



Donor News & Notes Winter 2026

A Note from Dr. Collette House, Superintendent

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration was amazing. Hundreds of alumni students and staff reconnected and praised the Lord for his faithfulness through ACS! At the event we launched our 50 for 50 Campaign - \$50K for 50 Years - to seed our new annual fund - *The Eagles Fund*. Thank you to so many of you who helped us reach our goal! Donations to The Eagles Fund will enhance the Eagle experience for students of all ages for years to come!

This fall we added a gaga-ball pit, a sport court, and a shed of activity equipment to our outdoor play space, *The Aerie*. We also fenced in an outdoor refreshment space, *The Vantage*, for older students and will develop that further as funds allow. This spring we are launching our new EagleBots program using Vex Robotics curriculum. A middle school elective class is already digging in and will facilitate exploratory lab experiences for all of our elementary students at both campuses, and our high school STEM class will be engaging our middle school students in a hands-on demonstration event. Next school year, all K-8 classes will participate in regularly scheduled EagleBots instruction and high school students may choose to engage in team robotics competitions!

This year has been one of our best yet. The excitement for new programs is palpable, and school spirit is rising in part due to new campus branding. If you haven't been to ACS lately, we'd love to give you a tour. Thank you so much for partnering with us to impact children's lives through Relationship, Education, and Service!

Collette House
ACS Superintendent



Scan here to watch our
video from our 50th
Celebration!

Soaring Higher Together - 50 for 50

Thank you for an incredible fall semester at Aurora Christian Schools. Because of your generosity and partnership, together we raised nearly \$100,000 to seed our annual fund - *The Eagles Fund*. This year also saw over 75 first time donors to Aurora Christian Schools.

These gifts are already making an impact. This year, *The Eagles Fund* support has helped us expand our STEAM curriculum and enhance our school building facilities, strengthening the learning environment where our students grow academically and spiritually each day.

We are deeply grateful for your faith in ACS and your continued commitment to our students, our mission, and our community. Your support truly makes a difference, and we look forward to all that God has in store for the months ahead.



Your generosity
helps us fly
higher!



Enjoy a note from ACS Senior, Emily Scudieri

"I have been attending ACS since preschool. I live in Aurora. I have a younger brother who has also been at ACS since preschool, and my older brother graduated from ACS in 2024. My plans after high school are to attend Taylor University and study elementary education. I have been involved in the Volleyball and Track programs since middle school. I have been a part of the National Honor Society for 2 years. I have been playing the flute in the ACS band since 4th grade. My favorite thing about ACS is being able to learn about Jesus in all of my classes from my teachers and to be able to talk about Jesus with my friends. ACS has helped me to grow in my knowledge of the Bible and faith in the Lord. My favorite memories at ACS have been attending Mission Impossible. It has been a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus alongside my friends and teachers."

Your
generosity
fuels the
eagle
experience
that Emily
and so many
others have
each and
every day -
thank you!





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Alumni Profile - Joseph Fews

For Joseph Fews, Class of 2004, Aurora Christian has always been more than a school—it's been a lifelong community. An Aurora native and nearly lifelong Eagle, Joseph attended ACS from preschool through high school, beginning at the Illinois campus he fondly describes as *"a storybook school with the bell on top."* ACS shaped not only his education, but his understanding of the world beyond graduation. *"ACS prepared me spot on for the real world,"* Joseph shares. *"The life lessons—about truth, responsibility, even politics—were invaluable."*

While studying at Columbia College Chicago, Joseph felt called back to ACS during the uncertainty of 2020 as he pursued his teaching degree. Choosing to student teach at Aurora Christian, he explains simply, *"Christian kids need Jesus too."* He completed his student teaching in high school biology, then stepped in where needed during that season, teaching third grade—an experience that affirmed his belief that *"good teaching is good teaching."* Today, Joseph teaches high school science at ACS.

His commitment to Aurora Christian is rooted in the opportunity to make a lasting impact. *"I get to stand up for truth and what's right,"* he says. *"I can help students understand how the world works and give them a roadmap for the future."* Seeing students grow, feel supported, and understand expectations is one of the most rewarding parts of his role.

Joseph's connection to ACS is also personal. He and his wife, Julie, are raising the next generation of Eagles, with two daughters currently in preschool and first grade. As a parent, he values the partnership between teachers and families. *"My girls are seen and cared for,"* he shares. *"They're growing, doing well, and when challenges come up, we problem-solve together."*

As both an alumnus and educator, Joseph sees Aurora Christian as a place where students are safe, academically challenged, and grounded in faith. *"It's an environment where kids can truly thrive,"* he says. We're grateful to have alumni like Joseph.



Let's Light the Way

Please join us on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, for a night out in the City of Lights at our first *Annual ACS Benefit Dinner*. We will celebrate our 50 year legacy and look toward our bright future!

Our Benefit Dinner will feature:

- A silent auction
- Fun rec games
- Dinner with friends & supporters
- A festive dry bar

We invite you to be part of this milestone moment and help light the way for the next generation!

Scan the QR code for more details and ticket information. We can't wait to see you there!

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"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31