

Questions & Answers



What is the United Christian Academy Vision?

United Christian Academy (UCA), a premier Pre-K through 12th Christian School, launched in fall 2019. UCA was formed after Bethany Academy and Life Academy of Bloomington and Christian Life Academy of Farmington announced they would be uniting. Visionary leadership resulted in a consolidation where the best of each school could be combined to offer more opportunities to students beyond what each school could offer independently. UCA's rich history in all three schools provides students and graduates with a strong foundation and legacy in Christian Education.

Why is the Capital Campaign so important?

As a result of the collaborative process, the board has approved the need to build a new campus for K to 12 in Lakeville, MN, and approved the planning of a Capital Campaign.

Moving ahead with the capital projects will advance our master plan and ensure the vitality of United Christian Academy as a world-class Christian education for generations to come. The plan will allow United Christian Academy to move to a new campus and advance its vision "to be a leader in guiding children and their parents through a Christ-centered shared journey from infancy to adulthood."

What is the project's cost, and how will it be funded?

The project's total cost is \$100 million and will be funded through the generosity of families, foundations, and businesses. The Light the Way Campaign will be managed through the UCA Foundation.

How will the \$100 million be spent on the new campus?

Land	\$ 4,400,000
Site Prep and Utilities	\$ 5,600,000
Campus Academic Building/ Commons	\$ 55,000,000
Pre-K	\$ 7,000,000
Athletics - Gym Complex	\$ 11,000,000
Multi-Sport Stadium/Plaza Competition/Practice Fields	\$ 3,500,000
Fine Arts Center/Auditorium	\$ 8,000,000
True Calling Trades Center	\$ 3,000,000
Play Areas	\$ 400,000
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 4,500,000
Parking Lots	\$ 2,000,000
Landscaping/Lawns	\$ 1,000,000
Endowment	\$ 10,000,000

When will construction start? When will it be completed?

We anticipate construction to begin in the summer of 2022, with completion by fall 2024.

What will be the capacity of the new campus?

- Draw from 22 communities across the Twin Cities
- **Project enrollment (2027/28) up to 1,400 students**
- Facility to accommodate up to 1,600 students
- Preschool program to accommodate 200 students

Can I restrict my gift to a specific purpose?

Yes. Although unrestricted gifts are preferred, you can restrict your gift to a specific area of interest or fund.

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What is the economic impact on the community?

The United Christian Academy is projected to be a catalyst for economic development in Lakeville, helping to stabilize downtown businesses and increase commercial tax revenues. Similar projects have shown a solid contribution to their neighborhoods' stability, safety, and quality of life.

How will the UCA and Lakeville community benefit from having a new School?

Light the Way Campaign will allow us to invest over \$100 million in building the new campus in Lakeville. Our new campus will lead to **raised productivity and creativity and stimulate entrepreneurship and technological breakthroughs**. All these factors lead to greater output and economic growth.

What is the timing of the Campaign?

The Campaign is planned over the next 36-month months. Gifts to the Campaign can be pledged over a three-to-five-year period.

How can I give?

An outright cash gift immediately benefits the *Light the Way Campaign for United Christian Academy Foundation*. You can pay the amount or spread your pledge for up to five years.

Will you take stock or other appreciated securities?

Yes. Such a gift will benefit the Campaign and provide tax savings for the donor. Stock transfers can be arranged through the Campaign Office and with your banker, broker, or financial advisor.

Can I make a deferred or planned gift?

Yes. Such gifts can be effective ways of contributing to the Campaign. Your financial advisor or our Campaign Office staff will be prepared to discuss these options.

What about naming opportunities?

A list of naming opportunities is available for your consideration. Campaign staff will assist you in determining a suitable form of lasting remembrance.

Are there tax advantages to giving?

Yes. The United Christian Academy Foundation spearheads the Campaign, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization, and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your accountant or tax advisor to learn more.

I already give to United Christian Academy annually. Should I also give to the capital campaign?

Annual gifts support ongoing daily programs. In addition, the UCA Foundation has an extraordinary opportunity to build a new campus.

Where can I get more information?

For questions about the project, donating, or volunteering, contact us at:

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