they needed in their learning environment to teach and work safely and to provide spiritual nurturing to students who were needing care and encouragement.

BECAUSE YOU GAVE, CVCA IS STRONGER THAN EVER.

The Lord has used your resources in a way that has overflowed in thanksgiving by so many in our community.

THANK YOU!

Meet CVCA's New Director of Development

Please join us in welcoming our new Director of Development, **John Harabedian**, to CVCA! John comes to us with many years of experience in the area of pension administration, financial services, and retirement plan consulting. He and his wife, Joy, have two children at CVCA: Katelyn '23 and John '25.

"As my wife and I considered how to best use my life for the Kingdom, CVCA became a wonderful answer to prayer. As we observe the changing culture and uncertainty all around us, it is encouraging to know that CVCA continues to faithfully fulfill its mission to *Educate and Cultivate Servants for Christ*. Speaking the truth in love to a culture that needs Jesus is our calling and I look forward to working with the team at CVCA who share that same passion."

— John Harabedian



2020-2021 Financial Giving

As we end an unconventional year, this is a fitting time to reflect on God's faithfulness and the generosity of our supporters. During this fiscal year, many of you have partnered with us through generous giving – even during uncertain times. Thank you! Your support has made an impact on every CVCA program and every CVCA student.

\$4,060,524 TOTAL GIVING

\$2,170,566

CAMPAIGN/
CAPITAL GIVING
Includes \$1,784,086 in Excel Still More gifts

\$1,002,650

ANNUAL GIVING
FUND

\$214,444

ENDOWMENT
GIVING FUND

YOUR GENEROUS GIVING ALLOWED US TO GIVE

\$1.54 million

IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

“I know that donors give, which I am so thankful for. That’s a huge sacrifice for people to make, but I think it makes a big impact on the people that receive them and are able to come to CVCA. I feel like I need to take advantage of the opportunities that are given [to me] while I’m here.”

— Marissa O’Keefe, '24, Recipient of the Debbie Arnold Memorial Scholarship





“ Honestly, I could not be here without this scholarship.”

– Gavin Kastner, '22, Recipient of the Proverbs 11:25 Scholarship

Our Royal Volunteers

Although opportunities were limited during this school year, the CVCA community was faithful to give time, energy, and enthusiasm to praying weekly with Moms in Prayer; providing livestream sports broadcasts; speaking in classes and mentoring via Zoom with the Schools of Distinction; delivering welcome gift bags to new students and new parents; packing, serving and delivering Royal Evening Celebration boxes and meal boxes to guests; building Royal Theatre sets; baking for teachers; and SO much more. **THANK YOU!**

For more information on the many ways to get involved and give financially to CVCA, please visit cvca.royals.org/support

Thankful for YOU!

The Development Office is here to walk alongside you as you choose how you would like to give of your time and resources to CVCA.



Our team is pictured behind the scenes at the Virtual Royal Evening production: (left to right) MaryAnn McMulien, Jason Spodnik, Kristin Nichols, Jennifer Meybaum, Matt Fleagle and Patti Zaubi. Missing is Dr. Roger Taylor, who was hosting a Royal Evening Watch Party at his home.

A Unique Year Brought Unique Opportunities

Creativity and relying on God's provision were key elements of the CVCA Development Office's work during this 2020-2021 COVID year. The following highlights show how the CVCA community came together in some new ways to support the ministry of the school even during such a unique time.

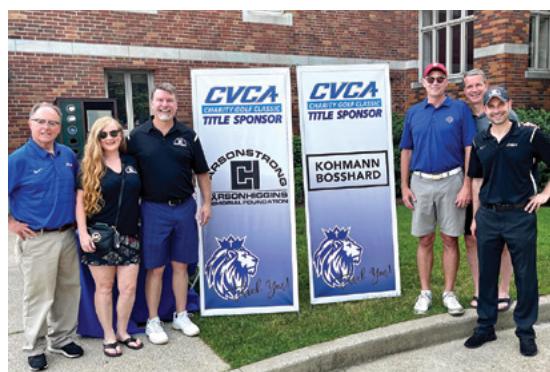
Our virtual **GRANDPARENTS DAY** in October with a dedicated web page and exclusive content reached over 400 grandparents nationally and internationally with a record number of grandparents investing in their grandchildren's CVCA experience through giving in the CVCA Grandparents Club.

#(THANKS)GIVINGTUESDAY on December 1 overflowed with giving in honor of a teacher, coach, staff, or administrator as a way to say thanks online for developing the best in students. Giving for #(thanks)GivingTuesday and 2020 end-of-year giving totaled just under \$300,000.

Thanks to 33 corporate and foundation sponsors, the March 7 **ROYAL EVENING** raised the same amount of funds as the 2020 in-person event (\$203,500) but through a unique, virtual experience with an exclusive livestream to 400 guests.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS to CVCA technology, tennis courts, locker rooms, and other areas continued to enhance the student experience.

The June **CVCA CHARITY GOLF OUTING** raised funds for student tuition assistance thanks to 19 sponsors and 76 golfers. **Special thanks to our CVCA Charity Golf Outing Title Sponsors, CarsonHiggins Memorial Foundation and Kohmann Bosshard.** (Pictured left to right: Dr. Roger Taylor, CVCA President Emeritus, Debbie Higgins, John Higgins, Dean Kohmann, Jason Spodnik, CVCA President, and Matt Fleagle, former CVCA Development Director and current Academic Dean.)



Your giving impacts every aspect of the CVCA experience for every student.

The Many Blessings of Being Part of CVCA's Royal Theatre



“The Royal Theatre has never ceased to provide amazing opportunities and relationships that have shaped me into the person I am today. Here, I have made some of my best friends, found role models, received so much encouragement and motivation, and learned and grown in skill, faith, and character.” – Becca Bailey ’21 (Anastasia)



I have had one of the **best**, if not **the best**, experiences in my life being a part of The Royal Theatre's Spring Musical, *Anastasia*! I wasn't even a main character, I was just a part of the ensemble, but the amount of emphasis put on the ensemble is amazing! The staff of The Royal Theatre are all extremely loving and truly show the love of Christ. God really blessed us this year with this production.



by Jordan Ricker '21

The best part of the whole production wasn't the show itself, but it honestly was the amazing cast. Every second we were backstage, or even on stage, there was non-stop encouragement. This cast is the most loving group of people I have ever met. I never felt alone or discouraged during the production because there was always at least one person building me up. Being a part of this cast felt like a family to me, and these are the people I hope to stay in touch with for the rest of my life because I truly love them all.

Sadly, it was just this year when I truly fell in love with The Royal Theatre, and I won't be here to be part of the next production. But I wouldn't want to end my senior year with any other production. *Anastasia* has truly been a blessing to my life, and I wouldn't have traded these moments for anything else. Thank you, Royal Theatre, for all the memories that will impact me for the rest of my life. I hope to come back every year to continue seeing your amazing productions.





“We experienced a mini renaissance of sorts! ”

Finding God’s Beauty in the Arts During a Challenging Year

Our Fine Arts instructors were asked how the challenges of the 2020-21 school year affected the artistic endeavors of their students. Both our teachers and students discovered that even during less than ideal circumstances, God’s gifts are a blessing.

Anna Foti, Visual Arts Teacher shared:

Although this was a challenging year, I’ve learned that we don’t need a lot to experience joy. It was such a blessing to see how students were more open to making and sharing art in this season. We experienced a mini renaissance of sorts! 2020-2021 was also a time of reflection and growth. I think both the students and I have been afforded the realization that nothing is too big or too little to give to the Lord, and that is a leap toward great communication with Him.



Scott Isaacs, Fine Arts Department Head and Music Teacher added: Although circumstances were not ideal in the classroom and a lot of adjustments had to be made this year, God’s hand was still present and visible. He blessed us, carried us through the year,

and accomplished a lot in the lives of our students. They grew in flexibility and patience as they learned to adapt during a very unusual year. They are an amazing group of young people!

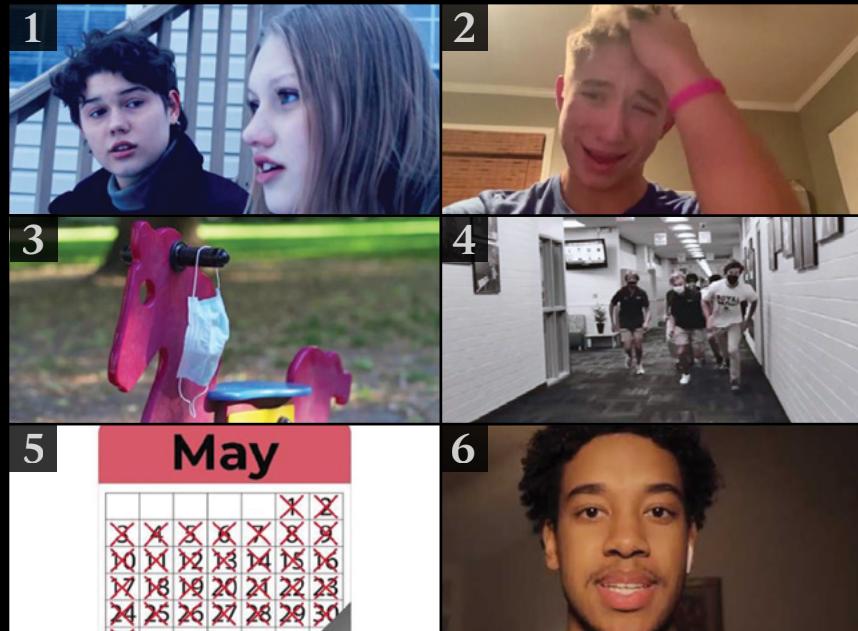


(Photos are from the 2021 Fine Arts Portfolio Show and Spring vocal and instrumental concerts.)

Video Media Students Win International Awards

In May, CVCA’s Video Media students participated in the *COVID-19 International Student Film Festival*. The worldwide online festival, created by Sparta Public Schools in Michigan, gave students around the world the opportunity to use their movie-making skills to share their pandemic experiences. **Several CVCA students received world-level awards:**

- 1) Grace Toner – 1st in My Faith Category
 - 2) Lucas Wiggers – 1st My Music Category
 - 3) Evan Schmickla – 1st in My Trailer Category
 - 4) Carson Young – 2nd in My Trailer Category
 - 5) Kate Oyster – 3rd in My Animation Category
 - 6) Aaron Broodus – 3rd in My Food Category
- Not Pictured: Carson Young – 2nd in My Perspective Category



WINTER 2020-2021

CELEBRATED ROYALS

SENIOR ATHLETES

Boys Basketball:
Clay Farley
Bryce Kightlinger
Jacob Koons
Carter Scott
Carson Tanner

Wrestling:

Austin Pownall
TJ Sarkiewicz
Caden Scarbrough

Co-ed Bowling:

Jackie Budrevich
Kelly Cannata
Kira Claypoole
Aaliyah Coleman
Malia Livingston
Logan Papa
Jack Peak
Alexander Stout

Coed Hockey:

Gabe Dearden
JT Nichols
Sam Porter

Coed Swimming & Diving:

Liv Adkins
Bella Beckett
Bobby Curtis IV
Coryn Hegele
Mason Henry
Joshua Khalil
Hazel Walker
Jacob Wodrich

Girls Basketball:

Jillian Iannetta
Sidney Marshall
Sydnie Pearce

HONORED ATHLETES**State Champion:**

Kyle Snider – Wrestling, 220lbs

State Qualifiers

Kyle Snider, Wrestling (1st)
Austin Pownall, Wrestling (5th)
Braden Hahlen, Wrestling
Anthony Perez, Wrestling
Caden Scarbrough, Wrestling
Jackie Budrevich, Bowling

All-State:

Gia Casalinova, Basketball
Nina Shaffer, Basketball

All-District, 1st Team:

Gia Casalinova, Basketball

All-District 2nd Team:

Nina Shaffer, Basketball

All-District Honorable Mention:

Kylie Bettinger, Basketball
Andrew Hendrickx, Basketball

District Qualifiers:

Anthony Perez, Wrestling
Austin Pownall, Wrestling
Kyle Snider, Wrestling
Caden Scarbrough, Wrestling
Niall Walker, Wrestling
Owen Nelson, Wrestling
Braden Nelson, Wrestling
TJ Sarkiewicz, Wrestling
Jackson Kipp, Wrestling
Coryn Hegele, Swimming
Stephanie Wodrich, Swimming
Julia Reed, Swimming
Catelyn Lieser, Swimming
Logan Campbell, Swimming
Ethan Campbell, Swimming
Jacob Wodrich, Swimming
Lucas Mitchell, Swimming
Luke Slabaugh, Diving
Sam Smith, Diving
Sam Dworning, Diving

All-Conference 1st Team:

Jack Peak, Bowling
Jackie Budrevich, Bowling
Sam Cox, Bowling
Gia Casalinova, Basketball
Sydnie Pearce, Basketball
Nina Shaffer, Basketball
Carter Scott, Basketball
Owen Nelson, Wrestling
Braden Hahlen, Wrestling
Anthony Perez, Wrestling
Kyle Snider, Wrestling
JT Nichols, Hockey
Gabe Dearden, Hockey

All-Conference 2nd Team:

Luke Perrotta, Hockey
Jack Lammelein, Hockey

All-Conference Honorable Mention:

Kylie Bettinger, Basketball
Seth Bagwell, Basketball
Aidan King, Wrestling
TJ Sarkiewicz, Wrestling
Austin Pownall, Wrestling

SPRING 2021 CELEBRATED ROYALS

SENIOR ATHLETES

Baseball:
Blake Bolinski
Joey Camera
Andrew Fridline
Sam Porter
William Rybka
Alexander Singh

Boys Lacrosse:
Gabe Dearden
Ty Kamp
JT Nichols

Girls Lacrosse:
Bella Beckett
Payton Fraley
Coryn Hegele
Taylor Helwig
Izzy McClendon
Lauren Nguyen
Erin Venus
Maleah Webster

Softball:
Liv Adkins
Tahlia Banks
Jackie Budrevich
Lexie Clements
Grace Hengsteler
Sarah Holmes
Madi Jurisch
Juliana Smith
Amelia Timko

Boys Tennis:
Bobby Curtis IV
Josh Shelford
Alexander Stout
Luke Thelander
Jacob Wodrich

Boys Track & Field:

Niko Andamasaris
Aaron Broadous
Clay Farley
David Lewis
Gabe Nevmerzycki
Jack Peak
Hae Thaw

Girls Track and Field:

Kamarie Black
Hannah Coleman
Rahel Krasznai
Samaria Murphy

HONORED ATHLETES**State Champion:**

Drennan Akins – 1600m

State Qualifiers:

Alex Sout & Luke Thelander – Tennis
Drennan Akins – Track & Field (1600m)
David Lewis – Track & Field (4x100m, 4x200m)
Ty Bova – Track & Field (4x100m, 4x200m)
Jack Peak – Track & Field (4x100m)
Gabe Nevmerzycki – Track & Field (4x100m)
Clay Farley – Track & Field (4x200m)
Hayden Grant – Track & Field (4x200m)

All-State:
Andrew Hendrickx – 1st Team (Baseball)

Caroline Gage – 1st Team (Lacrosse)

All-Region:

Caroline Gage – 1st Team (Lacrosse)
Izzy McClendon – 1st Team (Lacrosse)
Katie Downing – 2nd Team (Lacrosse)
Hannah Lux – Honorable Mention (Lacrosse)

All-District:

Andrew Hendrickx – 1st Team (Baseball)
Trevor Vojtkofsky – 2nd Team (Baseball)
Amelia Timko – Honorable Mention (Softball)
Madi Jurisch – Honorable Mention (Softball)

Regional Qualifiers:

Sam Pixler – Track & Field (Shot Put)
Drennan Akins – Track & Field (1600m, 3200m, 4x800m)
Niko Andamasaris – Track & Field (4x800m)
Jackson Sullivan – Track & Field (4x800m)
Gavin Johnson – Track & Field (800m, 4x800m)
Clay Farley – Track & Field (4x400m, 4x200m)
Hayden Grant – Track & Field (4x400m, 4x200m)
Gavin Johnson – Track & Field (4x400m)

David Lewis – Track & Field (200m, 4x400m, 4x200m, 4x100m)

Ty Bova – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x100m)
Marissa Khalil – Track & Field (200m, 4x200m, 4x400m)
Sam Londrico – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x400m)
Ariel Durham – Track & Field (400m, 4x200m, 4x400m)
Hannah Coleman – Track & Field (400m, 4x200m, 4x400m)
Jack Peak – Track & Field (100m, 4x100m)
Anna Ripple – Track & Field (3200m)
Gabe Nevmerzycki – Track & Field (4x100m)

All-Conference Player of the Year:
Andrew Hendrickx – Baseball

All-Conference 1st Team:

Andrew Hendrickx – Baseball
Trevor Vojtkofsky – Baseball
Madi Jurisch – Softball
Sam Pixler – Track & Field (Discus)
Ariel Durham – Track & Field (400m, 4x200m, 4x400m)
Anna Ripple – Track & Field (3200m)
Drennan Akins – Track & Field (1600m, 3200m)
David Lewis – Track & Field (200m)
Hadley Began – Track & Field (4x800m)
Medora Wychanko – Track & Field (4x800m)
Cailyn Crofts – Track & Field (4x800m)

Ty Bova – Track & Field (High Jump, 4x200m, 4x100m)
Marissa Khalil – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x400m)

Sam Londrico – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x400m)
Hannah Coleman – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x400m)
Clay Farley – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x400m)
Hayden Grant – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x400m)
David Lewis – Track & Field (4x200m, 4x100m, 4x400m)
Gabe Nevmerzycki – Track & Field (4x100m)
Jack Peak – Track & Field (4x100m)

All-Conference Honorable Mention:

Joey Lehner – Baseball
Grace Hengsteler – Softball
Anna Ripple – Track & Field (1600m, 4x800m)
Hannah Coleman – Track & Field (400m)
Marissa Khalil – Track & Field (200m)
Jack Peak – Track & Field (100m)
Gavin Johnson – Track & Field (800m)
Hadley Began – Track & Field (4x800m)
Medora Wychanko – Track & Field (4x800m)
Cailyn Crofts – Track & Field (4x800m)

ROYALS

WINTER SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



▲ This year's **Girls Basketball** team was one for the record books. They earned the program's first-ever district championship with an exciting win over Northwest. They also repeated as Conference Champions and finished the year at 22-5.

◀ Sophomore **Gia Casalionva** was named All-State 2nd team.

◀ Lady Royals sophomore **Nina Shaffer** was named All-State Honorable Mention.

► The CVCA **Swim and Dive** program continues to grow with twenty-nine swimmers and divers making up this year's team. The increase in number didn't take away from the closeness of the team members. Eight swimmers and three divers represented CVCA at the District meet this year.



◀ Senior bowler **Jack Peak** rolled the first perfect game for CVCA.

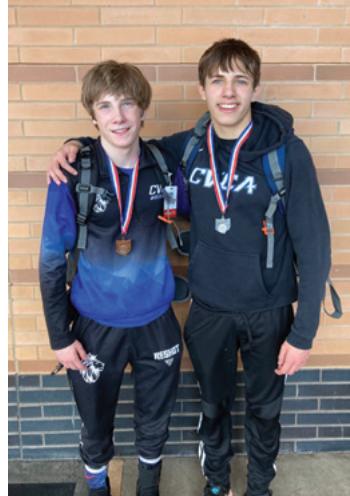
▼ The **Boys Bowling** team finished the year as Conference Runners-up behind an 8-1 match record and 2nd place tournament finish. They ended the year an impressive 14-2 overall.



▲ In their first season under Coach Matt Futch, the CVCA **Boys Basketball** battled through many challenges. The young group continued to grow and came together for a big postseason win at conference rival Northwest.

A year after no wrestling state tournament, the Royals sent five **wrestlers** to represent CVCA at the 2021 Championships.

- ▶ Sophomore **Kyle Snider** took home the 220 lbs. state title to cap off an undefeated season.
- ▶▶ Senior **Austin Pownall** (160 lbs.) and sophomore **Anthony Perez** (120 lbs.) both placed 5th overall.
- ▶▶▶ Senior wrestler **Caden Scarbrough** and sophomore **Braden Hahlen** also qualified for the State tournament.



▲ The **Girls Bowling** team finished the year as conference runners-up.

▶ Their **Girls Bowling** season was highlighted by senior **Jackie Budrevich**'s trip to the State tournament. She is the first Royal to qualify and finish tied for 42nd.



▼ Limited by COVID restrictions, the CVCA cheer team made the most of every opportunity. The varsity squad featured 7 freshmen and 1 sophomore. They are excited to work together for the years ahead.



▼ When the Royals' home rink closed just before their season began, the CVCA hockey season was a giant question mark. The Royals **Hockey** team navigated a new home, new schedule, and a laundry list of restrictions to complete their season and play 26 total games.



Building Christ-like Character as Ambassadors for Christ through Competitive Excellence

► Junior **Drennan Akins** won the Division II 1600m State Championship with an amazing chase down and photo-finish victory.

►► It was another terrific season for **Boys Track & Field** at CVCA. The Royals claimed runner-up finishes at the District Meet and in the PAC-7. They also sent 7 runners to the State Meet.

► Freshman **Hayden Grant**, Junior **Drennan Akins**, Senior **Gabe Nevmerzycki**, Senior **Jack Peak**, Senior **Clay Farley**, Senior **David Lewis**, and Freshman **Ty Bova** qualified for the State meet in Track. Akins took first place in the 1600m while the Royals 4x100 and 4x200 relays both finished 14th.



▼ Sophomore **Caroline Gage** was named 1st Team All-State by the Ohio High School Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association. She led the CVCA offense with record setting numbers.



► It was a banner year for the **Girls Lacrosse** team. They finished the season with a team best record of 15-2 and outscored their opponents by 179 goals on the year (262-83).



▲ The CVCA **Softball** team faced many challenges during the 2021 season. That didn't stop them from competing. They ended the year at 14-13 with a strong 10-5 record out of conference.



SPRING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021 YEAR-END AWARDS

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award:

Jackie Budrevich
Sam Porter

OHSAA Courageous Student:

Aiden Cannone

Archie Griffin

Sportsmanship Award:
Luke Thelander
Maleah Gibbons

NFHS Award of Excellence:

Niko Andamasaris
Emma O'Connor

Mighty Royal Award:

Liv Adkins
Luke Coblenz
Clay Farley
Hayden Grant
Andrew Hendrickx
Karsten Houk

Lucas Mitchell

JT Nichols
Julia Reed
Jackson Sullivan

Archie Griffin (Middle School):

Amy Grace Beebe
Jonathan Van Hala

Pursuing Victory Beyond Competition



►► The Royals Boys Tennis team had a strong spring on the courts. They amassed a 13-6 match record and took home 2nd place at the very tough Hawken Invitational in early May.

◀ Seniors **Alex Stout** and **Luke Thelander** put together an impressive postseason run as a doubles team. They earned the first boys tennis trip to the State Tournament since 2011.

▶ Junior **Andrew Hendrickx** was named Player of the Year by the PAC-7 for his performance on the mound and at the plate.



▶▶ The CVCA Baseball team returned to action in 2021 with a lot of new faces at the varsity level. They battled throughout the year and finished with a record of 13-14.



▼ The CVCA Girls Track & Field season was highlighted by a victory at the Principals' Athletic Conference Championship Meet.



◀ CVCA Boys Lacrosse battled through adversity and injuries throughout the 2021 season. The Royals competed hard and left everything on the field every night.

ECHOES

ALUMNI NEWS OF CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Meet Our New Coordinator of Alumni Engagement



Hello, CVCA alumni! As I looked through the list of alumni email addresses, it filled my heart with joy to see so many familiar names – whether you were a classmate of mine, a former student, or a fellow CVCA grad I have crossed paths with in the last 20+ years. (Yikes, that makes me feel really old.) It is a blessing to serve as your Coordinator of Alumni

Engagement, and I'm looking forward to reconnecting with many of you. So when you see my name come across your inbox, it is because I really want to engage with you!

First, a little bit about me, and my apologies if you already know this information from being stuck in my class in previous years: My name is Amy (Fisher) Mucha and I graduated from CVCA in 2005. I couldn't stay away for long, and came back after graduating from Grove City College to teach in the "Koalaty Classroom" where I have been for the past 12 years filling young minds with mathematical knowledge. In that time, I married my CVCA junior year homecoming date Nate Mucha and had three pretty fantastic kiddos: Peter the mathlete (8), Charlie the mischievous (6), and Daisy the princess (4). I also picked up the hobby of making cake pops which then turned into a company named

Daisy Cakes. My decision to not return to full time teaching and instead pursue the cake pop dream was NOT an easy one, as I have truly loved every minute of being a teacher here. In all of the tough conversations, prayers, and tears involved in this decision, one thing I knew for a fact: I couldn't leave CVCA entirely. So you can imagine my excitement of being able to slide into the Coordinator of Alumni Engagement position.

But enough about me, I want to hear from YOU! It has been a while since we have seen many of your faces or heard what is happening in your lives. We would love to get caught up. Could you please fill out the update form at cvcaroyals.org/alumni? To sweeten the deal, we'll choose five people who fill out the form to win a six pack of cake pops (as my students know, cake pop bribery is a real thing and strangely effective, so don't let me down).

I can't wait to dive into this job and reconnect with you. Speaking of reconnecting, here are a few tentative dates we'd love for you to put on your calendars:

Upcoming Alumni Events:

- August 4 – Alumni Picnic in the Royals Fieldhouse
- September 17 – Junior Royals Fun Fall Event
- October 1 – Homecoming 2021
- December 3 – Christmas Cookies and Carols

CLASS NOTES:

1972



One of our early graduates, **Loretta (Truthan) Fultz '72**, had the privilege of watching her granddaughter, Hazel Grace Walker, graduate in May 2021. Hazel's middle name is after her other grandmother, Grace Truthan, a former CVCA art teacher.

1985



Karen (Stone) Proctor '85 was diagnosed with renal cancer in 2019, and the tumor was surgically removed. She is currently cancer free and grateful to God for the circumstances that led to the early detection of the cancer. Karen shared that she has learned she is always in God's hands and everything has a purpose in His plan for her life.

1986



Melissa (Mitchell) Lentz '86 and her husband John have successfully sent not one, not two, not three, but FOUR Royal Heritage graduates through CVCA. Scott graduated in 2014 and is now in California happily married to Maddie and working in sales. Emily graduated in 2016 and is an elementary school

teacher in the area. Carter graduated in 2019 and is a junior at Pepperdine University studying Economics and International Studies. Sarah Beth is the most recent 2021 grad. She'll join her brother at Pepperdine and is planning to study Sports Medicine.

1996

Virginia (Wear) '96 and Abraham Kujabai tied the knot in a joyous celebration on December 4, 2020. Surrounded by family and dear friends, they sealed their love at the White Rose Barn in North Lawrence, Ohio. The celebration included a



CVCA star-studded wedding party and guest list. Pictured above: **Zen Stalnaker '25**, **Jordan Wear '14**, Charles Harrod, **Mike Wear '87**, Abraham Kujabi (groom), **Virginia (Wear) '96**, **Hannah (Wear) Stalnaker '96**, Christina Harrod, **Julia (Koons) Gross '96**, and **Allison (Siddall) Landes '99**.

2004



Alesha (Brown) Edwards '04 is a newly published author after writing a book of poetry on the Black Experience in America. *Melanin Expressions: From My Eyes to Yours- Looking through the Black Lens* (available on Amazon) is meant to spark

healing conversations. Alesha hopes it can help bridge the divide and bring unity within the community, country, and world, regardless of color.

2005



Zach Bohler '05 serves as the Lead Pastor of Orange Friends Church in Lewis Center, Ohio. He and his wife, Kelsey, recently welcomed their fifth child, Abraham. Siblings Charis, Siloam, Elijah, and Judah are thrilled to have a new baby brother!

Mary (Lilly) Lawther '05 and her husband Jeff welcomed their Olivia Charlotte on February 20, 2018. Olivia's older sisters,



Kendra and Leah love being big sisters!



Brent Trowbridge '05 and his wife welcomed Peter Gamaliel Trowbridge on April 24, 2021. He joins his 2-year-old brother, John.

2007



Amanda (LaCava) O'Donnell '07 and her husband Brad were married in October of 2020. **Lauren LaCava '10** was the Maid of Honor. Amanda works in Human Resources for a

We would love to hear from you!

Please send us your alumni news and suggestions for *The Echoes!* Simply email your information to CVCA at alumni@cvcaroyals.org. Please include graduation years and maiden names. Photos should be the highest resolution possible and submitted as email attachments or mailed as hard copies. Please note that the *The Trumpeter* reserves the right to edit alumni news for clarity, appropriateness, and space limitations.

medical device company and Brad works in nuclear energy. They live in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

2008



Kim (Walker) Eskridge '08 and her husband Jim are raising their three kiddos in the area, and have a beach condo rental in Hilton Head, SC. It's hard work, but they enjoy seeing families spend quality time with each other in God's beautiful creation.



CVCA Builds Ties that Bind

Pictured left to right are **Dave Oeschger '97**, **Bo Bishop '98**, and **Drew Hood '00** in El Salvador over 20 years after graduation. Dave and Drew visited Bo who is living in El Salvador this year as his wife, Dr. Sarah Bishop, received a Fulbright Award to study forced migration from Central America.

2010

Rachel (Coyne) Mathoslah '10 recently started working at CVCA as the school nurse and is thankful for the opportunity to invest back into the community that invested so much in her. Rachel and her husband

Loving Fiercely

Chelsey (Hoffman) Martin '05 recently shared her touching story with us:

After earning a bachelor's degree at Clarks Summit University in both Bible and Counseling, I began working at a special needs school in Pennsylvania. This job prepared me in so many ways and taught me skills I had no idea I would need down the road. After my husband and I were married a year and a half, we moved to the Cleveland area. A few months later, I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia and our world was turned upside down. I began a two and half year-long journey of chemo. By God's grace, ten years later, I am still cancer free!

During those two and a half years, God began to work in our hearts. We felt a calling to pursue foster parenting and were licensed in 2014. What a wild ride it has been as over the last seven years we've cared for 17 children. Some have just needed a safe haven for a night or two, some for over a year, and others forever. We adopted our daughter La'Nya in 2016 and are currently in the process of adopting three more children. Foster care and adoption can be a hard calling, but God has been with us every step. We have had hard moments when we wished kids would stay, or parents would get it together, or social workers would make different decisions; but in the end, we have to remind ourselves that God is in control and He loves these children far more than we ever could. We are extremely grateful for the family God has given us through adoption. Though it was formed in many ways through brokenness, God is the perfecter of making beauty from ashes.

Less than a year into our foster care journey, we found out we were pregnant! We were very excited as we were not sure this would ever be a possibility due to what my body had been through during my illness. We found out at my 20-week ultrasound that our baby boy, Charlie, would be born with a rare disorder called RCDP. It was terminal and the predicted life span was short. The doctor explained his quality of life would not be good and encouraged us to abort and start over. However, because we know God formed the baby in my womb, and He did it fearfully and wonderfully, we moved forward. During the last half of my pregnancy, we prepared as best we could for a baby we had no idea how to care for. We connected with a support group of other RCDP families, contacted specialists to be involved as soon as Charlie was born, etc. Then we waited and prayed, prayed, prayed a ton.

We started a Facebook page called "Life with Charlie" where we invited others to pray with us for this very special child. Charlie was born full term and actually pretty healthy for an RCDP baby. He was strong and determined from the start, and I experienced a love I had never felt before. Charlie needed a feeding tube right away because he was unable to swallow, and we started OT and PT to help loosen his joints. Caring for Charlie day and night was my incredible privilege. He was the sweetest boy with the best smiles and laughs. Though he never spoke words, he communicated his wants and needs



clearly. But more than that, he communicated pure love and joy. We say, to know Charlie was to love Charlie.

The doctors who told us his quality of life would be poor could not have been more wrong. Charlie lived a beautiful and happy life. Yes, he had many hard things: sicknesses, hospitalizations, surgeries, and numerous medications, but none of these stole his deep joy. The doctors also told us that Charlie probably would not make it to his second birthday, yet last November we celebrated his fifth birthday! He was our miracle and God blessed us so much by allowing us to be his parents. Charlie's life taught us to slow down and be present. He taught us to love fiercely every day because we are not promised tomorrow. He taught us that even when life is hard, joy can always be found. Charlie passed peacefully into Jesus' arms in April 2021. God graciously answered our prayer to not let Charlie suffer, and when our sweet boy was tired, God took him home. Please pray for daily strength as we learn to live life without Charlie.

I'm so grateful for my time at CVCA for so many reasons. I learned the truth of God's Word which is life changing in and of itself, but I learned it from people who were living it right in front of me. From teachers, to coaches, to lunch ladies...CVCA is full of people who love Jesus and are passionate about training the next generation to do the same. I had opportunities to be in Bible studies, take mission trips and so many other experiences that cultivated and enriched my faith. The most valuable thing though was my friendships. My high school friends are my best friends to this day. Even though we are all over the country, our bond is strong because it isn't based just on our experiences, but our deep bond in Christ. Without the Biblical base, amazing mentors and role models, and deep friendships gained during my years at CVCA, I can't imagine how difficult it would have been to navigate my life after I graduated. God definitely used my time at CVCA to make a lasting impact on my heart.

Some things I miss most about CVCA are Chapel, Bible studies, sporting events, sparkle cake, and PEOPLE! If I could give one piece of advice to current CVCA students, it would be this: all of your circumstances in life are what you make of them. So, make the most of your time at CVCA. Get involved in as much as you can and you will truly reap the benefits. There are so many amazing people there who want to invest in you, so let them.



Jon Mathoslah '09 are also busy raising their one-year-old daughter, Brooklyn.



Stephen Morris '10 met his wife, Abby, at Cedarville University. Stephen works at The Chapel in Akron as the Assistant Director of Outreach serving international students attending The University of Akron.

2011



Kelly (Ormond) Suplit '11 and her husband, Wesley, were thrilled to welcome their first child, Lindy Kathleen, on March 29, 2021.

2012



Heather (Alberson) Edwards '12 is currently the Speech Learning Pathologist at Chapel Hill Christian School and often runs

into family members and friends of her former CVCA classmates!



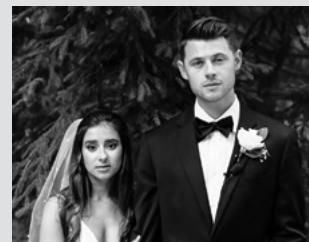
After graduating from Liberty University, **Sachem Wilson '12** now plays professional soccer for KF Fjallabyggd in Iceland. He is also pursuing his PhD in I/O Psychology with Grand Canyon University.

2013



Lauren (Letner) Frost '13 and her husband Sean had their first child, David, on September 29, 2020. They thank God for His goodness and an adorable baby boy!

Talia (Cosentino) '13 and **Benny Schwarz '13** write:



Benny is a Life Insurance Strategist specializing in the design, management, and implementation of insurance products for all persons, businesses, and organizations. Talia is a Broadway performer and owner of a social media management and marketing business. They are thankful to Adam Armstrong for

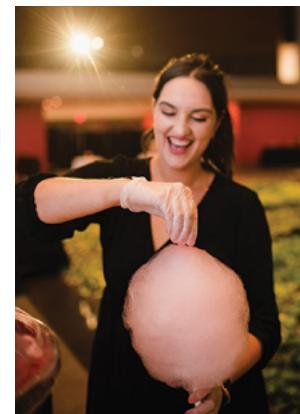
The Fun Job of Bringing Others Joy

Emily (Scofield) Harpel '10

Emily (Scofield) Harpel '10 is the founder of Art of Sucre, a gourmet cotton candy company. She and her husband, Drew, live in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Tell us about making cotton candy as a career.

After planning my wedding, I was inspired to give a traditional childhood treat an upgrade. Now I get to spin cotton candy for work! I firmly believe that life is truly about the small things and it is an absolute gift to bring others joy through Art of Sucre.



How did CVCA prepare you for your career? CVCA taught me that nurturing relationships is what matters most. This has allowed me to grow personally and professionally while getting to connect with some incredible humans along the way.

Art of Sucre has become quite a hit! Have you won any awards? Yes! Best Design Grant Winner (Foxtrot), Best of Cleveland, and Best of Akron.

Do you ever get to work with other CVCA alumni?

I get to collaborate with lots of fun CVCA alumni-owned businesses such as Fount started by **Jackie (Conway) Wachter '01** and Daisy Cakes started by **Amy (Fisher) Mucha '05**.

Do you have any advice you would like to share with our current CVCA students? There is so much in the world to go learn, see, and do. Take those chances when they present themselves even if you may be scared or unsure.

Thinking back on who has had an influence on your life, what CVCA staff member would you like to hang out with and where? I would love to spend some time catching up with Mrs. Stofsick in CVCA's old Mac Lab.

With your busy life, how can the CVCA community pray for you? I love this question! Please pray for my continuous battle of trying to figure out the balance of life between family, work, church, etc.

sitting them next to each other in high school Bible class, continuing to mentor them, and even performing their marriage ceremony last summer!

2014



Madison Haskell '14 shares that she has opened two stores and built teams in the Youngstown area for a large restaurant chain and is moving to Cleveland to run and operate another five stores over the next eight years. Madison has also been competing in the USA National Miss Pageant while visiting 27 out of our 50 states so far to donate CARE packages and speak out about their national platform, "The

Crown CARES" (Creating A Respectful Environment in Schools and Society).



Anna (Becker) '14 and Nate Lyons '14 welcomed their first child, Myla Eden, on January 24, 2021.

2015



Kristen Bascom '15 works as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at the Cleveland Clinic and is pursuing Christ in her line of work. Looking back at her time at CVCA, Kristen is thankful for Mr. Lyons and SOMP program for encouraging her to work for Christ!



After graduating from Kent State, **Haley Isaacs '15** now teaches Pre-K at Cornerstone Community School in Tallmadge. Haley is still around CVCA as a member of the Royal Theatre pit orchestra.

2016

After graduating from Liberty University, **Nate Loxley '16** and his wife, Paige, moved to Salt Lake City where he is a management

IN MEMORIAM



Hayden Kaiser '14, beloved son, grandson, nephew, cousin, and dear friend to many went home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on June 4, 2021 following a tragic automobile accident.

Hayden attended grade school at Chapel Hill Christian School

where he met many lifelong friends and soccer teammates. He then attended CVCA from 7th to 12 grade. Hayden played soccer at CVCA, earning his first varsity letter as a freshman and helping carry his team to the State Championship his junior year.

Hayden played for the German Family Society team, Everest Soccer Club, and Ambassadors Football Club. With a passion for coaching, he had the honor of coaching at the Ambassadors Football Club and was recently named JV Soccer Coach and Assistant Varsity Coach at Solon High School. He treasured the time he spent coaching and scrimmaging. His greatest desire was to help players achieve their best potential on and off the field as Christian athletes and men of faith and conviction.

Hayden's faith in Christ, love for family and friends, and a strong desire to help and love others guided him through every decision he made. His actions were guided by his firm commitment to his Christian values and beliefs as well as his loyalty to his family and many close friends.

Hayden graduated from Wright State University with a BSB degree in Finance. While at Wright State, he played on the club soccer team, serving the team's treasurer; was an officer of the Finance Club; and worked at the Wright State Rec Center. Along with his lifelong friend, Josiah DiPaolo, he started the university's first squash club.

After college, Hayden worked at Vantage Financial Group. Throughout his career, Hayden was grateful for the many mentors who guided him and took him under their wing. He mentioned many times to family and friends how much he treasured those in his professional life with whom he connected on a personal level. Their guidance and friendship was something he held close to his heart.

Hayden had a tattoo of Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Knowing that Hayden believed in this verse with all his heart helps bring comfort to those who know and love Hayden because we know he is now in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

An excerpt from cleveland.com

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trainee at Enterprise. His wife is a news producer at FOX13 in Salt Lake. Nate was awarded the Customer Service MVP three of the five months he worked at the Salt Lake City airport.



Nicole (Hagen) '16 and Nate Peters '16 were married in May 2021 and celebrated

with friends, family, and multiple CVCA alumni.

Emma (Rickey) '16 and Noah Brook '16 were married this year and celebrated with fellow alumni (below): **Courtney Petno '16, Bekah Moore '16, Sienna Drillien '16, Nate Peters '16, Grant Chapman '16, Elijah Brook '13, and Luke Rickey '18.**

2017

We enjoyed having **Jada Wright '17** back at CVCA



in the Athletic Office as the Middle School Girls Assistant Volleyball Coach, JV Girls Basketball Coach, and Athletics Assistant. Jada is a recent graduate of The University of Akron where she made the Dean's List.



start training as a Navy pilot. While thankful for my time at USNA, I'm looking forward to what's next. I'm not sure what I want to fly yet, but am excited at the possibility of helicopters, jets, and more.

What most inspires you about the work you are doing with the Navy? I've had many great experiences and have made friendships that I know will last a lifetime. It's inspiring to work alongside like-minded and hardworking people.

How do you think CVCA set you up to thrive in your current work? I'm thankful for the wonderful people and mentors I had at CVCA who helped prepare me so well for the Naval Academy. Being a part of Concert Choir and Chamber Singers has helped me a lot with Glee Club and

Ready to Take Flight

We recently had the opportunity to catch up with **Nathan Dietrich '17**:

What's happening in your life these days? I graduated from the United States Naval Academy on May 28, 2021. I will begin flight school in Pensacola, Florida in July and am excited to

the Speech and Debate team has helped me with public speaking and presentations.

What do you miss most about CVCA? I miss the people. CVCA has such wonderful teachers, and I am thankful I had the chance to interact with them. I also miss the friends I made and the fun we had. It's always fun to stop by and chat with former teachers – they truly are caring and loving individuals.

With the experiences you have now had, if you could give one piece of advice to our students currently at CVCA, what would it be? Set goals, work hard, embrace humility, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. Trust that God has a plan for you and use the gifts He has given you to the best of your ability.

If you could spend some time with one CVCA staff member, who would it be? I would hang out with Dale Schilling, eat some scones together, and talk about Speech and Debate and AP Euro. I would also make sure to bring some Kvass.

How can the CVCA community pray for you? Please pray for guidance as I embark on this next phase of life and for my family.

CVCA's Schools of Distinction program has specialty tracks in Arts & Humanities, Business & Entrepreneurship, Engineering, Medical Professions, and Ministry. As part of the program, each high school student is assigned a mentor.

If you are interested in sharing what you have learned in your field of work, please consider being part of this exciting program. For more information, contact eling@cvcaroyals.org.

Share your expertise with current CVCA students!



Olivia with Christine (Stein) '88
and Philip '87 Adkins



Kira with Timothy '97 Claypoole



Joseph with Tricia
(Rusinoff) '93 Cochran

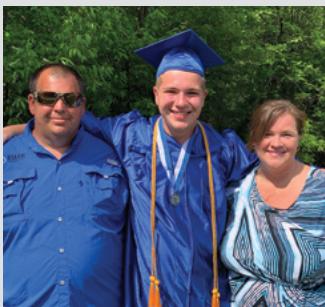
2021 Royal Heritage Alumni

Eighteen graduates
from the Class of 2021
have a parent who also
graduated from CVCA.

This special group of
two-generation alumni
now totals 285!



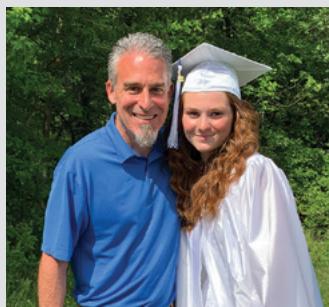
Robert with Deborah
(Christner) '86 Curtis



Alexander with Kristina
(Kortvejesi) '92 and Jason '92 Grecco



Taylor with Tiffany (Petry) '93 Helwig



Jillian with Scott '93 Iannetta



Daniel with Jason '92 Kolb



Noah and Jacob with Sara
(Colledge) '94 and Matt '94 Koons



Sara with Melissa (Mitchell) '86 Lentz



Yolanda with Christina
(Morgan) '83 Marotta



Luke with David '84 Petno



Jordan with Dorian
(Horner) '91 Ricker



Micaiah with Heather
(Bailey) '89 Rios



Sam with Darlene (Bisbee) '93 Risjan



William with Wendy (Vogel) '86
and Larry '80 Rybka



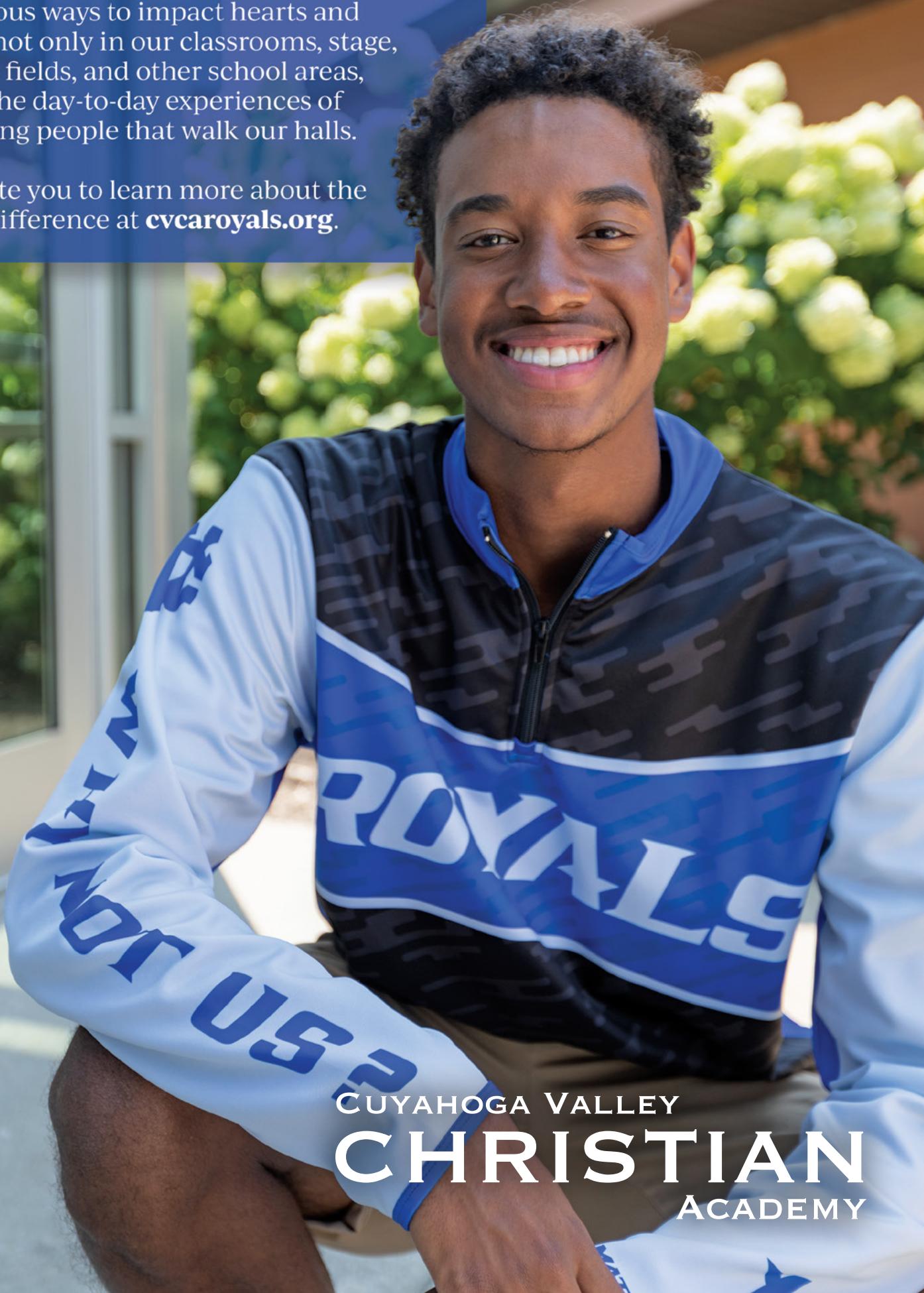
Carson with Christina
(Sutton) '92 Tanner



Jaden with Brett '82 White

The CVCA community comes together in marvelous ways to impact hearts and minds not only in our classrooms, stage, athletic fields, and other school areas, but in the day-to-day experiences of the young people that walk our halls.

We invite you to learn more about the CVCA difference at cvcaroyals.org.



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