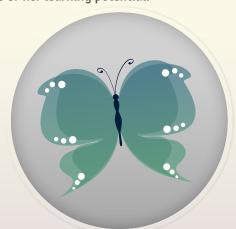


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Summit Academy provides a nurturing educational environment for students with learning differences, in which each student's academic achievement comes to reflect his or her learning potential.





More than "Okay"

By Kimberly Aberle, Parent



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By Matthew Hatfield, Alumnus/Parent



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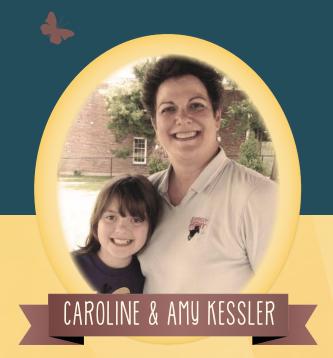


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A LOOK BACK

Bu Amu B. Kessler, 2013-2014 President, Board of Trustees

<u>You</u> helped make 2013-2014 a milestone year in the history of Summit Academy. The unwavering support we receive from our donors, volunteers, parents, grandparents and alumni help to ensure that we continue the work that began 23 years ago at a dining room table.

Our Board of Trustees and staff worked together diligently to successfully complete the re-accreditation process with the Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS). This organization reviewed all aspects of our curriculum and operations to confirm that we are meeting their very strict standards.

The year also brought a change in staff leadership at Summit Academy. Jamey Elliott was hired as our new Head of School, while our Co-founder Margaret Thornton moved into a part-time role as Director of Academics. We are looking to a bright future for the school with a continued, thoughtful expansion of services to more children who need a Summit Academy education.

From our humble beginnings in rented space on the campus of Middletown Christian Church to today, we continue to be the solution for so many children who have nowhere else to turn in our community. When we look back on the last 23 years, it is affirming to know that Summit has served so many families whose children have gone on to great success in higher education and business. These children were valued, loved and educated so they could seek out their happiness and success by an incredible collection of teachers, therapists and staff members.

We are grateful for the support of numerous foundations and charities who believe in our mission. It would be impossible to successfully serve the children of Summit Academy without the assistance of the Soaring Eagle Society members who make a multi-year financial commitment to Summit Academy. It is not possible to provide the excellent education these children deserve without your unwavering and continued support.

The future is bright. Thank you.

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Jamey Elliott, Current Head of School



For nearly 25 years, under the leadership and vision of our founding Head of School, Margaret Thornton, and with the support of donors like you, Summit Academy has set a standard in the greater Louisville community for teaching children with learning differences. The success stories are too numerous to mention here. Suffice to say, Summit Academy's

foundation is strong. With a solid foundation in place we are in position to consider what lies on the near and distant horizon for Summit Academy. As we do, we will be guided by the following objectives:

Reinforcing Our Foundation

It is time for us to further solidify Summit Academy's financial foundation in order to ensure the long term future of this extraordinary educational environment. For example, we will consider a campaign to establish a significant endowment to support critical activities such as professional development for our teachers and financial aid for the families of our students. Similarly, as it is a vital component for many of our families, we will reevaluate our financial aid policy and practices to ensure that we are maximizing our ability to make a Summit Academy education affordable. We will continue to streamline our business operations to meet "best practices" as established by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), of which we are a member.

Serving More Students

We are not just thinking about our future, we are acting on it now. For instance, our Board of Trustees recently voted to open our doors to our first class of 9th graders beginning the 2015-2016 school year. We will establish a full high school as our inaugural class moves up, culminating with grades 9-12 in the fall of 2018. As a result, we will be able to offer our innovative approach to all school age children (Pre-K to 12) which will further distinguish us from our peers. Additionally, we will continue to work to return our enrollment in grades Pre-K – 8 to our pre-recession peak of nearly 160 students.

Investing in our Faculty & Staff

Simply put, Summit's teachers are leaders in their field and are devoted to every one of our students on an individual level. They are our greatest asset and, as such, we will continue to make headway towards our goal of paying them at 80% of the Jefferson County pay scale as opposed to our current rate of 74%. Similarly, we will work to establish a permanent and consistent stream of professional development funding

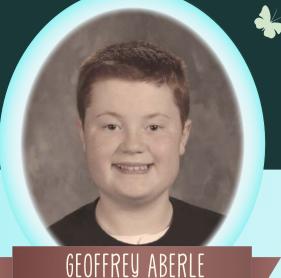
Strengthening Our Position in the Community

In the competitive private school market, it is crucial to distinguish ourselves from our peers. As mentioned, the establisment of a high school will help us to achieve that goal. We will continue to seek opportunities to demonstrate our expertise in the field of educating students with learning differences, and we will pursue new partnerships in the community, particularly as we build our School to Work Program as part of our high school. We will continue to establish and strengthen relationships with other schools, pediatricians, therapists, and other referral sources.

These broad guideposts will help direct our efforts in the years to come. We are excited about what lies on our horizon and, with your ongoing support, Summit Academy will continue to build on its legacy of success.



Parent



My son Geoffrey has attended Summit Academy for three years, starting in 6th grade and graduating in May of 2015. I can honestly say it has been the best three years of Geoffrey's school life. My only issue with Summit Academy is that I wish I had found this amazing school sooner.

As a young boy, Geoffrey was part of the JumpStart program in Jefferson County, where he then moved into the Kindergarten classroom. Truth be told, he did "okay." Soon after, he attended an independent school in the Louisville area, where I was also a teacher. Most every teacher made the necessary accommodations he needed and, for years, he did "okay."

In the summer of 2011 our personal lives rapidly changed, and in many ways it felt like we were in a free-fall. It seemed that things were out of control and at times, it felt like we were on a sinking ship. That same year, I was told that perhaps I should find another school that might suit Geoffrey's needs better. I was crushed, as was Geoffrey. He loved his school and couldn't imagine learning anywhere else. More water was dumped into our sinking ship.

Then I toured Summit Academy. I felt like someone was throwing us a life-jacket. Suddenly our sinking ship was righted. This ship was sailing in a new direction and we were excited to see where it would take us. At Summit, Geoffrey hasn't done "okay", he has blossomed and grown. He is confident and happy. He loves his school, a school that strives to help every child reach their full potential. He adores his teachers, teachers who recognize the strengths of each child. He has enjoyed his journey and we are so thankful for the entire crew at Summit Academy.

Next year Geoffrey will sail off to Trinity. He will miss Summit greatly.



Upon graduating from eighth grade, our students go on to parochial, public, and other independent high schools. They pursue post-secondary educations at universities and trade schools and grow up to live happy and productive lives.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

By Matthew Hatfield, Alumnus and Current Parent

The fear we have for our children can often be overwhelming and sometimes agonizing. Will they grow-up to be happy? Will they have friends? Will someone else accept and love my child the way I do? Will they be successful? Heck, will they just finish high school and get a job? As my sons go from speech therapy to physical therapy, from the GI to the geneticist, the fear of

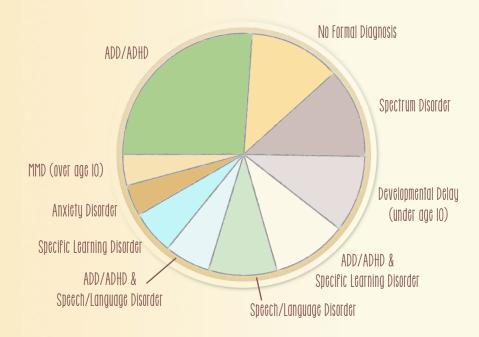
losing the hope I have for them can be crippling. When this fear takes hold I try to remember my own story, as I myself am a product of Summit Academy.

Before Summit Academy, my parents worried for me. Most people thought I would make it as far in life as a jail cell. I was a child with more energy than I could control and more anger than I knew how to handle. When I became a student at Summit Academy in the fourth grade, I had left in my wake schools I did not fit into and lots of disciplinary problems. I came with limited ability to read or retain what I had read, write, or sit still. My parents had tried everything and sent me to Summit Academy with the hopes it would help me get through high school. With lots of hard work in combination with the loving, nurturing, and kind staff that went above and beyond; I made it through eighth grade. I also graduated from high school and eventually college, graduating with a degree in management and leadership. More importantly, I have the most beautiful wife and kids. Now I am a Zaxby's franchisee with 3 stores and 2 more planned. I can honestly say without Summit Academy I do not know where I would be today.

Now when I look at my sons playing with other "normal kids" (facetious tone included), going from appointment to appointment, I remember my story and push on. When all hope seems lost, I remember that "special needs" means nothing more than my sons having needs for learning and life that are different than the average person, but these needs do not make them any less great! With the help of Summit Academy's tailored learning approach, great teaching staff, and our boys' hard work, I know that anything is possible. Now, I no longer hope for a great future, I know they will have a great future. If a kid like me can be successful, then I believe that Summit Academy can help just about anyone.

Thank you, Summit Academy, for being there for me when I needed you and now for being there for my sons, as they are in need of you as well.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Because of the very specific diagnostic criterion used in public schools, only 37% of our students qualify for any kind of special services with Jefferson County Public Schools, leaving many very frustrated children without the help they need.



THE SOARING EAGLE SOCIETY

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

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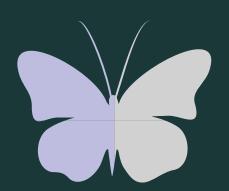
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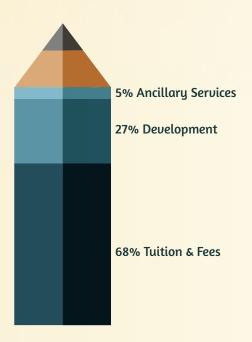
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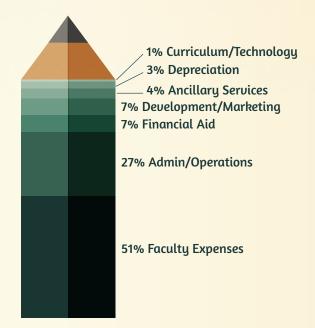
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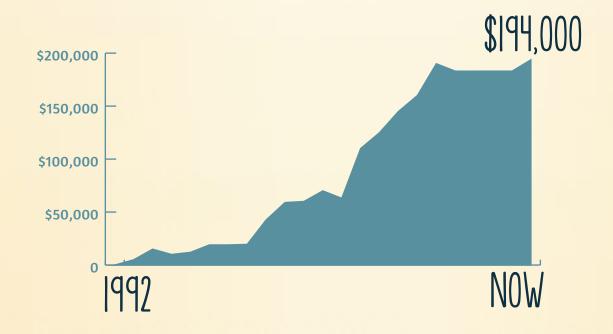


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