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HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

In March we announced that Jamey Elliott would be stepping down as Head of School at the end of the 2017-18 school year. We are deeply grateful to Jamey for all that he did for Summit over the past four years, and we wish him continued success in the future.

Today, we are pleased to introduce Douglas L. Strothman as our new Interim Head of School. Doug joined Summit this summer after serving as President of St. Francis DeSales High School for the past 12 years.

"Being introduced to the Summit Academy community has been very exciting," says Doug. "I look forward to working with our dedicated and talented team of faculty and staff as we build upon the tradition of excellence in education that Summit has maintained throughout its twenty-six year history."

Doug has a wealth of experience and knowledge in affecting change, building brand and ensuring financial

sustainability. He has a passion for education and looks forward to serving the Summit community.

"I believe that anyone in a position of leadership has been entrusted with the care of an organization and people," shares Doug. "I believe in servant leadership, creating a collaborative environment in which all team members and stakeholders feel supported and valued."

Doug is already hard at work getting to know our Summit community and preparing for the 2018-19 school year. He looks forward to making it another successful year for our students!



Doug is a lifetime Louisvillian. Upon earning a BA in Business Administration from Bellarmine University, he began a lengthy career in the charitable gaming industry. During this time, Doug's entrepreneurial spirit led him to purchase the small business for which he worked. After four years of significant market growth he sold the company and eventually used his leadership and management skills to serve the Catholic church. For the past twelve years Doug has been the president of DeSales High School and has led a rejuvenation of the once struggling school. Doug serves as the Vice-Chair of the Bellarmine Alumni Association and is a member of their Gallery of Distinguished Graduates. He is also a member of the DeSales High School Foundation Board and is involved with the Center for Women and Families. Business First 2016 named Doug one of the 20 People to Know – Education & Workforce Development.

STEAM

STEAM is a crucial part of today's educational curriculum. Students learn essential 21st century skills while exercising both sides of the brain to maximize innovation and collaboration.

During the 2017-18 school year, Summit Academy's STEAM Club (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) had 11 members. The Club was led by Jackie Matthews, Adam Hribek, Carey Girardi and Julia Albicocco.

Summit's STEAM Club approached each project in a systematic way - brainstorm, prototype, build and evaluate. The Club used button cell batteries, LEDs and copper tape to create simple circuits. Some of their major projects included building a Bot and a working game show button. STEAM Club even used LED lights to create some of the costume masks for our 2018 Spring Drama Club production!



PTO LENDS A HAND

A RECORD SETTING YEAR IN FUNDRAISING

Summit Academy's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is vital to the life of our school. PTO parent volunteers devote their time and energy to help make Summit a truly remarkable place!

Some of PTO's fundraising activities during the 2017-18 school year included a walk-a-thon, two craft fairs, various "dining out nights" at local restaurants, poinsettia sales, shopping refund programs and more! These events helped raise funds to support science kits and sensory equipment for our classrooms, new signage for our school and campus beautification projects. PTO also spent many hours planning and executing events and activities to show our teachers and staff how much they are valued and appreciated.

2017-18 PTO Officers and Coordinators included: Lacy Ran (President), Anna Hatfield (Vice President), Tracy Gregory (Secretary), Jennifer Brown (Treasurer), Meredith McIntosh, Brandi Hitzelberger, Dennis Newton and Ashley Farrow.

Thank you, PTO! We truly appreciate all that you do for Summit!

See photos from the Walk-a-Thon and other events at summit-academy.org/blog

GENENTECH SUPPORTS STEAM AT SUMMIT

During the 2017-18 school year, Genentech gave Summit Academy a generous grant to help underwrite STEAM initiatives (science, technology, engineering, arts, math), including after school activities and field trips.

Grant funds were used to purchase various supplies for STEAM Club activities and experiments, including maker kits about robotics, electronics and circuits. Grant funds were also used to purchase new bows and arrows for Archery Club and to fund participation in several archery competitions. Finally, the Genentech grant helped purchase materials and supplies for Kessler's Kitchen Cooking Club and Drama Club and underwrote field trips to the Parklands, the planetarium, the ballet and the theater. Thank you, Genentech!



ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Teachers, Susan Beach and Ben Harris, with 9th graders at Camp Nuhoop; Cooking Club members enjoy their creations; Cooper French reads at the 8th Grade Commencement Ceremony; Maggie Reeves and Angelina Salomon dance at Junior Prom (photo courtesy of Studio H2); First grader, Parker Coats and Kindergarteners, Madison Fults and Charlie Guthrie, accept awards from Mr. Elliott

BELOW, FROM LEFT: Sixth grader, James Sanders, receives the Margaret Thornton Leadership Award; primary students on the playground; Cody Shultz and Jack Clark perform in the Spring Drama Production



UPCOMING EVENTS

MIDDLETOWN PARADE & SUMMIT FAMILY PICNIC SEP 08 | 2018

Come watch or join us as we march down old Main Street in the annual Middletown Parade! Stick around afterwards for our Summit family picnic.

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE SEP 13 | 2018

Be a part of this force for good and #GiveForGoodLou on 9/13!

MOUNTAINTOP BREAKFAST OCT 25 | 2018 | 8-9AM

Join us at The Olmsted for a complimentary breakfast and the opportunity to hear directly from students and families that have been impacted by Summit.

GRANDPARENTS DAY NOV 15 | 2018

Our current Summit grandparents are invited for coffee and pastries, a brief program, and a visit to your grandchild's classroom.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM DEC 19-20 | 2018 | 1PM

Come to Summit for a holiday music showcase followed by a holiday themed performance by our Drama Club!

BLUEGRASS, BOURBON, & BBQ MAR 08 | 2019 | 6:30PM

Bluegrass music, bourbon tastings, and bbq samplings from a variety of local vendors will come together at the Muhammad Ali Center!



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Katie Metcalf, Brandon Wyder, Cooper French, Nolan Luther, Cody Shultz, Abby Hitzelberger, Ryan Shultz (not pictured: Rodney Ham, Jr.)

➤ ARCHERY CLUB ON TARGET ➤

Archery Club started at Summit Academy in 2005 with the support of two parents - Allen Kirchenbaum and Marcia Benninger. These two dedicated parent volunteers helped establish a solid archery tradition at Summit. Today, Summit has an active Archery Club and also teaches archery as part of its physical education curriculum.

Archery Club is part of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). The club teaches Olympic-style target archery using state-of-the-art compound bows adjusted to fit each individual student. Coaches undergo a 12-hour National Archery Association Level I training program to be certified as Basic Archery Instructors. Archery helps students learn safety, technique, equipment use and

maintenance, concentration, coordination, goal setting, self-discipline and self-awareness.

During the 2017-18 school year, Archery Club practiced twice a week under the guidance of Middle School teachers Chris Bryant, Monica Nelson and Sue Sabo. Archery Club co-founder Marcia Benninger helped teach archery during after-school club meetings and in-school physical education classes. Gary Barmore, father of student archer Connor Barmore, helped coach Archery Club and also spent many hours repairing bows and arrows!

The Archery Club had an incredible season, and students made great progress. They are looking forward to another fun and successful season during the 2018-19 school year.

2018 GRADUATES

We recently watched as our 8th graders celebrated the completion of their middle school years and the beginning of their high school journey. Many of these students will continue on at Summit for high school, while a few will be spreading their wings elsewhere. We are so proud of all of these students and will take pride in them as they continue to soar!



FROM LEFT: Hannah Von Busch, Chris Bryant, Angelina Salomon, Caleb Von Busch, Brandon Wyder



FROM LEFT: Connor Barmore, Gary Barmore, Barmore

REMEMBERING CHRIS BRYANT

One of Summit Academy's most beloved teachers, Mr. Chris Bryant, passed away on May 1, 2018.

Affectionately known as "Mr. B", he loved his students and they loved him. Chris was finishing his 20th year of teaching at Summit, primarily 8th grade, and he made many invaluable contributions to our school over the years.

Chris started his career as an attorney before feeling compelled to teach. As a teacher, Chris found his passion and his profession. He was a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher who touched the lives of countless students.

Words cannot express how much he is missed by our entire school community.



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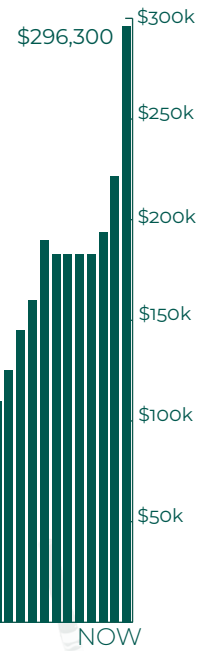
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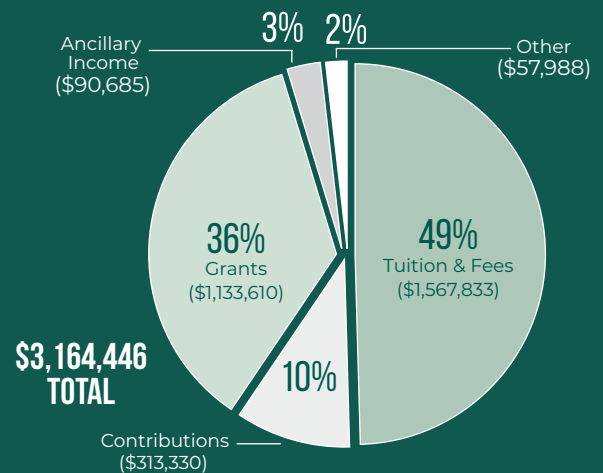
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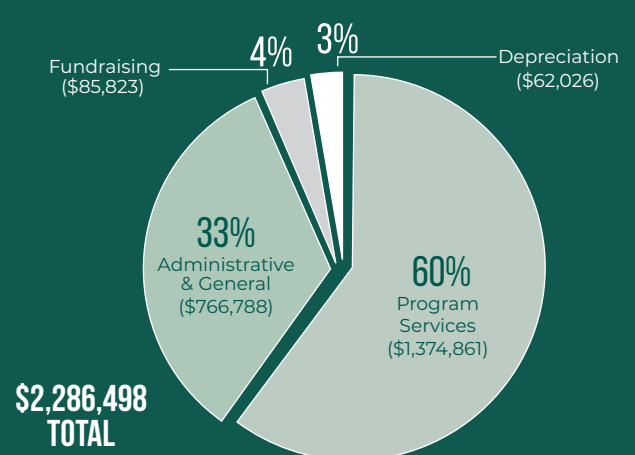
FINANCIAL AID

Sixty-three families received financial aid (47% of our enrolled families). The average financial aid award was **\$6,866**. We awarded **\$432,592** in financial aid for the 2016-17 school year.

2016-17 INCOME



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