



## Conversations with Cavaliers

Welcome to Conversations with Cavaliers. In this series, we get to know more about our faculty and staff Cavaliers.

[Mrs. Teeple](#) (Kindergarten) converses with [Mrs. Cousar](#) (K-2 faculty chair and elementary science teacher) about teaching preschool and high school, their alma mater Auburn, and the Sea Scouts.

**[Mrs. Cousar] What do you love most about being a Kindergarten teacher?**

[Mrs. Teeple] The successes and the hugs. The small wins, and the big ones. Right now, I keep looking at all the papers from the first week of school and comparing where they were then to now. I burst into tears every time to see how far we've come.

**What careers did you have prior to teaching at Atlanta Classical Academy?**

After college, I taught high school science and physics, and I worked at a university as their student services manager. I worked in the hotel industry for eleven years doing catering, conference services, weddings, galas, auctions, group sales, and sports teams. That was one of my favorites,

## Did You Know?

[Mrs. Phillips](#) and her husband lived in Otitori Bay, New Zealand for a year and learned while surfing that "white pointers" are the Kiwi term for Great White sharks.

**May 15, 2018**

## THIS WEEK

**May 14 - May 20  
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**5/14** - Uniform Store, 8am

**5/15** - Upper School Awards

Ceremony, 7pm, **parking at Northside Baptist**

**5/16** - Student Government Formal Meeting, Rm H106, 3:30pm

**5/17** - Board Meeting, 6pm

**5/18** - Field Day, 1pm Dismissal

## NEXT WEEK

**May 21 - May 27**

working with all the professional hockey, baseball, football, and basketball teams that came to Atlanta.

### **What prepared you to teach Kindergarten?**

I think every experience that I have had has done so. Working with professionals in the sales department taught me that a lot of times grownups don't learn the lessons they should learn in Kindergarten. I taught preschool at First Presbyterian, and that taught me a lot about the way the brain grows from birth up through the early childhood years. That was amazing how much I have been able to bring here to Kindergarten.

### **Do you have any funny stories to share from when you taught high school?**

When I taught high school, I was the cheerleading sponsor and one of the Key Club sponsors. I went with the cheer team to a summer camp in Louisville, GA. We were at Georgia Southern, about an hour away from the high school, half of the cheerleaders, juniors and seniors, were homesick. I couldn't get over the fact that they were from a rural town in Georgia and had never been very far from home before. I remember calling my mom that night in tears because I couldn't figure out how to tell these sixteen-and-seventeen-year-olds that it was okay; their moms and dads would see them tomorrow.

With Key Club, they came to a conference in Atlanta, and I remember having to put tape on all of the doors to make sure no one walked out of their rooms and then having to guard them. Here I was, a twenty-three-year-old, guarding the rooms.

### **We both love Auburn! What do you enjoy doing with your kids when you go to Auburn?**

I took my kids for the very first time last month to Auburn. They had never been before and we spontaneously decided to go to an Auburn softball game on a Friday after school. We jumped in the car decked out all in Auburn gear, and they loved it. I can't wait for them to see it in daylight. I grew up in Maryland and had never visited Auburn before I decided to go there for college. A computer picked it for me. I had no ties to it, but it was one of the best

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5/25 - Last Day of School, 1pm  
Dismissal (NO KIDDOS)

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### **COMING UP**

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**Have a good summer!**

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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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**Important Links & Contacts**

schools for aerospace engineering.

## Did you get a degree in aerospace engineering?

I started but switched my junior year to general science secondary education with an emphasis on physics. I kept getting steered back to teaching. I was struggling with one of my classes and everyone said there was a physics professor that you've got to meet; that he really knows how to help. I walked into his office and walked out with a job as a physics TA and a lab teacher. That was probably the best gift anyone had given me. It put me back into the realm of teaching.

## You mentioned you are from Maryland. Which part?

Bowie, which is about fifteen miles from Annapolis and about twenty miles from D.C.

## What is your favorite thing about Maryland?

The crabs and sailing.

You have a lot of experience sailing. Tell us about that.

I was in the Sea Scouts, which is a co-ed division of the Boy Scouts. We did regattas all around and it was a great social outlet, with both boys and girls. We did a lot of activities. Boys' Life came down and interviewed us. I've been in Boys' Life twice in my life, once on the cover and then, later in life, I was a national leader for Sea Scouts and taught a leadership course through sailing. We would take six kids from all around the world, and we would spend nine days on the sailboat. They had to problem solve and navigate through Chesapeake Bay, which is very difficult because you could definitely run aground if you don't go through at exactly the right time and know exactly where to move the boat through.

## Why Atlanta Classical Academy?

I met Mrs. Adams [Kindergarten teacher] when we were looking into what we were going to do for my daughter Amelia [third grader in Ms. Holscher's class] before she was even in pre-K. [Mrs. Teeple

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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

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

also has a first grader, Reed, in Mrs. Shelton's class.] Mrs. Adams told me about the classical homeschool program that she had implemented with her girls, and that impressed me so much. When I saw a sign over at Chastain Park for Atlanta Classical Academy, I started researching, and it was everything that I wanted my kids to learn. And now I teach here.

## Upper School Awards Ceremony

Atlanta Classical Academy will host its inaugural formal Annual Upper School Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, at 7pm. In addition to recognizing this year's National Latin Exam Maxima and Summa Cum Laude winners and our first cohort of National Honor Society inductees, we will present individual awards for high academic achievement in literature, history, foreign language, mathematics, and science. We will also present the scholar athlete, fine arts scholar, perseverance, and leadership awards.

We encourage all our upper school parents and students (grades 7-11) to attend this special ceremony as we recognize students who have shown excellence in scholarship and character.

## Formation of a Student Honor Council

We are pleased to announce the creation of an Atlanta Classical Student Honor Council in the coming 2018-2019 school year! After the implementation of the official ACA Honor Code this past year it became apparent that such a council is the logical next step in our endeavor to foster self-government in our student body.

Students have been nominated to serve on the council based on the examples of integrity, humility,

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!



and leadership they have set for their peers and the wider school community. For service on the inaugural council, teachers have nominated more than sixty-five students from each of the Upper School grades (rising 7-12th graders). The council will be made up of twelve students, a young man and a young lady from each grade.

Although the particular duties of the council are yet to be fully enumerated, the purpose of such student-leadership is to create opportunities for students to more fully participate in the accountability mechanisms of self-government. The hope for this council is that our young men and women will grow their character through the exercise of holding one another accountable to the oath they sign: to never lie, cheat, or steal.

We look forward to taking this next step in the growth and maturation of our school and we will release further details as this new institution becomes fully formulated.

## A Note About Field Day and the Last Day of School

*Friday, May 18*



ACA will be hosting a students only Field Day on Friday, May 18. All activities will take place on campus and students will be dismissed early at 1pm.

Please carefully read through important details below:

1. May 18 will be a regular school day. All students



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



will be expected to be on campus by 7:45am for grades 7 - 11 and 8am for grades K - 6.

2. Lunch reservations are closed. If you did not purchase a lunch for your student, please pack a sack lunch. We will NOT be selling lunch on Field Day.
3. Dismissal for all students is at 1pm. Kiddos will be available after school.
4. All students, faculty and staff will wear the All-School Field Day T-Shirt. T-shirts will be sent home by May 17 at the latest. Appropriate athletic shorts and tennis shoes are acceptable to wear with the All School Field Day T-Shirt.
5. Please remember to provide students that have sensitivity to the sun and/or over-heating with a hat or sun visor.
6. Parents should apply sunscreen and bug spray PRIOR to the students' arrival at school.

We look forward to a fun day full of Cavalier-spirited competition and a celebration of another fantastic year at Atlanta Classical Academy!

Unlike previous years, we will NOT be having an all-school picnic on May 25. The last day of school will be a regular instruction day. We have allotted time for students to clean out their desks and sign yearbooks. Any unexcused absences will be recorded as such. All students will be dismissed early at 1pm on May 25. There will be NO kiddos on this day.

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## **The First Cavalier Fund: Let's Finish Strong!**

The Cavalier Fund 2017-2018 is Atlanta Classical Academy's first-ever annual fund, and our goal is to raise \$216,000 with 100% participation by the last day of school (May 25). We are excited to begin this new fund to support our students inside and outside of the classroom, and we need your help. Let's

achieve our goals and demonstrate the strength of our community and our collective dedication to the Atlanta Classical mission. *That gives us two weeks (10 school days) to finish strong!*

To date, we have gifts and pledges of \$141,720.63, with 36% overall participation, including 60% faculty and staff participation. [Thank you to our families, faculty and staff who have already donated so generously!](#) Help us encourage the rest of our fellow Cavaliers to join us in the campaign. *We can do this!*

Help us reach 100% participation by making your pledge or gift for pledges TODAY, but no later than Friday, May 25, 2018, with all Cavalier Fund pledges paid in full by the close of our fiscal year, June 30, 2018. [Donate online by credit card or by cash or check to the school.](#) Download your pledge forms here:

[Cavalier Fund 2017-18 pledge form](#)

[Giants Capital Campaign pledge form.](#)

All Cavalier Fund donors receive this awesome new weatherproof Cavalier Fund 2017-18 sticker for cars, coolers, laptops, water bottles or wherever you want to telegraph your Cavalier Fund support!



### What's Funded?

The Cavalier Fund provides unrestricted resources to help every student thrive, including support for athletics, fine arts, technology, development and

communications, orientation, community events, financial aid, and more. This annual fund will run concurrent with our school year annually, so the Cavalier Fund 2018-19 will kick off with the start of the school year in August.

### On the Shoulders of Giants Capital Campaign

Separate but parallel to our annual fund, On the Shoulders of Giants is a long-term capital campaign to prepare our school for an enduring K-12 campus. Phase One runs through May, 2018 and seeks to raise \$420,000 to fund the upper school expansion to 12th grade this summer. Phase Two runs through May, 2019, seeking \$800,000 to fund much-needed HVAC infrastructure renovations in our existing north and south buildings. Both endeavors will help create a proper learning environment for our students to reach their potential and develop into intelligent, virtuous citizens.

We seek two-year pledges to reach our combined \$1,220,000 Giants goal for Phases One and Two by May, 2019. *To-date we have received \$779,085.40 in pledges and gifts, with \$421,743.54 paid as of May 09. It is pivotal that our donors who have pledged toward Phase One pay their pledges by May 30, so that we may begin construction on the upper school expansion in June.*

Faculty/Staff Recognition 2017-18 Deadline:  
May 20

**Make your gifts by May 20** to be eligible for our new Faculty/Staff Recognition program, which allows you to honor a faculty or staff member anonymously with your 2017-18 gift. [Learn more](#) about this wonderful way to express your gratitude to the faculty and staff who make our school so special.

### Why We Fundraise

Atlanta Classical Academy is an open-enrollment, tuition-free, public charter school open to all students residing in the Atlanta Public Schools

(APS) district, operating under a three-way charter agreement with APS and Georgia's Department of Education. Through this charter agreement, APS provides per-pupil revenue (PPR) to Atlanta Classical at an amount equivalent to approximately 65 percent of the total funding the district spends per student at a traditional public school. We operate "bell-to-bell" on this per-pupil public revenue. Like many of our peer schools, Atlanta Classical seeks to raise additional outside capital from our school families, community friends, corporations, and foundations to support supplementary programming (Cavalier Fund) and facilities needs (capital campaigns) that cannot be funded with public revenue.

Please contact [Frost Osborne](#) in the development office with any questions or call 404.369.3500.

*Thank you for supporting our beloved school!*

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## College Advising

Juniors, please submit the 2nd draft of your personal statement to Mrs. Dollacker via Google doc by end of day Tuesday, May 15.

High School students and parents, please take the opportunity to participate in the Colleges that Change Lives Fair on May 22. This is a perfect "first" fair and a great place to learn about schools that are similar to Atlanta Classical Academy. Learn more [here](#).

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## Final Exams Schedule

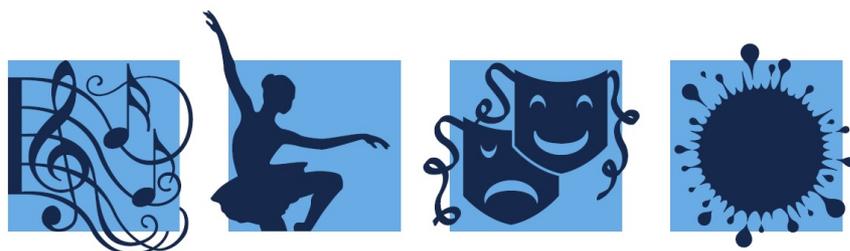
Finals for upper school students in grades 7 - 11 will be held from May 21 through May 25. Refrain from scheduling any medical and/or other appointments during the time your student is slated to take a final exam. A detailed schedule can be found [here](#).

# 2017-2018 Yearbook

The 2017-2018 yearbook is on sale. Please click [here](#) to order your copy today for just \$40. Yearbooks will be distributed on the last day of school.

## ACA Fine Arts

[2017-2018 Fine Arts Brochure](#)



# FINE ARTS

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## Fine Arts Update

The Fine Arts Department is excited to announce the 2018-2019 Fine Arts Applied Courses! Applied Arts Courses are offered after school and are intended to allow students to take skills and passions to the next technical level.

Information about 2018-2019 Applied Courses, including day, dates and times for each, is now available on the Atlanta Classical [website](#).

Registration for the Course will be available soon! Be on the lookout for the links - our Applied Courses are popular and many fill quickly!

Questions? Please contact [Janet Tomko](#), PTCA Fine Arts Chair.

# ACA Athletics GO CAVALIERS!

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



## Sports

Thank you to everyone that attended the Athletics Awards Ceremony last week! We are extremely excited and already planning for next year's Cavalier Athletics.

We would like to invite you to our Parent Interest Meeting next Tuesday, May 15th at 6:15pm. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria and parking will be at Northside Baptist. We will go over next year's schedules for each team, discuss the Junior Cavs Program, explain Parent/Student-Athlete expectations, talk about the new sports that we would like to offer, and talk about the Summer Conditioning Program to ensure athletes will be prepared when school begins in the fall.

Lastly, please be sure to use [this link](#) and fill out the athletics survey by this Friday, so we can get your feedback before the meeting.

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