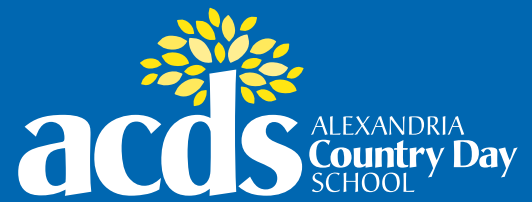
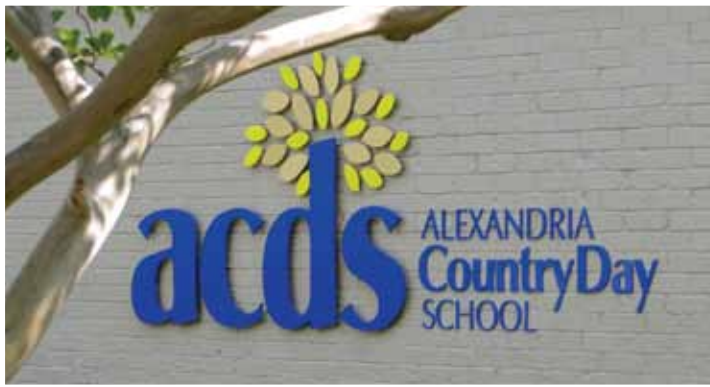


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From the Headmistress

Welcome Back Parents 2011-2012

The 2011-2012 school year is well under way. Thanks to so many for helping to make this Country Day opening such a smooth one. Parents, faculty and staff worked together to help one another as we prepared for Open House and for our first official day of school for our children.

While many of our Country Day traditions remain constant, progressive changes are taking our school to the next level of academic excellence. Teachers have participated in extensive professional development, some of which included Kagan Structures, Singapore Math and E.R.B.'s standardized testing analysis training. As a staff, we are beginning the process of curriculum development. This school year and over the next several years, we will be formulating a curriculum that is unique to Country Day, meeting the specific learning needs of ACDS students. A character-building component is being added to our curriculum this year. You should begin to hear your children discuss doing things the "Country Day Way!" It's an exciting time to be a part of Country Day, as we make decisions that will impact future learning.

I know that you join me in welcoming new families and our new staff members. They come to us with qualities that will strengthen our school as we continue to lead the way as the premier school in Central Louisiana. Preparing our children for the most promising future possible is not an easy task; but "growing bright futures" is what we do, and with your support, the result will be the most rewarding experience that we'll ever share!

Thank you for being a part of our ACDS family,
Nancy Rials, Headmistress



From the Board President

The 2011 – 2012 school year is off to an exciting start! I feel certain that many of you have noticed the improvements around our campus. The new sign on the front of our building and paw prints which are utilized during carpool are quite the hit with students, and a fence is now installed that provides safety for our children. In addition, we have new paint and improvements throughout our campus. Currently, we are in the process of expanding our art room to provide more workspace as well as our very own kiln! Ms. Abraham is excited about all of the ways that she will be able to use this resource to enhance the already wonderful art lessons that students at ACDS participate in.

I am looking forward to a great year as we continue to "Grow Bright Futures" at Alexandria Country Day School.

Doug Godard, Board President

ACDS is Character...

The campus climate committee is excited to have kicked off the year with our first Spirit Rally which was held on September 2. All students, faculty, and staff participated in this event which was led by Mrs. Rials! Warren Morris was our guest speaker, and he reminded us of the importance of compassion. He used the ACDS acronym to be a reminder of how we can show compassion: Act, Care, Daily, Share. Each month during the school year will focus on one of the character traits shown below. We are looking forward to continuing to build the character of our students throughout the year!

Compassion
Honesty
Accountability
Respect
Accountability
Citizenship
Thankfulness
Empathy
Responsibility



Strategic Plan Update!

Early in 2011, Mrs. Rials, along with Country Day parents, faculty, and the ACDS Board of Directors, came together with Mr. John Littleford, an international consultant focused on assisting independent schools, to develop a strategic plan for our school. This plan will be used as a “road map” over the next several years to help ACDS continue to move forward and be the best school it can be. The goal is to provide a continuous focus on key areas that impact independent schools. The key areas that we will be concentrating on are as follows:

- Strengthen and Align the Core Academic Curriculum from grades PK3 – 8
- Ensure the Future Financial Sustainability of ACDS
- Improve School Climate through Emphasis on Core Values and Character Education
- Formulate an Internal and External Communication Plan and Strategy
- Engage in Board Development through Recruitment and Training
- Identify and Prioritize Improvements to the Facilities
- Pursue Independent School Accreditation
- Explore and Implement Staff Development Opportunities that Support the Core Academic Curriculum

We are looking forward to a great year as we implement these strategies and continue to “Grow Bright Futures” at ACDS.

ACDS Annual Fund

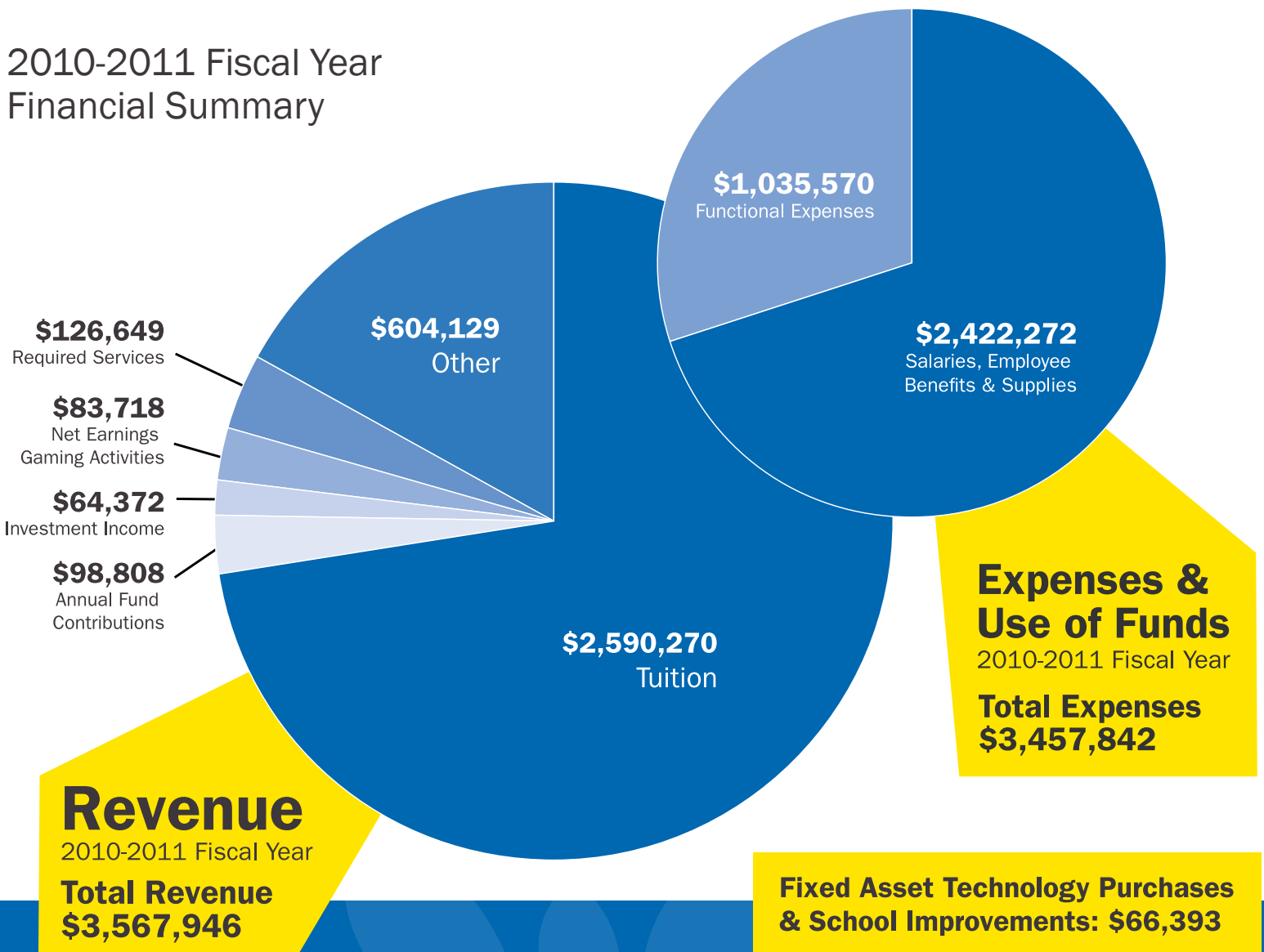
An Integral Part of Growing Bright Futures

The 2010 - 2011 annual fund was once again a tremendous success. With support from faculty, staff, parents and friends, we were able to raise almost \$100,000 for ACDS. With these funds we were able to purchase one set of student response systems for each grade to be used with the Promethean boards purchased the previous year, provide training for our teachers including Singapore Math and Kagan, and we will use a portion of these funds for our art room expansion.

We are excited about the opportunities for the funds raised in the annual fund drive for 2011 - 2012. Our goals for the use of these funds are to continue to provide professional education for our teachers and to renovate our science lab. We need everyone's help to make this possible.

Special thanks goes to the ACDS board, faculty and staff for achieving 100% participation in the annual fund drive for the first two years. Please consider joining us to provide the best education possible for our students! Remember - no gift is too small. Please consider giving to this important fund.

2010-2011 Fiscal Year Financial Summary



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*Correction – Alexandria Country Day School wished to express its sincerest regret for an error in the 2010-2011 Annual Fund Donor Honor Roll. Myra and Perry Ducote were inadvertently left off the list. They are donors in the Boosters category. We deeply apologize for this error. Our donors are important to us and we appreciate their generosity toward Alexandria Country Day School.





**GO
TIGERS!**

INAUGURAL SEASON FOR ACDS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to the Alexandria Country Day School Cross Country Team! Coach Dan Ahrens, assisted by Mrs. Kassie Harlow and Mrs. Kristy Zachary, worked all summer with many of the runners. The many hours of training paid off on September 10th at their first meet, the St. Michael's Bayou Boogie Invitational in Baton Rouge. In a field of close to 350 middle school runners, at a distance of two miles, ACDS had two runners in the top five and another in the top fifteen. Cameron Farris finished 4th with a time of 12:38 and André Arsenault finished 13th, at a pace of 13:08. Grace Ahrens came in third in the girls' division with a time of 14:08. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished 4th in the meet.

Outstanding ACDS ALUMNI

Jared Breaux, son of Kevin and Arlene Breaux graduated from Louisiana State University in 2009 and is currently doing well in his third year of medical school at Tulane University.

Logan Brown, son of Robert and Tracy Brown, was named to the Broadcom MASTERS semifinalist list for his project for the Louisiana Region IV Science and Engineering Fair at LSU Alexandria. Logan, now a freshman at Pineville High School, represented Alexandria Country Day School last spring in the competition. The title of his project was "Cruising with the Sun." The Broadcom MASTERS is the national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) competition for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and is sponsored by Broadcom Foundation, a private non-profit public benefit organization funded by Broadcom Corporation. The goal of the Broadcom MASTERS is to encourage middle school students to continue their studies in STEM courses throughout high school and beyond. The Broadcom Masters semi-finalists were chosen by a panel of distinguished scientists and engineers. Logan is one of three Louisiana students chosen from 1,475 applicants and 6000 nominees located in 45 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico!

Joe and Nick Marrazzo, who are the sons of Russ and Janice Marrazzo, graduated summa cum laude from Louisiana State University and are now excelling in medical school at LSU in Shreveport. Joe is in his second year and Nick is his first.

Emily Redmond, daughter of Mike and Vicki Redmond, was chosen as the Distinguished Young Woman of Louisiana for 2012 in the competition which was held July 30 at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center in Alexandria. She was awarded \$3,000 in cash scholarships. The Distinguished Young Woman of Louisiana is a state-wide scholarship program for high school girls. Emily was one of 15 high school senior girls from Louisiana who competed to represent the state in the national finals, which will be held in Mobile, Alabama in June, 2012. She will represent Louisiana throughout the next year at numerous events and will help spread the program's national outreach message, "Be Your Best Self."

Emily is a senior at Alexandria Senior High, where she is involved in many activities including National Honor Society, for which she serves as president, ASH Dance Line Captain, Spanish Club, Vice-President of the School Concert Choir, Tennis Team, and choreographer for drama club. Her accomplishments include The Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Top Ten Junior, Trojan Top 5 (top five percent of class), Top English Student of the Year, and the recipient of the Alexandria Mason's Honesty and Integrity Award.

Alexandria Country Day School now has an Alumni Association.

To become a member please contact Beth Arsenault at 318-448-1475 or email: barsenault@acdsonline.org.

ACDS Senior Alumni Shine...

Amanda Breaux, *daughter of Kevin and Arlene Breaux*

A graduate of Pineville High School, Amanda was named Rapides Parish Student of the Month in February 2011 and was a candidate for Rapides Parish Student of the Year. She was named Pineville Student of the Year in 2011 and was Valedictorian of the 2011 class. She achieved a GPA of 4.25 and a composite score of 35 on the ACT. Amanda was a member of the PHS Quiz Bowl Team which placed 3rd in the state and qualified for the National Quiz Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the LHSAA Academic All-State Soccer Team as well as the PHS community service clubs, Rebel Pride and the Anchor Club.

In athletics, Amanda lettered four years as a member of the PHS Soccer Team, where she also served as a team captain during her senior year. She was selected for the All-Cenla 1st Team and the All District 2nd Team in 2010. As a senior, Amanda was a member of the PHS Tennis Team as well.

Amanda was the recipient of the Louisiana State University Flagship Scholar Resident Award, LSU Alumni Association's Global Leader Award, Chancellor's Future Leaders in Research Award, Dean's Scholarship for the College of Science, and the Frank J. Jackson Award.

Amanda is attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a major in biology/pre-med.

Evan Dodson, *son of Mark and Toya Dodson*

A graduate of Pineville High School, Evan ranked number 15 in his class. He was the recipient of Best Vocalist in 2011. Evan also served as Student Body President and was voted "Best Smile".

Evan received a \$6,000 per year scholarship. He is attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Meredith Hamblen, *daughter of Mark and Libby Hamblen*

A graduate of Pineville High School, Meredith served as Senior Class President and as Freshman Executive Mentor. She was also a member of Student Council, Chamber Choir, Key Club, and Spirit Club. Meredith was selected for the National Honor Society Award, the Key Club Award, Honor Roll, and received an Academic Letter. She also lettered in theatre and choir.

As an athlete, Meredith lettered in Pineville High School Basketball and Soccer and served as a soccer team captain.

Meredith is attending Louisiana State University with a major in Mass Communications.

Drew Harlow, *son of Craig and Kassie Harlow*

Drew is a graduate of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts in Natchitoches, Louisiana, with a science emphasis. In 2011, he received the Outstanding Foreign Language Award in Spanish. Drew is the recipient of a full TOPS Scholarship as well as the Tiger Excellence Scholarship and the Chancellor's Award from LSU, which will completely pay for his tuition and fees.

Drew is attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a major in Art History.

Weston Lindsey, *son of John and Cheryl Lindsey*

Weston is a graduate of Pineville High School where he was a 4-year Magnet Arts student in Visual Arts. He was a state finalist in the LHSAA Art Competition. During his junior and senior years he served as a Freshman Mentor. He was a member of the PHS Cross Country team, where he qualified for state each year and served as team captain during his senior year. Weston also worked with the football team as lead videographer. He was a Key Club member, and was selected for participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

Weston received a scholarship to attend Louisiana College where he is majoring in Religious Studies.

Danny Marrasso, *son of Russ and Janice Marrasso*

A graduate of Alexandria Senior High, Danny was a member of the National Honor Society, and was selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students, the National Honor Roll, and the All-American Scholar Program. He maintained a GPA of 4.027, was listed on the A/B Honor Roll as a freshman and the A Honor Roll as a sophomore, junior and senior, received an Academic Letter, and an ACT score of 30. Danny was also a TOP 10 Junior, a state qualifier for the Louisiana Student Achievement Award, and was nominated for the International Foreign Language Award of the National Leadership Conference.

In athletics, he lettered in both ASH Football and Baseball. In baseball, as a pitcher, he was named as All-District Honorable Mention and to the All-District First Team. As a punter in football he achieved First Team All-District.

Danny is attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a major in biology.

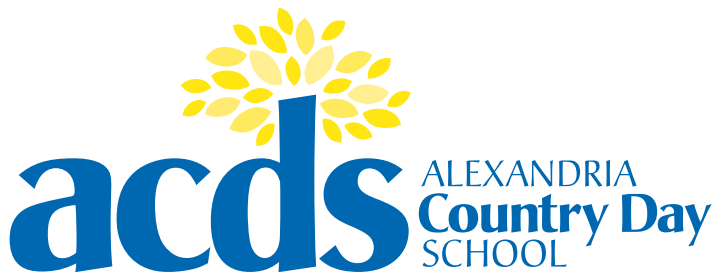
Katie Price, *daughter of Teddy and Susan Price*

Katie is a graduate of Holy Savior Menard High School, where she served as President of the Senior Class. She was the recipient of the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, the U.S. Army National Scholar/Athlete Award and, as a senior, was a member of the Soccer All-State Academic Team. Katie graduated with Beta Club Honors and was Valedictorian of the 2011 class.

As an athlete, Katie was a member of the Soccer All Freshman District Team and the Soccer All District Team for 3 years. She was awarded Cenla Soccer Athlete of the Year.

Katie is attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.





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Rear (left to right) - Melissa Monroe (5th-8th grade Spanish), Kelly Mesloh (6th grade English Language Arts), Sissy Allgood (Junior High Science), Melissa Henry (Kindergarten Paraprofessional)

Front (left to right) - Allison Frye (Girl's P. E. and ACDS Softball Coach), Marie Champagne (Junior High Math), Meredith Crotty (Kindergarten)



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