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*LORD, our Lord, how majestic
 is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory in the heavens.
 Through the praise of children and
 infants you have established
 a stronghold against your enemies,
 to silence the foe and the avenger.*

Psalm 8:1-2 NIV



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WCS Mission Statement

Wilmington Christian School provides a Christ-centered, challenging academic program with instruction based on the Biblical view of God and the world. WCS teaches, influences, and encourages each student to effectively integrate Biblical truth into his/her daily life and to impact the culture for Christ.



LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

Mr. Stevens

“ROOM WITH A VIEW”

The title is from a 1908 novel of the same name, by E.M. Forster. While the book has no relevance to what I write here, there is one distinct difference. The story is a critique of English culture in the Edwardian age. The story of Wilmington Christian School is a cure for American culture in our age.

In my story, I am sitting in my office here at school. As I work at being headmaster (feverishly, I might add!), I have the distinct privilege of being situated right alongside the elementary playground. With a large picture window in the back, I get a large picture of life here at WCS. I, literally, have a room with a view...a view of some precious little ones who, even at their young age, have a grasp of things spiritual that is such a blessing to me. Most any day, I have the honor of seeing them interact with one another, sing songs together, and, well, just share life. It's a view I will never forget, because it is how it should be. They have such an innocent, natural way of sharing their Christ life with their classmates and friends. Oh, sure they have their disagreements and squabbles...they're human. But they haven't built up the resentments and callousness that keep us from being vulnerable, forgiving, and unashamedly fond of each other.

And if that weren't enough, I also get to participate in this view. Quite often, a small group will tap at my window, wanting me to open it and join them in a song or have me listen to their weekly Bible verse or something they are learning together. It is just amazing and makes me wonder, “Why would we want it any other way?” Children want to praise, they want to share their love for God, and enjoy one another in such a natural way. In fact, it's biblical. Our year verse from Psalm 8 states that God ordained children to praise. Yet our world does so much to discourage this or keep them and their Creator separate from “normal” life. Not only does Christian education give an integrated biblical worldview of life and learning, but it also fosters these “childlike” relationships that are sincere and that will last forever. So again, why would we not want this?

I truly believe that a Christian education, like at WCS, is a cure for what ails us. It's an atmosphere, while not perfect, in which this generation can receive a view of the way God intended life to be; a view which brings meaning and purpose to learning, and a view which, from this room of mine, is a blessing to this adult... who is still learning to be “as a child” in the Kingdom of heaven.

Mr. Stevens

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GENERATIONS OF *Homeroom Moms*

***“Train up a child in the way
he should go, and when he is
old he will not turn from it.”
Proverbs 22:6.***

What a blessing it is to have our grandchildren attending Wilmington Christian School! We are now seeing a third generation of our family as WCS students. Our journey began in 1958 when my husband, Ed, started first grade at WCS in a Presbyterian church on north DuPont Street in Wilmington. At that time Wilmington Christian School was very young and went to 6th grade. In 1985 our daughter, Kate, started Kindergarten, and in 1988 our son, Eddie, also began Kindergarten at the Newark branch. There was no elementary building and K-6th was held at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Newark. There was also a north elementary branch at Immanuel Baptist Church in Wilmington. Over the years we have been privileged to watch WCS grow and build the wonderful campus we now enjoy.

Having been a homeroom mom for Miss Yerkes, it is exciting to see Kate as her homeroom mom this year. I went into the classroom for their Christmas party and it made me smile the entire time watching Kate and Lana. Lana Yerkes is an outstanding teacher and it is wonderful to have her here for our grandchildren. Her love for WCS and her students is evident in everything she does. Seeing her with Kate makes me realize once again how quickly time flies and how valuable good, solid Christian education is. We are blessed!

Ruth Jones

During the 1988-89 school year I was a 3rd grade student in Miss Yerkes' class. I have very vivid memories of memorizing my times tables, making a space helmet and having so much fun at the holiday parties. Those parties hold special memories for me now not only because Miss Yerkes was one of my favorite teachers but also because my mom was the homeroom mom that year. She worked closely with Miss Yerkes by typing out worksheets and coming up with fun parties throughout the school year as well as volunteering in the classroom.

When my daughter Emma started Pre-K at WCS I was already looking forward to the day she would have Miss Yerkes as her teacher! Lana and I had already talked when Emma was in first grade about me coming on as homeroom mom when the time came. I was so ready to take on that job just like my mom had done many years before.

This year Emma entered 3rd grade and I have been enjoying my time as homeroom mom for her class. My mom recently put together a scrapbook for me documenting my elementary years with pictures and saved tests. It is fun to see that some of the same projects I worked on are being assigned to Emma. I have had so much fun this year planning parties with the other two homeroom moms and coming up with games. It has brought back all the wonderful memories of when my mom helped out. Miss Yerkes is such a wonderful teacher and such a strong Christian woman. I don't know who was more excited for this year to come myself or Miss Yerkes! I feel so blessed to have had her as a teacher and now for my daughter to have her is a double blessing. Being on the flipside now as a parent to four WCS students has been such a wonderful experience. God has richly blessed this school with wonderful teachers. It is so apparent that Miss Yerkes loves her students and helps them grow both academically and spiritually. Emma loves 3rd grade and thinks it is so "cool" (to use her word) that Miss Yerkes was my teacher and now she gets to have her too!

Kate Davis '98



LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

What Does WCS offer?

Memories! Oh, the memories the recent Miracle Worker production brought back to me! Memories of working with students and seeing the “lightbulb” go on as they now understood something they had been struggling to understand. That is the great joy of teaching for me and for all teachers, really.

It began for me, in my own childhood home, watching my brother struggle to learn. Knowing his difficulties, watching tutors helping him and seeing the slow but steady progress, kindled in me the desire to be one of those “helpers”.

The Lord has blessed WCS with Learning Support Services. “What is Learning Support Services?”, you might ask. It is a department that exists to help students be successful in their academic work, gain confidence in their overall abilities and help prepare them for the life and work God has for their future.

Since the early 1980’s, WCS has been able to supply help to our students who learn differently. Over the years the name has changed from Resource Room to Learning Support and Educational Therapy. Students with mild to moderate learning weaknesses can be helped to become more successful with their academic work and their life skills. Originally most students in the program had diagnosed learning disabilities but now, in addition to those students, we service students with ADD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, visual and auditory weaknesses and weak executive function skills. These students have average to above average ability but may not be achieving at the expected level due to the stated conditions. With the documentation of psycho-educational testing, we can develop a plan of accommodations provided by teachers that can allow the student to be successful.

Students are taught individually or in small groups at least twice a week. Relationships are forged between students and teachers so that a sense of trust develops. Students feel safe to work on weaknesses without fear of ridicule. Confidence levels rise as the students discover they can do more independently than they thought they could. We work hard but we also have fun, utilizing game formats as much as possible considering the age of the student and the tasks set before us.

Let us consider who might be in our families and in our classes...a missionary? a scientist who will make an important discovery?, the next great evangelist? a congressman? We are equipping disciples in their ministries. We are especially looking to the time when that ministry is to their family, friends and/or community.

We desire that our students will read God’s Word with more comprehension. They will speak more effectively. They will reason more carefully. They will have more confidence in themselves, and feel more worthwhile. Hopefully, they will see God’s hand in their lives as they look back and see how He used the Learning Support Services to help them grow into the man or woman God intended them to be.

The graduates of Learning Support and Educational Therapy have gone on to college, the military and have joined the work force.

A quote from Helen Keller’s teacher, Anne Sullivan, is on my board and serves to inspire me for the work for which God has called me.

“My heart is singing for joy this morning. A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little pupil’s mind, and behold, all things are changed.”

OUR PHILOSOPHY

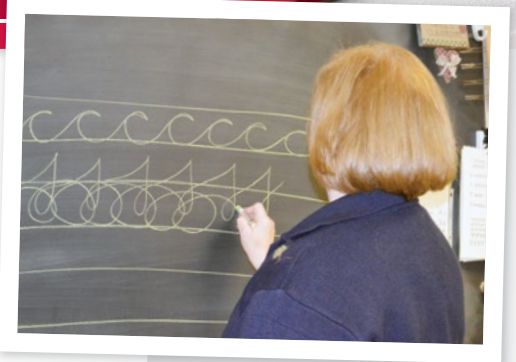
We believe that all students can learn and that the brain is open to modification at all stages of development. We provide individualized, direct, and focused educational treatment for cognitive systems that are weak and vulnerable.

OUR MISSION

To create opportunities for individual success by providing and promoting the effective use of accessible materials and resources. We want to help our students, their parents and their teachers focus on what they can do and not so much on what they cannot do. We also want to facilitate growth in those areas that present a challenge to our students.

OUR GOALS

- Create a work ethic of perseverance and diligence.
- Develop fluency in reading, writing, spelling, and mathematics.
- Develop reasoning skills for problem solving
- Provide help for the classroom teacher as they interact with students.
- Improve verbal and written expression.
- Strengthen auditory and visual processing skills.
- Establish attentional skills.
- Build competent and confident young people, creating efficient lifetime learners.



*School can be hard
for our children.
Is there anything
you and we can do
to help?*

We help students with these challenges **SUCCEED in School:**

- difficulty reading
- easily distracted
- unable to concentrate
- frustrated in school
- weak comprehension
- spends longer than classmates on homework
- misses the “big picture”
- unable to recall math facts
- known learning issues

COACH/MENTOR PROGRAM

This program provides support, accountability and strategies for problems stemming from weak executive function as seen in ADD, ADHD, and Asberger's diagnoses. Help is given for organization, time management, planning, study skills, and social skills.

LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

This program provides additional academic instruction to those students benefitting from repetition of subject content (tutoring). Help is given in reading, mathematics, writing, and spelling particularly. Long- and short-term memory, understanding directions or other issues that are language related are also areas that can be addressed. Eligible students are those identified with learning needs through teacher, parent or administrator referral, and/or educational testing.

EDUCATIONAL THERAPY

This program provides instruction for deficits in perception and cognition that impact the learning process and create uneven academic performance. Emphasis is placed on the skill areas of reading, math, writing, spelling and thinking. The format is intensive mediated learning and executive function skills are addressed. Eligible students have a current psycho-educational evaluation that suggests therapy would meet the needs of the student. One-on-one instruction gives the following benefits:

- Long-term change
- Improved self image
- Cognitive deficits overcome

We can strengthen your child's challenge areas through an educational plan created to meet their needs. We train our students for more efficient thinking, strengthening memory skills and giving strategies to unlock the rules for reading and math concepts.

*Tina Eisenhauer
Director of Educational
Services / Educational Therapist*

ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS

"Only the shadow knows" how hard it is to keep up with Mrs. Gwen Campbell, the Principal of the middle and elementary schools here at Wilmington Christian. Mrs. Cheryl Pinder, a graduate of the University of Delaware, has been working on her MEd in Administration and Supervision from Liberty University online for the past two years. After a myriad of rigorous classes which have included the topics of psychology, budget, law, testing, school improvement, community, and technological resources, the stage was set for a final internship.

Although many people think that an online school produces a virtual education, the course work that Liberty University offers demands field experiences with in-school training and evaluations with every class. Each class also contained an overarching project such as: school improvement, school budget, community resources and outreach. The administrative candidate must also appear on campus for three one-week intensive classes. Wilmington Christian School offered to graciously allow Cheryl the opportunity to follow a seasoned principal. Gwen Campbell has been a principal at Wilmington Christian for the past nine

years. She carefully guided Cheryl's selection of projects in the midst of a swirling and bustling blur of students and other administrative duties.

One of the greatest parts about Liberty University has been the fact that they also work with a biblical worldview in mind which dovetails with Wilmington Christian School's mission statement. As a Christian educator, and now administrator, Cheryl also realizes the importance of her training by learning to encourage students and teachers to implement a biblical worldview as they study and present material in the classroom. God specifically reveals Himself to man through the curriculum that is being taught. The biblical worldview is incorporated in the teacher's daily life, the teacher's pedagogy, and the underlying foundation and substance of the overall subject matter. Having an educational philosophy that emphasizes a biblical worldview can be difficult in the culture in which we live. However, exhibiting integrity in all aspects of life is important to exemplifying a Christ-like attitude. As for this shadow, following godly principles is a matter of trusting the Lord.



THANK YOU
*to WCS parent, and
former Board member,
John Gooden, for beautifully
handcrafting three custom
tables for the Board Room
in the Administrative Building.
We are blessed with families
such as the Goodens, who
share their time and their
talents with Wilmington
Christian School.
Thank you, John!*



Spanish IS HERE!!!

In the halls of the elementary school, children can be heard greeting Sra. Beers, the new elementary Spanish teacher, with an “Hola” or “Buenos Días”!! They eagerly try out their newly acquired Spanish skills. Sra. Beers comes to us all the way from Bear, DE. She is state-certified for 1st through 8th grade and has a myriad of experiences with the Hispanic language and culture. These include student-teaching in a bilingual classroom in downtown Wilmington, 4 trips to Mexico, working in a bilingual Headstart program, developing a Spanish curriculum for preschoolers and teaching Spanish at Aletheia Christian School.

She is a firm believer in using the three pathways of learning: kinesthetic, auditory and visual. Her classes start with a prayer that the students end by saying, “en el nombre de Jesús”, lively singing with her guitar, and work on updating the calendar. The students eagerly greet Rosco, the frog puppet, when he comes out of his “pond”. He helps with conversational Spanish and correct pronunciation. He is a very funny

character and will often introduce new vocabulary in a humorous manner. He and Sra. Beers banter back and forth quite a bit!

Finger plays help the students solidify their skills and repetition is a key to retaining the new words and phrases. Sra. Beers always has a game waiting to be played using the language in some shape or form. This is an excellent way to use what they have learned.

One 5th and 6th grade class were blessed by the visit of a husband and wife team, the Harvey’s, who have lived in a remote region in Guatemala for 11 years doing missionary work: feeding children, teaching English to students, organizing bible studies for ladies, helping the churches and so many more things. The students were attentive as the Harvey’s described a “day in the life...” They had many questions about the schools, the food, the clothing and transportation. It was a wonderful way to show the students that Spanish is real, real people speak it and it is valuable to learn it!

It has been a great beginning

for Spanish in the elementary school and for grade 6!! The students are extremely enthusiastic and so is Sra. Beers. She looks forward to an awesome school year and more than anything, desires that students will choose Spanish when they are presented with a choice of language to study. It is so useful and relevant in our world today!!

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SPECIAL GUESTS

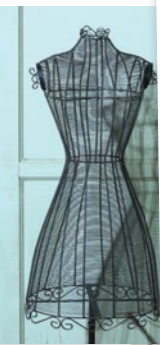
AUDRA NOYES

On Wednesday, January 15th, our Wearable Art class students had a special visitor, Audra Noyes. She started her presentation with memories of her years at WCS and reminded students that they may not know it today but in the future they will remember WCS as a very special place that is instrumental in nurturing the values and morals that consistently remain important to all Christians.

Audra spent time with WCS students detailing her amazing adventure in the fashion industry. Audra is a unique designer who has already experienced more than most artists do in a lifetime. She credits her experiences and opportunities to the divine intervention of God's timing and His purpose for her life. Audra emphasized that the grounding force that gave her respite from the frenetic pace of life as an aspiring fashion designer in Paris was her connection with an intimate local church. She walked students through her visual slideshow and explained how each fashion she designed came to life, along with the purpose and explanation of its formation. Her genuine sweet spirit made the fabrics and her fashion story come to life. Audra also brought two of her unique designs with her for students to see first hand. Audra expressed that the fashion industry has been very receptive to her and that remaining true to herself has been part of the mystique to her fashions. Audra unveiled her debut fashion collection of women's luxury prêt à porter at Espace Communes during November's Paris Fashion Week.

At the end of her presentation she shared emails, questions and her souvenir label logo with the class. Her openness with students had them talking to her as if she had known them for years.

Thank you Audra for a wonderful visit...may God continue to bless and use your talents.



BRANDON BOYKIN

Philadelphia Eagles player Brandon Boykin shared his testimony, sowed seeds of encouragement and reminded students that it isn't all about him but about Christ living through him. He shared how his faith has been tested through injury and how his faith brought about his recovery. He reminded everyone that trials and tests will come but to keep strong in their faith to overcome obstacles. Students were also graced by having his fiancée, Tess, give her testimony to all the female athletes in the room. Both Brandon and Tess glowed as they spoke of their love for the Lord and it was a blessing to all who attended. A special thank you to the Sipala family for introducing WCS to Brandon and Tess.



ANDREW PETERSON

Andrew Peterson, author and one of Christian music's most respected singer/songwriters, visited Wilmington Christian School in November. Andrew held an assembly for students and later that evening held a concert in the auditorium.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU *Have?*



It's not easy being a new parent at WCS. I knew everything about the school we left - all the parents and kids in my child's grade, all the teachers from kindergarten through high school and how the pick-up and drop-off procedures worked. Everything changed when we changed schools and it wasn't just scary for my son, Ben, but scary for me too. As parents, we want so much to do what is best for our kids. I constantly questioned if WCS was as good as what my husband and I believed - that it would be the right place for our son and would help him grow not just academically but spiritually. We've been here for 5 months and within the first 3 days, Ben and I both said to each other how different things are here. Teachers care about the stu-

dents and go out of their way to help them. The kids are kind and accept each other for who they are. Mr. Stevens walks around the building everyday and talks to the students and shows an interest in what they are doing. Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Haas show the students by their actions that they care but also that they expect a standard of behavior. I've wondered repeatedly "Do the other parents see what I see? Do they know the miracle that they have here?" Maybe it's because I'm new or because of where we came from that I'm so grateful for WCS. But it shouldn't just be because I'm new. Every parent should be excited about what is happening at WCS because it is a miracle. There are people here

who care about your children; students, teachers and staff who are living their lives for God's glory and everyday, I see or hear a reminder about what makes WCS special and different from other schools. We are blessed with financial resources, a beautiful facility and programs that offer so much to our kids. Maybe I don't know all the parents or kids in my son's grade (yet). But I know what we have here - do you?

*Everyday,
I see or hear
a reminder
about what
makes WCS
special and
different from
other schools.*

Lisa Roach
WCS Parent

WCS ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Supporting the families who are a part of WCS has always been one of our goals. In 2013 we partnered with alumni-owned company, LEAF9 LLC, to build our first online business directory designed to promote local businesses that are owned by school parents, staff, and alumni.

"We really want to connect school families with other school families," said owner Ben Kouba, "If I can choose to do business with someone whose values and motives align with mine - it's a win-win situation." And while our first trial year of the directory has seen steady growth, we are looking forward to adding more businesses in 2014 and 2015 in order to provide even more marketing exposure for the members.

Take a minute to visit wcsbusiness.com for a list of our current member businesses, and see if you might be able to utilize their services or take advantage of a coupon offer on the website. You can even subscribe to weekly "deals and offers" updates to be the first to know about coupons and other incentives.

If your business is not listed, you can visit wcsbusiness.com and click "Add My Business" at the top to join.

Current Member Businesses

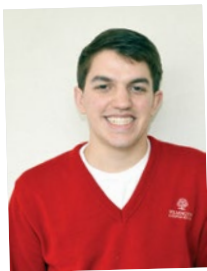
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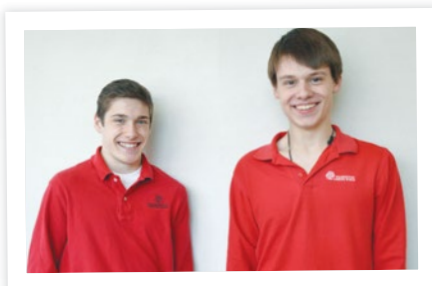
Student SHOWCASE

Jack Wehmeyer was accepted into the Christiana Care Health System's INBRE High School Summer Internship program. He was one out of 10 students in Delaware to be accepted. At this program, he will be mentored by physicians, staff members, and college research students for an intensive research experience at the main Christiana Care campus.



Three teams from the computer science department competed in November with teams from more than 40 schools in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland for the ninth annual Widener University High School Programming Competition. The teams consisted of seniors **James Dingwall**, **Corbin McNeill**, **Michael Gray** and **Aaron Miller**; junior **Nathaniel Albrecht**; and sophomores **Elliot Miller** and **Austin Kreer**. Corbin and Aaron completed all seven of the programs correctly in 240 minutes, winning a first-place trophy and a cash prize.

Seniors **Katherine Arnold**, **Kelly McGrail**, and **Zosia Roberts** were selected to the 2013 Gladiator by SGI / NFHCA High School National Academic Squad. The High School National Academic Squad program recognizes high school seniors who have achieved a minimum cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.5 through the first quarter of the 2013-14 school year. Katherine Arnold was also designated as a Scholar of Distinction, for achieving an unweighted GPA of 3.9 or higher.



Congratulations to seniors **Michael Gray** and **Colin Whitesel** upon their selection into the Delaware All-State Senior Band and to freshman **Emma Whitesel** for being selected into the Delaware All-State Junior Band.



15 WCS students competed in the DE Science Olympiad Saturday, March 1st at DSU. WCS finished 19th overall out of 60 schools. The state winners from our school are

Freshmen, **Jordan Modzelewski** and **Shane Lopes**, placed third in the state with their Boomilever (constructed to be lightweight and hold 15 kg of weight) They received bronze medals.

Juniors, **Jack Wehmeyer** and **Ryan Bradford**, placed third in the state in Adventures in Ag (subject test all about agriculture). They also received bronze medals.

Juniors, **Alex Fowler** and **Austin Hahn**, placed 2nd in the state in Designer Genes (subject test about genetics). They received silver medals.

Congratulations to the following students chosen for the Middle School

Junior All-State Choir, **Andrew Dingwall**, **Christian Reilly**, and **Irene Botbyl!**

The High School Senior Women's All-State Choir participants were **Katherine Barton** and **Dana Sorey**.

Margaret Botbyl was chosen for the High School Mixed All-State Choir.



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Granting Wishes

The state's Youth Philanthropy Boards help local nonprofits through grants while teaching students about youth issues and community service.

celebrating its first dozen years, the Delaware Community Foun-



doingGOOD

Jacob Sipala has been a member of the Youth Philanthropy Board for 3 years. He has learned how to submit grants, review them, and make decisions on awarding them based on site evaluations. Jacob has taken part in giving out over \$50,000 to local non-profits that support teens. His passion is to help teens through sports and mentoring as he was modeled to through his AAU basketball program. Jacob was recognized in Delaware Today in February.

Senior **James Rath** won first place in the schoolwide Poetry Out Loud competition.



Congratulations to Junior **Emily Patten** on being selected into the Delaware Honors Orchestra.

Nick Kater (8th) is a semi-finalist eligible to compete in the 2014 Delaware State Geographic Bee. This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition. Bees were held in schools with fourth-through-eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Bee winner. School-level winners then took a qualifying test which they submitted to the National Geographic Society.



Math League fought a tough battle in a contest that came down to the final question. In the end, our mathletes came in 2nd place out of five teams, and finished the regular season 2nd in the region. Next, we expect to send our top contestants to the state-level invitational competition. Congratulations to all of our math league participants.

Freshmen **Shane Lopes** and **Becky Soistmann** have tied for third place in the regional math league.

After months of practice and preparation, the WCS mock trial team performed excellently at the 2014 Delaware State Mock Trial Competition earning 4th place overall in the state. Our attorneys were praised for their strong knowledge of the law and our witnesses for their outstanding performances. Gavels are awarded to the top attorney and the top witness in each round as determined by the judges. The following WCS team members were awarded gavels:

TOP ATTORNEY

- Jessica Drumheller – 1 gavel
- Corbin McNeill – 2 gavels
- Aaron Miller – 1 gavel

TOP WITNESS

- Lydia Deaton – 1 gavel
- Charlotte Brooks – 2 gavels

Our other team members included **Elliot Miller, Annika Roberts, James Dingwall, Nick Carey, Ryan Bradford, Gina Kang** and **Becky Soistmann**. Many thanks to Attorney-Coach **Randy Herndon** for all of his time and unfailing commitment to our team. Congratulations to all members of the team!

Congratulations to Scholastic Art Award Winners! **Maddy Deaton** (design), **May Lu** (printmaking), **Mikaylah Perry** (fashion design), and **Leah Ro** (drawing) will receive Gold Key Awards for their work. **Isaac Barrick** (drawing), **Leah Ro** (painting), and **William Zhong** (photography) will receive Silver Keys for their work. Honorable Mentions will be awarded to: **Leah Ro** (received four awards), **Cassie Otersen** (two awards), **Katie Barton, Hanna Alderman, Sydney Baffone, Isaac Barrick, Maddy Deaton, Jenny Kurlaj, James Rath, and William Zhong**. Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention awards were presented at the WCS Spring Awards Assembly on March 7.

Wilmington Christian School senior, **Dan Keever**, has volunteered his time for the past six years with Special Olympics of Delaware. He has been a presenter for three years at each of the SODE Project Unify's State Leadership conferences, and was selected to represent Project Unify National in Washington D.C. as a presenter at the National Honor Society's national conference. As a member of the Youth Activation Committee, Dan has helped to plan student operations for SODE. He has also spent his summers serving as a camp counselor and senior camp counselor. Most recently, Dan was a ground coordinator for "Fans in the Stands Project Unify" at the summer game. As a thank you for his tireless efforts to the work of Special Olympics, Dan received an award at "The Night of Heroes," one of eleven awards in the State of Delaware, which span contributions for all aspects of SODE.



Homecoming



Wilmington Christian School

O Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
 you have established strength because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.
 Psalm 8:1-2



THURSDAY

The helicopter ball drop on October 3 provided a clear-cut winner at the Wilmington Christian School Golf Classic at Wyn-cote Golf Course in Oxford, PA. The McCudden family's ball landed closest to the pin, winning the family a \$1,000 credit toward this year's tuition. Our very own Dani Hadley volunteered to drop the balls from the helicopter. The rest of the day was filled with perfect weather and stiff competition for the more than 90 golfers in attendance, including members of the high school golf team: James Dingwall, Jeremy Ewing, Greg Driscoll, Danny Jacobson, Elise Glaiser and Bobby Gooden. The evening culminated with dinner and a silent auction.

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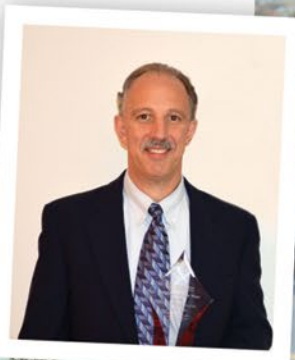


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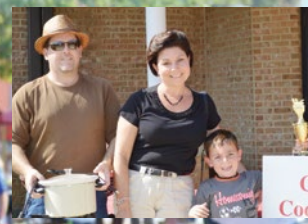
FRIDAY

On Friday, October 4, faculty and students wore homecoming tee shirts that were designed by the Student Senate. An afternoon chapel service brought the opportunity for students to hear from WCS Alumnus of the Year, Sotiere Savopoulos ('81) as he related how striving for excellence is equated to striving towards God's plan for your life. He spoke of being a twelfth-grade soccer player at WCS, and how a medical crisis at that time planted the seed for him to become a doctor. He now runs a medical center near Appalachia, where he is a true country doctor, caring for folks in the community "from cradle to grave." His parents and sister were in the audience, and his father, Bill Savopoulos, was acknowledged for his own years of service as a member of the WCS Board of Trustees. An alumni praise team led



by graduate Jamie Potecha, and including Principal Doug Haas on guitar, provided the music for the service. The Athletic Director, Joe Thomson, concluded the chapel service with a timely message on homecoming as it relates to the Biblical story of the prodigal son.

Homecoming on Saturday, October 5, was an all-around success. The weather was perfect and attendance by alumni and current students was higher than ever before for the Family Fun Day and the many athletic competitions. Chili Cook-Off winners were parents Donna Solis, Kenneth Lambie and Kathy Baker. High school students spent time staffing booths of inflatables, which were thoroughly enjoyed by elementary and middle school students. Wilmington Christian School Warriors won every athletic event that day, leaving students jubilant as they headed into the Homecoming Dance that evening. Seniors Connor Lockard and Morgan Watterson were crowned King and Queen, and the court consisted of juniors Joy Eleutheriou and Ben Start; sophomores Jenny Kurlej and Isaac Barrick; and freshmen Emily Spangler and Matthew Sanders.



New FACULTY & STAFF



Kathryn Beers

We are privileged to have Kathy Beers join the WCS faculty as a Spanish teacher. Kathy received her BS in Elementary Education from the University of Delaware. She has taught Spanish for many years, developing programs for pre-school through middle school. She enjoys tennis, cooking, art, and reading. Kathy and her husband Ernie founded and co-pastor New Life Christian Fellowship. They have three children and four grandchildren. Kathy has traveled to many countries as a short-term missionary and is excited to use these experiences as she teaches Spanish to our students.



Jennifer Hardcastle

Our new third-grade teacher, Jenny Hardcastle, graduated from University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Elementary Education. She and her husband Blake have three children who attend WCS: seventh-grader Nathan, sixth-grader Jack, and fourth-grader Sam. They are members of Ogletown Baptist Church. Blake has been the director of the Baptist Student Ministry at the University of Delaware for seventeen years. Jenny has coached basketball and has led chapel for the Fighting Hens volleyball team. She “finds great joy in learning what God is doing in the lives of young people and challenging them to grow in their walk with the Lord.”



Linda Liu

Linda has joined the WCS faculty as a fifth-grade teacher. She and her husband Richard have two children who attend WCS. Nathaniel is in third grade, and Benji is in our pre-kindergarten. Linda has her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware. Linda and Rich are active members of Pike Creek Bible Church. Linda enjoys traveling and considers herself an artist “of sorts.” She finds teaching in a Christian school very rewarding as she “is able to express her love for Christ and is able to share the gospel daily through her actions and words.”



Rich Liu

I am a native Delawarean and even attended college at the University of Delaware. I have been teaching in the public schools for my entire 21-year teaching career, most recently at McKean High School. My older son has been a student here for the past 4 years, and my younger son is now in his second year here. We have always been so impressed with the school and how loving and caring the entire school staff has been. God provided a way for me to be able to be a part of this incredible school family and I feel incredibly blessed to have this opportunity to minister to His children in a new way.



Sara Magarahan

Sara Magarahan joined the WCS Middle School in November of 2013. She is an experienced English teacher with a BS in English Education from West Chester University. Sara and her husband have 5 children and they are all active members at Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA. Sara says, “Christianity is the language of my life and by God’s grace I can speak it, live it out in my life, and share it with others.” We have been blessed by Sara’s joining our middle school team.



Jerry Polman

Jerry Polman (MM, Ball State University; BM, Grace College) is our new Vocal Music Director. He brings extensive experience to the classroom as a musical performer and educator. Mr. Polman is a professional soloist and cantor at Temple Beth El in Muncie, IN and at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE. He has performed many operatic and musical theater roles on different stages across the country. As an educator, he has brought this experience and passion to students of all ages, from elementary choirs to adult community and church choirs as well as studio teaching at the university level. Mr. Polman is excited to be a part of the ministry at WCS, helping to train up the next generation of Christian musicians and artists. He is a member of Faith Community Church in Camden, DE and currently lives downstate with his wife, Renee, and four mischievous dachshunds.



Janna Scheflen

Janna Scheflen is the new Spanish I, II and seventh- and eighth-grade Spanish teacher. Janna is a WCS alumna with a B.A. from Gordon College in Modern Languages and European Studies and an M.S.Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania. She has just relocated back to Delaware from working with Mission to the World and C.S. Lewis Bilingual High School in Bratislava, Slovakia. She was active in her former church, Cirkev Bratská of Trnava, Slovakia and is enjoying the return to her membership church, Faith Presbyterian of Wilmington. Janna is the middle school student senate advisor and is looking forward to working with them to encourage the middle school student body.



Teresa Soistmann

Terri has moved from a teacher's aide to full-time teacher at WCS. Terri holds a Bachelor of Science from Liberty University. Terri and her husband Bill have two children; Billy is a WCS graduate, currently attending NYU and Becky is a WCS freshman. Terri will also be coaching our high school Mock Trial team. Terri and her family are members of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. Terri refers to Psalm 19:7-11 as her foundation for Christian education: "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul... the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever... more to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold."



Robert "Trey" Speers

Trey is a graduate of Messiah College and has a Bachelor of Arts in History. He has joined the middle school faculty as the seventh- and eighth-grade Social Studies teacher. He also coaches wrestling. Trey is active in his church, Goshen Baptist Church. He enjoys illustrating and creative writing. His love for history comes through his travel choices: Gettysburg, Fort McHenry, Colonial Williamsburg, and the Alamo. As a teacher at WCS, Trey knows the importance of "redirecting our minds to God in all of the elements of education and life."



Allison Takats

Allison is a WCS graduate, Class of 2009. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science from University of Delaware. She is one of our elementary school teacher aides. She is active in her church, Ogletown Baptist Church. When she is not at WCS, she works in before- and after-care programs in Newark and in her free time enjoys running. Allison is excited to return to WCS and work with the children.

Lois Brooks

STAFF HIGHLIGHT



There are so many wonderful things about WCS; some of them are very apparent, but others you might not see at first glance. The website designed and managed by elementary school teacher Lois Brooks is an example of one of these hidden treasures. At the click of a tab, parents, students, and other teachers are connected to book reviews, homework help sites, age-appropriate links, upcoming WCS events and assignments, and so much more. As principal, I have had many opportunities to utilize her site for my personal searches, and I have recommended her site to WCS parents as a helpful and thorough resource. Visit our school website, find Mrs. Brooks under faculty directory, and click on her website. You won't be disappointed. I see a new "bookmark" or "favorite" coming to a computer near you!

Gwen Campbell
Elementary and Middle School Principal





All 5 fall varsity sports teams
HEADED TO STATE TOURNAMENTS

WCS sent ALL five varsity sports to the Fall DIAA State Tournaments. How rare is that? Only 5 schools in the entire state were able to do that and all of them had over 1000 students! Way to go Warriors who all represented us well at the state level with Soccer and Field Hockey getting to the Elite 8!



FIELD HOCKEY TEAM PLAYS ON UD TURF FIELD

Our field hockey team had the opportunity to play at the University of Delaware in the Turf Bowl this year. Continuing their winning ways, they beat Mt. Pleasant who had been undefeated and ranked in the top 5 in the state. That was not the case after they ran into our Lady Warriors.



The local chapter of FCA has again kicked off this year and our athletes are meeting on Monday afternoons as well as Tuesday mornings. The group has had several speakers come in and meet with them and they are active in supporting each other in their sports programs. The group also reviews the weekly "Biblical Principles for 3D Athletes" at these meetings and then leads their team in group discussions during that week.

NEW OFFICE & MEDIA ROOM



The new athletic office and team meeting room were completed this past summer thanks to a donation from the Baffone grandparents. These two rooms now give Mr. Thomson an opportunity to continue the development of our three-dimensional coaches and athletes in small group settings as well as team meetings. The teams have been very active each week as they review key concepts and principles that are related to their development on all three levels - physically, mentally and spiritually. Stop in and see the new rooms where you see the main values that are emphasized and reviewed with our teams each week first in a class setting and then out on the fields of play. As Mr. Thomson has stated to the groups "only 5% of all programs in the country - pro, college and high school, take the time to develop their players to all 3 levels". Another example of how WCS is becoming a unique and special school here in northern Delaware.



*7th graders
Hunter Smith and
Luke Campbell at
the middle school
Wrestling Tourna-
ment at Sanford on
Friday, January 31,
2014*

*Hunter placed
third in his weight
class (88lb). Luke
placed second in his
weight class (136lb)*

*Pam Love and Brett Lelko
Diamond State Conference*

COACHES OF THE YEAR

This fall WCS was honored to have not one, but two coaches selected as Coaches of the Year in their respective sports. Brett Lelko led his team to a conference title and was selected by his peers. Pam Love, consistently recognized as one of the top coaches in the state, also was honored again by her peers.

It is great to have a member of the coaching staff honored but to get two in the same year is quite an accomplishment!



New Coaches

WCS is pleased to announce the following people will be joining us as Head Coaches this year:

Trey Speers - wrestling - who wrestled and played lacrosse at the collegiate level at Messiah College.



Leanne Conover - asst. women's basketball and softball - a well recognized local high school star who played at the college level in multiple sports.



Jim Fedena - baseball - comes to us with over 12 years of coaching baseball at the high school level.

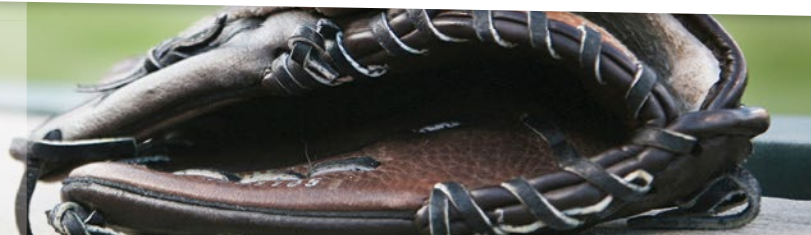


Ross Conrad - lacrosse - a committed parent and supporter of the school who has played at the collegiate level.



Let's PLAY BALL!

WCS's high school Jubilee Singers kicked off the 2014 Wilmington Blue Rocks season on opening night, Tuesday, April 8, 2014. They performed their incredible 5 part harmony rendition of the National Anthem just prior to the 6:45 pm game. 100 seats were reserved for Wilmington Christian Jubilee singers and their family members. Many came out to support the choir as they showcased WCS. It was a wonderful presentation of our school and students as they witnessed to the crowd through their God-given talents.



Eighth Grade

WILLIAMSBURG TRIP

In October, the eighth-grade class made its annual three-day trip to Colonial Williamsburg and neighboring historic destinations. Yorktown Victory Center was the first stop where students and chaperones stepped off the bus to be greeted by steady rainfall. The vigilant, yet damp eighth graders were able to explore the various buildings of a recreated 1870's tobacco farm. On a slightly dryer day two, students and chaperones traveled to Jamestown Settlement- a recreation of the original Jamestown Colony. Students were able to watch first-hand as Powhatan Indian tools were used to create arrow heads. An expert sailor also displayed his mastery over a series of knots that would have been used upon the ships that brought the settlers to America. Day two continued onward to Colonial Williamsburg where students and chaperones enjoyed taking in the various skills of colonial tradesmen. Behind the courthouse, there was even a rallying of the troops by General Marquis de Lafayette! The day concluded with a lantern lit tour of Colonial Williamsburg. The day three itinerary led the group to the federal park of the original Jamestown; however, the shutdown of the federal government also included the shutdown of Jamestown. Unfortunately, the students did not get to see Jamestown, but the shutdown could hardly ruin the trip. The class had a great time growing closer and fellowshiping over, Apples to Apples, the hotel swimming pool, and, of course, history.



THE FELLOWSHIP SPREADS THE GOOD NEWS

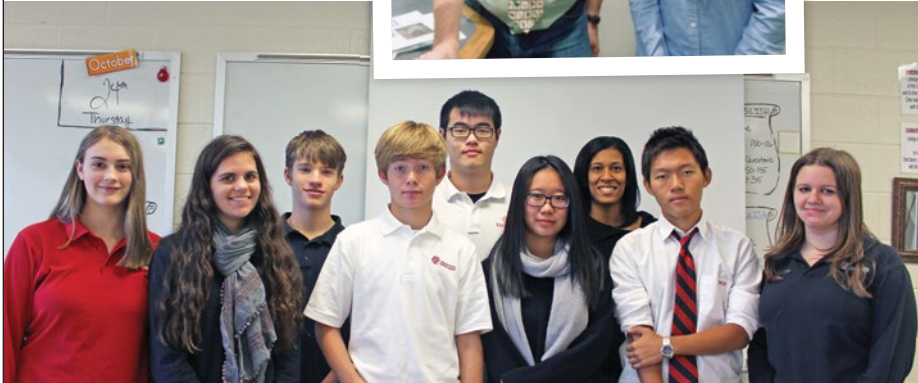
Reading articles – it’s becoming a lost skill among some teenagers. In fact, if you are a teenager, chances are you looked at the length of this article and want to stop reading now. Congratulations, you have made it this far.

When I became the journalism teacher, I was filled with anxiety and excitement because I knew that entailed resurrecting a school newspaper that has been on a hiatus for two years. Well, God planted in my journalism class, students who are enjoying, not only reading, but especially writing. It is no longer my class, but OUR class. We have literally formed a Fellowship.

The class consists of a collection of nine skillful hobbits, ents, dwarves, elves, and wizards, just like in *The Lord of the Rings*, but they have assumed different names than the original Fellowship: Andrew Bollinger (Treebeard) the news writer; Anthony Kang (Gandolf) international news writer; Charlotte Brooks (Eowyn) the feature writer; Christina Mulford (Legolas) the photographer; Elizabeth Latham (Arwen) the feature writer; Nancy Jin (Galadriel) the international writer; Nathan Hawk (Sam) sports writer; and Simon Lee (Aragorn) sports writer. I cannot forget A.J. Stiles (Ghost Writer) Crossroads writer.

The journalism class has allowed our fellowship to sharpen its skills by getting information, interviewing people, crafting articles, capturing moments, and seeing work published. They are a talented group and really look out for each other. Lizzie Latham (Arwen), for example, was our voice on the radio for WDEL (1150 AM) and Reach FM (89.5 FM). She spoke about our class and issues that were relevant to the topic. Additionally, A.J. Stiles (Ghost Writer) has been our pen in Delaware’s Crossroads, which is featured in *The News Journal*. Every week, he gets the word out about what’s happening and upcoming in the

school. Writing for Crossroads, and speaking on the radio, are positions that need to be filled annually. Lizzie, and A.J. are



doing a great job, but they will not be with the Fellowship forever. I am on the lookout for future reporters for these positions.

What if everything you read or watched was good? That is the goal of the class – to publish what is good in our school, and in our world. We are not oblivious to the evil that surrounds us; we are actually fighting the evil with *The Good News*. This class is NOT for everyone. It is geared toward students who have an interest in journalism, publication, and communication. Like art, writing and communicating should be pieced together. That is what we are doing within the Fellowship, sculpting “the one ring to rule them all.”

Celinda Conteh

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INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE



This year Helen Ruan taught a middle school elective – Introduction to Chinese. The students learned some basic Chinese words and phrases while learning about the culture and customs of China.

Helen is also a part of our support staff for our International Student Program. She began working with our students during the 2012–2013 school year. Helen mentors new ISP students and meets with them one-on-one, two times per week during their first year to help with the academic transition. She oversees their academic performance and communicates with teachers and host families when there are concerns.





THE *Miracles* BEHIND THE MIRACLE WORKER

When asked to write about past productions, my first temptation is always to ask someone else. My excuse is always “not enough time” or I stink at that, but God in His patience always shows me that’s not true, so here I am, writing. The process behind choosing our plays and musicals is not a simple one. If you think I am the one who just chooses our next show, you’re wrong. That stopped four years ago, when we hired Allyson Good as our director. With the experiences that she brought to the table, I felt confident and at peace in allowing her the freedom to pick and choose. We usually touch base sometime in the summer and begin the dream process. “What about _____” is our common phrase as the search for just the right show proceeds. With e-perusal copies of scripts (thank you technology) and YouTube clips at our fingertips, the search widens until just the right show is found. Once in agreement, audition dates are set and it’s full speed ahead.

Allyson has a true gift in casting. Her past productions prove that. So this year, as the casting clock was ticking, Allyson announced to me that we needed someone “littler” to play Helen Keller. Those who had auditioned, while being very good, just were too big in size for the child’s role, especially when playing in a scene with like-sized high school “adults”. Allyson posed the question “Don’t we have someone spunky in the elementary?” My interpretation was “Don’t we have someone spunky in the elementary who has a parent that will allow me to rough up and possibly bruise their child in rehearsal with next to no time to find them?” I drew a blank...I had no idea. But God knew. With the help of Deb McNiell, Susan Foster and Gwen Campbell, that spunky child was found and what ensued was a historical production that involved all three schools. It was a personal dream come true.

Being a producer has really caused my faith to grow. Every production season I find myself with empty hands saying “OK God, who’s going to volunteer to construct sets, paint, create costumes, do makeup, lighting?”, the list is endless. And every season He answers. It’s like the famous phrase from field of Dreams, “If you build it, they will come”. Sometimes the answer is immediate, like an email from JD Willetts telling me he would head up set construction right on the heels of my praying and asking

*God
orchestrates
everything,
from casting
to crew to
props year
after year
after year.*



God to put that in someone’s heart. Sometimes it’s right when needed most when people like Maureen Frankel and Katharine King who “retired” from productions last year show up to help. And sometimes the answer comes three days before the show opens.

We needed an old fashioned water pump, a WORKING water pump mind you. Allyson had requested that from day one. It was a critical element--a visual set piece used throughout the show. I think in my head it was a “Ya, right” reaction, kind of like when she told me she wanted real dirt on the stage for Helen to play in. The call went out to everyone we knew but the result was the same--no water pump. Then Lois Brooks “just happened” to be at the right place at the right time, “just happened” to talk to a stranger who introduced her to another stranger who... “just happened” to have a working water pump down at his beach house... who “just happened” to have a son... who “just happened” to be willing to drive the pump up to Wilmington. Three days before the show opened the pump arrived. It was a visually important set piece for sure, but equally a visually important set piece that reminded me of how God orchestrates everything, from casting to crew to props year after year after year.

Thanks God, for making my faith grow again, and for giving me some great memories and stories of Your faithfulness.

Oh, and lest I forget, yes, it was a WORKING water pump, complete with flowing water!

*Barbara Schiller
Director of Fine Arts*

MISSIO GRACE



“I want people to see how God can work in the most dire of circumstances,” states Kelly (Wills ’82) Walker.

She and her husband Steve (attended ’79-’85) moved from “a nice condominium in Brandon, Florida to a cockroach-infested mobile home park in Bradenton” when severe health problems several years ago caused both of them to lose not only their employment, but their home as well.

Hoping that the move to a trailer park was temporary, Kelly says that she did not know at the time that God had other plans. Today, Kelly and Steve lead a thriving ministry to their Latino neighbors as part of Missio Grace, a 501c3 not-for-profit ministry founded by another Wilmington Christian School alumna, Tracy Byrd (’81) Dickerson. “Now I wouldn’t leave this community if I could!” enthuses Kelly. “My ministry is here, and my heart is with these families.”

“We are still struggling, but I am amazed at the people who feel like God has laid it on their heart to help us and the ministry. The fact that my husband and I are poor is one reason why I think the people here in this community are so accepting of us; we are in the same boat.” Kelly and her husband do more than just distribute the food and clothing items donated through the Amazon.com wish list for the ministry. They lead Bible studies with the children in their enclosed car-port; they have housed a homeless woman in their spare bedroom; and Kelly says that she feels a bit like the Pied Piper when she takes evening walks around her neighborhood, as children catch up to her and walk with her.

“These evening walks are when they really open up to me about their lives,” she says. “It’s almost like the setting sun hides their identity a bit and they can share with me honestly.” Through these walks, Kelly has found more needs in her community—from items as simple as shoes and school supplies—to serious health issues in families. These walks have also given Kelly another inspiration for reaching these families.

She is planning Sunday dinners of chicken with rice and beans that she would share with these children after they go to church with her and Steve. Doug Byrd (’79) has offered to send supplies to help with these dinners. Additionally Missio Grace has reached out to fellow Christian not-for-profit, Evangelicals for Social Action, for their expertise on ministry to immigrants.

Recently, former WCS student Dianna (Byrd) DiGiacoma and her husband traveled to Florida to spend a week to minister alongside Kelly and Steve. Dianna shared that spending time with the Wills was “awesome, humbling, and just plain incredible.”

“Kelly is the hands and mouthpiece of Jesus in a very dark place, and is doing her best to shine His light to those around her.” Dianna adds “Look out your [own] front door—there is most likely a field waiting for harvest.” This is consistent with Missio Grace’s mission statement which is to: “...empower ordinary believers to live out the Mission of God in their families, their neighborhoods, their places of employment, and their other spheres of influence by equipping them to proclaim the Good News through extraordinary acts of Gracism.” Gracism is a term that is derived from the book by the same name written by David A. Anderson, pastor of a church in Columbia, MD, and a concept that Dickerson has fallen in love with. Briefly defined, “gracism” means: “the positive extension of favor on other humans based on color, class or culture.” Dickerson points out that this concept is consistent with Jesus’ description on his ministry in Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me. Why? Because the Eternal designated Me to be His representative to the poor, to preach good news to them. He sent Me to tell those who are held captive that they can now be set free, and to tell the blind that they can now see. He sent Me to liberate those held down by oppression. In short, the Spirit is upon Me to proclaim that now is the time; this is the jubilee season of the Eternal One’s grace” (The Voice). “I can’t imagine,” Dickerson notes, “anything more wonderful than being involved with the

ringing in of God’s Kingdom of grace. It’s what we learned as students at WCS— influencing our world for Christ, wherever we are...”

The WCS connections continue...Betsy Gaunt, long-time and well-loved former Wilmington Christian School office manager, has recently reconnected with Kelly, and has used her WCS friendships from over the years to introduce more WCS alumni to the work of Missio Grace. This past Christmas, many WCS alumni supported children in the community so that Kelly and her husband could ensure that all of the children in her neighborhood received Christmas gifts.

In addition to helping families in Florida, Missio Grace seeks to find ways to “Help others share the Good News that Jesus Christ has broken in to our world to redeem, restore and reconcile us (body, mind, and spirit) and creation- back to his intended purposes; and to disciple, empower, and equip others to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed,” says Dickerson. To that end, Missio Grace has an aspiring homeless ministry, and is also now seeking to find ways in which to support fellow WCS grad, Brian Byrd (’86) and his family. Byrd was recently diagnosed with ALS, a debilitating and life-limiting neurological disease. “We want to send a hard-core message using Missio Grace,” says Dickerson “God is alive and powerful and wishes to make himself known to us in our darkest times and in the world’s darkest places...and He does that by using others. He is always with us- that’s His name: God with us. What a powerful thing it is to be able to love one people, and be the presence of Jesus to others!”

Kelly affirms this: “God forgive me for griping; forgive me for doubting; and thank you for working out your plan in your time for our best.”



For more information on Missio Grace, and how you can get involved, check out www.missiograce.com.

Alumni

Tori Dunbar ('10) On Saturday January 11, students, faculty and staff of Wesley College gathered to celebrate and recognize Wesley Society's donors for their support in the year of 2013. A reception and dinner was provided to



thank the donors of Wesley Society. The Wesley Society is comprised of individuals and organizations who believe in the mission of Wesley College and pledge to become partners with the College in transforming lives of students. Society members are committed to advancing Wesley College through personal involvement and financial support of \$1,000 or more annually.

The evening started with a reception and a meet and greet with a spotlight on thirteen current Wesley College students and their accomplishments outlined on posters. "It is so rewarding to speak with the students and hear their stories, we always come away with a warm and good feeling," said Wesley Society member Ginny Paul '69.

Dr. Johnston opened the evening's festivities. The evening's featured speakers were alumnus Larry Mercardante '67 from Bay Shore, New York and current students Victoria Dunbar '14 from Hockessin, Delaware and Christopher Fucetola '14 from Havertown, Pennsylvania. All shared the impact Wesley had on them as individuals.

Amy Schultz ('10) University of Maryland senior Amy Schultz, has been using her musical talents to honor both the Lord and our country. Amy has sung the National Anthem at many of Maryland's sports events, including soccer, basketball and lacrosse, and recently added a new sport to her singing resume--rugby. In mid-November, Amy sang at the Team USA/New Zealand



Maori All Blacks rugby match before a sold-out crowd of over 18,000! This event was held at PPL Park in Chester, Pennsylvania, home of the MLS Philadelphia Union. Amy was thrilled to be invited and was again invited to sing on December 13th when the University of Maryland men's soccer team competed in the semifinals for the College Cup. She hopes to continue singing in similar venues. She is grateful for the musical training she received at WCS from Kerry Weber, Debbie McNeil and Barbara Schiller. Amy is majoring in hearing and speech sciences and will pursue her Master's degree in speech pathology upon graduation in May 2014.

Amanda Tuttle ('07) gave a very excellent and serious power point presentation on "The Holocaust" to Miss Duncan's U.S. history classes and A.P. U.S. history class on Friday, Nov. 1. Amanda is pursuing her master's degree in "The Holocaust" from West Chester University. She has also visited Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany.



CLASS OF 1993 REUNION

The 1993 Graduates held their 20th class reunion on Homecoming weekend, Saturday, October 5th at Six Paupers in Hockessin. Several of the alumni from 1993 participated in the alumni games held in the morning on the WCS campus during Family Fun Day.

Pictured left to right: Amy Benton, Melinda (Worden) Antonakos, Allan Benton, Jim Antonakos, Megan Kozielski, Kathy (Veenema) Colyer Class President, Matthew Colyer, Ken Kozielski, Tom Crew, Angela (Shaer) Crew, Chuck Ferguson, Tom Harr, Stacey (Mandichak) Harr



Priscilla Weaver '06

Alumni PROFILE

For Priscilla Weaver ('06), what started out as one after-school activity has become all-encompassing, taking over her studies, career, and hobbies, and even her Sunday mornings.

Priscilla began music lessons at age six with piano. She added oboe while a WCS fourth-grader, joined the choir and band in middle school, and eventually switched from piano lessons to pipe organ. Following graduation, she enrolled at Grove City College as a music major with a concentration in organ performance. While at Grove City she pursued many musical interests, including singing in, accompanying, and directing various choirs; playing in the orchestra; and tutoring freshmen and sophomore music majors. Her love of organ and choral music led her to continue her studies at the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a Master of Sacred Music degree in 2012 with focuses in organ and theology.

As a student at Notre Dame, Priscilla began the shift from music-as-studies to music-as-career. For her first year, in addition to applied lessons and coursework (covering topics such as Gregorian Chant, Group Vocal Technique, and the Liturgical Year), she worked as a graduate assistant in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart where she sang in and directed choirs, played organ for services, and did a small part of all the administrative work necessary to run a large music program. During her second year, she served a smaller worshipping community as organist and accompanist for a Presbyterian church in nearby Mishawaka, IN.

Priscilla decided to pursue a doctorate after graduation from Notre Dame, and moved a few hours south to Bloomington, IN, where she is currently in her second year of coursework at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Though her primary studies are still organ, she has grown to love working with choirs equally as much, and has thus enjoyed the opportunities to additionally study conducting at IU. Priscilla currently serves as organist and choir director at First Lutheran Church, Columbus, IN, and is also an Associate Instructor for the Jacobs School, teaching secondary piano to non-majors. Her most recent project—and currently her favorite—is directing the Bloomington-based choir *Laetare* (Latin for “Rejoice!”) that she founded with fellow graduate student Robert Cruz. Intended to allow churches to experience the highest level of their own choral traditions (which may be beyond their individual resources), *Laetare*'s previous and upcoming engagements have included *Vespers* at a Lutheran church, *Vigil Mass* for an Eastern-rite Catholic parish, *Tenebrae* at an Episcopal church, and concerts of sacred music at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, one of only two Archabbeyes in the United States.

When Priscilla does have spare time that is not being taken over by music in one form or another, you can find her cooking or swing dancing. If you would like to hear recordings of her playing the organ, check out her website at www.priscillaweaver.com.



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