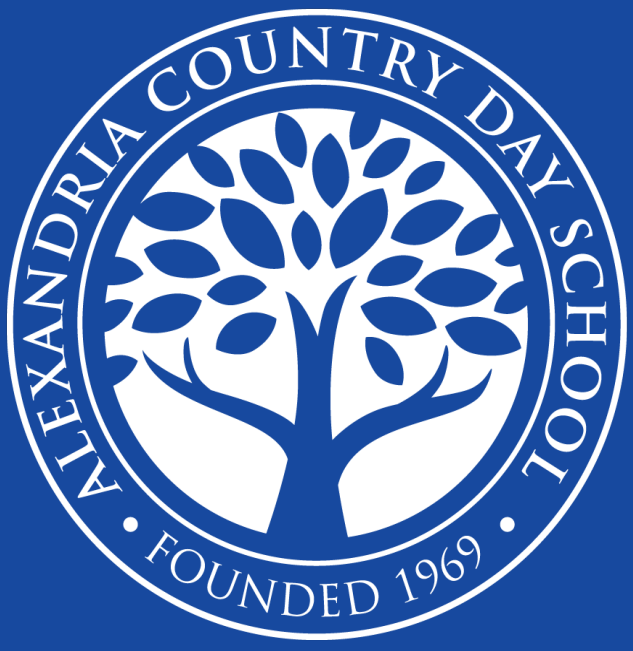
ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



A Message from the Head of School

Dear Friends,

The frenetic pace of our daily lives often makes it difficult for us to slow down to evaluate and reflect. However, for me, the Annual Report provides a yearly pause—a dedicated time to consider the past year and the wonderful things that make Country Day so special.

Looking back, it would be easy to let COVID overshadow the 2021– 2022 school year, but COVID was simply another obstacle for our community to overcome, much like the tornado and hurricanes in previous years. In the end, this past year was about people. It was our excellent and dedicated faculty that continued to teach and love students despite quarantines and masks. It was our students who maintained a positive attitude and continued to create, innovate, and lead. And, it was about our parents, grandparents, alumni, and the broader community that generously supported our school.

Your philanthropy allows us to deliver on our mission for every student, every day. It allows us to say "yes" to new opportunities that empower students to pursue their passions, promote student learning, foster character development, and develop leadership. We are grateful to be surrounded by a community that gives generously in support of Country Day's mission and vision.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and Board of Alexandria Country Day School, thank you for your continued support and investment in our school and community.

Bill Bridges
Head of School

A Message from the Board President

What an exciting time to be a Country Day Tiger! We're bigger – our school community now includes more families than ever; serving students from PreK3 – 12th grade! We're stronger – our school is working on new initiatives and projects to offer more programs and resources to our students than ever before. And, we continue to set the academic standard for education in Central Louisiana and beyond.

None of our success would be possible without the experience and dedication of our faculty, the leadership of our administration, and the support of our school community. On behalf of your Board of Trustees; thank you.

Our school has changed a lot since the days when I walked these halls as an ACDS student. In almost every way, it is bigger and better; our team, facilities, curriculum, and programs. The Board of Trustees is committed to keeping our school on that path. Not only must we preserve the school for future generations, but we must also evolve and improve.

We need your help. Please continue to support our school. Recognize the efforts of our faculty and administration. Offer your time and resources. Tell your friends about Country Day; encourage them to visit our campuses. Be proud to be a Tiger.

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2021-2022 Events

First Day of School

2021-2022 Homecoming Court

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Arrival of the Chickens

Monster Dash 5K and Fun Run

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2021 - 2022 EVENTS

Casino Night

Our inaugural Casino Night was an incredible and entertaining evening! Gaming tables, silent auction, photo booth, DJ, and more! This event will return on March 23, 2023 and should not be missed!

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Upper School basketball team
Undefeated district champions

Bollards installation

Field day

Prom King & Queen

Graduation

Alexandria Country Day School

Senior Class of 2022

45 graduates

11 earned associate's degrees

1530 Completed College Hours

Over $700K in offered scholarships

Jenna Vogel, Valedictorian

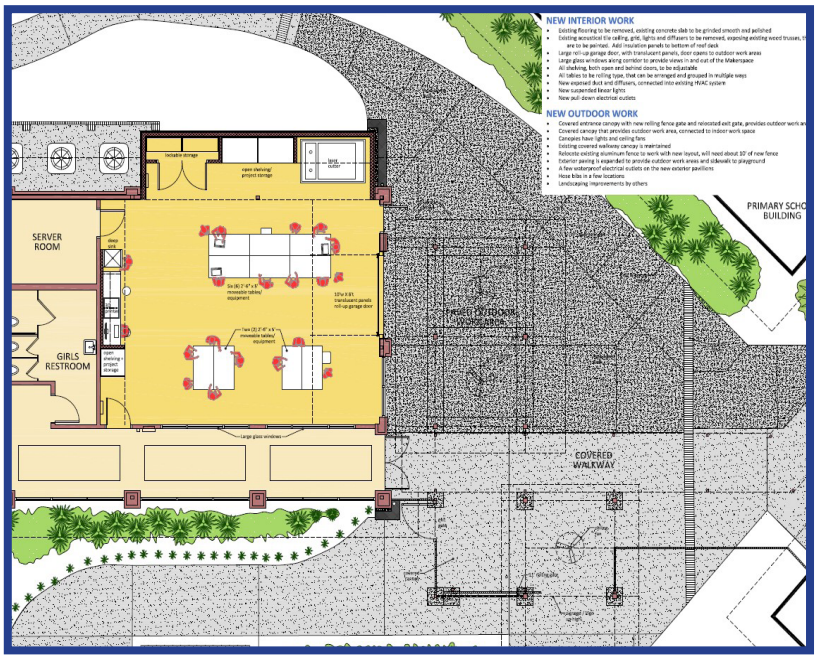
Academic Hall of Fame

8th Grade Class of 2022

2021 - 2022 Projects

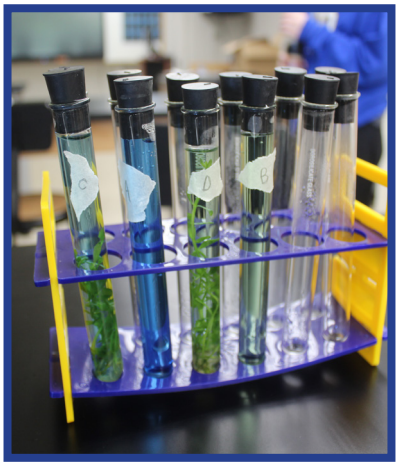
Maker Space Progress

After a successful campaign to fund our upcoming Maker Space, we are excited to break ground! This unique workspace is designed for collaboration, design, creativity, prototyping, and more. Once completed, our Maker Space will integrate science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) to provide student-centered, experiential learning. Students will explore electronics, laser cutting, 3D printing, 3D modeling, coding, robotics, and even woodworking. Construction is scheduled to start in October!



Exciting New Spaces

Through the generosity of RoyOMartin's Martin Foundation Grant, we have 2 new spaces!



Our Upper School Science Lab was made possible through the 2021 RoyOMartin's Martin Foundation Grant. Our students now have access, for the first time, to the hands-on learning opportunities in their science courses that they need to truly master the skills and content needed to move forward with their education. Students and teachers worked together in the process of organizing and setting up furnishings, storage, lab equipment, and lab supplies in their new lab space. This space has become the center of our Science program, fostering a love for science and a place where students can create, innovate, and lead.

The new Digital Video and Audio Production Studio on our Bayou Rapides Campus was made possible through the 2021 RoyOMartin's Martin Foundation Grant. The Studio is a space where students can learn the skills necessary to operate video production and sound engineering equipment and explore their creativity by producing original videos, podcasts, streaming news broadcasts, voice-over work, video editing, and much more. The nationwide supply chain issues are impacting delivery times of certain items necessary for the Studio to be fully functional. Our goal is to have students use the Studio at full capacity as soon as work is completed.

Country Day Fund

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the 2021-2022 Country Day Fund. We are honored you share in our commitment to Country Day's mission.

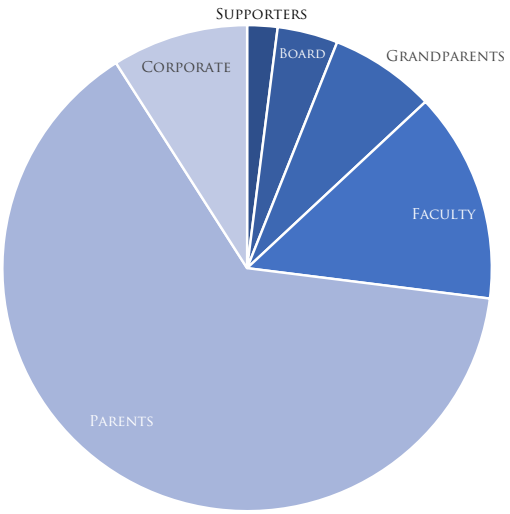
Through your contribution to the Country Day Fund, you allow us to equip our students with exceptional learning opportunities and continue to grow creative, innovative, future leaders. A strong annual campaign helps us to recruit and retain exceptional faculty and provide for the care and advancement of our infrastructure, athletics, arts and technology programs. We cannot provide an extraordinary education without you.

Where the Money Goes

This year, we prioritized facility upgrades with the money we raised from the Country Day Fund. A few of the updates made to our facilities include:

- Commercial Kitchen installation
- Replaced multiple A/C units and compressors
- Safety bollards in our carpool lines
- Upper School Art Studio furnishings and supplies
- Flooring in our upcoming Digital Video and Audio Production Studio

Sources of Support



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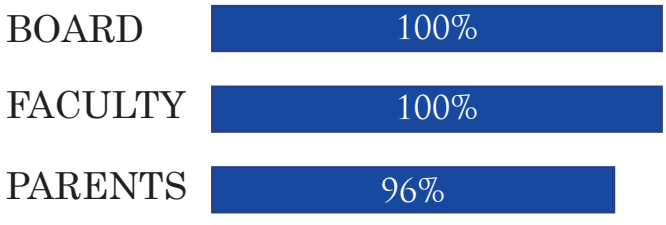

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