

UNITED CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



UNITED WE GROW





A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Each year our annual report gives us the opportunity to reflect on the incredible things God has done in and through our school. As we reflect on the 2021-2022 school year, we want to share with you all the ways that we see God moving in our students and pushing us toward continued growth.

When we began school in the Fall of 2021, we were still navigating a slowly recovering academic landscape. Masks, quarantines, and vaccine mandates were still very prevalent conversations. After prayerful consideration, our leadership team decided to take a more local approach to ensure our students were in the classroom making steady social, emotional, spiritual, and academic progress. Ultimately, we wanted more choices in the hands of our parents.

Studies and test results are now showing the setbacks and delays in child development as a result of pandemic restrictions. As you will see in this report, United Christian Academy worked diligently to return our students to a pre-pandemic normalcy while on campus. We recognized the importance of giving our students an environment that allowed them to grow and thrive.

Our theme for the 2021-2022 school year was All Things New. Indeed, we experienced so many new things together, from new students to new teachers, a new superintendent to new achievements in academics, athletics, and arts. Our school emerged from the pandemic with a new resilience and a renewed commitment to the next generation.

Each year, UCA remains faithful to our mission of academic excellence with a Christian worldview while evaluating the growing needs of our students and families. It is with an encouraged heart that I write that all the new things last year inspired our Growing Together theme this year. With attention and faithfulness to the call God has placed on us, we will continue to partner with our families and local communities to raise the next generation of confident leaders. United Christian Academy is blessed to have your support, prayer, and dedication in this effort.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Williams'.

Mark Williams
Superintendent



OUR MISSION

To educate students by integrating academic excellence with a Christian worldview, equipping them to impact their world for Christ.

OUR VISION

UC Academy shall be a reflection of God's excellence in school instruction and operation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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OUR CORE VALUES

Academic Excellence

Our teaching is in harmony with Scripture. We prepare students for college, career, life, and eternity.

Our education meets or exceeds State/ National standards. We use proven, effective teaching methods. Our students perform at their full potential.

Transformational Learning

Productive life changes (transformation) is the goal of our education.

We seek growth of the whole person: mental, spiritual, physical, and social.

We cultivate joyful, respectful obedience in students.

We help students discover their life's purpose and equip them to fulfill it with excellence.

Christ-Centered

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Christ is the image of the invisible God... all things were created by him and for him... He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

We purpose to know Christ and to become like Him.

We seek Christ's pre-eminence in all things.

Loving Community

We love one another as Christ first loved us. We delight in God's grace, extend it to others, and foster its growth.

We practice accountability and uphold one another to high standards.

Our students are committed to building community and serving others.

GROWING TOGETHER

**FALL 2021 ENROLLMENT:
735**

The COVID-19 pandemic taught schools about adaptability. It ushered in a season of unpredictable change in our society, and for better or worse, it shifted the academic landscape and learning demands of an entire generation. UCA took this change as an opportunity to grow and step up for that generation.

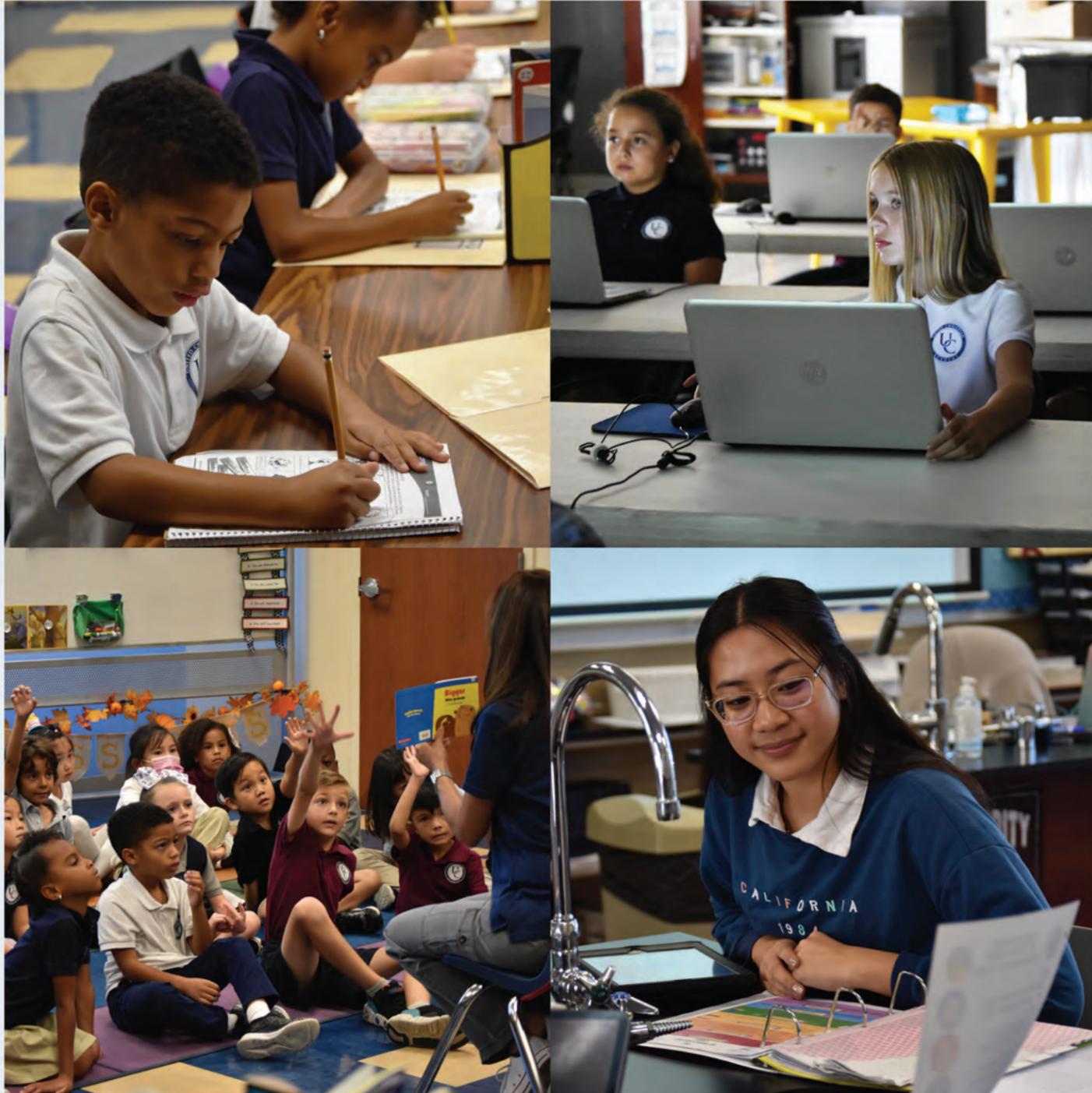
The 2021-2022 school year found United Christian Academy with its single largest enrollment increase in history. With a 25% increase in the student body, *growing*

together means more than just growing numerically. Its teachers and staff stay informed of trends, practices, and technologies that would enhance the success of each student. *Growing together* means intentionally embracing the diverse perspectives and experiences informing students and their families. From the many cultures our families represent to the multi-generational homes our students are growing up in, UCA recognizes that a one-size-fits-all approach to education doesn't meet each individual student's

need. *Growing together* is pairing traditional educational values with a more modern approach.

Furthermore, as UC Academy grows together, it stays committed to ensuring the voices teaching in its classrooms, preaching in its chapels, and coaching its students are united by a love for Jesus and a desire to grow with and for our students.





Academic Growth

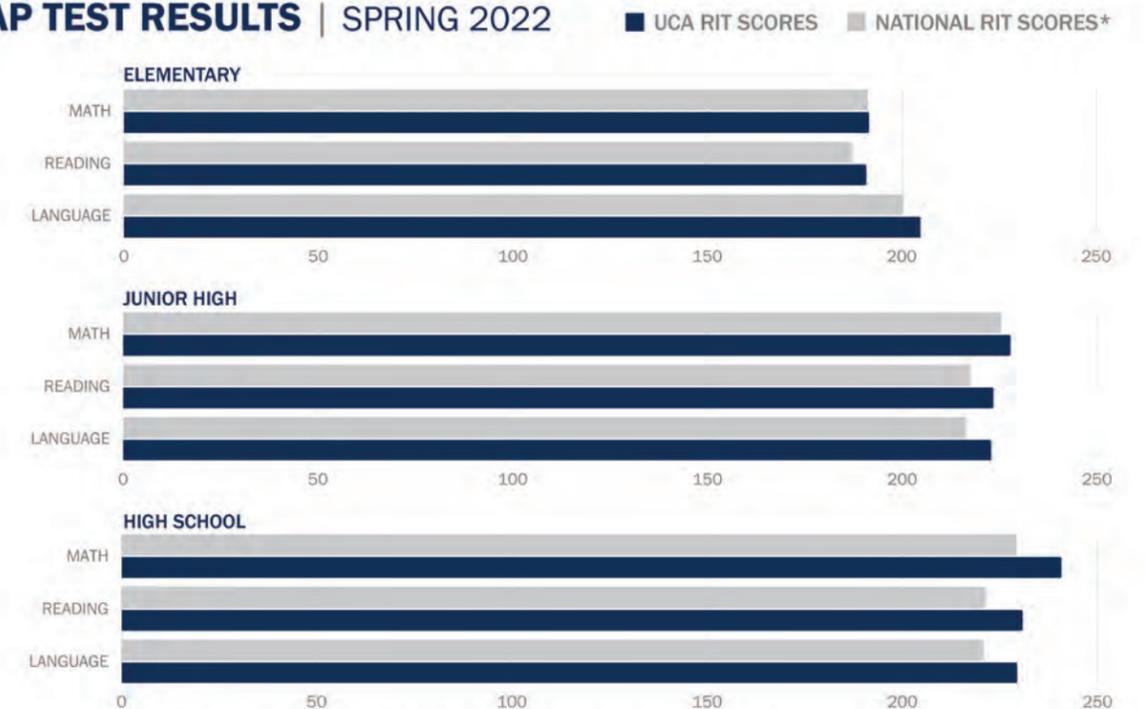
In recent years, there have been countless stories reported about academic institutions, both public and private. Everything from teacher shortages to curriculum concerns has been raised and affected the overall academic success of students. Like many schools, United Christian Academy has experienced teacher transition. Even still, God has faithfully brought teachers to UCA who care about the overall development of students and are working to help meet the needs of each child.

Studies are finding that the pandemic had a negative impact on academic progress. One 2021 study found that nearly 42% of students tested in California's public schools did not meet the math standard. Not only did UCA

students meet the national standard but increasingly exceeded the standard in 6th through 12th grades. In large part, these measurements were positive because of the effort to keep students in the classroom and engaged in collaborative learning environments. The dedication of parents and teachers to UCA students can be seen in those test scores.

In a post-pandemic society, United Christian Academy remains dedicated to expanding its academic opportunities for students to obtain new skills, gain hands-on experiences, and establish strong work habits that will benefit them now and in the future.

MAP TEST RESULTS | SPRING 2022



*For more details on MAP testing and standards, please visit www.nwea.org.

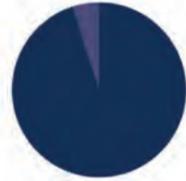


CLASS OF 2022

100%
GRADUATION RATE

22% of graduates were members of
NHS
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

AWARDED OVER
\$2.7M
IN SCHOLARSHIPS



95%
COLLEGE BOUND

5%
WORK FORCE OR OTHER



ADDED TO UC ACADEMY'S LIST OF
COLLEGE DESTINATIONS AN ABBREVIATED LIST FROM THE PAST 4 YEARS



Creative Growth



Art expression has always been an important part of student growth at UCA. Students are encouraged to explore their creative sides through visual and performing arts. While many students found a growing interest in individual art during the pandemic, collaborative arts like choir, band, and our K-12 art partners had been placed on hold.

In 2021-2022, collaborative arts were reintroduced as elementary students participated in two showcases featuring choir and band. In the classroom, art was back on display as students completed projects that asked them to utilize different mediums to present what they had learned. Posters,



two-liter bottle characters, and shoebox habitats are just a few assignments that asked students to demonstrate their learning in a creative form.

In Junior High and High School, art opportunities evolved to incorporate digital forms. In addition to traditional art and choir courses available in schedules, students were offered video editing and digital print classes, which were all based on the introductory skills many students developed during the pandemic.

At all school levels, students were encouraged to sign up for creative electives and

extracurricular activities including band, worship team, and more. Additionally, the 2021-2022 year allowed for K-12 art collaboration once again. Elementary students were paired with high school students to create cross-over masterpieces in various forms.

As student interests have continued to grow and evolve from year to year, so do the classes and extra-curricular activities offered at UCA. Art expression remains a vital part of the UC Academy experience.



Physical Growth

From tiny kindergarteners to graduating seniors, UCA understands the responsibility and blessing of partnering with families in the growth of their children. Nutrition, activity, and environment all play important roles in the physical growth of a student. One of the challenges facing children during COVID was inactivity. Parks had restrictions, sports were cancelled altogether, and get-togethers with friends were few and far between. UC Academy brought those opportunities for activity back in 2021-2022.

In addition to recess and P.E., elementary students were given ample opportunity to dance, stretch, run, and play. Some of the elementary extra-curricular activities included: Soccer Shots, Girls on the Run, Quick Shots Basketball, and Just for Me Dance.

In Junior High and High School, sports were brought back, and student athletes were able to condition, practice, and compete again.

As UCA students continue to flourish, additional opportunities are provided for their physical growth and development.



2021-2022 ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNIOR HIGH

Mountain Valley Christian League Champions
Flag Football

Mountain Valley Christian League
Southwest Division Champions
*Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball,
Girls Basketball*

Mountain Valley Christian League
Girls Division Champions
Girls Soccer

Mountain Valley Christian League Finals
*Volleyball, Boys Basketball,
Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer*

FCC West Coast Championships and
SHARP Champions
Cheer

HIGH SCHOOL

Arrowhead League Champions
*Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Boys Basketball,
Varsity Soccer, Varsity Baseball*

FCC West Coast Championships
Varsity Cheer

CIF Southern Section Prelims / Finals
Varsity Track & Field

CIF Southern Section Playoffs
*Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Football,
Varsity Basketball, Varsity Soccer,
Varsity Baseball*

CIF State Playoffs
Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Boys Basketball



IN 2021-2022, UCA STUDENTS...

COMPLETED A TOTAL OF

6,100
HOURS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE



PARTICIPATED
IN OVER

75
CLUBS,
TEAMS,



SMALL
GROUPS



RAISED

\$12,300

TO SUPPORT **AHICAM**
CHILDREN'S HOME IN
GUATEMALA

SPENT **82+** HOURS IN
WORSHIP

Wholistic Growth

United Christian Academy believes in approaching education with a “whole child for their whole life” strategy. More than simply teaching them to read and write well, UCA aims to provide skills that will serve them throughout their entire lives.

While COVID-19 produced lessons in grit, resilience, and autonomy for many students, it robbed them of the social opportunities to create memories and develop leadership and interpersonal skills. Travel restrictions eliminated missions trips, retreats, and other character development endeavors. However, with safety precautions in place, UCA was able

to bring those opportunities back for the 2021-2022 year. Students were provided unique learning environments and dynamic experiences through camps, retreats, historical trips, mission trips and more.

Moreover, as UC Academy continues to learn the gaps in personal development, it aims to offer life-skills courses to high school students that teach the basics of resume writing, job interviews, sewing, budgeting, and other career and household management skills. The information and experience gained in these classes will provide them with confidence and success in adulthood.





Spiritual Growth

There are so many mixed messages surrounding our children today. The world offers them no shortage of narratives aimed at confusing, stealing, and destroying what God has made for good.



With so much of their life placed on hold during the pandemic, students found themselves consuming alarming amounts of technology where those messages permeated their screens. Those narratives of corruption amplified their already wounded and lonely souls. At the start of 2021-2022 school year, teachers reevaluated the Bible curriculum to determine the best material for navigating the false idols taking root in our students.



Students were provided additional opportunities for growth through teacher-led discipleship groups, dynamic chapel experiences, and worship team collaboration with both UCA and Abundant Living Family Church staff.

UCA teachers and staff are committed to helping students build their identity in God's image, not in that of the world. Bible courses and small discipleship groups guide students through Scripture to assist with familiarization and contextualization. Personal faith is developed through critical thinking and deep discussion. Weekly chapels continue to engage students in corporate worship. High School students have the opportunity to serve their community by leading worship, sharing testimonies, and occasionally, bringing the devotional.



Strategic Growth

While enrollment growth was more rapid than expected last year, the fact remains that UCA has had, and still has, a strategic growth plan in place. This plan aims to meet the needs of students with a wide range of interests. From rebuilding the spaces where our students compete, to expanding classrooms, to building creative art spaces for our performers, UCA is looking ahead with anticipation toward the amazing things God will do through its students.



PROJECTS

In Spring 2022, UCA celebrated in a ceremonial ground-breaking for a new athletic field. While this project has been met with delays, UCA eagerly anticipates its completion date of Fall 2023.

Recognizing the need for additional classroom space on campus, ALFC leaders have vacated their administration building allowing for UCA to utilize the space. Currently, UCA is in the design phase of the renovation project and is looking toward a Fall 2024 completion date.

As United Christian Academy continues to grow, the generosity of its partners is deeply appreciated and vital to its success.



PARTNERSHIPS

The 2021-2022 school year brought many partnerships that helped UCA reach its goals and enhance student experiences. Two noteworthy partnerships are with parents through UCA's IMPACT and Booster Club. These parent-led groups organize and execute events that support campus and community activities for UCA students.

IMPACT hosted its annual jog-a-thon once again, which resulted in more than \$61,000 raised for classroom and teacher support. These funds provided teachers with additional resources in their classrooms, while also funding schoolwide campus activities.

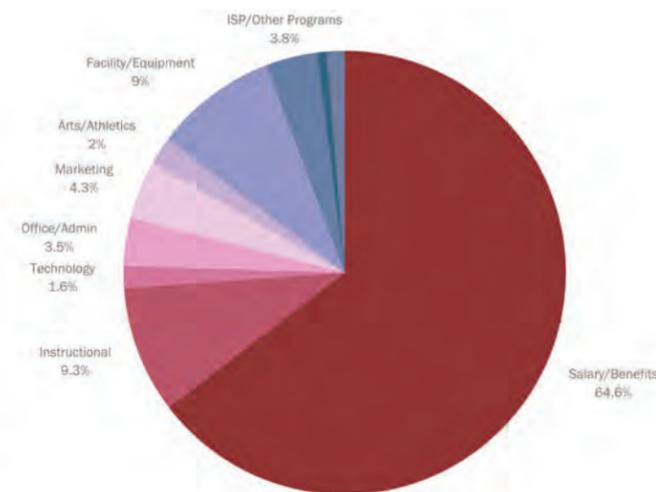
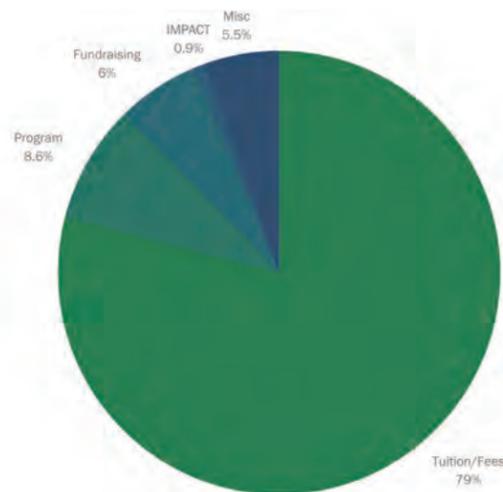
Additionally, UCA's Booster Club hosted its annual Golf Tournament raising more than \$47,900 for athletic programs. UC Academy's athletic budget meets basic athletic needs, so the additional funding from the Golf Tournament provides student athletes with upgraded experiences and equipment.

United Christian Academy is partnering with parents and other community members to establish ongoing support for student enrichment. As part of our 540 Club, monthly donors partner with UCA by strengthening its programs and activities. UCA's Vision Partners provide donations that allow for campus improvements, tuition assistance, and other developments not covered by tuition. Lastly, UCA's 1978 Society members establish long-term partnerships through legacy giving and estate planning. It is only through partnerships like these that UCA is able to execute innovative and strategic growth initiatives.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit: UCAcademy.org/give



Financial Stewardship 2021-2022



OPERATING INCOME

Tuition & Fees Revenue	\$6,888,761
Program Revenue	\$751,849
Gifts & Fundraising Income	\$521,732
IMPACT Income	\$78,857
Misc. Income	\$475,818
Total Income	\$9,639,019

EXPENSES

Salary & Benefits	\$5,177,226
Instructional Expenses	\$745,340
Technology	\$127,698
Office/Admin Expenses	\$279,452
Marketing & Fundraising (Scrip)	\$343,394
Arts & Athletic Expense	\$160,138
Facility & Equipment	\$722,038
ISP & Other Program Expenses	\$302,619
IMPACT Expenses	\$53,055
Restricted Gift Project(s)	\$105,351
Capital Improvements	-
Total Expenses	\$8,016,310

Net **\$700,709**



“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”

Luke 8:15 (NIV)

WE ARE UNITED.



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