



City Academy

An Integral Approach to the Arts, Sciences and Citizenship

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The Graduating Class of 2005

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." Buoyed by the words of the renown 18th Century psychologist and philosopher, William James, City Academy's first graduating class stepped into the future. Promoting along with them were 8th and 10th graders who were on track for their eventual graduation. The setting was a May evening at the Gallivan Center in downtown Salt Lake City. The event marked City Academy's fifth promotion ceremony. Our four senior graduates are attending their college of choice in the fall. John Phillips, Elizabeth Smith, Kyle Smith, Lucy Swenson will always be remembered by the examples they set during their years at City Academy as people who understand the importance of linking classroom learning with the world outside our school and of connecting thoughts to action. We know that each of them have the commitment, perspective, and balance to take on the obligation of responsible citizenship.

Tears and laughter prevailed as the graduates

and their guests were serenaded by the City Academy Choir, and inspired by words of wisdom from students, faculty, and board member, Tracy Stevens. Gratitude to faculty was a repeated theme of graduates. A teacher's ability



Pictured from left to right:

John Phillips, Lucy Swenson, Kyle Smith, Elizabeth Smith

to believe in a student when he/she can't believe in themselves often provided the motivation to progress to the next level of learning. Elizabeth Smith poignantly expressed her outlook prior to City Academy: "I loved learning but hated school. At City Academy I love both. This has been the kind of school experience where I could really grow." It is our hope for these students that their years at City Academy have formed a foundation for learning and for civic action through-

out their lives.

On behalf of the City Academy community, we proudly wish our graduates continued success as they pursue their goals and dreams. Stay in touch. Our door and our hearts are always open for you.

- Sonia Woodbury, PhD
Executive Director

WHAT'S HAPPENING....AT A GLANCE

The Arts

City Academy students showcased their acting talents to rave reviews in their performance of *Love, Death and the Prom*. Two music concerts including students and parents were performed with students at Butler Middle School.

Creative

Creativity flows across all aspects of the curriculum at City Academy. This year, through a generous grant from Art Access, 8th grader Alex Burg created an award winning graphic design for the 2005 City Academy year book.

Science

The results of many of the City Academy chemistry students' original research projects contributed to furthering the field of research in biodiesel fuel. Ruby Winter's work will be used by a University of Utah professor who is studying biodiesel.

Student Giving

Students sprang into action after learning about the destruction and loss of lives caused by the devastating December 2004 Asian Tsunami. A student organized fair at City Academy raised over \$700 which was presented to a Red Cross representative at one of the school's weekly town meetings.

Communications

Congratulations to Francisco Cruz for his successful production of a radio journalism project entitled "Gang Life". Francisco's project was not only recognized for its professionalism and creativity, but also aired on national radio.

Accomplished

Three City Academy students, Caitlin Moline, Abby Gove, and Emily Marron, were invited to attend Girl's State hosted by Southern Utah University.

Biodiesel Project

Shea Pickelner, her husband Paul, and a group of enthusiastic City Academy chemistry students drove our school's recently acquired biodiesel powered school bus to Colorado this summer to participate in several service learning projects. Projects included work at a soup kitchen and an organic farm. The group made a fresh batch of biodiesel, in collaboration with a Colorado College professor, that powered the bus on its journey back to Salt Lake City.

Elizabeth Smith scored in the top 10% of all students taking the ACT in Utah.

The Search for A New Permanent Home is Underway

At the end of the 2005-2006 school year City Academy's lease with the Jewish Community Center will expire, due to the sale of the building. As a result, we are now searching for an ideal permanent location that will accommodate the school's growth and facilitate the use of the wonderful amenities Salt Lake City has to offer. The sooner we find the right space, the smoother a transition we can make for our students, faculty and staff for the 2006-2007 school year. We welcome all ideas from our friends and supporters about potential locations. For more information, or to share your ideas, contact Executive Director, Sonia Woodbury at 801-596-8489.

New Fall Course Offerings

This fall we are expanding our curriculum to offer students the following courses:

AP Biology ▪ AP Human Geography ▪ AP European History
Anthropology ▪ Model UN Team

City Academy Junior Studies at University of Southern California

Jasmine Packer is a Wallis Annenberg Scholar. As a Scholar she will be able to attend a month long seminar at the University of Southern California (USC) for two summers. The Wallis Annenberg scholar program covers the cost of tuition, room, board, fieldtrips, supplies and airfare. Among other things, if Jasmine maintains a good grade point average in the seminars, she will receive a \$600 stipend.

This summer she will chose from one of the following courses: Argumentation and Debate or Playwriting/Writing Techniques for the College Bound Student. Upon completion, Jasmine will receive 3 college credits. Also all scholars will be taking a college admissions seminar where they will learn resume writing, application process, college essay writing and much more. This is an exciting opportunity for our students and we look forward to working with this program in the future.

THANK YOU DONORS AND FRIENDS

City Academy is grateful for the support of the donors and friends of our school. We would like to recognize the following donors for their continued commitment to progressive education at City Academy: George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, R. Harold Burton Foundation, and the Ronald McDonald Charities. In addition, we are pleased to announce the receipt of an award from the Utah State Office of Education recognizing our business manager, Ram Prasad Boppana's excellence in reporting statistical and financial information. The generosity and hard work of all our Donors and Friends makes it possible to bring our students the best possible educational experience in a supportive and enriching atmosphere. Thank You.

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City Academy Applies For 21st Century Grant

City Academy partnered with Highland High School, the Jewish Community Center (JCC) and Episcopal Community Services (ECS) on a 21st Century grant proposal to obtain federal funds to start an after school program. The focus of this program will be to enrich student achievement and support additional learning opportunities. If funds are awarded to City Academy in mid-July, the new program will begin in the fall.

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You are Invited

City Academy is a Public Charter School for Grades 7-12

✓ NO TUITION ✓ SMALL CLASSES ✓ COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM

WHO : All Middle School, Junior High, High School Students & their Parents
A few openings still remain for 7th -10th grade students for 2005-2006

WHERE : City Academy Campus located at 2416 East 1700 South (old JCC Building)

FOR : Open House

WHEN : August 11, August 18, and August 25

TIME: From 6-7pm each evening

For more information about our programs or enrollment, please phone us at 801-596-8489 or visit us on-line at www.cityacademyslc.org



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