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## Conversations with Cavaliers

Welcome to Conversations with Cavaliers. In this series, we get to know more about Cavaliers from all corners of our community: parents, students, faculty, staff, board members, and administration.

This week, Mr. Holt sits down with Mr. Schepps and Mr. Andrew for Conversations with Cavaliers.

### [Mr. Schepps and Mr. Andrew] Good Afternoon Mr. Holt.

[Mr. Holt] Good Afternoon. I tried to get my people to get the questions beforehand, but I was stonewalled.

### Rank Atlanta Classical Academy's most eligible bachelors:

Unmarried but can be dating

1. HK Han (did well on his LSAT)
2. Coach Johnson can't be overlooked. He's a close second on any given day. That could switch.
3. No offense to Mr. Barfield, but Dr. Roth

### You've attended 75 weddings since starting your career at Atlanta Classical. Name the three songs that belong on any wedding playlist?

I Want It That Way, I Wanna Dance with Somebody, Time After Time

### Did You Know?

Miss Arrington raised hundreds of [brown widow spiders](#) for her Master's thesis - and didn't get bit once?

January 9, 2018

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### THIS WEEK

January 8 - January 14  
ABABA

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- 1/9 - Informal Student Council Meeting in the Library; 7am
- 1/9 - MS Girls Basketball at St. Martins; 4pm
- 1/9 - MS Boys Basketball at St. Martins; 5pm
- 1/10 - MS Girls Basketball at St. Ridgeview, 4:30pm
- 1/10 - MS Boys Basketball at St. Ridgeview, 5:30pm
- 1/11 - MS Boys Basketball vs. Galloway at ACA, 4:30pm

### **How embarrassing is it to be from Nebraska?**

There is a certain amount of pride knowing that I'm from the state of Nebraska. A special type of person comes from Nebraska. Exactly 1.8 million of us.

### **What is your favorite color?**

Green

### **Where did you attend school?**

I started at the Holt Homeschool Academy then I attended Millard North high school, another great institution.

### **Tell us about your school in Nebraska?**

Miller North is a large high school. There were 650 in each class and 2,450 students.

We were the largest school in Nebraska. Situated in the middle of the cornfields. My class was the first in 25 years to not win a championship. It was a good school. There was a closeness of community and classes.

### **What is your favorite thing about Omaha?**

The College World Series is a yearly event where the top teams from college baseball compete. It costs \$8 per ticket. Also, the zoo is the best in the world.

### **What inspires your school spirit? What does it bring to a school?**

That is a good question(s). It brings an identity or something to enjoy outside of academics. It's fun to have something to be prideful of. I see it as an opportunity where you are outside of the classroom where you can experience life with other people. People from one community get behind their school and their spirit. It's something that they share in common. School spirit is a natural community and an easy thing to get people involved with. I get a lot of joy out of seeing other people getting together and having fun. I got a lot out of it in my high school and college living through sports or tournaments. I love to see the kids here have a lot of pride of their institution.

### **Can you tell about something from your own experience when you create school spirit here?**

I think of different theme nights from high school where people would prepare for weeks and go all

1/11 - MS Girls Basketball at Galloway, 5pm

1/11 - JV Boys Basketball at Weber, 6pm

1/13 - JV Girls Basketball at Atlanta Jewish Academy, 7:45pm

1/13 - JV Boys Basketball at Atlanta Jewish Academy, 9pm

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### **NEXT WEEK**

**January 15 - January 21**

**BABA (Tues - Fri)**

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1/15 - No School; MLK Holiday

1/16 - MS Girls Basketball vs. Epstein at ACA, 4:30pm

1/16 - JV Girls Basketball at Christo Rey, 5pm

1/16 - MS Boys Basketball vs. Epstein at ACA, 5:30pm

1/16 - JV Boys Basketball at Christo Rey, 6:30pm

1/17 - Formal Student Government Meeting in Rm. H106, 3:30pm

1/18 - MS Girls Basketball vs. Intown at ACA, 4:30pm

1/18 - MS Boys Basketball vs. Intown at ACA, 5:30pm

1/19 - MLK Event in the Gym, 8am

1/19 - JV Boys Basketball vs. Fulton Leadership at ACA, 5pm

1/19 - Middle School Dance, 7pm

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### **COMING UP**

1/25 - Fine Arts Lecture Series, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

1/26 - Principal's Coffee, 8:30am

1/26 - Homecoming Dance, 8pm

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View the [online calendar](#) for the full list of school events.

Click [here](#) to view the 2017 - 2018 calendar.

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out. Stands were packed. Even if you were timid, you would be drawn out.

### **Best outfit?**

One time I dressed up like Harry Potter and a friend wore a white morph suit with horns and dressed as my patronus.

### **Mr. Nugent- friend or foe?**

Depends what time of day and how many pranks we've pulled on him in that corner. I always feel friendship with Nugent but how he feels about me is another question.

### **Title of your memoir?**

Just a City Boy, Born and Raised in South Nebraska: Don't Stop Believing, the Story of One Man's Quest to Exorcise His Familial Demons in the Urban Jungle of Atlanta

### **Is there a reason that you think so much about community?**

I don't know what the impetus was, but I've always enjoyed seeing people in community. Back when I was an RA in college, I got more enjoyment out of seeing people interact together more than being there. I like making people feel that they have a purpose and are included in things. In whatever small way that I can make it happen, I want to provide ways for people to step out of the comfort zone.

### **Anything about your education that is different at Atlanta Classical Academy?**

It's the way that you form habits and thoughts. It's one of the things that I've loved about Atlanta Classical. My AP classes were all plot summary, sentence structure and diction. During my senior year, we read *The Inferno* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*. It wasn't until I got to college where I had the experience of stepping outside of myself, where everyone was invited into that. It wasn't just to know the talking points, you were asked to get inside the mind of Shakespeare, Austen, Plutarch, Herodotus. I see that a lot in 5th grade. Everyone has the knowledge of who that character is, but a more vivid example. In *The Secret Garden*, everyone hated Mary Lenox. Everyone was being mean. One of the kids shouted that you're being a Mary Lenox. The girl was visibly shaken.



### **Important Links & Contacts**

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[ptca@atlantaclassical.org](mailto:ptca@atlantaclassical.org)



### **Mission**

To develop students in mind and character through a classical,

### **Why Atlanta Classical Academy?**

That's thanks to our very own Aaron Schepps, who informed Dr. Moore that I had not signed onto a school yet. I had made a point not to go south of the Mason-Dixon line. Aaron had already signed on with Atlanta Classical. Dr. Moore called and asked me if I wanted to teach at the school. In the end, I decided to come to Atlanta Classical because I had several friends there, and I valued having a good community outside of college. Why I've stuck with it? I love the school, having good leadership, the leaders shaping my pedagogy, and then the great community that has built up around the school. Students and the families building up good relationships with the faculty and school.

content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

### **Vision**

To be a nationally regarded K-12 classical school and serve as a local and national incubator for the growth and promotion of classical education.

### **Virtues**

Courage  
Courtesy  
Honesty  
Perseverance  
Self-Government  
Service

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## **The Intent to Enroll for 2018-2019**

If you have a sibling (or new student) who you would like to participate in the enrollment lottery for the 2018-2019 school year, the Intent to Enroll form is now live on our [website](#). Each applicant must currently reside within the Atlanta Public Schools district and submit an Intent to Enroll form via SchoolMint by February 28 in order to participate in the March 13, 2018 enrollment lottery. Please note that wait lists do not carry over from year to year, so all prospective students/siblings must apply anew. Spread the word to interested families in your communities that applications for the lottery will be accepted from January 3 - February 28 at 11pm ET. Questions? Email [Mrs. Carlson](#).

Existing Atlanta Classical students do not participate in the Intent to Enroll process and do not need to take any action at this time. The Intent to Return process for current students will take place mid-April after Spring Break.

### **Board Meetings**

Board meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Library at Atlanta Classical Academy. These meetings are open to the public and parents are encouraged to attend. Community comments are limited to 2 minutes and we request they be submitted in writing. Board meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the [school's website](#).

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## **SchoolMint Account**

Keeping your SchoolMint contact information

current and complete:

Please keep in mind that the parent/guardian contact information (phone, email) in SchoolMint is the information that faculty and staff use to contact parents. SchoolMint is also the source for Livewire emergency notifications (school closures, weather updates, drill updates, etc.). As always, the parent/guardian contact information in SchoolMint is used to send field trip, club, athletic, and enrollment form notices as well as payment confirmation emails.

1. To edit your Parent/Guardian contact information please follow the steps below:

- Log in to [SchoolMint](#)
- Click the Family Profile tab in the blue bar at the top of the page
- Use the pencil icon to edit contact information for each parent/guardian

2. To update your preferred method of communication from SchoolMint (emails, texts, or both)

- Click the Account Settings tab in the blue bar at the top of the page
- Scroll down to Contact Preference
- Click the green Edit Information button next to each parent/guardian to customize how each would like to receive notices from SchoolMint

3. For optimal system performance and the most intuitive user experience, we recommend that parents access SchoolMint using a web browser such as Chrome, rather than the mobile app.

4. For assistance with technical issues (username, password, etc.), contact [Mrs. Carlson](#) or [SchoolMint](#).



### CHEF ADVANTAGE

To order school lunches, [click here](#) (school password for registration acalunch9).

**Remember, you must submit your order four days in advance.**



Registration is open for Kiddos After School Program. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### School Partners

Remember to use your Partner Cards to raise money for Atlanta Classical Academy!



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## ACA PSA

Parking on Argonne near Moores Mill:

Did you know that Georgia Code 40-6-203 prohibits

parking within 30 feet of a stop sign? You know why if you've ever tried to turn onto a busy street when a car was parked right at the corner, preventing you from observing oncoming traffic. Please help keep yourself and our neighbors safe, and leave plenty of space when parking on Argonne close to Moores Mill. Our neighbors appreciate it!



\*Make sure you specify **Atlanta Classical Academy** as the charity.

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## Save the Date!



We need your help. If you are interested in helping with the Parent Social please contact [Shanna Bradley](#).



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## College Advising

# College Newsletter

News and tips for high school students and parents

## Advisor's Note

It is hard to believe that the first semester of Junior year for our inaugural graduating class of 2019 is over, but here we are. As we stand at the cusp of 2018, I am excited about the coming year and bolstered by the achievements of the past few months. Since August, over 50 colleges and universities from across the country have visited Atlanta Classical Academy, proving that the word is out about our school. In addition, our PSAT/NMSQT scores, which beat out local, state and national mean scores, publicly emphasized something we already knew: Atlanta Classical Academy is doing a stellar job of preparing students for college.

The next few months, as you will see in the Class of 2019 Graduation Calendar (January-August), included below, brims with targeted events and opportunities to prepare our students for the approaching application season in the fall of 2019. I will host the first College Workshop, a series of once-a-month afternoon seminars with the Juniors to help prepare them for application season. We will register for the Common/Coalition Applications, develop the college list, and, perhaps more importantly, draft the Personal Statement (college essay). In addition, we will welcome college reps for our Mock Admissions Panel to learn more about the admissions process. Students will also have the chance to practice and hone their interview skills in our Mock Interview Night. Keep an eye on the Chronicle for more details as we near these events.

Parents, I will begin meeting with you this semester, as well, to discuss your child's college application plans. Please visit my Calendly page to sign up for a meeting: <https://calendly.com/dollackercollegemeeting>

I look forward to the next steps!

Kind Regards, Mrs. Dollacker



As you finalize your college list, plan to apply to 7-9 schools.

Our school CEEB code is 110304.

Direct any and all college-related queries to Mrs. Dollacker.

This semester is full of important events and deadlines for Juniors. Check out the Class of 2019 Graduation Calendar: January - August 2018 in the recent edition of the College Newsletter (link to newsletter) here. (Copies of this calendar will also be available in a folder on the college advising bulletin board in the high school building.)

Junior parents, please sign up to discuss your student's college plans with me. I would like to meet with you by the end of the semester. Sign up [here](#).

Juniors, mark your calendars for the first College Workshop on Monday, January 22 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in H106. All juniors are required to attend.

## Homecoming Dance!

The Cavaliers will celebrate their basketball teams with a Homecoming theme dance in the Cavalier Stable. The Middle School will kick off a week of school spirit at their dance on Friday, January 19 from 7pm - 9pm in the school gym. After a week of celebrating Cavalier spirit, the High School will hold their dance on the following Friday, January 26 from 8pm - 10pm. Please look for more information, including ticket sales, coming soon!

# Lunch Bunch Volunteers

The Lunch Bunch is currently in need of volunteers to assist in the cafeteria. If you can spare a few hours we would greatly appreciate your time. Please click [this link](#) to sign up if you can help.

Thanks so much, and Happy New Year!!  
- The Lunch Bunch Team

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## A Message from the Nurse:

DRESS WARMLY! As the cold weather sets in, please be sure to dress your children in warm coats and hats. Atlanta Classical students go outside everyday, and we want to ensure that each student keeps warm. Be sure to label the inside of your student's belongings in the event that something goes missing.

Best,

Nurse Holland

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## 2017-2018 Yearbook

The 2017-2018 yearbook is on sale. Please click [here](#) to order your copy today for just \$35.

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## ACA Fine Arts

[2017-2018 Fine Arts Brochure](#)



# FINE ARTS

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## Important Dates

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We are ready for another great semester in the Fine Arts program. Below are some important dates for your calendar.

January 25: Fine Arts Lecture Series  
@ Atlanta Classical Academy, 7pm

February 8: Fahrenheit 451 U/S Drama Society  
@ Wieuca Road Church, 7pm

February 10: A Bagful of Fables  
@ Wieuca Road Church, 4pm

February 23: Coffee House  
@ Garden Hills Rec Center, 7pm

## Junior Cavalier Choir

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Last semester was the beginning of our 4th, 5th and 6th grade choir and we are ready to start up again. If you have a student who would like to join us for this semester please contact [Mr. Franklin](#).

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**ACA Athletics**

# GO CAVALIERS!

To view the full athletics calendar, [click here](#).



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## Student Sport Spotlight

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Kate Sharabura spent the winter break at the U.S. Tennis Association Winter Nationals Tournament in Arizona. She and her partner won the Girls 14U Doubles championship!



They competed against 63 teams from across the country and received a USTA Gold Ball award - the top junior honor given at only five tournaments each year.

Kate is one of the top 20 14U girls in the South and trains at the Universal Tennis Academy at Blackburn. Way to go Kate!

Gabriella Smith (left) and Kate Sharabura (right) -  
2017 Winter Nationals G14 Doubles Champions

## Girls Soccer

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Registration and Interest Meeting!

All middle school and high school girls interested in trying out for girls soccer this spring will need to attend an interest meeting after school Friday, January 12 from 3:15pm to 3:45pm in Mr. Haiju's room. 6th graders will be allowed to tryout for the middle school team, but they are not guaranteed any spot. The meeting will cover tryout information and a tentative schedule for both middle school and JV teams. Please know that no one will be allowed to tryout, practice, or play any games without a current physical on file and registration completed online through the school website. Registration will be ready online by Friday, January 12th. For any girl that does not have these completed and turned in by Monday, February 5 at 3:15pm, she will be cut. For any immediate concerns, please email [Coach Dunlap](#).

## Girls Basketball

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**Atlanta Classical Academy Girls Basketball  
SHERO Leadership Workshop**



As the girls' basketball season continues into the new year, we have learned the importance of leadership, commitment, positivity, and goal-setting. Most recently, Monique Lewis, a former basketball player who helped to create an organization called "Shero Plan", came to speak to us about the significance of goals in bringing focus and direction to our lives. Using her acronym "F.A.C.T.O.R.", which stands for Fitness, Academics, Communication, Teamwork, Outlet, and Resilience, Ms. Lewis gave practical advice for instituting goals, and how they would impact our thoughts, words, and actions. While the plan mostly focused on sports and our success as student-athletes, which could entail something as simple as drinking more water or cutting back on junk food, it also had broader applications, such as choosing to persevere through obstacles, both on and off the court.

As one of the two 11th graders on the girls' basketball team (and the tallest), my teammates look to me — literally— to be a leader, both on and off the court. The emphasis that Coach Lewis put on student-athletes establishing goals for the future reminded me to use the discipline and skills that I have learned on the court and apply them to my actions off the court, with the help of my teammates and teachers encouraging me to achieve my goals.

On behalf of the girls' basketball team, I would like to thank Coach Monique Lewis for taking the time to speak to us.

Thank you,

Lizzie Wright and the JV Girls Basketball Team

## **Second Semester Extracurricular Clubs**

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We are excited to offer the following student-led and/or teacher-sponsored clubs for the second semester. Please visit the [Atlanta Classical Clubs page](#) of our website to review detailed information for each club.

Links to register your student for second semester clubs will be added to the [clubs page](#) of the website

at **9:30am on Wednesday, January 10**. Please note that students will be placed in clubs on a first-come, first-served basis as registrations are received in SchoolMint.

- Airplane and Rocketry Club
- Audio/Visual and Tech Club
- Debate Club
- Hiking Club
- International Club
- Key Club
- Math Olympiad Club
- Quiz Bowl Club
- SAT/PSAT Test Prep
- Sewing and Craft Club
- Yoga Club

Thank you for your patience and excitement as club leaders have prepared enriching experiences for your student(s).

## Winter Sports

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All basketball players need to make sure they have submitted updated physicals and registered under the school's [athletics page](#) on the website before they can participate this season in athletics. If you have any questions, please contact the boys and girls program manager.

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