



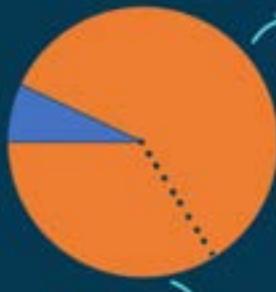
# 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

DePaul School of Northeast Florida



## HOW DID THEY GROW?

### \* Reading Skills



93% of DePaul students grew a year's worth or more

36% grew more than a year's worth

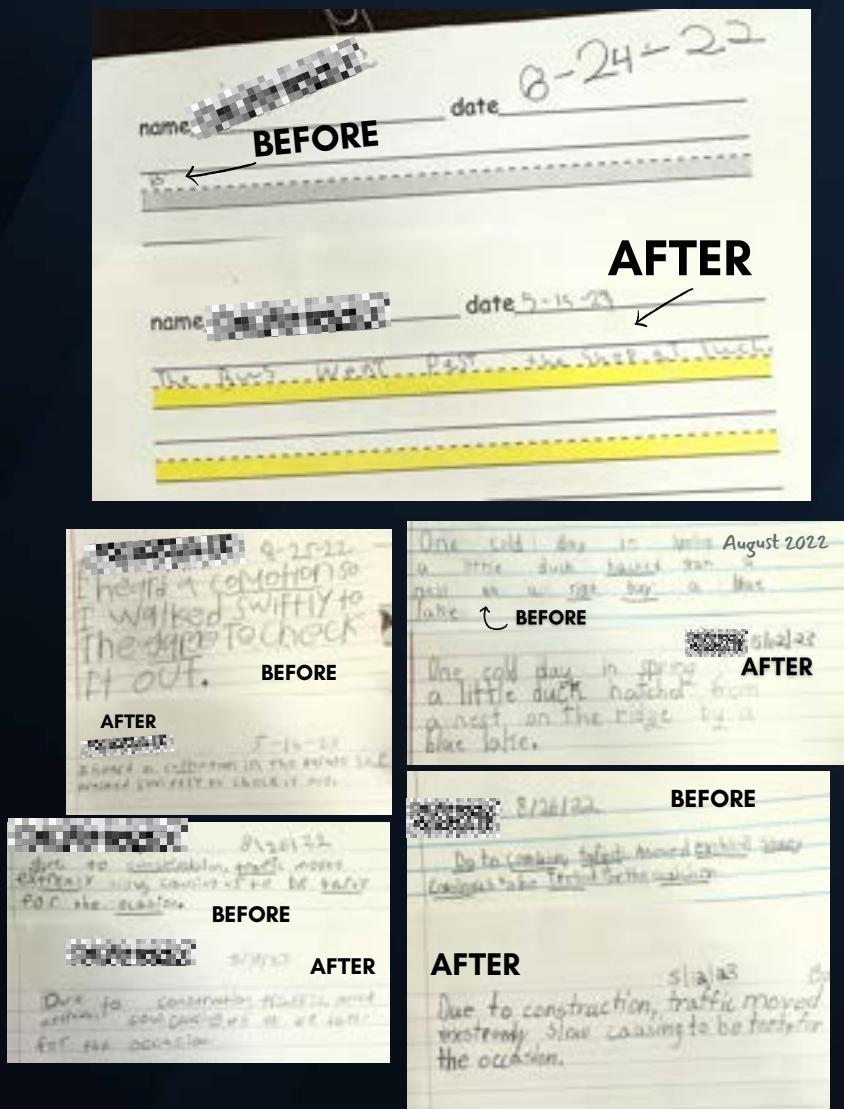


**Enrollment: 103 Students**

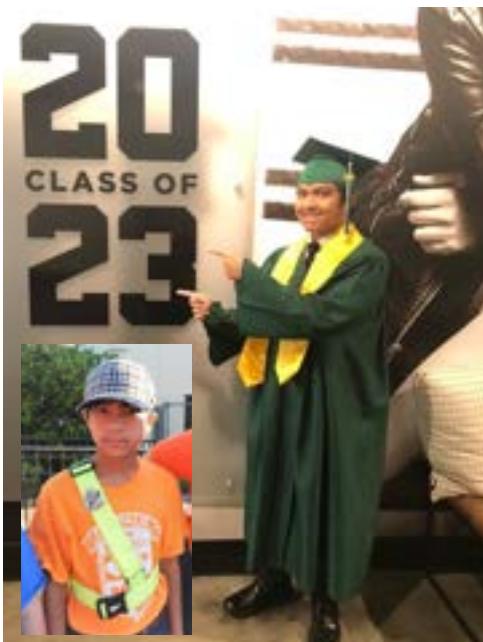
\*students whose primary learning need is dyslexia

\*English Language Arts achievement rate for 21-22 Duval Co public school students in grades 3-8: **47%**

### WE SAID IT, THEY WROTE IT



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



**Albenjamin Teves graduated Greenwood high school on May 24, 2023.**

He starts UNF this fall and plans to study Biomedical Sciences.



**Austin Speck graduated Greenwood high school on May 24, 2023.**

He plans to pursue an Automotive Service Management Technology (A.A.S.) at FSCJ.



## PROFILE: NADIA HOLTERMANN (2019) GREENWOOD CLASS OF 2023

By Nadia Holtermann, as told to Teri Modisette  
Photos provided by Robin Holtermann

**Before DePaul, school was awful. I felt lost. I didn't read very well.**

I was always the last one--always needed extra help because I didn't understand. Instead of helping me, teachers just threw work at me, and that made it ten times harder.

Then my mom said, "You're switching schools at the beginning of third grade."

My third grade teacher at DePaul was Ms. Staine (Mrs. McCullough). She made school so much fun that learning wasn't stressful. There was more understanding. I thought, "Okay. I'm not completely dumb."

I made friends easier too--they'd had the same problems I'd had!

Graduation Day was my favorite memory. Ms. Pulito did my hair and makeup. The 8th graders walked together down the hall in our caps and gowns while Ms. Rowley made us laugh with her jokes.

Sitting onstage, seeing my mom cry because she was so proud of me--knowing I made it through--it made me very happy.

Senior year of high school has been fun. Exciting. Stressful. I've narrowed it down to four colleges: Beacon, UNF, FSCJ, or College of Central Florida.

Most of all, I want to be a horse trainer. Most people don't take care of horses very well because they don't understand them. Every horse I take care of is a horse out of danger. I've been around them my whole life, so why not make a career of it? It's my passion.



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



## PROFILE: MICHALE DUDLEY PARENT OF BRENDAN DUDLEY, DEPAUL CLASS OF 2022



*I was in shock.*

My son Brendan's preschool teacher had just told us he should *repeat* Pre-K.

It was our first sign that something was different. The next few years were full of ups and downs as we tried to figure out how to help him.

We wanted him to repeat kindergarten, but that wasn't allowed. In first grade, his school found a large discrepancy between his reading ability and the things he was capable of explaining and doing.

His psychoeducational testing confirmed he had incredibly high scores in certain areas, but incredibly low ones in reading.

In third grade, we switched him to a school with smaller class sizes. But by middle of fourth grade, he started tanking mentally and academically. His whole self was not okay. He would come home and just shut down.

We heard about DePaul because a friend's son was there. Brendan transitioned to DePaul during his toughest year. That's when the talents and abilities he couldn't express in the regular school system were finally allowed to shine.

DePaul was like a big, warm hug. Everybody just enveloped him in love. He was so excited about safety he felt and how accepting everyone was, from the other children to the teachers to the administration. He didn't have to put on a mask all day long anymore to try to survive.

DePaul helped his soul. He could be himself again.

He did so well that administration informed us it was time for him to transition out of DePaul before he even felt ready.

After that first day at his new school though, he realized he *was* ready. And he was loving it! He's had straight As all year. His teachers say he's relentless—he will do something over and over until he gets 100%.

Now he gets home, does homework, and moves on with his life in good spirits.

We just can't speak highly enough about DePaul.

By Michale Dudley,  
as told to  
Teri Modisette  
Additional photos provided by  
Michale Dudley

**"He would  
come home  
and just shut  
down"**

# DEPAUL'S GREATEST NEED: LOYAL LIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW BUILDING

## DINE FOR DYSLEXIA



**GIVE  
INSTANTLY**  
SCAN ME



## COLOR OUTSIDE THE LINES FUN RUN FOR DYSLEXIA





## TOP GIVERS

### \$20,000 – \$50,000

The Michael J. Ward and Jennifer Glock Foundation  
Lucy B. Gooding Foundation Trust  
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### \$9,000 – \$19,999

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The Haskell Company

### \$5,000 – \$8,999

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### \$2,000 - \$4,999

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### \$1,000-\$1,999

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## MISSION STATEMENT

DePaul is committed to understanding and educating students with dyslexia and related specific learning differences such as visual and auditory processing and attention deficits.

We maintain a commitment to excellence in core academics while nurturing a student's confidence and development.

Special thanks to the generous students, parents, and staff who donated supplies for shelter pets during our drive in December 2022 and food to the Lutheran Social Services Food Bank in May 2023.

## Thank you to these DePaul Board and staff members for monetary and classroom material donations:

Wendie Crook, Tamara Gill, Kelly Clark, Heather Callejas, Teri Modisette, Angelina Moss, Amber Oliveira, Charlotte Parker, Donna Pulito, Reeyan McCullough, Aaron Unthank, Danielle Gill, Ahsha Hamilton, Nancy Barnard, Trina Carver, Rosy Culpepper, Dr. Chanley Dudley, Lori Gaglione, Raymond Green, Dan Kolbenschlag, Frank Mangin, Rikke Ravnborg, Craig Shoup, Kelli Votaw

## YOU helped fund

Trunk or Treat  
Thanksgiving Fall Festival  
Let's Glow Crazy Dance  
Teacher Appreciation

## Fundraisers

Charleston Gift Wrap - \$4,033  
Giving Tuesday - \$2,955  
Popcorn Sale - \$1,311  
2023 Fun Run - \$16,000  
Dine for Dyslexia - \$19,611

## Staff Awards and Credentials

### 9 Educational Faculty 4 Office Staff

8 Orton Gillingham Trained Teachers  
9 Lindamood Bell Trained Teachers  
1 Doctorate of Educational Leadership  
3 Masters Degrees  
10 Bachelors Degrees  
1 Barton certified dyslexia screener



# "DYSLEXIA ISN'T A SERIOUS PROBLEM"

**30,000**

estimated # of  
students with  
dyslexia in Duval Co\*

\*Grades 2-8

Dyslexia is the  
leading cause of  
illiteracy



Unaddressed  
Dyslexia  
contributes  
heavily to

Bad experiences  
in school



Increased high school  
drop-out and crime rates



long term struggles with  
mental health and  
self esteem



Generational  
poverty

**400**  
approximate  
number of seats at  
local schools for  
dyslexia

What ~~HELPS~~ helps dyslexia?

Same methods but more tutoring

~~Special Ed~~

~~More effort from the teacher~~

~~Meds or special diets~~



- The Orton Gillingham Approach
- Accommodations
- Teach the way they learn

Available in almost ZERO mainstream or special ed classrooms



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change the  
story for  
countless kids.

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SCHOOL**

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