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Strengthening, Growing, and Advocating for Christian Schools in Iowa!

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the 2023 Legislative Session over the next few months, there is much anticipation of **Education Savings Account (ESA)** legislation making it across the finish line this year.

An **ESA** gives parents the choice to customize their child's education and unique needs regardless of income, location, cost, special needs, or other barriers currently preventing choice. The funding goes to the parents for approved educational expenditures such as tuition, tutoring, therapies, or online learning. We believe that parents should have the option to send their student(s) to the school that best suits their needs and will continue that fight at the Capitol this year.

How you can help:

- Sign up on our website to receive action alerts.
- Share our website link with your contacts and fellow supporters of Christian education.
- Download the Voter Voice App and select IACS as your organization.

We will need the grassroots support in contacting legislators when the need arises. Please join us in our efforts!

School Spotlight

Faith Academy is a Christian school that is located in Iowa City. The vision for our school began as our Head of School was leading a youth group after school and noticed some high school students couldn't read their Bible. As wonderful as our school district in Iowa City is, some were still falling through the cracks. Here came the idea to turn this after school program into an elementary school. The first year began with just K-1 and we added a grade each year after. We are now a fully accredited K-6 elementary school.

The mission of our school is to equip the whole student through the pursuit of academic excellence and spiritual formation in a diverse community united in Christ. The uniqueness of Faith Academy is how it began, and secondly that 90% of funding comes from supporters and donations. The other 10% comes from family tuition payments. Through very generous supporters, God has made a way for any family interested in this Christ-centered education to have it be a reality. We are so thankful that no family is turned away due to financial reasons. This has opened many doors for the gospel to spread and for His name to be made great. As the school has grown, we just praise God for proving Himself to be faithful day after day and year after year. He gives us just what we need and beyond our biggest ask or imagination. God is faithful and true and this school is a testament to Him being our sole provider and sustainer. We serve a mighty God!

- *Crystal Johnson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction*



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2022-23 New Board Members

New board members will begin their term after our October annual meeting, where they will be officially voted in by our member schools.

Dr. Josh Bowar - Board President Elect

Sioux Center Christian School

Josh is a Dordt University graduate and started his teaching career at Lake Worth Christian School in Boynton Beach, FL, teaching middle and high school language arts. He made his way back to Iowa and taught technology at Sioux Center Christian School and transitioned to 5th grade, then assistant principal and eventually head of school. Now in his 16th year at SCCS, he holds an EdD in school leadership from the University of South Dakota.

Amy Rush - Board Member Elect

Tri-State Christian School

Amy holds a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Biblical Studies from Emmaus Bible College and an M. Ed from Regent University. Amy was an elementary teacher in Christian schools for 18 years and was an Educational Therapist for 12 of those. She was a college professor for one year before the Lord called her in 2019 to be the Principal at Tri-State Christian School in Dubuque, IA.

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Events

October 6 - [Educational Choice Summit](#)

Dordt University, Sioux Center

October 28 - Annual School Leader Conference

Fox Creek Center, Waukee

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