



my school
my home
my future

The **My Home** Campaign

Tomorrow's Hope
Depends on You.



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

About BCA

Thanks to the support of caring donors we offer a private, faith-based education that provides a total student experience before and after school. Abak Jok, a 7th grade dorm resident (featured on the cover) says, "BCA gives us discipline. They teach us how to correct ourselves and not do it again. When you need help, a friend is down the hall and is there for you." BCA is more than just a school. It's a community and a home—a Christian home filled with love, support, discipline and learning.



130
students

Our community of students receives an exceptional education and meets students where they are—often overcoming a lack of early learning. **We do this with a team of professional teachers led by an exceptional head of school, Tari Harris.** Volunteers ensure access to the arts, computer training, a full library, healthy food and physical activity.



25%
boarding

Our school operates as both a boarding and day school, providing a competitive education to students from K4 through eighth grade, as well as opportunities for safe housing. **Dorm parents live on-site and provide a loving, supportive, orderly environment with opportunities for academic, cultural and spiritual growth.**



academics

Academic scores indicate that statistically BCA residential students continue to grow at a faster rate than their non-residential peers. BCA residential students showed growth in English, Math and Reading Scores.



Dear Reader,

With donors like you at our side, we are on a mission to ignite students with spiritual light and academic excellence. Over the past 20+ years we have heard testimony after testimony of how this school has changed lives. Alumnus Octavius said that the mentoring, the unconditional love and the structure he got at BCA gave him a road map of how to move forward—when he had no road map.

BCA serves as a center of strength and hope in our community and more than 500 students have graduated since 1993 thanks to donors like you. We are now ready to do more. The My Home Campaign lays out a framework to secure one of our most unique assets—the residential program.

As we work diligently to provide the highest academic program possible, we feel a sense of urgency to ensure students who need a safe harbor have one. Our goal is to endow the residential program. This will allow us to focus our efforts on the essentials for the classroom—teachers, curriculum and more. No teacher should be expected to teach without the tools they need to succeed in a classroom and no student should be expected to perform without a safe place to sleep, study and thrive.

Year after year we grow and our students thrive because you give, serve and pray. We hope you will consider joining us in this important effort. We can't do it without you.

With our thanks!

Tari Harris

Tari Harris, Head of School

Pam M. Hill

Pam Hill, Chairman of the Board

**Dormitory
Naming
Opportunities:**

Bedroom (10)
\$50,000

Kitchen (2)
\$250,000

**Community Living
Space (2)**
\$100,000

Parent Rooms (2)
\$75,000

**The Donor Wall
featured in
Dicken Hall**
\$250,000

Girls Dormitory
\$500,000

Boys Dormitory
\$500,000

We invite you to join us on this ambitious journey by giving generously to the “My Home” Campaign.

Now is the time for transformational philanthropy. BCA has survived through challenges, large and small, thanks to volunteers and donors like you. But with no safety net, the school is always teetering on the edge.

A generous donor has made a leadership gift of \$1 million to launch a \$3.5 million campaign.

The campaign is designed to 1) build an endowment to secure the residential program annually and 2) fund a board-monitored reserve for facility upkeep, curriculum and technology upgrades.

To achieve this ambitious but attainable goal, we need your investment. With your commitment we will continue to serve these children in faith, providing the wrap-around support they need to succeed—before, during and after school.

Thank you!

“BCA doesn’t have a constituency to rely on to support the things they are doing. We need to support it and nurture it so it is sustaining.”

– Larry Jensen

“My Home” Campaign Goal:
\$3 M Residential Program Endowment
\$500,000 Operating Reserve

\$3.5 M Total

“BCA gives me a safe community. It’s a place for all the children to learn and to play together at the same time. I can count on Mr. Crutchfield.”

—Yak Agudo (3rd grade, dorm resident)



The Need: Overcoming Poverty's Embrace

“Generally, children in poverty are exposed to several adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and risk factors during formative years that significantly impact student achievement, including (but not limited to) substandard housing, homelessness, mobility, heightened exposure to violence, family instability, food insecurity, transportation challenges, and low neighborhood quality.”

(Balfanz, 2013; Evans & Kim, 2007; Lill, 2016)

In Binghampton:

48% of households have incomes under \$20,000

35% of residents live under the poverty level, with certain Census block groups over 70%

33% of households earn no wage or salary income

52% of householders are female with no husband present

Across Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) with populations greater than 1,000,000, Memphis retained the highest child (under 18) poverty rate. This rate was significantly worse for black children who suffer the greatest rates of poverty among any demographic; nearly half of black children in Memphis were living below the poverty line (47%) in 2015.



The Results: Exceeding National Benchmark Scores

2016-17 Academic Report (Grades 3-8)

72% of students are at or exceeding academic benchmark in English

since 2010 100% of BCA students graduated high school

since 2010 more than 65% of students attended college

BCA students in all grades exceeded national benchmark scores by an average of 4 points in English.



Issac, 6 th Grade
Future Marine Biologist



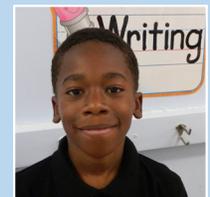
Andrea, 5 th grade
Future Veterinarian



Joyce, 5 th grade
Future Lawyer



Grace, 5 th grade
Future Olympic Swimmer



Malachi, 5 th grade
Great Man

Current Students: Hope-Filled Futures



Fakhry Khulfan
(Univeristy of Memphis)

Aro Nebk
(Bethel College)

Sierra Hughes
(Baptist School of Nursing)

Rogelio Duarte
(Mississippi State University)

What do all these students have in common? They graduated from BCA.

Today, staff and faculty serve 130 students on a campus with multiple buildings containing classrooms, a multi-use cafeteria, an art house, a computer lab, a library, administrative offices and two dormitories.

BCA delivers the essentials that ensure the success of every child because YOU walk this journey with us. Here's how we are unique:

The Day School serves children from K4 through eighth grade. In addition, to providing an excellent education, the curriculum is thoughtfully crafted around the Bible and Christ-like values. No child is ever denied access.

The After School Program offered for the fifth through eighth grade from 3 to 5:30 p.m. It provides an alternative, safe environment for children enrolled in the school.

The Nutrition Program offers 50,000 nutritious, breakfast, lunches, and after snacks PER YEAR. The meals offer students' growing bodies the nourishment they need to grow physically and mentally.

The Residential Program provides a loving, supportive, orderly environment with opportunities for academic, cultural and spiritual growth. This project is believed to be one of the first of its kind in the U.S.

Prepared for Success, BCA Students:

- Graduate from charter or private high schools
- Create goals for themselves to achieve
- Understand the path to success and build confidence to achieve
- Are less likely to commit crimes, become teen parents or join gangs
- Have a strong spiritual foundation and salvation in Christ
- Develop the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control



my school

My home away from home

Home is often the foundation of a stable childhood, but for students at BCA that foundation is sometimes unstable and challenging. From the first year onward our campus becomes their home away from home and their education extends beyond the classrooms into every aspect of their daily life.

The Residential Program, which includes two separate homes for 15 boys and 15 girls, is designed to provide a loving, supportive, orderly environment with special opportunities for academic, cultural, and spiritual growth. Each dorm has Christian house parents and community volunteers serving as role models for the children.

“We’re a team. Like it says in scripture, one can set a thousand to flight, but two can set 10,000 to flight.”

—Travis Crutchfield pictured with Delois Crutchfield, Dorm Parents

31% of boarding school students surveyed said the thing they loved most about boarding school was the community atmosphere created within the school dynamic. —In 2011 survey, by The Association of Boarding Schools

70% of boarding school students say that boarding school has helped them develop self-discipline, maturity, independence and the ability to think critically.

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Cost for one dorm student - \$5,000 per year
Cost to endow one student - \$100,000



“I think it’s important to give back. Giving to BCA is an investment in children. And it’s an investment in the future.”

—Billie Anne Williams: volunteer since 1993, former board member, prayer partner and My Home Campaign committee member



my home

Meet graduate Ceasar Lomo.

Thanks to donors like you,
the future starts here for BCA students.

Ceasar Lomo and his family moved to the United States in 2001 when he was 12 years old and he enrolled at BCA as a 7th grader. In addition to the normal challenges any middle school student faces he admits that the transition was difficult because of the many cultural barriers he and his family faced. But over time he was able to connect and make friends.

"People learn to get along. We all looked to each other as students trying to learn together, [regardless of background]."

During his time at BCA, Ceasar gained a meaningful and long-lasting relationship with his prayer partner- Britton Laughlin and her mother-in-law, Jean Laughlin, who also volunteered at BCA. As they grew closer through prayer, class parties, and special outings, Britton's entire family wanted to meet Ceasar's mom and siblings. Since that time, Mrs. Lomo and Mrs. Jean Laughlin have remained close friends. The Laughlins were instrumental in helping Ceasar and his cousins enroll at Evangelical Christian School (ECS), with the help of the Memphis Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST). The Laughlins also gave Ceasar his first car to help his mom and get his siblings to school.

"Moving to a new country is hard in itself; you know no one, and you have to adjust to a new lifestyle. So refugees, like my family, need people to come along side and help us transition, but most importantly, to be our friends. The Laughlins, among others, have done that, and more."

Ceasar went on to attend 8th-12th grade at ECS where he played soccer and achieved academic success. Today, Ceasar continues to attend Second Presbyterian Church- where he assists with music in the children's and adult Sunday school classes and the special needs ministry. He worked at the Memphis Zoo for four years as a Stingray Interpreter, Camel rides helper, train driver, and Ice Guard for the winter skating rink, while at nights, he helped with his mom's cleaning business. While continuing his education studying business at the University of Memphis, Ceasar also volunteers for an InterVarsity ministry called Global Friends, where he assists international students in the exchange program with the cultural transition- welcoming them to Memphis, connecting them to other international students, hosting parties, and serving as a mentor throughout their stay.

Since he came to America as a refugee, the Ceasar is passionate about case for welcoming immigrants. He is a member of Refugee Congress, an organization made up of former refugees to arrange meetings with community members, leaders, and congressmen to advocate for refugees. Ceasar partners with World Relief, the local refugee resettlement agency, to help new refugees transition well. Ceasar has also advocated for refugees at schools like Presbyterian Day School, Kingsbury Middle School, Riverdale middle School, Grizzlies Prep, Colonial Middle School, and churches like Second Presbyterian Church and First Evangelical Church. He says "people fear what they don't know, and that leads them to misjudge, but once you get to know someone, you will realize that we, humans, are all the same. Although I was born in South Sudan, I am proud to call Memphis my home. It's very diverse, but the beautiful thing is, there's always something we can learn from someone that looks, talks, thinks differently from us. So, don't hesitate to step out of your comfort zone."

YOU can make a difference.

my future
with
you



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