



2024-2025 *Annual* REPORT

our mission

Summit Academy provides a transformative educational experience for students who learn differently by cultivating each student's academic, social, and emotional success in a vibrant and compassionate environment.



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from the head of school

It has been an honor to join the Summit Academy community over the last year. After having lived away from Kentucky for the last 14 years, returning to my hometown of Louisville has been wonderful. I grew up in the Middletown area and was familiar with Summit and its mission, but over the last year I have come to know just how powerful its impact is in the greater community.

When I joined the school we were in the middle of implementing a strategic plan. The design of the plan was intentional and focused on long-term development of the school. It encompasses all aspects of the school in the pillars of academic excellence, school community, student services, faculty and staff, financial sustainability, and outreach and marketing. Throughout the last year we have made incredible progress on many of the objectives across all of those pillars. The Board of Trustees, the leadership

team at Summit, the faculty, staff, parents, and students have all worked together to bring the vision outlined in the strategic plan to life.

The last year has been full of learning for me as Summit's new Head of School. I am thankful for the mentorship of Doug Strothman as he retired and for the incredible legacy he left at the school. I am also incredibly thankful for the generous contributions from members across the community. As I have gotten to know our students and families, the gratitude they have for Summit and the impact it has on their lives is enormous. To the corporations, foundations, families, and individuals who have sponsored our events or have donated to our annual fund- thank you. Those two words are not enough to describe your impact, and we hope that you can see the power of your giving as you read through these pages.

Stephanie L. Cifuentes

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Head of School



from the board president

Dear Summit Academy Community,

As President of the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to share with you the highlights and accomplishments of this past year in our annual report. This year has been a particularly exciting one, marked by significant changes and promising developments that have positioned Summit Academy for a future filled with growth and new opportunities.

On a personal note, Summit Academy holds a special place in my heart. My child, a proud alumna, attended Summit from Pre-K through 8th grade. It was here that she learned the invaluable skill of self-advocacy and confidence in her abilities and who she is as a person, a testament to the nurturing environment and the dedication

of our compassionate teachers and staff. Their commitment to fostering a supportive and empowering atmosphere has not only shaped my daughter's educational journey but also the journeys of countless other students and families.

This year, we welcomed a new Head of School, whose vision and leadership have invigorated our community. We also introduced a division head model designed to enhance our educational framework and better serve students' diverse needs. These strategic changes have been met with enthusiasm and optimism, as they lay the groundwork for innovative programs and initiatives that will further enrich the Summit experience.

The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful for the continued support and engagement of our entire Summit community—parents, alumni, faculty, and staff. It is your dedication and passion that drive our mission forward, ensuring that Summit Academy remains a beacon of excellence in education.

**Together, we are building a
future where every student
is empowered to reach their
fullest potential.**

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Summit Academy. We look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and shared success.



Warm Regards,

Michelle S. Coomes

Michelle Coomes

Board of Trustees President



20
Class of
25

Senior

traditions

Trinity Bardon, Kirk Owens, Isaiah Carter,
Katie Graas, Chloe Finn, Greyson Montgomery,
Oliver Ramsey-Smith, Ronan Walker,
Ryan Hartley, Tylee King, Mia Brown



class sponsor

Thank you to the Summit Academy PTO for sponsoring our senior class! Their support allowed the class of 2025 to receive senior sweatshirts, paint personalized spots on the "Walk of Fame," and enjoy Senior Skip-Day at PuttShack and Immersive Gamebox.

internships

In the 24-25 school year, our seniors interned at several local companies:

Carriage House
Clean Waves Car Wash
Emma Justine
Francis Parker School
Kids First
Louisville Public Media
Sternberg Automotive
Studio Works Zoom Group
Tom Sawyer Park
Tykes' Peak at Summit Academy
University of Louisville





thank you Kosair for Kids

Thank you to Kosair for Kids for their support of our new playground on the front of our campus!

The primary focus of the project involved replacing an existing play structure that was dated, aging, and inadequate for the school's needs. The new, sensory friendly playground is a space for teachers, therapists, and other staff members to help students regulate. The equipment can be used during regular recess and outdoor play time, allowing students the opportunity to

interact socially while also developing gross motor skills and experiencing the benefits of outdoor play.

The playground equipment and design was carefully chosen to address the unique needs of Summit Academy's neurodiverse population. It supports our occupational therapy program through the development of gross motor skills and builds upon Kosair for Kids' recent grant in support of behavior intervention therapy by bringing this same focus into our outside spaces.

playground renovation project



Playground equipment prior to renovation



High School *Alumni* association



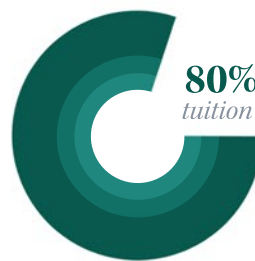
Part of Summit Academy's strategic plan is to engage alumni and alumni families, and we made great progress on that over the last year! We began in the fall of 2024 with the Class of 2019's 5-Year Reunion, which included a tour of Summit and a bowling event. In the spring we hosted a high school alumni dinner, and in July we had an outing to Slugger Field for a Bats game. During the senior brunch, all of our seniors received an official Summit Academy Alumni pin as an induction into the Alumni Association.

While we are currently focusing efforts on our high school alumni, we will be working to expand events to include 8th grade alumni in the future. Be on the lookout for updates!



the cost *of* attending summit

Each year the Board of Trustees sets a tuition amount with the goal keeping it accessible for our families, competitive in our local community. Tuition covers roughly 80% of the cost of a student attending Summit. Our Development team works hard throughout the year to raise the remaining 20% of operating income through grants, gifts, and fundraisers.



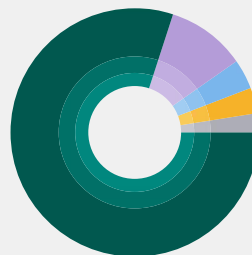
Within the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), Summit's 2024-25 tuition values are under the median for Kindergarten, slightly above the median for Grades 1-8, and exactly the median for Grades 9-12.



reflection

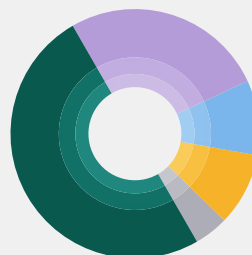
The 2024-2025 school year brought some unexpected expenses. In this year, Summit replaced the roof over part of our main building, upgraded our phone system to a cloud based service, replaced AC units in the Annex building and improved classroom technology.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW // 2024-2025



Income Total: \$2,674,102

- Tuition: \$2,090,348
- Contributions: \$264,754
- Ancillary: \$105,194
- Interest/Investments: \$87,120
- Restricted Grants: \$58,401



Expense Total: \$2,565,539

- Instructional Programs: \$1,291,617
- Administrative: \$669,794
- Restricted Grants: \$254,283*
- Facilities: \$236,370
- Fundraising: \$113,475

Figures do not reflect fiscal year 2025 audit
*Awarded in previous fiscal years

FUNDRAISING 2024-2025 EVENTS

Bourbon *Bash*

On March 1, 2025, Bourbon Bash raised over \$110,000! Thank you to our sponsors for their support: Greg Coats Cars & Trucks, Conliffe & Hickey Insurance, Republic Bank, Kosair for Kids, Chris & Lucy Spalding, Family of Dexter Wells, YUM, Software Management, Clarendon Flavors, Porcini/Farmer Children's Foundation, Dunn Roofing, Ecotech, Mackenzie & Austin Hundley, Harmony Events, Old National Bank, and Miller's Fancy Bath.

Bourbon *Raffle*

On April 24, 2025, we held our annual Pappypalooza Raffle, raffling off 6 bottles of Pappy Van Winkle, raising \$19,600 for our school. A huge thank you to Troy LeBlanc for securing the bourbon.

Mountaintop — *Breakfast*

Thank you to the following sponsors Chris and Lucy Spalding, Lanham Insulation, Betsy's Bag Boutique, and Cunningham's Creekside. \$27,620 was raised for general operation, including financial assistance.

financial aid

55%

OF ALL FAMILIES
WERE AWARDED AID



100%

OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES
RECEIVED SOME AID

\$5,309

AVERAGE
AWARD AMOUNT

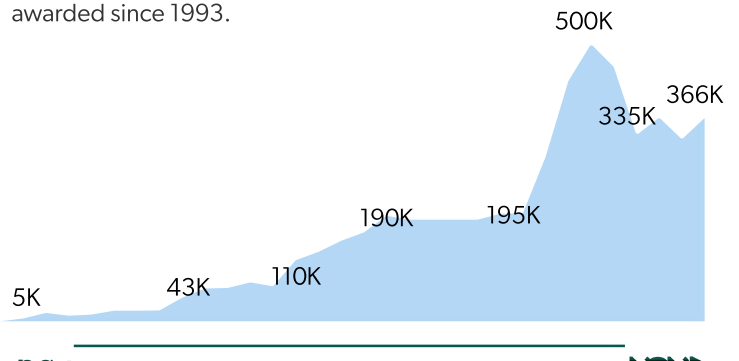


\$366,347

FINANCIAL AID
DOLLARS DISPERSED

During the budgeting process, funds are held from tuition income for financial aid. In the 2024-25 school year, we awarded \$366,347 in aid to families, however the total calculated need was close to \$725K.

This chart represents the growth of financial aid awarded since 1993.





2024 DONORS 2025

► \$50,000+

Kosair for Kids
Lift a Life Foundation

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The Jeffrey T. Thornton Memorial Fund is an endowment fund held at the Community Foundation of Louisville (Fund ID 68616). Established in 2005 by Margaret Thornton in memory of her late son, it's purpose is to provide financial assistance to families. To contribute to this fund, please contact the Development office.

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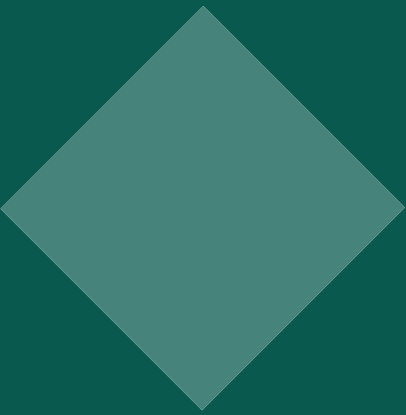
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