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## REAL STARS OF THE SHOW, GDA STUDENTS

UPPER GRADE STUDENTS "WOWED" THE AUDIENCE AT THE 2022 GDA BANQUET WITH THEIR HUMOR, GRACE, AND CONFIDENCE.



## GDA HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE

William Kuzemka & Caden Ball, fished in a Major League Fishing tournament at Lake of the Pines in Texas. They brought a full bag of five fish to the scale and weighed in 11 pounds, 6 ounces to **won FIRST PLACE**. They qualified for the MLF 2023 High School Fishing National Championship that will be held in June 2023 on the Mississippi River in Wisconsin.



## THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN LOCKS PREMIERED THIS FALL

Over 430 attendees came to GDA to see the lower grades fall play, The Girl with the Golden Locks. Thank you to Mr. Butcher and the numerous student and parent volunteers that contributed to the overall success of the show!



# HERZOG TOMORROW

## HERZOG TOMORROW FOUNDATION

As 2022 comes to a close, many of us know that year-end giving is an opportunity to make an impact in our community. This year, there are two ways you can support Christian education at GDA with tax dollars.

The first way to support GDA is to make a donation to Gloria Deo Academy. All donations, unless otherwise specified, are being placed in a secure account at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and will be used to pay for building costs.

**When considering year-end tax donations, please remember that Gloria Deo Academy is a 501C(3) and any gifts, whether they be cash, pledges or like-in-kind gifts are tax deductible. There are several ways you can give:**

- Call Wendy Wright at 417-631-2442 to discuss a gift or 3-year pledge
- Make an online donation at <https://gloriadeoacademy.org/give>
- Mail a check to Gloria Deo Academy at 3146 S. Golden Ave. Springfield, MO 65807
- Mail a check to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (the instructions for sending a contribution directly are attached- please indicate it is for the building fund)
- Text to give at 417-815-6425
- Fill out the included pledge card and mail to Wendy Wright at 3146 S. Golden Ave. Springfield, MO 65807

The second way to support GDA and Christian education is through the MO Scholars Program. The Herzog Tomorrow Foundation has distributed

\$197,625 in MO Scholars scholarship dollars to GDA students this year. What a blessing!

**The best part, is that it costs you nothing.** Any entity (individuals or businesses) in the state with Missouri income tax liability can participate in MOScholars scholarships by reserving a 100% tax-credit for up to 50% of your tax liability to help 26 GDA students still awaiting MOScholars scholarships.

**Example: If a business or individual owes \$10,000 in Missouri income tax in 2022, they can make a \$5,000 donation to Herzog, and then they will only owe the state \$5,000. So, it is essentially a redirection of tax dollars – it costs the donor nothing.**

For more information about the MO Scholars scholarship, you can visit [donate.herzogtomorrowfoundation.com](https://donate.herzogtomorrowfoundation.com) or contact Mayela Esser, at 816-601-3379 or email at [messer@herzogtomorrowfoundation.com](mailto:messer@herzogtomorrowfoundation.com). She is happy to answer any questions you may have about redirecting your tax dollars for scholarship dollars for students at GDA.

***Tax planning considerations should be reviewed with your tax advisor prior to year-end giving.***



**Mayela Esser**

Herzog Tomorrow Foundation



# ALL IN HIS TIME CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Wendy Wright  
Development Director

GDA families have given \$684,524 from July to November! In case you missed it, we are in Phase 2 of the following project and we are raising money for Phase 3, to give our students a finished gymnasium and classrooms. As 2022 comes to a close, it is easy to look back and see how God has blessed Gloria Deo Academy. The campaign to give our students a finished gymnasium and additional classrooms is under way and we are excited to see how God will provide each of us the gifts to help in some way. Help us give thanks for the many blessings this year, including:

- Our students are continually growing in Christ. It is evident every day in how they present themselves at school, at events and tournaments.
- The Herzog Foundation has granted GDA \$425,000 towards our campaign. As the funds for our project get pledged, funds from the grant get released.
- GDA was awarded the Excellence in Giving Certificate. This is an independent, third-party nonprofit who examines the financial data, analytics, strategies, and leadership to ensure transparency, fiscal responsibility and viability.
- Massada Utility Contractors, LLC (our next-door neighbors at the Golden property) are donating the use of their property for improved ingress/egress for drop-off and pick-up. Not only that, but they are paying the expenses to remove the fence and the trees, level the ground between our properties and create more parking for GDA to use.
- The second part of phase 2 is in progress. The builders met on property last week and said they hope to begin installing the first set of stairs in January, with the entire phase 2 being completed by the spring.
- From July to today, \$684,524 (not including the Herzog grant) has been raised! Any cash that has been received, plus pledges coming in are being placed in a designated building account at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Once enough funds are pledged, we can begin construction on the gymnasium.

### **PHASE 2 - IN PROGRESS**

Expand 3 classrooms — COMPLETE

Add classroom — COMPLETE

Carpet hallways, nursery, and expansion areas — COMPLETE

Build elevator shaft — in progress

Remodel breezeway — in progress

Move and replace stairwells with industrial staircases — in progress

### **PHASE 3 - ALL IN HIS TIME - \$2,750,000**

Build east building upper level to add 10 classrooms, 2 science labs, a teacher workroom, storage, networking, security, restrooms, HVAC, elevator, and furnishings.

Remodel gymnasium to add sport flooring, stage, storage, audio, video, lighting, a classroom, HVAC, and furnishings.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS - \$1,100,000**

West building HVAC improvements and roof repairs — in progress

Upgrade lighting in all classrooms — in progress

Add solar panels to reduce utility costs

Exterior building repairs and improvements

Beautification, signage, parking lot lighting, and landscaping

If you would like the opportunity to come alongside GDA families, teachers, staff and board members to support this next phase we would love for you to partner with us. You can join us in giving financial support through a one time donation or by making a monthly contribution by visiting our website <https://gloriadeoacademy.org/give/>.

Thank you for supporting Gloria Deo Academy!



**Wendy Wright**  
Development Director





# WHAT IS CLASSICAL EDUCATION?

**Kristie Stoddard**

GDA Upper Grades Teacher

For most parents seeking academic rigor for their students, Classical Education is the pinnacle of educational achievement, the apex of a successful foundation for lifelong success. Classical Education has a reputation for setting a strong standard for its students, equipping them to learn through excellent curriculum and instruction, and its superiority is solidified through proven demonstration of the output of well-educated citizens. But what is Classical Education, and why should we pursue it for our children?

Classical Education is far more than cyclical history

and Latin studies, although most would define it as such; and that is a part of its format, its exterior dress, if you will, but there is so much more within the soul of Classical Education. Parents quickly grasp that it's an ancient method of teaching with substantiated results. But how does it work? What is it? Let's begin with why we should utilize Classical pedagogy, then move on to its method.

Outside of the Christian Worldview, the purpose of Classical Education is to educate the whole man: body, mind, and spirit; to educate beyond mere utility for the betterment of the individual. To teach



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students how to learn. This same purpose drives the Christian Classical educator as well, but we have a deeper, nobler end in mind. Simply stated, the purpose of Classical Education from a Christian Worldview seeks to “repair the ruin of our first parents,” (Milton). What this means, in essence, is to bridge the gap as well as possible that comes from the Fall; to regain knowledge and intimacy with God. God has revealed much of his character through his General Revelation, which is the observable world around us. We can learn more of who He is, and learn to love Him more by learning all we can through science, math, poetry, language, art, woodworking, history, reasoning, Theology, etc. Since everything was created by God, learning more about those created things reveals the nature of the Creator. Christian Classical Education puts God at the center of every learning endeavor. All subjects point to Him, and He points to all subjects, thereby integrating all areas of learning.

Education is not so much about the subjects we study as it is about the skills we master in order to be self-learners; the subjects are merely the areas in which we practice those skills. Classical education highlights the skills, or “Tools” as Dorothy Sayers identifies them (Sayers), and are divided into three areas of age-development and, concurrently,

three areas of skills, or arts, known as the Trivium, which means “three roads” or “three ways”. Those three areas are Grammar (knowledge), Dialectic (logic), and Rhetoric (wisdom). Understanding the progression of skills in each area allows learners to know immediately where to begin studying a new subject, and how to move through the skills in each area toward mastery of that subject. This learning method creates people who can teach themselves anything, who can approach any and every subject with confidence and skill.

By mastering the skills of the Trivium, anyone can learn anything and thereby begin to “know God aright and out of that knowledge to love him, to imitate him, to be like him, as we may the nearest by possessing our souls of true virtue,” (Milton).

Read the full article on the GDA website by visiting the link or scan the QR code below:

<https://gloriadeoacademy.org/2022/10/28/what-is-classical-education/>.



**Kristie Stoddard**

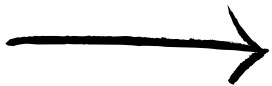
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**Minor Protection Planning - Estate Planning for Families with Young Children - December 15, 2022 @ 6:30 PM**

What happens to minor children if something happens to their parents? Many people think that a relative can just take care of the kids but this is not the case. Often times children end up in the custody of Child Protective Services and foster care while the guardianship case winds its way through probate.

Attorney Will Worsham will address this issue in the context of an entertaining and engaging presentation on Estate Planning in general and specifically for families with minor children for our Gloria Deo Academy Family. Those in attendance will be eligible for a no obligation free meeting with Will and a discounted plan to make sure these important details are taken care of.

**RSVP to the FREE estate planning meeting here:**

<https://gloriadeoacademy.org/event/estate-planning/>

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