

DOMINION ACADEMY OF DAYTON'S
SPRING QUARTERLY

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CELTIC CROSS T-SHIRT SALE



Support the mission of Dominion Academy by ordering a Celtic Cross T-Shirt! DA Senior Caitlin Perry's Celtic Cross design is available on heather grey and grass green American Apparel t-shirts (US Made and Sweatshop Free) for \$20

per shirt.
Order by May 4th
at : <http://goo.gl/forms/SLKAX1lbn>.

We have an online payment option and shipping available for our alumni and distant DA friends (Current families may order and pay at DA or

order online and pay via FACTS).

Last November, Dominion Academy announced the Tunica Rasa (Blank Shirt) Design Contest. DA students were invited to submit designs to be voted upon by the school community. The winner would receive a cash

prize, a free-tshirt, and, of course, their design would be made into a t-shirt! Senior Caitlin Perry won the Tunica Rasa Design Contest with her design "Celtic Cross." Caitlin will be graduating this spring from Dominion and plans to continue her studies in art, with an emphasis in illustration.

NEW WEBSITE AND LOGO COMING SOON!

Dominion Academy is in the process of getting a new website and logo!

Our current website, designed by alumnus and board member John Weis, is five years old. We're updating it so that it can be responsive to mobile devices and align to current web

standards. We are so grateful for the generosity of John Weis as he gives of his time and expertise to support DA by developing the new site.

In addition, keep a lookout for a new DA logo! Our current logo has served us well, but we are

looking for a more unique and symbolic image. We have partnered with artist and designer Kristin Calhoun to design a logo that evokes the distinctive of our classical Christian school in a visually compelling way. Kristin is a personal friend of English



teacher Jennifer Downey (They met each other in England while studying at Oxford).

Please keep tuned for new developments as we thoughtfully seek to effectively convey the vision and mission of Dominion Academy.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS



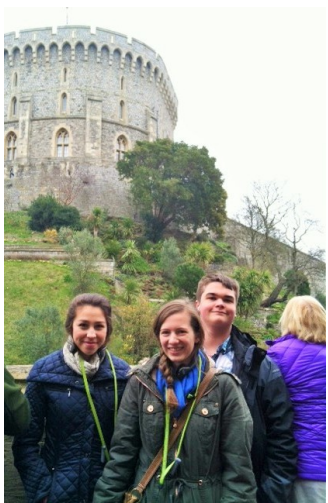
Congratulations to DA National Merit Scholars Karen Fuchs and Paul Fuchs! Only 15,000 students become National Merit Finalists, out of the 1.5 million who take the PSAT to qualify.

About our finalists: Paul enjoys playing chess and basketball and is very in-

involved in Robotics. With his team, he has participated in competitions in Peoria, IL; Pittsburgh, PA; and Cincinnati OH. The team is dedicated to STEM outreach, volunteering to teach youth about robotics and programming. Karen enjoys producing and directing home movies. Her productions include several Star

Trek spoofs, several Superman spoofs, a remake of *The Princess Bride*, and a multi-year remake of *The Lord of the Rings* (including an elaborate set and costumes). She is a member of the St. Peter's parish choir and plays trumpet for the Carillon Park Concert Band.

EF TOUR



On March 14th, several Dominion Academy students, parents, and staff traveled over the Atlantic to tour Scotland and England with EF (Education First) Tours. They were able to see such sites as Edinburgh Castle, Clifford's Tower (the keep of York's Medieval Castle), Shakespeare's birthplace, Oxford, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament,

Westminster Abbey, Bath, and Stonehenge. Fr. Wayne and Sandy McNamara agreed: "Experiencing history is a lot better than only reading about it. When students have an opportunity to go on an EF tour, they get the opportunity to walk in the shoes of medieval figures like William the Conqueror, William Wallace,

and Robert the Bruce. Visits to Edinburgh, Hadrian's Wall, Oxford, and Windsor Castle and Warwick Castle inserted the travelers into history, for a moment living the lives of those long dead. It gave our travelers a sense of their heritage and lineage—that they are part of a very long story of God's providence."

NHS COFFEE HOUSE



The DA National Honor Society's annual Coffee House Fundraiser took place on February 27th. The students did a remarkable job transforming the school cafeteria into a Parisian Café as well as making delicious treats and handcrafted espresso drinks. This year's Coffee House was supported by

the Bellhop Café in Bellbrook. The Bellhop Café generously donated the drip coffee, the use of their espresso machine, as well as barista training for the students. We are so thankful for their support. NHS President Eliza Grothjan said of this year, "The success of the coffee house was due to the planning,

dedication, and extreme creativity of the NHS members. I could tell everyone felt invested in the process and actively partook in contributing ideas that created the fresh and fun atmosphere, and that is what I love to see. I was so proud of their willingness to go the extra mile and give their best."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CARA (BURKE) VALLE, '06

Cara (Burke) Valle graduated as the valedictorian of the Dominion Academy class of 2006.

What have you been doing since you graduated from DA? I attended Hillsdale College, majored in English, did a brief summer study abroad at Oxford University, and graduated magna cum laude. I got married right after graduation and worked in medical records while my husband finished his senior year (he majored in English and Latin and graduated summa cum laude). Then, in the summer of 2011, we headed to Phoenix, Arizona to teach in a classical charter school. After two years of enjoying the world's most amazing students and colleagues, our first son was born. I became a full-time mother, and my husband continued to teach for one more year before attending the University of Chicago Law School.

Where are you currently? Now, while my husband studies law, I look after our son

and prepare for the arrival of our second child, write pro bono for Illinois Right to Life, and teach a (forthcoming) poetry class online. I also love to work out and -- no surprise here -- read novels and poetry.

What did you appreciate most about DA? More than anything, I appreciate the love of beauty that I encountered there. Studying poetry and art history at Dominion truly helped determine the direction of my whole life. Teaching is about getting students to recognize beauty; homemaking is about giving beauty to the mundane -- it really informs every aspect of existence.

What is your favorite memory from your time at DA? I have so many favorite memories -- playing classical music with friends in the sanctuary; piling together our pennies to share some Chicken Louie's and ice cream -- but one of the best happened during the AP Art History exam. We had all



studied so hard, quizzed each other endlessly, had long arguments about hundreds of pieces of art. When we all sat down and opened our tests, the questions were so comparatively easy -- it's not an easy test at all, but we had studied everything in so much depth that the test questions just felt obvious. We weren't allowed to talk to each other, but you could just feel this weight lifted from the room and see a tiny smile of hard-earned pride on everyone's face, including Mrs. McNamara's. I think that memory really speaks to the communal aspect of learning, that we could all feel how happy the others were

without even saying anything.

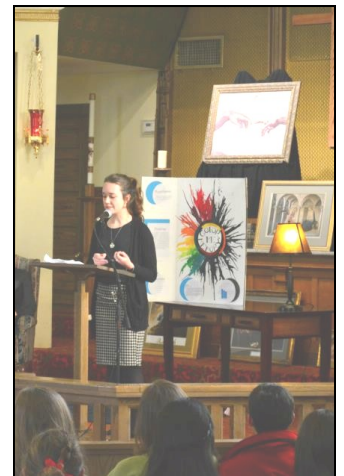
What advice would you give to current DA Student? Besides advising current students to study hard and be grateful for teachers who actually care about them, I would urge them to take seriously what they learn about Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. These ideals may not always seem obviously "relevant" to daily life, but they are what separate a full and hopeful life from a life of aimlessness and depression.

NIGHT OF CLASS ON MAY 1ST

Save the date for Dominion Academy's 3rd annual Night of Class on May 1st. For reasons of space, this year's Night of Class will be located at Grace Covenant Church on North Fairfield Road in Beavercreek. The evening will begin at 6:30 with a silent auction.

Please support the school by bidding on items from families, local businesses and institutions. Then, at 7:20, students will showcase their efforts from the past year during the "Academic Performance." Following the performance, guests can see displays from our students

and can also vote on desserts for prizes in different categories. If you are interested in donating to the silent auction or the dessert auction, please contact Amanda McGill at amanda.mcgill@dominionacademy.org for more information.



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"AND HE SHALL HAVE DOMINION FROM
SEA TO SEA, AND FROM THE RIVER TO
THE ENDS OF THE EARTH." PSALM 72:8

Dominion Academy of Dayton is a college preparatory school providing a classical education based on the Bible, reason, and tradition. It was founded in 1997 by Fr. Wayne and Sandy McNamara as a ministry of Christ the King Anglican Church.

They chose to name the school "Dominion Academy" out of the conviction that God has given Christians— as the new creation of God in Christ— the very humbling role of "kings and priests" of all of Creation. Christians are to exercise a loving, faithful, and wise stewardship over all things for the glory of our Lord. In order to exercise this sobering trust with fidelity, Christians must learn about the true shape of the world— a world existing in Christ, according to the order of the Trinitarian community. Christians must learn well in order to love well. Dominion Academy exists in order to educate young Christians about the shape of the world in Christ and to encourage these students to properly love creation, understanding that all ultimate meaning is found in Christ alone.



Dominion Academy of Dayton is now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year! Please call us at (937)224-8555 if you or a friend is interested in learning more about our unique learning