

Discovery Program

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As The King's Academy strives to “graduate Christian leaders who seek to impact their world for the King of kings through academic excellence and spiritual vitality,” we create opportunities for success at all levels. For the past thirteen years, TKA has offered the National Institute for Learning Development's (NILD) Discovery Program to assist students who have challenges in their academic experience and enable them to stretch and grow into successful students. Program Director Ann Gill has seen tremendous success using the program's targeted strategy, which is a direct, focused educational treatment provided through mediated learning.

TKA senior Julia Corley '13 is one of the many Discovery Program success stories. As a first-grader, Julia struggled with learning to read and spell. An educational evaluation determined that she had weaknesses that were preventing her from reaching her full potential. Julia began attending two 80-minute, one-on-one sessions per week during the school day as well as doing some additional work at home. After a few years of therapy, Julia's reading and writing skills developed and her confidence continued to improve. She began participating in extracurricular activities, performing in local theater productions, leading her sixth-grade class as “mayor,” and being nominated by her sixth-grade teachers for the *Junior National Young Leaders Conference*. Julia has since excelled on TKA's swim team where she has been swim team captain for the past three years. She has also been an asset on the girls' track team. Julia served as the Senior Class President and as a Chair for TKA's Ambassador Program. She was elected to Homecoming Court and was chosen to represent TKA as a nominee for the Pathfinder Reach for Excellence Award. Julia's numerous successes are a testament to her determination and positive work ethic. Julia's parents, William and Rosa Corley, commented, “When we actually witnessed what Mrs. Gill and the Discovery Program were doing for Julia throughout her elementary years, we absolutely had no doubt that Julia would succeed throughout high school and beyond. There is no question in our minds that Julia's successes are attributed to her years with the Discovery Program.”

“One of the many opportunities TKA has blessed me with was the Discovery Program. It helped me grow in so many ways. Although it was difficult at times, I'm proud to say I completed the program.” – Julia Corley '13