

Upcoming Dates to Know

March 7- Alumni Dinner & Drama

March 12- Gala

April- Alumni Night at the Bats

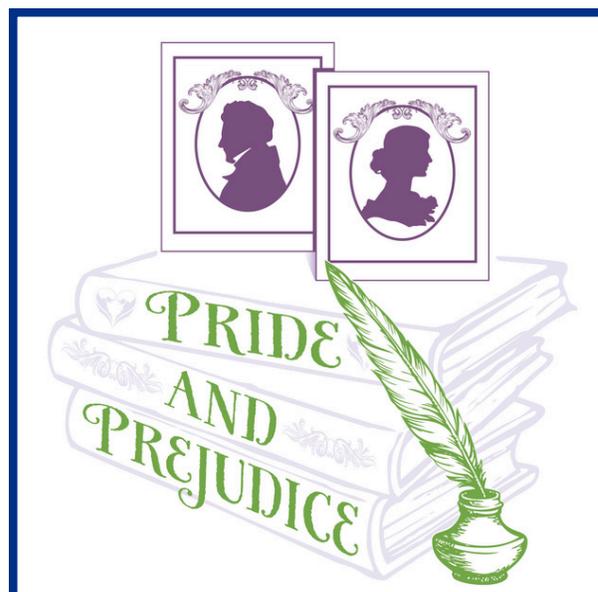


Featured Story

Hear from Jesse Graham, a 2018 alumnus and "Lifer," who went to UK pursuing Mechanical Engineering but felt a calling to change career paths!



Tickets are now on sale! Our Christian Academy Gala will be Thursday, March 12th at 6PM. This signature event will be a special evening of celebration and purpose as we come together in support of Christian Academy's mission and join in community with one another! Purchase tickets [here!](#)



RSVP [here!](#)

FROM THE HALLS SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Our Unity Week culminated with a performance from the Lipscomb University Gospel Choir! It was a meaningful time of celebration and praise together!



Our high school students had an inspiring Career Day, exploring future paths and hearing from professionals who are using their gifts with purpose!



If you head to Starlight Coffee, be on the lookout for the new sleeve design by Eli Smith, a middle school art student! His design won a sleeve contest. Way to go, Eli!



FROM THE HALLS

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

We are excited to share we had 2 Gold Key Scholastic Art Awards this year! Additionally we had 6 Silver Key and 5 Honorable Mentions! See the Gold Key winners featured below! For a full presentation of all awards, follow the link [here](#).

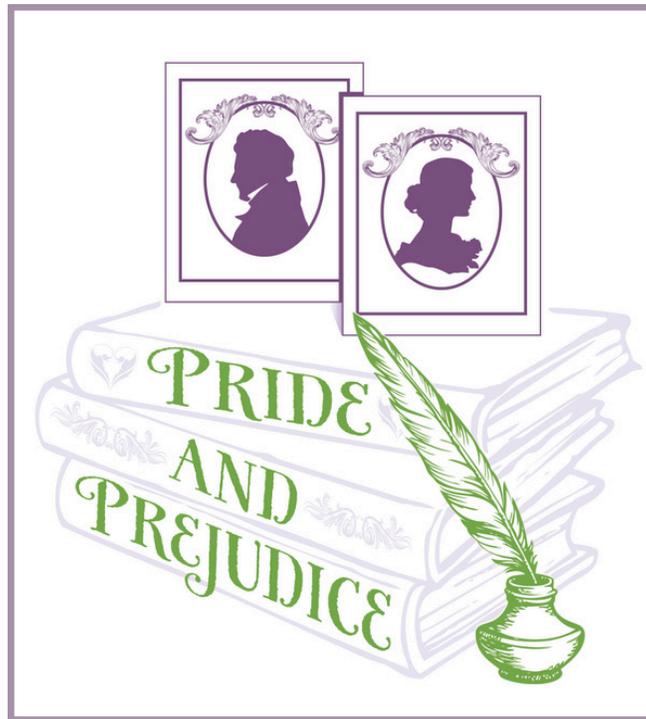


Ben Adams
Ceramics and Glass
"Plateful of Personality"



Laura Toby
Ceramics and Glass
"Fragments of Routine"

DINNER & DRAMA



Join us for dinner before the production of *Pride and Prejudice* on Saturday, March 7th!

Dinner will be at 6:00PM in Commons with the production to follow at 7:00PM.

Alumni and up to 3 guests will receive tickets to the production. Tickets are limited. A special alumni section will be reserved in the auditorium for those that pre-register. Register by Wednesday, March 4th to ensure your spot!

Questions? Email Amy at akoenig@caschools.us.

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DOORS FLUNG WIDE OPEN

I was a “Lifer” at CAI, starting with preschool at Graceland before the campus opened, until graduating in 2018. I was involved in a lot over the years: elementary hand chime choir, concert and jazz band with Akin (Mrs. Shouse), theater with Dr. Branim, political science club with Mr. Wieland and the coffee shop board. I have a lot of favorite memories, especially from high school, including the band and choir competition trips to Chicago and Pigeon Forge, senior trip to D.C. and New York, playing in the pep band for the basketball games and the many inside jokes and gags we had. I also enjoyed any class or activity with some of my favorite teachers like Mr. Mast, Mr. Wieland, Mr. Lorigan and Mrs. Shouse. I look back fondly on my years at CAI.

After graduating, I went to the University of Kentucky to study Mechanical Engineering. While in school, I got plugged into Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) and was active all four years of college. Some of the guys I met through CSF would become some of my closest friends. As college went on, I became more involved, serving on the production team and even being a student leader. CSF was a large part of my community and helped to further my relationship with God. I have so many fond memories from my time as a student at CSF.

During my senior year I interviewed at many automotive companies and nothing was sticking. I was a part of the formula race car team at UK, which got me in the door at every place I interviewed. However, each time I got the same response, “good luck but we’re moving on to other people.” During spring break, I went on a trip to Texas with CSF and was reflecting on all that the organization meant to me. I had a handful of staff members ask me on the trip if I’d considered applying to be on staff. Knowing that CSF staff fully fundraise their salary, I was not really considering it. But after praying and talking with my parents, I decided to apply even if I wasn’t 100% sure. God had plans in place already because after applying all the doors flung wide open and it seemed pretty clear that was where I was supposed to be. Initially I intended on staying on staff for only a year or two, but during my second year I felt like I was supposed to plant roots. Now being in my fourth year on staff, I have no plans on leaving CSF until the Lord calls me elsewhere! It’s wild to look back and think that I had things all planned out when I started college and am now doing something completely different eight years later. I wouldn’t trade it for the world! I love my job at CSF, the students I get to hang out with, the staff I work with that truly feels like a second family and the impact that we’re seeing on UK’s campus for the Gospel!

Professionally, CAI helped me learn skills on how to think critically and to properly research. Several classmates of mine seemed to struggle with researching or critical thinking, and I was thankful to have had an education that stressed the importance of both. CAI also prepared me for life spiritually. One of my favorite classes I ever had was senior year Bible with Dr. Branim where we studied apologetics and had frequent debates. This helped me ground my faith in research and learn how to formulate my own defense, rather than just believing because my parents did. I did not want to be part of the statistic that says many college students fall away from their faith, so I made it a priority to get plugged into campus ministry and to find a church home. My freshman year at a massive state school was a culture shock, but having the beliefs that I solidified during my time at CAI helped me stand strong in my relationship with God.

-Jesse Graham, Class of 2018



2026 GALA: A GOURMET EXPERIENCE

This signature event will be a special evening of celebration and purpose as we come together in support of Christian Academy's mission and join in community with one another!

Guests will enjoy a remarkable dining experience featuring tastings from more than a dozen local chefs, followed by a program highlighting our talented students, distinguished alumni and the exciting vision we hold for our schools. The evening will also include a live auction filled with exceptional items and experiences.

Here is just a sample of the restaurants providing delicious tastes for the evening!

- Repeal Oak Fired Steakhouse
- Red Yeti
- Mise En Place
- Simply Thai
- And more!

NEW! We are excited to announce our first ever Christian Academy Alumni Service Award to one CAI and one CAL alumni based on your nominations! You won't want to miss it!

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