

# Upcoming Dates to Know

**March 7**- Alumni Dinner & Drama

March 12- Gala

**April**- Alumni Night at the Bats

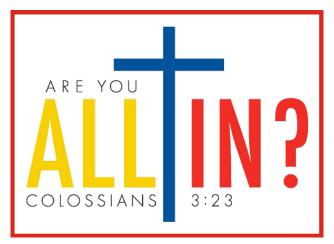
May- Golf Scramble



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Hear from Annaliese Billings and Hayley Barger, two 2021 graduates who have returned to coach our high school volleyball teams!



Join us in celebrating our 2025 ALL IN Outstanding Teachers! You may recognize a face or two!





# FROM THE HALLS SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Students in Mr. Jeff Imlay's class were recently blessed by Stephanie Inman Guzda, a 2002 alumna who now lives in Poland as a missionary and works with PROEM Ministries. Each year our students have the opportunity to serve on a mission trip with PROEM led by Mr. Imlay. We loved hearing more about the work Stephanie is doing!









At their high school retreat, our students had the wonderful opportunity to hear from Dr. Paul Akin, another 2002 alumni! Dr. Akin serves as the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Administration of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Our students were blessed by his wisdom!

A group of alumni parents played in our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chuck and Duck elementary dodgeball tournament! It was a great night of laughter and fellowship!









# 2025 HOMECOMING

Over 300 alumni returned to campus to celebrate Homecoming, making it one of our most memorable gatherings yet! From reconnecting with classmates to cheering on our team, the night was filled with laughter, school spirit, and shared memories.

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# **OLD FRIENDS, NEW ADVENTURES**

Alumni from different graduating classes reunited at a variety of events this last month coming together to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate!





The Class of 2000 celebrated together at their 25 year reunion and at Homecoming!



The Class of 2015 celebrated together at their 10 year reunion!





We had a wonderful turnout to our annual Alumni Baseball Game!



#### GIVING BACK TO THE SCHOOL THAT GAVE ME SO MUCH

Following graduation from Bellarmine University in May of this year, two 2021 alumnae have returned to coach high school volleyball this fall season. Hear from Annaliese Billings and Hayley Barger about why they came back to CAL as coaches and what the school means to them!

#### **Annaliese Billings**



As a 2021 alumna of CAL, coming back means the world to me. I get to coach young girls and help them grow in maturity, wisdom and thoughtfulness. Hayley and I met our sophomore year on the same exact volleyball court we are coaching these girls on. She transferred from Whitefield Academy and we've been best friends since that day. As I've been a spiritual leader to my younger sister, mom, and best friend, I will also be a spiritual leader to the young athletes that I serve while coaching. The only thing we can bring to Heaven is the other people that we disciple and lead towards the Lord. As an older brother or sister in Christ, we have a duty and an obligation to bring them to Jesus. If we have the Truth and Good News of the Lord, we are called to spread that Truth to those we come in contact with to advance His Kingdom.

Not only are we surrounded by intelligent and forward-thinking athletes, but the staff members work behind the scenes and pour into each other and every student, making CAL the exceptional place it is. I wouldn't want to work in any other kind of environment; the team behind the head coaches is unmatched, and you can tell each staff member truly wants what's best for the girls, individually and for the team as a whole. Being able to coach alongside my best friend is what makes this opportunity so special. Additionally, every staff member for the CAL volleyball program has graduated or at least attended CAL at some point, so it truly does make a difference in this space where we teach the girls. I can attest to the program's tremendous growth because of Head Coach Sherry Ashley's determination, tenacity, and commitment to seeing each young athlete grow from elementary school to our varsity team. Hayley and I both have had the opportunity to coach alongside Sherry during several seasons and I've assisted in coaching others in two club teams since graduating from CAL. She and every person on this coaching staff take hours upon hours out of their week to see the program and these girls succeed, which ultimately carries over into all aspects of their lives.

We have such talented girls on every team, competing all the way from middle school to our high school varsity team. I never would have thought I'd end up helping coach young girls at CAL. I am so excited to give back to the school that gave me so much!



### GIVING BACK TO THE SCHOOL THAT GAVE ME SO MUCH

#### **Hayley Barger**



After graduating from CAL in 2021, I did not think I would return. Sure, I attended Homecoming, but anything else that had to do with CAL, I was not interested. Sherry Ashley, the varsity head coach for the volleyball team, reached out to Annaliese and me about helping with team tryouts. Her invitation kick-started my interest in the school again.

It has been fun keeping up with athletics and the girls that I knew at the school when I was a student myself. I fell in love with the school and sport all over again, and that helped me see how much the Lord has moved through the school. In the last year, my walk with the Lord has grown so much, and now I am all in with CAL's community.

Being part of the CAL community, I see the dedication of the faculty, coaches, and students. Everyone wants to grow in their relationship with God and grow with their friends and family. I value spending time with the coaches and players because I know that they are going to help me grow in some way, too. We are so excited for this volleyball season!



Senior Night at CAL 2020



2021 Graduation



Coaching a club team in 2022-2023 with Coach Sherry





### 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.





#### Shelly Hamman - English Station Elementary

She consistently goes above and beyond for her students, showing unwavering dedication—especially in her work with Providence students. Her classroom is a place of compassion, high expectations and endless encouragement. Shelly Hamman is a true team player, working collaboratively with colleagues and support staff. She lifts the morale of those around her and builds strong, supportive relationships with both students and parents. Her love for teaching and her students is evident in everything she does.



#### Kaleigh Barlow - English Station Middle School

Kaleigh radiates positivity, greeting each student with a warm smile and genuine care. Her classroom is a vibrant space where learning comes to life through thoughtful instruction and meaningful engagement that meets students where they are. She creates an environment where students feel loved, valued, supported and inspired to grow every day. Kaleigh takes the time to understand each student's individual needs and strengths, fostering both academic success and personal confidence. Her energy (and her smile) is contagious and her passion for teaching is evident in every lesson she delivers. Beyond academics, she teaches kindness, resilience and the importance of community as we grow together in Christ - shaping not just students but future leaders here at CALMS!



#### April MacDonald - English Station High School

April is more than just a teacher. She is so loving, caring and helpful for her students and her colleagues. She always wants what's best for students while holding high standards. That's why her orchestra is always performing with such excellence. She is so diverse in her training and experience and that's why she can lead her department and contribute in leadership for all of high school. We are so thankful to have her!

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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