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All in the Family SCA Celebrates Second Generation of Eagles!

(Lee's Summit, MO) – As the 2015-16 school year begins with a record number of students, SCA is excited to see so many second generation SCA students, including a Kindergarten student that is the son of one of the class of 2004 graduates!

Prior to adding the Secondary Program in 2000, SCA was for students in preschool – eighth grade. There are many who graduated from SCA in eighth grade that have their families at SCA including SCA Alumni Luke Pace and Curt Harrelson. Pace's sixth grade son Gunner has been at SCA since Kindergarten, and Harrelson's daughters- third grader Isabella and first grader Eliana- have both attended SCA since they were in preschool.

This year, however, is especially monumental for a few reasons, one being that sixth grade teacher Verna Green, who has taught at SCA since 1989, has reached her goal of teaching two generations from the same family. Her current student Gunner Pace's dad Luke was also a student of hers many years ago!

Additionally, this year kindergartener JJ Huskey made SCA history as the first child of a SCA High School graduate to walk the same halls as his mother! JJ's mom, Merry McClain, is one of the fourteen students who were a part of SCA's first-ever graduating class in 2004.

"I first came to SCA in 1999 as an eighth grader," shared Merry. "I am forever grateful to the school board for making the decision to add ninth grade for us."

Following graduation, Merry earned an associate's degree from Longview Community College, and a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Central Missouri. Merry became a social worker for the state of Missouri, and believes that her education from SCA played a crucial role in her professional development.

"After my son JJ was born, it was instantly my heart's desire for him to one day attend school at SCA for the Christian environment as well as the academics," said Merry. "The moment I walked in the door for the school tour, it truly felt like I was coming home. The first day of school was a dream come true- I felt as though my heart would burst with

gratitude for God's faithfulness in this journey."

"Recently, after picking JJ up from school, we spent some time on the elementary playground. As I watched him play, I couldn't help but look behind me and see the school's humble beginnings of the modular units- the same modular that I had classes in over ten years ago. As I looked around, I was in awe of the high school building and the football players practicing on the beautiful sports' complex. It is truly remarkable how much the school has grown. God has been so good to us, and I am so thankful and honored to once again be back home at SCA!"

Photo Caption: Merry McClain, from SCA's first graduating Class of 2004, with her kindergarten son JJ on his first day of school at SCA.

Summit Christian Academy (SCA) is an independent, nondenominational Christian school serving 795 preschool through high school students. Established in 1989, the school has distinguished itself as a leader in private Christian education in the Midwest region. SCA is located on a 36-acre campus and is a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). The school holds dual accreditation through North Central Association and Association of Christian Schools International.

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