



Heritage Happenings

March 2019



On a recent

trip to the Georgia Capitol with Leadership Augusta, my lunch companion was a student career planner at a Georgia technical college. I gushed with enthusiasm as I shared a book I am reading called *Getting Real: Helping Teens Find Their Future* by Kenneth Gray. The premise of the book states that the new benchmark for high school graduates is having a post-secondary plan grounded in at least tentative career choices with a high probability of success. We agreed that while college is not for everyone, we as a community must find a better way to express our desires to see our students succeed without making them feel that they belong to a second tier.

Oren Cass says it well in his book *The Once and Future Worker: A Vision for the Renewal of Work in America*, “The goal is to ensure that every person, no matter her starting circumstances, can find a vocation that allows her to support a family, live in a community where she can build a good life, and give her children an even greater opportunity.”



Eric Smith, Board Chair, and student at *The Amazing Shake*

This is at the heart of Georgia’s emphasis on workforce development ... and for Heritage Academy, too. In the months to come Heritage will be developing courses for our middle school students that will have early workforce development as the goal. Students will have the opportunity to develop entrepreneurial, maker and cyber skills. They will also develop career plans with well researched pathways to achieve such careers. The students are already working on the soft skills needed to work with others and to get that first job (see *Amazing Shake* story). The apostle James warned us of the folly of preaching the gospel without caring for the needs of our brothers and sisters. So we are compelled to help our children prepare for, and not postpone, the job they will need to earn a family-sustainable wage and do so in the name of Christ. Together!

TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019
SAVANNAH RAPIDS PAVILION

DOORS OPEN: 6PM
TRIVIA BEGINS: 7PM

Tables: \$400
Includes: dinner, drinks, dessert, trivia, silent auction and raffle

For more information or to purchase a table, please contact Julie Tollison at 706.821.0034 or jtollison@heritageacademyaugusta.org

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Faith Holiday is currently an exercise and sports science major with a concentration in the allied health field at USC Aiken. After graduating in spring of 2020 Holiday hopes to use this degree to become an occupational therapist that works with “children of special populations”.

Holiday attended Heritage Academy from 3rd - 6th grade, before attending and graduating from AR Johnson in 2016. During her time as a Heritage student, Holiday began learning violin through the Suzuki violin program and went on to play for 11 years. She currently volunteers as a dyslexia tutor at Heritage.



Heritage Academy hosted its first annual Amazing Shake Competition in January. Business leaders were invited to judge our 4th-8th graders on introduction and job interview skills during two rounds. Judges looked for professionalism, eye contact, manners, and respect when choosing two winners to compete at the National Amazing Shake Competition at Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. Milan (7th), and Kody (5th), competed

February 22-24. Our students received one-on-one feedback from Ron Clark, gained debate skills, and spoke with enthusiastic alumni from the academy. Congratulations, Kody and Milan. You make us proud!



THE AMAZING SHAKE

at Heritage Academy of Augusta

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\$685,000

\$600,000

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Thanks to generous community support, we have raised over **\$400,000** towards our goal of **\$685,000** for our Annual Fund. As you may know, 86% of our budget is raised through donations by individuals, businesses, churches and foundations. We couldn't do it without you!

With four months left in our fiscal year, will you help us reach our goal?

Julie Tollison, Director of Development

First Grade Reads to Middle School Students

