

Urban Christian Academy

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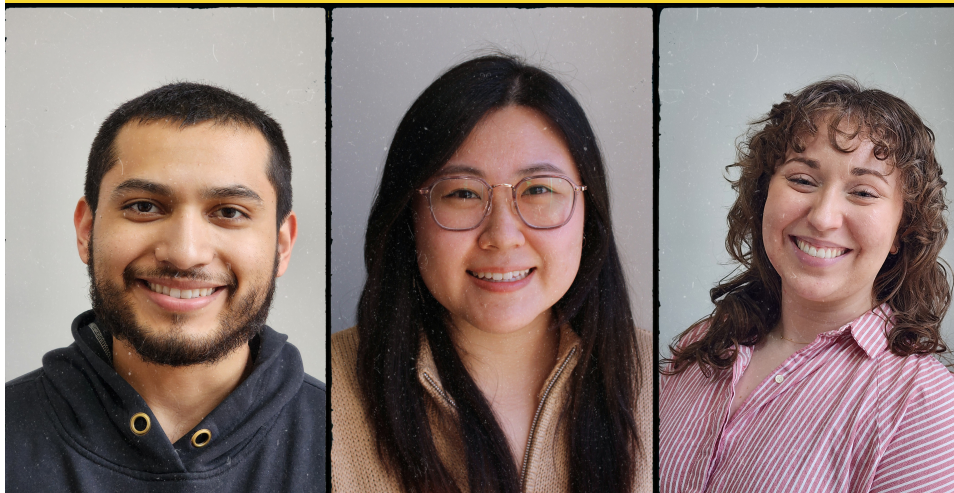
10—Years of Ministry

Our 10—years of ministry campaign was a huge success, thanks to your generous support. We raised \$33,000, which surpassed our goal of \$22,000. Every contribution enhanced our ministry opportunities and will allow us to better invest into each of our students. We are incredibly thankful for your partnership and your dedication to our ministry.

Meet our new staff

We are delighted to welcome three new members to our team. Yenna Kim has joined our staff as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director, and Leo Juarez has joined as a Tutor for the Kindergarten—5th Grade classrooms.

We are also excited to welcome Nicole Tabor as a full-time 6th—8th grade teacher. These talented individuals bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to their roles and we are grateful for the Lord's hand in providing exceptional staff.



What's Happening at UCA?

- Our staff and some parents continue to meet together every two weeks for Bible study to reflect on the book of Genesis. Mrs. Gin has been leading in discussions on God's goodness, which can be seen through his gift of creation and even through the consequences of sin.
- Our students have been engaging in various celebrations at UCA. In February, our teachers and tutors had the opportunity to support our students by attending a Chinese New Year performance at Robert Healy Elementary School. Students enjoyed commemorating the Chinese New Year by receiving a special snack and small gift from UCA. On Valentine's Day, students were able to learn about God's love for them, which is the greatest love imaginable. At the end of March, students had the opportunity to learn about the death and resurrection of Christ through week-long devotionals. Additionally, our students celebrated Easter by receiving a special snack, participated in an Easter egg hunt, and reflected on Christ's love for them through cross-themed crafts.

- As we continue to fulfill our mission to provide holistic services to our students, UCA has had the opportunity to provide carefully crafted individualized support for students who are struggling academically or emotionally. For these identified students, we have been able to give a one-on-one or small group approach to ensure they are receiving the support they need to succeed. We have seen many of these students grow in terms of their academic and emotional capacity, and it is our joy to serve them in intentional ways.

- As a result of our impact in the local community, we have been able to form a great partnership with Mr. Sisto, a Math Teacher at Healy Elementary School. He recognizes the value we offer students and has referred multiple families to UCA, including our first Venezuelan student.

Students from
Mr. Sisto's class!



Be Encouraged

“God showed us how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love – not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.”

1 John 4:9-11

UCA's Partnership with Moody Bible Institute

For the past 10 years, we have had the opportunity to partner with Moody Bible Institute through their Practical Christian Ministry (PCM) office. Through this collaboration, Moody students gain hands-on ministry experience by engaging with our students through helping with homework, leading devotionals, and building relationships. We are grateful for this partnership and its work in supporting our mission to provide the local community with a holistic approach to services and prepare future generations for literacy, integrity, faith, and education.

Meet Molly: A Moody PCM Student

“Being at UCA has helped me to observe and practice the care and patience it takes to serve young children in practical ways like helping with homework. I admire the intentionality of how the classrooms at UCA are operated where there is room for fun, creativity, and work! I will never regret the hours spent pouring into these kids and getting to know them – they bring so much joy to my life!”



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