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Dear Members of the Board,

It is my great honor to present Siiri Davidson as this month's recipient of the Nova Classical Spotlight Award. This award was established to recognize individuals who exemplify Nova Classical Academy's commitment to academic excellence, virtue, and a thriving school community. Through their outstanding dedication, they inspire those around them and contribute meaningfully to our pursuit of *learning not for school, but for life*.

Over the past several years, Ms. Davidson has been an instrumental leader in strengthening the fabric of our Nova community through her work with the Nova Parent Teacher Organization (NPTO). In response to a call for greater collaboration between the school and NPTO, she stepped forward with vision and determination to reimagine the role our parent organization can play in supporting school culture and connection.

Among her many contributions, Siiri spearheaded the return of the Nova Family Carnival, a cherished tradition that had not reappeared since the pandemic. Through nearly weekly planning meetings, she recruited and organized more than 250 adult and student volunteers, led a comprehensive marketing campaign, launched a t-shirt design contest with over 130 student submissions, and secured business sponsorships that allowed the event to be free for families. The November 2024 Carnival was a vibrant success — complete with games, raffles, auctions, inflatables, delicious food, and even llamas — and raised more than \$20,000 to support NPTO programming.

Her efforts did not end with the Carnival. Siiri has helped coordinate and promote dozens of Great Gatherings events, organized restaurant fundraisers, supported community events like the ice skating party, and worked behind the scenes at nearly every major NPTO initiative. Whether designing flyers, copying and distributing them, recruiting volunteers, or staying to clean up, she approaches each task with humility, consistency, and a desire to serve.

Siiri Davidson exemplifies the virtues we seek to instill in our students and community. Her fortitude in seeing projects through, her prudence in leadership, and her generous spirit reflect the very best of Nova's mission and virtues.

I am proud to recognize and celebrate Siiri Davidson for her outstanding dedication to Nova Classical Academy. Her impact will be felt for years to come, and we are deeply grateful for her service.

It's a Great Day to be a Knight!

Dr. Brett Wedlund  
Executive Director