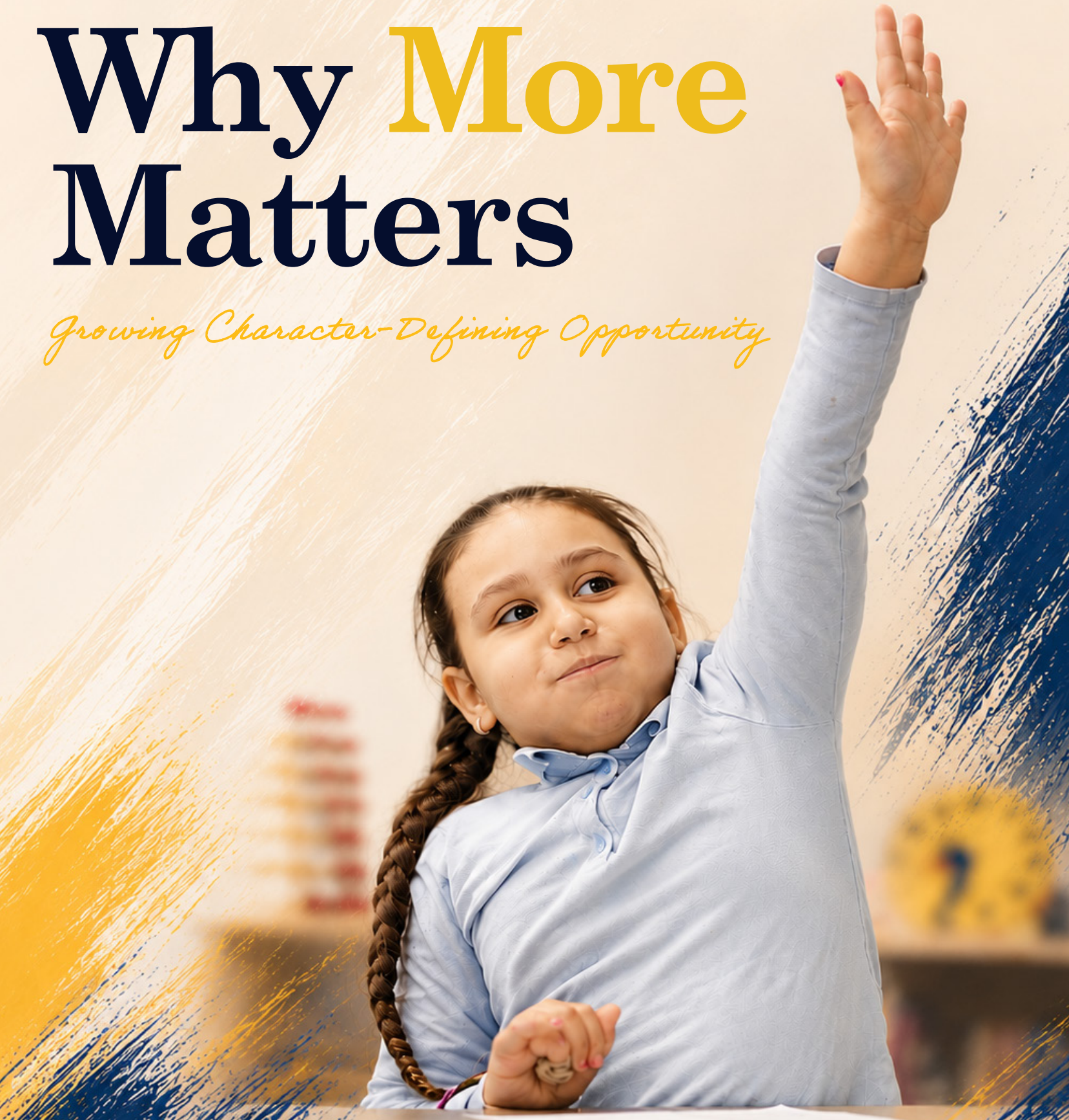
Why More Matters

Growing Character-Defining Opportunity



KIPP Nashville PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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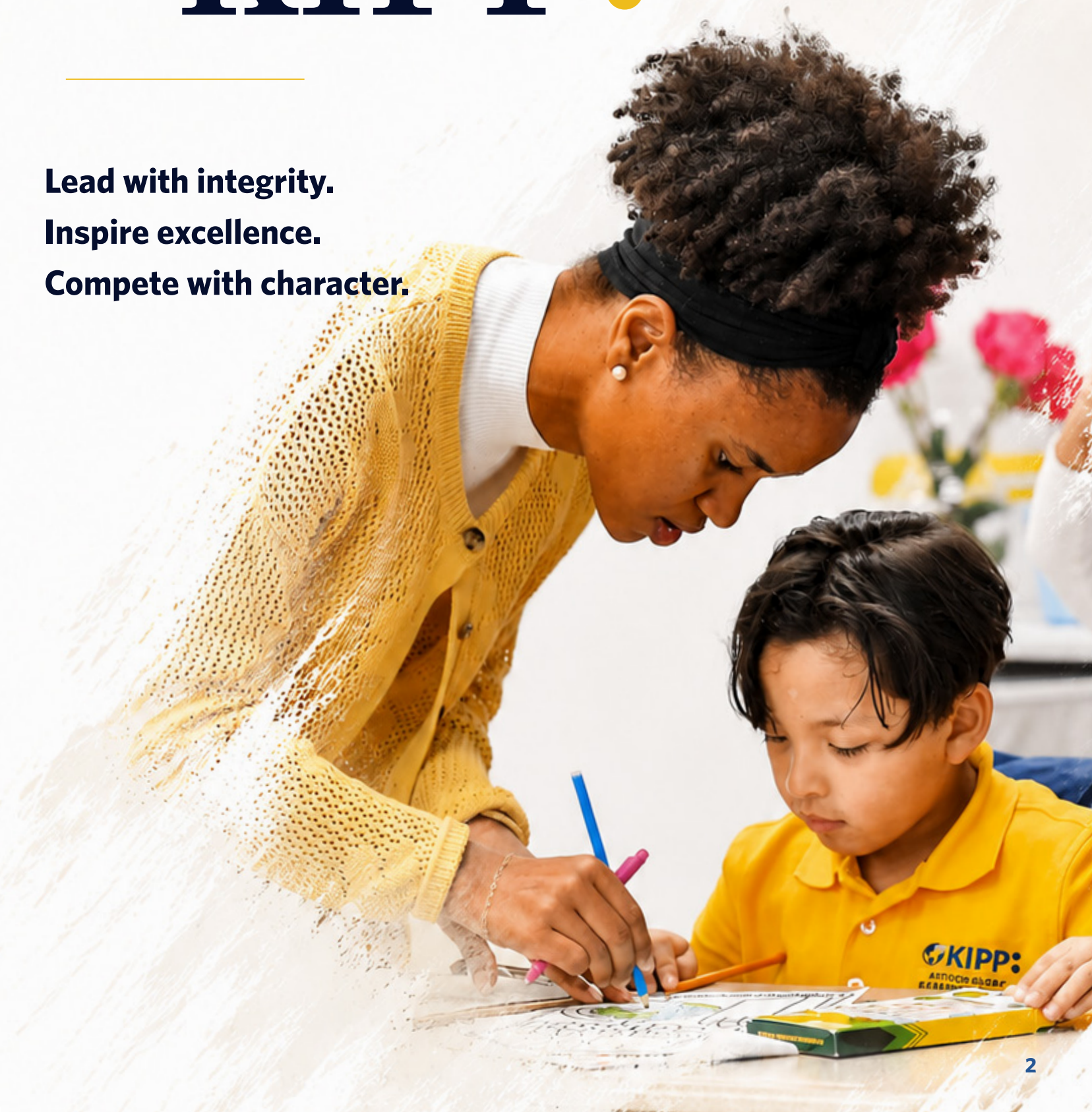
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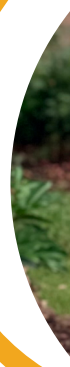
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This IS KIPP:

Lead with integrity.
Inspire excellence.
Compete with character.



WHY MORE MATTERS



More is not measured solely by a number.

It's not a simple want. Nor is it an unrealistic expectation.

At KIPP, more is a pursuit of what is possible for each student: access to a high-quality, college-preparatory seat in a public school. You help make that mission and each of these stories possible.

Offering that opportunity in ten schools - including two full K-12 pathways - KIPP Nashville is ready to go deeper. Driven by intentionality, character, and excellence, we are building new experiences at KIPP - from arts, to athletics, to college-ready academics. Skilled, passionate teachers are welcoming each student into their own journey that offers more than they could have accessed or achieved without the choice to go to a KIPP school.

Whether in Kindergarten or graduating college, each story defines this pursuit in a unique way. We invite you to get to know why KIPP students, families, teachers, and staff all choose to make

My *community* is: MORE.



"School has always been a safe and joyful place for me," says Tiffany Potter, Principal at KIPP Kirkpatrick Elementary School, who learns every student's name in the first two weeks of school. **"And so, I want to make Kirkpatrick a safe, joyful, excellent choice for academic achievement... and Adventures!"** Having invested in student learning that resulted in top growth scores as a Level 5 school, KIPP Kirkpatrick is now innovating to offer after-school options - we call them "Adventures" - in learning, self-expression, and growth. Even when the odds seemed to be stacked against a student, the Kirkpatrick spirit continues and is, as Ms. Potter believes, the beginning to endless opportunities for a community too often underestimated.

Get to know Tiffany!



My *Experience* is: MORE.

Avril is a kindergartner who arrived at KIPP as a quiet child with the advantage of speaking more than one language. From the start, her parents knew exactly what they wanted for her: a school where she could make friends, feel welcome, be part of a community, and have teachers committed to her academic and personal growth. It was thanks to her cousin—who also attends KIPP—that the family learned about the school and decided to apply. Avril quickly found a place where she feels happy, supported, and motivated to learn.

"As parents, we want nothing more than the best education for our daughter—for her to wake up every morning excited to go to school and come home eager to tell us all about her day. That is exactly what we found at KIPP," says Ms. Meléndez, Avril's mother.

The Meléndez family eagerly looks forward to the years Avril has ahead of her at KIPP—years filled with learning, sports, new friendships, and plenty of opportunities to develop her talents. And, of course, Avril will continue to enjoy one of her greatest passions: singing! As a family with an only child, they found the community they were seeking at KIPP—a place where Avril can grow, learn, and feel part of something special. That is why they confidently recommend KIPP to their friends and other families.

My *Future* is: MORE.



Cole Wesley doesn't do anything halfway. "It's just how I was raised," he says. Across his high school years at KIPP Collegiate High School, Cole excelled in academics and leadership, and pursued his love of all things sports - including learning golf in the empty days of COVID so that he became the sole player on the KIPP team and earned a spot on the Fisk University Men's Golf Team, on scholarship. It's all paying off as he enters his first year in the workforce, working in the marketing department for the Washington Nationals Baseball Team.

"When it comes to college and career preparation, KIPP gave me more opportunity than my friends had. My ACT prep was included in my studies, and I didn't even realize at the time how I was already networking with people in the city who would eventually help me get internships with the Nashville Soccer Club and The Nashville Predators. When I served as senior student body president, I wanted to accomplish more in the role, so Mr. Dowell let me present to the KIPP Nashville Board, and I still seek Mr. Dowell's advice today."

TOGETHER, WE ARE SO MUCH MORE.

On April 20, 2026, we celebrated our pursuit of ***So Much More*** with a morning of music, connection, and inspiration at our annual **Leaders & Scholars Breakfast**.

Welcoming over 600 leaders from across Nashville, Coach Clark Lea of Vanderbilt football, and Dr. Halima Labi, Principal of KIPP Nashville Collegiate Prep High School shared thoughts about excellence, leadership, and the strength of being connected.

We showcased talents of over 100 students, celebrated the dedication of our teachers and staff, and dreamed of a bright future for our students and city. Every attendee is a part of this story and we are grateful for their partnership.



> *Because of KIPP, I am doing, becoming, and dreaming of so much more.*

JANAECI BROWN
Class of 2026
Enrolled at Tennessee State University to study law

PEYTON MARKS
Class of 2026
Enrolled at MTSU to study audio engineering















I had the chance to visit KIPP this spring. It was supposed to be 45 minutes. I stayed two hours. What struck me was vision, to see Randy and his team talk about growth, to hear the energy behind their plans for expanding facilities. After 21 years of delivering results, it was inspiring to witness a commitment to not just success, but progress. Challenge leads to change, change leads to growth, and growth leads to self-discovery.



Coach Clark Lea

Head Coach, Football
Vanderbilt University
Featured Speaker

When I arrived at KIPP almost two years ago, what I saw was potential—real, undeniable potential—but it wasn't fully activated yet. We doubled down on strong academics. We focused on alignment as a team because adults set the tone. And we are relentless about preparing students for the real world. The details matter.



Dr. Halima Labi

Principal
Nashville Collegiate High School
Mom to two Class of 2026 graduates

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Our first 20 years focused on increasing our footprint throughout Nashville. Now, our next phase takes us deeper into expanded opportunities for students where we serve today. All the while, we will stay true to our mission and vision for each KIPPster and the communities we serve.

OUR MISSION

Together with families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose—college, career, and beyond—so they can lead fulfilling lives and build a more just world.

OUR VISION

Every child grows up free to create the future they want for themselves and their communities.



Today, **our network** includes ten schools serving **East, North** and **South Nashville** - and offers two full K-12 pathways for students.



10 SCHOOLS | **2** COMPLETE K-12 PATHWAYS

EAST AND NORTH NASHVILLE

- KIPP Kirkpatrick Elementary (K-4)
  1000 Sevier St., 37206
- KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary (K-4)
  3410 Knight Dr.,37207
- KIPP Academy Nashville Middle School (5-8)
  123 Douglas Ave., 37207
- KIPP Nashville College Prep Middle (5-8)
  3410 Knight Dr., 37207
- KIPP Nashville Collegiate High (9-12)
  123 Douglas Ave., 37207

SOUTH NASHVILLE

- KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary (K-4)
  3655 Murfreesboro Pike, 37013
- KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle (5-8)
  3661 Murfreesboro Pike, 37013
- KIPP Antioch Global Elementary (K-3)
  917 Bell Rd., 37013
- KIPP Antioch Global Middle (5-8)
  917 Bell Rd., 37013
- KIPP Antioch Global High (9-12)
  917 Bell Rd., 37013



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Mr. Dowell is a constant presence in the hall. He’s there every day with a smile and a high five, a firm handshake and a friendly reminder to tuck in a shirt and get to class.

- Jorge Acevedo

Class of 2026
Enrolled at MTSU for aviation

a Note From: OUR FOUNDER

Proud, but not satisfied.

If you spend time at KIPP Nashville, you'll likely hear me say this curious phrase. Not satisfied? How is that possible? KIPP and its students accomplish so much. How could we possibly not be satisfied?

Here's why: Satisfied invokes the idea that something is complete. Yet, when we look at the future of every KIPPster who walks the halls, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, each student is on their way to something more.

This past school year proved to be another banner year. Data show that our students continue a march toward impressive academic growth, recognized by:

- **76% of elementary students reading at or above grade level**
- **All schools achieving a "5" TVAAS growth score**
- **8 of 9 schools receiving an A or B letter grade from the state**
- **95% average enrollment in postsecondary or training programs across the last three years**

Our physical strategic footprint of ten schools in North, East, and South Nashville is now complete, paving the way for continued pursuit of an excellent and deep experience for every student. Greater academic achievement will always be the foundation; yet, we have an obligation to each student and their families to pursue so much more both inside and out of the classroom.

Our next frontier is increased opportunity in arts, athletics, and college-ready academics. These are the experiences that take the joy of learning and amplify it.

On the stages of performing arts, in the fields of athletic competitions, and at the podiums of competitive academics, students become more than just a student. They grow into a co-worker of integrity, a team member who exudes excellence, and a community member with character. Each of us carries the memories and lessons of that time in our lives. We are not complete without this chance to practice grit, celebrate one another, apply studies in the real world, and create vision for the future.

Every KIPPster deserves this kind of education: to grow, to work as a team, and to shine in all we do. The entire Nashville community makes this possible - and will continue to be a partner in this pursuit for decades to come.

Thank you for your investment in this work.





Randy Dowell
Founder & Executive Director, KIPP Nashville

WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS?



4,144
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

5.9%
ENROLLMENT INCREASE
2025-26 - 2026/27

We believe that every child should receive an education that opens opportunity and agency for their future. Our goal is to make KIPP the educational home to 4,700 students by 2032, which projects to be 1 in 15 Metro Nashville area students.

52% FEMALE

48% MALE

RACE / ETHNICITY (AS PERCENTAGE)

56%	Black/ African American
29%	Hispanic
9%	White
5%	Multi-Ethnic
1%	Asian

13%
SPECIAL EDUCATION

28%
MULTI-LINGUAL STUDENTS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT THAT RAISES THE BAR



Academic achievement is the foundation from which every student can grow. This year, KIPPsters and their teachers continued a trajectory of academic growth that is raising the bar for all of Nashville.

Just four years ago, we set a very specific goal for more and more KIPP students to exceed average state proficiency - approximately 40% in key areas like ELA, math, and social studies. We started with just a few student groupings meeting that threshold; today, nearly every student group has reached that goal. So we raised the bar and are pursuing a higher goal of 50% - our progress toward which you will see in the following pages. This is just one of several key goals that will guide our future.

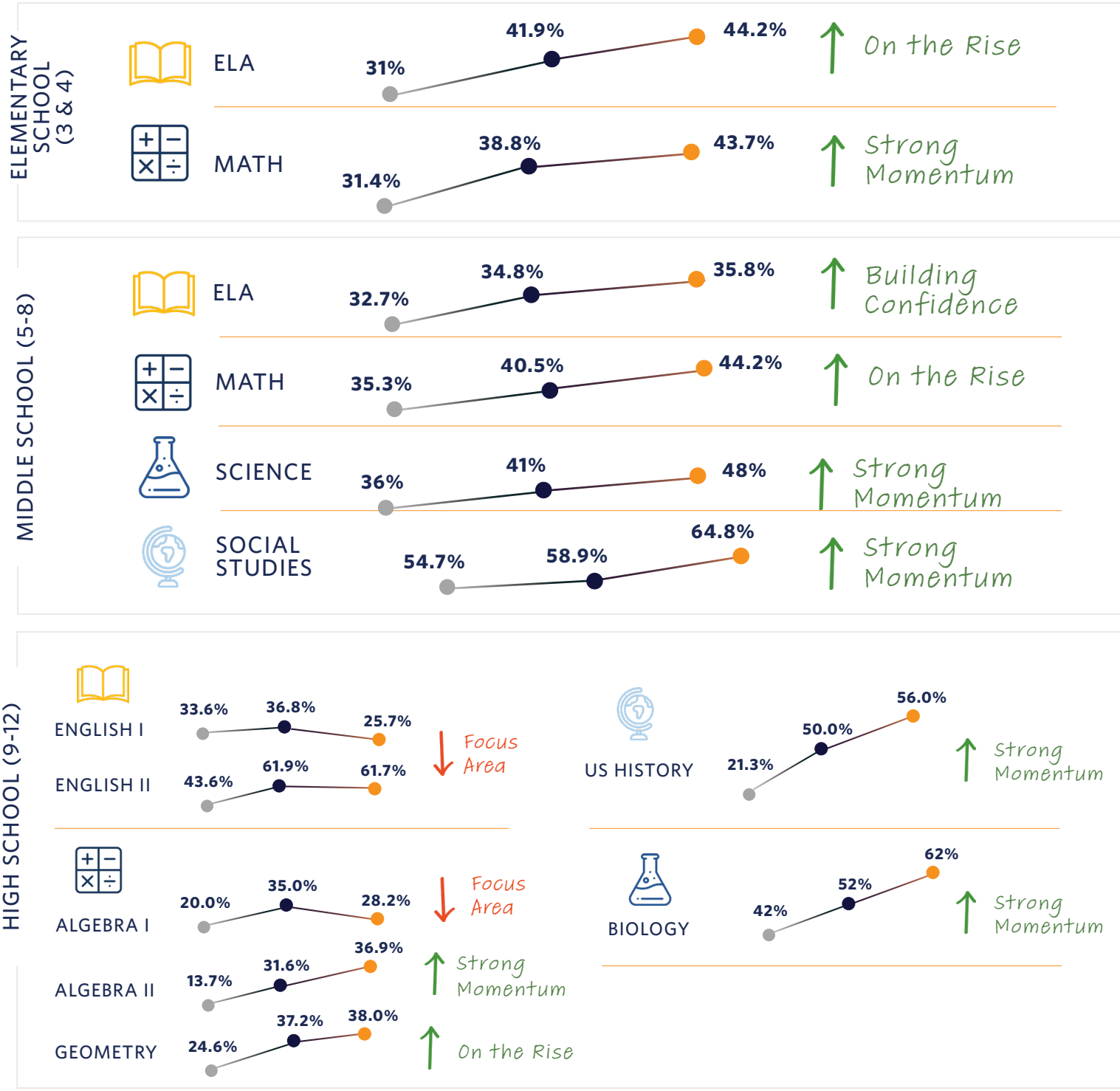
Academic achievement like this is the launchpad for future academic growth, and we will continue to recruit the best staff and invest in the processes students need to reach new heights.

TN READY

PERFORMANCE OVER TIME

The state's measure of individual student achievement, our TN Ready/Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) scores continue to show demonstrated growth throughout each school. Overall, KIPPsters scored higher than they did last year, showing true growth.

The few subject areas where achievement decreased help us identify where we will invest targeted time to understand learning gaps and enhance instruction so that students establish new baseline achievement in future years.



LEADING GROWTH

Every student starts somewhere - from their grades and achievement scores to their approach to learning. What matters most is growth. In nearly every area we measure, KIPPsters are achieving year-over-year growth that builds and opens doors for future success. Below are two success stories - sustained literacy achievement and significant social studies growth.

76%

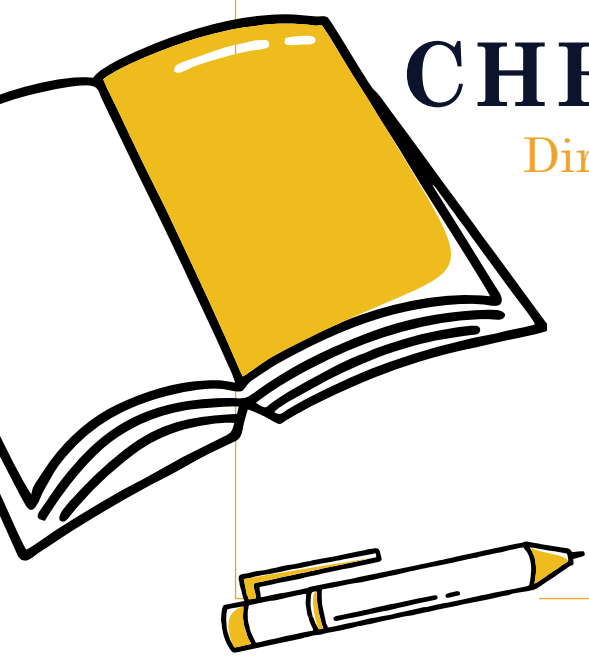
of our 3rd graders are reading on grade level.

+9 PTS

increase from 2024

Source: DIBELS, 2026





CHRISTINA JONES

Director of K-8 Social Studies

For Christina Jones, growth begins with encouragement - and a little healthy competition. For the last few years, Christina has been laser focused on spurring teachers toward reaching their TCAP growth scores. Through coaching, support, and an unwavering belief in students, Christina is leading the charge that is resulting in historic growth in key subject areas. With a reminder that students are learning for their futures - in high school, college, and beyond - Christina and team are setting their sights on new heights.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

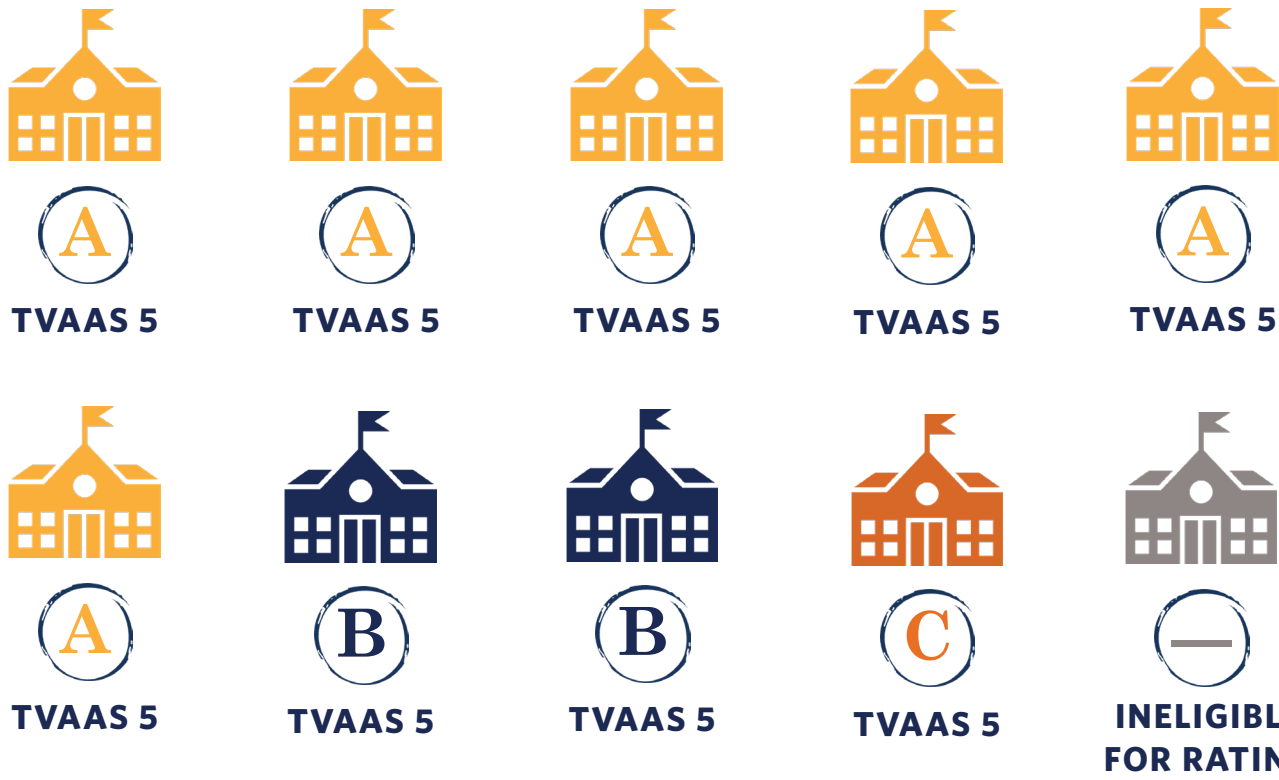
MEASURING MORE THAN PROFICIENCY

Each year, the Tennessee Department of Education scores schools based on growth through its Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) and achievement through letter grades. Both ratings take into account multiple student and teacher measures that combine to offer greater transparency into school performance.

Our scores reveal both achievement and growth — the ideal combination as we continue making progress toward our goals. These ratings show us what's working, where we can share best practices, and how we can continuously improve.

Our 10 KIPP Nashville Schools

Achievement + Growth Side-by-Side



Source: Tennessee Department of Education, School Year 2024-2025

get the latest data

WE ARE **ACHIEVING.** WE ARE **GROWING.**

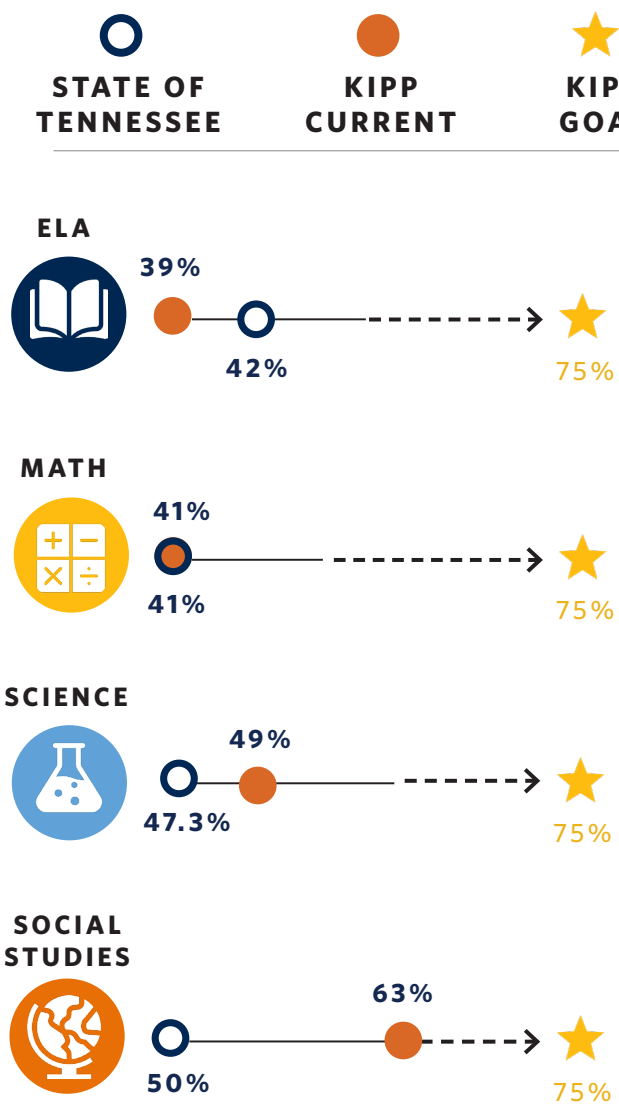
OUR PATH TO 75%

Every year brings us closer.

Our goal is clear: 75% of students matriculating in a 4-year college. We are making steady progress on the measures that contribute to that goal - closing gaps, raising expectations, and creating more opportunities every day.

This perspective pushes us to grow and helps us achieve among the best.

PROGRESS REPORT



KIPP COMPARED TO OUR PEERS

% PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED (2026)

Williamson County Schools	72%
Wilson County Schools	56%
Rutherford County Schools	50%
State of Tennessee	42%
KIPP Nashville Schools	39%
Metro Nashville Schools	33%

Williamson County Schools	74%
Wilson County Schools	56%
Rutherford County Schools	50%
KIPP Nashville Schools	**41%**
State of Tennessee	41%
Metro Nashville Schools	32%

Williamson County Schools	76%
Wilson County Schools	65%
Rutherford County Schools	54.5%
KIPP Nashville Schools	**49%**
State of Tennessee	47.3%
Metro Nashville Schools	35.7%

Williamson County Schools	79%
Wilson County Schools	71%
KIPP Nashville Schools	**63%**
Rutherford County Schools	58%
State of Tennessee	50%
Metro Nashville Schools	39%

* SOURCE: TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

KIPP FORWARD



2024 84%

2025 86%

2026 95%

COMMITTED TO A POSTSECONDARY PATHWAY

growth that opens doors

THE CLASS OF 2026 INCLUDED

91 GRADUATING STUDENTS

100%	graduated high school
95%	will attend postsecondary institutions or training programs
64%	of the 2026 class will go to a 4-year degree program
34%	scored 21 or higher on their ACT, supported by increased ACT prep built right into the school day
45%	achieved an unweighted 3.0 GPA
1,100+	college applications submitted, an increase of 100 over last year
700+	college acceptances, an increase of 200 over last year
$14.1M	in scholarships
50%	will receive the TN HOPE Scholarship

KIPP Nashville's Class of 2026 is achieving our mission with clear plans for their future. In this class, 95% of our students committed to a postsecondary pathway toward a career, representing a 10% increase in just two years.

KIPP students are not just taught.
They are coached.

KIPP Forward - our career-focused advising and training program - layers academic pursuits with skills training, financial assistance, and job placement support.

The focus is workplace readiness - whether in the immediate future or through the pathways of two- and four-year college experiences.

KIPP Collegiate High School has offered the program since our founding and will now be expanded to Global High School beginning in the 2026/27 school year.

HIGHLIGHTED
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Middle Tennessee State University
Rhodes College
Tennessee State University
The University of Memphis
The University of Tennessee Martin
The University of Tennessee Chattanooga
The University of Tennessee Knoxville
Vanderbilt University
Yale
Indiana University
Austin Peay Governors
Belmont University
Dartmouth
Fisk University
Lipscomb University



800+
ALUMNI

KIPP Forward further engages with 800+ alumni who continue to receive career counseling from our expanding staff.

TEACHING & LEADING THAT FUELS THE GROWTH

Studies show that teachers are the single most important in-school factor in a child's education. Their presence, relationship, and accountability sets the tone for a student's work and attitude.

KIPP Nashville teachers are examples of excellence from the daily work of rote learning to the innovative ideas that unlock new educational approaches.

As we recruit the most accomplished and eager teachers, we will welcome those with the same active mindset as has been recognized in this year's teachers.

250+
TEACHERS

150+
STAFF



CONNECTING WITH OUR STUDENTS





60%	Black/ African American
26%	White
8%	Hispanic
4%	Two or More Races
2%	Asian
>1%	American Indian or Alaska Native

*(2026-2027 DATA)

76%
TEACHER RETENTION RATE

100%
PRINCIPAL RETENTION RATE
for the first year ever

82%
OF OUR HIGHEST PERFORMING TEACHERS RETAINED

OUR TEACHERS *invest + lead*

01 THE MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM

Now in its fifth year, the KIPP Master Teacher program grew to 60+ active and former Master Teachers.

The program is designed to identify, reward, and learn from KIPP Nashville's most impactful teachers. Teachers have the opportunity to grow and learn through this in-classroom program while also deepening a shared vision and raising our collective impact on our KIPPsters. Master Teachers at KIPP Nashville have demonstrated exceptional results with students at our schools, show strong overall mastery of the Instructional Excellence Rubric, uphold the core values of Growth, Team, and Shine, and enthusiastically open their doors to colleagues from across the region, allowing others to learn from the best of the best.



Because of the Master Teacher Program, I have been trusted with larger responsibilities, including serving as a Grade Team Leader, coaching in the Summer Taxonomy Program for incoming teachers, and this past year being one of three teachers selected to serve as a lead presenter and coordinator for the program. I want us to continue building a culture where students are doing most of the thinking, talking, questioning, and problem-solving, while teachers create the conditions and support students through that process.

PATRICK BURKE
KIPP Academy Nashville Middle School

02 THE PRINCIPAL IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Now in its ninth year, this two-year program develops the next generation of leaders in KIPP Nashville.

Each participant embeds as an Assistant Principal at one of our schools and works closely with their colleagues in the cohort throughout the year, building a leadership pipeline that reflects our students and families.



I am learning to see the bigger picture at the school-wide level and identify problems and solutions beyond the perspective of an individual teacher or grade level. Recently, I had the opportunity to serve as the school leader for a week, and there were days when my team and staff looked to me for guidance and answers. I am also learning from regional leaders. Gleaning insights from their experiences and leadership has been invaluable to my growth.

DR. SARAH MOORE, EdD
Assistant Principal, KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary School



03 NATIONAL KIPP OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARDS GIVEN TO KIPP: NASHVILLE LEADERS

Two KIPP Nashville Directors of Operations received the national KIPP Heart & SOL Award in recognition of their work to help students show up, stay engaged, and thrive in school every day. Both Sydney McGhee, KIPP Kirkpatrick Director of Operations, and Christina Scott, KIPP Antioch Global High School Director of Operations, developed the systems and the relational opportunities to support students and their families on their attendance journeys. From predictive efforts to intervene with students before their absence leads to learning challenges to rewarding students for high attendance, both schools saw impressive attendance improvement for their communities - ranging from nearly 6% increase at Global to nearly 20% increase for Kirkpatrick year over year.



SYDNEY McGHEE

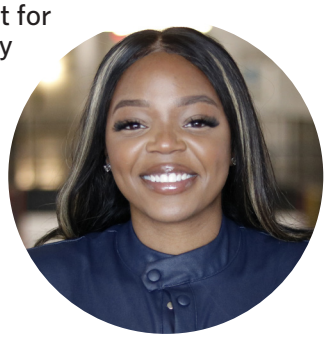
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

↑ **20%**

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

year over year

KIPP KIRKPATRICK



CHRISTINA SCOTT

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

↑ **6%**

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

year over year

KIPP ANTIOCH GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOL



This IS MORE:



“ESSENTIAL” CURRICULARS

Our growth plans include expanded opportunities that are made even more rich through community partnership and investment.

We look forward to offering more in:

Creative Arts

Competitive Athletics

College-Ready Academics

Community Engagement



ARTS THAT STOKE A PASSION



The arts positively impact social-emotional learning, academic outcomes, and college persistence.

KIPP Nashville is strengthening and expanding a Performing & Visual Arts program throughout our network of schools including dance, theater, musicals, choir, jazz band, and marching band. The caliber of each presentation and performance increases as each year goes by and we will continue to invest in these programs so more schools can offer elite performing arts opportunities.

PROGRAM GROWTH & DATA

Today, across all ten KIPP schools, students are exploring their creative passions through in-class general music classes supported by after school programming.

The participation represents more than 10% of the student body:

120
BAND
Students across 4 campuses

152
CHOIR
Students across 9 campuses

62
THEATER
Students across 3 campuses

40
MUSICAL THEATER
Students across 9 campuses

4
VISUAL ART
Art shows featuring pieces across 4 campuses

1
DANCE
High School level class

HIGHLIGHTS

KIPP Academy Nashville MS Choir earned a superior rating at the Music in the Parks Competition in St. Louis + Excellent Rating at MTVA.

9 students qualified for Middle TN Regional Honors Chorus.

3 music scholarships earned, with 1 student studying audio engineering.



Dear Ms. Howard,

I just wanna say how grateful I am to be a part of KIPP Global's Mighty Harmonic Huskies, and how everyday I get the opportunity to learn and play with some of the most talented and hard working individuals that Kipp has to offer. Growing up, I never really had much growing up, and my mom sadly passed away on July 23, 2023 and her passing put me in a really dark place. When I first started going to afternoon practices, I noticed right away how diverse, and how supportive everyone was, and that brought me out of that dark place. Needless to say, I was inspired not just by my friends to work hard, but I was inspired by everyone's commitment, and the hard work that they show even when they have their own problems, or when they find it hard to show up to practice. I will be forever grateful for the new connections that I have made throughout my time as a bass drum player, and I hope to continue to grow as a percussion player, and to see others excel at their instruments. I am so proud of everyone that is a part of the Mighty Harmonic Huskies, and hope to see you all next year when we all are able to play louder and better.



Adrian Holman, KIPP Antioch Global High School

Adrian













KIPP Antioch College Prep MS Choir earned an excellent rating at the Music in the Parks competition in Pigeon Forge, TN + Excellent rating at MTVA.

KIPP Nashville Collegiate HS Choir earned an excellent rating at the Music in the Parks competition in Atlanta, GA.

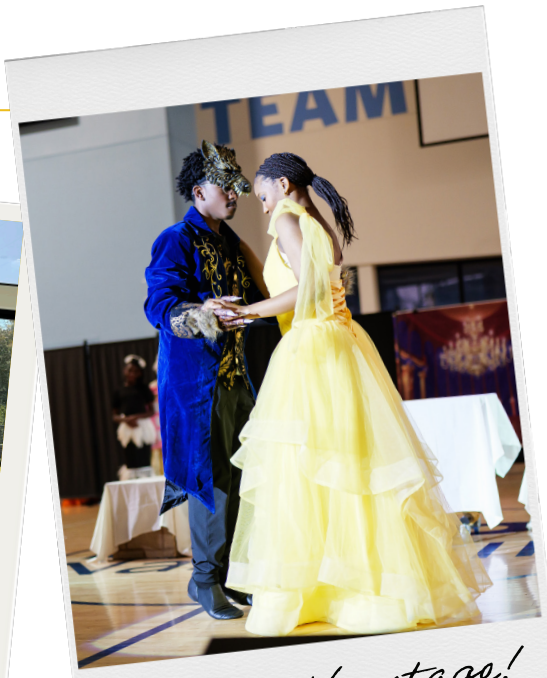
KIPP Nashville College Prep Band - the Mighty Tenacious Tiger Band - won Best Band in their division at the Viewers Choice Battle of the Bands held at Six Flags in Atlanta + 1st place in local Battle of the Bands.

PERFORMING ARTS



Creating together





Taking the stage!

MURAL COLLABORATION WITH CHEEKWOOD

At Cheekwood Estate & Gardens annual Día de los Muertos celebration, you may have caught a KIPP student creation of a mural that celebrates the rich traditions of Mexico and Latin America right here in the Nashville community. This added to an annual tradition of KIPP students contributing an artistic traditional altar that celebrates the significance of Día de los Muertos and honors loved ones who have passed. The experience provided students with an opportunity to celebrate and share their cultural heritage while developing teamwork, creativity, and artistic expression.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST MUSICAL WITH TPAC

As part of a continuing partnership with the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) Disney Musicals in Schools, KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle and KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary shared the musical and theatrical joys of Beauty and the Beast. Students donned costumes and rehearsed hours of choreography to present a fan-favorite musical, start to finish. The talent astounded audiences at both their spring performances and the 2026 Leaders & Scholars Breakfast.

SEE CLIPS FROM THE SHOW





On the road!



Singing for our families!

TRAVEL COMPETITIONS FOR BAND & CHOIR

While KIPP Academy Middle School choir traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, for a competition and KIPP Antioch Collegiate Prep Middle School choir performed in Gatlinburg with an award ceremony at Dollywood. Meanwhile, KIPP Nashville Collegiate Prep Band members showed their brass and winds skills at a competition in Atlanta and won the best band award.

FIRST EVER ART SHOW

KIPP Antioch Global High School hosted its first ever art show, sharing pieces in mixed media for parents and communities. Featuring creations from both Art 1 and AP Art, the evening even led to students selling their pieces - offering a taste of professional-level artistry.

DANCE ADVENTURES

KIPP Kirkpatrick Elementary continues its tradition of Dance Club, welcoming K-4th graders into a troupe that has evolved from step to hip hop. Led by teachers who step up and jump in each year, the Dance Club is part of KIPP Kirkpatrick's new Adventures clubs - essential curricular activities that are increasingly offered to students based on interest. The Dance Club performs at school celebrations, family events, basketball games, and community programs, giving each student the chance to express themselves!

COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS THAT MAKE US PROUD TO WEAR THE JERSEY



Sports are about more than the results on a scoreboard.

Increasingly appearing at higher-level competitions and earning awards, KIPP is growing both our athletic leadership and our physical facilities to continuously add more sports opportunities on more campuses. In fact, KIPP Nashville Collegiate HS and KIPP Antioch College Prep MS both made it to the TMSSA and TSSAA State Track Championships - both teams practicing for those competitions without access to a track. More importantly, we are expanding the KIPP athletic spirit of resilience, perseverance, and determination.

They carry a multitude of benefits, developing student-athletes who embody our core values of Competing with Character, Inspiring Excellence, and Leading with Integrity. Since our founding, KIPP Nashville has developed independent programs and partnered with local public schools to offer athletic opportunities for students to join competitive and club teams. Today, students are taking the fields and courts with excellence.

Expanding **SPORTS**

Elevating **EXPERIENCES**

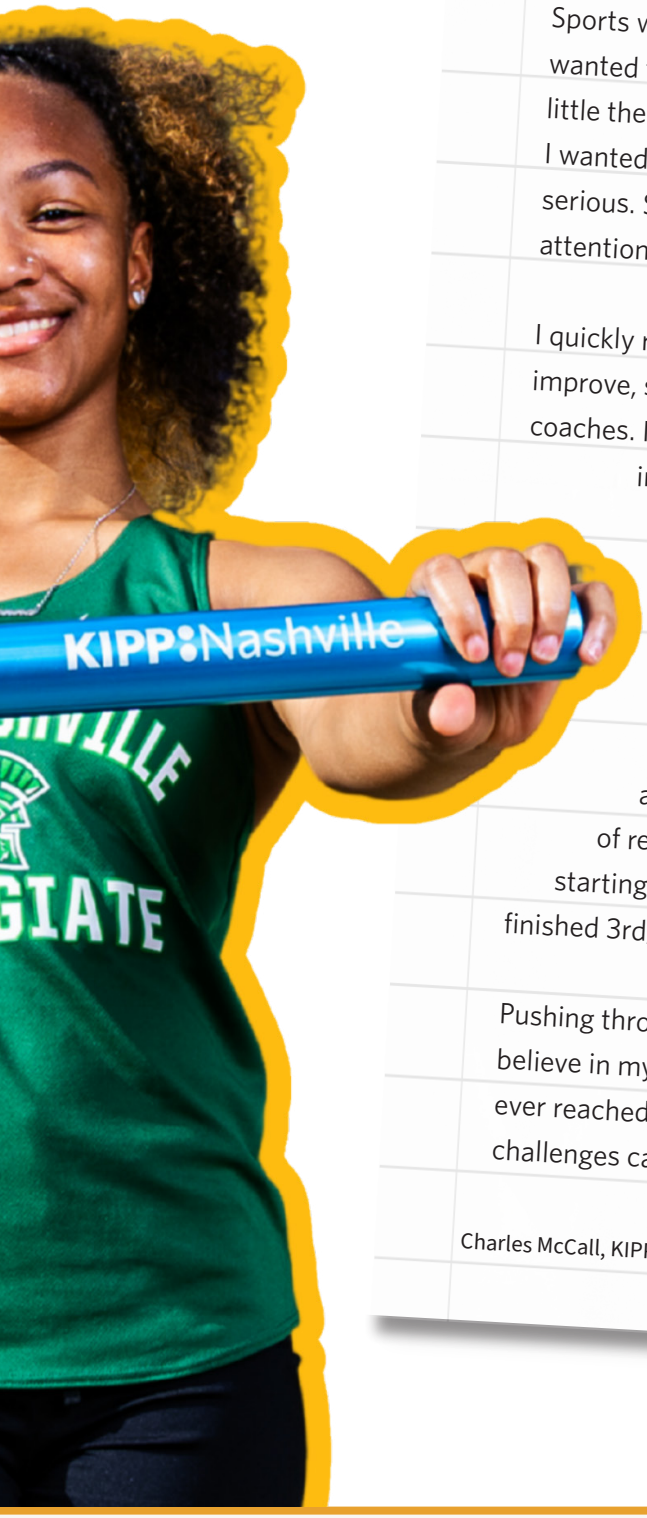
Encouraging **ATHLETES**

PROGRAM GROWTH & DATA

Today, across six KIPP schools, 770 students - that's nearly 40% of all middle and high school students enrolled - are testing their physical limits and teamwork as members of a growing athletics program.

181
SOCCER
Students across 6 campuses

143
BASKETBALL
Students across 6 campuses





Sports was never my thing except recess. I always wanted to try, but never felt good enough. School felt a little the same, but freshman year changed everything. I wanted to step outside my comfort zone and get serious. So, I decided to join track and field and paid more attention to my grades.

I quickly realized I was not the fastest. But I did want to improve, so I set some physical and mental goals with my coaches. I missed state by just a few seconds and a few inches, which set the tone for junior year: stay focused. It started to pay off – on the track and in the classroom.

Representing KIPP as the only athlete at city track championships brought a few physical and mental hurdles. I heard people say, KIPP can't compete – a challenge I wanted to prove wrong. Then at districts, I tripped in warmups and rolled my ankle. It took me out of relays, but my individual events and goals stayed the course. At the starting line of the 300-meter hurdles, I prayed and ran through the pain- and finished 3rd, which earned me a spot in state.

Pushing through and setting goals teaches me that I am more determined and believe in myself more than I ever could have. My grades are the best I have ever reached and I am so excited for what's next. It's amazing what overcoming challenges can do to you.

Charles McCall, KIPP Nashville Collegiate High

Charles

136
TRACK
Students across 5 campuses

91
FLAG FOOTBALL
Students across 5 campuses

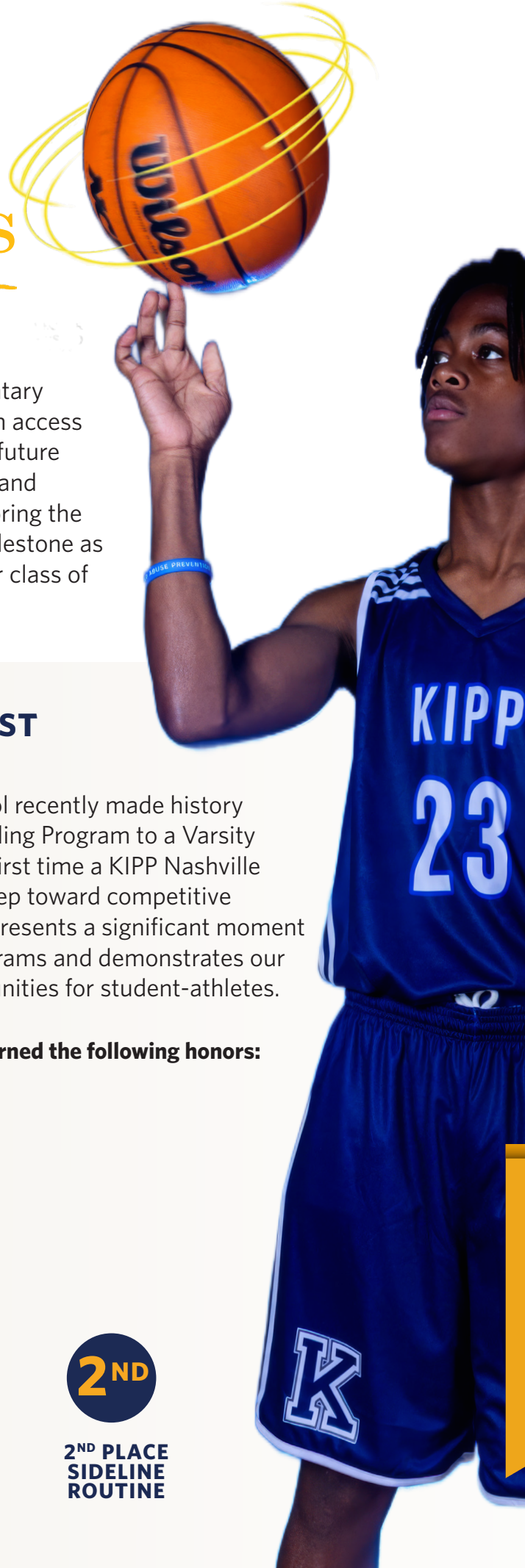
143
VOLLEYBALL
Students across 6 campuses

78
CHEER
Students across 5 campuses

49
CROSS COUNTRY
Students across 4 campuses

10
FOOTBALL
Students across 2 campuses

PUSHING LIMITS
ON FIELDS & COURTS



GROWTH

As we continue to grow, we are excited to expand elementary school sports opportunities, providing more students with access to athletics at an earlier age. We are also investing in the future of our programs through the development of a new track and field facility and turf soccer field. In addition, we are exploring the addition of boys volleyball and will celebrate a historic milestone as KIPP Antioch Global High School graduates its first senior class of student-athletes.



CHEERING FOR THE BEST

KIPP Antioch Global High School recently made history by sending its Varsity Cheerleading Program to a Varsity Competitive Cheer Camp. The first time a KIPP Nashville cheer program has taken this step toward competitive cheerleading. This milestone represents a significant moment in the growth of our athletic programs and demonstrates our commitment to expanding opportunities for student-athletes.

The team had an outstanding camp and earned the following honors:

- **3** — ALL-AMERICAN SELECTIONS
- LEADERSHIP AWARD
- **1ST** — 1ST PLACE CHEER
- **2ND** — 2ND PLACE CAMP ROUTINE
- **3RD** — 3RD PLACE SPIRIT ROUTINE
- **2ND** — 2ND PLACE SIDELINE ROUTINE

GOING THE DISTANCE



Several students made personal records and program history:

- **4x400 Meter Relay 4:18** (7th Place)
- **300m Hurdles** (6th Place)
- **Shotput 30-02.00** (4th Place)
- **Girls Discus** (7th Place)
- **Girls 4x200** (8th Place)
- **Girls 4x100 51.77** (7th Place)



RAISING BANNER AND THE BAR

KIPP athletes took home the hardware in multiple sports and events:

DAVIDSON COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL LEAGUE

2026 GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER DISTRICT RUNNER UPS

(Division I, Class A, Region 4, District 8)

KIPP Antioch Global High School

DAVIDSON COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL LEAGUE

2026 GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER CHAMPIONS

KIPP Antioch College Prep

KIPP ANTIOCH COLLEGE PREP TMSAA

TRACK + FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

Long Jump, 4x400, 4x800

DAVIDSON COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL LEAGUE

2026 GIRLS TMSAA REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL RUNNER UP

KIPP Antioch College Prep

DAVIDSON COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL LEAGUE

2026 NORTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

KIPP Academy Nashville & KIPP Nashville Collegiate Prep

DAVIDSON COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL LEAGUE

2026 GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

KIPP Academy Nashville & KIPP Nashville Collegiate Prep

ACADEMICS THAT OPEN FUTURE OPPORTUNITY

College-Ready Academic options open up opportunities for students to translate in-classroom learning into passions that become postsecondary and vocational futures.

Having recently launched National Merit Scholars and Debate club programs, KIPP will continue to expand club options that expose students to future academic pursuits and careers that are rooted in excellent writing, oration, STEM, and civic engagement.





More than anything, KIPP has helped me carve a path forward. I just finished my senior year and I can say that I would not be going where I am today without the teachers, the experiences, and the challenges.

I remember in my junior year, I didn't know where I wanted to go. I knew what I wanted to do. I knew that I wanted to go into corporate finance, but I didn't know where exactly. Should I go north? Stay in the south? Or go west? At the time, it seemed like staying in the south was my best option.

Then, Junior year as I was writing my personal statement, one of my teachers told me about her educational journey from Dartmouth to Harvard and now to teaching at KIPP. So I started to look at Dartmouth to see what it could hold for me. Exploring the right option took a lot of multi-tasking, which I am not great at, so I had to figure it out if I wanted to get it done. I had to create a plan. And how it's done.

That's what KIPP taught me. You see it on the walls: find a way or make one. KIPP made me proud to be part of a community that discovers what we want and goes for it. My years on the soccer team, in the classroom, taking ACT prep classes as part of my day, the labs and the essays, experiences helping a local entrepreneur support a business - all of it made me who I am.

I'll wear my KIPP sweatshirt proudly on Dartmouth's campus because KIPP was with me every step of the way and helped me get here!

Eduardo

Eduardo Lopez, KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School, Class of 2026

PROGRAM GROWTH & DATA

38 National Honor Society cohort

Adventure clubs active at Kirkpatrick Elementary

1st place Nashville Urban Debate League

BROADENING HORIZONS



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School offered National Honor Society for a second year in 2025-2026, amassing a cohort of 38 students. Recognizing and elevating high school students who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership, community involvement, and personal integrity, NHS is a national embodiment of KIPP's mission to prepare students for a future life of success. Through NHS, KIPP Collegiate students participated in three service projects, including face painting and hosting a Fall Fest, supporting four Angel Tree children through the Salvation Army, and a needs drive for a local women's shelter for survivors of domestic violence.

DEBATE THAT RISES TO THE CHALLENGE

KIPP's debate teams remained active this year, competing in the Nashville Urban Debate League. Taking on the timely topics of worker flexibility, universal healthcare, and borders, the team rose to the challenge of reasoning and arguing their stance, earning progressively higher places at competitions with charter and public Nashville schools - from 5th place in September to 1st place in January!

NETWORKING WITH KIPP AMBASSADORS

This year's KIPP Ambassadors at KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School lived up to their name of representing the school to those inside and outside the halls. A group of juniors and seniors chosen for their leadership, Ambassadors support the everyday inner workings of the school, from helping teachers and decorating hallways. To the Nashville community, they became the face of KIPP as hosts of our monthly coffee visits with any interested community member and served as emcees of the annual Leaders & Scholars Breakfast.





THE VOICE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Comprised of juniors and seniors plus class representatives, the KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School SGA brings together student leaders on paper - they must have a 3.0 GPA - and also as they relate to their peers. Each one is a relator and a connector to their peers, helping to facilitate student voice and choice among the student body. For example, this year the students started and led Advocacy for Girls. A student-launched group focused on self-empowerment, the group featured workshops on personal growth, learning college and job skills, and sharing stories of overcoming challenges to succeed.



ELEMENTARY EXCELLENCE

Even at the youngest ages, KIPPsters are exploring academic pursuits that will lay a foundation for new opportunities in their future, including:

- STEAM Adventures after school program launching at Kirkpatrick Elementary
- Spelling Bee at KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary
- Talent show at KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary
- Black History Quiz Bowl at KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary

COMMUNITY THAT ENGAGES THE HEART

A KIPP education is not complete without community involvement - both student engagement in their surrounding communities as well as community investment in our students. It is KIPP's honor to host community events including health fairs, family-fun events, and educational opportunities and participate in the cultural fabric of the city. We are also grateful for the support of local organizations providing internships, partnerships to expose students to opportunities, and investment.





TEAMSHIP

Preparing students for the modern workforce is the mission of Teamship - a College Board sponsored internship and externship program that engages both teachers and students. To prep for offering the program, KIPP sent teacher Bridget Jones to a weeks-long training that set off our first year of engaging business and KIPP seniors in the shared experience. This year, KIPP students worked with local candle company MYRRH to help owner Jessica Johnson solve growth challenges. Their presentation offered new revenue avenue ideas and ways to streamline operations - each of which is currently producing results.



WINTER FAIR

In December, the Student Recruitment and Enrollment (SRE) team proudly hosted the 2nd Annual Winter Drive at our KIPP Global Campus, welcoming families from across the community. Nearly 600 families received free toys, books, coats, and essential resources, creating a meaningful and lasting impact during the holiday season.



URBAN LEAGUE OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

KIPP students continued the 50+ year mission of the Urban League of Middle Tennessee - a national extension of the national organization headquartered in Nashville. Each semester, more than 30 KIPPsters engaged in educational enrichment programming, community service, and career enrichment opportunities.

POWER YOUTH

One KIPP Nashville rising senior - Nyari Greenlee - made the most of her Power Youth internship. Power Youth, a partnership with the Nashville Metro Action Commission, places students in career-focused internships. An aspiring cosmetologist, Nyari spent time with the Stratford High School Culinary, Mass Media, and Fashion Program honing her skills in real-world settings. Nyari shared that she has really enjoyed her culinary experience this summer during her Power Youth internship. She and her family are excited to return to KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School for her senior year!



When I first started at KIPP, I wasn't as concerned about college and beyond. But as I got into my junior year, and my teachers started to encourage us to get serious, I really began to think. I'd always thought I would be a doctor. But they helped me ask the question: what really fits me? And where can I go that will fit that interest? I actually love literature and debate, but I also love STEM.

So I am now enrolled at Yale University, where I found a Muslim community that is important to me, and where I can pursue a degree in biology while also on a pre-law track - all so I can be a lawyer in STEM fields. KIPP never discouraged me from an idea I had in this discovery process, and always asked questions that helped my future become clearer.

Aisha

Aisha Salad, KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School, Class of 2026

Gratitude



SUPPORT FOR A FUTURE *Without Limits*

We believe in every child and their ability to create the future they want for themselves. When you give to KIPP Nashville, you support:

- The journey of each of our 4,000+ students in East, North, and South Nashville
- The safe, engaging school environment on campuses built for learning and community.
- The expansion of Arts, Athletics, and Academics that offer training combined with life lessons to prepare students for life beyond KIPP.
- Investment in teachers who are already achieving historic growth levels and are ready to learn more alongside their students.

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