

The Summit Academy

*“The Glory of God is Man fully alive. The life of Man is the vision of God.”
– St. Irenaeus*

August 2, 2021

Dear Friends,

The Summit Academy, an independent school in Fredericksburg, Virginia, is celebrating five years of providing an inspiring classical education, forming students in Christian virtue and equipping them to joyfully take up their task in the world with a strong sense of mission. We hope you will join the celebration at our first annual gala, on **October 22, at Stevenson Ridge**. With a beautiful venue, delicious food, an open-bar, live and silent auctions, and jovial company, it promises to be an evening to remember.

Since opening in 2016 with 17 students, The Summit Academy has grown to almost 90 students and has provided a rigorous education in the liberal arts, fine arts and performance, speech and debate, a growing athletics program and outdoor leadership to educate the whole person. The Summit relies on generous benefactors and fundraising to carry out its mission, as tuition covers only 80% of the cost to educate a student. In addition, over half of our families receive financial assistance, and we would like to continue to enable as many young people as possible to attend regardless of circumstances. We are committed to the belief that an excellent education should be attainable for a broad range of families, but we do not receive any federal, state, local, or church-based financial assistance. Therefore, we are grateful for every contribution, large or small.

In addition to attending our gala, we invite you to participate in one or more of three ways. First, become an event sponsor by making a tax-deductible donation to help offset the cost of hosting the fundraiser.

Second, please consider donating an auction item. We happily accept services, dining discounts, airline miles, theater or sporting event tickets, vacation or weekend getaways, artisan items, antiques, etc.

Third, advertise in our gala program. This is a great way to support the school, while promoting your business in our community.

The attached form should make it easy to make a donation, and/or advertise in the program. You can also donate at www.thesummitva.org/gala

Thank you in advance for your support. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our young people.

With best regards,

Mary Brand, Kira Delaney, Jennifer Harding, Shannon Looby

The Summit Academy Gala Co-Chairs