



Top 5- June 2023

1. Welcome New Board Members

At the June meeting we swore in and welcomed our two new JA Board members, John Nunnally and Tristina Pontiakos.

John brings an important skillset of budgeting, hiring, and contract reviews that he developed through his work at commercial litigation and bankruptcy law firms. He currently serves as chairman and lead pastor of Legacy Christian Fellowship in Thornton, as well as on the boards of two sister churches and to other nonprofits. John has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration from Auburn University, and a Master's degree in Biblical Studies with a concentration in Leadership from Calvary Chapel University. John's eldest daughter just graduated from JA (congratulations!) and his two younger kids are at JA Secondary. John is committed to community education, fiscal responsibility, and the development of young people into amazing adults.

Tristina brings experience in project management with a unique blend of account management, program, and project planning in a technical environment. In the past, she has served on the board of a preschool, helping with budgets, navigating COVID, and fundraising. She has one student currently attending JA Elementary and two others that are soon to follow. Tristina has a strong vested interest in helping the school continue on its path to greatness. She believes in parental involvement as a crucial component to the success of all JA students and is looking forward to advocating for what is best for the students, staff, and families of JA. A warm welcome to both John and Tristina!

2. Jefferson Academy 30 Year Anniversary

JA is getting ready to celebrate our 30th anniversary! The JA Foundation has started planning the 30th Anniversary Gala, which is scheduled for January 27, 2024. Pulling off this incredible event will take a lot of work and the Foundation is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in serving on a planning committee, please complete [this form](#) and someone will get you in touch with the appropriate contact person. Thanks for your help. Let's make this an event to remember!

3. Staff and Volunteer Recognition Program

We all know Jefferson Academy's staff and volunteers are the best and we want to recognize their dedication and commitment to our community. At the June meeting we celebrated the service of our long time staff members and our retiring staff and principals, as well as our outgoing Board members. [Read more on this program and our honorees.](#)

4. Elementary Students Chromebooks

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, every student at the JA Elementary will be provided their own individual Chromebook. A Chromebook fee (\$75 for grades K-3 and 6th grades and \$100 for 4th and 5th grades) will be assessed to all elementary students to help cover the Chromebook as well as necessary applications, internet filtering, and bandwidth costs. Fourth and fifth grade students will receive a brand new Chromebook (thus the higher fee). Fifth grade students will carry their Chromebook with them into seventh grade, if they stay at JA. The fourth grade Chromebooks will be "recycled" down to lower grades.

5. July and August Board Meetings

There will be no Board meeting in July. Our August meeting date will be announced shortly. As always, we invite all to attend and get involved!

Sincerely,

Your JA Board

Agnessa Vartanova, Anil Mathai, Flavio Quintana, Jerrilynn Lilyblade, Kirsten Mills,
John Nunnally, Tristina Pontiakos

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