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Hello Confluence Community,

We hope you're enjoying your summer! This year's Summer Journey was filled with learning, creativity, and growth for our elementary and middle school students. From cooking classes to water days and staff-versus-student competitions, it was a fantastic June filled with fun and enrichment.

A highlight every summer is our swimming lessons at the YMCA. It's truly rewarding to watch our students gain confidence in the water while learning essential, life-saving skills. We're proud to share that this important program was recently featured on [KSDK's morning newscast](#).

We've also witnessed the strength of our community in the wake of the May tornado. Our Tornado Relief Hub at Old North Academy provided essential supplies to dozens of families, and we remain committed to walking alongside those affected throughout

While we don't want to rush summer, we do hope you'll mark your calendar for our [5th Annual Back to School Bash](#) on Thursday, August 7! This is one of our favorite events of the year. It's an opportunity to reunite, enjoy fun activities, gather school supplies, and get ready for the new year. Be sure to register and help us kick off the 2025–2026 school year with this year's theme: "Rooted in Community, Rising in Unity."

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

Warm Regards,

Linda DeJoie-Anderson
Student Recruitment & Community Outreach Coordinator

Candice Carter-Oliver, Ph.D.
CEO

Back to School Bash



Let's kick off the 2025–2026 school year together with our 5th Annual Back to School Bash! There will be games, school supplies, food, and fun! Meet educators, connect with community partners, and get ready for a strong start to the school year.

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Confluence Preparatory Academy, 310 N. 15th Street

[RSVP HERE!](#)

Summer Journey Swimming Lessons





Our 2nd–8th grade students from Old North and South City made a splash during Summer Journey! Thanks to our partnership with the Gateway Region YMCA, students enjoyed twice-weekly swimming lessons at the O'Fallon Park Rec Complex. They learned different swimming strokes and life-saving skills like floating, huddling for warmth, and what to do if a boat capsizes. Many started the month unsure in the water and finished with confidence and smiles! The program was even featured on [KSDK's morning newscast](#), highlighting the impact of this incredible experience.

Confluence Conversations Podcast



Confluence Academies podcast, [*Confluence Conversations*](#), explores key issues shaping our schools and society. This month, Julius B. Anthony, founder of The Believe Projects and Miranda Walker Jones, President & CEO of The Little Bit Foundation are featured.

[*“Literacy That Liberates: How The Believe Projects™ Inspire Confident Readers”*](#)

[*“The Power of a Little Bit: Transforming Lives Through Education”*](#)

Tornado Recovery Resources

Confluence Academies and [The Little Bit Foundation](#) partnered in June to host a Tornado Relief Hub with items for Confluence families affected by the May tornado.

You can also find our [Resource Guide on the Confluence Academies website](#), which includes information on mental health support, utility assistance, and more.

[The City's STL Recovers](#) webpage continues to offer up-to-date resources for those needing assistance.



St. Louis City Youth Council

Attention 12–18-Year-Old Students!

The St. Louis City Youth Council is accepting applications! This is a unique opportunity for young residents to shape policies that directly affect their lives. If you're passionate about identifying problems and designing real solutions, consider applying. The council meets monthly, and members can serve for up to two years.

The City Youth Council is a hands-on civics lesson that gives young residents the ability to shape policies that impact them the most.

Serving on the CYC is a unique opportunity for young adults (ages 12-18) who are excited about identifying problems and designing solutions.

The council meets monthly and members can serve up to two years.

If you or someone you know is interested in having an impact on policies that affect young city residents, apply today!

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Partner Spotlight: Walker's Winners



Confluence Academies is excited to announce our partnership with Walker's Winners! Founded by St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Jordan Walker, this program recognizes and rewards students for academic growth in ELA and Math. Throughout the 2025–2026 school year, scholars at Old North Academy will have opportunities to be celebrated for their strides in the classroom. We're proud Walker's Winners is joining us in supporting strong learners and bright futures!



Congratulations to CEO, Dr. Candice Carter-Oliver, on being named one of the *St. Louis Business Journal's 2025 Most Influential Business Women!*

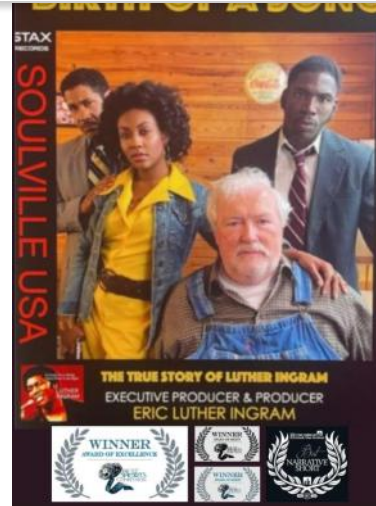
We're proud to celebrate her leadership and impact and look forward to her being honored at the awards ceremony on August 7.

Confluence Preparatory Academy



CPA College Prep Scholars got a taste of college life this summer. From jump starting their college applications to learning how to confidently market themselves, our students are heading into senior year one step ahead. Huge thanks to Dr. Cierra Wourman and Dean Miller for their dedication and leadership throughout this transformative experience.

Grand Center Arts Academy



Congratulations to GCAA Safety and Security Officer Eric Ingram! Officer Ingram's film, *Birth of a Song*, has been officially selected for the New York Lift-Off Film Festival! This is a major achievement, as Lift-Off festivals connect emerging filmmakers with global industry professionals. The film will be screened during the festival and featured in special networking events.

Birth of a Song: The True Story of Luther Ingram tells the powerful story of the legendary [STAX Records](#) through the eyes of one of its most influential artists — Luther Ingram, Officer Ingram's father.

The film took the top film award at the 2022 Brooklyn Film Festival, 2023 International Black Film Festival, 2024 Atlanta Black Film Festival, and placed in the top five in several other film festivals including in Paris and Dubai. Congratulations, Officer Ingram! We are proud of your continued success!



on July 1. In a welcome message on the GCAA website, she shares her vision for the school, its students, staff, and teachers. [You can read her full message here.](#)

Welcome, Ms. Houle!

Old North Academy



ing, playing games, making crafts, watching a movie about the history of cardstock, and enjoying delicious treats!



Congratulations to our Old North scholars who soared during Summer Journey!

These students were recognized as Walker's Winners, a program created by Cardinals outfielder Jordan Walker to celebrate academic growth in ELA and math.

Next month, they'll be honored at a special event at Busch Stadium and enjoy a Cardinals game with their families.



A highlight of Summer Journey was the exciting Staff vs. Students Sports Day! From volleyball to basketball, our scholars brought their A-game, and so did the staff, for a spirited day of friendly competition.



Summer Journey was filled with plenty of fun and delicious activities. Students enjoyed root beer floats and made the most of sunny days on the playground!

South City Academy





6th graders learned cooking skills in Ms. Sparks' *Classroom Cooks* class during Summer Journey! They teamed up with 7th and 8th graders to prep, cook, and deliver a full lunch for teachers and staff!

The menu included favorites like buffalo chicken dip, mini pizzas, tacos, loaded baked potatoes, street corn salad, chocolate delights, puppy chow, and more!



South City students made the most of Summer Journey! Pre-K scholars enjoyed story time, kindergarteners sharpened their problem-solving skills with puzzles, and everyone had a blast cooling off during Water Day!



winning an iPad from Catapult Learning! His excellent attendance during Summer Journey earned him a spot in the lottery, and he came out on top!

School Nutrition Advisory Board

Join us for our School Nutrition Advisory Board meetings during the 2025–2026 school year! See the flyer for dates and details and contact Rene Hughes at rhughes@confluenceacademies.org with any questions.

Confluence's Cafeteria Club

School Nutrition Advisory Board

Attention Students, Staff & Parents...

Are you interested in learning more about our nutrition program?

Would you like to help plan our menus and promotions?

If so, please join our cafeteria club!

Zoom meetings for the 2025-2026 school year are listed below.

October 14, 2025, 6:00-7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 858 5619 1864
Zoom Passcode: 127788

April 14, 2026, 6:00-7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 821 7200 5797
Zoom Passcode: 335877



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St. Louis City SC & YMCA Soccer

The Gateway Region YMCA and St. Louis CITY SC are teaming up to offer youth soccer for \$10 (Y members) or \$20 (non-members) this fall for kids in Pre-K through 6th grade.

Practices are held at seven YMCA locations across Missouri and Illinois. A discount is available to Y members, those approved for [financial assistance](#), and kids who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs.

[Register now for Fall 2025!](#) Sign up by August 4. Practices start the week of August 25, and games run September 6 through October 11.

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