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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to highlight our Dean, Mr. Suggs, in this month's Staff Spotlight. With a background as a collegiate and professional football player, as well as an entrepreneur and trainer, he brings a unique blend of leadership, discipline, and faith to our school community. His passion for student growth both academically and spiritually continues to make a meaningful impact on campus.

What has been the most rewarding part of stepping into your role as Dean this year?

The most rewarding part of becoming the Dean is seeing the growth in our students from beginning to end.



Mr. Skyler Suggs

What inspired you to pursue a career in education and leadership?

I started my working career as a professional athlete in football. After retiring, I became a personal trainer and opened my first business. My wife and I decided to move to Florida from St. Louis six years ago, shortly after our arrival, the Lord's hand moved me into education, although I have continued to grow in entrepreneurship as well.

How would you describe your vision for supporting students and staff at our school?

My vision is that our school is a representation of the Fruits of the Spirit. Our students should be on a path of linear growth, and our graduates should impact their communities in a positive manner, both in their skillset and spiritual growth.

What is one piece of advice you hope students will carry with them beyond their time here?

Not everything that glitters is gold. Invest your time in things that will make a difference in this world, and you will always be rich.

What is your favorite verse, and why?

"For even The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." Matthew 20:28. This is a constant reminder to me about how I am to live my life and keeps my focus on helping others.

NICHE REVIEW HIGHLIGHT

"I loved my time at Faith Christian Academy. FCA has a special place in my life. At FCA, I met some of my best friends, including my wife. What makes FCA unique is that there isn't a ton of student turnover, so the longer I attended, the more I grew to know and love the other students who attended with me. Most importantly, FCA had a significant impact on my relationship with God. I cannot recommend FCA enough, and I hope your student has the same opportunity to attend this school as I did!" — Alum, Niche.com Review

If your family has had a positive experience at FCA, we would greatly appreciate you sharing your feedback in a review on [Niche](#)



DEAN'S LIST - QUARTER 3 (2025-2026)

PRESENTED BY MR. SKYLER SUGGS, DEAN OF STUDENTS

We are proud to recognize our secondary students who have been named to the Dean's List for their excellence in academics, character, athletics, and community. This honor reflects the values of integrity, perseverance, and leadership that we seek to cultivate at FCA.

Selection Criteria

- Academic Achievement: highest GPA or significant academic improvement (minimum 3.5 GPA)
- Exemplary Behavior: consistent positive conduct, peer/teacher nominations
- Athletic Excellence: notable performance or sportsmanship in school athletics
- Community Spirit: leadership or service in clubs, volunteering, or faith-based activities

MIDDLE SCHOOL



MADISON SPELLMAN

Academic Achievement
6th Grade



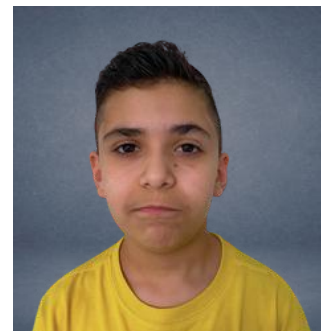
KALEY LOUIS

Exemplary Behavior
7th Grade



SOPHIA LEOPOLDINO

Athletic Excellence
8th Grade



FREDERICK RAMOS

Community Spirit
8th Grade

HIGH SCHOOL



CARLOS RAMOS

Academic Achievement
11th Grade



ERIC GIBSON

Exemplary Behavior
9th Grade



ESTEBAN CARTAGENA

Athletic Excellence
11th Grade



MIA BUECH

Community Spirit
11th Grade

If you see these students, congratulate them on their outstanding achievement!

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

March was an exciting and full month at FCA, offering a wide range of opportunities for students and families, along with a refreshing Spring Break. From meaningful moments like Senior Breakfast to enriching experiences such as the 9th grade field trip and SAT testing, students were engaged both academically and socially. Our community also came together for the Creative Arts Festival, a Homeschool outing, and the memorable Jr./Sr. Formal, showcasing the vibrant life and connection that make FCA so special.



ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION

On March 13, we hosted an online safety presentation in partnership with Safe Social Network, organized by our school counselor, Mrs. Sarah Robichaux, for our students, staff, and parents. The representative provided education on digital citizenship, AI training for staff, and guidance on policy development to help address cyberbullying and online risks. Presentations were tailored for 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade students, as well as parents of students in grades 3-12.

Student Reflection:

"He gave advice and insight over the dangers and precautions that come with the technological era that many of the upper-class students wish they had been given to their younger selves."

— Sophia, Senior

CAREER TALKS

Developed by our Advancement Office, the Career Talk Series began with a survey of our high school students to better understand the careers they are interested in exploring. Through this initiative, on March 23, students heard directly from professionals in a variety of fields, gaining insight, asking questions, and thinking more intentionally about their future. Speakers also connected individually with students, offering guidance and sharing opportunities such as internships. We look forward to continuing this series next academic year with even more speakers, including FCA alumni and community partners.



Edwin Lurduy - CEO/Owner, Mecatos Bakery and Cafe

Edwin emphasized the importance of working diligently at whatever you do and encouraged students not to follow trends but to pursue ideas that are sustainable and beneficial. He also shared a practical reminder to “not get fired,” highlighting the value of consistency and reliability in the workplace. He spoke about the importance of self-discipline and good decision-making, reminding students not to be distracted by social media or material success, but to stay focused on building a strong foundation, trusting that material success will eventually come.



Jenny Sippel-Tompkins - Director of Pharmacy, Advent Health

Jenny shared that she once planned to become a lab technician but was warned that advancing technology would replace much of that work and it did. She encouraged students to choose career paths carefully, especially with the rise of AI, and to consider fields that will remain relevant. She also highlighted opportunities in the medical field and encouraged students to volunteer to explore their interests.



CDR Denver White - Director of Research and Technology Programs
Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division

Commander Denver emphasized the importance of not burning bridges and of presenting yourself in a way that makes every interaction an opportunity for future growth. He shared the various programs he worked on as a Navy officer and encouraged students to express their faith in the workplace through their actions and behavior.



Randy Keith - President/CEO Premier Piano Shows Dueling Pianos LLC

Randy shared his unique career journey, from becoming a radio traffic reporter to pursuing his passion for music. He explained how he began playing piano at a young age and eventually built a full-time career as a dueling pianist, performing across the country. He encouraged students that it is possible to build a successful career in music without fame, and that there is a meaningful opportunity in pursuing one's passion.

Are you interested in joining the Series as a guest speaker? Connect today with the Advancement Office.

Dipti Kumar | Director of Advancement | Kumard@fcalions.org

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



Faith Christian Academy
DESIGNED WITH A PURPOSE
 Summer Camp

This year's theme is Careers in Action! Each week, your student will explore exciting career paths that could spark a passion for their future, all while deepening their relationship with Jesus. It's a journey of purpose, discovery, and faith in action!

CAMP DATES & TIMES
 June 1 - July 31, 2026
 Monday - Friday 8AM - 5PM
 Dates Closed | Juneteenth (June 19) & Fourth of July observance on July 3
 Limited Spots Available

WEEKLY CAREER THEMES
 Ministry | Hospitality | Medical | Education | Public Service | Engineering & Technology | Skilled Professional | Government | Visionary



Jeremiah 29:11



CHEER CLINIC & TRYOUTS

Cheer Clinic: April 21 & 23 | 3:15-4:30 PM
 Cheer Tryouts: April 28 & 30 | 3:15-4:30 PM

Must have sport physical to participate. Closed-toe shoes required



BOOSTER THON

This fundraiser is fueling an exciting push toward our goal of

\$25,000

to enhance technology and expand our campus at Faith Christian Academy.

Join us, give boldly, and be part of making this vision come to life!

Register online at MyBooster.com
 Fundraiser Kickoff in school - Wednesday, April 8, 2026
 Event Day - Thursday, April 16, 2026



BOOSTER THON

ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS

CELEBRATING HEARTS THAT REFLECT JESUS

At Faith Christian Academy, we believe true success is found not only in academics but in character that reflects the heart of Christ. Each quarter, our elementary students are recognized for demonstrating kindness, compassion, and faith through their actions. These students were selected by their teachers for consistently showing God's love in the way they treat others and live out their faith.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - **Matthew 5:16**

LIONS SERVE THE POOR

- ★ **CAINE INKPEN**
KX- Mrs. Cortes
- ★ **GABRIELLA MEZA MOLINA**
KY- Mrs. Clemente-Perez
- ★ **JOEL MARTINEZ**
KZ- Mrs. Rivera
- ★ **ISABELLA ABREU LOPERA**
1X - Ms. Diaz
- ★ **LUKA LEON**
1Y - Mrs. Ibrahim
- ★ **CRUZE PEREZ**
1Z - Mrs. Perez
- ★ **ISABELLA FAGAN**
2X - Mrs. Forty
- ★ **CLAUDIO GAITAN**
2Y - Mrs. Hernández
- ★ **NICHOLAS MACIAS**
2Z - Ms. Monet
- ★ **CHRISTIAN CONTRERAS**
3X - Mrs. Dellepere
- ★ **VINCENT HUYNH**
3Y - Mrs. Yoder
- ★ **LEIA NAEIM**
3Z - Mrs. Matos
- ★ **Z'KAI FRANCOIS**
4X - Mrs. Guzman
- ★ **ALANA SURDAMA**
4Y - Mrs. Vega
- ★ **CATALINA ACOSTA**
4Z - Mrs. Trujillo
- ★ **NNAMDÌ OPARAOCHA**
5X - Mrs. Esteves
- ★ **LELIA MORERA**
5Y - Mr. Real
- ★ **KHALEESY LI**
5Z - Ms. Esquivel

LIONS SERVE THE ELDERLY

- ★ **ELOAH MELO**
KX- Mrs. Cortes
- ★ **MILA O'BRIEN**
KY- Mrs. Clemente-Perez
- ★ **ARIELLE METELLUS**
KZ- Mrs. Rivera
- ★ **JASIEL ROBLES**
1X - Ms. Diaz
- ★ **GALILEAH SERRANO**
1Y - Mrs. Ibrahim
- ★ **ZOE RAMIREZ FELIZ**
1Z - Mrs. Perez
- ★ **KRYSTAL HERNANDEZ**
2X - Mrs. Forty
- ★ **SOPHIA ZIELINSKI**
2Y - Mrs. Hernández
- ★ **ANASTASIA DAVIS**
2Z - Ms. Monet
- ★ **JULIANA ALGARIN**
3X - Mrs. Dellepere
- ★ **MICAH GEORGE**
3Y - Mrs. Yoder
- ★ **ALAN RAMOS-RIOS**
3Z - Mrs. Matos
- ★ **NOAH RAMIREZ**
4X - Mrs. Guzman
- ★ **JAXON MARTINEZ**
4Y - Mrs. Vega
- ★ **AYLANI BLEDSOE**
4Z - Mrs. Trujillo
- ★ **ZOEY RIVERA**
5X - Mrs. Esteves
- ★ **JOSHUA NGOIE**
5Y - Mr. Real
- ★ **DECLAN HOOPER**
5Z - Ms. Esquivel

LIONS SERVE IN MISSIONS

- ★ **LIAM NEGRON**
KX- Mrs. Cortes
- ★ **BENJAMIN FAGAN**
KY- Mrs. Clemente-Perez
- ★ **CAMILA REYES**
KZ- Mrs. Rivera
- ★ **MILA LEON**
1X - Ms. Diaz
- ★ **NIA PRENDERGAST**
1Y - Mrs. Ibrahim
- ★ **GIANNA GARCIA**
1Z - Mrs. Perez
- ★ **ELLIS EXILE**
2X - Mrs. Forty
- ★ **ISABELLA KHANHAI**
2Y - Mrs. Hernández
- ★ **KRISTINA CAMPANA**
2Z - Ms. Monet
- ★ **JACK VINCENT SANTOS**
3X - Mrs. Dellepere
- ★ **ZYLAH TRUJILLO**
3Y - Mrs. Yoder
- ★ **ZOE NGOIE**
3Z - Mrs. Matos
- ★ **ROXANA COOK**
4X - Mrs. Guzman
- ★ **MICHELLE LONDONO**
4Y - Mrs. Vega
- ★ **ANDEE ROMERO**
4Z - Mrs. Trujillo
- ★ **ELIJAH LUU**
5X - Mrs. Esteves
- ★ **LIEN MORERA**
5Y - Mr. Real
- ★ **EMMA GONZALEZ**
5Z - Ms. Esquivel

Recognizing students who reflect the character and love of Jesus Christ throughout the third quarter.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to highlight alumna Nicole Vega, who graduated from FCA and continued her education at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, earned her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and recently her Master's in Curriculum Instruction. She has traveled to several countries and now serves as a 4th grade teacher at FCA, reflecting a heart for service and a passion for education.

What inspired you to pursue a career in teaching?

I went on a mission trip when I was 15 to Nicaragua, where God opened my heart to help others and serve through teaching. I also loved my time at FCA, and it definitely shaped who I am today. That experience led me to want to share that same passion with others.

In what ways did your time as a student here shape who you are today as a teacher?

I think every part of growing up here influenced me, especially my personality and leadership. I was always involved in whatever the school offered, including homecoming court, student council, and safety patrol. All of those experiences helped shape who I am today. These principles were instilled in me to serve wherever and whomever I can.



MRS. NICOLE VEGA
CLASS OF 2016

What does it mean to you to now be teaching at FCA?

I love teaching at FCA. I work under a great administration, and it makes me happy to pour into others just as I was once poured into. It's truly special to now be part of the same community that helped shape me.

What is your favorite part about working with your 4th-grade students?

I LOVE 4th grade. It was my favorite grade when I was younger, and now teaching it allows me to experience it again every year.

What is one lesson or value you hope your students will always carry with them?

I hope my students always remember the importance of kindness, serving others, and using their gifts to make a positive difference.



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Favorite Bible character, and why?

One of my favorite biblical characters is Solomon. I admire how he asked God for wisdom above everything else. His story reminds me of the importance of seeking wisdom in every decision I make and encouraging my students to do the same. I want them to learn that true understanding and guidance come from God.

BIBLE CORNER

MORE THAN ENOUGH

Enough!

There is a popular saying that goes, "You are enough."

So, you can imagine that when I looked at my pen that says "You are Enough," my mind went to the empowering words of "Yes! I am enough!"

But the truth is: I am NOT enough. And guess what? You are NOT enough either, Friend.

We will NEVER be enough, and that's a GOOD THING!

Why?

We weren't created to be enough.

We were created to embrace Who is enough!

God is more than enough.

Eve thought God wasn't enough, and now Adam's bite has us all thinking that we need more to become enough when the truth is: We had enough, and through grace and mercy, we still have enough.

More than enough.

"I am enough for You." is equivalent to "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness."

God IS enough.

Everything and everyone else fails.

Period.

We can't base our foundation on the likes and applause of people.

If we do, we give them the power to build us up and tear us down.

If our foundation is built in Christ, HE is the Potter, and we are the clay.

He has the pruning shears.

We grow when we choose to trust in Him. Our obedience and daily surrender are an outward declaration that "He is enough!"

God has the final say on all things concerning us, and He is faithful to complete what He started.

"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.'"

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me." -2 Corinthians 12:9 BSB

-Ms. Sunny Collins, Main Office Administrative Assistant

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

25-26 TUITION & FEES INVOICE DUE DATES

TUITION

Next payment is due **April 5, 2026**

INCIDENTAL INVOICES

Next payment is due **April 20, 2026**

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **Mar 1:** Homeschool Application open
- **May 31:** Tuition Assistance Applications close
- **June 15:** New Student Applications close

THE SCHOOL APP

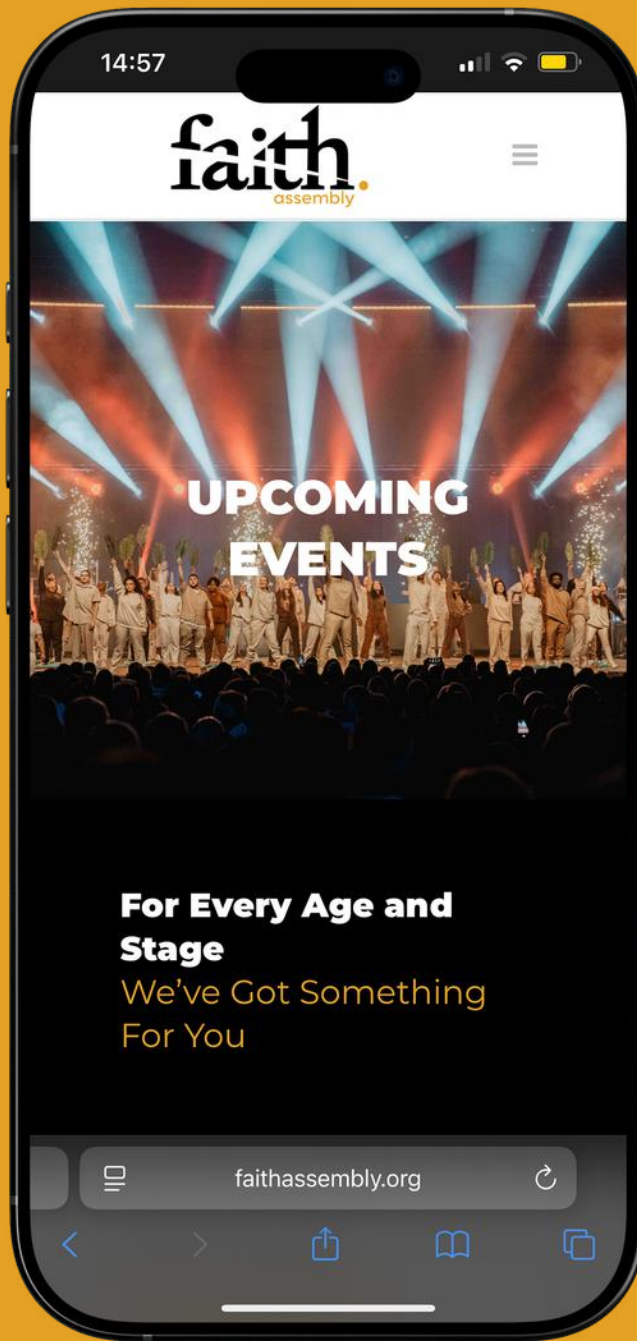
Scan the QR code below to access your students schedules, grades, events, homework, lunch orders, and more all in one app!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- APRIL **3** 2026 **NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY**
- APRIL **7** 2026 **ACT SCHOOL DAY**
- APRIL **16** 2026 **RUN FOR FAITH EVENT**
- APRIL **17** 2026 **NO SCHOOL FINE ARTS**
- APRIL **23** 2026 **SECONDARY SPRING CONCERT**
- APRIL **20-24** 2026 **SECONDARY MAPS TESTING**
- APRIL **27-31** 2026 **ELEMENTARY MAPS TESTING**

11TH GRADE COSTA RICA MISSIONS TRIP
April 8-14, 2026 – participating students and families, please mark your calendar and prepare accordingly.



CHURCH COMMUNITY Upcoming Events at Faith

April 3-5 | Easter at Faith

April 4 | Faith's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

April 10-12 | Royal Rangers Pow Wow

April 11 | Starting Point Intensive

April 12 | FCA & FCP Spring Job Fair

April 19 | Journey of Faith

Learn more about our church by scanning the QR Code!

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