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Summit Academy provides a nurturing educational environment for students with learning differences, in which each student's academic achievement comes to reflect his or her learning potential.



Summit Academy's fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30 of every year. If you have made a donation from July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, your contribution should be listed in these pages.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this Gratitude Report. We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact our Development office with any corrections. 502.244.7813. Thank you.

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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Summit Families and Friends,

August 2013 marked Summit Academy's 21st year of operation, serving our incredible children who learn differently than their peers. The faculty, staff and Board of Trustees have spent the past year in self-study, reflecting on the mission of the school and its delivery of program services, in preparation for the re-accreditation site visit by our licensing body, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS). As we review the reports from various areas of the school, it is clear that Summit Academy children are blessed with the most caring, capable, innovative and empathetic faculty in the Louisville area.

We are also blessed to have a number of foundations and charities who believe in our mission and support our programs through grants. We have completed the second year of a three year grant for speech and occupational therapy services so generously underwritten by Kosair Charities. WHAS Crusade for Children has continued its support of the pre-school program for children at risk of not being ready for kindergarten. The early identification and provision of services to the preschool population is critical to our mission. Many local foundations have made it possible to provide excellent services and programs to Summit students.

We are also very thankful for the Soaring Eagle Society members who make multi-year pledges to support Summit, as well as those who contribute to the Annual Fund, whether its \$5 or \$5,000. Each donation of any size is very meaningful to the School and provides affirmation to the Summit Academy community of families that this school provides a necessary and vital service to the community. We have amazing supporters. When Kosair Charities announced an unrestricted matching donation program, supporters Vee Hughes and Rich Whipple didn't hesitate to jump right in and ensure that Summit received double the benefit of their donation.

As we all know, children learn much of their behavior from the adults in their lives. They emulate our actions from shaving to cursing! They emulate the way we treat others. Thank you to our community of supporting foundations, families, faculty, staff and friends for providing such excellent examples of empathy and generosity. It is not possible to provide the excellent education these children deserve without your unwavering and continued support.



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A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Summit Academy Families and Friends,

After twenty-one years as Head of School at Summit Academy, I will be stepping down from this position to make way for a new Head of School effective June 30, 2014. Our Board of Trustees has appointed a search committee and has engaged the services of a local consulting firm to manage the search. The net has been cast near and far with the hopes of securing the best possible individual to assume the responsibilities of Head of School.

Although I will no longer serve as Head of School, I will continue to support the important work done at the school as Director of Academic Affairs. This part-time position will afford me the opportunity to focus my attention on instruction and faculty development.

Since the start of Summit Academy in 1992, I've watched the school grow in unimaginable ways. When we opened our doors in 1992, we were leasing approximately 2,000 square feet of classroom and office space. Today, we have over 25,000 square feet of useable space on a five-acre campus.

Renovations have been done on each of the four buildings including moving walls, creating office space, adding bleachers, replacing worn out air conditioners and furnaces, redesigning and resurfacing our parking lot, improved landscaping and replacing windows, roofs, gutters, floor covering and doors. Each of these improvements was for a single purpose - to provide our students with a safe, attractive and functional environment.

In addition to the significant facility improvements, over the years we have managed to stay current with various technological advances. We have gone from chalkboards to smartboards; from two office computers to a computer for each student. Again, each of these improvements was for a single purpose - to enhance the learning of each student and to better prepare them for the world in which they will live and work.

Over the years, every aspect of instruction has been dramatically improved. Our core subjects, math and language arts, are delivered using multisensory teaching methods geared to the instructional level and pace of each student. We now have speech/language therapists on staff to remediate deficits in the area of communication skills. Our occupational therapists and our Minds-in-Motion maze serve to improve hemispheric integration and brain processing inefficiencies. Our well equipped science lab is a place where our students go to 'experience science' instead of just reading about it in a textbook. Our library collection is now into the thousands and affords the students the opportunity to make wonderful new discoveries. Over the years, our S.O.S. counseling program has helped many of our students to better understand, express and manage their emotions and to develop healthy interpersonal relationships. Recently, art and sand therapy have been added to our program to help students better cope with their anxieties and frustrations. Art and music instruction continue to provide creative outlets for expression. Each improvement was for a single purpose - to help unlock the potential in each student.

All that has been accomplished at Summit Academy over the past 21 years would not have been possible without the generous financial support of parents, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, grandparents, foundations, corporations and friends. Your generosity has transformed young lives. The castaways from other schools have found safe refuge at Summit. Far too many have come to us battered and bruised because they can't learn as quickly or as efficiently as others. Generous donations made it possible for us to extend our services to 4 and 5 year old children so that they don't have to deal with the frustration, anger and despair associated with school failure and rejection. Hundreds of children have attended Summit and then returned successfully to mainstream education because, together, we have created a model of education that works!

Although the school has been evolving and changing over the past 21 years, the one constant has been an extremely competent and caring faculty and staff as well as dedicated and responsible trustees. Each one has been a blessing to this school and to the families and children served. It has been an honor and pleasure to have worked with so many wonderful people who have a strong commitment to serving others. Forever I will cherish the memories, friendships and success stories that have come about from my tenure as Head of this very special school.



Margaret Thornton



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It would be impossible to thank everyone who made Summit Academy such a fantastic experience for not only Jay, but for Susan and me, as well. Twenty years of caring and excellence brought us to the graduation ceremony in May where Jay read on the stage of the very school where he was taught to read. That was the ultimate accomplishment, especially after being told by an administrator and a teacher from his previous school that he could not read because he was lazy and we, as parents, were at fault.

Six years ago things seemed out of control. My mother was in the last stages of Parkinson's Disease and Jay was struggling with a teacher who was very vocal that Jay did not belong in her classroom. I seemed to be getting hit with bad news at both the hospital and the school on a daily basis. Both my mother and my son were fighting battles that I felt powerless to help with.

In the Spring of 2007, I toured Summit Academy. Finally, I felt there was a place where Jay could repair, learn and thrive. Little did I know that Summit would allow Susan and I to do the same.

As a Summit Parent, I grew to feel very strongly that my mission was and still is to impress upon new parents and prospective parents that our common stories have been told many times before and that at Summit, our feelings of isolation, guilt and hopelessness are behind us. Nothing was as comforting as the knowledge that we were not alone and that there was finally so much to feel hopeful about.

The time Jay spent at Summit will be a part of us forever. Our Summit family of administrators, faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, parents, students and alumni have stayed by us through some trying times and many good times. Our time at Summit seems way too short, but when I look back I see that such a great deal was accomplished.

Thank you Summit Academy.





Jay Burton graduated from Summit Academy in 2013. He is now a Freshman at DeSales High School.

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A LETTER FROM AN ALUMNUS

Before starting Summit Academy at the beginning of sixth grade, my future looked rather bleak. I stumbled constantly through school and life at home. Looking back on those days before Summit, it's like I was in "auto-pilot" mode. Auto-pilot with the wrong settings and maps, and I didn't even fully comprehend my situation. I fell significantly below average in academics. My parents had taken me to specialists and they all came to the conclusion that I was a lost cause; lucky if I could even become a mediocre member of society.

Summit Academy provided the attention and different learning techniques in an amazing environment to allow me to achieve goals and significantly improve myself in all aspects of life. By the time I graduated, Summit Academy had armed me with new tools and confidence, and I was excited to face future challenges.

I went on to graduate with a B.S. in software engineering at the nation's number one undergraduate engineering university, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. After graduating from Rose-Hulman I began integral engineering work at a start-up company in telecom/silicon valley as one of its first 50 employees. The company, Cyan Inc., is now publicly traded on the NYSE. I owe thanks to Summit for providing me with an outstanding well-rounded foundation, with which I am now engaged to be married and boasting a successful career.

Summit Academy has helped me tremendously both personally and academically. I owe Summit more than I could ever hope to repay. Thanks to Summit's foundation, I am now in a position to start giving back as a Soaring Eagle donor.

Reflecting back on Summit, I can honestly say I miss those days, but I couldn't be happier with how my life has ended up thus far and I couldn't be thankful enough for all that Summit and their amazing teachers have given me. Unfortunately, I travel too much and don't live close enough to visit Summit, so I show my appreciation by donating back. Even though I am far from Summit, I keep them close to my mind and heart.

Brian Beautow



If you are a Summit Academy Grad, we invite you to share your story with us. Visit summit-academy.org/alumni.

SUMMIT ACADEMY ALUMNI



Where Are They Now?

Greg Tewis 1996

- · Joined the U.S. Navy, currently living in Japan
- · Married with a young daughter

Brad Sneed 1998

· Currently working at the Middletown Kroger in the produce department

Gray Middleton 1998

- Graduated from Bellarmine University with a Bachelors in Fine Arts
- Art Teacher and Director of Afterschool Care at Summit Academy

Blake Hinson 1998

- · Graduated from ITT Tech
- · Works for the Central Intelligence Agency in Europe

Matthew Hatfield

· Zaxby's franchise owner

Ricky Schmidt

- Graduated from Purdue University
- · Currently employed as a mechanical engineer

Sarah Bloom · 2003

• Graduate student at Indiana University - Bloomington

Sarah Hamm • 2003

- · Majoring in Parks & Recreation at Murray State University
- Received her Associates Degree from Landmark College in Vermont

Andrew Mueci • 2003

• Graduated from Bellarmine University

Chad Leggett 2004

- Recent graduate of Northern Kentucky University
- · Completed his student teaching in the Fall of 2013 in high school English

Michael Bale 2004

- · Graduated from Northern Kentucky University
- Currently offers private art lessons in Cincinnati







Where Are They Now?

Adam Rainey 2004

- · Completed graduate work at the New England Conservatory of Music
- · Currently employed with the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra

Thomas Baily 2005

- Graduate of Moody Bible College in Chicago
- · Youth Minister in Washington state

Stephanie Routh 2005

· Currently attending the University of Louisville

- Tom Tierney 2005Graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Psychology
- · Completed coursework abroad in New Zealand

Neil Watson 2005

- · Graduated from the Department of Juvenile Justice Academy
- Currently working as a youth counselor at Audubon Youth Development Center

Stephen Mueei 2007

· Currently attends Bellarmine University

Alex Clemmons 2008

· Currently attends Indiana University Southeast

Teddy Kirsehenbaum 2009

· Freshman at the University of Kentucky

Paul Holt 2009
• Freshman at Center College

Danny Spitza 2009

· Freshman at Bellarmine University, majoring in Music



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You helped us when we needed it most. From the cafeteria to the Board room, your time spent helping our school was something we could not do without. *Thank you.*



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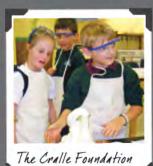




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2012 MOUNTAINTOP & BREAKFAST



On a crisp November morning, members of the extended Summit Academy community gathered together at The Olmsted to hear the moving and powerful stories of a current parent, grandparent, and co-founder, Rosemary Middleton.

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We are so grateful for their belief in Summit Academy and for their generosity and commitment to prividing excellent educational services for children who learn differently. Soaring Eagle multi-year pledges allow us to confidently plan for the future and are invaluable to Summit Academy's mission and sustainability.



Profound thanks to our Soaring Eagles

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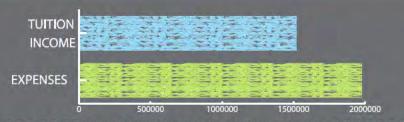
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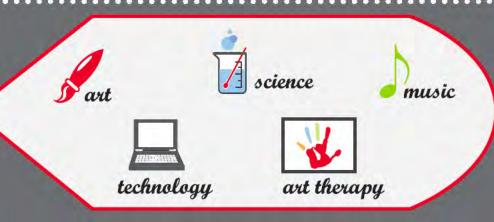
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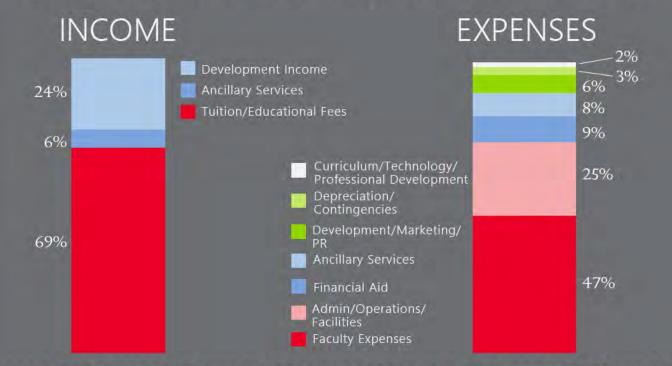
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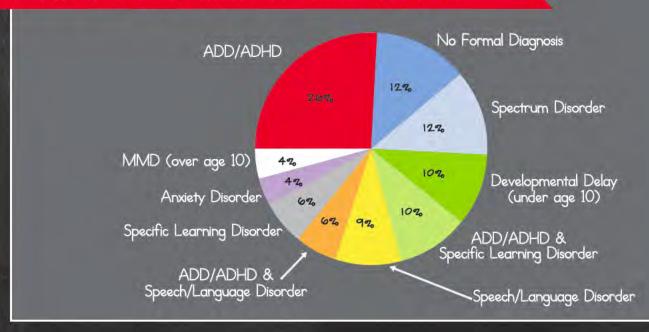
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A Living Tribute

On Friday, April 26, 2013, the students, staff, families, and friends of Summit Academy in Middletown commemorated Arbor Day by planting a tree dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Joann Powell. Mrs. Powell, who worked at Summit Academy for twelve years, lost her battle with cancer on November 24, 2012. She was a brave, gentle, loving, and selfless woman who cared for all of the children at Summit Academy as if they were her own.

In planting the tree, those who knew her keep her memory and spirit alive. It stands as a symbol of nurture and steadfastness and will bring comfort to others the way Mrs. Powell brought comfort to Summit Academy.

Friends and family attended the ceremony at which time each student received their own tree to plant and nurture. The trees were donated by Jerry Mobley, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones.



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