

# THE SPRINGBOARD NEWS

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 SPRINGBOARD USA FOUNDATION—A GREAT EDUCATION LASTS FOREVER

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## SPRINGBOARD STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS

The 2020-2021 school year commenced with nine SpringBoard scholars attending four boarding schools in Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas and Nebraska. “Our boarding school partners faced monumental challenges due to the COVID-19 virus. I am happy to report all our partner boarding schools are open with strict protocols to protect students, faculty and staff. They’ve all done a remarkable job preparing for students returning to campus”, said SpringBoard executive director Patrick Weaver. Academics and activities are in full swing. Several boys are active in football, theatre productions are in the works and weekend adventures range from hiking, fishing, shopping and online games all with the proper safety protocols directed by the school. “I am so proud of our students, they are remarkable young people”, said Mr. Weaver.

## STUDENT SPONSORS NEEDED

We are blessed to have a number of donor sponsors that support the mission of SpringBoard USA Foundation by providing financial support for students. We enthusiastically thank them for their support! While SpringBoard USA Foundation operates as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible, several current students are presently funded through SpringBoard operating funds. Yearly sponsorship of a SpringBoard student is \$10,000. We are in need of four sponsors for the 2020-2021 school term. Help us help them! Contact Patrick Weaver at 615-419-6699 or [patrick@springboardusa.org](mailto:patrick@springboardusa.org) to learn how you can make a difference.



Amy, left, and Yorlery flash big smiles as they prepare to depart for school at Maur Hill-Mount Academy.

## WHAT IS A BOARDING SCHOOL?

With over 300 in the United States, boarding schools offer a safe and secure environment for students to prepare for college and life. Boarding schools are places of learning where students and teachers live on the premises. College preparatory classes, numerous extra-curricular options and a diverse student body are hallmarks of a superior boarding experience. Boarding schools can be single-gender or co-educational and typically comprise grades 9-12. Today, SpringBoard USA Foundation is in partnership with five excellent boarding schools:

- St. Andrew’s Sewanee School—Sewanee, TN
- Maur Hill—Mount Academy—Atchison, KS
- Mount Michael Benedictine School—Elkhorn, NE
- Subiaco Academy—Subiaco, AR
- St. Bernard Preparatory School—Cullman, AL



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## HOW IT WORKS

**Students** – SpringBoard USA students come from challenging life situations which are severely lacking in resources and support. Each candidate must have the mental capacity and willingness to succeed in a college preparatory education environment, though remedial and tutoring assistance are available for those who need it. Most importantly, each candidate must demonstrate to the Foundation that he/she has a sincere desire to explore and thrive in a new diverse environment.

**Boarding Schools** - Boarding schools play a pivotal and transformational role in the lives of SpringBoard USA students. SpringBoard USA Foundation has several coed and single gender boarding school partnerships; Mount Michael Benedictine School, St. Andrew's Sewanee School, St. Bernard Preparatory School, Subiaco Academy and Maur Hill – Mount Academy. SpringBoard USA students are matched to a boarding school based on academic progress and extracurricular interests.

**Partner Organizations** - The role of partner organizations is to identify and refer students to SpringBoard USA Foundation for placement into an approved boarding school. Sometimes a partner organization will also make a financial commitment to the student. Partner organizations conduct the initial screening of student applicants.

**Sponsors** - A sponsor is a person, couple, business, church, charitable organization or group interested in providing financial support for one or more of the SpringBoard USA students.

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## VIEWS FROM CAMPUS

