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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all have roles to play. It certainly is complicated at times to determine exactly what our role might be and how it fits with others. But things don't happen without the whole team. Your role as a thoughtful and prayerful philanthropic partner is one of the roles that allows other team members to do their part! Your decision to mentor, to buy an auction item, to volunteer, to support the annual fund, or to participate in GOAL is an encouragement to us. I want to thank you and say that TOGETHER, we are transforming lives.

I grew up playing baseball. I loved playing football. For years I participated in the middle school band. I've been in a play or two. OK, STOP laughing....I have a legitimate point to make. Those early opportunities helped me to understand that everyone has a role in the bigger picture.

How good is the high school quarterback without a great receiver? How does the center and the offensive line help make the reception successful? Was the fake to the running back an assist? I hope you get the football picture.

There is no 6-4-3 double play in baseball without everyone doing their part.

How good is the symphony without each musician (Oboe, clarinet or French horn) AND a conductor. Our nation has been swept by a musical called Hamilton. Every person on the stage contributed to the award winning production that was made even more spectacular by an AYA friend who was in charge of lighting!! These examples all are built upon folks working TOGETHER.

The same is true in the Christian church. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Romans 12:4-5, and 1 Peter 4:10 all direct us to see how all parts fit together and the importance of our individual parts. All roles are different AND all are important. This is true in football, baseball, theater and symphony. God made it clear from the beginning that it is true for His Kingdom. We are all an important part of the Body of Christ. God gave each of you special gifts, abilities and ways to serve and support. THANK YOU for your part in the AYA story.

You can flip through the AYA Annual Report and see evidence of what I just stated. I hope you will reflect on the roles you played and how important they are to our AYA success. Sponsors, scholarship donors, volunteers, career week speakers, mentors, Trustees and Directors....We all do our part or it wouldn't be the same. As I write this to you knowing that the classrooms are full and every teacher and staff member is doing their part, I thank you for doing yours. "Let's play ball," "the show must go on," we need to have a great 21-22 school year, and without question as our mission would suggest, we'll further the Kingdom. Just as you helped us do last year.

God Bless you and God Bless AYA.

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TOGETHER WE MADE IT WORK

Over the past 18 months, AYA has united as a community more than ever, and together, it is evident that much is possible. Our faculty and staff adapted quickly and worked tirelessly to ensure students were supported and continued learning, through both remote and in-person settings. Our parents and students rose to new heights in partnering with us to carefully follow all protocols. Whether remote or in-person, our students continued to don their AYA uniform which definitely helped uphold our standard of excellence that we always uphold for our school. Our volunteers and outside community showered us in prayer, financial support, and the gift of time and involvement. We could not have been successful without these faithful stewards.





When our Boards completed a strategic plan in 2017 which included new and expanded academic facilities, of course no one knew that COVID was on the horizon. However, when AYA was challenged to open its doors for the school year to students and teachers in 2020-21, we were blessed to have spacious classrooms, high ceilings, wide hallways, outdoor classrooms, an over-sized playground, and plenty of room on campus to keep everyone properly distanced and safe for inperson learning during a pandemic. Simply put, God is good, and He provided what we needed and more to be COVID compliant and still flourish as an academic institution. We look back on these times and count our blessings this year as we hear the pitter patter of feet hurrying to the Cathy Dining Hall for lunch, laughs from our grassy green lawn, engaging instruction spilling out from each classroom in Weston Hall, and prayers and worship echoing from Roddy Chapel.

The 2020-2021 school year is certainly a unique but strikingly memorable year in AYA's history. AYA has worked for 25 years to address educational inequity by helping ensure our students have access to the level of education and opportunity that all students deserve. The 2020-2021 school year proved no different in maintaining this unwavering mission. We thank our entire AYA community for working together to make sure that each individual child's needs were met while the entirety of our campus grew in uplighting and drastic ways.



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DEAN BROWN

are blessed to have Curtis join us!

AYA is thrilled to welcome Curtis

T. Brown as the new Dean of the

Academy who will serve as our chief academic officer. Curtis is a leader who knows independent schools well. He is a strong Christian man who is committed to making transformational differences in the lives of our students each and every day.

He is a notable administrator who will shepherd faculty as well as guide and strengthen important school programs and projects. Dean Brown expressed it's his goal to ensure students understand "each individual is uniquely made in the image of God, and therefore has a purpose uniquely equipped with certain skills, talents, and abilities which will be nurtured and cultivated at AYA." We



2021-2022 FACULTY

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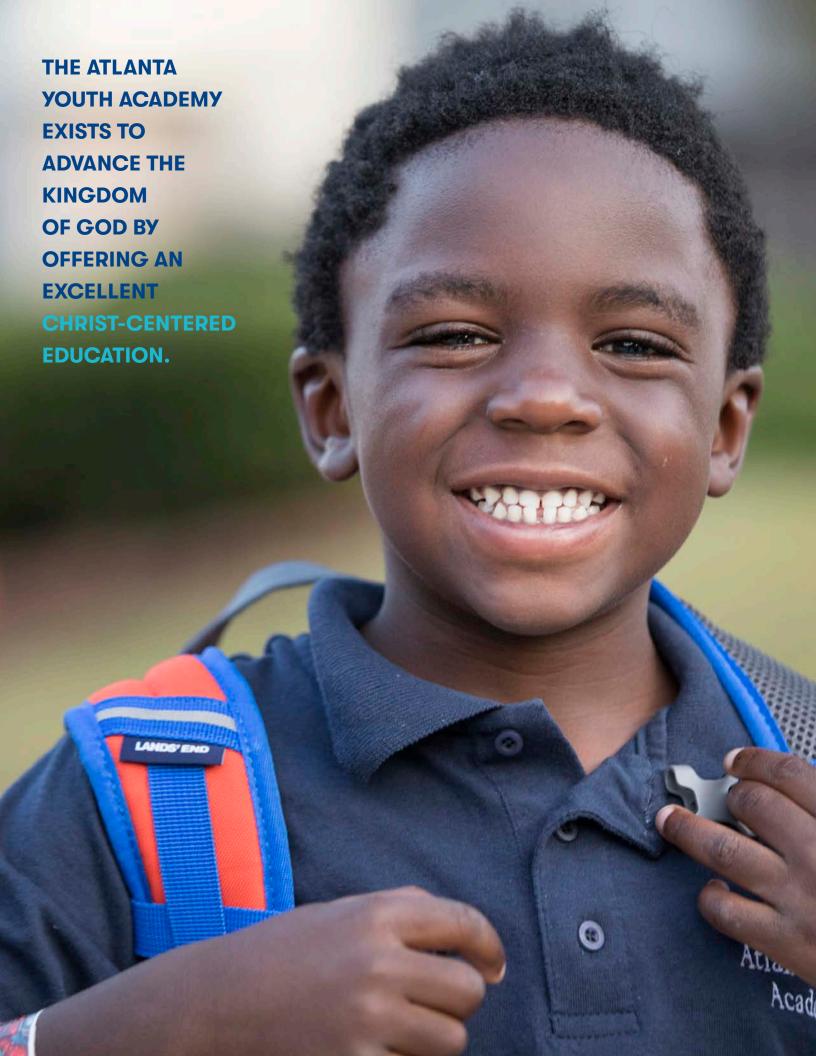
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet April Bramble

Meet April - a motivated, smart, determined, and incredibly thoughtful **Atlanta Youth Academy Alumna from the Class of 2015.** April's grandmother discovered AYA in her search for a school that could challenge her very bright granddaughter and help maximize her potential.

She graduated from AYA in 2015 after her grandmother encouraged her to attend the school knowing April's high potential. She continues to inspire us all as she strives for success in each step she's taken since leaving our campus. April was enrolled in college courses starting at age 13 and graduated high school at 15! She's currently a second semester **Junior at Fort Valley State University** and credits a large portion of her success to her formative years at AYA. Let's hear from April herself to learn a bit more:



During my 3 years at AYA, our trips to Mississippi and Tennessee for the College and Civil Rights Tour inspired me to attend an HBCU and solidified my love of higher education. I had so much fun during these experiences, and I saw opportunities I could strive for that many people at my age still have yet to experience.

learning about types of rocks, she threw a rock party with rock candy and Rockstar drinks.

Tell us about your transition to high school. Didn't you skip a grade?

When I enrolled at AYA, Dean Lockwood saw potential and maturity in me and allowed me to move from the 4th grade into 6th grade. Once I graduated from 8th grade at AYA, I went to Forest Park High School where they allowed me to enter 9th grade even at my young age of 12. Given the incredible foundation that I built at AYA, I was able to





How is your college experience going? Tell us about your recent internship?

College is wonderful. I'm a 2nd semester junior this year, and I just turned 19 years old. I am a 2nd year Resident Assistant (RA) in my building, and I currently serve as the Secretary of Residential Life on the SGA. This past summer, I was able to spend time in New Jersey at Montclair State University. I was an intern for the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (ISS) Montclair State University Green Team. It was a group of 60 undergraduates serving 12

organizations and companies such as New Jersey Transit, the City

of Newark and PSEG. We collectively supported their sustainability efforts. My group served Newark Community Food Systems, a collective of urban gardeners trying to promote food security,

placemaking and supporting their urban community. My team and I also hosted an event for all the gardeners and donated farmer toolkits to help weigh and quantify their produce.

Is there anything else that you want us to know about your experience at AYA?

My time at AYA was a huge developmental period in my life. I went through a lot of change, and AYA was always a source of consistency and stability for me. I looked forward to chapel and Bible Study throughout every semester. I loved my time at AYA, and my best friend's brother is a student there now.





After moving from Memphis to Atlanta in the summer of 2019, Adrianne Oliver was in search of the right educational environment for her eight year-old daughter, Willoh. Hoping for a change from the large public school environment that Willoh was used to in Memphis, Ms. Oliver scoured the internet for options and stumbled upon Atlanta Youth Academy. After a single visit to AYA's campus as new Atlanta residents and a school year quickly approaching, Ms. Oliver immediately sensed the warm and welcoming environment of our school. She also was able to envision her daughter growing and upholding AYA's mission each day. It was a fast decision Ms. Oliver made - she had found the perfect fit for Willoh.

This August, Willoh confidently walked into Weston Hall to meet her 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Dennis. She had a slight case of the first-day of school butterflies as she set out to start her 3rd academic year at AYA. Willoh knew these butterflies would quickly dissolve though as she received a tight hug from Ms. Dennis and was greeted by the warm smiles from her classmates.

Willoh's mother beamed as she dropped her daughter off at school on this day. Ms. Oliver was excited that a new academic year was underway, and she was sure that her child would continue to flourish in God's image. Ms. Oliver shared, "as an AYA parent, I know that each day Willoh is safe and well cared for. Willoh's confidence in embracing and handling change in all areas of her life is one of the most impactful transformations I've witnessed since she began at AYA. Knowing Willoh is open-minded and equipped to navigate new situations and people is such a blessing this school has instilled on who she is becoming." Ms. Oliver further explained, "I have a peace of mind knowing that my daughter's well-being and overall success is AYA's first priority each day."

Not only is Willoh's well-being AYA's primary focus, but of course it's her mother's too. Providing the opportunity for her daughter to attend AYA is a financial sacrifice that Ms. Oliver chooses to make each year. "Willoh's education has



always been the top priority for me, and if a sacrifice is needed to ensure my daughter receives quality academic and spiritual growth... well then, AYA is worth the sacrifice to me."

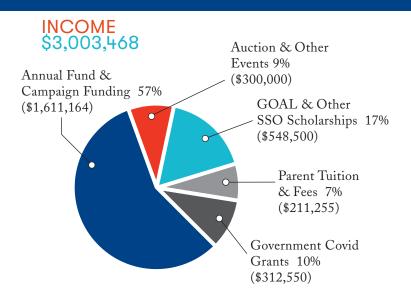
We are blessed to have Adrianne and Willoh as a part of our AYA family and look forward to cheering Willoh on as she continues her academic journey.

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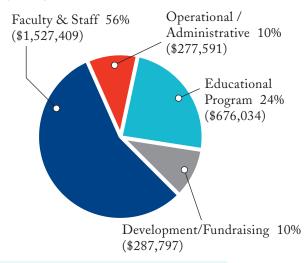
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FINANCIAL RESULTS 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET & PROJECTED (UNAUDITED) ACTUALS



EXPENSES \$2,768,831



AYA is blessed with support from individuals, foundations, businesses and churches. In some years, gifts are received after the close of our fiscal year on July 31. We appreciate these gifts and the supporters and will recognize their help in next year's annual report.

ATLANTA YOUTH ACADEMY & FOUNDATION WORKING OPERATING BUDGET AND PROJECTIONS

INCOME	2020-2021 BUDGET	2020-2021 ACTUAL	2021-2022 BUDGET
ANNUAL FUND	\$1,550,000	\$1,509,400	\$1,627,500
EMERGENCY FUND		\$101,764	\$114,725
TUITION AND FEES			
PARENT TUITION	\$175,000	\$196,738	\$145,342
GOAL/ARETE FUNDS	\$450,000	\$548,500	\$450,000
AFTER SCHOOL AND OTHER PARENT INC	\$48,000	\$14,517	\$48,000
AUCTION & OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS	\$335,000	\$300,000	\$335,000
ENDOWMENT	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR COVID-19		\$312,550	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,578,000	\$3,003,468	\$2,937,740
EXPENDITURES			
GRANT & CONTRACTS		\$3,000	
SALARIES & RELATED EXPENSES	\$1,761,300	\$1,974,834	\$1,965,275
			\$114,725
OTHER PERSONNEL	\$53,000	\$19,561	\$50,000
NON-PERSONNEL	\$325,000	\$401,823	\$325,000
OCCUPANCY	\$255,000	\$212,095	\$200,000
FIELD TRIPS/TRAVEL	\$34,000	\$5,059	\$34,000
STAFF DEVELOPMENT & CONFERENCES	\$20,000	\$16,538	\$20,000
MEETINGS/EVENT EXPENSES	\$55,000	\$16,265	\$55,000
FOOD SERVICE	\$20,000	\$2,895	\$10,000
MISCELLANEOUS (OHTER EXPENSES)	\$60,000	\$89,161	\$75,000
OPERATING RESERVE	\$27,600	\$27,600	\$44,066
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE RESERVE			\$44,066
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,577,900	\$2,768,831	\$2,577,900

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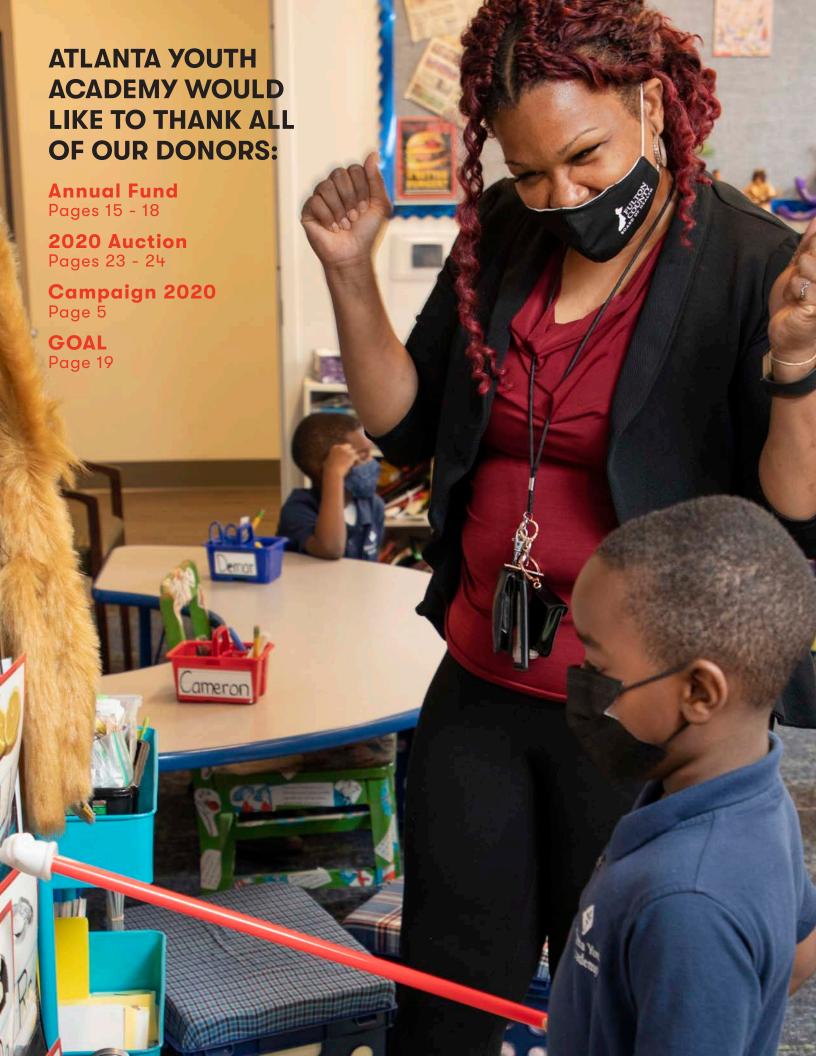
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Atlanta Youth Academies, Inc. and Atlanta Youth Academies Foundation, Inc. are audited each year by Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. As of Oct. 1 2021, the audit for the school year 2020-21 is not complete. At your request, we would be pleased to provide you with a copy of our audited financial statements.





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AYA will always be blessed to have had Raymond Baltz as a friend and enthusiastic volunteer on our campus. His untimely passing at the age of 20 impacted our community deeply, but his name and legacy will be a part of our school for forever.

brought his bright smile to any environment. He could light up any dark situation through his vibrant personality, which was why he was such a beloved mentor and

If you knew Raymond, you understand that he always

role model to many students on

AYA's campus.

To celebrate Raymond's birthday and to honor his memory this past year, a group of Raymond's close friends set a goal to raise the funds needed to provide a scholarship for one of our AYA students, which amounts to \$15,000. These young men (Peter Rooney Jr., David Edmiston Jr., and Ward Croft) solicited their friends, family, neighbors, classmates, and many others who knew Raymond and his love of AYA. These devoted friends even organized a father-son golf tournament at Bobby Jones Golf Course to kick-start this initiative. Nearly 350 individuals raised over \$30,000 in memory of their brother, teammate, classmate, and friend Raymond.

The tournament and scholarship fund to recognize Raymond's birthday was such a success that Raymond's friends have planned to make the tournament an annual event that continues to bolster AYA for years to come.

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NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS FOR 2021-2022



Tonya Washington

Tonya Washington has been one of AYA's super volunteers and supporters over the past few years. She has been engaged at AYA as a mentor and as chair of the Silent Auction Committee for AYA's Annual Auction.



Lynn Olmert

Lynn first learned of AYA as a career week speaker in 2020 and has been committed to the school ever since.

She's an insurance defense lawyer with McAngus Goudelock & Courie.





Chapman Wilkinson

Chapman was the founder and chair of AYA's Cartwheel Ball, a black-tie fundraiser geared toward young professionals. Over 3 years, that event raised more than \$300,000 for AYA.

Chapman is a Sales Representative for Medtronic Spine and Biologics.



Ira Jackson

Ira has been a long-time, enthusiastic supporter of AYA. He has attended the Benefit Auction for many years. Ira is Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Perfect Image Printing, who has partnered with AYA since 2011.





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