



GENEVA

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ANNUAL REPORT

2015

A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN MONROE, LOUISIANA

MESSAGE *from the* BOARD of DIRECTORS

This fall Geneva Academy began its 16th year and it has been quite a journey. From a student body of five boys and a faculty of one, we've grown to our present student body of 124 spanning K4 through 11th grade and a faculty of 17 (counting both full and part-time faculty). Growth, change, and maturity are the words that describe Geneva's short life.

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 16th 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 who are concerned about the quality and character of the education their children are receiving.

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 maintain 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 is engaged in strategic planning for the next decade, looking forward to new 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

We are grateful for another year of the Lord's blessing on Geneva Academy. We have again grown this year in the number of students, but more importantly, we have grown in our ability to provide a quality Christian education. It has been a delightful year of thankful parents, joyful teachers, and maturing students. Some accomplishments from the past year are listed below.

- Hired Charles Rogers, MDiv, MD, to teach in our secondary math and science department
- Continued training of teachers in phonics to solidify our reading and cursive writing program
- Sent teachers to the "Repairing the Ruins" teacher conference in Dallas, TX
- Implemented new math curriculum in the Grammar school (K-1 & 4-6), and the Logic school (7-8)
- Implemented new physics curriculum in the Rhetoric school (10-11)
- Twenty local churches are now represented in our student body
- We started "Discover Geneva" tours which invites local leaders, pastors, and parents to see and learn about Geneva
- Enrollment increased by 9%
- 100% of our most recent graduating class are enrolled in college studying electrical engineering, pre-veterinary, communications, and nursing. They attend Louisiana Tech, Mississippi State, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Louisiana State University.
- Alumna Anne Hilleke ('13) will give a junior recital soon including music from Chopin, Beethoven, Wieniawski, and Mahler. Anne is studying music performance at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS.
- Alumna Rachael Maddox ('12) continues her studies in English at the University of Louisiana at Monroe where she is president of the honors program, treasurer for the English honor society, and a member of the concert choir.
- Our Fourth Annual Big Serve finished three service projects in the area and raised over \$40,000.
- We are growing in our Kodaly music training which teaches music literacy so that every student can read and write music upon graduation.
- Average ACT is 26. (National average: 21; Louisiana average: 19.2)

We continue to teach the trivium (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) in method and content, cultivating Christian leaders in scholarship, virtue, and faith.



Mr. Bailey's Class

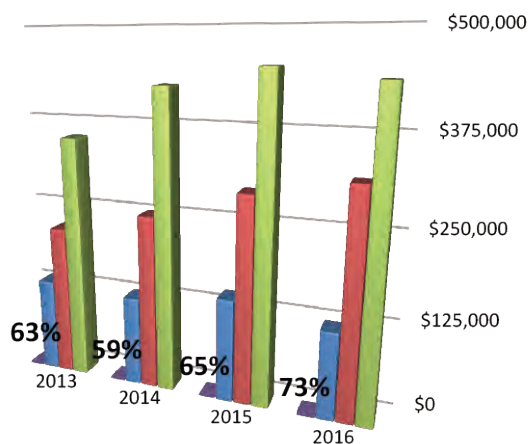
FINANCIAL REPORT *from* GENEVA

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 2016 planned budget.

The year 2015 enjoyed a modest surplus—combined tuition and gift income exceeding total expenses—and that is planned again for 2016. Total expenses for 2015 were \$450,000, 72% of which went for staff costs with facility expenses of utilities and maintenance next highest at 14%. 2014 recorded a deficit reflecting expenses for bringing our new facility up to city and state code. 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 was the "best year ever", increasing 10% over the prior year (2014) and exceeded the previous high mark (2013), thanks to an army of hard working volunteer parents, friends, and 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 as 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 continuing 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.



TUITION, GIFTS, & EXPENSES

