Friends,

Looking forward to spring and remembering the Christmas season, I am reminded of the many blessings that have been received by Nativity Academy in recent months. The season of giving continues to impact our daily lives here at Nativity!

Thanks to a generous family gift in combination with the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering, Nativity Academy will be constructing a **maker space** in Nativity’s gymnasium in 2016! The goal of this gift and partnership is to encourage lifelong education in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields for boys and girls who have been educationally underserved. The construction on this project is slated to begin in the coming months, and we could not be more excited for our students and graduates!

The downtown YMCA Board of Directors conducted a drive for Nativity Academy’s food pantry, and brought in more than 150 items for our students and graduates for when they needed a healthy meal supplement! What a huge gift for children leaving school for a mandatory 2-week holiday break!

We have also been blessed by the wonderful new volunteers and donors that have asked about our mission, and chosen to invest their time and dollars in the work we do for urban education. We are so thankful for these commitments of support! They move the needle in the right direction, one hour and one dollar at a time.

The Christmas season lives on at Nativity Academy in the successes of our students and graduates, and in the faithfulness and passion of the good people that support us. We are so thankful to you!

Carol Nord
Executive Director
Spotlight on Bob Meyer

Nativity Academy is so fortunate to spotlight Bob Meyer, our Advancement Committee Chair, volunteer Athletics Director, and wearer of many hats!

Bob and his wife Susan are part of the bedrock upon which Nativity Academy rests. Since Nativity’s inception, Bob has served on the Board of Directors for more than 10 years, has been Nativity’s volunteer Athletic Director, Golf Scramble Chair, Advancement Committee Chair, Auction Chair, Night Out Chair, has served on the Executive Committee, and has engaged countless friends and family to join the cause of Nativity!

Bob is referred to as the “father” of Nativity’s Student Sponsorship groups, as he helped spread the word that all sponsorship amounts were welcome as part of a group sponsorship. We cannot fully express our thanks to Bob and Susan Meyer for their tireless commitment to Nativity Academy!

Every Dollar Matters

Thanks to each of you who have helped us make the “Every Dollar Matters” Campaign a success! We are grateful for the $10 gifts (and some surprises!) that we’ve been receiving in the mail.

These dollars add up to supporting not just the classroom education our students receive but also to the access to quality resources, such as e-books, ACT prep programming, and other learning materials to which our students and graduates have access. Thanks to YOU, we’re making every dollar count! Please, keep them coming!

Nativity at KYA - Kentucky Youth Assembly

Nativity students recently took part in the KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly). KYA is a mock state government assembly attended by students from all areas across the Commonwealth.

The middle school program in which Nativity students participated served as a 3-day opportunity for students to learn through experience. Our students served admirably in a model state government. They used their critical thinking skills and expressed their beliefs constructively as they developed leadership skills along with their peers from middle schools throughout Kentucky.

Basketball Team at Ali Center

Members of the Nativity basketball team attended the Martin Luther King speech presentation at the Ali Center with Coach Marc Murphy.
Nativity Academy is proud to highlight one of our partners in education, Eagle University! An increasing number of Nativity Academy’s graduates attend Eagle U – a success skills and career development program designed to help high school and college students get a significant career head start and avoid common obstacles many people make. Nativity grads receive leadership development by attending Eagle U. We want to share with you a bit about Eagle U’s history, and Nativity’s relationship with them.

Eagle University started in the 1990s, and has been on an upward trajectory ever since. Maria Grasso, Eagle U’s Executive Director, is a one-woman powerhouse. Having been in her role three years, Maria has a passion for Eagle U that is palpable within the first few moments of meeting her, and spans from when she was 15 years old. As the youngest of three sisters, Maria knew she wanted access to that kind of leadership knowledge.

As a participant in Eagle U, Maria changed the way she looked at success. The “Crazy Internship Queen,” as she was labelled, had some important realizations that echo the leadership model that Eagle U provides to its participants, who are 15 years old and up. Eagle U participants learn that grades are a form of goal-setting. They learn that teachers will help you if they know that you’re working towards a specific goal.

During Eagle U, students from all over the country fly into Louisville or Houston and stay for four exciting, action-packed, educational days. Students hear from some of the top speakers in the country and learn first hand the secrets of:

- How to reduce study time by 20%.
- Get anything you want in life.
- How to improve your G.P.A. by at least 1 letter grade.
- The one obstacle that keeps most people from getting what they want in life and how to overcome it.
- How to gain the equivalent of years of job experience before ever leaving college.
- How to get the ideal job without a resume.
- How to avoid embarrassment in the most delicate social situations.

And much, much more…

Students leave Eagle U transformed, ready and willing to tackle life’s challenges, and with a plan that will guarantee success.
An independent Catholic middle school that transforms the lives of students who have a commitment to achievement and whose families demonstrate financial need.

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