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...UNTIL JUSTICE ROLLS DOWN LIKE WATERS
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A MIGHTY STREAM

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NEW HOPE
ACADEMY

2023-2024 Annual Report



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MISSION

New Hope Academy is a Christ-centered school educating students of diverse socio-economic and racial backgrounds by establishing a Biblical worldview and preparing each child to flourish academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

CORE VALUES

Our five core values are:

Christ-centered

Formative Learning

Personhood
of Every Child

Equitable Access

Connected Community

Foster Hall

We wanted to pass along an exciting and encouraging update from the Growing Forward Campaign. A few months ago, New Hope received a gift that finalized our fundraising for Foster Hall (the dining hall portion of the campaign)! This is a huge milestone in this campaign.

As you can see from the pictures, Foster Hall has truly become the living room of our campus that we all envisioned. Our students are enjoying eating lunch in the new space, students and parents are enjoying coming together for All-School Devotions every Monday and Friday, the after-school program has a place to meet every day, we hosted Graduation for the Class of 2024 in May, and we have been able to host several other events for our school community. In addition, Foster Hall has enabled us to be a good neighbor to the wider community by providing a space that can be used for a variety of occasions. Foster Hall has hosted the Celebration of Life service for Wynn Lembright, a quinceañera celebration, HOA meetings for surrounding neighborhoods, and sports banquets for local organizations. We hope that it's clear to see how this space has been a blessing already to New Hope and our community!

"Thank You!" to all of you who donated to the Growing Forward Campaign. Very literally, we could not have done this without you. To be clear, we still need everyone's pledges to come in as scheduled, but as long as that happens, then we will retire our debt on the building by June 2026.

We still have one remaining project within the Growing Forward Campaign, so please be in prayer for God to provide \$250,000 in funding for our Outdoor Classroom. If you would like more information about this, please contact Parker Page at ppage@nhafranklin.org.



A Letter from Our Head of School

New Hope Academy has commenced our 29th year of providing exceptional education to children from a culturally, racially, and economically diverse community of families, and I am thrilled to be back on campus serving as the Interim Head of School this year. As founder of New Hope Academy, I have had the joy of being involved in various roles throughout the life of our school, and I am humbled to be back in this current leadership position. My passion and deep connection to the school's mission and values propels me to ensure that each and every child is experiencing a rich and vibrant education where they are encouraged to discover and steward their God-given potential for the glory of God.

As I began praying about this new opportunity to step into the Interim Head of School position, the Lord kept bringing two words to mind: STAY CURIOUS. He was calling me to stay curious while living out this new adventure so that I don't miss all the beautiful ways He wants to show Himself to me and to New Hope Academy. Curiosity heightens our senses, allowing us to notice and ask questions, which creates an awe and wonder toward God and all His ways. Thomas Carlyle reminds us that, "Wonder is the basis of worship." Our faculty and staff are off on this journey with me to stay curious as we serve our students, as we delight in our community, and as we stand in awe of God's beautiful work of redeeming His people and His world.

As the year has ushered in another exciting opportunity to foster curiosity, compassion, and connection with God and others, we are committed to saturating our students with an education that enables them to flourish intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. We believe an education is more than the accumulation of academic prowess. An education is about formation, so certainly the content but also the context is an inevitable part of one's education – the environment, experiences, and relationships are essential in the growth and flourishing of our students. Through diverse social engagement, emotional nourishment, academic opportunities, and spiritual discipleship, our students are receiving a rich educational experience.

The vision of New Hope Academy thrives in and through community. We believe that changing our culture begins with understanding, and that understanding takes place in genuine relationships. Separately, we



remain impoverished – the poor and affluent alike. Together, we become empowered and enlightened, lifting one another to a Christ-centered life. We step forward to be counted as those who will dismantle the economic, cultural, and racial walls that keep all people from excelling as citizens of this nation and as children of the King.

I am forever grateful for each of you who has so generously poured into the life and vision of New Hope Academy. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and ongoing support to ensure our mission moves forward. Your partnership has immense impact on our students, our families, our faculty, and staff. I am quite humbled to be part of this wonderful community which includes each of you.

With deep appreciation,

Paige Pitts

Founder and Interim Head of School





An Interview with Zion Redington ('19)

New Hope Academy was excited to cheer on alum Zion Redington ('19) during the 2024 Paralympics in Paris! Zion, the youngest member of the USA Wheelchair Rugby Team, represented the United States who went on to win the silver medal for wheelchair rugby.

If you didn't have a chance to know Zion during his time at New Hope, he was born in China with a genetic condition called ectrodactyly, giving him one finger on each hand and one toe on each foot. At age six, his adoptive mom, Heather, decided, with his doctors, to amputate his feet to improve his mobility.

By nine, he was playing quad rugby, a sport for athletes with all four limbs affected, first joining the Cumberland QuadCrushers. His skills led him to the US National Team, where he has competed internationally and helped Team USA secure gold at the 2023 Parapan American Games.

We are so proud of Zion and Team USA and can't wait to see how Zion will continue to use his athletic talent to bring glory to God and shine a light on adaptive sports! Please enjoy reading this interview with Zion Redington.

New Hope: Reflecting on your time at New Hope Academy, were there any teachers, mentors, or experiences that shaped your mindset as you pursued the Paralympic level?

Zion: Absolutely. Mrs. Arnold stands out. She was always there to support me, even beyond academics. I'll never forget the night before my amputations—she called to pray with my mom and me. I had my feet amputated in Kindergarten, and returning to school afterward was tough. Mrs. Arnold helped me navigate those challenges.

Her support didn't end there. She and her husband even sent me a video of blessings and encouragement before the Paralympics. That kind of connection has meant the world to me.

At New Hope, there was a focus on speaking truth over us, like reminding us, "You were created for a purpose." The counseling services also gave me a safe space to process and grow.

I'll always remember how my class normalized differences. A child life specialist came to talk to them about my amputation surgery, which made our environment so supportive.

Learning about the Biblical Worldview at New Hope shaped how I see diversity—not just in ethnicity or background but in how we treat and see others as God created them. This prepared me to advocate for others in the world of disability.

And I can't forget my fourth-grade teacher, Mr. Bryant, who made robotics fascinating, and my upper school teachers like Mrs. Pence, Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Dighton, and Mr. Goodwin, who launched me into middle school.

Even learning Latin helped me tackle the ACT vocabulary section!

New Hope: How has New Hope Academy's emphasis on service influenced your role as a Paralympic athlete?

Zion: New Hope instilled a sense of community in me. I learned to see everyone as a friend, which carried over to my wheelchair basketball team in Nashville. I was one of the older players, and I loved mentoring the younger ones.

The *Run for Hope* event made a huge impression on me. One year, my family partnered with a long-time NHA supporter to raise a full scholarship for a student. When we reached our goal, my parents surprised my class with a life-sized check—it was unforgettable!

But what stands out most is how NHA emphasized relationships. When I first got my prosthetics, I remember asking why my feet were white—I wanted black feet like my friend JoJo. That moment taught me it's not about appearances; it's about the people around you.

Now, I try to give back by speaking at events and encouraging kids with limb differences to explore adaptive sports. I've felt the weight of representing not just my family but my faith, community, and country.

New Hope: What advice would you give to current students at New Hope Academy, especially those facing personal challenges?

Zion: Keep going. Keep trying. And tell yourself the truth about who you are. God created each of us with unique gifts and talents. Don't blame others for your challenges. Instead, look inward and strive to become who God made you to be.

Building a strong support system is key. My mom's unwavering support propelled me forward. My stepdad, Mark, provided spiritual encouragement and helped guide me into manhood.

Even at a young age, I realize it's my generation's responsibility to push forward—to be the future for Team USA and our country. Seek God's truth as you pursue your dreams.

New Hope: Can you share your journey to the Paralympics? What inspired you to pursue wheelchair rugby?

Zion: My mom gently encouraged me into adaptive sports, and I tried everything. At a wheelchair basketball tournament, a referee noticed my eligibility for wheelchair rugby and suggested I try it. At first, I wasn't a fan of playing against older men, but I realized I had a knack for the sport.

Eventually, my family relocated to Birmingham, Alabama, so I could train at the Lakeshore Foundation, an Olympic and Paralympic training facility. By 15, I made the USA Development Squad. At 16, I joined Team USA, and at 17 became the youngest player ever on the Paralympic wheelchair rugby team.

Competing in Paris at the 2024 Paralympics and bringing home the silver medal was an incredible milestone.



New Hope: What was it like to represent Team USA on the world stage?

Zion: Wearing the USA jersey is an honor. Being adopted from China and growing up as a U.S. citizen, it's meaningful to represent my country, family, faith, and community.

But for me, it wasn't just about the spectacle or the red, white, and blue. It was about competing alongside my best friends and battling for one another.

New Hope: Winning silver is an incredible achievement. How did you feel during the final game and medal ceremony?

Zion: Honestly, we were heartbroken. We didn't feel like we won silver; we felt like we lost gold. It took me weeks to accept the silver medal and truly appreciate our team's accomplishment.

Now, I'm proud of what we achieved. Team USA is the only country to medal in every Paralympic wheelchair rugby event—a legacy worth celebrating.

New Hope: What message do you hope your journey sends to others?

Zion: Paralympic athletes don't like to be labeled as "inspiring." We've worked hard, period. No one should diminish that by adding disclaimers like, "despite your disability."

My message is this: Don't let anyone put an asterisk next to your name. Keep moving forward, and trust that God will give you strength for the journey.

New Hope: What's next for you?

- Zion:** I have four main goals:
1. Get into a great college—University of Michigan, Auburn, or Miami.
 2. Win gold at the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles. It's been 20 years since Team USA won gold in wheelchair rugby.
 3. Graduate with honors.
 4. Launch a successful career.

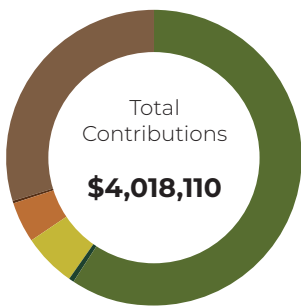
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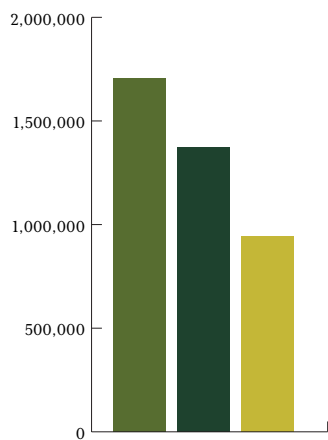
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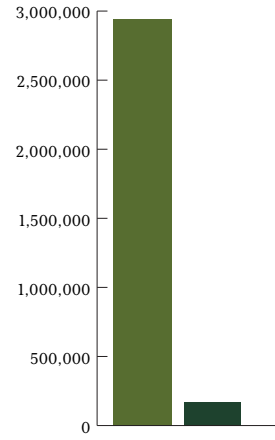
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- Foster Hall (Dining)—559,164
- Giving Hope Fund—5,000
- Security Fund—54,372
- 6th Grade Washington DC trip—41,311
- Mentoring/Faculty Fund—4,000
- Endowment—277,576



Total Income
\$4,018,110

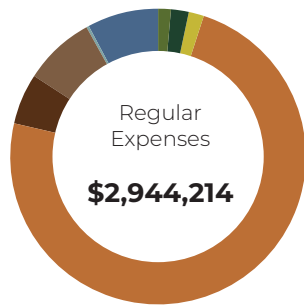
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- Designated Income—\$941,422



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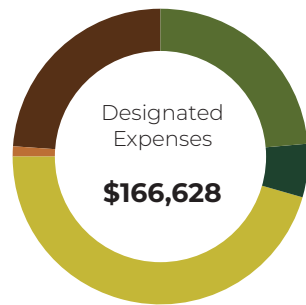
- Regular Expenses—\$2,944,214
- Designated Expenses—\$166,628

EXPENSES



Regular Expenses

- School Programs
- Counseling—43,400
- Lunch Program—56,781
- Classroom Expenses—47,812
- Compensation—2,166,627
- Administrative Expenses—167,377
- Development Expenses—227,646
- Admissions Expenses—6,560
- Facility & Other Expenses—228,010



Designated Expenses

- Other Designated—39,655
- Giving Hope Fund—9,770
- Security Fund—75,876
- School Van Fund—1,793
- 6th Grade Washington DC trip—39,535



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Letter from the Chair
of the Board of Trustees



It is such an honor to serve as Chair of New Hope Academy’s Board of Trustees, especially this year as our founder, Paige Pitts, returns to serve as Interim Head of School. New Hope holds a special place in my heart for many reasons. Both of my children, Isiah and Donovan, attended and graduated from NHA. Neither started in Pre-K—Isiah attended only for 6th grade, but that one year was life-changing for him and our family. Donovan started in 3rd grade, and several of his classmates remain his best friends, including Tommy Pitts, son of Dan and Paige Pitts.

I had known Paige for years before that. She used to come to Franklin Jr. High to tutor kids when I was a student there. Although she never tutored me personally, Paige took time to get to know me, and even as a tween, I knew there was something special about her. We would see each other occasionally over the years, but it wasn’t until our time at NHA that our friendship really grew.

Fast forward to this year: Paige Pitts is now serving as Interim Head of School, and I am serving as Board Chair. I simply smile and say, “God is amazing!” Paige, at her core, is a teacher, a leader, and a faithful servant of the Lord, and all these qualities are on full display this year. She has quickly identified and implemented key initiatives for the school year. We as a Board have been encouraged by her enthusiasm, as she shines a spotlight on our robust education, dedicated teachers and staff, and our richly diverse community.

History has shown that God’s hand has always been on New Hope Academy. As we continue to seek His direction and guidance while holding the school’s mission in trust, we find ourselves in a season of thanksgiving for what is unfolding in our midst.

Best,
Angela Gentry Jackson
Chair, New Hope Academy Board of Trustees

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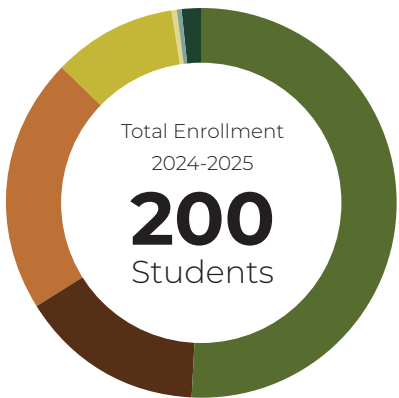
Our Students

NEW HOPE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION 2024-2025

137
Total Number
of Families

32%
students receive
scholarships

65%
students that
receive some level
of financial aid




Racial Percentages for Student Body

- White—50%
- Black/AA—15%
- Hispanic/Latino—10%
- Multiracial—21%
- African—1%
- Asian—1%
- Native American—2%

OUR GRADUATES 2024


19
Number of 6th Grade
Students that Will
Graduate This Year
as the Class of 2025


439
Total Number of
graduates since
the school started
in 1996

Schools that the Class of 2024 Attended this Fall

Battle Ground Academy • Brentwood Academy
Christ Presbyterian Academy • Currey Ingram Academy
Franklin Christian Academy • Freedom Middle School
Heritage Middle School • Hillsboro Middle School
Homeschool • Montgomery Bell Academy
Poplar Grove Middle School • Woodland Middle School

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Western Kentucky University • Gap Year- Serving YWAM in Hawaii



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They will be called
oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

ISAIAH 61:3



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