



*“Education is not a subject and does not deal in subjects, it is instead a transfer of a way of life.”- G.K. Chesterton*

## A Portrait of our Graduates

The mission of Providence Academy is to minister to families by partnering with Christian parents to provide for their children a classical education founded upon a Biblical worldview so that these children may commence a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, wisdom and understanding in their purposeful and passionate service of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. Our vision statement, although simple, sums up our ultimate goal: Providence Academy is dedicated to co-labor with parents in equipping the next generation for Christ-centered leadership.

In light of these things, we begin with a vision of our “ideal” graduate. What qualities would the student possess if he/she completed our K4-12 program? How would we define success? Therefore, a successfully educated student would leave our school with the following five attributes:

- 1. Virtue, Service, & Leadership-** C.S. Lewis informs us that, “Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.” Therefore, the goal of a classical, Christian education is the formation of the soul rather than just the transference of information. This is accomplished through instruction in honorable character and relationships, self-control, service, and Christian leadership by the vehicle of mentorship, discipleship, worship, and growing in the wisdom of the Christ the Logos. Emphasis is placed on pursuing God and His Word, the Logos. Key biblical passages that support this attribute goal are Deuteronomy 6, Luke 6, and Ephesians 6.
- 2. Strong foundational faith-** We expect students to realize a unified Christian worldview with the Logos as the measure of all Truth. We expect them to exhibit the wisdom to recognize complex issues and to follow the consequences of ideas. Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Consequently, at the core of our curriculum are the questions: “what is truth?”, “why am I here(way)?”, “how shall I live(life)?”
- 3. An ability to communicate effectively & eloquently-** It is imperative that our students have a masterful command of language to communicate effectively and eloquently the Logos. We expect students to be able to join

the “*Great Conversation*” which means reading great books, studying them, mining them, and talking to others about what they contain. We expect our students to master uncommon vocabulary, grammar, usage, and translation through our study of Latin and English.

4. **Well-rounded competence-** Throughout a student’s time at Providence, we endeavor to expose him/her to a variety of areas including art, foreign language, physical education, math, science, logic, rhetoric, and arithmetic. We expect students to be well-rounded.
  
5. **An appreciation of the true, good, and beautiful-** The traditional, chief aim of a classical education is the cultivation of virtue through what is true, good, and beautiful. Students are exposed to rich Western literacy, the Logos, beautiful and classic art, and the nature of God.

With these five attributes as our starting point, we sought to divide our course studies up according to the Seven Liberal Arts and the Trivium seeking a way to map the path that would take our students to mature, disciples of Christ.