

# The Royal Review

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*We are pleased to present our very first edition of The Royal Review—our official school newsletter! We will distribute these quarterly, with updates, upcoming events, announcements and overall happenings with our school. This is one way we hope to stay connected with the RLCA family, our community and supporters from all around the country.*

## A Note from RLCA's Principal



Hello RLCA Village,

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to embark on this unprecedented journey together! I am so blessed to have the opportunity to steward the God given vision of a Christ-centered, culturally rich learning environment. I have been dedicated to my calling as an educator for over twelve years. Allow me to introduce myself and share some of my journey with you: I have worked with a variety of students from kindergarten through college. I began my education career as a Gifted Education teacher at both Cunningham School for Excellence and Carver Academy. I also served as an administrator at Waterloo West High School, Lincoln High School in Des Moines, and as a junior high principal in Iowa City. My most recent administrative position was as District Director in the Iowa City Schools. I have a BA in American and World History Education, a Masters in both Curriculum and Instruction and Effective Teaching Gifted Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. However, my greatest accomplishment has been becoming Mommy to Ms. Ava James Robinson and wife of Pastor Marshaundus Robinson. I do believe, wholeheartedly, that God used all of my previous positions and all of my education to prepare me for this remarkable endeavor as principal of the RLC Academy!

As principal, I will work hard to steward the vision of success by building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners and by setting high standards for our students, so they will truly flourish academically and grow spiritually. First and foremost, we will focus on becoming Kingdom citizens for achieving excellence in the Kingdom of God. Academically, we will focus on proficiency in the Common Core, using data to drive instruction, and providing consistent implementation of tailored curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can celebrate ALL student achievement. This year is going to be amazing as we will provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships as they discover their tremendous potential and their God-given capacity.

As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors is excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. Please know that my door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me directly to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year or to communicate your desire to partner with us.

*God bless,  
Dr. Amber N. Robinson*

## IPI Donates ALL Student Desks!

This past spring, after seeing the article written about RLCA in the Courier, Iowa Prison Industries reached out to us. They donated all of our student desks and chairs, as well as office filing cabinets! We are grateful for the helping hands and strong arms that helped us by unloading those HEAVY items! We also want to thank Mayflower Heritage Christian School in Creston, Iowa for blessing us with 14 student desks that we will utilize this school year. God is good!



## Spanish Immersion with **add.a.lingua**



We are so excited for the Spanish Immersion program that our kindergarten and 1st grade students have the opportunity to be part of this year! Students will receive 90% of their daily instruction in Spanish, and they will quickly begin to speak to their teacher and fellow students only in Spanish! We have seen how effective immersion is at Pella Christian Grade School, and we cannot wait to see our RLCA kids flourish in acquiring a second language!

We are partnering with an organization called add.a.lingua, who has helped school communities across the nation launch quality immersion programs. They will provide professional development, make sure that students are acquiring the language well, and ensure that students are learning at or above grade level. At Royal Legacy Christian Academy, we always strive for excellence. With this amazing opportunity for our students, our partnership with add.a.lingua will help us achieve that!

## Our 1st Annual Fundraising Banquet in February!



## ITEMS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A contribution of any of the below items or services would be so appreciated!

Drop off items at: 715 E. 4th St., during Harvest Vineyard Church's office hours (M-W-F, 10a-1p), or call 319-429-9406 to schedule a specific drop off/pick up time. Thank you!

Alternately, consider donating the amount that would cover a listed item.

### Classroom

- New/newer laptops for teachers (2) - \$500 each
- New/newer Student desktops (8) - \$400 each
- New/newer Student printers (2) - \$100 each
- Copy paper
- Projectors (2) - \$1,000 each & AV carts (2) - \$150 each
- Bookshelves (4) (regular and book display style) - \$200 each
- Locking cabinet for teachers (2) - \$400 each
- White board - \$300

### Administration

- New/newer laptops for administrators (3) - \$500 each
- High volume printer - \$3,000
- Server computer (1) \$1,000
- Docking stations (3) - \$150 each
- Cell phone locker - \$200
- Copy paper
- Safe

### School/general

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Cleaning products (natural brands please)
- Books, educational videos, music to build a library (English & Spanish)
- Special locks and security system for both entrances to building
- 27 Bibles (KJV only)

### School supplies

- Construction paper
- Tempura paint
- Paint brushes
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpeners (electronic)
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- White-erase markers & erasers
- Gym/outdoor equipment (balls, etc.)
- Healthy snacks

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Prayer warriors
- IT services (helping set up network, etc.)
- Providing students lunch once per month
- Worship leaders to lead worship during morning chapel
- Specials teachers: Art, PE, Music (volunteer once a week)
- Lawn care & snow removal
- English and Spanish-speaking Substitute Teachers (paid or volunteer)
- Monitors for: lunch, recess, naptime

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Spanish Immersion teacher
- English and Spanish-speaking Substitute Teachers (paid or volunteer)

**SPONSOR CLASSROOM SETUP (2): \$10,000**

**SPONSOR A STUDENT: \$5,000**

## Final Note from the Founders



It probably goes without saying, that the first day of school for the two of us, along with our board of directors, seems a little unreal. We set out

almost two years ago to provide another option for Waterloo students, that was Christ-centered, affordable, culturally diverse, that included Spanish immersion, and now it's actually here! With a vision this big, we know without a doubt that it has been GOD's vision and he simply invited us along on the journey! Throughout this process, we had some days of doubt, and other days that we've been full of faith. We are grateful to be on this journey together, as one of us will have just the word from the Lord to share when the other just needs encouragement to keep walking in faith. There have been some amazing bright spots along the way that come as a breath of fresh air, and remind us that God is REALLY in this! Maybe you remember us outside of our building on 4th street with our buckets. Our goal was to raise \$10,000 in 10 days. Just as we were thinking that maybe that was a bit ambitious, a young man pulled up in his car and handed us \$7,500. He said that he believes in what we are doing, and he and his wife had been saving for a while and felt that our school was what they wanted to give to. The next day, a gentleman pulled up and handed us \$500. These are East Waterloo residents that want the best for our neighborhoods and our city. Those generous gifts, along with all who stopped and put cash in our buckets, helped us to actually raise \$10,000 in only 10 days! While we are celebrating God's provision thus far, we want to emphasize that we still have a great need of more financial sponsors. Cedar Valley this is YOUR school! It is here because there is a desire for another option in education here in Waterloo. Each and every one of the 24 kids enrolled is with us because their parents believe that it's the absolute best thing for their educational and spiritual development. Please join us in sustaining this vision, and continue saying, "YES" to RLCA!

*In Christ, Chassidi Martin and Kendall Helmer  
Co-Founders of Royal Legacy Christian Academy*



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## RLCA: Filling a Gap in Christian Education

*Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1*

*Buy...without money and without price.* How? That seems like a reasonable question after reading that verse. How is it possible to access something of value, without the means to do so? Well, isn't that the gospel? We had a need—salvation. The price was one that we couldn't access (perfection, righteousness). Our lack of righteousness didn't diminish our need of salvation. We needed someone with enough righteousness to pay the price for us. Jesus Christ footed the bill on the cross, so that we now have access to the Father and enjoy a relationship with him. That is good news!

We believe that a Christ-centered education should be accessible as well, so that regardless of a child's household income, their parents can provide an education in which Jesus Christ is at the center of all subjects. One of the most exciting things about this journey of opening a school has been the response

we've been getting from parents. We keep hearing things like, "Thank you for providing another option! I want so much more for my child."

The cost of private school is expensive, and it is unattainable for many Cedar Valley parents, especially for single parent households. Many of our parents qualify for the minimum monthly tuition payment on our sliding scale, which is \$50 per month—which leaves a large gap for us to cover. The actual cost to operate is \$500 per month per student. That's where you come in!

In the Kingdom of God, there are no "haves and have-nots." We ALL have access to the BEST. When the body of Christ shares resources, fills in gaps, and lifts one another up, God's Kingdom is advanced in the earth, and our light shines all the brighter. If you have yet to give to this mission of affordable and accessible Christ-centered education, would you please do so today? If you have already given, would you consider giving again or even monthly? The need is real, and God may be calling you to bridge a gap for a child that otherwise couldn't access this amazing opportunity in God's Kingdom. It takes us *all* working together!