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Hello Confluence Community,

Spring is in full swing, and with it comes new and exciting opportunities for our students! From inspiring events to unforgettable experiences, there's always something meaningful happening at Confluence Academies.

We're excited to introduce Confluence Conversations, our new podcast diving into education, community, and the key issues shaping our schools. Each episode features insightful discussions with students, partners, and community changemakers. Look for new episodes twice a month!

Recently, Aspire and Old North students had an unforgettable experience at The Believe Projects - Embrace the Power of Reading event at The Sun Theater. From jumping and dancing to being drawn in by community leaders who shared their love of reading, this event truly inspired our young learners to develop a love for literacy.

Spring also brought an amazing opportunity for three dozen CPA scholars, who traveled to Atlanta to explore several college campuses. Seeing these institutions firsthand is invaluable for our scholars as they plan their futures, and we are grateful to our educators for making this experience possible. Meanwhile, GCAA students are embracing the season by showcasing their creative genius—don't miss their inspiring spring performances! (Dates and times below.)

Finally, we invite you to share Confluence Academies with your family, friends, and colleagues. Walk & Talk Tours are now underway, offering a firsthand look at our schools. Plus, be on the lookout for details about Summer Journey—a fantastic opportunity for students to continue their learning and growth in June.

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Warm Regards,

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## Confluence Conversations Podcast



We're thrilled to introduce [Confluence Conversations](#), a brand-new podcast exploring education, community, and the key issues shaping our schools and society. Episodes drop twice a month, bringing you insightful discussions with students, partners, and community changemakers.

[Debut Episode: "Educators for Gun Safety"](#) – A powerful conversation with our student ambassadors.

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## Walk & Talk Tours

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Join us for a *Walk & Talk Tour* at CPA, GCAA, Old North, and South City! These guided tours offer a firsthand look at our schools in action. If you're interested in attending, check the listed times, and invite friends and family with school-aged children to explore what Confluence Academies has to offer. For GCAA tours, please call the front desk to schedule an appointment. We can't wait to welcome you!

## 2025 Missouri Scholars 100 Program

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Congratulations to GCAA Senior, Lucy Corey for earning Honorable Mention in the prestigious 2025 Missouri Scholars 100 program! This statewide recognition honors Missouri's top high school scholars for their academic excellence, leadership, and school involvement.

## Dr. Leslie Muhammad Honored



Congratulations to Dr. Leslie Muhammad, Confluence Academies' Director of Student Services & Parent Engagement! She was honored with a Little Black Dress Award



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This well-deserved recognition highlights Dr. Muhammad's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence for young women in the St. Louis region. She's pictured with CEO Dr. Candice Carter-Oliver and Confluence Academies Board President Leona Lucas.

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## Partner Spotlight: Harris-Stowe State University



Confluence Academies is proud to partner with [Harris-Stowe State University](#) (HSSU), one of two historically black colleges and universities in the state of Missouri. Located in St. Louis, HSSU offers degrees in business, education, and the arts and sciences.

Harris-Stowe is a wonderful partner in our dual enrollment program, offering our students the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. Just last fall, President Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith kicked off HSSU's Presidential Dollars for Scholars Tour at CPA, awarding 8 scholarships totaling \$180,040 to our students. We greatly value our partnership with Harris-Stowe!

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## Aspire Academy



Aspire and Old North students experienced the magic of storytelling at *The Believe Projects – Embrace the Power of Reading* event! Black male leaders from across St. Louis brought books to life through readings, music, and dance—making literacy exciting and fun for our young learners.

This event was part of the Embrace the Power of Reading initiative, a collaboration between [Black Men Read](#), [Ready Readers](#), and [The Believe Projects](#). A heartfelt thank you to The Believe Projects for inspiring our students and reinforcing the joy and power of reading, and for their commitment to ensuring children become confident, capable readers by third grade.



as they proudly showed off their big milestone!

## Confluence Preparatory Academy



An incredible spring break opportunity for CPA scholars! Dean Miller, Dr. Wourman, and Mrs. Lewis-Kelly took 38 students to tour some of the nation's top HBCUs, including Grambling State, Alcorn State, Jackson State, and Morehouse College, as well as Georgia State University. They explored campuses, connected with students and faculty, and gained valuable insights into college life. Beyond the visits, they immersed themselves in Atlanta's rich history and culture—walking through Centennial Olympic Park, exploring the Georgia Aquarium, and enjoying some well-deserved fun at Dave & Buster's. This unforgettable experience was both inspiring and educational!



CPA Seniors also took a trip to Lincoln University in Jefferson City. They toured campus and learned about everything Lincoln offers students.



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Congratulations to Zyon Stokes and Malachi Smith on continuing their football careers in college! Zyon will be playing at MidAmerica Nazarene University, while Malachi will be attending William Woods University. Signing day is a proud moment for our athletes, their families and our school communities.



It's time to sign up for our [5th Annual CPA Golf Tournament](#) on July 10th at Forest Park! Not a golfer? You can still support our student-athletes by sponsoring the event—showcase your business while making a lasting impact on our athletic programs!

## Grand Center Arts Academy



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Congratulations to our new National Honor Society inductees! We are incredibly proud of their hard work, leadership, and commitment to academic excellence.



GCAA hosted a fantastic College and Career Fair. Students explored exciting opportunities, connected with professionals, and took steps toward their future success!



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our GCAA artists. The Theater Pathway's Phoenix Players will present *Twelfth Night* on April 17-19. The Spring Music Concerts will feature choral performances on Wednesday, April 30, and instrumental performances on Thursday, May 1. The Art Exhibition and Senior Show will take place on Friday, May 9. We look forward to celebrating our students' creative genius with you!



Summer will be here soon and that means two fun-filled weeks at [GCAA's Summer Arts Camp](#)! It's a great way to introduce future middle and high school students to all that GCAA has to offer. Be sure to share this opportunity with friends and family!

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## Old North Academy



Our Old North students had a fantastic experience during the TRIO Talent Search field trip to The Griot Museum and Harris-Stowe State University. TRIO helps students explore college and career opportunities, providing them with valuable resources for their future. While on the trip, our scholars had a special surprise—running into Officer Recco!



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A huge thank you to [The Village](#) for their generous donation of notebooks, binders, folders, and other classroom supplies! Our teachers and students appreciate the support, and we value our partnership with The Village.



Our PBIS assembly was a huge success! PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a framework that promotes positive behavior and academic success by recognizing students for their achievements. We celebrated our scholars for their outstanding citizenship, perfect attendance, and honor roll accomplishments!

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## South City Academy





Congratulations to our South City Cheer team! They competed in their first-ever cheer competition, showcasing their skills in three categories and bringing home 1st place for their game day performance!

A huge shoutout to our talented cheerleaders—Aleyse Blakley, Augustina Kamara, Joniece DeGraffenreid, Brittany Molina, and Myala Bradley (GCAA)—and our dedicated coaches, Michelle Collins and Madison Orlando. Way to go, team!



It was great to see our scholars from Grand Center Arts Academy and South City Academy collaborating as GCAA's 8th grade Independent Study students taught robotics to nearly 100 third graders at South City Academy!

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An exciting opportunity for South City students Savannah Carter, Damaris Hernandez, Amirah Lane, and Priscila Salgado. They'll perform their play, *I Love You, I'm Sorry*, during the [Story 2 Stage Festival](#) at The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis on April 8. Congratulations!



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