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NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates to Know

December 19- Homecoming

March 7- Alumni Dinner & Drama

March 12- Gala

April- Alumni Night at the Bats

May- Golf Scramble





Hear from Jana Hahn, a 2018 alumna and 4th Runner Up Miss Tennessee, and how CAI was pivotal in shaping her journey.







FROM THE HALLS SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

The Class of 2025 kicked off their final year with the beloved traditions of Senior Retreat and Senior Sunrise, marking the start of the semester with reflection, laughter, and early morning memories!













Our middle and high school bands played at the New Albany Amphitheater, filling the air with the same energy many will remember from their own performances!









The rain did not stop students from gathering in prayer for See You at the Pole, starting our day by lifting up our school, community, and nation to God.









ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME

We had an incredible turnout for our 2nd Annual Alumni Baseball Game! It was great to see so many familiar faces back on the field. The competition was friendly and everyone had a fantastic time reconnecting and reliving some great memories. Thanks to all who came out and made it such a memorable day!













THE VALUES PLANTED IN ME

I began attending Christian Academy in Miss Owen's 3rd grade class and graduated in 2018. The strong foundation of Biblical truth and high-level academics I received at CAI has been pivotal in shaping my journey. It not only prepared me for the challenges of higher education but also equipped me to step confidently into life's opportunities with a Christ-centered perspective.

I now reside in Nashville, Tennessee, as a Marketing Director, but one of the significant life opportunities I've had is my involvement in the Miss America Organization, the largest scholarship provider for young women in the nation, awarding over \$5 million in tuition scholarships each year. Through my participation, I have earned thousands of dollars in scholarship funds, which have helped support my educational journey. I was honored to place 4th Runner-Up Miss Tennessee 2025, and I am so thankful for everyone who supported me during the competition last summer. For me, the crown has never been about recognition. Instead, it has been a megaphone to amplify the message of my testimony, rooted in Genesis 50:20 (NIV): "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

In 2019, shortly after graduation, I faced a season of mental illness with severe contamination obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), which led me to an intense two months of partial hospitalization treatment. Yet, even in that painful and debilitating time, God was at work. What the enemy intended for evil, the Lord transformed into a catalyst for my calling, to help others who may be suffering in silence.











THE VALUES PLANTED IN ME

Through the Miss America Organization's pillar of service, I've been able to channel my passion into my personal platform, Peace of Mind: Mental Health Advocacy. With the skills I developed as a student at CAI, and later as a graduate of Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (psychology, communications, and theatre arts), I now serve my community and beyond with this mission.

Today, my advocacy has expanded in ways I never could have imagined:

- Speaking with state legislatures and contributing to conversations on mental health law proposals
- Publishing a children's book, My Friend Rodger: An OCD Narrative for Kids
- Serving as an International OCD Foundation advocate
- Receiving a proclamation from Mayor Chad Graham establishing May 17th as "Peace of Mind Day" - an effort to encourage access to mental health care and awareness And this is just the beginning.

To learn more about my journey with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, check out <u>this advocacy video</u> I created with Rogers Behavioral Health.

As I look back, I see how my time at CAI instilled in me both the confidence to pursue excellence and the grounding to walk faithfully with the Lord. I strive not only to be a light for those battling the darkness of mental illness but also to live as a Godly woman in today's society, a reflection of the values planted in me during my years at Christian Academy of Indiana.











2025 ALL IN OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Join us in celebrating our 2025 ALL IN Outstanding Teachers! These selected teachers were nominated by their peers and exhibit exemplary service, Christian leadership, enthusiastic attitudes and innovative ideas that noticeably benefit their students.





Carson Casey - Indiana Elementary

Carson is the perfect example of a teacher who puts everything they have into the profession. She always goes above and beyond, whether it's staying late, working on weekends, constantly putting her own money towards her students and the list could go on and on. Carson is the embodiment of the ALL IN Teacher Award.



Katie Barnett - Indiana Middle School

Katie loves her students so well! She is consistently stepping in where needed and attending after school activities to support her students. She spends time preparing to teach her students to the best of her ability. Her students seek her out for guidance and just to spend time with. She is such an asset to our middle school!



Julia Verdouw - Indiana High School

Miss Verdouw definitely has a heart for God, her students and her subject. She exemplifies Christ in her teaching, character and everyday life. Students LOVE Miss Verdouw because they know that she genuinely loves and cares for them as Christ does.

The Annual Fund is the highest priority for fundraising at Christian Academy. Tuition and fees simply do not cover the cost to educate our students. Every gift provides an immediate impact on students and teachers! The Annual Fund provides support for Technology Integration, Security Upgrades, Tuition Assistance and Staff Benefits.



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