



Anniversary Breakfast

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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Welcome

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Good morning and welcome to Academy Prep Center of Tampa's 20th Anniversary Breakfast.

I am proud to be a part of this great institution with its mission: *to inspire and empower students qualifying for need-based scholarships to become future community leaders through a rigorous middle school program coupled with ongoing graduate support.*

In 2023, as we celebrate our 20th year as a unique middle school educational program, I am reminded that to take a model of this kind and bring a vision to fruition takes faith, trust, innovation, and commitment. In so many ways, those qualities define Mr. Paul Whiting, Sr., who agreed to make what some deem impossible possible, when he founded Academy Prep Center of Tampa in 2003.

In the last 20 years, Academy Prep Center of Tampa has fulfilled its promise by living its mission. Our graduates continue to go on to find success in high school, college, and their careers, and through our Graduate Support Services program, we maintain close bonds with these leaders who encourage our current students. Thank you for celebrating and believing in us. Thank you for inspiring and empowering us.

This year, we are honored to recognize one of our graduates, Eliya McDonald, with the Lincoln J. Tamayo Emerging Leader Award. Eliya graduated from Academy Prep in 2013 and went to Tampa Bay Christian Academy for high school. Eliya earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Southeastern University. Currently, Eliya is teaching second grade at Tampa Bay Christian Academy.

As a career educator, I am thrilled and delighted that Eliya wants to inspire the next generation through education. She is empowered to be the same type of teacher she had at Academy Prep. Eliya's desire is especially significant at this time when so many teachers are electing to leave the profession. It is heartening to know that young educators like Eliya are committed to the work. I congratulate Eliya for strongly modeling and living Academy Prep's mission.

As we move forward and into our future, refining, and building, we thank you for your continued support and trust that our commitment to excellence and to our mission are unwavering. On behalf of students, faculty, and staff, thank you for being here today and sharing in our celebration.

With full hearts and nourished spirits,



L'Tanya C. Evans
Head of School



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Happy 20th Anniversary!

WE WANT TO THANK
LINCOLN TAMAYO FOR HIS DEDICATION
AND SERVICE TO ACADEMY PREP
AND TO CONGRATULATE ELIYA MCDONALD,
THE RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S
LINCOLN J. TAMAYO
EMERGING LEADER AWARD.
ELIYA IS A TESTAMENT TO YOUR LEGACY AT
ACADEMY PREP AND IN OUR COMMUNITY!

-Karen and Jonathan Levy

Academy Prep Center of Tampa



Annual Breakfast

May 10, 2023

7:30 am: Coffee and Networking

8:00 am: Breakfast Program

Hosts

Dawn Ericsson Provine, M.D., *Board of Trustees*
L'Tanya C. Evans, *Head of School*

Performance by the Academy Prep Choir

Presentation of the 2023 Lincoln J. Tamayo Emerging Leader Award

Lincoln J. Tamayo, *Chief Operating Officer,*
Academy Prep Foundation

School Pledge

Menu

Breakfast

Yogurt Parfait

Scrambled Eggs

Turkey Bacon

Rosemary Breakfast Potatoes

Assorted Muffins

Blueberry, Chocolate and Banana

Beverage

Coffee – Regular & Decaf

Ice Water



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2023 Lincoln J. Tamayo Emerging Leader Award

ELIYA MCDONALD

Academy Prep Center of Tampa, Class of 2013

Tampa Bay Christian Academy, Class of 2017

Southeastern University, Class of 2022

At Academy Prep, Eliya discovered her passion for education. She was surrounded by teachers who not only taught her math and science, but pushed her to be the best version of herself.

"The type of support that was poured into me at APT by my teachers is what inspired me to do what I am doing today," she says.

After graduating from APT in 2013, Eliya attended Tampa Bay Christian Academy. At Tampa Bay Christian Academy, Eliya served as vice president of the Student Government Association her junior year and president her senior year. She volunteered with the school's reading program, reading to elementary students. With the support of her principal, she created the Tampa Bay Christian Academy Worship Team. She served as the Worship Team leader and led the students in morning prayer during announcements.



At Southeastern University, she majored in Elementary Education with a minor in Theology. Eliya volunteered in her community through the university's social work club and spent her evenings working at a local church in its after-school care program. On the weekends, Eliya was very active in her own church, directing the children's ministry.

In 2020, Eliya was selected as an American Federation for Children Future Leaders Fellow. As a Fellow, Eliya uses her voice to advocate for school choice. She has been given opportunities to participate in trainings, to travel, and given a platform to share her story. The program has taught her a lot about education policy in Florida and nationally. She hopes to use her knowledge in her future career as a school administrator

After graduating from Southeastern in 2022, Eliya began teaching second grade students at Tampa Bay Christian Academy. Eliya wants to inspire the next generation through education. She wants to be the same type of teacher she had at Academy Prep.

"Education has afforded me opportunities I didn't think possible. Through my experiences, I hope to show my students that the possibilities are endless."

Congratulations, Eliya! You truly are an outstanding leader in our community!

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Highlights of Graduate Support Services

- High school and college preparation courses and counseling to help students and families effectively transition to high school and post-secondary institutions; includes preparation for entrance testing, admissions, financial aid, course selection and study skills.
- Alumni network that expands opportunities, such as required community service and extracurricular involvement, pre-college summer camps and training opportunities, employment and internship referrals, and social gatherings and celebrations.

Preparation for the Future

Graduate Support helps develop educated adults, who in turn will have a positive social and economic impact on our communities. With Academy Prep's years of academic training combined with life skills preparation, its graduates are equipped to fulfill their adult roles as community leaders.

For more information, please contact Richard Grandy,
Director of Graduate and Student Services,
at (813) 248-5600 x1163 or rgrandy@academyprep.org



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FUTURE LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

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This twelve-month advocacy training program is for graduates of publicly created K-12 school choice programs. The fellowship is designed to identify and develop tomorrow's leaders in the educational choice movement. Future Leaders Fellows learn from recognized experts in communications and policy, engage with elected officials and the political process, and receive extensive professional development and networking opportunities. Ultimately, and with ongoing support from AFC, fellows will be empowered to use their voice as a powerful force for change, now and into the future.



“I’m incredibly thankful for the Future Leaders Fellowship. I learned about the importance of advocacy and am committed to fighting for kids who need more educational options, just as I did. I’ve grown professionally, formed lifelong friends, and been able to seize opportunities I would never have had access to.”

- Nathan Cunneen, 2020 Fellowship Cohort

A FUTURE LEADERS FELLOW IS SOMEONE WHO IS:

- A leader with the desire to be a force for positive change.
- A graduate of a publicly funded K-12 school choice program.
- A high school graduate who is at least 18 years old.
- Willing to share his or her story and be a voice for educational choice.
- Interested in a future career in educational choice advocacy.

2024 FELLOWS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR:

- A \$3,000 stipend.
- Expense paid trips to Washington, D.C. and three other locations across the country.
- The potential for college credit and/or professional internships.

Learn more and apply at:

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for empowering our students
to become future
community leaders!



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Prep Talk

June 15, 2023

at Academy Prep Center of Tampa

Grand Oak Classic

Dinner & Golf Tournament

Dinner - September 23, 2023

at Renaissance International Plaza

Tournament - September 26, 2023

at Old Memorial Golf Club

An Evening of Champions

March 7, 2024

at Academy Prep Center of Tampa



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Eliya McDonald

2023 Lincoln J. Tamayo
Emerging Leader Award Honoree!

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Mission Statement

To inspire and empower students who qualify for need-based scholarships to become future community leaders through a rigorous middle school program coupled with ongoing graduate support.

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School Pledge

Standing in this room
Are the greatest,
Most committed,
Most responsible people
This world has ever known.

If it is to be,
It is up to me.

Yes I can!

Yes I will!

Yes we can!

Yes we will!

I am... We are...

The greatest!

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THE GREATEST!



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