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Educating for Life, Impacting for Eternity



Grace Academy students recently placed a wreath at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

The Principal Observes

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Parents in our school are often thinking about college for their children since the trend over the last 40 years has been for a greater number of students to attend college after high school. This pattern has created a more educated workforce but one that is also deeply in debt. Add to this problem of debt the fact that many people do not work in a field that makes use of their advanced degree or are in jobs that require no degree at all and it raises the question, who should go to college?

Because going to college is almost expected, parents are wondering how they will pay for college. However, before solving this, they must answer the question of who should attend college. Reasons for going to college go beyond how to pay for it. In reality, how to pay is the last question to be answered regarding college, not the first. Making the decision to get a college degree hinges on three questions captured by three words: measure, motivation, and means.

Measure refers to one's academic performance. Has the student been successful in high school? If a person has struggled to get C's in high school, they will likely not succeed in college. Of course, there are outliers who defy the odds, but for most the question of how they measure up academically is a crucial first question. Of the three words, measure is the most objective and easiest to answer. Almost every student who graduates from Grace Academy will succeed in college.

The second is like the first in that it is determined by the student. In fact, motivation and measure are directly linked. Some students have only average academic ability yet their internal drive enables them to excel beyond their ability. They have quality grades because they work so hard. This type of student will succeed in college because they will themselves to achieve. Their motivation is very high. Likewise, there are others who have sufficient natural ability so their high school grades are fine but they do not have the desire for more education. They will likely not make it through college even though they have the innate ability to succeed. The question of motivation is the most difficult of the three because it is impossible to know one's own heart, to say nothing about someone else's. A student may say they want to attend college for dubious reasons that even they themselves are unaware of. They may say they want to go because they think their parents would be disappointed if they stayed home, or because their friend is going, or because it sounds adventurous, yet none of these are good reasons for going to college. These are just a few possibilities among many weak reasons for pursuing an advanced degree. Parents need to be talking with their children from an early age about learning the joy of hard work and displaying grit when things get tough.

Once a family and student decides that the grades measure up and there is sufficient motivation, they must decide if they have the means to attend college. I will address this in a future "Principal Observes".

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

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For the entire calendar, including events for 2019-20, see the Grace Academy Events [calendar](#) and Grace Academy Athletics [calendar](#).

IMPACT Student of the Month

Every month our elementary teachers honor one student from each class and our secondary teachers choose one boy and one girl in junior high and in high school as IMPACT Students of the Month. These students are chosen after demonstrating one or more of the distinctives including Integrity, Ministry, Purity, Accountability, Conformity to God's Word, and Teachability.

Elementary IMPACT Student of the Month

KA Avery Wade
 1A Viviana Ham
 1B Zoie Guzman
 2nd Eleena Basta
 3A Emily Impola
 3B Penny Ham
 4th Ilyria Torres Lucero
 5th Phoebe Wentling
 6th Luke Roehl

Secondary IMPACT Student of the Month

JH Kyle Struiksma
 JH Katarina Kraft
 HS Isaac Impola
 HS Tien Nguyen

Emergency Information

How does the school notify families in the event of a school closure or an emergency? We use the FlashAlert Messenger to give families and the public essential information. You must download this app for your iPhone or Android phone and then select Grace Academy from the school options. You may select as many schools as you want since most Washington schools now use FlashAlert.

For those who prefer email notification click [here](#) and sign up to get emails when a notification is sent, which is the same means that we inform the local media. This is also the place where you can manage all your smartphones that use the Messenger app.

All notifications are also sent out through Twitter so if you subscribe to GraceAcademy you will receive them. We always post the information on the Grace Academy event calendar and we record a voice message on our phones. Lastly, the Seattle television and radio stations announce school closure information.

Please call the office if you have further questions.

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Yearbook Advertising

Here is a great chance to encourage your Grace Academy student. The yearbook class is selling ad space to parents that will include whatever photograph you would like and a brief message to your child. If you prefer, Mrs. Dabrowski (yearbook advisor and photographer) will take a picture of your student and you would be able to keep that file. All ads are in full color. Pick up an ad form in the office and return it to Mrs. Dabrowski's box with your payment.

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