



CROSSROADS ACADEMY

Celebrating 25 Years

Crossroads Academy to Celebrate Its 25th Anniversary



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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL PREPARING TO HONOR ITS EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS

Lyme, NH— In September 1991, Crossroads Academy opened its doors—dedicated to the proposition that little people can think big thoughts and have a lot of fun doing it. In its first years as a K-3 day school, Crossroads had 15 students and 5 teachers in the basement of a church. Over the past quarter-century, Crossroads Academy grew into a model school with nationally ranked and award-winning students; a faculty that includes two New Hampshire History Teachers of the Year, as well as an Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow and an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow; and a recent Honorable Mention designation as a National School of Character for its outstanding work in character education. Today, more than 130 students in grades K-8 attend Crossroads Academy on a beautifully wooded 140-acre campus in Lyme, NH, with a state-of-the-art multipurpose building, gym, and ten thousand-volume library.

On October 21, 2016, Crossroads will proudly celebrate twenty-five years of "Strong Minds and Kind Hearts" with an all-day series of events on our campus. The festivities will take place throughout the day with students and faculty participating in community service projects, activities, and games. Then promptly at 4:00 pm, the wider Crossroads community is invited to continue the celebration with a school-wide parade and ringing of the school bell. At 4:30 pm, Crossroads community members will move to the gym for the main program, beginning with welcoming remarks and a keynote address by Crossroads founder Dr. Mary Beth Klee. We will also enjoy music, videotaped presentations, and of

course, birthday cake! The celebration will conclude with social time and refreshments hosted by the Crossroads Board of Trustees.

The anniversary gives us an opportunity to celebrate Crossroads Academy's deep and sustained commitment to educating children through a curriculum that integrates academic excellence with moral integrity. We give students the tools to master our academic curriculum and to practice "core virtues." We believe that through this integrated approach, our students develop a true appreciation of who they are and who they aspire to become. Student accomplishments in recent years include:

- Our math team placed eighth in a field of 114 teams in the MathLeague National Competition;
- More than twenty students have had research accepted by the New Hampshire Academy of Science, qualifying them to present their research to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D.C. and to be inducted into the American Junior Academy of Science;
- A Crossroads technology team won "Best in Region" in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge national search that included more than 1,000 app entries;
- Student writing has appeared in local and regional media, including Vermont Public Radio, *The Voice*, Young Writers Project *Anthology 7*, and the *Valley News*;
- Students completed approximately 3,000 hours of community service per year;
- Solar Sprint teams have regularly taken top spots in NH/VT regional competitions;
- Students have won gold, silver, and bronze medals in the National Mythology Exam for outstanding knowledge of Greek and Roman mythology;
- The median student score on national ERB exams is in the 98th percentile for math, 95th percentile for reading, and 95th percentile for writing.

In light of its academic achievements and the positive educational impact the school continues to make in the Upper Valley, Crossroads Academy is pleased to invite the press and the entire Crossroads community (current and former students, parents, grandparents, trustees, faculty/staff, alumni, and friends of the school) to celebrate twenty-five years of "Strong Minds and Kind Hearts" at its campus in Lyme, NH, on October 21, 2016.

About Crossroads Academy:

Crossroads Academy is committed to academic excellence and moral integrity. It inspires its students to love learning, act honorably, and contribute actively to intellectual, cultural, and civic life.

Founded in 1991 by Mary Beth Klee, Crossroads Academy is an independent, coeducational day school for students in kindergarten through grade eight. Crossroads was one of the first independent schools in the nation to adopt—and then expand—the sequential, classic curriculum based on the Core Knowledge philosophy as developed by E.D. Hirsch. Our curriculum is integrated with a unique Core Virtues Program, a character education program created by our founder. According to Head of School Brad Choyt, “Our educational framework and 140-acre woodland campus empower experienced faculty to deliver a rich educational program. Upon graduation, Crossroads students attend the finest public and private high schools in New England and beyond.”

Crossroads enrolls more than 130 students from within a 50-mile radius. Students are drawn from numerous Upper Valley communities including Lyme, Hanover, Canaan, Orford, Lebanon, Piermont, Monroe, Grantham, Enfield, Grafton, and Warren in New Hampshire, and Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, Topsham, Hartford, Vershire, and Woodstock in Vermont.

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