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LINDA HALE, HEAD OF SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

This year, we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary, giving us a wonderful opportunity to recognize the tremendous growth our school has made since its founding in 1987. Our theme is “Knights Unite,” allowing us to bring together our families and friends from the past to the present.

Twenty-five years ago, Ginger Parnell and Rita Rice founded Unlimited Learning, a testing and tutorial service in Greensboro. In 1987, Unlimited Learning formed the basis for a private school with eight students and four full-time teachers. Within two years of opening the private school, the enrollment had increased to 36 students, nine teachers and four staff members. The school relocated during its second year to Guilford Square on Guilford

College Road. In 1990, there was a request for a name change from Unlimited Learning to Guilford Day School. During this year, our school colors were selected and our beloved “Knight” became our mascot. In 1992, the school had grown to 49 students and relocated to its new facilities on Horse Pen Creek Road to accommodate the growing student population.

Today, we continue to grow, with enrollment at 170, the highest in the school’s history; 40 staff members; our brand new, state-of-the-art, 25,000 square foot facility; and the rebranding of our name to Noble Academy. **In planning for our future, we have developed three strategic goals:**

1. *To expand our resources to better serve students, families, educators and community members who seek support in the education of a child who has a learning difference.*
2. *To increase sustained enrollment.*
3. *To increase a portion of our operating budget designated to tuition assistance.*

With these goals in mind, we are excited to move the school forward while maintaining our mission.

We are planning several events to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and we hope you will be able to join us! This is an opportunity for our “Knights to Unite” in celebration of this special occasion.

Our next event is the **Wine, Art and Design Show**, scheduled for Friday, **November 30th**, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on campus in our new building. We will display art work from our alumni and recognize artists from the community.

It has taken the dedication and commitment of hundreds of parents, teachers and board members to allow us to make a difference in the lives of our students. We owe each of them a huge debt of gratitude for the incredible gifts of time, talent and treasure they have given us.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

NOBLE ACADEMY *partners with* THE MUSIC ACADEMY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Hallie Harding,
Jennifer Aceves



CALEB AND BRIGGS ARE CREATING A BEAT OF THEIR OWN.

Noble Academy is excited to embark on a partnership with the Music Academy of North Carolina (MANC) this year. While we have always valued the benefits of music instruction for our students, our students have previously been exposed to music either within their core classes as part of an instructional method, or, some years, as part of a specialist rotation when we had an available teacher with a music background. This year we are able to use highly trained music teachers to teach the grades 4-6 specialist rotation, the grades 7-8 specialist rotation, and a year-round elective for grades 9-12.

Music is an important part of our students' day, as it helps improve focus, concentration, attention, self-expression, motivation and memory. Studying music strengthens and develops neurological pathways that are involved in language and reasoning.

Colleen Chenail, MANC instructor since 2001, teaches the 4th-8th grade students. She describes music class as a place where students can express their creativity in a positive and nurturing environment.

Our intermediate students will have the opportunity to turn ordinary objects into percussion instruments this year during their STOMP class. In STOMP class students will create a series of short pieces involving rhythm and simple choreography while

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learning more complex musical concepts. Students are able to use full body motion to create drum beats with buckets, kitchen pots, sticks, and poles. Now our auditorium will not only be used to showcase drama performances but also STOMP musical showpieces. The first performance of the year was October 3rd; families are always

encouraged to come watch.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are learning how to read the treble clef, as well as how to identify and read rhythms. These students are utilizing their music reading skills with differentiated rubrics for recorder, where students with previous instruction in recorder are being challenged to learn more complex songs. The first rotation of students did not have a performance, but future rotations will have that opportunity.

Music Appreciation is an elective offered to students in grades 9-12. This year, 12 students are taking the course taught by **Stephanie Foley Davis**, who has been with MANC for a year and has a wide variety of musical experiences in her background. In Music Appreciation, students learn genres of music, music theory, instrument families, music business and music history. Stephanie describes music as “a common language that allows us to think differently, explore and create. Music is part of who we are as human beings.” She quotes Hans Christian Andersen who said: “Where words fail, music speaks.”

NOBLE ACADEMY

partners with

TRIAD LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION

to become the only active chapter
in North Carolina

Kelly LaMachio, Julie Bean



What an incredible resource we now have in our community!

The Triad Learning Disabilities Association (Triad LDA) is a volunteer parent and professional organization dedicated to providing support to individuals with learning disabilities and their families through education, advocacy and training. In realizing the need for this critical resource, Noble Academy's Board of Trustees included the founding of Triad LDA as part of the school's strategic plan. Triad LDA is affiliated with the Learning Disabilities Association of North Carolina and is the only active LDA chapter in North Carolina.

Triad LDA's Executive Board was formed in August 2012. The Board consists of parents and professionals from our community. The President of Triad LDA is **Kelly LaMachio**, who is a Noble Academy parent, a founder and facilitator of a support group for parents of children with special needs, and a former teacher. "The beauty of Triad LDA is that we marry the professional influence with the common sense aspect of the everyday challenges of living and working with people with learning disabilities," said LaMachio. "I am thrilled to be a part of such an amazing group. I look forward to partnering with our community to provide this incredible resource."

Triad LDA meetings will be held once a month on Tuesdays at Noble Academy. These meetings are open to the community. A social gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meeting with a professional speaker from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In partnership with Triad LDA, Noble Academy will provide free continuing education credits for all educators who attend at least seven of the 10 meetings.

"The first Triad LDA meeting was held on August 28, 2012, at Noble Academy in the beautiful new auditorium. Parents and professionals had a wonderful time getting to know one another and networking," said **Julie Bean**, Secretary of Triad LDA and Lower Division Counselor at Noble Academy. "In order to best serve the community needs, attendants at the meeting completed a survey asking what topics related to learning disabilities they would like to see addressed. These survey results were used by the Executive Board to select topics for upcoming meetings."

According to Kelly LaMachio, "You cannot imagine how beneficial it is to be with other families of children with disabilities and concerned professionals. The joy and peace I have received from being with like-minded people on this journey is a tremendous gift. It has given me hope knowing that my child and others like her will be successful in life. Please join me at Triad LDA as we travel this road together."

UPCOMING TRIAD LDA EVENTS:

JANUARY 8, 2013 "Crash, Bang, Pow: Unlocking the Super-Hero in Children Diagnosed with Learning Disabilities"

FEBRUARY 5, 2013 "Financial Resources and Tax Exemptions for Children with Disabilities"

MARCH 5, 2013 "Community Resources: Learning Disabilities Fair"

APRIL 9, 2013 "Understanding Testing and Evaluations for Learning Disabilities"

MAY 7, 2013 "What Works? Brain-Based Research"

JUNE 4, 2013 "A Parent Survival Guide for Summer"

Beginning in June 2013, Greensboro will have a summer program specifically designed for children who have been diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD). Although pharmacotherapy, parent training, and school-based interventions have been shown to be efficacious in managing AD/HD, such treatments are often interrupted during the summer months, thereby placing children with AD/HD at risk for losing ground.

To address this gap in treatment and to maintain consistency with the concept of a chronic care model, a summer program was developed by **Dr. William Pelham** and his colleagues. Since its inception nearly 30 years ago, the program has been implemented in more than 25 independent clinical sites across the country and has been shown to be efficacious in more than 100 research trials. On numerous occasions the program has received recognition and

awards from national organizations, and has been listed in the National Registry of Effective and Promising Programs (SAMHSA; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). At the present time there are no summer programs or other formal summer treatment services for children with AD/HD in Greensboro or in any other part of North Carolina.

In response to this need in the community, the AD/HD Clinic at UNC-G and Noble Academy have entered into a partnership, bringing together our uniquely qualified staffs and expertise to launch and maintain a Greensboro-based program.

Noble Academy is honored and excited about this opportunity to partner with the AD/HD Clinic and to provide this valuable summer resource for children diagnosed with AD/HD and their families. *More information will be available in the coming months!*

HONORS

NOBLE ACADEMY IS RECOGNIZED AS GUILFORD COUNTY'S FIRST SMART SHOWCASE SCHOOL

Kay McMurphy and Laura Blackburn

Noble Academy has been selected as Guilford County's first SMART Showcase School and ***one of only six schools in North Carolina to receive this honor.*** SMART created the first interactive whiteboard to inspire and revolutionize the way students learn in the classroom. This forward-thinking classroom model, fostered by our innovative educators, has been a guiding force at Noble Academy over the last five years. As a school focused on creating multi-sensory learning experiences for students who learn differently, incorporating SMART technology into 100% of the classrooms has created an interactive learning environment in which all students can excel and enjoy being active participants in their learning.

Not only is Noble Academy the first SMART Showcase School in Guilford County, but we are also pleased to announce that **Kay McMurphy**, Lower Division Master Teacher, has been selected to join an exclusive, global network of educators as part of the SMART Exemplary Educator program. Noble Academy prides itself on

setting performance measures for both teachers and students and on enriching the learning experience wherever possible. Kay McMurphy's consistent innovations in the

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classroom and outstanding commitment to high quality education have been strongly supported by the school community.

School teachers and administrators have played a hands-on role in the

implementation of the technology plan and the installation of SMART products to ensure students—and teachers—get the most from the technology investment.

“SMART products have had a huge impact on teaching and learning at the school,” says Mrs. McMurphy. “Noble Academy made it possible for me to become a SMART Notebook 11 and Response System certified trainer. It has revolutionized my teaching and the way I am able to present learning concepts in innovative, multi-sensory ways. As Master Teacher of Lower Division, I also have the opportunity to train new teachers and to share what I have learned about SMART technology. It is a huge honor to have been selected for the SMART Exemplary Educator program.”

Noble Academy is becoming a technology leader in our area, and having Mrs. McMurphy selected to join the SMART Exemplary Educator program is an opportunity to further maximize this high level of instructional technology.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

2012 NOBLE ACADEMY GRADUATES

Susan Hughes, JoAnn Caliguiri, and Vicki Payne

At the end of each summer, when the new school year kicks off, it always seems a little lonely without the graduates from the last year's senior class. This August was certainly no exception as we all found ourselves missing the 14 enthusiastic 2012 graduates.

Luckily, our students find ways to be in touch with us once they have left Noble Academy, and we have already heard from nine of them through emails, Facebook, or a visit.

Guilford College is the new home for three of our ladies, **Anna Oates**, **Brooke Hodges** and **Caitlin Greene**, who are each finding their own ways of acclimating to college life.

Three other class members are enjoying their first semester at UNC-G: **Dan Panosh** and **Shawn Hardin**, who both reported great grades on their first college essays, and **Becca Balabanis**, excited to have already had a "call back" for an audition.

A few blocks away at Greensboro College, **Molly O'Keefe** is having a "ball" as one of the starters on the school soccer team!

Hayden Boyles, **Mike Ray** and **Ben Gann** have bumped into each other a few times at GTCC and are off to a great start there. Hayden is making plans to transfer to Western Carolina for the spring semester.

Also in the planning is **Erin Arnold's** participation in the exciting Zoology program

offered by Davidson Community College.

Austin Enns has begun his studies at Forsyth Tech, where **Annie Sullivan** plans to join him when the Massage Therapy program starts up.

Luke Crawford was accepted into the YWAM (Youth With a Mission) program last spring, sending him for several months into the wilderness of Montana before taking a few classes at GTCC and continuing on with his mission work.

While we may be missing this group, it certainly appears they have successfully moved on in their educational pursuits. ***Congratulations and well wishes, one and all!***

NOBLE ACADEMY EXPANDS *Summer Programs*

Tim Montgomery

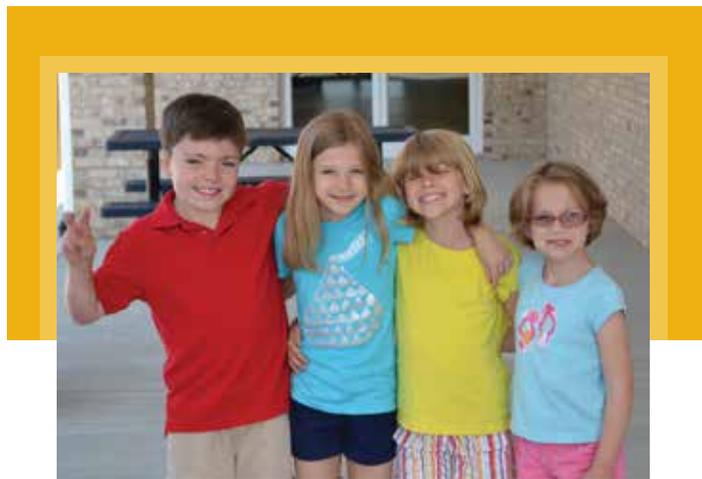
The summer of 2012 saw quite a change around the campus of Noble Academy. Always well-known for the quality summer academic and tutoring programs offered, variety was in the air this year, and it was certainly well-received.

As a part of implementing the school's new strategic plan, students from around the community were given the opportunity to learn more than just reading and writing. Two-week summer camps were offered in art, athletics and drama. Current Noble Academy students and many other students from the community took part, and almost every class was filled to capacity.

Noble Academy faculty members **Sonja Kelly**, **Jenn Romero** and **Erin Cawley** graciously agreed to give up part of their summers to lead these programs. For that we are very grateful.

Along with our SMILE program and our sentence and paragraph writing classes, which we have taught for years, we added a math enrichment class to our agenda for our lower division students for the first time. It was a rousing success. A special thank you to former faculty member **Jessica Sherrard** for leading that class and making it so successful.

Overall we had more participation in our summer programs during the summer of 2012 than we have had in quite some time, with a great majority of the summer participants taking part in more than one program.



An added bit of flavor, which made our summer offerings even more special, was the establishment of our first high school athletic camp. For one week in early July, head soccer coach **Michael Amend** conducted a highly structured soccer skills camp for Noble Academy players and players from the community at large.

Twenty-six students from rising 8th grade through 12th grade participated in the summer heat and all left feeling the camp was both beneficial and enjoyable. A special thank you to **Coach Amend** and his staff for making this camp such a successful venture.

With the successes of 2012 fresh in our minds, we are already making plans to expand the summer offerings even further at Noble Academy for the summer of 2013. **Be looking for information soon about what we have in store!**

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

FALL ATHLETICS

Doug Long

Our fall 2012 athletic season has opened with a new sense of promise at Noble Academy. Fall is the time for the changing of leaves, beautiful colors and grand scenery in the heart of North Carolina. At Noble Academy, it is the time for varsity cross-country, intermediate/junior high soccer, varsity soccer and varsity volleyball.



CROSS-COUNTRY



JV SOCCER

Our cross-country runners return to Fall 2012 looking to build on a very successful 2011. Under head coach **Tim Montgomery** and assistant coach **Tom Gooding**, our cross-country team is loaded with a stable of talented runners, including a couple of very talented young ladies.

The lady Knights making such a grand impression are **Mariam Shina** and **Abby LaMachio**. Senior **Jared Lindsay** leads our nimble men's team with support from **Jonathan Heasley**, **Ben Chase**, **Cameron Gooding**, **Devon Brewbaker**, **Reid Chilton** and **Steven Garfunkel**. The Knights are young and hungry and boast a 12-meet schedule with several competitions consisting of fields totaling 75 or more runners.

JV (intermediate/junior high) soccer is just under way with head coach **Samantha Price** leading a big squad of eager Knights to compete in the ISL for 2012.

Soccer is our lead-off sport, soon to be followed by flag football and volleyball, with a spring schedule of basketball, and ending the season with cross-country.

Our soccer Knights roster includes: **Nicole Shina**, **Reid Chilton**, **Marin Smith**, **Peter Kline**, **Nick Alligood**, **Kory Hand**, **Korey Shelton**, **Landon Mueller**, **Hunter Bell**, **Noah Taylor**, **Christan Wilson**, **Gage Talley**, **Montgomery Boshier**, **Parker Collins**, **Kyle Hand**, **George Kirkpatrick**, **Britt Oliver**, **Lucas Dahan**, **Tureki Spencer**, **Anne Marie Martin**, **Lexi Hicks** and **Isaac Schwaz**.

2012-2013 STUDENT SENATE

Matt Zigler

After the success of the first Noble Academy student senate, 23 candidates from the six upper division grades put themselves forward to serve this year. This was nearly twice as many as those who ran in 2011. In an assembly to discuss the duties of the student senate and the importance of electing responsible and hard-working members, senior John Shinn, a candidate himself, expressed that when the senate was able to propose and approve a significant change to the school cell phone policy last year, he believed that Noble Academy valued the students' opinions and would

listen to their voice.

In an online election that took place over a three day period, the students elected eight out of 12 positions. The other four were then nominated and approved by the upper division faculty, forming the full 12-member body. The senate has currently met twice to discuss the bylaws and executive council positions. Nominations have been made for the positions of Senate Speaker, Executive Officer and Finance Officer, and the positions will be picked by the senate members themselves.



VARSITY SOCCER

Our varsity soccer program was off to a great start under second-year coach **Michael Amend**. Michael organized Noble Academy's first ever soccer camp that saw over 20 athletes work drills and skills during four tough days of practice this summer in preparation for the coming season.

Noble Academy's soccer season boasted a full 15-game schedule with the Knights stepping up to the challenge against many new schools for the very first time. Led by seniors **John Shinn** and **Evan Aydelette**, and accompanied by a host of younger Knights—including **Kevin Williams, Wesley Edwards, Avi Koren, Tony Forman, Abbey Lang, Luca Nardi, Ben Rakestraw, Johnny Sessoms, Owen Shinn, Noah Taylor, Barnes Trevathan, Tommy Vancil, Carlson Wolf** and **Conner Wolf** - the Knights look to build on their soccer experience and hope to count on heart and hustle to compete this season.



VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Knights varsity volleyball team also starts 2012 young and hungry. After graduating four seniors from the 2011 team, this year's squad will be looking for new stars to lead the Knights in a 10-game varsity schedule that includes matches against Walkertown High School and Vandalia Christian.

Led by junior middle blocker **Valentina White**, the Knights have a host of young talent. Returning outside hitter **Ansley Craig** will be looked to for her experience, as will returning defensive specialist **Kaci Lewis**.

Earning the Libero spot for 2012 is returner **Eleanor Shafer**, whose much-improved skills will anchor the Knights' back row. Young talent for the Knights include setters **Sammi Reganess** and **Ana Kirkpatrick**, middle blocker **Rae Gordon**, outside hitter **Paula Kirkpatrick**, defensive specialists **Charlotte Williams, Kaylie Mills** and **Mariam Shina**, and setter/outside hitter/ middle blocker **Abbey Lang**. Led by Head **Coach Doug Long** the Knights are ready to break out into next-level volleyball.



THE REPRESENTATIVES

2012-2013
STUDENT SENATE

7th grade

Britt Oliver, Kory Hand

8th grade

Mariam Shina, George Kirkpatrick

9th grade

Steven Garfunkel, Abbey Lang

10th grade

Glenn Jones, Jaylon Smallwood

11th grade

Rachel Teague

12th grade

John Shinn, Jared Lindsay, Taylor Eagle



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