

Dedication Celebration

<i>Mr. Orrin Ingram NAPE Board Chair</i>	<i>Welcome</i>
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<i>Mr. Orrin Ingram</i>	<i>Closing Remarks</i>

The Nashville Alliance for Public Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to securing private resources to improve Metro Nashville Public Schools. The Alliance seeks to fund initiatives that are coordinated with the strategic priorities of the public school system. Since its inception, the Alliance has raised millions of dollars to purchase science and math equipment, create an endowment for debate programs, support reading excellence, improve professional development, and donate hundreds of musical instruments in partnership with the Country Music Association.

"This is an exciting time for education in Nashville. The community has identified a critical need to improve our public schools. The Nashville Alliance and other local organizations are pooling their resources to fund projects like the Martin Center that will have a lasting impact on the futures of our students."

Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville

"If we are to have better schools, we must focus on what happens in the classroom between a teacher and a student."

Nelson C. Andrews, Nashville Business Leader and Education Advocate

"Years of thought and planning have gone into the development of the Martin Professional Development Center, and we're excited to see the project completed. It started with the need for a better training center and, through the generous support of the community, has grown into a fully equipped facility for Metro teachers to use for years to come."

Pam Garrett, Executive Director
Nashville Alliance for Public Education

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"My own educational experience inspired my interest to help provide a state-of-the-art facility for our teachers. Great schools help create a great city, and it all begins with high-quality teachers who have access to the best-available professional development opportunities."

Charlie Martin
The Martin Foundation

A new era in professional development



The city of Nashville has ushered in a new era for public education with the opening of the Martin Professional Development Center. Now – for the first time in the history of Metro Nashville Public Schools – our educators have a state-of-the-art facility dedicated solely to the quality of teaching and instruction in the classroom.

Without the infrastructure necessary to support the professional development of our teachers, our students will not succeed. Every great teacher employs a unique voice and combination of skills to challenge the intellect and fuel the imagination, and the new Martin Center will enable our teachers to enhance those skills with the 21st century technology that excites our students.

The dream that grew into the Martin Center began in 2006 when the Nashville Alliance for Public Education established a public/private partnership to improve the educational experience of teachers. In just two years, the Alliance secured support from key donors and worked as partners with the school district to turn the vision of a new professional development facility into reality at the site of the historic Eakin Elementary School.

Although a high-tech building, the 44,000-square-foot Martin Center is truly a “people place” designed to fulfill its mission of producing superbly trained educators. From the soaring atrium that facilitates conversation to the well-designed class areas, the three-story building creates a catalyst for interaction among creative people who care deeply about children. All the tools are at hand, from wireless Internet access to the 7,200-square-foot Turner Hall that accommodates up to 500 guests as an auditorium or 350 guests seated banquet-style. The Center also provides 10 training classrooms, ample meeting space, a technology wing boasting four training labs and the 150-seat Café Metro.

For decades to come, the Martin Professional Development Center will serve thousands of Nashville educators, who in turn will serve hundreds of thousands of students. It’s a ripple effect that knows no boundaries, as the future graduates of Metro Nashville Public Schools step into leadership roles in our city, state and nation. Behind the success of each young person, the Martin Center will have played a central role in ensuring the high-quality public education that enriches the lives of everyone in Nashville.

Appreciation

The Nashville Alliance for Public Education and the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools would like to extend sincere thanks as we recognize the donors who supported the construction and the state-of-the-art features of the Center:

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