



GENEVA

A C A D E M Y

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA

MESSAGE *from the* BOARD of DIRECTORS

Sometimes I get asked, “Why is Christian Education important?” And I am tempted simply to point to some of the latest polls which record the beliefs and convictions of the recent college and high school graduates. If you’ve seen some of these polls, they are truly dreadful – and I mean that in the full sense of the word – they make you full of dread when you read them.

For example, a recent poll of young people between the ages of 23-38 revealed that over 53% of them believed that embracing Socialism is the best alternative for America’s future. And 38% whole-heartedly approved of Communism. The vast majority of this age group believes that homosexuality and transgenderism are perfectly acceptable and should not be viewed as abnormal. The majority support abortion, believe the unsupported claims of “climate-change” activists, and support policies which would increase the power of the Federal Government to unheard proportions (policies like the “Green New Deal” and the “Equality Act”).

It is all as astonishing as it is depressing. But here’s the answer to the question, “Why do we need Christian Education?” We need a distinctively Christian education – i.e., an education that places the Bible at the center of its curriculum as the one, infallible rule of faith and life – because otherwise, we lose touch with reality and embrace all sorts of deadly ideas that will undermine and destroy everything right and good.

We must rear a generation who is able and equipped to respond to these false and destructive ideas. We must have a generation who is confident and bold in the face of the increasing antagonism toward the Bible and biblical thinking. A generation who defends the Biblical standards of morality and justice. If we fail in this task, we will lose our country and the culture which has been built upon over 2000 years of Christian influence. Seen in this light, there is nothing more critical for our future and the future of our children and grandchildren than providing for them a distinctively biblical, Christian education.

This is why I view it as an honor to ask you to give sacrificially to Geneva Academy. I’m a supporter of Christian schools wherever they may be located. But I have to say that I know of no Christian school in our area that is more seriously Christian and that is seeking to have all their instruction in every subject, molded and shaped by the truths God has revealed to us in His Word, than Geneva Academy.

There are very pragmatic reasons for giving to Geneva Academy – to make up the difference between tuition payments and expenses; to assist needy families with tuition for their children, to help us build a capital fund for improvements and repairs – but the main reason for giving is what I’ve mentioned above. We must support the kind of education Geneva provides for the well-being of our country and the world at large.

Thank you again for your support in the past – your prayers, your volunteer labor, and your sacrificial gifts. We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity of so many in our community who have helped us over the 20 years of our existence. Please accept our gratitude for your kind liberality.

Please pray for us. With your help we will continue to train up a generation of faithful men and women who will be both salt and light in this world – instruments to spread the knowledge of our Lord far and wide, and who will be a fountain of life and peace to our country and to many generations in the future.

Thank you for supporting Geneva Academy.

For the Board of Directors,



Steve Wilkins
Board President



HIGHLIGHTS *from the* HEADMASTER

We are grateful for the Lord's blessing on our work this past year at Geneva Academy. Year by year He brings us new families and teachers to become part of the Geneva family. We are also thankful for all the parents and volunteers who help us with events, fundraising, sports, and other activities.

Here are a few highlights from the past year:

- Average ACT for our most recent senior class was 28 (National average: 20.8; Louisiana average: 19.2)
- Our most recent graduating class is studying business, nursing, design, engineering, and the liberal arts. They attend LeTourneau University, Louisiana Tech, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Delta Community College, Monroe, and New St. Andrews College.
- Over 90% of our alumni complete a college degree (58% national average).
- Stetson Bosecker (MS Mathematics, BS in Physics, Louisiana Tech) is teaching a new course called Foundations of Pure Mathematics, a text he's writing. Mr. Bosecker is teaching math as a liberal art, a subset of logic, training our students to "think like mathematicians".
- The lower school music program continues to grow with Sarah Davis teaching Pre-K - 3rd grade.
- Jennifer Rader was added to our staff to teach the 4rd grade. Mrs. Rader has been a great addition. She received a BA in Speech and Theatre from the University of Louisiana Monroe and has been teaching in Christian schools for several years. Over the summer she received training in phonics in Houston as well as a week long teacher training at Logos School in Moscow, ID.
- Faculty attended the "Repairing the Ruins" national teacher conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Students from Geneva took part for the second year in the National Honor Choir of the ACCS (Association of Classical and Christian Schools).
- We conducted a teacher training session with Brian Daigle of Baton Rouge and as well as art lessons from Kevin Lindholm, who instructed our elementary teachers.
- While Geneva remains reformed protestant in its theological convictions, we are 'catholic' in our love for, and service to, the whole body of Christ. 20 local congregations are represented by the student body.
- We have several new wonderful families (16 new students!) join the school this year.
- We continued our "Discover Geneva" tours which invites local leaders, pastors, and parents to see our classrooms in action and hear the testimony of parents.
- Our National Geography Bee for grades 4-8 took place in January.
- Spring Speech Meet for grades 1-12 took place in March.
- Our eighth annual Big Serve served the city of Monroe at Forsythe Park, the Ronald McDonald House, a nursing home, and veteran home. We've raised over \$32,000 to date.
- Troy Bart Lizenby, Development Director, planned another Wig and Stache Bash which raised \$25,000 for the school. He continues to establish strong relationships in the community.
- We are growing in our Kodály music training which teaches music literacy so that every student can read and write music upon graduation.
- Our soccer program has been healthy for our school community, with children from grades 1-12 playing each spring. There's also an athletic club in wrestling available this year.
- Each day begins with chapel—singing, praying, reciting Proverbs, and hearing God's Word together. This orients us rightly for the day's work and trains us to keep worship at the center of all we do.
- We continue to teach the trivium (grammar, logic, and rhetoric), and quadrivium (music, astronomy, geometry and mathematics) in method and in content, cultivating Christian leaders in scholarship, virtue, and faith.



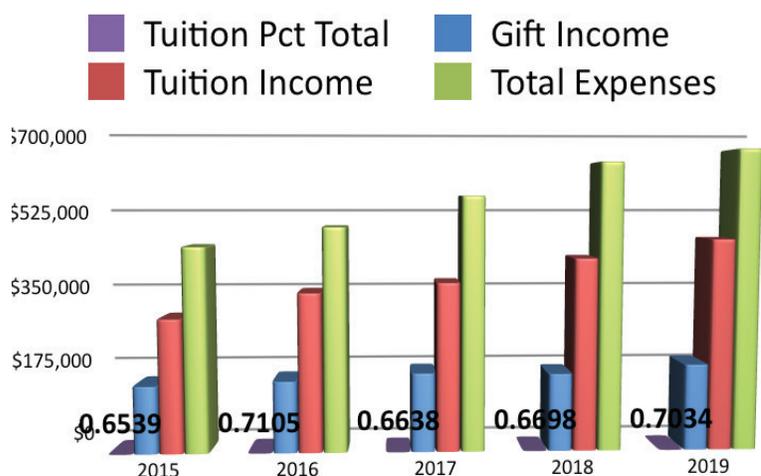
FINANCIAL REPORT *from* GENEVA

FISCAL YEAR'S END JUNE 30, 2019

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 5 most recent years. The year 2019 ended with a modest deficit – total expenses exceeded combined tuition and gift income mostly due to some moving expenses at the end of the school year.

RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS

A surplus has been realized in two of the last five years. Deficits resulted from move into a larger facility at the end of this school year, 2017-18 and beginning of 2018-19 school year, when extraordinary occupancy expenses were incurred for those years. Total expenses for fiscal year 2018 were \$633,000 and \$660,763 for fiscal year 2019. The highest level of expense for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 went to

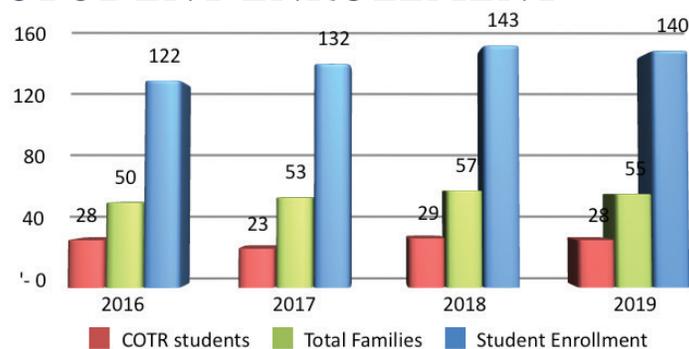


staff costs. Staff costs make-up 73% of the total expenses. Facility expenses of: lease payments, facility improvements, maintenance, and repairs make up 16%. Geneva has entered a lease agreement with Church of the Redeemer, West Monroe, for a larger school space for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school year. Geneva will more than double its useable area in the new location for only a slight increase in expenses (utilities are included in the lease) positioning the school for more growth.

GIFTS ARE IMPORTANT

Gift income for the 2019 fiscal exceeded the gifts given in the 2018 fiscal year-end. We are grateful for all donors that have supported Geneva Academy during the fiscal year. We are especially thankful to all of the hard-working volunteer parents, friends, and students that spent their time and effort on getting Geneva ready for operation during the 2019 fiscal year. Tuition income and fees were not able to cover all costs even as we plan and control expenses with frugality and persistent diligence.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Tuition income shows respectable growth which reflects this area's recognition of Geneva as a quality educational option for their children. School enrollment grew 17% during over the last 4 years during its location at Highland Park Baptist Church and now Church of the Redeemer. Now Geneva Academy is positioned to continue growth as it occupies significantly larger quarters at Church of the Redeemer (COTR). With the additional space at Church of the Redeemer, Geneva is taking steps to not only retain our current students, but also start extending the invitation for an increase in student enrollment. Families from churches other than COTR now make up about half of those served by Geneva. Our financial goal is to have tuition income exceed our operational expenses. In order to achieve this goal, we need to continue our growth in student enrollment.

Generous support from many donors is essential to Geneva's ability to offer its unique Classical Christian education. Gifts allow Geneva Academy to be the most affordable educational alternative in this area. Lower tuition will likely make gift income a critical necessity in Geneva's financial operations.



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