

INDEPENDENCE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We all know and understand the importance of education and the role it plays in the future of our community, as well as what a driver it is of economic development. In Fort Pierce, there is a need to be met in the public K-12 education arena that will provide families with a quality education in an environment that will match their values. One that will produce students who are statesmen in government, leaders in their community, and entrepreneurs in business. One that is tuition-free.

Independence Classical Academy exists to address this need in our community. We will go back to a classical education, where the focus is on literacy, fundamental skills, and facts in early years, logical and analytical examination of those facts in middle years, and the ability to articulate formal speaking and writing as well as persuasively argue for and against those facts in upper years. This Trivium, or manner of teaching, is developmentally appropriate and is a way to systematically teach rigorous coursework in the most relaxed manner, where students are ready and able to learn most effectively. This is a great departure from the current methods of teaching that is often fragmented and disorganized, often taught simply to pass a test, as opposed to future retention and recollection. Students who are engaged in a classical education are exposed to much more rigorous work yet find it easier and more enjoyable than traditional classroom students.

Independence Classical Academy opened to 350 students in 2020 with grades K-8, and will service 796 students as we grow to a comprehensive K-12 campus. We will offer a unique, unified campus that will offer mentoring and tutoring on site, life skills such as personal defense, financial literacy, outdoor education, and athletics such as basketball, soccer, and volleyball. We will offer a program that uses History as its organizing principle and has a focus on American exceptionalism. A program that will engage students, regardless of ability or disability, and properly teach them to read, speak, spell, and write (in cursive) fluently, as well as become proficient *above* state standards in Language Arts, Math and Science!

We are currently in need of funding by donors/sponsors. These needs include, but are not limited to, art/music/PE equipment and supplies, shade structures, playground equipment, classroom and library literature books, technology, and other expenditures not covered by state funding. Charter schools operate on only a percentage of what traditional public schools receive, so we are counting on donors to come forward as we seek to raise \$350,000 to cover our plans as we move through our first operational years. I know it sounds like a lot of money, but as you watch us grow, you will be surprised at how much we were able to achieve on this amount of funding. That is because we have a conservative fiscal approach and are placing our fundraising efforts where needed most- active student learning!

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We would like to request your assistance in providing this opportunity to the students of Fort Pierce. Your donation would be greatly appreciated and will go a long way in being able to open the doors to our new facility with proper office equipment, technology for teachers, and books in our classrooms. Please return the form below with your donation, or we will gladly pick it up. While a donation in any amount would be greatly appreciated and will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals, if you would like to *sponsor* ICA, the following sponsorship levels with naming rights are available:

- Classroom \$5,000.00
- Flagpole / Statue \$7,500.00
- Music Room/Equipment \$10,000.00
- Art Room/Supplies \$10,000.00
- Computer Lab \$20,000.00
- *Athletic Pavilion* \$35,000.00
- *Cafetorium* \$35,000.00 (gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium)
- *Administrative Building* \$40,000.00
- *Playground (Elementary)* \$50,000.00
- *Parent Pick-up Lane* \$50,000.00 (i.e. "First-Last Name Lane")
- *ICA Fishing Team* \$50,000.00
- *Western Fort Pierce Campus* \$150,000.00

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Sandy Krischke at 772-837-9300 or via e-mail at operations@icacharter.org anytime.

All donations are 100% tax-deductible, as we are a locally run, not-for-profit charter school with 501c3 status. You will receive a formal thank you letter for tax purposes.

Regards,
 "For the students of our community"

 _____ YES, Accept my Contribution in the amount of \$_____ for ICA, in the name/honor of:

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____