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Hello Confluence Community,

February is an especially meaningful month across Confluence Academies. All of our schools will be celebrating Black History Month with special learning experiences during the school day, as well as evening events that families are invited to attend. We hope you'll join us as our scholars explore history, culture, and the leaders and legacies that continue to shape our communities.

It's also exciting to see our scholars leaning into learning and growth at every stage of their educational journey. From our early learners building strong foundations, to our eighth graders preparing for the transition to high school, to our seniors finalizing their next steps toward college and career, it is exciting to see students rising to meet each milestone. We also love seeing our alumni back in our halls, sharing insights and encouragement with our scholars.

As a reminder, please be sure to share with family and friends looking for an amazing school community that we are [enrolling new students](#) for the 2026–2027 school year.

Thank you for your continued support of our scholars. We are proud to serve our students and families!

Warm Regards,

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Black History Month Events

CPA: Black Entrepreneur Fair — Feb. 26 • Black Excellence Week • Soul Food Wednesdays

GCAA: Black Excellence: The Legacy Continues — March 6, 6 p.m., Sun Theatre

Old North: HOME WORKS! Dinner and Black History Month Program — Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.

South City: Black History Month Event — Feb. 26, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Celebrating Our School Counselors



We are incredibly grateful for the caring, steady support our counselors provide to students, families, and staff every day. During National School Counseling Week, we want to say a special thank you to:

CPA: Hannah Johnson, Dr. Cierra Wourman, and Jennifer Huling

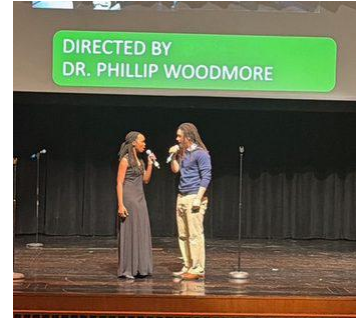
GCAA: Kellian Hanks, Kimberly Campbell, and Rusty Smith

Old North: Colbi Wayne and Deborah Hoechst

South City: Susan Siegel

Your work makes a difference—and we're lucky to have you as part of the Confluence Academies family!

Museum's MLK Day Celebration



GCAA students' creative genius shined in the Saint Louis Art Museum's 2026 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. This year's program, ["The Dream Reimagined: Youth Voices Uplifted,"](#) was all about celebrating young artists and the power of their voices.

Senior Safiya Austin-EI opened the event with a powerful performance of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Several of GCAA's vocal music students also joined COCA's Allegro for a choir performance, including Adelyn Simpson, Cayden Swink, Langston Casey, Safiya Austin-EI, and Byron Jenkins.

Safiya and fellow senior Langston Casey also performed the duet "Wheels of a Dream" from *Ragtime*.

Theatre Pathway students then took the stage with a thought-provoking performance of *The Riot*, featuring Azrael Hopkins, Kai Mayberry-Dunn, Anthony Owens, Jariah Turner, and Micah West, directed by Mr. Keith T. Williams.

It was a wonderful event, made even more special by all of GCAA's talented artists.

Reminder: [Confluence Academies](#) will be closed on Monday, February 16th for Presidents' Day. Also, no students on Tuesday, February 17th. Staff has a PD Day.

The Little Bit Foundation Donation Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Confluence Cares donation drive for The



Because of your generosity, we were able to donate more than \$3,600 worth of items, which will be placed in Little Bit's school boutiques to support students across our community.

The Wellness Committee greatly appreciates everyone's support!

Confluence Preparatory Academy



One of CPA's most anticipated events each year, the To and Through: CPA Alumni Panel, gives scholars the chance to hear directly from graduates about life after high school. Alumni returned for an engaging, honest conversation about what college is really like—sharing insights on adjusting to campus life, staying motivated, managing responsibilities, and making the most of new opportunities.

Thank you to our incredible alumni for coming back and pouring into our future graduates: Daila Huntley (Philander Smith University), Jahlil Latchison (SIU Edwardsville), Angel Washington (Southeast Missouri State University), Roy Davis (SIU Edwardsville), Bry'An Boyle (Harris-Stowe State University), and Karrell Cameron (SIU Edwardsville). Your guidance and encouragement help our scholars feel more prepared and confident for what's ahead.



CPA welcomed dozens of alumni back to campus for our annual Alumni Night. Alumni cheered on our Titans Basketball teams, took part in a fun halftime trivia competition, and after the game enjoyed catching up with fellow Titans over food and drinks in the cafeteria.

Grand Center Arts Academy



GCAA Music Pathway students took part in the annual Des Lee Music and Arts Festival at UMSL, joining young artists from across the St. Louis region for a day of high-level training with expert

The festival concluded with a free evening concert and visual arts showcase at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, celebrating the talent and dedication of participating students. GCAA Sophomore, Denim Browder, even helped host the evening event!



The creations of five GCAA Visual Arts Pathway students are being showcased in St. Louis Community College's Annual High School Student Art Exhibition.

[The exhibition](#) features student artwork from 12 local high schools and runs January 26–February 19 at the Florissant Valley Contemporary Gallery.

Congratulations to our participating student artists—each with two pieces on display: Mariah Bland (12), Sevares Strickland (12), Joyceann Thompson (11), KaMora Love-Thomas (10), and Marley Rosebrough (11).

Families and supporters are encouraged to visit the gallery during its regular hours throughout the week. You can also attend the **Closing Award Reception and Open House** on **Thursday, February 19**, from **6–8 p.m.**

Old North Academy



Old North Academy 8th graders recently visited Confluence Preparatory Academy and Grand Center Arts Academy to explore what each high school has to offer and get a firsthand look at student life.

During the visits, scholars toured the campuses, met staff and students, and learned more about academic programs, extracurricular opportunities, and pathways that support college and career

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South City Academy



South City Academy was proud to host the second annual Sarah Howell Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Congratulations to the Old North Academy Lady Comets, who won the girls bracket, and Premier Charter School, who took first place in the boys bracket. South City Academy and Lafayette Preparatory Academy also competed in the tournament.

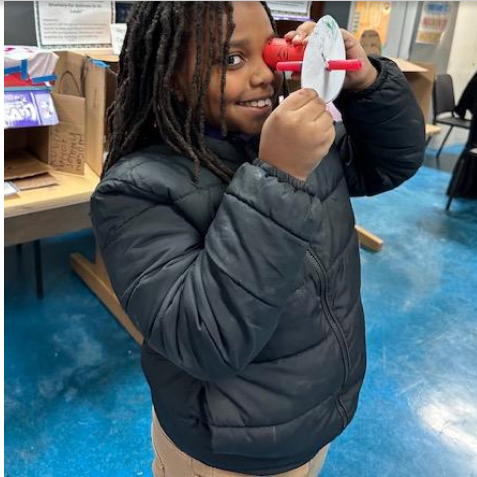


South City students were thrilled to receive Reading Buddy Bears, thanks to a wonderful partnership between the Build-A-Bear Foundation and First Book Marketplace.

These special bears were raffled to two lucky classrooms: Ms. Benson's 1st grade class and Mrs. Durakovic's 4th grade class, adding a fun and meaningful boost to classroom reading.

Mark your calendars for South City Academy's **STEAM Night** on **Thursday, March 5**, from **5-7 p.m.**

This family-friendly evening will be packed with hands-on activities and engaging



The entire family is invited to attend. We hope to see you next month.

Food and Assistance Resources

Please find a list of [local resources available throughout the St. Louis area to help with food, financial, and housing needs here](#). If you have questions or need additional support, please reach out to your school's main office for guidance.



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