

# Alumni Highlight:

## The Dowell-Binns Family GPCP Alumni and Founding Family



Kaycee Binns and Lindsey Dowell joined GPCP when the school was just an idea being contemplated by a group of neighbors in Grant Park. Together with the other founding families, Kaycee and Lindsey worked very hard supporting the efforts to open a new school for our neighborhood. In fact, their strong and unconditional support has continued throughout the years, with generous donations for our auctions and the graduation medallions. Kaycee, who

founded her business 'Metal Morphosis Inc.,' designed the graduation medallion for us and continues to create and donate them each year.



Kaycee and Lindsey have two sons, McLean and Aidan, who attended GPCP from 2000 to 2005. McLean is currently a junior at Maynard Jackson High and is enrolled as an early college student at Metropolitan College. He is enrolled in a Fast Track to Engineering program in conjunction with GA Tech and his ultimate goal is to attend GA Tech and become a mechanical engineer.

Aidan is currently a Sophomore at Maynard Jackson and is enjoying high school life. "Like many other kids, McLean and Aidan were scared and cried on their first day at Grant Park Cooperative Preschool. As their time there continued, they both were eager to get there every morning. They loved Mrs. Mandy and Mrs. Yvette, along with the entire staff, and to this day, they smile whenever they see

Gabriela around the neighborhood."



DRAWING OF  
GRANT PARK COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

by  
McLean Dowell, 5

One of McLean's proudest achievements is his drawing of the Preschool which hangs in the school today. He still talks about, even then, he was thinking about being a builder and creating things. That

love of building and creating is stronger than ever. McLean is into 3D printing and along with his friends has started a group that meets to brainstorm ideas to solve everyday problems. McLean has also started refurbishing used golf carts and reselling them for a profit. He definitely has his mom's entrepreneurial drive.

Aidan has always been a true student of human nature. From early childhood, he has been unusually in tune with others around him and has the gift of understanding and reading situations. Writing and poetry come easy to Aidan and his parents secretly wish he would pursue a life as a writer. His poems are well beyond his years and read like a well-established writer. Aidan has a large sense of empathy and always wants to help others. Aidan loves computers and has built his own custom computer from the ground up. He wants to start a business supplying custom built gaming computers. He loves gaming and his goal is to be a software engineer for Microsoft.

"GPCP was a great start for both of our children. The love they felt at school, along with the support they were given, has sculpted them into the young men they have become. We are grateful for having such a great school in our beloved neighborhood."

Momma  
By Aidan Dowell

Love is an unspeakable truth  
the truth of millions  
The truth of me  
to my mom  
to the sun and back  
From the core to the atmosphere  
Taking a bullet  
lending a helping hand  
I may not show it but when I can  
I will say  
I love you mom  
From the core to the atmosphere  
to the sun and back  
You can lean on me  
you can tell me anything  
I love you mom  
I can tell you anything  
I am allowed privacy  
You understand me  
I love you mom  
And I don't say that often  
enough  
But I love you mom