



EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PATRIOTS

**A Proposal to Expand Classical
Charter Schools Across Florida**

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A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear friend,

250 years ago, a bold generation of Americans risked everything to form a new republic — not merely to build government, but to raise citizens. Their conviction was that a free people must be virtuous, capable of self-government, and grounded in truth. As we celebrate America's 250th birthday in 2026, I ask: What kind of citizens will we send into the next 250 years?

My answer is personal, and it begins at my kitchen table. As a mother of two daughters, I asked: what kind of education would cultivate not just intellect, but character, virtue, and love of our country? What school would teach not only facts, but wisdom — not only skills, but souls? That question birthed Cornerstone Classical Academy (CCA).

From that modest beginning, CCA has grown rapidly. In just a few short years, we have enrolled over 1,000 students, and we now maintain a waiting list of almost 900 families eager for seats. That demand signals a deep hunger — a hunger for an education that forms free-thinking, virtuous Americans.

But there is more work to do. Strong financial stewardship has ensured that CCA has been cash-flow positive since its first year of operation, however, physical space now represents our primary constraint, making new campuses the clear solution. To meet the demand and to answer the call of our time, we must expand. We must launch new classical charter schools and help other classical schools — first in Florida, then beyond. We must train an entire generation of leaders who know why America matters, how liberty endures, and what virtue looks like in practice.

I invite you to partner in this mission. Together, we can ensure that as America turns 250, she is not merely commemorated — she is renewed. Let us give the gift of education to a free republic that depends on it.

With deep gratitude and resolve,

Lindsay Randall

Founder, Cornerstone Classical Academy Foundation



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ABOUT CORNERSTONE CLASSICAL FOUNDATION

Our Mission

The Cornerstone Classical Foundation exists to **sharpen the minds and cultivate the hearts of students**, through a content-rich classical education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of **moral character, civic virtue, and knowledge of truth.**

We are training the next generation of patriots to save the Republic!
We believe **classical education is the last great hope for our country** and through Cornerstone Classical Foundation are launching and equipping classical schools with the tools, training, and resources they need to thrive.

Our Motto

Learn the truth. Do the good. Love the beautiful.

Our Virtues

We ground our work in seven cardinal virtues, forming students not merely in intellect, but character:

Integrity

Responsibility

Self-Government

Respect

Courage

Perseverance

Humility

WHAT IS CLASSICAL EDUCATION?

Definition and Heritage

Classical education is grounded in the traditions of Western civilization: the study of the great books, the pursuit of truth through reason, and the cultivation of moral and intellectual virtue. It emphasizes what is true, why it matters, and how to think well — not merely how to perform well on tests and then, in turn, forget everything the very second the test is complete. These students graduate with an authentic patriotism for America's unique role in the history of Western Civilization.

From the Academy of Plato to the medieval universities, classical education sustained Western civilization. The Founders themselves were shaped by classical learning. To renew our culture, we must recover this form of formation.

Core Features

Content-rich curriculum: Across subjects, students build a robust store of knowledge (not just skills).

Socratic dialogue & logic: Students engage ideas through discussion and disciplined reasoning.

Rhetoric & writing: Students learn to express truth elegantly and persuasively.

Integrative moral formation: Virtues and moral principles permeate all subject areas.

Trivium model (Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric): Stages of intellectual development matched to students' capacity to receive and express truth.

WHY AMERICA NEEDS THIS NOW

A Crisis of Civic Knowledge and Virtue

America is at a crossroads. Civic literacy and historical understanding are falling fast. When a nation forgets its roots, it becomes vulnerable to division, misinformation, and apathy.

The Erosion of Character

Schools often focus on skills but neglect character. A republic cannot endure with capable but unprincipled citizens. As John Adams said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.”

A Generation Unprepared for Real Challenges

Students face rapid technological change, intense cultural pressures, and growing confusion about truth. They need clear thinking, respectful dialogue, and strong reasoning skills.

Renewal, Not Retreat

We can't return to the past, but we can rebuild the foundations of self-government. Restoring knowledge, virtue, and civic formation is essential to sustaining our republic. Expanding classical charter schools is not a luxury — it's a necessity.

“The preservation of our liberty... and the future of the republic are entrusted to the hands of the American people.”

-George Washington

WHY THE CORNERSTONE CLASSICAL MODEL

The Cornerstone Classical Academy track record is tremendously successful and is impacting hundreds of students each day for American liberty. With 1,000+ students on campus and a second campus slated to open in August 2027, the growth is strong, and we must expand to meet demand.



1,042

ENROLLED STUDENTS



880

WAITLISTED STUDENTS



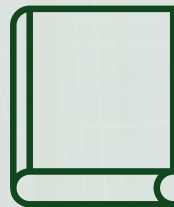
A-RATED

CLASSICAL SCHOOL,
DESIGNATED BY FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION



80+

COMBINED YEARS'
EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION




>80%

3RD GRADE STUDENTS READING
AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL



**HIGH
PERFORMING**
CHARTER SCHOOL STATUS

CORNERSTONE'S PROVEN SUCCESS



“This school is setting my children up for a lifetime of success.”

*-Daniel Middlebrooks,
CCA Parent of 1st, 7th & 10th grader*

“My children have a solid foundation where they can excel academically while developing character, confidence, and a love of learning.”

*-Jessica Morgan,
CCA Parent of 9th & 11th grader*

Rapid Growth and Demand

- Founded in 2018 by Jacksonville parents and professionals.
- The doors opened in August 2020 with 442 students in grades K–6.
- Since then, enrollment has expanded steadily, adding one grade per year toward a full K–12 program.
- Today, we daily educate over 1,000 scholars, with waiting lists close to 900 additional students.
- Families are actively petitioning for additional campuses across Florida.

Academic Excellence & Measurable Outcomes

- Florida state assessments show proficiency rates of 76–80% in reading and 72–84% in math for grades 3-6, outpacing district and state results by 20-30 percentage points.
- In upper grades, our students achieved 95% proficiency in Algebra I and 100% in both Geometry and Biology - results rarely seen even among top private schools.

VISION 2026: AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

In 2026, America will celebrate 250 years of independence: a milestone that compels reflection and renewal. But building a republic is not merely an act of remembering; it demands recommitment. The question before us is not whether we will mark a semiquincentennial, but whether we will fuel a new century of liberty.

We propose: by July 4, 2031, the launch or acquisition of 5 new classical charter campuses across Florida and the identification of 5 additional future sites, each opening with K–6 and expanding toward full K–12.

Together, these efforts advance our ultimate objective: the establishment of 10 classical charter schools within 10 years, forming a statewide network of campuses that stand as living testaments to the founding ideals of truth, virtue, and civic responsibility.

Imagine our children's faces on that July 4th - in uniforms, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, studying the Federalist Papers - not in memory, but in daily formation.

This generation will emerge capable of not just preserving but renewing our republic. Let *your* legacy be that in America's 250th year, *you* helped birth a network of schools that form the next generation of defenders of our liberty. This is the founding moment of a renewal movement.

CCA HISTORICAL TIMELINE

2014	The idea of starting a school is conceived.
2018	The founding board is formed.
2019	The charter is approved, the site is selected and acquired outright, and the planning phase begins.
AUGUST 2020	Cornerstone Classical opens as K-6th with 442 students enrolled.
2021 - 2024	Gradual grade additions each year of operation.
2024	CCA secures a \$23.1 Million Educational Facilities Bond for construction of new Upper School Building and Gymnasium.
NOVEMBER 2024	CCA attains “High Performing Charter School” Status.
JUNE 2025	CCA hosts a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new 63,000 sq. ft. Upper School Building and Gymnasium.
AUGUST 2025	CCA reaches VPK-11 th grade and prepares for a full 12 th grade year.
AUGUST 2026	CCA reaches VPK-12 th grade and prepares for the first ever graduating class.
MAY 2027	CCA conducts its inaugural Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2027.
AUGUST 2027	Cornerstone Classical Academy at Wildlight launches as a K-6 th grade, with projections for VPK-12 th grade.
2031	Launch or acquire 5 new schools across the state through the Cornerstone Classical Foundation.

DEMAND ACROSS FLORIDA AND MARKET OPPORTUNITY

Parent & Community Demand

- Waiting lists in the Jacksonville area already close to 900+ with zero marketing dollars spent, demonstrating unmet demand.
- Interest expressed by families in surrounding counties (Duval, St. Johns, Clay, Nassau).
- 300+ families expressing interest for CCA @ Wildlight with no paid advertising.

Strategic Florida Map of Target Sites

- Priority zones: counties with rising population, growing homeschooling trends, classical-minded parent bases.
 - Example target cities: Jacksonville, St. Johns, St. Augustine, Palm Coast.



Competitive Landscape

- Few classical charter options in Florida.
- General charter schools often focus on specializations (STEM, arts) but lack a virtue-based classical foundation.
- Public school systems are overwhelmed, parents seeking alternative but affordable education.

Scalability & Reach

- Florida offers some of the most favorable charter laws in the country and a substantial student base.
- Florida offers a “Classical Teacher’s Certificate” for teachers who work in classical charter schools which negates teacher shortages
- Success in Florida creates a replicable model for expansion into other states with similar demand.



FLORIDA FIRST, AMERICA NEXT

Phase I

Florida Launch: Years 1-5

- Open or acquire 5 campuses in Florida and selected growth corridors.
- Focus on counties with demonstrated demand (Jacksonville region, surrounding counties).
- Use these campuses as “model schools” for replication.

Phase II

Statewide Growth: Years 5-10

- Launch or acquire 5-10 more campuses in Central and Panhandle Florida.
- Develop regional training hubs and teacher recruitment pipelines.
- Engage local philanthropic and community partners in each region.

Phase III

National Scaling: Years 10+

- Replicate 10+ additional schools using the model in states with receptive charter law and classical education interest.
- Build a “Cornerstone Network” of schools spreading the classical-liberal arts charter movement.

Support Infrastructure

Central Office: curricular development, training, operations, technology, facilities, and compliance.

Teacher training academy: selecting, recruiting, and onboarding educators steeped in classical pedagogy.

Governance & compliance team to assist new campuses.

Shared services (HR, finance, facilities) to leverage economies of scale.

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

You are not merely funders. You are *partners* in a movement: foundational architects of a renewed American educational vision. You will stand among the first - the founding generation of a renewal.

LEGACY SUPPORTERS

\$5,000 - \$24,999

Named support in donor wall, alumni engagement gifts

FRIENDS OF FREEDOM

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Scholarships, Art/Music Funding, Recognition in School Publications.

HERITAGE LEADERS

\$100,000 - \$499,999

Classroom Libraries, Labs, Recognition in Donor Materials

LIBERTY BUILDERS

\$500,000 - \$999,999

Wing Naming, Endowed Scholarships, Advisory Involvement

FOUNDING PATRIOTS

\$1,000,000+

Full Naming Rights, Campus-level Recognition, Invitation to Strategic Leadership Roles

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

By 2027

2

CCA
Campuses

100

CCA
Graduates

1,840

Students
Enrolled

By 2036

10

CCA
Campuses

500

CCA
Graduates

7,760

Students
Enrolled

The Ripple Effect of One Student

- Assume each campus graduates 100 students over 20 years
- Each graduate influences families, communities, civic life
- Every student graduates a true leader, impacting their communities and the nation for decades to come

Economic & Social ROI

- Reduced societal costs associated with civic illiteracy
- Increased civic engagement, charitable investment, leadership
- Strengthening civil society via virtuous citizenship

Legacy ROI & Patriotic Investment

In 20, 50, 100 years, the impact compounds through lives changed, communities restored, and a Republic safeguarded.

Expense Category

Estimated Cost Per Campus

Property Down Payment	\$300,000
Architectural Plan Development & Site Work Plans	\$250,000
Site Work	\$2,500,000
Staffing (Pre-opening & First Year Support)	\$300,000
Marketing & Community Outreach	\$50,000
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	\$250,000
Textbook & Instructional Materials	\$100,000
Technology (Computers, Projectors, Software)	\$400,000
Professional Services (Legal, Accounting, Consulting)	\$200,000
Operations & Supplies (Office, Insurance, Janitorial)	\$300,000
Contingency Reserve (~10-15%)	\$697,500
Total Per Campus	\$5,347,500

KEY STAFF



Lindsay Randall

Lindsay Randall is the founder of Cornerstone Classical Academy, a high-performing “A” rated charter school with more than 1,000 students and almost 900 on the waitlist. With extensive leadership experience in education and business, she specializes in launching and strengthening new and turn-around schools built on excellence and virtue.



Edi Wohlgemuth

Edi Wohlgemuth has 35+ years of experience in education and youth program management. She brings significant expertise in managing teams, fundraising, and organizational development with a passion for helping students and programs thrive especially through sports and extracurricular program development.



Brice Carmichael

Brice Carmichael is a facilities management leader with over 13 years of experience in building maintenance and a decade overseeing multi-campus K–12 operations. He creates efficient, goal-driven teams and managing maintenance, safety, and capital projects with precision and care.



Dawn Oehmann

Dawn Oehmann is an experienced K–6 educator with over 24 years in the classroom and 6 years in administration. With a strong background in literacy and classical education, she leads teachers and students in cultivating a love of learning and academic excellence.

SUPPORT US

America's next 250 years depend on who we raise, how we teach, and whether we remain faithful to truth and virtue. As we approach her semiquincentennial, we have a chance to renew, not merely commemorate.

By partnering today, you can:

- Help launch the first campuses of a Cornerstone Network.
- Cement your legacy in the formation of young patriots.

Next steps:

- Meet with our leadership to tour potential sites and review plans.
- Review and choose a donor tier.
- Make your pledge or gift.
- Join us at the founding ceremonies in 2026–2027.

We ask not merely for funding, but for partnership; the kind of partnership that builds a nation, generation by generation.

**JOIN OUR
MISSION**

Schedule your 10-minute call
with our Founder, Lindsay Randall



**DONATE
HERE**

Help us save the country!



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