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## Placement of Graduates

We are pleased to report that our graduates attend many fine secondary schools, including:

Cathedral  
Central Christian  
Chaminade  
Crossroads  
John Burroughs  
MICDS  
Thomas Jefferson  
Westminster  
Whitfield

## City Academy Celebrates Fifth Class of Graduates

Each year, City Academy's sixth grade students make brief speeches at their graduation ceremony. Students remark on their experiences at the school and share their gratitude for family and friends. Here are some of their reflections.

### Stephanie Briggs

From my first day at City Academy in August 2007, my days (and many evenings) have been occupied with math calculations, science, social studies, language arts, Spanish, Latin, dancing, acting, art, leadership class, volunteer commitments, and a mentor group, just to name a few. City Academy develops the whole student. Being here has helped me to develop my sense of who I am, what I want to be, and how to achieve my goals. *Stephanie will attend Thomas Jefferson School in the fall.*

### Olivia Martin

During my sixth grade year at City Academy, I have learned two important lessons. First, hard work pays off. Second, you can do anything when you believe in yourself! *Olivia will attend MICDS in the fall.*



2009 Graduates Makaylah Meredith and Michael Strawbridge with Don Danforth



Class of 2009 graduates, along with sixth grade teacher Holiday Douglas (left), Principal Kelly Tyson (right), and President Don Danforth (second from right)

### Michael Strawbridge

I thank my parents, Mr. Danforth, and this school he has created for giving me the opportunity to become the thoughtful, caring, and John-Burroughs-School-bound student I am today. *Michael will attend John Burroughs in the fall.*

### Kelvin Woods

I have learned the value of perseverance. Now I know that if something is not done right the first time, I need to try again to improve and do my best. City Academy has also taught me responsibility because I know that I am accountable for my actions. *Kelvin will attend John Burroughs in the fall.*

### Makaylah Meredith

I will take all of the skills that I have learned at City Academy to my next school, especially what I've learned about the importance of studying. The Class of 2009's motto is "Step into the opportunities before you and lead the way for others!" I plan to do just that! *Makaylah will attend Central Christian in the fall.*

# Community Awards



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tschudy receive their award from Don Danforth at graduation.

## Honorary Alumnus Award

This award honors a member of our community who models the personal characteristics we seek to instill in our graduates. This year we acknowledged Jermal Seward.

Whether helping students prepare their graduation speeches or participating in the school's Speaker Series, Jermal is a committed volunteer. He also serves as Chair of our Friends Group.

Jermal demonstrates his leadership skills in everything he does. He is a strong role model for all of our students. After receiving his award, Jermal said, "I am truly honored to be chosen for this award. I know the value of a good education, and I am pleased to support City Academy's students by giving generously of my time."



Jermal Seward receives his award from Principal Kelly Tyson.

## Oliver M. Langenberg Award

The Oliver M. Langenberg Award for Outstanding Service to City Academy was first presented in 2005 at our inaugural graduation ceremony. The award bears Mr. Langenberg's name because his exemplary values reflect our school's mission. The award honors those whose support makes our school and our community better.

This year's recipients were Robert and Jane Tschudy, who are wonderful friends to City Academy. They have invested in our school from the very beginning and, year after year, they consistently give to our scholarship program at a level that truly makes a difference in what we are able to accomplish.

Following the ceremony, Jane Tschudy commented, "This year's graduates were mature, poised, and had obvious pride in their school and fine education. We were thrilled to be honored at graduation."

## Are you smarter than a City Academy student?

The ratio of Andrew's money to Paul's money was 5:2 at first. After Andrew gave \$30 to Paul, they had an equal amount of money each. How much money did they have altogether?

(Answer on next page.)

## Buddy Morning & May Projects

What do Dr. Matthew Newman and recent John Burroughs graduate Liesl Schnuck have in common? They're both friends with City Academy sixth grader Kelvin Woods! Earlier this year, when the sixth graders studied *The Iliad for Boys and Girls*, Dr. Newman hosted Kelvin's class for a tour of the St. Louis Art Museum. Liesl met Kelvin when volunteering at City Academy with three of her classmates for their May service project. When Liesl, Kelvin, and Dr. Newman crossed paths at Buddy Morning, it was a testament to the many partnerships that City Academy has built with individuals and organizations in our area. Buddy Morning is a great opportunity for you to get involved. This event allows community members to work on fun projects with student "buddies," and it is a great way to see our program in action! We hope you will join us for our next Buddy Morning on Friday, October 9.



Liesl Schnuck, Dr. Matthew Newman, and Kelvin Woods at Buddy Morning

# Middle School Model United Nations

When the general assembly of Civitas’s Middle School Model United Nations met in May, City Academy’s sixth grade students had plenty to contribute. About 45 proposals were submitted for the session—7 from City Academy and 38 from Crossroads Prep and Hoech School. A total of three resolutions were passed—two of which had been proposed by City Academy students.

Makaylah Meredith and Kelvin Woods, representing Spain, asked the United Nations to aid efforts to prevent illegal immigration from Morocco to Spain. Their plan involved the improvement of education, childcare, job training, and job opportunities in Morocco.



Michael Strawbridge and Olivia Martin

Michael Strawbridge and Olivia Martin, representing Peru, argued for the establishment of a No More Cocaine initiative to eliminate

cocaine production in their country while lessening soil erosion and encouraging fair trade for farmers.

“We found the students at City Academy to be inquisitive, articulate, and well-prepared to think critically about global problems. They also worked collaboratively with students from other schools, offering appropriate comments and suggestions,” said Lisa Granich-Kovarik of Civitas Associates, who coordinated Civitas’s Middle School Model United Nations Program.



Makaylah Meredith, Kelvin Woods, Michael Strawbridge, Olivia Martin, and teacher Haliday Douglas

City Academy teacher Haliday Douglas involved the students in the Model United Nations as a summative project for a global citizenship unit in social studies.



## Celebrating our Donors

Last year, Nikki Lemkemeier took on a formidable challenge: to create inviting and affordable donor signage on the painted cinderblock walls in City Academy’s lobby. We hired her to create a design that would represent the impact of City Academy’s donors on the school and community. She responded with two tile murals that exceeded our expectations.

The first mural celebrates the many generous individuals who secured a permanent home for City Academy by giving to the school’s first Capital Campaign. The second mural recognizes City Academy’s early supporters, who provided critical funding to open the school in 1999. Nikki’s artistic choices convey the joy and the collaborative spirit evident at City Academy.

In May, Nikki received a Grand Center Visionary Arts Award (Emerging Artist category)—an honor for which City Academy and The Magic House had nominated her. That same month, Nikki’s work was the focus of the cover story in the May issue of *St. Louis Woman* magazine. City Academy congratulates Nikki—and thanks her for the mission-driven masterpieces she has created on our walls!

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Celebrate City Academy's Tenth Anniversary

# save the date!

**Backyard Birthday Bash**  
Sunday, September 13, 2009  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at City Academy

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, or would like to be a part of the planning committee, we would welcome your support. Please contact:

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