



## **For Immediate Release**

# **Lake Country Classical Academy Held Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate its Grand Opening**

**OCONOMOWOC, Wis. (Aug. 27, 2021)** — Dozens of students, parents, staff, and members of the community gathered at Lake Country Classical Academy (LCCA)'s West campus today for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the new, K-12 public charter school. LCCA will open its doors on Sept. 7, serving 425 kindergarten - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. The school will expand by one grade each year until serving grades K-12 by 2024. LCCA currently has two campuses – LCCA East in Okauchee serving grades K - 4, and LCCA West in Oconomowoc serving grades 5 - 9.

“LCCA will be a place where all children can learn in classroom environments led by highly knowledgeable and professional teachers and supported by content-rich subject areas, where students can pursue the true, the good, and the beautiful,” said Bart Williams, LCCA Principal.

“The creation of LCCA has been a monumental effort made possible by the collaboration and support from so many people and organizations,” said Kristina Vourax, LCCA Board President & Founder. “We are forever grateful for support from our authorizer, the LCO Ojibwe College, Hillsdale College, the William S. Knight Foundation and individual donors, businesses that donated their time and talent, and our LCCA families for making the dream of this school a reality. We’re humbled and honored to bring this unique classical option to families in Lake Country.”

LCCA is the first affiliate school of the Hillsdale College Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI) in the state of Wisconsin. The BCSI is assisting LCCA in creating and implementing a challenging and engaging academic program, as well as providing teacher training that will serve as the foundation for a liberal arts and civic education. This classical curriculum emphasizes the core disciplines of history, math, science, and language arts, including phonics and writing, with significant attention to music, art, and foreign language. Each of these disciplines will be taught with an emphasis on the history and traditions of American citizens as the inheritors of Western civilization. The BCSI learning model has already seen substantial success throughout the United States, with more than 20 affiliate schools currently serving over 12,000 students across the country.

For more information on Lake Country Classical Academy, visit [www.lakecountryclassical.org](http://www.lakecountryclassical.org).