



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.

[Dr. Negus](#), a boy from Nottingham Forest, discusses his love of football (the American kind), PhD dissertations, and "y'all" with fellow scholar [Dr. Roth](#).

[Dr. Roth] Hello, Dr. Negus. Shall we commence? If I remember correctly, you are from Nottingham.

[Dr. Negus] That is correct.

I have always wondered if there is a cottage tourist industry revolving around Robin Hood? It is a bit of a flop as a tourist site now because the forest is almost completely eliminated. The castle was knocked over and burnt down during the Parliament riots in 1832. The castle that stands there is not the one which stood there when Robin Hood was alive. There is a massive 900-year-old oak tree which at Robin Hood's time would have been a mere sapling. So, if you visit Nottingham, you can see a tree which may or may not have been a sapling at the time when Robin Hood may or may not have lived.

Did You Know?

[Mrs. Vestal](#) and her husband had their first date at Red Square in Moscow.

March 12, 2018

THIS WEEK

**March 12 - March 18
ABABA**

3/12 - Uniform Store Open, 8am

3/13 - Informal Student Council Meeting in the Library, 7am

3/13 - ACA Lottery, 9am

3/13 - Girls MS Soccer @ Epstein, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

3/13 - 3/14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/14 - Girls JV Soccer @ St Francis, 5pm - 6pm

3/14 - Boys JV Soccer @ St Francis, 7pm - 8pm

3/14 - Last Day to purchase Parent

It's good to have a foundation somewhere. What book are you currently reading for pleasure?

Like most people, of my disposition and personal problems, I am currently reading multiple books and occasionally derive pleasure from some of them. I am reading a book by Ross Douthat called *Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics*. It concerns the decline of mainline orthodoxy, specifically mainline Christianity since the Second World War. I am also reading a biography of Stephen Douglas for work, as we are talking about this in U.S. History. It's for work, but I also derive pleasure from it. Does that count? One should derive pleasure from work.

What was the subject of your dissertation?

Never a question one really wants to be asked.

I remember a professor of mine once said, "After you're done, rarely do you want to quote Horace and say, 'I have built a monument, more lasting than bronze, higher than the Pyramids' regal structure."

The longer you are working on the dissertation, the shorter your answer to that question.

My work was on the foreign policy of George Washington's Administration. My dissertation advisor told me to pick a topic you love at the start because you will hate it by the end. If you pick a topic you hate, you will never finish it.

We will have to see whether it is the same process with the seniors and their senior thesis. We hope for initial enthusiasm at least. I understand you are a fan of perambulation. Do you have any recommendations for hikes?

Yosemite National Park and the Canadian Rockies are the most stunning places on the North American continent where I've walked. The most beautiful place in the world where I've gone on walks is the Alps. I should probably say for Mr. Lambert's sake that the Swiss Alps are more beautiful than the Austrian, but I have only seen the Austrian Alps. I may have a rosy lens from childhood.

I grew up walking in the old villages in my own native Derbyshire, around Chatsworth and the Peak District, which is the setting for *Pride and Prejudice*.

Social Tickets

- 3/15 - Girls JV Soccer @ Weber, 4pm - 5pm**
- 3/15 - Boys JV Soccer @ Weber, 5:30pm - 6:30pm**
- 3/15 - Board Meeting, 6pm**
- 3/16 - Principal's Coffee, 8:30am**
- 3/16 - Girls MS Soccer @ AIS, 5pm - 6pm**

NEXT WEEK

March 19 - March 25

BABAB

- 3/19 - Girls JV Soccer vs AIS @ ACA, 4:30pm - 5:30pm**
- 3/19 - Boys JV Soccer vs AIS @ ACA, 6pm - 7pm**
- 3/20 - Mock Interview Night in the Library (high school only), 5:30pm - 7:30pm**
- 3/21 - Formal Student Government Meeting in Rm H106, 3:30pm - 4:30pm**
- 3/21 - First Look (8th Grade), 6:30pm - 7:30pm**
- 3/22 - Girls MS Soccer @ Ridgeview, 4:30pm - 5:30pm**
- 3/22 - Mock Admission Panel (juniors only), 6pm - 8pm**
- 3/23 - Kindergarten Tours, 7:45am - 9am**
- 3/23 - Parent Social, 7:30pm**
- 3/24 - SACAC Mini-College Event - GSU**
- 3/25 - NACAC College Fair - Georgia World Congress Center**

COMING UP

- 3/26 - College Workshop (Juniors only) - H106**
- 4/2 - 4/6 - Spring Break**
- 4/9 - Uniform Store Open, 8am**
- 4/10 - Spring Class Photos**
- 4/13 - Intent to Enroll Process (current students)**
- 4/13 - Cavalier Spirit Wear Day**
- 4/26 - Principal's Coffee, 7pm**
- 4/27 - Spring Supper on South Lawn**

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

While the geographic landscape is not as stunning as the Alps, the human topography is beautiful: slate stiles, rolling sheep hills, stacked stone walls, and you can't walk very far without running into a pub.

Does your interest in American football predate your arrival in this country?

Only slightly. I had an American roommate in undergrad, and we used to watch the NFL together.

He was the Virgil who introduced you to the Paradise or Inferno of American Football.

That depends whether Texas Christian University has won or lost. I fell in love with college football shortly after my arrival. I was visiting my friend in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who had spent a year as an exchange student in my hometown. We watched the 2003 Oklahoma-Alabama game, during which incidentally my future brother-in-law was present on Oklahoma's marching band. I hadn't met my wife yet. It was a great game, and I fell in love with college football.

Which stirs your heart more? "God Save the Queen" or "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

I think there is only one way I can contractually answer that, but my heart stirs more at the sons of my hometown chanting "Since I was Young" while I watch my beloved hometown soccer team, Derby County.

I have fond attachment to both songs; it is possible to love two countries at once, which I do. I am going to stop there.

What uniquely British expressions unknown among Americans do you miss the most?

I guess there is a degree of idiosyncratic charm when English people apologize for everything outside of their control. Bump into them on purpose, and they will apologize to you. That can get annoying, but it is also charming. We say "cheers" for "thank you" all the time. Whenever you go into an English person's house, you will be offered a cup of tea, a "cuppa." It's very warm and welcoming. I suppose I miss that.

Any American expressions that left you baffled?
I don't know about baffled, but I have picked up

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



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many of them. I have lots of beloved American idioms, but the one I cite most often is, “When all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.” That is an insightful piece of folk wisdom. The greatest contribution to English is the second person plural. Y’all did a great favor there.

I don’t know what happened to “ye” but it went out of vogue. How did you first get interested in American history?

When I was about 15, I saw *Gone with the Wind*, and for some silly reason, I was besotted with this image of Scarlett O’Hara. As a grown man, I realize she has serious problems. Shortly thereafter I watched Ken Burns’s *The Civil War* and found it absolutely fascinating.

When I went to university, an American Civil War course was offered in the first semester. I chose it because I had been captivated by Ken Burns’s film, the intensity of feeling, the depth of the historical and theoretical and constitutional problems being grappled with, and the personal tragedy; it was a fascinating conflict at the heart of a tumultuous century for a people who were simultaneously like and unlike my people. Americans are both familiar and unfamiliar to the English. Americans are very similar but just different enough; they are more optimistic, brash, and forthright, which is refreshing for an Englishmen. And the sun shines here in America, too.

Are there any ways you think British people are preferable to Americans?

I always tell my students that people’s strengths and weaknesses always flow from the same source. British people are good, to the point of martyrdom, at making the best of a bad job. We will put up with something endlessly. The stereotype of an American to a waiter is: “This isn’t what I ordered. Take it back! I am never coming here again!”; whereas a Brit would say, “Waiter, I am completely allergic to this soup. Oh, but it’s fine. My larynx is going to close, but this is delicious! When you have a minute, no hurry at all, would you please call an ambulance?”

[Lights turn out in the room because there is no movement. Dr. Roth gets up to turn on the lights]

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

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](#).

See, an Englishman would just sit here in the darkness.

Why Atlanta Classical Academy?

I had the privilege of teaching for a few years on a temporary contract at a very excellent liberal arts college at which serious reading is both assigned and read, and fruitful discussion follows thereafter. I then taught for a short time at a liberal arts college at which serious reading was neither assigned nor done. The latter experience felt profoundly pointless. I think inside every educator, there is an idealist. You don't go into education for glory, fame, or money. You do it because you love a subject, and your soul is enriched by helping others understand and love that thing also. I would rather do that at any age level than do something at the college level just for the sake of saying I teach in a college. So, I left where I was and came here, and that has proved to be a good decision.



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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Atlanta Classical Academy will host parent-teacher conferences Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 3:30pm - 6:30pm and Wednesday, March 14 from 5pm - 8pm. The purpose of parent-teacher conferences is for parents to pick up students' report cards, and to confer with members of the faculty.

Parents of K-6 Grade Students

Parents will pick up report cards from homeroom teachers. Homeroom teachers will directly contact parents in advance to schedule 10 minute conferences.

Parents of 7-10 Grade Students

Parents will pick up report cards upon check-in at the main entrance and will be able to conference for approximately 5 minutes with the teachers during the open hours listed above.

Specials Classes (Latin/Spanish/PE/Art/Music)

Parents will have the opportunity to speak with

School Partners

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



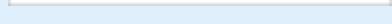
specials teachers on both days at their convenience.

Tuesday - Miss Adams, Mr. Henriques and Mr. Franklin

Wednesday - Miss Womack, Mr. Henriques and Mr. Franklin

Parking is available in the school parking lots.

Overflow parking will be available at Northside Drive Baptist Church; a shuttle service will be provided.


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

Cavalier Coffee

*Friday, March 16, 2018
8:30am - 9:30am*

Join Principal Lambert and select Faculty Chairs for a discussion about Classical Education - what it is in theory and practice, how we bring it to life at Atlanta Classical, and how to explain it to your neighbor or your 5th grader.



Parent Social

March 23, 2018



Please join us for our first annual Atlanta Classical Academy parent social, A Southern Classic. Tickets include food, drinks, music, and fun! We will also have a silent auction and raffle with fabulous items and experiences. Please consider a contribution to

or sponsor a faculty member / teacher ticket. We hope to see you March 23! To purchase tickets, click [here](#). **The last day to purchase tickets is next Wednesday, March 14.**

lyft For easy transportation to the event, receive a 20% discount with Lyft by using the code ACAFUND in the “Promos” section of the app, or use this [link](#) to have the code sent directly to your phone.

We need your help! Please [sign up](#) to make this event special!

Development Update: We Need You!



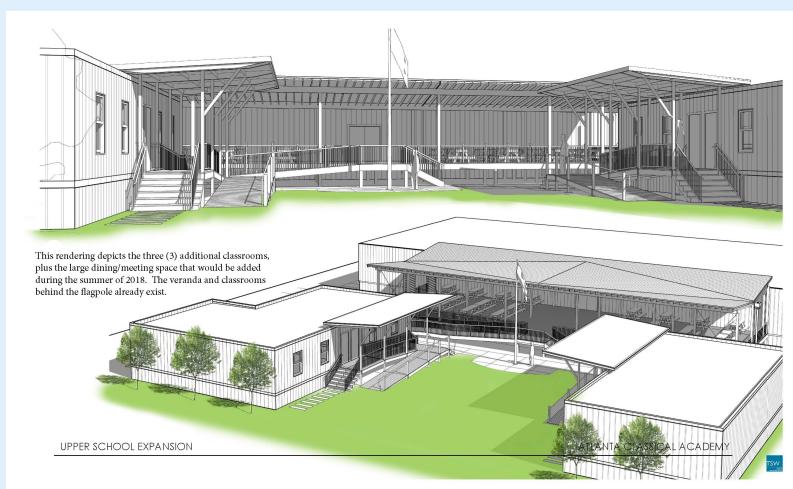
Campaign Updates:

We are 12 weeks into our campaigns and we need many more Cavaliers to support our mission with your time and gifts to achieve our goals!

Watch the video from our February 27 Town Hall: Giants [Capital Campaign Ambassador](#) and Sean Barry (Atlanta Classical parent) explain our school's business model and efforts to advance our mission through capital, co-curricular and extra-curricular

funding:

- [Watch the full video here](#) (password: CAVS)
- [On the Shoulders of Giants](#) capital campaign will fund our Upper School expansion and HVAC overhaul. Our goal is to raise \$1.22M over two years by May 2019, and we are at 40% of our goal with \$491k in pledges and gifts from 98 donors.
- [The Cavalier Fund](#) is our new annual fund to raise dollars for co-curricular and extra-curricular mission-supporting programming that can't be paid for with public dollars. Our 2017-18 goal is \$216k and we're almost half-way there with pledges and gifts of \$99,462 from 97 donors.
- 50% of our Faculty have donated or given already!
- As a community we must choose to [support our mission through giving](#). We have a goal of 100% participation for families, faculty/staff and board in both campaigns.



Join the Ambassador Team:

Want to help our Ambassador Team spread the news about Atlanta Classical's fundraising needs and how donors can support our two campaigns? [Contact an Ambassador today](#) or reach out to [Frost Osborne](#), Atlanta Classical Development and Communications Coordinator.

Faculty and Staff Recognition:

Donors may make gifts to the *Cavalier* and *Giants* campaigns in honor of a cherished 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 one 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. [Learn more.](#)

Honor Roll of Donors:

We extend deep and humble thanks to those Cavaliers and friends of Atlanta Classical who have already pledged and donated! You are truly Giants.

[Honor Roll of Donors](#)

College Advising Events

Interview Night

Tuesday, March 20, 6pm - 7:30pm

Learn tips to improve your interviewing skills and then practice them in mock interview sessions with faculty, staff, and administration.

Dress up and bring your resume.
Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP required. Please email [Mrs. Dollacker](#) to RSVP by March 14. Students will get interview time and classroom location once RSVP is received.
High school students and parents only.

Mock Admissions Night

Thursday, March 22, 6pm - 7:30pm

Admissions representatives from the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, and George Washington University will review real student applications from last year's applicant pool to provide insights on how applications are assessed.

Find out what colleges are looking for from the people who know best - college admissions personnel.

Light refreshments will be served.
High school students and parents only.

Other Important Dates

March 24 - SACAC Mini-College Event - GSU

March 25 - NACAC College Fair - Georgia World Congress Center

March 26 - College Workshop (Juniors only) in Rm. H106

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

Uniform Events

Uniform Store

Monday, March 12, 8am - 9:30am

Our uniform store will be open to all parents on

Monday, March 12 from 8am - 9:30am. Stop by to check out our selection of gently used uniforms, along with a few new items.

The store will accept checks and cash. Next uniform store date will be April 9. If you have any used items you would like to donate, please drop off gently used laundered items at the front office.

2018-2019 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.

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: A Big Success!

The coffee house was another great success. Our students entertained an energetic, supportive, and sometimes raucous crowd. Thank you to all of you who performed, and to the AV club for their work. Enjoy the pictures and we hope to see you next time!



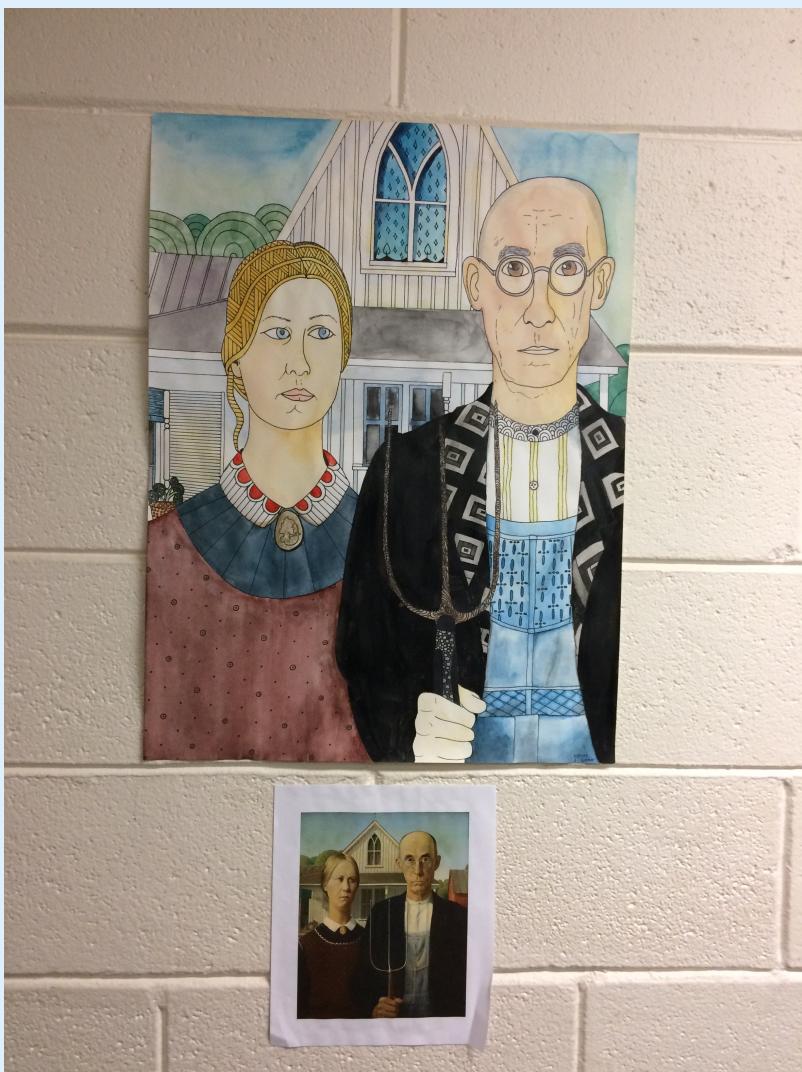


Fine Arts Planning Meeting

On March 14 at 8am the Fine Arts program is hosting a planning meeting for next year. If you are interested in volunteering as an assistant for one of our programs, volunteering on the fine arts team, or you have suggestions for next year, we hope you will join us. The meeting will be held in Mr. Franklin's room. We hope to see you there.

Check out some of the great work completed by our art studio elective led by Miss Womack.





ACA Athletics

GO CAVALIERS!

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



Calling All Cheerleaders

Grades 8th - 12th (Rising)

Tryouts: April 16 - 20

We are gearing up to start our new season of competitive cheer for our 2018 - 2019 school year. There are great things on deck for our team next year, JV and Varsity just to name a few.

**Calling all Cheerleaders
Grades 8th – 12th (Rising)**

Cheer Tryouts

April 16th - April 19th

Time: 3:10pm - 5:30pm

Location: Gym

Judging and Presentation April 20th

Time: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Letter of Intent emailed April 22nd

Commitment Date: April 25th, 2018 @ 3:30pm (location TBD)

Uniform Try-on April 27th, 2018 @ 3:15pm

Summer Camp: May 29th – June 1st

Location: Auburn University



Just look around campus for the Awesome cheer flyers!

Please see Coach Holland to sign up and get any additional information needed.

Keep Calm and Cheer On!

Spring Sports

All soccer 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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