

Dear Families and Staff Members,

Heading into Spring Break is a great time to look back at this year and look ahead at some exciting plans that are rolling out for next school year. First and foremost, thank you for a *wonderful, normal* (or as normal as it ever gets), and *consistent* school year! It may sound trivial, but for quite some time, we have not been able to describe the school experience using those 3 words. In schools, *normal* means we work through ups and downs together to help students learn and grow on a daily basis. *Consistent* means that students are able to head to school without continual unexpected changes to the school day; they are free to focus on their studies, extra-curricular activities and on building quality relationships. And *wonderful* is an indicator that students and staff are able to enjoy the school experience together, creating those moments and memories that will live well beyond their time in the building.

Jefferson Academy was started to provide a great educational option for students and families. The JA Board of Director's 2021-2024 [Strategic Plan](#) remains true to that founding principal. Strategic Plan Goal #4, *Multiple Pathways to Success*, states that, "As an organization with multiple campuses and programs, we recognize that there are many pathways to success for our students. We seek to fully embrace and communicate these pathways with our current and potential families, and embrace them as a key strength at JA while continuing to grow and expand our offerings." As you will see, all our campuses remain committed to providing current and future families exceptional choices in education.

"Looking Ahead", I am excited to introduce you to Mr. Ryan Stadler who will be taking over as JA's Secondary principal next year.



A Colorado native and graduate of Pomona High School, Ryan Stadler has not moved far from his roots as he enters his 25th year in education. With his first teaching job as a 4th grade instructor at Jefferson Academy in 1999, this will be his fourth role for the school which has included classroom teacher, technology instructor, athletic director, and now principal. His previous principal experience included being the founding principal at Community Leadership Academy, District 14's first charter school in 2005, as well as the principal

at Campbell Elementary in Jefferson County until 2020. Married to his wife Theresa for 24 years, the two have grown up in the JA community together as staff members and parents. They have three children, all attending JA, with their oldest a senior and youngest currently in the 8th grade. When not at school events, Ryan enjoys mountain biking and playing team sports including lacrosse and football. However, his true guilty pleasure is returning to his teenage days, playing Tecmo Super Bowl online.

“Looking Ahead” at the elementary, we are thrilled that for the first time we are able to offer a Summer Jag Care program for our students and families. With summer care programs across the area filling to capacity quickly, our Jag Care team took it on themselves to design a summer program that will serve up to 50 students per day. The program includes field trips and other activities that will keep students active and engaged. The program is scheduled to start on May 25th and run through August 4th.

“Looking Ahead” at Summit Academy South, next year will be the 6th year for the Littleton location and 3rd year for Conifer. These programs serve primarily home schooled students but also include a component for full time concurrent enrollment students. Littleton remains stable serving 140 students on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Conifer has experienced significant growth in their short time and is now waitlisted for next year. The Littleton campus could support more students, however, the size of Conifer location is limited to 140 per day and is “maxed out” next year.

“Looking Ahead” at The Summit Academy, this Westminster based program continues to experience growth, now serving over 800 home schooled and full time concurrent enrollment students each week. Next year The Summit Academy is starting a new program designed to better serve elite athletes whose practice and travel schedules preclude them from attending school on a regular basis. Often the only option open to these students is an on-line/virtual program. Next year, The Summit Academy will offer an on-site program one-day week that will provide these athletes in-person learning and some extracurricular activities they have traditionally missed. Projections are that this Tuesday program will enroll between 40 and 60 students in year one and will continue to grow as more families learn about this option.

Thank you for being a vital part of the JA/Summit partnership. I look forward to seeing what the next few months of this school will bring.

I wish you a restful Spring Break!

Sincerely,
Tim Matlick
Executive Director