



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

Celebrating 30 Years of God's Faithfulness to HCA




More than 600 students, employees, and board members gathered on Knights Field for a group photo, complete with their "30 Years of Grace" t-shirts.



MESSAGE FROM HEADMASTER TRACY ROBINSON

Dear Hickory Christian Academy Alumni,
On September 5th, 2025, Hickory Christian Academy celebrated 30 years of God's faithfulness to our school. From the humble beginnings of 15 families, 19 students and three teachers to the current 380 families, 520 students and 80 employees, the transformation of our school has been nothing short of a miracle from God. The picture you see here is of the current students and staff, but they represent thousands who have diligently followed the Lord's leading over three decades. Congratulations to everyone who has been a part of that success, thank you to those who have sacrificed effort and time to get us to this point, and praise be to Jesus for His incredible gift of grace to us all during that journey! *Mark 5:19b*



In Christ, 

30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HCA's 30th birthday celebration began with a "Morning Mingle" breakfast for our high school students and their families. This was followed by a school-wide balloon release and birthday cupcakes for everyone at lunch. The celebration concluded with dinner at Charleys Cheesesteaks, who generously donated 80% of their proceeds as a birthday gift to our school.



Knights



30 YEARS OF CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Throughout Scripture, God recognizes milestones and provides festivals for His people to celebrate them. God's gift of 30 years of Classical Christian education at Hickory Christian Academy is certainly a worthy moment to pause and celebrate His lasting faithfulness!

"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." – Mark 5:19b

ALUMNI LEGACY BREAKFAST

The HCA community had the joy of hosting a special breakfast honoring our 2nd generation alumni—graduates who have now returned as parents, entrusting their own children to the same Christ-centered education they once received. It was a meaningful morning that celebrated not only shared memories, but also the growing legacy of HCA families.

The breakfast provided a wonderful opportunity to gather our alumni families together for a time of fellowship, connection, and encouragement. Alumni enjoyed visiting with one another and engaging with administration. It was especially meaningful to check in with our alumni and hear how the Lord continues to work in their lives and families.

This gathering revealed that something special is taking root—a legacy of HCA students shaped by the same commitment to truth, goodness, and beauty. These families are now sharing in the training and tradition of a Classical Christian education, passing it on to the next generation with intentionality and joy.

We are deeply grateful for our alumni and the continued trust they place in HCA. It is a privilege to partner with them once again, this time in the education of their children, and to witness the enduring impact of an HCA education across generations.



“Your faithfulness continues through all generations...” Psalm 119:90

ALUMNI IN ATTENDANCE:

- Alex Johnson (2007)
- Dillon Keller (2010)
- Keegan Pardon (2013)
- Melody Preachers Pardon (2010)
- Arden Thompson Lippert (2012)
- Grady Shue (2012)
- Andy Peeler (2006)
- Charlie Tracy (2015)

2ND GENERATION FAMILIES NOT PICTURED:

- Luke Peterson (2007)
- Sydnie Lail Markley (2013)
- Paxton Lail Peterson (2010)
- Meredith White Beiland (2013)
- Jacob Starnes (2014)
- Tyshun Flowers (2013)



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Annual HCA Golf Tournament

HCA's annual Golf Classic is still going strong after 25 years! This event is a long-standing tradition and our largest fundraiser of the year, offering a day of connection and generosity. This event creates a meaningful opportunity for HCA families, alumni, and local businesses to participate in a day of golf, fellowship, and shared purpose in supporting HCA through both play and sponsorship. Over the past three years, the golf tournament has raised \$122,818 for the Roundtable Fund.

ROUNDTABLE FUNDS RAISED OVER A 3 YEAR PERIOD. \$301,490

We are excited to invite our alumni to join us for this year's tournament and take part in this annual tradition. The day includes an 18-hole round of golf, lunch, prizes, a takeaway boxed dinner, and most importantly, the chance to reconnect and spend time with fellow members of the HCA community. We hope you'll make plans to join us at the Catawba Country Club for a memorable day on the green as we host the 2026 HCA Golf Classic.

We invite you to join us at this year's HCA Golf Classic!
Monday, September 21, 2026
Email Shine@hickorychristian.com for details



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ALUMNI SPOTTED AT THE TOURNAMENT!



Alumni Pictured:

Andrew Cook, Austin Walker, Casey Broome, Jacob Starnes, Levi Robinson, Sam Robinson, & Will Duncan