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# Your Guide to Wilson Hill Academy

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See What's Possible with a Rich Education that Supports Your Family Values



## A Letter From Our Founder

Making educational choices for your student can be an overwhelming part of parenting. When my children were in elementary school, I wasn't satisfied with the school options I was finding. Schools either didn't support our family values or didn't offer the rich educational experience I wanted to give my children. I wanted more for our family.

If you're feeling frustrated with your current school options or overwhelmed as a homeschooling parent, it doesn't have to be that way. **Imagine if you could raise and educate your students in a Christ-centered environment with curriculum grounded in a biblical worldview without experiencing burnout trying to juggle high-level teaching, or constantly wondering if you're adequately preparing them for college.** Imagine regaining a parent-child relationship with your student instead of trying to play the role of teacher, discipler and parent 24/7. Once my husband and I found the classical Christian model of education, our family thrived. Our kids were not just prepared to succeed academically in college but were equipped to walk with the Lord and be Kingdom builders for the rest of their lives.

**I believe everyone should have that option, regardless of where you live.** You should have a partner in parenting and education who comes alongside your family's unique needs to make sure your student thrives. Online school gives you the flexibility to educate your student anywhere without sacrificing your family values or losing quality instruction from caring, gifted teachers. That's why my husband and I founded Wilson Hill in 2014, to offer families the classical Christian experience we have found so successful—online.

If you're curious about the lifelong benefits of classical Christian education and the flexibility of online school, I invite you to explore what Wilson Hill could offer your family.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Donaldson".

**Nancy Donaldson**

*President of Wilson Hill Academy*



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## Equip Your Student to Flourish Academically and Spiritually

[Discover the Lifelong Benefits of a Classical Christian Education](#)

Western classical education is a centuries-old tradition of training students to engage with the world critically. Instead of lecture-based teaching resulting in short-term memorization to pass an exam, a classical approach emphasizes discussion and reasoning for the purpose of owning material in a larger context. **The goal is to teach students *how* to think, not just *what* to think.**

When a classical education is paired with a biblical worldview, students have a framework to view the world holistically. Subjects aren't siloed; history, science, math, and language are interconnected and point back to divine creation and design. **At its core, a classical Christian education is a pursuit of all that is true, good and beautiful with the recognition that truth, goodness and beauty are absolutes rooted in the triune God of Scripture.** Additionally, classical Christian educators value discipleship and building relationships with their students in order to foster an environment for both spiritual growth and academic success.

This type of learning environment also creates room for individuality and allows teachers to more effectively recognize and support their students' unique learning styles. The emphasis on reasoning and understanding content instead of simply memorizing equips students to become lifelong learners and live purposefully for the Kingdom of Christ in college and beyond.

“Is it not the great defect of our education today...that although we often succeed in teaching our pupils ‘subjects,’ we fail lamentably on the whole in teaching them how to think? They learn everything, except the art of learning.”

—Dorothy Sayers, “The Lost Tools of Learning”



## The Trivium

Classical education comprises three learning stages known as the trivium: grammar, logic and rhetoric. Each stage builds to the next, corresponding with a different level of student development.

### Grammar School

In grades 4 through 6, students develop their sense of wonder at the world God has made to establish a rich foundation for the rest of their education.

### School of Logic

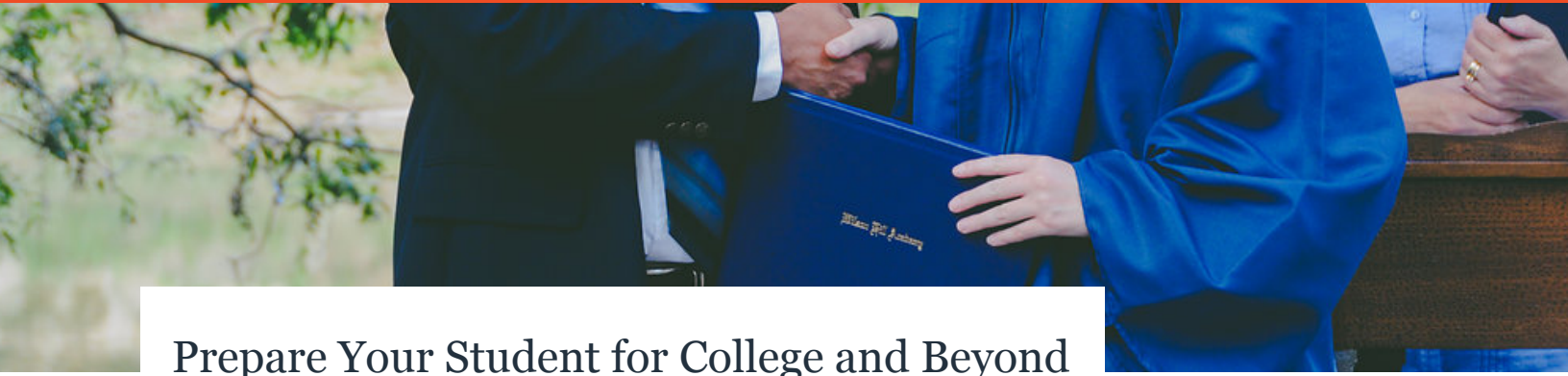
Grades 7 and 8 equip students with tools to become logical, sound thinkers.

### School of Rhetoric

In grades 9 through 12, students combine their grammar and logic skills to become skilled, persuasive speakers.

Learn more about each school and our curriculum.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) →



# Prepare Your Student for College and Beyond

Get to Know Wilson Hill Academy

**Adequately preparing your students for college can feel overwhelming and even a little scary at times.** Your students should be able to receive a comprehensive education that fosters their love for learning and prepares them to live purposefully for the Kingdom of Christ in college and beyond. But all too often, educational models are lacking in one or more of these areas.

Wilson Hill Academy exists to fill that gap. Since 2014, we have offered students a biblically based, globally recognized, accredited education online. **We don't view online learning as a last resort, but as a powerful tool to reach families around the world who are looking for an educational experience that fits their needs and values.**

Your child's live interactive classroom is wherever you have internet. We leverage the power of modern-day technology to connect your student with master-level teachers, who provide a highly engaging education grounded in time-tested principles. **Our synchronous learning model allows your student to learn in real time alongside peers.**

We've seen the positive long-term impact that Wilson Hill has on students and families, which is why we want to partner with you to invest in your student now for who they will become in the future.

“Wilson Hill Academy changed our lives and saved our homeschool! Wilson Hill allowed my children to flourish and become the people God intended.”

—Y. Coetzee, British Columbia, Canada

- ### Fast Facts
- Established in 2014
  - 4th through 12th grade
  - Cognia (SACS CASI) accreditation
  - NCAA approved
  - Member of Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) & Society for Classical Learning (SCL)
  - Thousands of students representing all 50 states and more than 20 countries

Every year Wilson Hill Academy students can be found in **nearly every U.S. state and territory, and around the world** in countries such as Canada, the United Kingdom, Bermuda, the Channel Islands, Netherlands, Germany, Greece, Jordan, UAE, Abu Dhabi, Indonesia, Australia, Thailand, Korea, Japan, Mexico and Peru.



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Our pursuit of knowing, loving and practicing what is true, good and beautiful stems from our three loves: **God, subject and student.**

#### Love God.

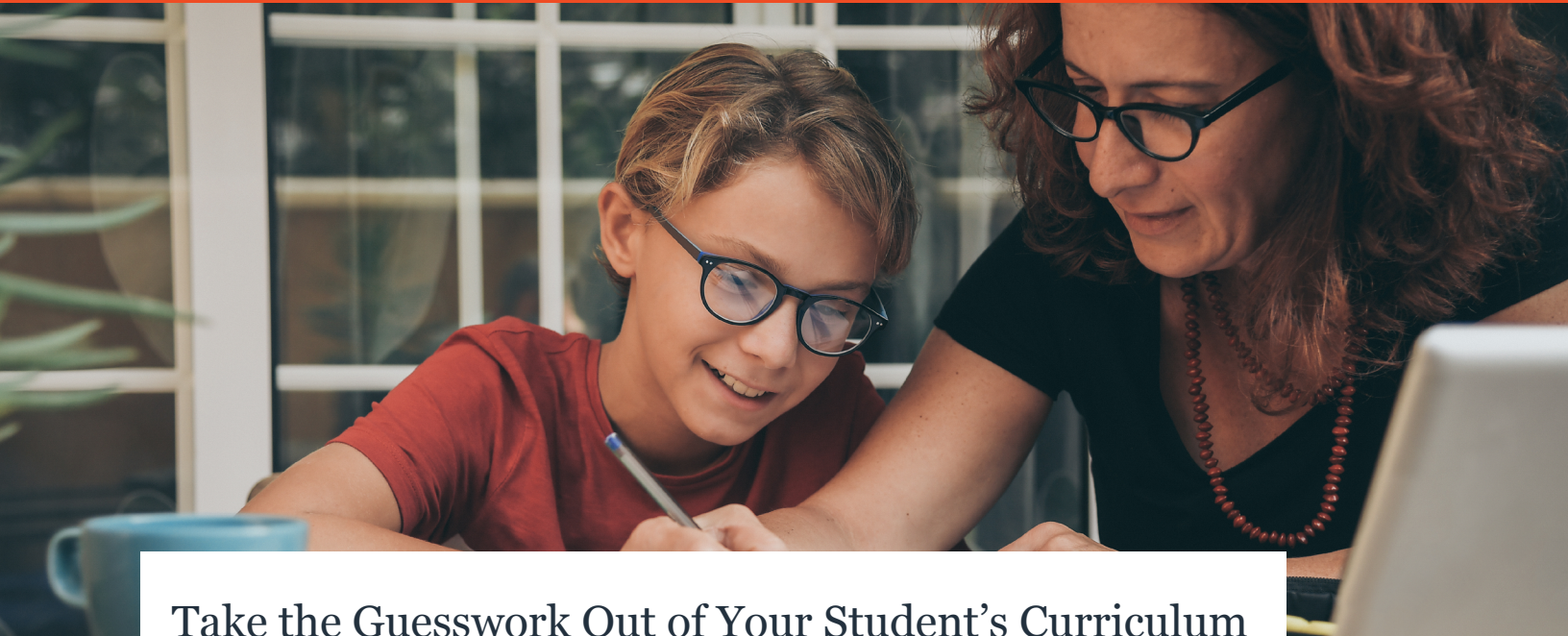
We provide an education anchored in a biblical worldview with a recognition that truth, goodness and beauty are absolutes rooted in the triune God of Scripture.

#### Love the subject.

As a classical Christian educator, creating lifelong learners is integral to our mission. Both in and out of the classroom, we aim to encourage your student to think critically, solve problems, and articulate thoughts and ideas. Additionally, our rich and thoughtfully sequenced curriculum will prepare your student to succeed at the university level.

#### Love the student.

The relationships between our teachers and your child are fundamental to education. Our master teachers strive to equip each student to understand the world and their place in it. As your educational partner, we're committed to building a learning environment where your child thrives and his/her unique skills are celebrated and cultivated.



## Take the Guesswork Out of Your Student's Curriculum

[Explore Course Options](#)

Knowing how to prepare your student for college can be overwhelming. That's why we took the guesswork out of the curriculum for you. Wilson Hill students have access to a wide range of accredited courses that prepare them to succeed in college and beyond.

**Our faculty is dedicated to partnering with you to engage your student with a rich and thoughtfully sequenced education anchored in a biblical worldview.** All of our courses are designed to train students to become critical thinkers and explore God's revelation across subjects. Through great literature, we wrestle with questions like, how can there be a good God if there is so much evil in the world? Studying science reveals the intricacy of God's design and compels us to be good stewards of His creation. The study of rhetoric and logic trains our minds to be ready to defend our faith.

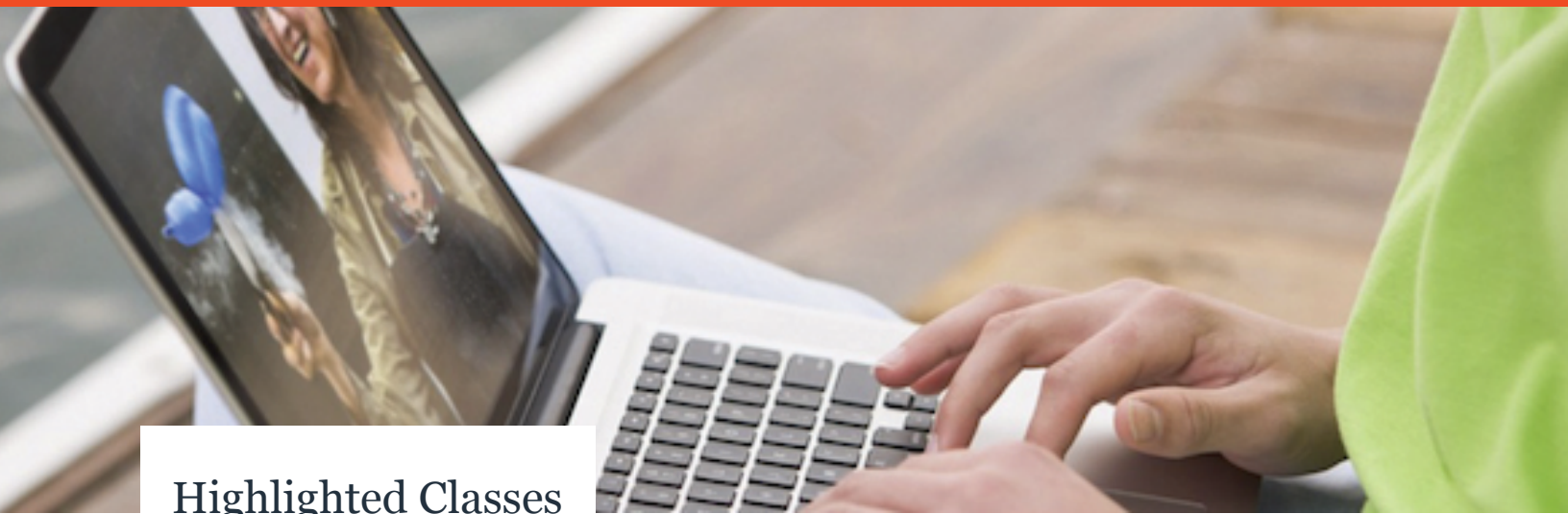
**Our proven graduation track positions qualified students for higher education and helps them distinguish themselves in the admissions process.** We are fully accredited by SACS CASI, a division of COGNIA, which validates your student's hard work in the eyes of universities worldwide. Students can sign up for one class, or take an entire course load. Wilson Hill also offers AP classes and summer courses.

“I am so grateful for your [classes]; the curriculum you wrote is a masterpiece. Our daughter is thriving; she is growing and maturing by leaps and bounds.”

—S. Hawkes, Durham, North Carolina

Read our full course descriptions.

[VIEW DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE →](#)



## Highlighted Classes

### The Great Conversation

One of our most popular courses, The Great Conversation series invites students into a centuries-long dialogue about universal experiences, historical events, and philosophical ideas. Starting with the works of Homer, Herodotus, Livy and Virgil, and spanning the history of Western civilization, students explore the great discourses of time through the lens of a biblical worldview. The ultimate goal is that, as students learn to love what is true, good and beautiful in these works, they will grow in their love of God and neighbor.

### Fundamentals of Academic Writing

This course focuses on formal academic writing for high school students new to Wilson Hill composition or Wilson Hill students seeking more confidence and practice. Students practice the trajectory of the writing process from prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing to final submission by mastering the skills of the first three canons of rhetoric: invention, arrangement, and elocution. Not only do students gain greater proficiency in the art of writing well-crafted sentences, coherent paragraphs, and well-structured analytical and argumentative essays, they also learn to use proper MLA style.

### Physics 1

This course integrates history, mathematics, and technical communication skills. Through successful completion of this course, a student will be able to develop a mastery of the basic tools of physics, including fundamental concepts and applications, computational skills, and analytical skills.

### AP Statistics

This college level introductory course endeavors to give students a deeper understanding of how data is gathered, displayed, and analyzed so that they can begin to engage in a culture and society that relies on statistics for decision making. Students interact with current issues and perform statistical analyses using appropriate technological tools.



## Keep Your Student On Track to Graduate

### Recommended Course of Study

By following our Recommended Course of Study for each school, you can feel confident your student will graduate on time and be prepared for college. With our thoughtfully sequenced curriculum, your student will continually be challenged and stretched in their critical thinking skills and knowledge. Our graduates regularly credit Wilson Hill with their ability to thrive academically in a university setting.

### Recommended Schedules

These are examples of schedules. Please [see the website](#) for more information.

Grammar School			
	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
History	The Story of History: Bible Times and Places, The Making of America, The Making of Europe*		The Story of History: 20th Century
English	Don't Miss These Books: Grammar Level	Language Arts Level 1	Language Arts Level 2
Math		Math 5	Math 6
Science	Course 1: Life Science Course 2: Sky and Space**		Introduction to Earth Science
Language	Grammar Latin II	Grammar Latin II	Grammar Latin III or Fundamentals of Latin

\*The Story of History: 20th Century is appropriate for 6th and 7th grade. The other Story of History courses can be taken in grades 4, 5, and 6.

\*\*Courses 1 & 2 can be taken in grades 4, 5 or 6; Introduction to Earth Science is taught at a higher level and is more appropriate for grade 6.

## Recommended Schedules (continued)

School of Logic		
	Grade 7	Grade 8
Humanities: History, Literature*, Theology	The Story of History: 20th Century or The Great Conversation 1	The Great Conversation 2
English	Language Arts Level 3	LA4: Fundamentals of Expository Writing
Local History/Pre-Rhetoric**	Fundamentals of Research & Presentation	
Math	Math 7 or Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1
Science	Introduction to Physics and Chemistry	Introduction to Biology
Language	Latin 1	Latin 2
Electives	Fine Arts, Music, World Geography	

\*Robust literature is included in the Language Arts Courses

\*\*This course is intended to fulfill typical requirements for a state history class in grades 7 and 8.

School of Rhetoric				
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Humanities				
History, Literature, and Theology	The Great Conversation 3	The Great Conversation 4	The Great Conversation 5	The Great Conversation 6
Students New to WHA	The Great Conversation 1+4*		The Great Conversation 5	The Great Conversation 6
English Composition	Advanced Composition 1	Advanced Composition 2		
	Fundamentals of Academic Writing			
History Electives		US History Survey US Government and Economics		
Literature Electives			Get to Know Fyodor Dostoevsky Modern Literature & Thought	
Logic & Rhetoric	Logic 1	Logic 2	Rhetoric 1	Rhetoric 2/Senior Thesis
Math				
Advanced	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry and/or AP Statistics	AP Calculus and/or AP Statistics
Basic	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	AP Statistics
Science				
Advanced	Physics 1 (Honors)	Pre-AP Chemistry	AP Chemistry and/or Honors Biology	AP Physics AP Biology and/or AP Chemistry
Basic	Physics 1	Chemistry	Biology	
Languages				
Latin	Latin 3	Latin Readings	AP Latin	
Spanish	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	AP Spanish
French	French 1	French 2	French 3	French 4
Greek	Greek 1	Greek Readings (can be repeated for credit)		
Fine Arts	AP Art History			

\*The Great Conversation 1+4 is an option for students who are new to Wilson Hill Academy and have not been exposed to Homer and other writers from the classical period. Fundamentals of Academic Writing is recommended for students who are new to the Wilson Hill Academy composition sequence or who have completed LA4 but need more confidence and practice.

# Experience Teachers Who Care About Your Student's Spiritual and Academic Growth

## Get to Know Our Teachers

If you feel overwhelmed trying to teach subjects out of your comfort zone, let us come alongside you and provide your student with teachers who are highly skilled in their field of study and want to take an active role in your student's life. With our virtual setting, we're able to hire the best teachers around the world who are equipped to provide a classroom feel without sacrificing intentional relationships. Your student spends a majority of their time right now in school-related activities and their teachers should be concerned about academic success and committed to holistic development.

**Our master-level teachers not only love God and love their students, they are also passionate about their disciplines and gifted at bringing subjects to life.** The relationships between our teachers and your child are fundamental to education. That's why we seek to foster a nurturing classroom environment. We believe that's where learning flourishes best.

Hear from some of our faculty on why they love teaching at Wilson Hill:



### Wendy Seefried

*Math Teacher*

"I love connecting with students as we study math, problem solve, and apply what we're learning to real-world situations. It is amazing to see God's beauty, His order, His consistency all in the world of mathematics."



### Teri Everett

*'Grammar of Science' and 'Life Science' Teacher*

"Even though my students are so far away, they actually might have even more access to me in this world of technology that we have than they did when I taught in a brick-and-mortar school."



### Nicki Chandler

*Science Teacher*

"My favorite thing about science is that it's another way for me to know God, by exploring His creation."

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"My kids continue to choose Wilson Hill year after year. Why? The teachers! They love them!"

—Wilson Hill parent

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"Wilson Hill Academy teachers are God-loving teachers who are passionate about discipling young people."

—Wilson Hill parent



## Transform Your Family's Life with Online School

### Meet a Mom of Five Who Chose Wilson Hill for Her Family

If you have reservations about online school, you're not the only one. Before becoming a Wilson Hill Academy parent, Shawna Barr homeschooled her son but, with four other children and a business to run, she was struggling to provide the education she wanted to give him. She hesitantly reserved a spot for her 7th grader in one of Wilson Hill Academy's online classrooms. It was a life-changing decision for her family.

Now, four of Barr's five children are students at Wilson Hill and thriving. While she expected the academics to be excellent, Barr was surprised by the close-knit community her students found in a virtual setting. She shares how Wilson Hill transformed her family's life:

*"In the evenings when our family gathers all cozy on couches around the wood fire to debrief about our day, my husband always asks, 'So how was school today?' He asks about specific teachers and classes that we have all come to know. What music did Mrs. Pepin play today? Did she explain those problems that gave you trouble? How did Mr. Bradley like your speech?"*

***The Wilson Hill staff have found a way to transcend thousands of geographical miles and this new-fangled computer classroom to make students feel known, seen, valued, and connected. It is the most precious and unexpected gift.***

*What I observe in my kids is that being a student at Wilson Hill is kind of like being part of a secret society. They have these inside jokes, and they share a culture. It comes out clearly when they attend their house meetings, and often in what I hear them saying about the casual chatter between students and teachers. Going to class is actually like going somewhere. They feel known, included, and like they belong to something.*

*My kids have a 'real school' that they feel is their own. When I pushed that buy now button those many years ago, I was simply hoping to find someone to do a decently good job teaching my son the Great Books, a task that was beyond my ability at that time. What we received was certainly that, but so much more!"*



## Fostering Community Beyond the Internet

Take a Peek Into the Lives of Our Alumni

Virtual school does not mean a lack of community. Our students enjoy a deep connection with their fellow students and participate in many of the same activities as their peers at brick-and-mortar schools. At Wilson Hill, we divide students into four houses with unique mascots, Bible verses and colors. Houses compete against each other in games and competitions to earn points and take home an end-of-the-year trophy—and bragging rights!

**Throughout the year, students have the chance to go on trips together and attend an end-of-year, multi-day community gathering and graduation celebration.**

Whether our students live on a farm or in a big city, they bond over their shared school experiences, and their Wilson Hill education equips them with the tools to thrive after they graduate.

### LINK

Students of all ages, faculty, and their families gather annually for the ultimate family camp and graduation celebration called LINK. This highly-anticipated end-of-year gathering is brimming with fun and meaningful experiences, including:

- Morning family devotions
- Field day competitions
- Adventure games
- Formal awards banquet and dance
- Special senior activities
- Senior commencement celebration
- And so much more!

Take a peek into the lives of some of our alumni and see why thousands of families choose Wilson Hill year after year:

### **Prepared for College and Beyond**

Abby Holland

Abby Holland grew up homeschooling before switching to public school in 8th grade, but she quickly found she wasn't challenged and missed the classical education she experienced in a homeschool setting. She began courses at Wilson Hill her senior year and thrived under our holistic approach to learning. "[At Wilson Hill,] we were tested for mastery, not just for comprehension," Abby says. "This model of education has served me so well in every area of my education since then. Learning how to synthesize information and not simply retain it helped me become a more proactive student in college and in law school. Once you learn how to learn, you can learn anything."

One of Wilson Hill Academy's first students and graduates, Abby attended the University of Alabama after graduation and is currently studying law at Georgetown University. She credits Wilson Hill Academy with her success in college and her career aspirations.

### **A Leader Inside and Outside the Classroom**

Matthew Schreiner

After learning about the house system at schools in the UK, Matthew Schreiner and several of his classmates started dreaming about what that could look like at Wilson Hill. The result is our now beloved house system. Matthew met with faculty to develop our four houses named after great Christian authors and took the initiative to cultivate an environment that has led to friendships beyond the internet. His leadership at Wilson Hill paved the way for all of our students connecting at a deeper, more authentic level. "Balancing different opinions and interests is hard," he says. "But I've learned that being a mediator is really important and I've learned how to do it gracefully." Matthew attends the Honors College at Baylor University where he is majoring in economics and statistics and minoring in philosophy with plans to attend law school.

### **Serving the Kingdom**

Sara Etter

Growing up in a family that volunteered regularly, Sarah Etter knew she wanted to spend her life serving the needy. Now a sophomore at Cedarville University, studying international studies and Spanish, she's aspiring to work in the nonprofit sector, hoping to work with men and women escaping human trafficking. Her education at Wilson Hill offered her a biblical framework to view the world and her future career.

"Growing up, I learned at home and at WHA that vocation was never about what job was going to make me the most money," Sara says. "It was always about following my calling, even if that meant having a lower salary. It was a theocentric view of vocation that focused on finding the skills God has given me and thinking about how to use them for His Kingdom."



## Pioneering a New Model of Education

### Meet Our Founders

As parents in the early '90s, Bob and Nancy Donaldson were disappointed with the education options available to their children. It felt impossible to find a school that supported their family values, offered individualized teaching, and focused on critical thinking and reasoning instead of prioritizing memorization and testing. As they started learning about the classical Christian model, it seemed to be a perfect match. Once they saw their own two children flourish under this model, they committed to dedicating their careers to providing all families with biblically informed classical curriculum.

“One of the verses that really stimulated us when we were thinking about Christian education a couple of decades ago was the repeated theme in Judges that another generation arose in Israel that did not know the Lord nor the things He had done,” Bob says. “To me, that’s a failure of education, that’s a failure of one generation to pass on the cultural truths and the truths about God to the next generation.” This multigenerational mindset led the Donaldsons to found Wilson Hill in 2014, so that every family has the option to give their students a Christian education regardless of where they live. The Donaldsons’ passion for classical Christian education stems from their deep desire to raise up the next generation of thoughtful, obedient, faithful servants of Christ.

They have had the opportunity to serve at a variety of Christian schools, including starting a brick-and-mortar classical Christian school that is nearing its 30th anniversary. Nancy has served at a number of schools in a variety of capacities, including principal, director of curriculum, teacher, consultant, and, currently, as president. Bob served on the board of Regents School of Austin, the national board of the Association of Classical Christian Schools for almost two decades, and currently serves as an elder at All Saints Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Austin. He teaches Foundations of US Government, War for American Independence and Advanced Composition 1 at Wilson Hill. With decades of experience, a track record of successful graduates, and a deep passion for education, you can trust the Donaldsons to create a nurturing educational environment for Christian families where learning flourishes.

“We are committed to a multi-generational view of education, which is why our core focus at Wilson Hill Academy is, ‘Bringing the blessings of the Lord to a thousand generations.’”

—Bob and Nancy Donaldson



## Invest in Your Student's Education

[Explore Our Course Pricing](#)

We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to give their students a Christian education. If you're concerned about the cost of a private education, finances don't have to hold you back from becoming a Wilson Hill family. As your partner in education, we are committed to walking alongside you every step of the way—including financially.

We offer several payment-plan options, and we're happy to help find the right fit for your family's needs. To collect deferred tuition payments, we use FACTS Tuition Management, an independent service that maintains a secure site for processing recurring charges.

At Wilson Hill, we will never surprise you with hidden fees. We know choosing to invest in your child's education is a significant decision. As your partner, we will always be upfront about all associated costs, so you can stop worrying about your budget and start focusing on your student's success.

Explore our options for course pricing.

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## Ready to Give Your Student a Rich Education Grounded in a Biblical Worldview?

I hope this guide has shown you what's possible with education. I want you to have an educational experience that reinforces your family's values and supports your unique needs instead of the other way around. Education shouldn't be a one-size-fits-all experience, and thanks to technology, everyone now has the opportunity for a rich classical Christian education wherever you have internet access.

We believe the purpose of education is formation. And that's why we teach your student how to think, and not just what to think, giving your student the tools to become a lifelong learner, prepared for success at the university level. Plus, we allow students to learn in a context that helps them understand the world they live in and God's place for them in the world. If you've been searching for an education that develops your college-bound student academically *and* spiritually, we would love to partner with you to make that vision a reality.

Throughout this guide, you've had a chance to get to know us, and now, we'd love to get to know *you*. I'm always happy to talk to families on the phone and answer your questions about Wilson Hill. From choosing courses that are right for your student to navigating financial options together, I'm here to help your student achieve academic excellence and to live purposefully for the Kingdom of Christ both now and in the future.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family!

Sincerely,

**Sara Faulk**

*Admissions Counselor*

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