



LIVING UP TO OUR **2020** VISION

2019 – 2020
ANNUAL REPORT

SAMUELI
ACADEMY



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Our Mission

*To ignite the passion within
all students to reach their
greatest potential through
a nurturing and innovative
learning environment.*

A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear friends,

As we reflect on 2019-2020, we are very grateful for the innovative, relationship-driven and resilient community at Samueli Academy. In the next few pages, you will see the evidence of this in our accomplishments, response to COVID-19, and campus growth. Thank you for being a vital part of helping us flourish.

A community's mettle is tried in times of crisis and we are very proud of how our students and staff fully stepped up for each other. When COVID-19 hit, staff quickly pivoted and leveraged our technology to create an engaging online educational experience. Beyond the classroom, faculty and staff showed how much they care about the students. They delivered wi-fi hotspots, dropped off care packages, and distributed drive-thru meals on campus daily.

Sensing this great support and commitment from staff, our students persevered through the daily challenges of online learning, including navigating home environments that made this transition particularly difficult for many of them.

On campus, we reached three huge milestones. Our supporters rallied together to complete the \$35.5M capital campaign. Construction on the Innovation Center, 7th and 8th Grade Academic Hall and Residence for Foster Youth students was finished. And we met our annual fundraising goal of \$750,000, which enabled us to provide supplemental support to our youth during this time of need.

This community of faculty, staff, and supporters continues to transform our campus and the lives of our students daily. For this, we cannot thank you enough!

Fondly,



Sandi Jackson

Sandi Jackson
Chair
Board of Trustees



Anthony Saba

Anthony Saba
Executive
Director



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



U.S. News & World Report

ranks Samueli Academy among the **top 5%** of high schools in the United States and **top 6%** in California. In Orange County, Samueli Academy ranks #15 out of 112 public schools.

100% of our students graduated, including **100%** of foster youth.

62% earned a 3.0 GPA or higher.

7 Advanced Placement and **11** college credit courses offered.

42% of our graduates are pursuing STEM degrees.



Clarissa Acosta (above) graduated from Samueli Academy and received her AA degree from Santa Ana College this year. "I wouldn't have reached this goal without Samueli Academy. The counselors and teachers always tell us to think about college and entering the workforce. I'm going to get my Bachelor's degree in two years, get a masters and become a Speech-Language Pathologist so that I can help children with autism."

Samueli Academy's Alumni Success Program

offers multiple avenues of assistance to empower our alumni to achieve post-high school success. We have partnered with the UC Irvine School of Education to conduct a multi-year longitudinal study assessing the effectiveness of the program.

The survey found that our alumni persisted in college from one year to the next at the following rates:

85% — Class of 2019

88% — Class of 2018

76% — Class of 2017



CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



In 2005, Susan Samueli and Sandi Jackson envisioned an on-campus residence and an innovative, caring school that would improve the poor high school graduation rates of foster youth. So, it is with great pride that Orangewood Foundation announces the completion of construction of the Sandi & Doug Jackson Innovation Center, the 7th & 8th Grade Academic Hall and Podlich Family Residence Hall on the Samueli Academy campus.

JACKSON INNOVATION CENTER

While the new buildings may not be open to students in fall 2020 due to COVID-19, they are ready for learning to take place. Under one roof, in the 50,000 sq. ft. Innovation Center, students have access to:

- ▣ An Engineering Fabrication and CAD Lab
- ▣ Design Studios
- ▣ A College, Career & Alumni Center
- ▣ A Student Union and cafeteria
- ▣ A black box Theater
- ▣ Student store and more

These additions to campus enable faculty to expose students to expanded curriculum and help students build skills that are highly sought after in the job market, regardless of what they choose to pursue.



7th & 8th GRADE ACADEMIC HALL

The addition of 7th and 8th grades is a giant leap forward for Samueli Academy! Having students for two additional years helps to better prepare them to succeed after high school. This two-story building has:

- ▣ Five 7th grade classrooms
- ▣ Five 8th grade classrooms
- ▣ A 23:1 student to teacher ratio
- ▣ Space to accommodate 250 students

FAB LAB — LEFT

"This space enables us to expand our career technical education curriculum which includes advanced manufacturing, 3D printing, and robotics as well as expand electrical, mechanical, civil, bioengineering and aerospace engineering programs."

— **Nino Polizzi**, Engineering Facilitator

DESIGN STUDIO — RIGHT

"Students are so excited to have access to a Makers Lab, a dedicated area for video production and commercial photography, and more industry-standard design, art and animation equipment; preparing them for the growing number of job opportunities in the many fields of design."

— **Patricia Vining**, Design Facilitator



PODLICH FAMILY RESIDENCE HALL — RIGHT

Set to open in early 2021, the residence will house up to 16 foster youth in the first year, eventually expanding to 48 students in its fourth year of operation. A special thanks to HomeAid, Lennar and their subcontractors for partnering with Orangewood Foundation to build the residence at a substantially reduced cost.

The residence is operated by Orangewood Foundation. Working in tandem with Samueli Academy, the goal is to provide a stable living and academic environment. The three-story, 20,000 square-foot space has:

- ▣ 2 suites per floor, 8 students per suite
- ▣ Each suite – 4 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and study area



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Thinking back to 2011, when there was a defunct hospital and medical buildings on site, it's surreal to see campus now. We are grateful that we have been able to follow through on our promise to the youth and community to create something special here. Thank you to all our supporters for breathing life into the vision and making this school a reality."

— **Executive Director Anthony Saba**



A YEAR IN PICTURES

ABOVE: *In-N-Out* donated over 800 meals to the families of our students and alumni at a drive-thru visit during COVID-19. Campus was buzzing!



LEFT: *Samueli students* celebrate their second-place win at the Liberty Christian Basketball Tournament. They also finished second overall in their league.



Second year engineering students extend their learning about aeronautics beyond the classroom at the Lyon Air Museum.



The new Pre-Medicine and Health Studies Society debuted and recruited members at the annual club fair. This club introduces students to mentors and relevant skills in various medical fields.



2020 saw the launch of the inaugural Firewolf Festival where every student was invited to exhibit their best work for parents, students, teachers and supporters to enjoy. **Freshman Jack Rodriguez** developed a line of apparel for the Festival using his graphic lineart talent.



Bracken's Kitchen and Chef Bruno provided food for Samueli Academy families every weekday from March through August. Head of School Lee Fleming and Athletic Director Ken Cummings distributed baked lasagna, breakfast burritos, pasta and fresh vegetables to over 200 families.

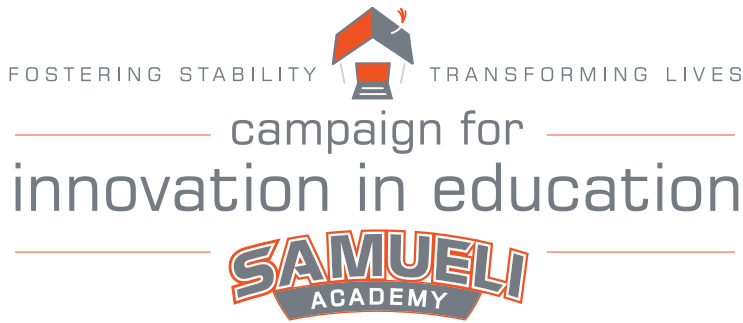


LEFT: Roberto Garcia (in white) scores a goal in the Firewolves' 2 – 0 victory over Oxford Academy.

BELOW: Eddie Lancaster and Michael Parker pioneered a mentor/leadership program for their Senior Legacy Project, which invites graduating seniors to develop something to leave behind, as a thank you for the four years of support they received.



OUR SUPPORTERS



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The following donors supported the \$35,500,000 Campaign for Innovation in Education. Gifts* range from \$15,000,000 - \$5,000 and are listed by level and date.

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Thank you to all the generous individuals, corporations, and foundations who support our students. Together, you have physically transformed our campus, allowed us to offer vital services above and beyond that of a typical school, and given our graduates a chance to succeed beyond high school. Our three new buildings are a shining beacon of hope for students seeking inspiration, innovation and safety. Additional support staff for foster youth and alumni, laptops for each student, small class sizes, college and work-based learning activities, sports, and more could not happen without your support. On behalf of our students, thank you very much.

* As of June 30, 2020



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The following donors supported our Annual Fund at a level of \$1,000 or more* and are listed in alphabetical order.

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OUR FUTURE FITNESS: GYMNASIUM & SOCCER FIELD

Athletics at Samueli Academy is fundamentally different than it is at most high schools. Although our students compete for championships, winning is not defined by the score at the end of the game. Winning is defined by the character built, perseverance exhibited, relationships forged, and courage displayed, followed by skill development and competitive play.

Why? Because what our students need most is a place to belong, play and improve, opportunities to persevere through physical and emotional demands, nurturing relationships who are a witness to budding courage and motivation to succeed. These do more to help our students' sense of self-esteem than a winning score as the game clock winds down.

It is in this spirit that the leadership of Orangewood Foundation will build the last component of the Samueli Academy campus and complete the fourth and final phase of its capital campaign. The gym and soccer field will cost \$11,500,000 of which \$9,000,000 has been raised. The goal of the Home Court Campaign is \$2,500,000. Capstone gifts are now being sought and the opportunity to name the gym is available.

GYM

- ▣ 22,000 sq. ft.
- ▣ Seating for 1300
- ▣ Basketball court
- ▣ Locker rooms
- ▣ Weight room
- ▣ Athletic Training Room
- ▣ Classrooms
- ▣ Ticket Office & Concessions
- ▣ Coach's office

SOCCER FIELD

- ▣ Natural turf
- ▣ CIF regulation size field







2019-2020 FINANCIALS

Overall, our fiscal year 2019/2020 was stronger than anticipated due to excellent attendance and donations to support special programs. The surplus has been invested in technology and infrastructure which helped significantly during COVID-19. We are committed to a strong culture of accountability and transparency and post our finance meetings, audited financial statements and tax returns annually on our website.

REVENUES

Local Control Funding	\$ 5,646,876
Federal Revenue	387,716
State Revenue	990,669
Contributions	1,075,279
Other	87,273
Total Revenue	\$ 8,187,813

EXPENSES

Certificated Salaries	\$ 2,928,928
Classified Salaries	663,800
Benefits	1,016,748
Books & Supplies	663,956
Occupancy	1,244,363
Services & Other	618,080
Depreciation	115,532
Subtotal Program	\$ 7,251,407
Management & General	496,490
Fundraising	61,600
Total Expense	\$ 7,809,497
Change in Net Assets	\$ 378,316



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