



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. Bettencourt learns about Mr. Barfield's love of biscuits, Nelson Mandela, and his *Doppelgänger*.

[Mr. Bettencourt] I know that you love history. What was favorite time period to study?

[Mr. Barfield] When I focused on my master's thesis, I studied the African-American identity in the 20th century. If I wasn't studying that, I loved reading about the founders of our country. I really enjoy teaching the medieval ages to these kids, but we leave out the really terrible things that happened.

If you could go back in time for 24 hours, where would you go?

I'd go wherever they invented biscuits for the first time. I want be there and eat that biscuit.

What is your favorite 90's jam?

That is a good question. I would choose "Bittersweet Symphony". I spent most of the 90's listening to classic rock. I listened to a lot of Elton John.

Did You Know?

Mr. Andrew ran rim to rim to rim of the Grand Canyon over one day - 46 miles and 26,000 feet of elevation change!

February 12, 2018

THIS WEEK

**February 12 - February 18
ABABA**

2/15 - Info Session at Young Family YMCA, 9am

2/15 - Board Meeting, 6pm

2/16 - MLK Commemoration in the Gym, 8am - 9am

NEXT WEEK

February 19 - February 25

2/19 - SCHOOL IN SESSION, make-up snow day

2/21 - Student Government Formal Meeting in Rm H106, 3:30pm

That's respectable.

If you could have a movie about your life, who would you cast as yourself?

People say that I look like Ed Sheeran. He was in "Game of Thrones". He has everything necessary to play me.

This seems to be hotly contested question. Who would win in a battle- wizard or jedi?

Come on- there's Gandalf, Albus Dumbledore, and Merlin. There are so many famous wizards. There is a specific passage in Harry Potter where Dumbledore says that he doesn't need a wand to do magic. They can handle getting attacked by a huge snake while also fighting a jedi.

When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

We made a video in 5th grade that showed a picture of each student's face and a caption of their future job title underneath it. I still have it. It says comedian chef. I also wanted to be a skyscraper ninja. You can ask my mom.

On a more serious note, is there someone from history who is your hero?

Easy, my number one hero is Nelson Mandela. He spent 27 years in prison and came out a more contemplative and patient man. *Long Walk to Freedom* is an amazing, dense autobiography. I also love Truman. He's one of my favorite presidents.

What is your favorite movie?

I have two. If I need to sit and think about life, I watch "Good Will Hunting". I love Robin Williams as a serious actor. It's a movie about loss, brilliance, and overcoming your own transgressions.

I also love "Goodfellas". I watch this when I want a perfect balance of acting, directing, and screenplay execution.

What inspires you?

I'm really inspired and transfixed on virtue; the idea of virtue and of what changes it, or is it static. It makes you think of the kind of person that you want to be. Nelson Mandela. He was on the terrorist

2/21 - Info Session, 6:30pm

2/23 - Coffee House Performance at the Garden Hills Rec Center, 7pm

COMING UP

2/26 - College Workshop for Juniors

2/27 - Town Hall Meeting, 7pm,
Parking at Northside Baptist

2/28 - Deadline to Submit Intent to Enroll

3/2 - Cavalier Spirit Wear Day

3/5 - SCHOOL IN SESSION, make-up snow day

3/10 - SAT at ACA

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

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



Helping Every Student Thrive



watch list. He was one of the best civil rights leaders in history. If I could sum it up in a few words: humble intellectualism.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you recently?

Twilight of the Idols by Nietzsche started out with this. I could say that I have been eating at Zoe's Kitchen so much, they gave me the employee discount. Atlanta Classical Academy got me onto Zoe's. I had the salad during a teacher appreciation lunch. It's such a great thing to not worry about food. This school is remarkably well stocked with food.

Why Atlanta Classical Academy?

When you study history, you read about the greatest thinkers, and it gives perspective about great minds and education. My mom was a teacher for 30 years, and my dad was a principal. I was raised by teachers. All of my mom's friends were teachers. It placed the importance of education. Aristotle wrote *Nicomachean Ethics* about the importance of habituating children into the world and bringing up people that love to learn and look inside themselves. Virtue and self-government are important. When you start that at such a young age, you can inculcate these ideas into kids and realize that you can create these great minds that you have read about in the past. It represents an education system that works for every type of person on Earth. One of my favorite things to do is read. So many of my friends don't like to read. When you start at a school like this, you naturally are drawn to reading. Most of my kids finish the book before we are finished in class.

Town Hall

Important Links & Contacts

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Mission

To develop students in mind and character through a classical, 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

Board Meetings



PARENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
TOWN HALL
at
Atlanta Classical Academy
Tuesday, February 27th
7pm - 8:30pm

Atlanta Classical Academy Gymnasium
Parking will be at Northside Baptist

Join the Mission Support Team (MST) for midyear state-of-the-school updates and conversation. Topics will include the principal search, our development campaigns, midyear survey results and more, with time for Q&A. We strongly encourage everyone's participation as we strive for continuous improvement in our efforts to advance the school's mission to form intelligent, virtuous citizens.



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Advancing the Mission: A Fundraising Progress Report, New Opportunities & More

We launched two new fundraising campaigns in December. [The Cavalier Fund](#) is our first-ever annual fund designed to address mission-supporting activities like athletics, arts performances, community-building events, financial aid, teacher appreciation initiatives and more. [On](#)

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](#).



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!

[the Shoulders of Giants](#) is a multi-year capital campaign that will fund three additional upper school classrooms, a meeting space (the “3+1 project”), and a new HVAC system in our main building - a much-needed project that will serve Cavalier students for decades.

In order to give all Cavalier families and constituents the opportunity to plan their giving, we have communicated the school’s needs over a two-year time-frame. We intend to invest approximately \$200,000 per year in mission-supporting activities. That equates to approximately \$400 per student, per year. On the capital side, we must receive fully \$420,000 towards the 3+1 project by May 2018 in order to complete the project this summer. We estimate that the HVAC renovation will cost \$800,000, and our goal is to complete that project in the summer of 2019.

We are pleased to report that as of February 5, we have raised more than \$413,000 to-date across both efforts: \$85,000 in the *Cavalier Fund* and \$328,000 to the *Giants* capital campaign.

Right now, our area of greatest need is to reach our Giants campaign goal of \$420,000 by May 2018 so that we can complete the upper school classroom expansion this summer! We ask each of you to make Atlanta Classical one of your family’s top giving priorities, and to give generously to our cause in accordance with your means.

Ambassadors will be in touch soon!

To reach our campaign goals, we have mobilized a team of Campaign Ambassadors to make contact with each and every Cavalier family personally. The Ambassadors include members of the board and a team of enthusiastic campaign co-chairs: Sean & Amber Barry, Langley & Diane Respass, and Alan & Gillian Taylor. Members of this growing team will make contact in the coming weeks to give you an opportunity ask questions and to participate in our success. Our hope is that all families will participate; indeed, every gift matters!

To learn more about each campaign and to make donations online, please click [this link](#).

Honor Roll of Donors



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



We offer deep and humble thanks to those who have already pledged and donated! You are truly Giants. [Honor Roll of Donors](#) coming soon!

New opportunity: Faculty and Staff Recognition

The faculty and staff at Atlanta Classical Academy are invaluable, and we often desire ways to honor, thank, and recognize them. With much enthusiasm, we announce just such an opportunity:

You may make your gifts to the Cavalier Fund and Giants campaign in honor of your favorite Atlanta Classical Academy faculty or staff member.

For any gift from \$1 to \$5,000, you may honor one faculty or staff member. For each incremental gift of \$5,000, you may honor an additional faculty or staff member. The amount is based on your total combined gifts to the Cavalier Fund and Giants campaign. There is no maximum gift and no maximum number of employees a donor may honor.

How it works:

Shortly after we receive a donation, the development office will contact the donor to identify the donor's desired honorees. Families who have already given to these campaigns (since July 1, 2017) will have the opportunity to designate honorees retroactively; the development office will contact those who have already given in the coming weeks.

Those individuals to be honored will receive an email from [the development team](#) stating, "Congratulations! A gift to the school has been made in your honor. Thank you for all the ways you serve our Atlanta Classical students and community!" Recognition will occur when gifts (not pledges) are received.

Our objective is to give our families the opportunity to express their gratitude, and for our employees to know that they are deeply appreciated. Our intent is not to host a popularity contest or create a conflict of interest for an employee. To that end, the school will not share the donor's name with the honoree, nor will the amount be stated; the information will be held strictly confidential. Atlanta Classical will not publish any totals that compare the teachers' recognition.

So, let's get giving and get honoring!

Coming in 2018-19: Business Partnerships

Atlanta Classical is working to lay the foundation for a formal Business Partnerships program for 2018-19. The school seeks meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships with Atlanta Classical family businesses and other local businesses within our community. Could you please help us by completing this short survey? Your recommendations and community relationships will make this initiative a success for our school.

[Click Here for Survey!](#)

We value your support and your privacy. Once you submit the survey, a committee member will contact you directly about your interest and submission.

Thank you,
Atlanta Classical Business Partnerships Committee:
Courtney Kirk, Max Ellerhorst, Ryan Germany,
Vernetta Nuriddin, Dustin Renn, and Jennifer Walker

Matching gifts

Leveraging matching gifts could multiply the impact of your generosity toward Atlanta Classical! Many employers match charitable donations annually, even as much as 2:1. Bank of America, Clorox, Coca-Cola, Delta, Equifax, UBS, and Well-Fargo are just a few who regularly match donations for the benefit of our students. Learn more and see whether your employer will [match your gift](#).

Thank you for ALL the ways you support Atlanta Classical!

Respectfully and gratefully,
Atlanta Classical MST Development Committee

More details about our campaigns, ways to give, online donations and downloadable pledge forms available [here](#).

Prospective Parent

Information Session and Intent to Enroll Period

The final information session for prospective parents will take place on Wednesday, February 21 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the gym. If you know a family that is interested in learning about the rich classroom experiences, talented teachers, and character-building lessons that are a part of each day at Atlanta Classical Academy, please invite them to attend. Prospective parents may RSVP through our website.

The Intent to Enroll period is underway for all applicants (new students & siblings) to submit an application to participate in the enrollment lottery for the 2018 - 2019 school year. All families zoned to an APS school are eligible to apply. Deadline to submit the Intent to Enroll form via SchoolMint is February 28 at 11pm.

Questions? Please email [Mrs. Carlson](#).

Valentine's Day Donut Fundraiser

On Valentine's Day, February 14, student government will hold a Krispy Kreme [donut](#) fundraiser. Donuts will be sold to fifth through eleventh graders during carpool from 7:15am - 7:55am.

Individual donuts will be sold for \$1; a dozen donuts for \$10.

See the flyer [here](#), or look for more information on Facebook, Instagram, and throughout school next week.

Thank you,
The Atlanta Classical Student Government

Monthly Cavalier Spirit Days!



College Preparation Workshop "Mini Camp College"

Hosted by SACAC (the Southern Association for
College Admission Counseling)

Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:30am – 12:45pm

Georgia State University Centennial Hall
100 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Complimentary parking will be available in the W-
Parking Lot located at 51 Courtland Street NE.
GSU Centennial Hall is also close to the Georgia
State and Peachtree Center MARTA stations.

[GSU Map](#)

Open to the public and recommended for 9th-11th
grade students and families.

Workshops will include advice on preparing for
college, hosted by university representatives from
several selective institutions.

Please click here [ATLANTA MINI CAMP](#) to register
by March 16!

Parent Social March 23, 2018



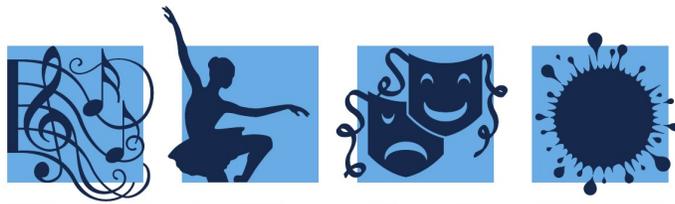
We need your help. If you are interested in helping with the Parent Social please contact [Shanna Bradley](#).

2017-2018 Yearbook

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

ACA Fine Arts

[2017-2018 Fine Arts Brochure](#)



FINE ARTS

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Fine Arts Coffee House Performance

Please join us Friday, February 23 at 7pm for the winter Coffee House at the Garden Hills Recreation Center at 335 Pinetree Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. Talented Upper School students will sing and play in a casual atmosphere.

Bring a little cash to buy Krispy Kreme donuts with all profits going to the Atlanta Classical Academy Student Government. Please note that the Garden Hills Rec Center is in the heart of the residential neighborhood of Garden Hills. Please take care to park legally and not block driveways.

We look forward to seeing you!

Applied Painting Class

Our applied painting class will begin Wednesday, February 28. The cost of the class is \$85 and will meet for 10 sessions from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. The class is available to upper school students. If you are interested please see [this link](#). If you have any questions, email [Mr. Franklin](#).

ACA Athletics
GO CAVALIERS!

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



Middle School Golf

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join the middle school golf team this spring. Coached by Mr. Andrew, the team will practice Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:10pm - 5pm, from February 8 to April 19.

All students need their physicals updated and turned in to the athletic department and registered before they can participate. Fees are \$350 to cover instructor lessons, tournament fees, green fees, and team polos. Practices will be at North Fulton Golf Course. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Andrew.

Kilometer Kids

Kilometer Kids for students grades 3rd - 6th will begin Tuesday, February 20. Students need to be registered [online](#) and have a physical on file with the athletic department. Kilometer Kids will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4pm, from February 20 to May 3. Students will run only on campus. High Schoolers Pierce and Clara Mastrion will coach the students with Coach Dunlap

overseeing the program. If you have questions, please contact Coach Dunlap.

Winter Sports

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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