Annapolis Christian Academy



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Director of Advancement Job Description and Responsibilities

This position serves as a full-time member of the senior administrative team of Annapolis Christian Academy and reports directly to the Head of School. The Director of Advancement is responsible for executing a comprehensive plan that includes fundraising, constituent relationships, marketing and communications, events, and other similar activities.

Spiritual Leadership:

The Director of Advancement/Development should exhibit the following:

- Be a Christian with a strong Christian testimony and evidence of spiritual maturity.
- Be in agreement with the school's statement of faith.
- Possess the qualities of Christian leadership and servanthood. Although this individual will not function in a pastoral capacity, we desire them to aspire to the highest levels of character (1 Timothy 3:2-12; Titus 1:6-9; Matthew 20:26-27 and Mark 9:35).
- Personally model Christian maturity through a settled and deliberate giving practice.
- Serves as a spiritually mature role model by exhibiting the virtues of the fruit of the spirit.
- Demonstrates a submission to the vision, mission and policies of the school.

Academic Requirements:

- 1. Education
 - o Bachelor's Degree required. Master's Degree preferred.
 - o Or a combination of education and experience sufficient to get the job done.
- 2. Other
 - Experience in fund development with a proven track record of success in raising funds and experience working with budgets and clear financial expectations.
 - Extensive organizational and people skills with experience in working independently.
 - o Demonstrated ability to communicate verbally and in writing.
 - Proficient with G Suite applications and donor database software

Professional Requirements:

- 1. Create a positive culture of stewardship and cultivate/maintain donor relations.
- 2. Enthusiasm for the school's purpose and ability to share that excitement with others.
- 3. Able to build relationships that can lead to financial support, particularly in the sensitive area of dealing with friends and family of the school.
- 4. Desire to build a small and highly motivated volunteer team who can help meet the financial vision of the school.

Fundraising:

- 1. Work with the Head, Board, and Institutional Advancement committee in formulating annual goals to fund the precise vision expansion needs of the school.
- 2. Develop and design a comprehensive annual plan to raise funds through individuals, corporations, businesses, and foundations.

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- 3. Prepare/complete annual calendar of fundraising activities/events.
- 4. Report regularly to the Head of School and Institutional Advancement Committee.
- 5. Maintain an existent donor management system. This system should ensure timely acknowledgment of all donations and establish a system for identifying who should acknowledge gifts at various giving levels.
- 6. Grow the school's endowment fund.
- 7. Expand the School Sponsorship Program by soliciting new business partnerships.
- 8. Seek out, solicit, and prepare proposals for foundations and other grant-making organizations.
- 9. Organize and manage project-based and capital improvement campaigns, as needed.
- 10. Attend continuing education and advancement opportunities that involve school development.
- 11. Plan and facilitate activities/occasions that will put administrators, trustees, and others in contact with present and prospective donors
- 12. Participate in local service and networking organizations in an attempt to build relationships with community members and businesses.

Marketing & Communications:

- 1. Provide leadership to monthly email and quarterly newsletters.
- 2. Work with the communications director to get announcements out through Constant Contact.
- 3. Provide leadership to pertinent social media strategy & website updates.
- 4. Coordinate advertising with local media outlets.

Events:

- 1. Lead the school's fundraising events throughout the year.
- 2. Work with the Development Committee in the planning and execution of those events.
- 3. Effectively manage volunteers to assist with events.
- 4. Work within the budget and meet targeted fundraising goals.