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Hello Confluence Community,

We are just two weeks into summer break, and what a meaningful start it's been. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to support our families affected by the May tornado. Your generosity and care truly exemplify Community Achievement. We continue to actively work to connect families with the resources they need. You'll find helpful information included in this newsletter.

May was filled with wonderful celebrations across our schools. From Field Day fun to graduation ceremonies for Kindergarten, 8th Grade, and High School, our students closed the year with memorable milestones. We also enjoyed incredible end-of-year performances. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, or on the athletic field, our scholars showed just how much they've grown and accomplished this year.

A special shoutout to CPA's Karrell Cameron, who finished 5th at the Missouri State Track Meet—an incredible way to end his senior year! We're also proud to celebrate

What's Right with the Region award. Congratulations to all!

As Summer Journey continues, we're looking ahead to even more exciting opportunities, including GCAA's Arts Camp and CPA's 5th Annual Golf Tournament in July.

Finally, we're excited to welcome a new Head of School to Grand Center Arts Academy. Ms. Kristy Houle brings a wealth of experience and energy to the role. We also extend our gratitude to Dr. Hopper for his leadership and the relationships he built with Grand Arts District during his tenure. We look forward to building on that momentum.

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

Warm Regards,

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Congratulations Class of 2025!



We are proud to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our CPA and GCAA graduates! Together, these Class of 2025 scholars earned more than \$9 million in merit-based scholarships. Eight CPA graduates received full-ride SIUE CODES scholarships, and thanks to CPA's Dual Enrollment program, several graduates earned enough college credits in high school to begin college as sophomores.

At GCAA, students successfully completed more than 80 dual enrollment courses and earned college credit through both the Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement programs, with five seniors recognized as AP Scholars.

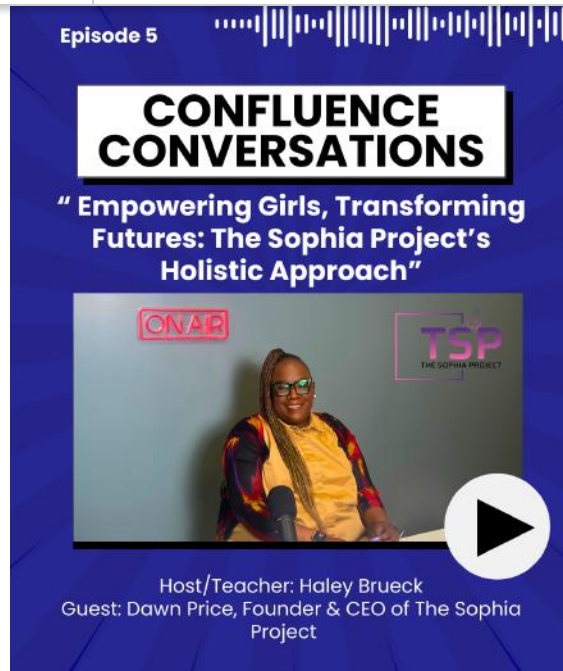
During CPA's ceremony, the Urban League's Save Our Sons & Sisters program awarded an additional \$10,000 scholarship to support scholars heading into trade school. Whether heading to college, the workforce, or the military, our graduates leave prepared for their next chapter, and we can't wait to see the great things ahead!

What's Right With The Region Award



Congratulations to Educators for Gun Safety and our Student Ambassadors at Confluence Academies for being recognized by [FOCUS St. Louis](#) at the What's Right With The Region Awards! EGS was honored as an Emerging Initiatives recipient for their work educating and advocating for gun safety and reducing gun violence. We're so proud of EGS and our Student Ambassadors who were recognized alongside an inspiring group of organizations.

Confluence Conversations Podcast



Confluence Academies new podcast, [Confluence Conversations](#), explores key issues shaping our schools and society. This month, we sit down with Dawn Price, founder of [The Sophia Project](#).

[“Empowering Girls: Transforming Futures: The Sophia Project’s Holistic Approach”](#)

Tornado Recovery Resources

More than 900 of our Confluence Academies families were affected by the May tornado, and we want you to know, we're here to help. [The City's STL Recovers](#) webpage offers the most up-to-date resources for both getting and giving assistance.

If your family needs additional support, please contact our Families in Transition Coordinator, Jayesha Griffin, at 314-588-8554 or jgriffin@confluenceacademies.org. You can also find our [Resource Guide on the Confluence Academies website](#), which includes information on mental health support, utility assistance, and more.



Our CPA Titan Ambassadors and NHS scholars collaborated to support the community affected by the tornado. They assembled 150 snack bags for [Love the Lou](#) volunteers and residents. They also dropped off water for [Dream Builders 4 Equity](#) volunteers who are helping evacuate senior citizens in North St. Louis.

St. Louis City Youth Council

Attention 12–18-Year-Old Students!

The St. Louis City Youth Council is now 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.

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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: Urban League Young Professionals



Confidence Academies is proud to partner with the Urban League's Young Professionals, who recently spent time reading to our K–2nd grade scholars at Old North Academy and South City Academy as part of the National Urban League's Day of Service. Our middle school students also joined in, reading to younger scholars in both English and Spanish.

The Urban League's Young Professionals support communities by preparing young people for school, work, and life; promoting civic engagement and financial self-sufficiency; and advocating for civil rights.

New GCAA Head of School Announced

We're excited to welcome Ms. Kristy Houle as GCAA's new Head of School. With more than 25 years of experience in education and leadership, she brings a passion for innovation, inclusion, and the arts. Ms. Houle currently serves as the Director of Assessment at Harris-Stowe State University and has previously held roles at UMSL, Educate.Today, and as principal of Parker Road Elementary in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. She officially begins July 1, but



Aspire Academy



Aspire's kindergarten scholars wrapped up the year with a celebration of their achievements! Several students proudly took home multiple awards for excellence in



Our Aspire Comets had an absolute blast during Field Day! From hula hoops and swings to fun with styrofoam noodles, it was a beautiful day filled with smiles, laughter, and a lot of energy.

Confluence Preparatory Academy





35 Titan seniors took center stage during CPA's Decision Day celebration to announce their exciting next steps including college, trade school, and military service. Several scholars revealed they earned full scholarships to cover their entire college education. From SIUE and Mizzou to Fisk University and Ranken Tech, our graduates are headed across the country, ready to take on what's next!



An exciting finish at state for recent CPA graduate Karrell Cameron! He placed 5th in the 110m hurdles at the Missouri State Track Meet, an incredible way to wrap up his time as a Titans athlete and kick off his next chapter. Congratulations, Karrell!

Gather your favorite foursome and enjoy a fantastic day on the course at Forest Park! Can't make it? You can still support CPA student-athletes and



today for the [5th Annual CPA Golf Tournament](#) on July 10!

Grand Center Arts Academy





GCAA's Music, Dance, and Visual Arts Pathway students shined in a series of year-end events that showcased their growth, talent, and hard work. From the “Soundtracks” dance performances featuring original choreography, to the beautiful piano, choral, and orchestra spring concerts, to the Visual Art Exhibition and Senior Show, our students' creative genius was on full display. These events were not only a culmination of the year’s work but also a testament to the passion and commitment of our students, staff, and community.



Family and friends filled the Sun Theater to support their students as they proudly walked across the stage during GCAA's 8th Grade Declaration Day. The ceremony marked not only our students' transition to high school, but each student officially declared their chosen pathway—Music, Dance, Visual Arts, or Theater.



Congratulations to Mikayla Marberry-Dunn, Co-Captain of GCAA's Esports team, who signed a letter of intent to play Esports at Midland University and received an athletic scholarship! We're proud of you!



GCAA's End-of-Year Carnival and Picnic was a huge success! Dancing, games, a dunk tank, raffle prizes, and a chill zone in the cafeteria with even more games made for a fantastic celebration. It's the perfect way to close out the year.



Professional artists stopping in to share their experiences is part of what makes GCAA special. Guest artist Jeff Sass recently worked with Mr. Lehman's Visual Arts students to build pinhole cameras and explore alternative photography techniques.

Old North Academy



A wonderful ceremony was held celebrating Old North Academy's 8th grade graduates. We can't wait to see what they'll accomplish in high school and beyond. Congratulations!



We're so proud of our Kindergarten Comets at Old North Academy! They blasted off to 1st grade, ready for new adventures, big discoveries, and bright futures.



Old North Academy celebrated Field Day with a day full of fun, games, and sunshine! From exciting outdoor activities to a giant inflatable, our students enjoyed every moment of this end-of-year tradition.



From robotics challenges to championship games, Old North honored their students at their Sports and Activities Banquet. Our students showed excellent teamwork and commitment and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments!

South City Academy





Our Kindergarten Graduation is always a sweet celebration in the Sun Theater. This year, we celebrated 85 young learners who are more than ready to take on first grade! A highlight - a lively performance of "*Hola, Hola, Hola*," which was filled with smiles and excellent choreography.



Our Comets had a blast celebrating one of the most anticipated days of the year—Field Day! Thanks to the South City team, our PreK through 5th grade students enjoyed a day full of games, bounce houses, and nonstop fun. It was the best way to wrap up the school year!



South City's third grade students kicked off their first day of MAP testing with a surprise treat, the annual Pancake Breakfast! Resource and school staff served up pancakes and encouragement to help students feel confident and ready.



Following MAP testing, students and staff got out some energy at our annual Staff vs. Student Basketball Game, a fun-filled tradition started by our beloved Ms. Howell. The event featured hot shot contests, performances from our STEP and Cheer teams, introductions of Prom king and queen, and a thrilling game that ended with a narrow staff victory!

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