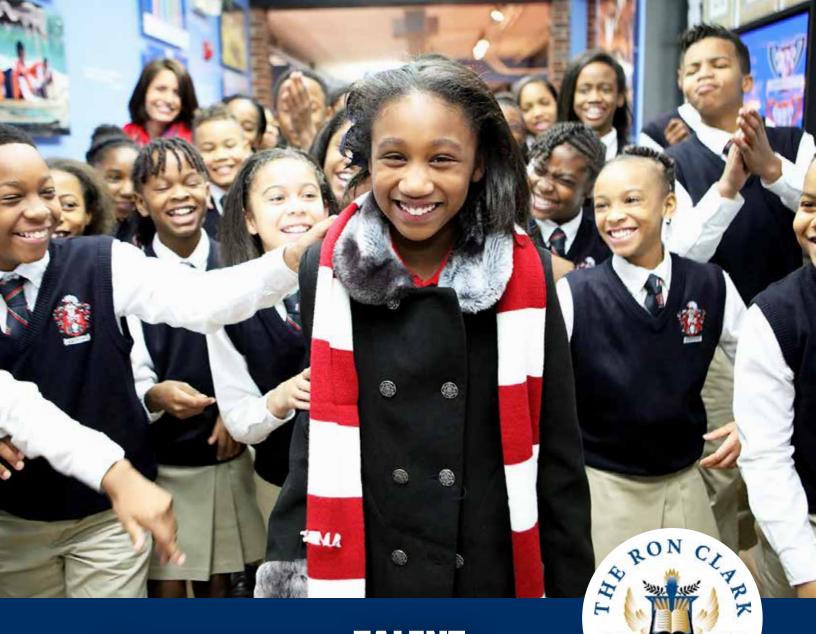
## The Ron Clark Academy

## Atlanta, GA

The Ron Clark Academy Newsletter 2016



"Remember that your greatest TALENT is so much more powerful than your biggest FEAR."

Jasmine Stewart, winner of the 2016 Amazing Shake.

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## **DEAR FRIENDS**,

Can you believe it was ten years ago that we held our first student interviews for the first class of 2010? Back then we met at City Hall because our building was still not ready for occupancy, and now we just completed our meet and greet for the class of 2020 in our state-of-the-art new building.

At the time, we had great confidence in the education we would provide to our students, but we did not anticipate that they would become the trailblazers at some of the top schools across this country.

We knew that we would share our methods to engage our students, promote academic rigor, and create a climate for success, but we had no idea that 36,000 educators would come through our doors to learn just how we do it.

We planned to hire the best teachers and staff we could find, but we had no way of knowing the depths of extraordinary talent we would be blessed to hire.

We knew that we would strive to create a family atmosphere, but we never could have anticipated the outpouring of love, sacrifice, and commitment that our families would give to help create and support our dream.



Many people often ask Ron and me how we create such magic at our school, and our answer is always the same: **it is the people**.

When a dedicated staff, precious children, committed parents, and supportive community members come together, there is nothing we can't achieve. Our school is living proof.

#### Thank you all for being magic makers!

With great appreciation,

Kim Bearden

Ron Clark Cofounder

Kim Bearden Cofounder

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL. OUR WORLD.



## **OUR MISSION**

To deliver the highest quality educational experience where global citizens are born through advanced rigor, engaging teaching methods, and a passionate climate and culture.

## YEAR IN REVIEW



RCA alumni students attended the White House Science Fair and met President Obama. Pictured in white polo shirts (back row) Garrett Minor, Terrell Prince, Erick Patterson, (second row) Matthew Meadows.

#### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

For the second year in a row, four RCA alumni attended the White House Science Fair as honored guests for their outstanding achievements in mathematics. Peter Warrick, Jr., Brandon Benn, Shawl Pryor and Quivion Wynn were the 2015 winners of the MATHCOUNTS Video Challenge. They met President Obama.

We have accepted 34 new students as incoming 5th graders to the Class of 2020.

#### **GLOBAL LEARNING**

Students traveled to Europe, visiting Paris and London and Barcelona.

Students traveled to San Francisco, California, to demonstrate a "model classroom" for Promethean Class Flow.

Eighth-grade students traveled to Soweto, South Africa, to learn about the history and culture, volunteer in schools and orphanages, and visit the Kliptown Youth Program. Seventh grade students studied the history, culture, and art of Italy during the third quarter and then traveled to Venice, Rome, and Pompeii over spring break.

The Amazing Shake competition gives our students real world experience in developing their business etiquette and "soft skills" – communication, social grace, relationship building and poise. This year, finalists traveled from ATL to NYC. Jasmine Stewart was named the 2016 winner! She is the first 5th grader to win the Amazing Shake.

#### **TEAMS**

The Essentials Step Team was named the 2015 Break the Stage National Champions for their magical Arabian Nights themed performance.

RCA hosted the 5th Annual Model United Nations Conference. Georgia Tech, Emory, Morehouse, and Agnes Scott College students chaired the committees along with our very own Niles Boyd (2016). RCA teacher Wade King was the director of the conference, which had over 200 students participate (most ever) from 16 schools all over the Southeast.



The Essentials Step Team will be competing for their third National Championship title this summer.



Kim Bearden was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. She was honored at the White House by President Obama in May.

#### COMMUNITY

Students worked with Staples and product developers at Aruliden to make 11 new products a reality. The "Designed by Students" products are available in Staples stores.

Deloitte partnered with RCA on a two-part skills-building service project to work with RCA students and local area 4th graders.

Promethean generously donated iPads and ClassFlow to help our students learn with integrated technology.

Comcast sponsored our staff to attend diversity training with renowned presenter Al Vivian from BASIC Diversity.

Kirk Brown, Senior Director of Development, was awarded Atlanta Business Chronicle's "Who's Who 30 Under 30."

Dr. Camille Jones was awarded the prestigious Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teachers. Each year, only two educators from each state receive this recognition. She was presented her award by President Obama at a ceremony at the White House earlier this year.

Kim Bearden was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame (NTHF). Each year, the NTHF recognizes 5 exemplary educators from across the nation for their contributions to education. With over 29 years of classroom experience, Kim continues to teach 5th grade while being the Executive Director at RCA.

#### **EDUCATION REVOLUTION**

We reached a milestone by hosting over 35,000 educators for training at RCA within the past nine years.

Our new state-of-the-art gym and educator training facility allowed us to host 555+ educators for the national educators' conference at RCA.

Georgia Power partnered with RCA to train STEM teachers from across the state of Georgia.

Ron Clark inspired the world when a video of him dancing with RCA students went viral, charting more than 80 million collective views and spawning national media coverage for several weeks.

A special segment with Kim Bearden and Ron Clark aired on HLN TV entitled "Making Black History," highlighting RCA's commitment to teaching and celebrating culture.

The message of the Ron Clark Academy has reached all the way to Europe. The TV show, "Galileo," filmed a documentary about the mission of RCA that aired in Germany.

Ron Clark released his fourth book, *Move Your Bus: An Extraordinary New Approach to Accelerating Success in Work and Life.* 



The "Do It Like Me Challenge" video received over 80 million views and was a trending topic. Students were able to visit 107.9 in Atlanta, HLN TV, and CNN with Don Lemon.



## CLASS OF 2016

Thank you, Mr. Bernadin for giving me so many pep talks. I enjoy your spirit and enthusiasm every day. I'm gonna miss you.
Phenix Halley

Thank you Ms. Mosley for always being a model woman, caring person, and extremely truthful woman. You are always there!
Kaitlyn Britton Wheeler

<sup>66</sup>Mr. King, thank you for sharing your personal experiences to show our class their is no excuse for failure and for showing the guys you can be cool by doing positive things. <sup>99</sup> – Lennox Lamar

<sup>66</sup>My favorite memory at RCA was our boat ride in Spain. Mr. Clark and I went to the tip of the boat to see the Mediterranean Sea. It was so choppy; we almost died. But, it was really fun. <sup>29</sup> – MacKenzy Jordan <sup>66</sup>I want to thank my parents for making sacrifices for me that I could have never imagined doing.<sup>29</sup> – Sebastian Haynes

<sup>66</sup>Ms. Bearden, thank you for helping me daily.<sup>99</sup> – Phakamani Qandashe

<sup>66</sup>I would like to thank Dr. Jones for having the intellect of a 50-year old professor but the interest of a teenager. You have made math so much more fun and you are the teacher that I can relate to. <sup>29</sup> – Justin Polynice

<sup>66</sup>Thank you Mr. Fleming for taking me to so many places for political experiences and for teaching me to be better. <sup>99</sup> – Emmett Eckert

I want to thank Mr. Clark for encouraging me to love my passion for history.
Leymare Figueroa



<sup>66</sup>Thank you Mr. Adams and Mr. Bruner, for pushing me in basketball and in life. You allowed me to speak my feelings with adults so I don't drown in emotions. <sup>99</sup>– Kenneth Miller

I'd like to tell the incoming 5th graders to trust your teachers and don't be afraid to ask them questions, because I know I was.
Sabelo Hlatshwaya

<sup>66</sup>It's most important to keep exploring and put yourself out there. Absorb and retain as much as you possibly can, and then give back. <sup>99</sup> – Sisipho Mehlo

<sup>66</sup>In 5th grade I was shy and didn't see much strength in myself. RCA has given me the greatest gift and the ability to use my inner strength to change the world.<sup>29</sup> – Jayde Dieu <sup>66</sup>Don't be someone you're not to make people like you. At RCA, we don't judge and everyone will love you for who you really are.<sup>99</sup> – Sebastian Haynes

I've learned to give it your best even when things are hard or when things seem easy.
Lennox Lamar

<sup>66</sup>Always push through your obstacles at RCA, even when you think you can't go any longer. Keep going anyway because it will pay off. <sup>99</sup> – MacKenzy Jordan

<sup>66</sup>Remember to always build each other up and don't try to be better than anyone else. Be better so everyone else can be better with you. <sup>99</sup> – Kaitlyn Britton Wheeler

# CLASS of 2016











Sebastian Haynes St. George's (RI)



Sabelo Hlatshwayo Sandy Creek High School (Tyrone, GA)



Sisipho Mehlo Sandy Creek High School (Tyrone, GA)



Kenneth Miller undecided



Suleika Ward Martha Stilwell School of the Arts (Jonesboro, GA)



Jayde Dieu George School (PA)



Joi Griffin Miss Porter's School (CT)



Dion Matthews Church Farm School (PA)



Justin Polynice Middlesex School (MA)



Aaliyah Brown Salem Academy (VA)



Emmett Eckert Church Farm School (PA)

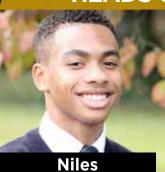


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### **HEADS OF HOUSE**



Phenix Halley St. Margaret's School (VA)



**Boyd** Wesleyan School (Norcross, GA)



Mackenzy Jordan Idyllwild School of Performing Arts (CA)



Kaitlin Britton Wheeler Maderia (VA)



Immanuel Mitchell The McCallie School (TN)



Jacob Suever Groton School (NY)



Jadon Edwards Hiram High School (Hiram, GA)



Leymare Figueroa undecided



McKenzie Guest-Hicks Peddie School (NJ)



Joy Mathebula Thatcher School (CA)



Jayla McLaurin St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (TN)



Phakamani Qandashe Sandy Creek High School



Malik Robinson The McCallie School (TN)



Kennedy Spencer Langston Hughes High (Fairburn, GA)



Ava Wong Academe of the Oaks (Decatur, GA)









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The 8th grade class at RCA recently raised funds for South African schools. After months of holding bake sales and fundraising, they raised almost \$5,000, the most any RCA class has ever raised.

While in South Africa, the 8th-grade class connected with Kliptown Youth Program, an organization for disadvantaged youth that provides tutoring, athletics and arts programs. Through their hard work and fundraising efforts, the students were able to provide food and diapers for orphanages in Soweto, a township in Johannesburg. They also provided school supplies for schools and youth programs in the shanty towns there.

RCA 8th-grade classes donate to South African schools and communities every year.

## 2015-2016 **MOMENTS**

















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# MEET THE 5th GRADE STUDENTS

Meet the incoming Class of 2020 at the Ron Clark Academy





## CLASS OF 2020

#### These students will graduate from 8th grade in

**2020!** RCA accepts applications for rising 5th graders. Students interested in attending RCA should apply online in the fall of their 4th grade year.





## **ALUMNI** Highlights

#### **COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

Graduating Classes of 2010, 2011, 2012

Alabama State University Albany State University Armstrong State University Atlanta Technical College Austin Peay State University California State University, Bakersfield California State University, Fullerton California State University, Monterey Bay **Coastal Carolina University** Concordia University Irvine Duke University Florida International University Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Southern University Georgia State University Hampton University Howard University Kennesaw State University Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles Loyola University, New Orleans

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## The Ron Clark Academy Graduates

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

RCA Classes of 2010-2016





GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2016 WILL BE ATTENDING SCHOOL OUT OF STATE

## **ALUMNI** Class of 2012 Spotlight



## **Aliyah Cofer**

During her time at Woodward Academy, Aliyah participated in track and cheerleading and was crowned Prom Queen.

Ever focused on scholarship, Aliyah was on the Honor Roll, earned the Canes Achievement Award and Coral Grant, and was inducted into the National Honor Society.

HIGHSCHOOL: Woodward Academy COLLEGE: University of Miami (FL)



## **Eryn Davis**

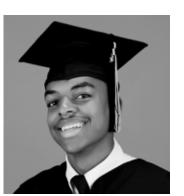
Eryn was a cadet in the JROTC program for three years.

She also took part in Future Business Leaders of America and was a member of National Business Honor Society. She was a Work-Based Learning participant, and through her business and technology class was certified an expert in Microsoft Word and Powerpoint.

Eryn earned the ACHIEVE ATLANTA Scholarship.

#### **HIGHSCHOOL:**

North Atlanta High School **COLLEGE:** University of West Georgia (GA)



## Landon Dunnell

Landon played varsity basketball for the North Atlanta High School Warrior Basketball Team for four years.

He also enjoys music and is very talented playing the piano. He continues to pursue his passion and is excited to attend Morehouse College in the fall.

#### **HIGHSCHOOL:**

North Atlanta High School **COLLEGE:** Moorehouse College (GA)



### **Rudy Elder**

While maintaining her Super Honor achievements, Rudy continued her journey as a dance major in the VPA magnet program.

She participated in the Creme de la Creme danceline, the Visual and Performing Arts Dance Magnet department and the Technical Theater department. Along with her school activities, Rudy was a part of the 2015 & 2016 Pink Cultured Pearls Cotillion.

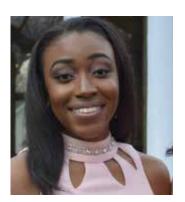
Academically, she maintained a spot in the top 10% of her class, earned Super Honor achievements, and was inducted into the National Honors Society. Her academic record earned her in-state tuition offers along with other grants for college.

She will be attending Alabama State University in the fall to get her BFA in dance.

#### **HIGHSCHOOL:**

Tri Cities High School **COLLEGE:** Alabama State University (AL)

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### Chapelle Johnson

Chapelle was a part of the soccer team and JV tennis team for 4 years, serving as captain for both teams. She was named best teammate for JV tennis 3 years in a row.

Chapelle also dedicated time to the boys' basketball program as a manager for 2 years.

She actively served her community as a member of the Gay Straight Alliance Club, Women Incorporated (WINC) Club, and Amnesty International Club.

She was in a rock band class for 2 years and an acapella group for 2 years.

**HIGHSCHOOL:** 

The Brooks School (MA) **COLLEGE:** Loyola University, New Orleans (LA)



### RavenJohnson

Raven was a dual-enrollment student at Georgia State University and worked diligently for her AB Honor Roll standing. She is in the National Honor Society and National Beta Club and was a Posse Finalist.

She was a Varsity Cheerleader at Carver High School, Ms. Senior of Carver Early College, and SGA Secretary. Raven also participated in JROTC and was a member of Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society.

Raven earned French Honors and was awarded a \$100,000 scholarship to Wheaton College in Norton, Maryland where she will study biology.

HIGHSCHOOL:

Carver Early College High School **COLLEGE:** Wheaton College (MA)



## Hannah Larry

Hannah was a part of the Beta Club, FBLA, and the Raiderette Dance Team for 3 years. She remained on the honor roll from 9th-12th grade and was in the top 10 percent of her class in her academy. Her hard work resulted in a full academic scholarship to Alabama State University.

Looking back at her time at RCA, she remembered feeling like she wasn't capable of success because of her grades, but she credits the words of encouragement from her mentor, Ms. Mosley, and those of Mrs. Barnes, Dr. Jones, Mr. Townsel and other RCA staff members who pushed her to be great and never settle for less.

HIGHSCHOOL: Benjamin E. Mays High School COLLEGE:

Alabama State University (AL)



#### **Nadia Lowe**

Nadia is an A Better Chance Scholar who was recognized for Honor Roll and High Honor Roll during her time at Miss Porter's. She served both school and community serving as Co-Head of Nova 9 Senior Le Leadership Team where she assisted Miss Porter's staff with planning events, creating visual art decor and marking materials, all while logging 147 service hours in the Community Service Club.

Nadia was a member of Student Year Abroad (SYA) China Class of 2015 and was an English Tutor in Beijing, China as well as a Mandarin Chinese Tutor.

Additionally, she participated in the National Student Leadership Conference -UCal Berkeley Film & Media, was Co-Head of the Movie & Video Production Club and was a Production Team Member of the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival.

#### **HIGHSCHOOL:**

Miss Porter's School (CT), **COLLEGE:** 

Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles (CA)

## **ALUMNI** Class of 2012 Spotlight



## Cameron Nesmith

Cameron Nesmith is a proud member of the Class of 2016 at Academe of the Oaks. Cameron excelled in both his studies and in his extracurricular activities. He was the captain of the Varsity Basketball team and actively participated in dance.

He won the Salute to Black Males scholarship sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

In the fall, Cameron will walk in the footsteps of his Great Grandfather, Rev. Julius James, (Class '51) as he begins his studies at Morehouse College.

HIGHSCHOOL: Academe of the Oaks COLLEGE: Morehouse College (GA)



## Blessid Ogedegbe

At Salem Academy, Blessid was a member of the Student Council and the Honor Cabinet. She proudly served her school community as House Council President,Theatre President and Prefect.

She was captain of the swim team and was honored for theatrical work, earning Best Supporting Actress in a play (2015-16) and the 2016 Acting Award.

Blessid was awarded a \$30k scholarship to NYU!

#### HIGHSCHOOL:

Salem Academy COLLEGE: New York University (NY)



Antone Williams

In high school, Antone participated in three varsity sports: football, basketball, and track and field. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club.

He earned fifteen D1 scholarship offers and chose Duke University.

#### HIGHSCHOOL:

Woodward Academy COLLEGE: Duke University

(NC)



### Zaire Wilson

Zaire was on the Dean's List for junior year and received an academic grant from the school.

He was also a member of the debate team for four years and participated in public speaking and performance events. He rapped for the choir, shared his life story with audiences, and performed spoken word. Zaire was captain of the track team, played JV basketball and was leader of the Black Affinity Group.

#### **HIGHSCHOOL:**

Northfield Mount Hermon School **COLLEGE:** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)

## THE RON CLARK ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS

Here are a few outstanding highlights of the school year that we are excited to share...



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL NO FEAR

The first day of school was themed "No Fear." Students were zip-lining and rock climbing as parents cheered them on. The day was even broadcasted live on Periscope.



## **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD** MATHEMATICS

Dr. Camille Jones received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching and was invited to meet President Obama at the White House.



## **DEBATE TEAM**

At the National Speech and Debate High School Tournament, each of our middle school kids won a trophy in their competitions. Niles Boyd placed 1st for all middle school students and 2nd overall for all high school students!



## 35,000 Educators

Over 35,000 educators have attended training at the Ron Clark Academy since we opened.

Teachers are now adopting our teaching strategies all over the world. The Ron Clark Academy Mobile App allows them to share what new methods they are implementing in their own schools. **#RCAInspired** 

## **MATHCOUNTS**<sup>®</sup>









## NATIONAL CHALLENGE WINNERS



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2014 Team Get 'M



2015 Team PBSQ



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## 2016 HOUSE CHAMPIONS





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"To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts that life can bring."

- Anna Robertson Brown



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Invest in the RCA education programs.

ANNUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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\$ 425 per educator to attend a one-day training

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You are already paying income tax to the state. Redirecting some of those dollars to tuition assistance helps financially qualified RCA students. Plus, you take a state credit and and a federal tax deduction when you file your taxes.

Visit, www.goalscholarship.com to complete the online form.

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Jerry Wright AVON PARK, FL



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## MASTER TEACHERS

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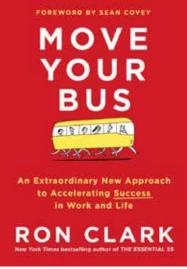
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*New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning educator Ron Clark applies his successful leadership principles to the business world in this effective and accessible guidebook, perfect for any manager looking to inspire and motivate his or her team. Included is a foreword by bestselling author and FranklinCovey executive Sean Covey.

*Move Your Bus* is an accessible and uplifting business parable that illustrates Clark's expert strategies to maximize the performance of each member of a team. These easy to implement techniques will inspire employees and team leaders alike to work harder and smarter and drive the organization to succeed. **#moveyourbus** 

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## THE Ron Clark Academy Experience

**Revolutionary Professional Development for Educators** 

## 2016-2017



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#### **ONE-DAY**

#### \$425 per educator

- Observe master educators teach classes
- Attend professional development workshops
- Experience school culture, rigor, and student engagement that can be applied to any subject and grade level.

Educators earn 6 continuing education clock hours

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Our two-day training offers an even more in-depth version of professional development with additional observations, workshops, strategies, and opportunities for reflection.

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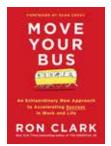
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The Oprah Winfrey Foundation The Oprah Winfrey Foundation is a founding supporter of the Academy. The Oprah Winfrey Foundation's mission is to lead, educate, uplift, inspire and empower women, children and families throughout the world.	Promethean provides cutting-edge interactive technology. RCA has ActivBoards in every classroom and every student uses a Kuno tablet with ClassFlow software. Thank you!	Great American Great American Insurance Group, Inc. was the first Platinum Sponsor of the Ron Clark Academy. Their support paved the way for additional partnerships. GREATAMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP	BB&T Thanks to BB&T for providing RCA with the resources to expand <i>The</i> <i>RCA Experience</i> and create brighter futures for students everywhere!
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Comcast Cable Comcast Cable provides numerous scholarships for RCA students by participating in the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program.	Newell Brands Newell Rubbermaid is a proud supporter of <i>The RCA Experience</i> and student programs.	NAIOP The Georgia Chapter of NAIOP is a generous and enthusiastic supporter of RCA!	JE Dunn is a proud supporter of the Ron Clark Academy programs.
The CarMax Foundation The CarMax Foundation is a proud supporter of our educator training programs.	Premiere Speakers Bureau The exclusive speakers bureau for RCA. They book Ron Clark and Kim Bearden for speaking events all across the country.	Sam's Club/Walmart Sam's Club believes in the mission and vision of the Ron Clark Academy. Thank you for your energy and passion to propel us forward. Walmart	W.S. Nielsen Company Thank you to the entire Nielsen family for providing RCA with the world's most beautiful skylights.
Turner Broadcasting Thank you for supporting RCA's corporate training program.	Atlanta Hawks Thank you for providing basketball goals in our new gymnasium. RCA is proud to partner in "building bridges through basketball."	UBS Financial Services UBS Financial Services, Inc. is a proud supporter of our scholarship fund. Thank you for investing in our students' success.	Deloitte Deloitte believes in developing hard skills in our students. Thank you for investing dollars and sweat equity to build strong RCA student leaders. Deloitte.
eVestment Alliance Thank you to eVestment and Matt Crisp for their continued support of RCA's mission.	Arby's Foundation Arby's Foundation is a proud supporter and sponsor of RCA. Thank you for supporting the Grand Opening Gala.	Nielsen Thank you to the Nielsen team for investing into the lives of RCA students through our scholarship fund.	WestRock Thanks to WestRock for supporting our RCA scholars through the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program for business.
Reading Plus Reading Plus donated use of their reading software designed to help our students become better independent learners.	Dimension U Math students use DimensionU programs to challenge their critical thinking skills and to indulge in their love of video gaming in the classroom.	Georgia Power Thank you for your partnership to train STEM teachers across Georgia.	Staples Staples' Designed by Students program collaborated with RCA students to solve real life problems in innovative ways.
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