

AOA Accolades



Letter From The Board

What a year for Alpha Omega! It is hard to believe the school year is already ending. I feel like it was just yesterday we were welcoming families in the gym at orientation, and just like that we were congratulating the Class of 2018 as they received their diplomas last weekend.

On behalf of the Alpha Omega Academy board I can tell you it is our honor and pleasure to serve the families that attend our school. In my first year as board

Letter From The Headmaster

Greetings,

We recently hosted an accreditation team to renew our accreditation. This visit happens every 5 years in order to maintain accreditation. After 12 years with one accrediting agency, we wanted to shift to a classical school accrediting agency to be more in line with our mission. In the final report, which we received a week and a half ago, the team wanted to see a "higher level" of classical instruction before they would re-accredit our school. In response to that we are asking for a two year probation in which we can work on our "level" of classical instruction and be visited again. In the mean time, our former accrediting agency, ACSI, will extend our accreditation. Alpha Omega Academy is and will always be an accredited school. I am very thankful for all of the hard work and effort by the teachers, staff, and administrators to go through this hard process.

As we enter into the summer I wanted to update you on a few happenings at the school. Three of our teachers are leaving at the end of the year, Mrs. Bryce Benson, Mrs. Adams, and Mr. Lester. I

chair, I have been proud to watch our students and staff continue to grow together and achieve in the classroom, on the field, and in the community we all share. This has been a learning year for me too. I have never led an educational institute like this and it has been a great experience. I hope you all can appreciate my novice approach, it has been so rewarding and invigorating.

We experienced record enrollment and began expansion for our new grammar wing to open in the fall. Next year we will be able to serve more families and the community by opening sections in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grades.

Strategic growth is important to the board and the culture of our school. We want to keep the family feel of our school but also provide the strong classical, Christian education to those looking for that option in our community. We feel like opening this up to more of the community is our ministry. However, keeping our standards and value to our families is our priority.

In regards to planned growth the board will be looking to expand the secondary wing and build an athletic field house and performing arts center as funding is available and capacity needed. If you are interested in serving on a facilities-planning committee or have contacts or resources that can assist in building please let us know. We have been blessed as a school with partners that have helped us grow and keep tuition costs affordable.

Hopefully you received your end of year survey and have submitted. We appreciate your feedback and it truly helps guide the board on decisions we are making for the school. Please know that myself and any of the board

appreciate their hard work and efforts this year. We are currently interviewing for the 5th grade and science positions. Mrs. Karlene Underwood will replace Mrs. Benson in music and Mrs. Aimee Montgomery will take the art position. Other teacher additions for our expanded classes are Mrs. Michelle Kern - 2nd grade, Mrs. Jennifer Goins - 1st grade, Mrs. Misty Lampson moving to Kindergarten, and Mrs. Nicole Williams - Pre-K.

The new building will be completed by August and there will be other remodeling and updating around school. We are excited about the new facilities and all of the new families and students who will be here for the new school year. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Paul Davidhizar



members are always available and appreciate your feedback and prayers. I pray everyone has a safe and relaxing summer and we will see you all on August 22!

Chris deMilliano



Speech Meet Winners

GOLD

Corrie Markham - 2nd grade Bible Kendall Tran - 5th grade Dramatic Bible Khloe Deggs - 6th grade Patriotic Oration

SILVER

Tanisha Dessie - 2nd grade Bible Gavin Lopez - 2nd grade Poetry Jonah Wood - 3rd grade Poetry



Morgan Keenright - 4th grade Fable Carter Allen - 5th grade Bible Jordan McCormick - 5th grade Bible Kinsey Mullings - 5th grade Patriotic Oration Allie Warren - 6th grade Dramatic Bible Prose Ashlynn Reynolds - 6th grade Poetry



Spelling Bee

Alpha Omega Academy hosted this year's district meet in February. Congratulations to all participants and winners!

Kate Morton—3rd Grade
Preston Kieschnick—3rd Grade
Ayden Jenkins—4th Grade
Liam McClellan—4th Grade
Myriam Mayes—5th Grade
Hannah Dunster—5th Grade
Maddie Elkins—6th Grade
Taitlyn Fogle—6th Grade



Phoebe Lee—7th Grade Samanta Gomez—7th Grade Bradlee Dunster—8th Grade J.J. Primm—8th Grade



TAPPS

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) hosted the Art, Debate, Speech and Academics competitions in Waco, Texas in April. Alpha Omega Academy students participated and succeeded in the following categories:

Aaron Lee - 1st place in Black and White Drawing; 1st place in On-Site Drawing; 4th place in Seek and Sketch; 7th place in Calculator

Leah Bwolf - 2nd place in Color Drawing; 5th place in Seek and Sketch Color; 6th place in On-Site Drawing; 8th place in Black and White Drawing

Madelynne Van Roekel - 4th place in Literary Criticism

Clarissa Primm - 4th place Senior Portfolio





New Uniforms

Alpha Omega Academy welcomes our new uniform provider, School Uniforms by <u>Tommy Hilfiger</u>. Please review the <u>current dress code</u> to make sure you are following the policy.

We have samples in all sizes of the pants



and skirts available. They will be available to try on the week of June 25th - 28th from 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. We are not able to take orders or sell the samples, they are merely there for you to have your student try on for the best fit.

PTF will have a used uniform sale on July 12th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the commons; come pick up what you can and still have plenty of time to order online.

Spring Field Trips

Alpha Omega Academy students enjoyed a variety of spring field trips across the region. Field trips provide students with a window to the real world outside of the classroom and an opportunity to apply information taught during the semester.

Some field trip destinations included:

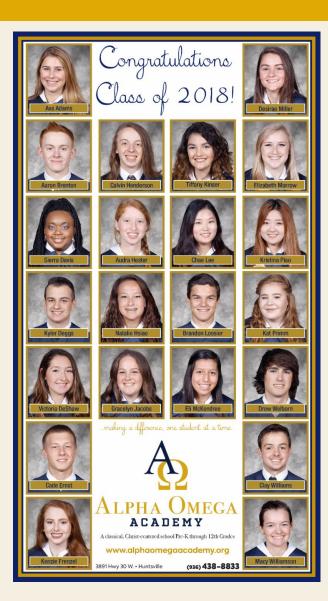
- Fishing Trip
- Lufkin Zoo
- Steely Lumber
- Bush Library
- Battleship Texas
- Walker County Fair and Rodeo
- Houston Port
- Federal Reserve
- Sam Houston Folk Festival











Senior Spotlight

The Class of 2018 had a busy spring semester preparing for their Oral Defenses, Protocol, scholarships, graduation and more.

Seniors and their dates were treated to dinner at Christopher's, a favorite of President and Barbara Bush, in College Station prior to a Hollywood themed dance at the school.

Seniors took trips to the Texas A&M and SHSU libraries to conduct research for their thesis and oral defense projects. Oral Defenses were held over three days and brought several visitors to the school. Topics ranged from "Public Funds Should Not Be Used for School Vouchers" to "The Urgent Need for Immigration Reform."

Graduation was held at University Heights Baptist Church on May 19, and 22 students received their diplomas. Collectively the class received more than \$540,000, in scholarships to attend universities in the





fall such as Oklahoma State University, Virginia Tech, Indiana Wesleyan, Baylor, University of North Texas, Mary-Hardin Baylor, UT - Arlington, TSTC, SHSU, UT-Tyler, Lamar University, Fort Range CC in CO, and Liverpool University - Chinese Campus.

Congratulations to a wonderful class of students and good luck in the fall!



Sports Roundup

The Lions had a very successful year in sports. Many of our teams went on into the playoffs and state meet. Alpha Omega Academy supports a strong program for athletics because through those shared experiences, students are prepared to be humble and gracious leaders.

Baseball 1st Team All-District Zach Taylor Joel Balch Will Stewart





2nd Team All-District Trey Smith

Honorable Mention J D Ficklen Blaine Pierce

Softball 1st Team All-District Victoria DeShaw Shaylee Ritter

2nd Team All-District Abbey Stewart Allie Gladish Josie McMahon Nicole Kohers Kendall Wilson

Track State Qualifiers
Jessica Kohers
Natalie Rex
Lizzie Morrow
Maisie Bobkovas
Mallory Benson
Matthew DeMatos
Stormie Burchett

Girls Basketball

1st Team All-District Desi Miller

2nd Team All-District Josie Ray Shaylee Ritter Jenaya Godfrey

Honorable Mention Kendall Wilson

Boys Basketball State Semi-Finalists

1st Team All-District Clay Williams Cade Ernst Wade Williams









2nd Team All-District Will Stewart Brandon Loosier

Honorable Mention JD Ficklen Zach Taylor Parker Adams

We are thankful for all our coaches and athletic staff that help our students succeed.





Calendar Corner

AOA Academic Calendar

End of Year Swim Party: May 25

Uniform Sale: July 12

Back to School Swim Party: August 13

First Day of School: August 22 Auction & Banquet: February 23



Alumni Update

Where are you going to school? Have a new job? Recently married or had a new baby? We want to hear! Share your updates so we can feature them in our upcoming newsletters and stay connected with AOA friends and families. Our alumni are our greatest success!

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