

The King's Academy: FROM GOOD TO GREAT



When I first read Jim Collins' book *Good to Great* about how several outstanding companies had reached a higher level of excellence, I thought "these principles certainly apply to schools as well as the corporate world." Well, Zondervan Publishing House thought the same thing, and this summer The King's Academy was honored as one of the top 7 Christian secondary schools in the country in a study modeled on Collins' book that will be published by Zondervan!



Dr. Gene Frost of Wheaton College, who is authoring the study, solicited nominations of the best secondary (7-12) schools from a broad range of Christian accrediting agencies nationwide, and The King's Academy was nominated by the Association of Christian Schools International. After a rigorous application process, numerous interviews, and a research visit to TKA's campus, King's has been formally recognized as one of the top 7 schools in the country and a profile of the school's best practices will be included in the published study, *Good to Great: Secondary Christian Schools*.



I have had the opportunity to read Dr. Frost's draft of the study, and his evaluation of the King's program is complimentary in many ways. He focuses particularly on how TKA has moved from external discipline (tallies) to internal self-discipline (doing the right things for the right reasons). He also chronicles how leadership and focus on our mission statement have allowed TKA to grow as an institution (added and improved programs) while at the same time undertaking a huge physical move during our relocation process.



A theme common to all of the schools recognized for excellence was their strength and commitment to their mission and the desire to give all the glory to God for the good work being done in the schools. The King's Academy is committed to its mission and to an ongoing process of evaluation as we move ahead as an example for Christian schools around the country.

The King's Academy is privileged to have leadership from the top down that focuses on bringing glory to God as we impact lives, and I would like to congratulate the secondary faculty and administrative team along with President Jeffrey M. Loveland and the Board of Governors for being a part of this unique honor!

For Christian Education,

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All top 7 Christian secondary schools:

1. The King's Academy
2. Annapolis Area Christian School
3. Bellevue Christian High School
4. Cincinnati Hill's Christian Academy
5. First Presbyterian Day School
6. Westminster Christian Academy of St. Louis
7. Wheaton Academy