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Hope Academy GSO *Annual Report* 2023 - 2024

Hope Academy GSO is a private, community-funded, non-profit school serving the community in Greensboro, NC. Through the hope and power of Christ, we partner with families and the community to educate, encourage and equip our students to transform their futures.

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Josh Mullins

Head of School

"When you find an idea that you just can't stop thinking about, that's probably a good one to pursue."

I have been spending the last year or so working through the book of Genesis with a generous friend and mentor of mine (Thanks, Jim!). As we journeyed with Abraham through the pages I noticed that Abe is so frustratingly and comfortingly human! In most elementary treatments, Abraham is lifted up as the example of faith stepping out bravely into the unknown at God's summons!

This characterization is not untrue, but there is much nuance to his (and mine and your) life of faith. Abraham did hear from the Lord and he did respond, but many, many times he couldn't help but take matters into his own hands- seeking shortcuts and loopholes. The Lord tells him to go to a place and he keeps squirming around, eventually bolting for the glitz, glamor, and empty promises of Egypt. Abe fumbles time and time again, but the Lord keeps bringing him into the huddle, calling his number, and handing him the ball.

Jim likes to say that God is looking to raise up 'blessers in the land'. God tells Abraham straight out that He is going to bless him so that he can be a blessing, and do you know what? It works. We see God bless and bless and bless and we see Abe really finally start to get it, to be transformed by the graciousness being heaped upon him morphing him into a truster of the Lord and a blessing of neighbors.

God is an educator par excellence (though his inability to stay within the budget would likely drive his Head of School crazy). He is at work in, around and through us just as he was for Abraham and blessing us so that we can be blessers. At Hope Academy GSO we get to pour our hearts and hands into the work of educating, encouraging, and equipping students to transform their futures. We get to receive blessings from our gracious heavenly Father via our faithful community and pass them on as blessings to these remarkable children who come here everyday. We do it in the hope that the time they spend in this place will lead them to choose to live their lives as blessers as well.

We are beginning 2 major projects to bless more students, staff, and visitors. We invite you to pray alongside us about them. One is the circulation tower/elevator addition to the building to drastically improve accessibility. At the time of writing, the plans for this project have been submitted to the city for approval and we have begun searching for contractors to bid this project.

The second project is starting a high school at Hope Academy GSO. We are working to continue to clarify the vision for this project. There have been some bumps in the road and some hurdles ahead, but the Education Committee is doing a great job researching and shaping what high school should look like. One concern is about staffing this endeavor particularly as it grows one year at a time. Please help us keep our eyes open for individuals who the Lord might be calling into this work. This coming year will be a big one for both of these projects and we are hopeful to have positive updates in the months to come, so thank you and stay tuned!

Barry Utesch

Chair of the Board

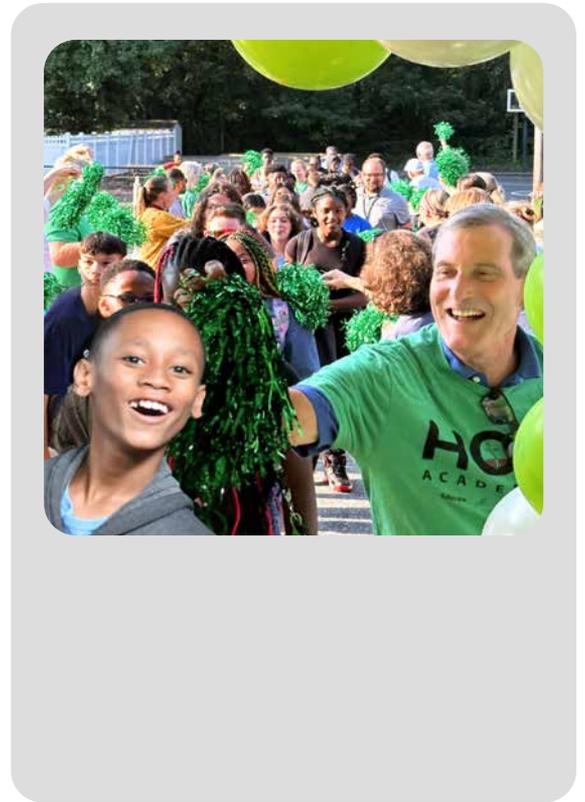
Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10: Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

As a small business owner for over 30 years, I know a little about starting a business and then transitioning it to an organization that will continue to run even after I am not at the helm. Part of the reason I agreed to be the head of the Hope Board was that I felt Hope needed to move from a startup to a mature organization and that I might be the right person at the right time. The typical startup, be it a business or a school, begins its mission with as few people as possible, and all those people work extremely hard to get the organization up and going. The focus needs to shift as the organization grows and more people depend on it. Making changes like segmenting responsibilities, building redundancy, and improving overall stability so that the organization will continue to run even after the founders of the organization are no longer at the helm.

The 2023 – 2024 school year has been productive at Hope Academy. Josh Mullins our Head of School has done a terrific job of promoting the right people to the right seats to help him run Hope Academy today and into the future. Josh’s leadership team includes Mattie, a longtime staff person who is now our principal. She is doing an amazing job of organizing and building out processes and documentation for how Hope can move into the future with excellence and sustainability. Kristine, a teacher at Hope for several years, is now our director of learning. She has been instrumental in helping our teachers by adopting, aligning, and training them to use effective curricula, particularly for math and reading. Adam is a part of our leadership team. He has been our athletic director for many years, is passionate about teaching our students about God’s creation and is now coaching other teachers on how to move lessons outdoors.

Hope Academy has begun to move from being a small startup to a mature organization, which is precisely where we need to be to continue to dream about the future. As the Board chair, it is my goal to keep Hope focused on the goal that our founders so eloquently communicated in our mission statement; “Through the Hope and power of Christ, we partner with families and the community to educate, encourage, and equip our students to transform their futures.”

Thank you for your critical role in helping us achieve this vision and mission. I pray that God will continue to transform you and me as we seek to serve Him faithfully.



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Head of School

Marshall Benbow
Emeritus Member



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Regina Clark

Director of Development

One of my favorite stories in the Old Testament is how God uses everyone who is willing to help build the Tabernacle, and when everyone joins in, it is more than enough. (Exodus 35:4-36:7)

From my viewpoint, there is no better example of how those scriptures come to life today than at Hope Academy. To help transform the futures of our students, there are many needs on various levels. As we make the needs known, each and every one of you plays a critical part in the growth, sustainability and impact of our school.

- So many individuals, foundations, businesses and churches generously and faithfully provide financial donations to pay the salaries of the teachers and staff, provide all the classroom materials, fund field trips and sustain our campus and building through our operating budget. You also connect us to your friends and business partners so they may learn more and participate in the ministry of Hope Academy.

- Businesses provide discounted fees for construction, signage and support services to help turn our decades-old buildings into new, vibrant spaces for energy-efficient classrooms. Others provide lunches to our students and staff.

- Volunteers give their time throughout each school day. Helping students and teachers in the classrooms, supporting our student economy through the school store, keeping our beautiful teacher lounge stocked with drinks and food, leading book drives, weekly maintenance help on the building, serving lunches and maintaining the library.

- Prayer warriors faithfully offer prayers for the safety of our students and staff, the fulfillment of our mission, and that Hope Academy will glorify God in every way.

When everyone joins together to give what they feel called to do, it reflects the Kingdom of Heaven. A place where God is glorified, love reigns and lives are changed now and eternally.

Everyone at Hope Academy is deeply grateful for all you do to help us raise the next generation of students who love the Lord and will leave a positive mark on this earth.



Mattie Neese

Principal

As I reflect on this past school year, the word that sums it up best for me is growth. In whatever position I have held at Hope, I have worked to create a culture for everyone who comes in contact with it built on high warmth, high support, and high expectations. In my first full year as Principal, I have had the opportunity to shape the culture of the school more broadly and have been blessed to witness the growth the Lord is catalyzing in the lives of children, families, and staff.

I've guided nine-year-olds to bring high warmth to cold interpersonal conflicts during Community Circle Time better than some adults. I've shared hugs of high support with parents as we celebrate the fruits of their hard work at home and school. I've encouraged our teachers to rise to the high expectations of learning and teaching a brand-new curriculum while staying true to their unique teaching styles. Growth is rarely easy and often messy, but the beauty it brings is evident in the lives of the students at Hope Academy GSO and I am grateful to get to see that occur.



Bre Johnson

Marketing &
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Coordinator

Josh Mullins

Head of
School

Regina Clark

Director of
Development

Valerie Sagero

Donor
Engagement
Specialist



Kristine Hammer

Director of Learning

Do you know how to model multiplication using four different strategies? Do you know how collaboration influences an artistic renaissance? Do you know how big your foot is compared to a giraffe's hoof? Better yet: What does God say about the places of multiplication, art, and giraffe feet within His perfect story?

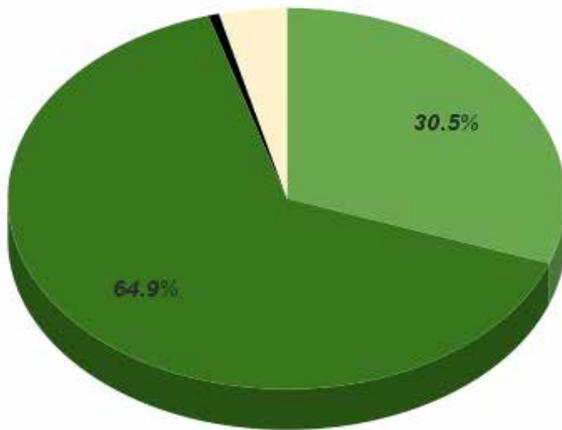
These are just a few examples of questions our teachers have been asking and answers our students have been pondering during the pilot year of Teaching for Transformation (TfT) and our two new curriculums (EL Education and Eureka[^]2.) I am incredibly proud of our teachers for piloting these programs with creativity, humor, diligence, and an open mind. As we look forward to year two of implementation, I am excited for higher-level professional development in our two core academic programs and taking the next steps in the TfT framework.

The questions are not easy, but our students are learning that they are capable and God can be glorified within the answers.

Hope By The Numbers

Opportunity Scholarships	\$580,507.00
Donations	\$1,234,499.00
Tuition	\$11,628.00
Rental Income	\$1,224.00
Interest/Misc	\$73,410.00
Total Income	\$1,901,268.00

FY 2023-24 Financial Breakdown
(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)



● Opportunity Scholarships ● Donations ● Tuition ● Rental Income ● Interest/Misc

30

Whole school
worship Services

180

Classroom
devotions

5

Ethnicities
served

95%

Students qualify
for free or
reduced lunch

20,358

Meals
served

117

Students
enrolled

25

Students enrolled in
our new summer
enrichment program

1.25 - 2

Weekly hours a
student can receive
for remediation

200+

Volunteers
on campus

430+

Active
donors

Making an Impact

My mother learned about HOPE in the early years. She had taught First Grade at Wiley Elementary School several decades earlier and was thrilled by what HOPE offered to the community. Volunteering with Hope Academy was an excellent opportunity to join others in demonstrating love and respect for the school's students and their families. She was impressed by the school's vision, mission, and Christ-centered education about things that really matter - hard work, family involvement in education, etc.

Following in my Mom's footsteps, I am honored to serve at Hope Academy as a second-generation supporter and volunteer.

Many thanks to Hope Academy for the opportunity!

- Hope Classroom Volunteer

Mission

Through the hope and power of Christ, we partner with families and the community to educate, encourage and equip our students to transform their futures.

Vision

Children growing into who God has called them to be

Core Virtues

Established (Ephesians 4:17 - 18)
Adventurous (Isaiah 41:10)
Growing (Luke 2:52)
Loving (John 13:35)
Empowered (James 1:17)

Hope's History



2001 - 2009

Pastor Marshall Benbow of Grace Community Church begins the Glenwood Tutoring Program in his home and eventually relocates to the Grace Community Church grounds. This program provided tutoring services three days a week to students in the Glenwood community. The nonprofit paperwork for Glenwood Family Ministries is filed to begin fundraising and determine the feasibility of a school.

2011 & 2012

Founders Regina Clark and Marshall Benbow and others visit Restoration Academy in the Fairfield neighborhood of Birmingham, AL to gather ideas for starting a school. Upon return, the decision is made to start a planning committee for the school the following month. The original plan is to launch a school in three to five years. Shortly after Glenwood Family Ministries receives permission to begin renovating the building of Florida Street Baptist Church in June. Every week, volunteers come all over the community to clean and paint the building. Due to God's providence, the school, named "Hope Academy," began just over 60 days after the approval notice. Hope Academy GSO opens with 32 total students enrolled into 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Amazingly, by December 2012, the operational budget for the entire school year is fully funded by donors.



2013 & 2014

Community support grows as the word spreads about Hope Academy GSO. At the end of the first school year, 83% of graduating 8th grade students apply and are accepted to local magnet high schools. North Carolina begins the Opportunity Scholarship program for economically disadvantaged students who wish to attend private schools, increasing funding opportunities available for new student who apply.





2016 - 2018

Florida Street Baptist Church gives the church's building and 6 acres of land to Hope Academy GSO. FSBC wanted Hope Academy to be their legacy in Glenwood. This gift allowed HOPE to grow by adding grades. Josh Mullins became Head of School at Hope Academy GSO. Sherricka Stanley, former Dean of Students, starts the Hope Academy GSO sports program. In partnership with Raven's Pursuit, the sanctuary is converted into a hub for a school-wide CrossFit exercise program.

2020 - 2022

After serving 5th-8th grade since 2012, Hope Academy GSO successfully adds 3rd and 4th grade classes in the middle of the Covid19 pandemic. Hope Academy adds kindergarten in 2021. Through the generosity of the community, Hope Academy GSO adds Grades 1 and 2, enabling the school to reach the 10-year goal of becoming a K-8th grade school.



Future Dreams

In August of 2016, Florida Street Baptist church gifted their buildings and land to Hope Academy. Older structures built in different decades create unique, difficult and expensive challenges. 3 interconnected buildings each with 3 floors built in 3 different decades. The interconnected buildings are not handicapped-equipped. There isn't a way to get from one floor to the next or from one end of the building to the other without encountering stairs.

Unfortunately Hope Academy does not have handicapped access in our building. The lack of handicapped access to the upper floors where the elementary school classes are located must be resolved as soon as possible.

Ways you can help:

PRAY. Pray for God's favor in providing funding for this vital project to accommodate current and future students and faculty.

SHARE. Introduce us to individuals or foundations interested in supporting life changing capital improvements.

BRING. Help us find contractors to bid on the project and potentially help save on the 20% contingency portion of the budget.

The long term solution is to install an elevator by August 2025

The Hope Community

Thank You!

Thank you to our donors, ambassadors, volunteers, staff, board members, and families for the ways you continue to support the mission here at Hope Academy GSO. Your contributions make a significant impact on our mission and the families that we serve.

Staff

Josh Mullins: Head of School
Mattie Neese: Principal
Kristine Hammer: Director of Learning
Regina Clark: Director of Development
Bre Johnson: Marketing & Donor Care Coordinator
Valarie Sagero: Donor Engagement Specialist
Shawntina Dennis: Front Office Administrator
Tyeisha Anthony: Administrative Specialist
Brigitte Campbell: Food Service Director
Amir Abdur-Rahim: Facilities and Kitchen Support
Joao Gomes: Custodial
Abeba Merga: Kindergarten Teacher
Gabrielle Warren: Kindergarten Assistant
Berkeley Bradsher: 1st Grade Teacher
Mana Arias: 2nd Grade Teacher
Gayla Renslow: 1st-2nd Grade Assistant
Kindra Chambers: 3rd Grade Teacher
Sarah Cobb: 4th Grade Teacher
Brandon Giles: 5th-6th Grade Math/Science
Dominick Pittman: 5th-6th Grade Humanities
Coach Adam Hubert: 7th-8th Grade Science / Athletics Director
Mary Elizabeth Caldwell: 7th-8th Grade Math
Ansel Talbert: 7th-8th Grade Humanities
Jacki Saslow: Instructional Support Specialist
Stephanie Weaver: EC Teacher
Charlotte Dyal: Art's Teacher
Jeremy Kolb: Integral Play

Churches

Discovery Bible Church
Emmaus Church
Elevation Church Greensboro
First Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church
Grace Community Church
Jamestown United Methodist Church
Mercy Hill Church
Poor Servants of the Mother of God, Inc.
Rooted City Fellowship
Westover Church, Inc.

Companies

AFTERDISASTER
American Giving
Bass Financial Strategies/ Bass & Co.
Beyond Sports
Biltsmart, Inc.
Columbia Forest Products
Conarte America
Davis & Goldberg Orthodontics
Deal Printing
Dominos Pizza Oak Ridge
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Frontier Consulting
Graphic Components
Granville Capital
Harris Teeter LLC
J. McLaughlin
John Davenport Engineering, Inc.
PayPal Giving Fund
Paytel
Piedmont Timber, Inc.
Pinnacle Bank
Rent A Home of The Triad
Romar Elevators
Southern Paint & Waterproofing Co., Inc.
Spartan Planning
State Street Jewelers
TCS
The Curtain Corner
The Franciscan Center
Ward Black Law
Wilburn Medical USA

William E. Mitchell Associates
Wolfe Homes

Foundations

Acts 20:35 Foundation
Alexander Worth McAlister Foundation
Anonymous
Anonymous
Edward R. Murrow Golden K. Kiwanis Club Foundation
George and Sarah Buchanan Foundation
Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc
The Michael W. Haley Foundation, Inc.
The Seby B Jones Family Foundation

Organizations

A.S.C.E.N.D.
Aggies Sign
Dream Builders Realty, LLC
Glenwood Together
Gramercy Park Women's Club
Greater Greensboro Republican Womens Group
Journeys Counseling
Mended Fly Fishing
Mentoring for Her
Rotary Club of Greensboro Foundation, Inc.
Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club
Sedgefield Woman's Club
TELOCA
The Kiwanis Club of Greensboro
Triad Bounce- Central NC Bounce House & Outdoor Cinema Rentals
Twenty Twenty Creative
United Way of Greater High Point
Wednesday Afternoon Book Club
Wednesday Study Club
Yellow Door House
Youth for Christ

The Hope Community

Volunteers

Yasin Abdur-Rahim
Dachond Alexander
Maya Alexander
Dana Allen
Joshua Allen Wilson
Madison Allred
Charles Amisial
Margaret Ann
Mary Ann Shaver
Rigoberto Arellano
Bob Arms
Candace Austin
Callie Bain
Rosaleen Baker
Madison Banks
Sheila Bara-Hart
Juliza Barreto Lopez
Mary Beach
Isaiah Beamon
Marshall Benbow
Aniyah Bethea
Kate Black
Nazareth Blair
Isabel Blankinship
Michelle Books
Michelle Brooks
Serenity Brown
Aliyah Burnette
Aliya Caldwell
Luke Cammer
Briana Campbell
Jaesin Carr
Racshell Carr
Brittany Carroll
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Sheila Cruthis
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Rhyne Cureton
Tyisha Dalrymple
Elijah Daniel Menser
Don Davidson
Mika Davis
Jelyn Diaz
Cara Dohner
Paul Elliot
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Kalen Fling
Kaitlyn Fonte
Lorraine Freire
Rebeckia Fuller

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Taylor Gettings
Alana Gill
James Goins
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Matt Groseclose
Jazmin Gutierrez
Katty Gutierrez
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Nyla Harding
Shelby Harrington
Claire Harry
Morgan Haynes
Celia Hernandez
Alexander Hernandez Reyes
Javier Herrera
Chris Heyn
Jaidyn Hicks
Hizikiel Holloman
Saah Hopkins
Sarah Hopkins
John Huffine
Adrianna Hunt
Lizbeth Huscroft
Derrick Jacobs
Kevin James
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Amaya Jeffers
Alexah Jefferson
LaTreasure Johnson
Zariah Johnson
Malcolm Jones
Jasmine Joseph
Tiffany Joseph
Kennedy Josephson
Mary Katherine Bell
Sherelle King
Megan Kraskouskas
Susan Lamore
Xaja Lawson
Sindy Leiva
Judy Lomax
David Macchiarolo
Preston Mangum
Muriel Manning
Alana Mari Gill
Alyssa Marshall
Carolyn Martin
Liz Martin
Morgan Mayes
Tabitha McLaughlin
Jalon McMullen
Layali McNeal

Xavier Mcneal
Antwan Mcpherson
Carol Melton
Richie Mendoza Camacho
Robert Michael Flynr
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Martha Miller
Tiana Minor
Savannah Montes
Jennifer Moody
Karin Moore
Gwyn Mullins
Dalia Munoz
Meredith Muse
Cassie Myers
Sarah Myers
Jamie Nesmith
Rich Newman
Ariel Nicholson
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Santiago Ordonez
Angie Pace
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Michael Parson
Tom Paulsen
Zacchaeus Payton
Kathy Peascoe
Tyler Piccolo
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William Poignonnet
Debbie Poland
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Shelby Putney
Lance Ramsey
Elizabeth Rankin
Antoinette Ray
Melisa Rea
Jill Reddick
Eric Revell
Rachael revell
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Sanaa Rushing
Jeston Rusnak
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Paige Sampson
Bria Sanders
Maggie Sapp
Debra Schmidt
Karen Scott
Rylie Sheets
Mark Sheffield
Amyia Silver
Miles Simmons
Shalonda Sinclair

The Hope Community

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Danae Smith
Emanuel Smith
Kierra Smurtherman
Cierra Solomon
Martin Spinner
Cailyn Stackhouse
Sherricka Stanley
Shae Stewart
Nate Stocker
Nathaniel Stocker
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Gabbi Swinger
Pam Talley
Kelvin Tanis
Mina Taylor
Heaven Thomas
Stephanie Torres
Ethan Tran
Bobbi Upchurch
Victoria Upchurch
Evan Wade
Jennifer Wade
Ty Wade
Hannah Walker
Ra'Shay Ward
Saija Washington
Jacalyn White
Tommi Wilder
Candace Williams
Marie Williams
Neeko Williams
Peyton Wilson
Janice Wood
Mela Works
Mary Worm
Liz Wosinski
Sheel Y
Rachel Zuhars



The Hope Community

Individuals

Tomokazu Adachi
Lisa Adornetto
Cantey & Suzanne Alexander
Sally & Ray Alexander
Jennifer Allen
Thomas & Lorrie Allen
Scott Allred
Lucie & Fil Anderson
Ken & Caroline Anderson
Thomas Andrews
Steve & Kim Andrews
David Apple
Collin Argo
Manases Arias
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Robert & Elizabeth Arms
Douglas Arms
Heather & James Atkins
Candace Austin
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Maria Barker
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Philip Barry
Mark Barry
Carl & Linda Bass
Jeffrey Beach
Nancy & Tom Beard
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Marc & Diane Bishop
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Fred Bright
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Shelley Campbell
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Brenda Canaday
Elizabeth Carpenter
Dayna Carr
Philips & Patricia Carter
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David Childs
Tom Chitty
Bill & Terry Christiansen
Betsy Clark
Jerry & Regina Clark
Crystal Clark
Sandy & Nathan Cobb
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Cam & Margaret Ann Hall
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David Hammer
Barry Hardeman
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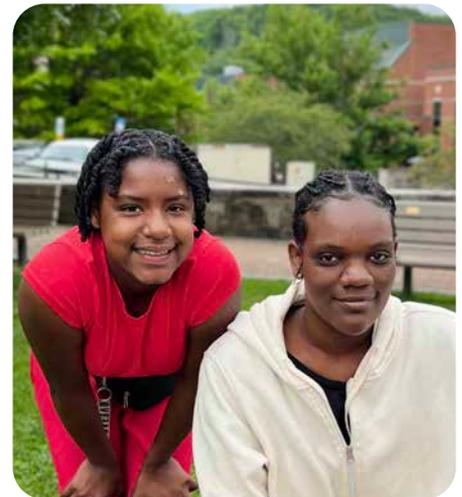
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Cassandra Mayer
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Catherine McIntyre
Paul & Madge Megliola
Jim & Susan Melvin
Phillip Mericle
Jane Merritt
Nancy Michael
Sue Miller
Hannah Miller
Martha Miller
Samuel & Jane Miller
Thomas Mincher
William Mitchell
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Deborah Nunn
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Seldon & Mary Patty
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Ramona Payne
Robert Payne
Phill & Elizabeth Payonk
Tom & Margaret Petty

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Valerie Phillips
Rebecca Pittard
Bob Plummer
Richard Poindexter
Shelly Polite
Libby Pollett
Demetrius & Stephanie Ponder
Alvin & Tracey Powell
Agnes Preston-Brame
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Phillip & Lesslie Ray
Abby Reece
Nancy & Charlie Reid
Jane Reynolds
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8th grade class of 2024



8th grade voices

At Hope Academy, our 8th graders excelled in reading, writing, math, science, and faith. In reading, they demonstrated strong comprehension and critical thinking, often exceeding expectations. Our focus on writing the last term resulted in impressive essays and stories. In math, students shine in problem-solving and analytical tasks, achieving higher scores. In science, students demonstrated strong analytical skills and a deep understanding of scientific concepts through hands-on experiments and projects.

Faith is integral to our education, with students embodying compassion, integrity, and a strong sense of community. Through projects and reflective practices, they built a deeper spiritual foundation guiding their actions and decisions. All these achievements will prepare our students to make a positive impact in the world.

Ansel Talbert
Middle School Humanities

Angelo

Attending Southern Academy

I want to be an entrepreneur because I want to have a stable life and be able to provide for others if they ever need it. High school will be great for this because I can learn about numbers and how to calculate things. Economics will be perfect for me as I can learn about supply and demand, perfect and imperfect competition, taxation, international trade, price controls, monetary policy, exchange rates, interest rates, and many more things. High school is a perfect opportunity to start a business and become a leader.

Isaiah

Attending Piedmont Classical

An obstacle I have overcome is being able to speak in front of large crowds. I remember running away and hiding in 6th grade because having to share up front in class terrified me. In 7th grade, I was still scared, but as the year progressed, I became comfortable because I started becoming myself. Group projects and leading Catechism in Humanities helped me learn how to become more confident and social. I aim to be an entrepreneur and make good quality products for businesses and people.

Savannah

Attending Piedmont Classical

An obstacle I've overcome is my grades. Hope Academy has helped me with my grades by having a smaller class size, which allowed teachers to have one-on-ones with me. When I was in schools with larger classes, I got terrible grades because I was easily distracted by my classmates. Hope has helped me enjoy learning and made me more confident in the quality of my work. Another obstacle I've overcome is my self-confidence. I was always the quiet one in school, but the smaller class sizes and attention I received from teachers helped me grow in this area. I raise my hand more and do better when I have to be in front of the class. I also talk more openly with my classmates. All this was possible because of the experience I've had at Hope Academy. Now, I can go into high school with confidence.

Shaniya

Undecided

Attending high school can be a valuable step towards joining the Navy. Completing high school and earning a diploma is a requirement for enlisting in the Navy. High school can also provide opportunities to take classes and participate in activities that help prepare me for a career in the Navy, such as joining JROTC or participating in a sports team. Additionally, high school can help me develop essential skills such as leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving, which are highly valued in the Navy. Finally, maintaining good grades and staying out of trouble can help me qualify for specific Navy programs and opportunities. Overall, attending high school and taking advantage of its resources can set me on a path toward a successful career in the Navy.

Sports Highlight

Thank you to all of our supporters. Your invaluable contributions led to another successful athletics season at Hope Academy.

This was a year of "firsts!" One of the many barriers for families in youth sports is the price of quality sports gear. We forged a new partnership with Beyond Sports that provided free athletic gear for our students at our Open House in August, removing the financial burden for our families.

We also had our first home game in Hope Academy history thanks to a partnership with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, which included using their athletic field. We hosted our first home-field soccer game in October, which resulted in the season's first win!

We then hosted two postseason flag football games, with the highlight being the championship game against Noble Academy in early December. Jayla and Shaniya were a defensive force, while Mazhi's pass to Isaiah in the red zone was the lone score of the game.

One of the benefits of team sports is giving kids a safe space to work through adversity. We'd never beaten Noble Academy in the championship game. Our students dug deep and fought hard with an airtight defense, resulting in an 8-0 win and our first championship in flag football!

We ended the year winning the basketball championships in the 5/6th division and 7/8th division. Both teams were undefeated with strong performances from Ezekial, Alijah, Anthony, and Isaiah. We have many young athletes returning next season, and we are excited for their success on and off the field.



Adam Hubert
Middle School Science &
Athletic Director



Harvard has a 4% acceptance rate in their Master's Degree of Education Leadership Program.

Since coming on full-time at Hope, I've explored programs that would help me grow as a teacher. Every student deserves a strong and passionate teacher, and I wanted to ensure that I could provide that for the wonderful students of Hope Academy GSO. My first step was to become a certified environmental educator through the state of NC, a program that requires over 200 hours of professional development and outdoor experiences. This program was deeply impactful to my pedagogy and teaching style. It is a four-year program, and I was honored to complete it in three!

As I grew as a teacher and was stepping into more leadership roles at Hope, I knew graduate school was something I desired. Just as students deserve strong and passionate teachers, school communities deserve leaders who create healthy environments and support the growth of all involved. As I explored schools, I kept returning to the Masters in Educational Leadership program at Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). I believe Hope Academy is a place that impacts our students' lives, and HGSE is a place that builds leaders who can change the world of education.

I am excited that our Black and Brown students will have a teacher studying at Harvard. I hope my two years in the program will help me grow into a leader who can help Hope Academy grow as a place where students, teachers, families, and everyone else in our greater educational ecosystem gain the space to have a holy imagination. It is a place where we don't just dream about what school can and should be but are actively creating it.

"I appreciate Coach Hubert the most, anytime I was mad or sad he pushed me to get back out there and do my best."

Kayleigh
Hope Student



"Playing team sports at Hope Academy helps me become a better communicator and athlete. Participating in sports at Hope Academy has given me the opportunity to challenge myself to trying new sports."

Rehema
Hope Student

Voices of Hope!

"Hope Academy has been a GODsend for myself and my family."

Tyler toured Hope his 5th grade year and when he saw that the classrooms were hands on and interactive he was ALL IN. Tyler started 6th grade as a shy student adjusting to new friends, teachers, and environment. The teachers and staff at Hope assisted Tyler during his 3 years there.

Tyler actively ran cross country for 3 years under the leadership of Coach Hubert. Tyler was growing and learning his 7th grade year and going on the class trip to the mountains, he got homesick and needed to call home. Ms. Bre was kind enough to drive him to the bottom of the mountain so he could call.

Tyler has grown closer to GOD as well as continuing to grow and mature by asking for help from his teachers. Tyler even started engaging more in class. He began to grow a bond with all his teachers including Mr. Talbert, Coach Hubert, Ms. Caldwell, Ms. Dyal, Coach Jeremy Kolb and Mr. Mullins the head of Hope Academy. Tyler's 8th grade year he became a leader in his class and amongst his peers. He helped to clean up and assist the coaches with carrying the sports equipment after cross country, flag football, and basketball practices and games.

Tyler enjoyed learning at Hope because he was not exposed to text books; the school took the kids on many trips for hands-on learning. This past year Tyler had the honor to go fishing with Mr. Mullins on several occasions because he had demonstrated good character and maturity during the school year.

I truly cannot brag enough about Hope Academy the staff there are not just teachers they are now family. My family will continue to volunteer at Hope in the years to come because Hope has allowed Tyler to grow into the positive young man that he is today.

Regina Carson
Hope Parent



Voices of Hope!

"God saved my life and then brought me to Hope Academy"

For 40 years, I had a very gratifying and meaningful engineering career at General Dynamics. Then, in a split second, my life drastically changed. Over a year ago, while taking my dog to the vet, I had a stroke. After being rushed to the hospital, I was in a coma, and the doctor told my sister I would not live. But God had a different plan for me. Through the prayers of many, I survived and began the arduous process of rehabilitation. Within months, I went from being in a wheelchair in a resident rehab facility to walking without a cane in my own home.

About that time, another retired engineer from General Dynamics who volunteers at Hope Academy invited me to come visit the school and get involved.



I started volunteering in the 1st-grade classroom. I've loved working in the school, after-school tutoring, and the new summer program. I know God has called me to be at Hope. Ms. Berkeley and Ms. Gayla's inspiring work dramatically impacts the students so much that I am considering a second career in teaching! I believe God saved my life to serve at Hope Academy, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for me and the students.

David Macchiarolo

Hope Volunteer



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Kindergarten



After my initial interview at Hope Academy in 2016, I waited five years for HOPE to start kindergarten in 2021 to come to work at HOPE. Teaching kindergarten is my passion, and it was worth the wait!

What makes Hope Academy unique and the best place to work is the spiritual aspect of the school, the love we pour into our students, and the small number of students in the classroom. Starting my week with worship and scripture reading with the whole school is the highlight of each week. My kindergarten students and I always take the front row in the chapel, where we can hear the voices of the others from behind us. I need to remember that I am at work and enjoy being in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Another great thing about working at Hope is the daily morning devotion and prayer with staff members. There is a sense of unity as we share prayer requests and pray for each other and our students. Then, we take that sense of unity and gratitude to our students. We start our day by reading a chapter from "The Jesus Story Bible" and prayer. Students love acting out Bible stories. One mother shared with us how her child kept talking about the stories of Jesus and asking to watch more stories on YouTube. Students also experience what Jesus did with his disciples during the Last Supper.

It is a joy to see students learn about Jesus and grow their brains through academic learning in the classroom and the many field trips we experience.



Across the primary grades, collaboration for student growth is one of the best things at Hope. The small number of students in the classroom allows me to work with each student and monitor their growth and development. We made bread, apple butter, and vegetable soup in the classroom as we read stories related to the activities. Students also have spaces to play. One of my favorite memories is finding adults in the school appreciating and enjoying what is happening in kindergarten. One day, Mrs. Gabby, my co-teacher, took the students to the courtyard, read them a book, gave them instructions, and let them play with cardboard boxes, sticks and dress-up materials. The students used their imagination and pretended to drive cars, sail in a boat, travel with a suitcase, build a house, and more. Several teachers and the principal watched the students play. They complimented our efforts and guidance to help students discover imaginative play. Through creative play, children learn critical thinking skills, how to follow directions, build expressive and receptive language, increase social skills and learn how to manage their emotions.

Teaching and watching the transformation of our students has been a dream come true for me.

Abeba Merga
Kindergarten Teacher



"Kindergarten students are the little explorers of the world, their curiosity and imagination painting each day with wonder and discovery."





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The Change
You Want to
See in the
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Hope Academy was filled with joy and nostalgia as we welcomed back our alumni classes for an unforgettable reunion event. The event was a beautiful blend of reminiscing and reconnecting. Alumni from various graduating classes shared heartfelt memories, reliving the cherished moments that defined our middle school years. It was heartwarming to see so many familiar faces as we reconnected with old friends and teachers.

It was an honor to plan and host this event for my former middle school. Not only did it give me a chance to reconnect with members of my own class, it reminded me of where so many of my passions first started. I am grateful to Hope Academy for giving me the opportunity to express myself in ways I would have never imagined. One of my favorite memories at Hope has to be mock trial.

These mock trials gave me a firsthand look at the legal system and its impact on people's lives. I am a recent graduate of Greensboro Day School, participating in mock trial during middle school sparked my interest in studying criminal justice in college. The experience of arguing cases and understanding courtroom dynamics inspired me to pursue a future career dedicated to justice and legal advocacy at Meredith College this Fall.

As the night drew to a close, there was a sense of gratitude and pride. We could not go our separate ways without taking a group picture to commemorate the night! The reunion was a testament to the lasting impact of our school and the enduring bonds that connect us all.

Layali McNeal
Hope Alumni



"Students are the seeds of wonder, planted in the soil of curiosity, nurtured by the sunlight of knowledge, and watered with the rain of inspiration."

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