



Newsletter | June 2022

Supporting Student Success



All in for Emily

Emily started with CIS-TN in January of 2020. She had not attended school as a freshman, and was behind a year. No one in her family had ever graduated high school, and Emily faced transition in her personal life as she moved between family members' homes several times throughout high school.

When she started working with Chad, our Site Coordinator, he helped get her into an accelerated program that got her caught up, and in May, she graduated with a 3.2 GPA. Chad shared, "I am proud of Emily for getting her driver's license, a job at Sonic, buying a car on her own after saving up a few paychecks, and attending college. Emily is planning to go to school to be a mortician."

Emily is a success story not only for CIS-TN, but for herself, her family, and many future students at Scott High School. Emily has set herself up for a successful future and may have established a new standard for future generations in her family.

A Message from our CEO

TGIS(ummer)! Things are quiet for a few days around our offices. Our amazing coordinators have finished entering data, placed students in summer activities, and celebrated their graduating seniors. They, like teachers, have walked students through another school year and are now enjoying a little R&R before we gear back up for the new school year.

Before we completely close out the last school year, I want to send a big kudos to not just our

staff, but our school districts—teachers, principals, superintendents, and others. Most of us entered last school year hopeful for a fresh start after the turmoil of COVID, only to find that COVID was not done with us. I think perhaps last fall was even more chaotic for students, families, and schools as we all navigated the roller coaster of a new variant, constant quarantines, and intermittent school closures. It was exhausting.

And yet here we are. TCAP scores are pointing in the right direction, chronic absence is decreasing slowly but surely, and school is starting to feel back to normal. As we look toward this coming school year, our team is excited to continue supporting students and keep these trends moving in the right direction. We welcome the opportunity to partner with our schools, who have so much on their plates, and to walk alongside our students on the path to recovery from some hard years.

Each year, we reflect on the year prior and determine where we can improve to keep meeting the needs of students. This year is no different. As you probably have seen, college going rates are steadily decreasing across the state, yet most jobs now require postsecondary education. We want to see our students on the path to becoming thriving adults. So we will continue to focus on mental wellbeing, meeting basic needs, and increasing school attendance. And we will be augmenting our services to include much richer, needed college and career readiness supports for students. We are excited for this new chapter and will keep you posted.

Onward and Upward,



Partnership Spotlight - Creative Artists Agency



10 Years of Partnership with Creative Artists Agency

Creative Artists Agency (CAA) has supported CIS-TN since we started in 2012. This past week a team of CAA volunteers spent time at one of our partner schools to get ready for the next school year. CAA has supported our mission in many ways from donating office space, providing mentors and volunteers, being event sponsors and connecting us to engaging and passionate board members who support our mission. We are so grateful for their on going support and commitment. CAA is All In For Kids!

Meet our New Board Members

We are excited to welcome five new board members to CIS-TN

Meet our newest board members who bring their experience and passion in a variety of areas to support the work of CIS across the state. Click on the link below to read their bios.



[Read Bios Here](#)

Top Row L-R: Rachel Tompkins (Teach For America), Barry Olhausen (Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents), Jonathan Fields (Soho House)
Bottom Row L-R: Magistrate Jennifer Wade (Nashville-Davidson County Juvenile Court), Briana Sprick Schuster (Bass, Berry & Sims PLC)

Save the Date for our 10 Year Celebration



Join us for our
All in for Kids
Fundraising Breakfast

featuring the CIS National President, Rey Saldaña,
as our Keynote Speaker



Thursday, October 27, 2022

Networking and Coffee begins at 7:30am
Program will be from 8-9am

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**RSVP to Leah Susi at lsusi@cistn.org
by Friday, October 22**

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