



Regents Academy

Annual Report

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We are excited to report that Regents has experienced another great year! Enrollment and retention are up, and construction for the Eagle Campaign is well underway. We are deeply grateful for our partnerships with parents and the contributions of our donors, and we are eager to provide a brief report that highlights key accomplishments from this past year.

Our Fundraising

Not including next year's pledges toward the campaign, our total giving for 2022-2023 was **\$1,213,926**. This total includes \$267k from our annual BIG Serve fundraiser, \$909k for the Eagle Campaign, and another \$38k from discretionary cash contributions and smaller fundraisers. Along with this record-breaking total, we had forty-seven businesses and individuals sponsor the BIG Serve this year, and our students served over twenty local businesses and ministries. We praise God for the generosity of our sponsors and the opportunity to serve our city.

Our Students

Regents students also excelled in various areas throughout the academic year. Of our six seniors, three (Katelyn Anderson, Gabe Shipp, and Susannah Vermillion) received TAPPS All-District awards, and Jacob Nichols received an honorable mention. Notably, Gabe Shipp received the TAPPS 2nd Team All-State (Div. 1-A) award for goalkeeper. Altogether our seniors earned over thirty awards and twelve college scholarships. Other student accomplishments include:

- Stephen Crescenzo (9th) placed 2nd at the TAPPS 1A Golf State Championship.
- Seven 8th grade Latin students received national honors on the Universal Latin Exam: 85th-100th percentile (Jake Hancock; Joelle Quant; Emory Cobb); and 70th-84th percentile (Liam Shipp; Nikolai DonCarlos; Natalie Ketchen; Dennis Choi).
- Emma Austin (6th) won the DAR American History Award for 6th grade in Nacogdoches County.
- Regents' high school music team placed 2nd in the TAPPS 1A Class for the year.
- Katelyn Anderson (12th) placed 3rd in prose at the TAPPS Speech & Academics Competition.
- At the TAPPS High School Solo Competition in Houston, several students received high scores: Susannah Vermillion (1, voice); Cate Baker (1, voice and viola); Mary Kate Hill (2, piano); Abel Ketchen (1, double-bass); Regents Women 6 (1); and Regents Men 4 (2).
- At the TAPPS Junior High School Solo Competition in Austin, several students received high scores: Titus Atwood (1, cello); Eleanor Quant, (1, violin); Nate Waggoner (2, piano), Susannah Ketchen (1, recorder); and Joelle Quant (1, violin).
- Jesse Vermillion (7th) placed 1st for his essay on Charles Stanfield Taylor in the contest held by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.
- Three 6th grade students won the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests: Cason Cobb (1st); Camille Anderson (2nd); and Bryn Still (3rd).
- Our 4-H Club received \$7,000 for winning 2nd place in the Youth Ag Video Showcase held by Texas Farm Credit.

Our Capstone Trips

This past year Regents conducted three capstone trips, two of which were funded by a donor who believes in bringing history and literature to life by exposing students to the sights, languages, people, smells, and sounds that they study in class. As a means of determining whether it is more advantageous to schedule the high school capstone trip at the beginning of the senior year or towards the end of the junior year, we took two trips to Europe this year. In September, our seniors spent four days in London to visit the British Museum, National Gallery, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, and the Globe Theatre. Then, the seniors spent full days in Salisbury, Oxford, and Paris. In March, the juniors took a similar trip but also got to enjoy more



time in Paris and a couple of days in Rome. In May, our 6th graders went to Washington, DC, and visited the National Mall, the Capitol, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Museums, Ford's Theatre, the Bible Museum and more. They also saw the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and the Constitution at the National Archives and the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. The 6th grade and senior capstone trips will remain an essential part of the school's curriculum moving forward, providing students with the unique opportunity to experience history and literature, learn to navigate in foreign cities and countries, and grow in their understanding of global Christianity. While the 6th grade trip will continue to be funded by the generosity of a donor, the senior trip will be included as part of families' tuition contributions over the years.



Our Campaign

In view of the escalating cost curve, Regents has had to phase the Eagle Campaign differently. We have moved forward with the civil package (~\$1.5-1.7M), which includes all the utilities and earthwork for the campus's master plan and a new concrete driveway and parking lot. Most of this construction should be completed shortly after the school year begins. And since the initial bids on the athletic center were over 40% higher than the projections, we are working with other partners to rebid key items and value engineer the plans with hopes of getting the budget down to \$2.5M.

Our Faculty

It is a testimony to a school's influence when alumni come back to serve on staff. We are excited to announce that alumnus Kaden Harman has finished his music performance degree at SFA and will be serving in various capacities at Regents next year. We are also pleased to share that Jason Modar, a teacher in the Logic & Rhetoric School, published an article about assessment in *Classis* this past winter and shared a talk about writing and composition at the national ACCS conference. Similarly, our music teacher, David Brewer, published a SATB choral piece, "Come to Me," through Shawnee Press this past spring. We are proud of our staff and faculty for the excellent work they do and for shepherding the hearts and minds of our students.

Thanks to everyone who has prayed for Regents, supported it financially, and offered time to help make our vision a reality. Regents is truly blessed by the role you play!

In Christ,

Dr. Preston Atwood, Headmaster

Dr. Mark Sowell, Chairman of the Board

FINANCIAL, ADMISSIONS, AND CAMPAIGN REPORT

The financial status of Regents Academy is sound. While not taken lightly, the '22-23 tuition increase allowed the school to increase teacher wages and become more hard-income covered.

Total '22-23 Inflows (as of 7/31/23):	\$2,248,273 (including donations)
Total '22-23 Outflows:	\$1,292,842
Total '22-23 Fundraising:	\$1,213,926
Total Cash Reserves:	\$313,000

Regents has always had a policy that does not turn families away based on their inability to pay the full tuition price. We use a third party system (FACTS) to calculate demonstrated need, and we have a financial aid committee to assess each family's particular situation and make grant and aid decisions.

Total '22-23 Enrollment:	174 (8.5% increase)
Total '22-23 Grant & Aid:	\$230,000

The Eagle Campaign is an ambitious project, but Regents Academy is in need of expanding and enhancing its facilities to allow for growth and a functional educational space consistent with its mission and vision.

Phase 1 Details:	Upfront costs (architectural; survey; civil; etc.)
	Civil package (utilities; driveway; parking lot)
	Athletic Center (11,000 sq. ft.)
	Athletic Field

Total Cost:	\$4,549,000
Total Raised from '20-23:	\$1,743,297
Total Pledged for '23-24:	\$499,451
Total Contributions Needed:	\$2,306,252

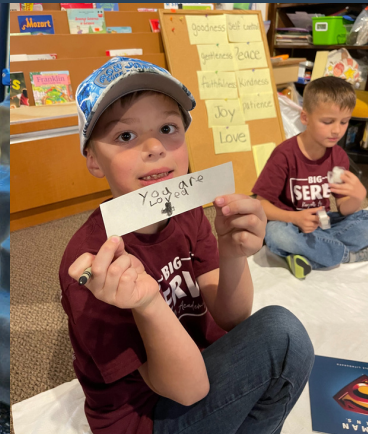
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

As noted above, the school's staff and board have been hard at work improving its programs and institutional viability while ensuring compliance to our mission. We are proud of the work that has been done this past year!

- Conducted three capstone trips (in 6th, 11th, and 12th grades)
- Raised \$267k during the 14th annual BIG Serve
- Served 20 businesses and ministries during the BIG Serve
- Hosted over 30 local ministers to share a devotion on campus
- Hosted our 3rd annual pastors appreciation breakfast (with 20 pastors in attendance)
- Began Phase 1 of the Eagle Campaign and raised \$1,743,297 in cash

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