Pitt Academy

Annual Report and Newsletter July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023



Graduating Class of 2023

Pitt Academy is fully accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission, Inc. We are an independent Catholic K-12 Archdiocesan school with a non-denominational enrollment policy. We see our students as individuals with a unique pattern of strengths, learning styles and challenges. We focus on a child's abilities, not his or her disabilities. The environment at Pitt Academy gives students every opportunity to reach their own academic, social and creative potential in a learning environment that meets the needs and abilities of each student. Our individualized program, adapted curriculum, outstanding instructors and vibrant community are committed to helping our students develop the skills and self-confidence necessary to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

Our Mission

Pitt Academy provides a safe, nurturing school environment and an individualized curriculum that allows students to realize their full potential and to develop the skills necessary to become more independent and productive members of society.

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14TH ANNUAL BIRDIES & BOURBONS EVENT

We held Birdies & Bourbons, our 14th Annual Charity Golf Scramble and Silent Auction, at Wildwood Country Club on Monday, May 15, 2023. It was a fantastic day with beautiful weather and a great group of golfers. Following the scramble, an award ceremony took place where Kentuckiana Lawn and Landscape's team won First Place. This years event incorporated both a silent and live auction with some wonderful packages including a trip to Orange Beach and multiple bourbon and wine tastings. Our scramble and auctions were a success and all participants helped us raise over \$60,000.00 going to a scholarship fund to benefit our student body. Forcht Bank sponsored our student and teacher of the year awards. Our student of the year was Max Roden and our teacher of the year was Mel Crabtree. The recipient of the Steve DeGaris Memorial Scholarship was Gabe Renner. We would like to thank Total Wine & More, Mercedes Benz of Louisville, Jeremy Schell, Spectrum Resorts, RNDC, Brown Forman, and multiple local restaurants/chefs, stores, and attractions for your donations to assist in making this event a huge success. Pitt Academy greatly appreciates everyone who participated in this event. Thank you for your support!

Birdies & Bourbons 2024 will be held on Monday, May 13th at Wildwood Country Club For more information regarding our next Birdies & Bourbons event please visit: https://pitt.com/birdies-and-bourbons/



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2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

STEM AND MAKER SPACE LEARNING

This year Pitt Academy continued to build upon our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and Maker Space Learning Program. Our students enjoyed collaborating with their peers in order to solve complex problems, as well as design and construct inventions. These two programs provided our students the opportunity to express their creativity, build new strategies, and think critically through a hands on learning approach.



BROWN FORMAN

We are beyond grateful to have partnered with Brown Forman for their Metro United Way Project in November. Over 20 volunteers spent the day at Pitt Academy building items for an outdoor classroom, a swing, benches, picnic tables, and an outdoor sensory path. They also painted numerous outdoor games, educational walking paths, and provided a much needed improvement to our basketball court.









ACCREDITATION

This year Pitt Academy completed our Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission certification process in March. We are beyond grateful to have been reviewed by a great team of fellow educators and school administrators including Amanda Stewart, Rick Blackwell, Danielle Wiegandt, Debbie Judd and Lucia Simpson . We are happy to announce that we passed and hold our certification through the next five

years.

COMMUNITY GIVE BACK PROGRAM AND WORKPLACE INSTRUCTION

This year Pitt Academy partnered with McDonalds, Dare-to-Care, Sav-A-Lot, Eastern Area Community Ministries, SB Homes Renovations and Kitchen Tune Up to provide our high school students a workplace experience to learn valuable real-life skills needed upon graduation that will enable them to become productive members of their community. A BIG thank you to these locations for helping with our Workplace Program!

Pitt Academy students are very active in giving back to their community. This year our students raised funds for Kosair Charities and the WHAS Crusade for Children, made dog treats for Animal House, and held a giving drive for animals for Animal House Adoption Center. Students also collected hygiene related items for the Franciscan Kitchen and assisted in putting together Blessing Bags with them. We submitted artwork and were showcased at the Crusade for Children's Oktoberfest. We also made holiday cards for our Neighbor's at Episcopal Church Home and Jefferson Place, as well as children at the University of Kentucky's Pediatric Oncology Clinic.



PITT POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

The first class of the Pitt Academy Postgraduate Program was enrolled in the Fall of 2018, consisting of only three students. Now five years later, the 2022-2023 postgraduate class consists of eighteen students, the largest cohort thus far in the programs history. This enrollment increase is only one indicator of the programs success and impact we have seen this past year.

Our postgraduate students are immersed in a curriculum focused on four pillars of instruction including Community Engagement, Functional Academics, Independent Living Instruction, and Employment/Vocational Training. These pillars aligned with authentic instruction, both inside and outside the classroom provide our students the perfect opportunity for success and independence.

A key component of our students success is our relations and support from community partners. Each postgraduate student acquires on site training and skills throughout their postgraduate career by working at our partnering locations. We are thankful for our continued relations with our partners and are grateful for new relations we have developed this year.

During this academic year our students organized, developed, and led their annual service projects. These projects serve as part of the community engagement curriculum to develop young leaders in collaborative and altruistic efforts. Students set records for both donated items during their CANtober food drive and the number of Blessing Bags created in the spring. Both projects are in collaboration with some of our community partners (Franciscan Kitchen, Dare to Care, and our neighbors of Graymoore Devondale).

While students are given the opportunity to apply skills they have learned both through experiential learning and on site training outside of the classroom, we are also able to provide curriculum based instruction in all four pillars on campus. Instruction is developed and presented through a goal oriented and student-centered approach as students take a leading role in attaining their independent, professional, and instructional goals.

We would like to thank all of our partners both in instructional sites and program growth for their on going support of our students and mission. **Employment/Vocational Training Partners: Community Service Partners:** Louisville Metro Parks Louisville Title Boxing Mission BBQ

Kohls Department Store **Bellarmine University**

Franciscan Kitchen Louisville Metro Animal Services



STUDENT EVENT PHOTOS



SUMMARY OF FINANCES

The school's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. The totals are as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23
Net tuition and fees	\$903,729.00	\$1,047,549.00
Other operating revenues	\$38,307.00	\$51,987.00
Other non-operating revenues	\$3,765.00	\$22,296
Grants and other donations *	\$194,973.00	\$173,041.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,140,774.00	
		\$1,294,873.00
Education Program Services Expenses	\$1,042,724.00	\$1,059,997.00
Administrative Supporting Services Expenses	\$152,189	\$184,798.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$23,985.00	\$38,572.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,218,898.00	\$1,283,367.00
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	-\$78,124.00	\$11,506.00
New Assets Purchased	\$10,290.00	\$161,356.00
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$2,288,587.00	\$2,461,449.00

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Pitt Academy has received and witnessed so many wonderful blessings this past school year! The development and growth of our Postgraduate Program has allowed us to reach and serve our students and families beyond graduation. We are blessed to be able to support students from Kindergarten through Postgraduate years in all areas of life, not just academics. The impact that Pitt Academy has on the lives of our students, their families and our staff is immeasurable. We are forever grateful to our Pitt Academy Family for supporting our mission and our students! Thank you all so much for helping us to provide our students with these opportunities.



Renee Doty, Principal Pitt Academy

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Pitt Academy Special Olympics

Pitt Academy encourages and supports our students eight years and older to participate in Special Olympics. Participation in the Special Olympics program offers students improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, a more positive self-image and the potential to build friendships. Athletes carry these benefits with them in their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job and in the community.

Pitt Academy offers the following sports programs:

Basketball Bowling Flag Football Soccer Softball Snow Skiing Swimming Track

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