



# GENEVA

## A C A D E M Y



# ANNUAL REPORT

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2014

A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN MONROE, LOUISIANA

# MESSAGE *from the* BOARD of DIRECTORS

This fall Geneva Academy began its 15<sup>th</sup> year and it has been a great blessing to look back on where we have come from to this year's student body and faculty. From a student body of five boys and a faculty of one, we've grown to our present student body of 114 spanning K-4 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and a faculty of 17 (counting both full and part-time faculty)—it's been quite a journey.

We began Geneva Academy to provide a thoroughly Christian education that was of the highest possible quality. We wanted a curriculum that emphasized not only academic excellence, but one which would build up our children in all areas of life and thought in the nurture and fear of the Lord. The goal is to produce men and women who are life-long learners and who understand their calling as servants of God to be instruments in His hands to change the world.

Now, in our 15<sup>th</sup> year, we're thankful to say that God has richly blessed our efforts, answering our prayers in providing faithful, highly qualified teachers, a dedicated group of men to serve on our board of directors, gifted leadership in the day-to-day operations of the school, and sending us numerous families from all over Ouachita Parish and beyond, who are concerned about the quality and character of the education their children are receiving. It has been a great blessing to be involved in the work of Geneva Academy.

As you will see in this report, our school has grown and continues to pursue the goals for which it was started. We have an outstanding faculty and we are determined to continue to search for highly qualified, faithful, and gifted teachers in the years ahead. We will continue to build our curriculum so that our students will continue to be equipped for all fields of service. Our board has begun strategic planning for the next decade, looking forward to continued growth and to meeting the needs that this growth will occasion.

We have been greatly blessed by Highland Park Baptist Church and their willingness to allow us to use their building. It is a great blessing to have more spacious rooms to adequately house our classes. But we realize that we're going to need even more space very soon. Please pray with us as we consider our options for a larger facility that will accommodate the growing need for classical Christian education in our community.

We thank you for your faithful support, for your prayers and sacrificial gifts. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of many in our community who have helped us in so many ways. And we look with confidence to the Lord of heaven and earth that He will continue abundantly to meet our needs in the years ahead. We are thankful for your support as we seek to train up a generation of faithful men and women who will be both salt and light in their generation and a great blessing to the world. Thank you for supporting Geneva Academy.

For the Board of Directors,



Steve Wilkins

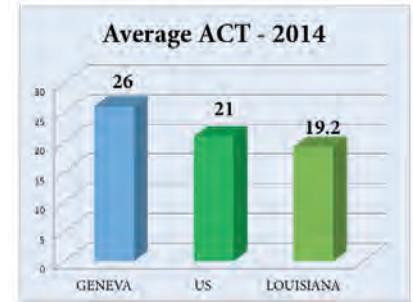
Board President



# HIGHLIGHTS *from the* HEADMASTER

Over the past year God has “supplied all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” This past year has been marked by many answered prayers. And these answers have come in the usual way; the Spirit’s work through His people. We are very grateful for all these blessings and many that are not listed below.

- After seven years of searching, we successfully moved from our Auburn Avenue Presbyterian Church origins to a new location in the educational facilities of Highland Park Baptist Church. There are now seventeen local churches represented in the student body.
- More people are hearing about Geneva. Enrollment increased for the 7th year in a row with 94 students in the fall of 2013. The fall of 2014 began with 114.
- We had the largest graduating class in May 2014. The graduates headed off in multiple directions to study pre-veterinary, business, and HVAC. Geneva graduates averaged a 26 on the ACT.
- Alumnus Shelby Maddox ('10), finished a B.S. in Nanosystems Engineering and was inducted into the Order of the Engineer. Shelby is now pursuing a Masters of Science in Molecular Science and Technology. Ted Brode ('07) completed a year of study in France through the CODOFIL program through Centenary College and will receive his Masters in French. Ted is now teaching French in south Louisiana.
- In the elementary, we trained teachers and implemented a superior phonics program. This was a key curriculum change for increasing excellence in reading instruction at Geneva.
- This was the first full year of Kodály music training which teaches music literacy rather than simply singing. The goal is that every student can read and write music upon graduation.
- In the spring we put on our 8th Annual Art Show, “A City Set on a Hill,” with entries from every student as well as some local artists.
- Because of our growth, we hired an office manager and we launched an information system for our grading, billing, and record keeping.



As we grow in size we are also growing in our understanding and application of the Christian liberal arts and sciences. We continue to teach the trivium (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) in order to develop wise and eloquent young men and women ready to serve in Christ’s kingdom.



The *Class of 2014*

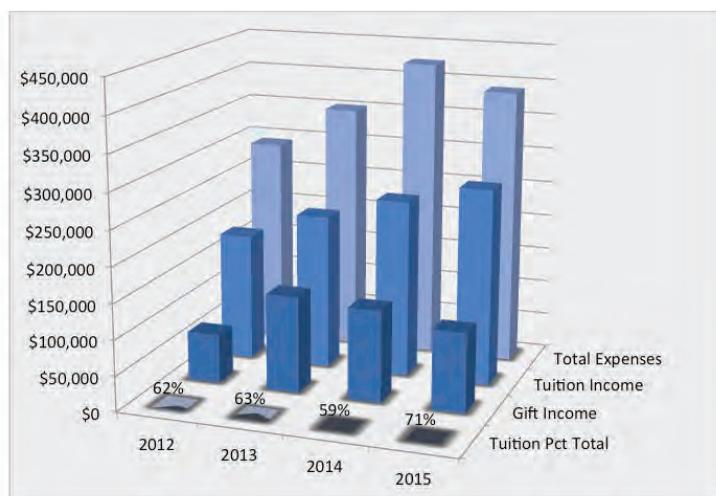
# FINANCIAL REPORT *from* GENEVA

Geneva continues to make progress in its financial matters as shown in this graph of tuition and gift income plotted with total expenses for the 3 most recent years and the current 2015 planned budget. The year 2013 enjoyed a modest surplus and that is planned again for 2015.

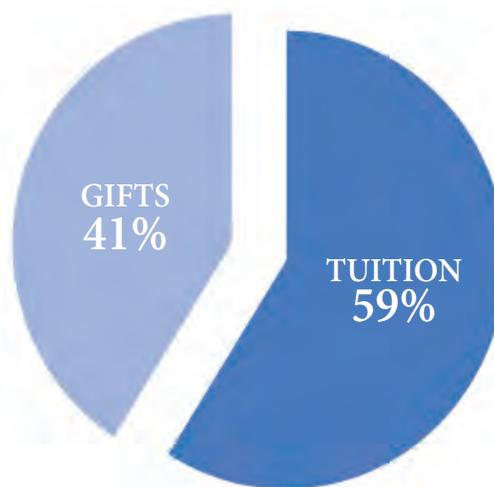
Total expenses for 2014 (79% of which went for staff costs, with facility expenses of utilities and maintenance next at 9%) are slightly higher than prior years reflecting expenses for bringing our new facility up to city and state code. The deficit last year (2013-2014) was approximately equal to the amount of these one-time occupancy costs. Along with other areas we are extremely grateful to Highland Park Baptist Church for their gracious generosity in allowing us to use their facility rent free so these facility expenses do not include this normally significant element.

Tuition income shows respectable growth which reflects a growing student body and this area's recognition of Geneva as a quality option for their children. Gift income increased when compared to its prior year for 2013 and 2014 thanks to an army of hard working volunteer parents and friends sometimes together with the students. Because of increasing tuition income the percentage of expenses covered by tuition is planned for modest increase. However tuition is not able to cover all costs even when we plan and control expenses with frugality and persistent diligence.

Your generous support is absolutely essential to Geneva's ability to offer its unique Christian education. Gifts remain indispensable for Geneva's ability to be the most affordable alternative in this area. Lower tuition, even with highly dedicated but greatly underpaid staff, will likely make gift income from those more able to help their Christian neighbors a continuing critical necessity in Geneva's financial operations.



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