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Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus
the Lord, so walk in him,
rooted and built up in him and
established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7 ESV

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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

God is in the remembering business. In Psalm 78, He calls for our attention and commitment to teaching our children “not to forget” (to remember)

His praiseworthy deeds, His power, and the wonders He has done.

Why? God’s answer...

“So the next generation would know.”

This is the real distinctive of Christian education which is lived out daily at Wilmington Christian School. Our mission is three-fold ~ “Instructing the Mind, Influencing the Faith, and Impacting the Culture...for Christ.” With that in mind, we strive to keep that focus in our faculty and with our facility, providing the people and place in which to bring this faith and learning to the next generation. We want them to remember!

This is the centerpiece of our Capital Campaign. Building off our newly instituted Strategic Plan, this plan includes both upgrades and improvements to our facility that will form the foundation for the future of WCS. This foundation supports the four pillars that make WCS an “A+ Place”: Academics, Advancement, the Arts, and Athletics. This Capital Campaign is designed to strengthen the campus in these four crucial areas.

Academics: an improved Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (S.T.E.M.) classroom, a modernized library, and the technology for online learning.

Advancement: funding for professional development of our faculty, along with a newly-paved and lighted school entrance and parking. Our elementary playground will also receive a facelift and improved drainage.

Arts enhancement of our program through a redesigned visual arts classroom, as well as an upgrade to our Fine Arts Center lobby.

Athletics: the crown jewel of the campaign will be the addition of a turf field and track behind the school which will host our field sports. New bleachers, scoreboard, and an entranceway to the field will also be added. On the inside, the elementary school gymnasium will be resurfaced and a new dividing curtain will be added to the high school gym.

These are many upgrades and improvements! But they are all necessary if we are to continue to provide the solid Christian education that was started back in 1946. “To God be the glory” was the platform upon which WCS was started and it is the same stage we seek your support for now.

Would you please prayerfully consider a special gift to this Capital Campaign? Remember...it is all so the next generation can continue to be nurtured and educated to do the same.

Because He Lives,

William F. Stevens, Jr.

*William F. Stevens, Jr.
Headmaster*



DELAWARE HISTORY DAY

Wilmington Christian School competed in the Delaware History Day contest at Delaware Technical and Community College on Saturday, April 12. Both eighth grade and eleventh grade United States history classes participated - separately in the Junior Division and the Senior Division. Supervising teachers were Trey Speers and Sharon Duncan with excellent guidance and help from librarian Cheryl Schultz and English teacher Sara Magarahan. We congratulate our students, and we are very thankful to God for all the students who participated.

SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS

1st Place Individual Exhibit
Peter Tuttle - *The Rwanda Genocide*

1st Place Group Exhibit
Kaylene Mummert and Sarah Rettig -
The Holocaust: Rights and Responsibilities of Christians

3rd Place Web Site
Jacob Conrad, Jeremy Ewing, Luke Muller, Derek Needham, Nathan Volz -
Jackie Robinson

Special Prize from
Delaware Historical Society for world history -
Peter Tuttle - *The Rwanda Genocide*

Special Prize from
University of Delaware for U.S. history
Joy Eleutheriou - *Child Labor Reform*

JUNIOR DIVISION WINNERS

1st Place Individual Exhibit - Nick Kater
No Taxation without Representation

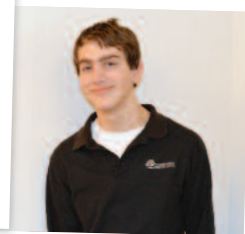
1st Place Research Paper - Andrew Dingwall
The Un-united Kingdom

1st Place Individual Website - Ryan Albrecht
Trail of Tears

2nd Place Individual Exhibit - Christina Bourantas
Miranda v. Arizona

2nd Place Documentary - Christian Reilly
EI Dupont Company

Special Prize from Hagley Museum for best project
on American Industry - Christian Reilly



NHD

1st and 2nd place winners were invited to participate in the National History Day Competition, held at the University of Maryland in June.

MINI HISTORY DAY

A Maximum Accomplishment

Most of us have heard of Galileo, Magellan, DaVinci, Michelangelo and Luther, but what about Sofonisba Anguissola and Jan Hus? These were but a few of the topics chosen by seventh grade students for their Mini History Day projects. A collaborative effort between Social Studies, Research Skills and English, students researched a person who lived during the Renaissance and discovered his or her major contributions to society and history. Working either individually or with a partner, they used primary and secondary sources to develop a display highlighting the background, accomplishments and timeline of important dates for the person they researched. They began to catch a glimpse of how the courage and genius of these early explorers, artists and theologians set the stage for generations that followed, and described these characteristics in a process paper that accompanied the display and bibliography.

This is now the fifth year we have undertaken a Mini History Day project. We began

this in an attempt to better prepare students for National History Day in 8th grade. Every aspect of the national competition is included on a smaller, less intimidating scale. Projects were on display in the foyer from May 20-23, and this year we added a new component by asking an outside judge to come in and evaluate the projects. First, second, third and honorable mention ribbons were awarded at our Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony on May 23.

Students did an exceptional job on their projects. We are very proud of the finished products, but we are also very pleased with the skills they learned along the way. Writing a bibliography and process paper, distinguishing between primary and secondary sources, and bringing their topic to life through a creative display are aptitudes that will transfer to other disciplines and projects in future years. Congratulations to all of our students, and especially to our winners:

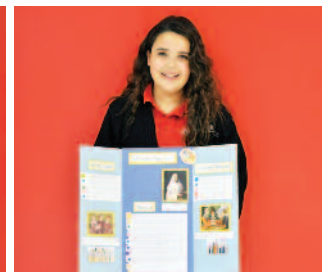
Individual Display:

- 1st Place - *Olivia Thompson*
- 2nd Place - *Jason Dauerty*
- 3rd Place - *Jordan Bonifacino*

Group Display:

- 1st Place - *Kamani Conteh and Hannab Eleutheriou*
- 2nd Place - *Tommy McGrail and Andrew McNeill*
- 3rd Place - *Justin Courter and Sean Holly*
- Honorable Mention - *Mya Mostrom and Keilah Reynoso*

*Sara Magarahan, English
Cheryl Schultz, Research Skills
Trey Speers, Social Studies*



SEVENTH GRADE LIFE SCIENCE

The 7th grade life science students rolled up their sleeves and donned their lab goggles and aprons for a fun and educational dissection activity. Some were eager, some hesitant, and some squeamish, but all seventh-grade students participated in the bullfrog dissection lab. The majority of students agreed that one lab period simply is not enough for a dissection lab. The most interesting moment of the day was finding the remains of a fish inside a frog's stomach.

FIRST GRADE FUN

Science Discovery

In the spring, first graders at WCS studied about insects in science. They observed silkworms and Painted Lady butterflies. As a culmination to their insect unit, the children took a field trip to Ashland Nature Center for an "Insect Safari." They used nets to sweep the meadow for insects and to collect insects in the stream. They studied insect body parts and learned about metamorphosis. They also created their own insects and put them on display in the foyer of the elementary school for everyone to enjoy. Thanks first grade!



Readers Theater

The first graders in Mrs. Weller's and Mrs. Soistmann's classes worked very hard in reading! They have read numerous decodable books, as well as many early chapter books throughout the school year. As a fun end of the year activity, the reading groups participated in "Readers' Theater." They read small plays, made simple props, and then presented the plays to their classmates. This year, the groups did "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," "Stone Soup," "The Gingerbread Man," and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The children loved acting out the stories!



Wilmington Christian School is excited to announce a new activity for 3rd - 5th grade girls this fall. Girls on the Run (GOTR) inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun curriculum which creatively integrates running. The program combines training for a 5K (3.1 miles) running event with lesson plans designed to promote positive choices and an active lifestyle.

The program will run for 10 weeks starting in

early September and finish with a 5K race in November. The program will meet two days per week for an hour and fifteen minutes right after school.

This is a great opportunity for our elementary girls! Look for registration information the first week of school. For any questions, or if you could assist with the program, please contact school parent, Tara Walker.

FOURTH GRADE STATE FAIR

If you ask a fourth grader what their top five favorite days of the school year are, the most popular answer is always "State Fair Day!" This year it was held on Wednesday, May 28th. There were 23 states represented and all of the students did a great job showing and sharing their favorite things that they learned about "their" state.

In fourth grade, during the fourth marking period, we study the regions of the United States. The students learn the states that make up each region as well as their capitals and postal code abbreviations. They also learn the specifics of each region: what landforms are included, what is that region known for growing and why, what brought settlers to the various regions long ago, and why people go there today to visit or live.

At the end of the third marking period, students choose a state to be their own. This is done by putting all of the state names (except Delaware) into a hat and having the student draw out two, choose between the two and put back the one that they don't want. While we are studying the regions in Social Studies we are also studying weather in Science. The fourth graders also do a weather project on "their" state capital. Even through Science the students are getting to know "their" states.

Once they choose their state, students start gathering information about it. Some students even take a trip to visit their state. This year Youngdoo Kim went to Montana with his family during Memorial Day weekend. The state report is a research project that teaches students how to gather information, cite their sources and write a research paper. The teacher teaches them how to look up information, document it, organize it and cite the sources where the information was found. The students use their outlines to write the report. This project is done in lots of small steps that add up to a fabulously written report!

Once the reports are finished, students start working on their State Fair "booths." There are requirements for what needs to be displayed—like a state banner, state flag, maps, state symbols, etc., and then lots of creative liberty is given. Some students have raffles, some students have trivia, some students have food "native" to their state, some students have slide shows showing pictures of their state, and some students have games that involve their state. This year some interesting things that could be found at State Fair were: fresh kiwi at the Hawaii booth, a basketball game at Georgia's booth, panning for treasure at the Arkansas booth, a snowboard to strap yourself into at the Vermont booth, live turtles at the North Carolina booth, and much, much more!

State Fair is an exciting culmination to a marking period worth of studying all of the states that make up our great nation! It is an event that lets the students take what they have learned and creatively display it. State Fair is one of the favorite events of the fourth graders—something they look forward to all year long!

*Mrs. Kelli Pitman
4th Grade Teacher*





ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Imagine a car with a dragon-like head and wings attached. Then, add a driver to that car who is only permitted to use his feet to move the vehicle forward and plungers to propel the vehicle in reverse. Now, imagine using that car to drive a fantasy-inspired obstacle course. A rock monster hurls boulders at this driver while an evil G.P.S. conspires to throw him off course.

If this sounds like fun and you are the adventurous type, think about joining the Odyssey of the Mind team next year. This past 2013-2014 year, students competed in a day-long tournament at John Dickinson High School on March 1st. Two teams with two different scenarios performed before judges and both placed. Darnell Abdullah, Leanne Bier, and Linda Liu acted as coaches for both teams and Guy Cooper is lead coordinator for the Odyssey of the Mind Program. It was a success for Wilmington Christian School. We look forward to next year's competition and hope that this past year's success will drive others to get involved. Remember if you are seeking fun-filled competition and escape from the ordinary, come join the Odyssey of the Mind team at WCS!



RACE FOR EDUCATION



Thank YOU! Thank YOU!
Thank YOU! . . .

. . . for supporting the "Race for Education" held at WCS this past spring. This year we raised over \$15,000. A special thank you is extended to each contributor and sponsor of the event. Our track was changed this year to include walking on the fields around the entire campus. It has been said that a certain principal did ten laps walking around with elementary, middle and high school students. Our many volunteers who helped with everything from producing race packets, making copies, stuffing envelopes for mailings, stamping letters, counting and processing mailers, made light work of a huge task. Thank you! Thanks to those who helped set up and breakdown on the day of the event...it kept the day running as planned. Students enjoyed participating in the Race and being outdoors after our long winter. Many parents, grandparents and siblings dropped by the campus to observe and join in the fun.

**Race for Education
Gift Card
Grand Prize Winners**



HS Kate Carney
MS Michael Mitsdarfer
ELEM Liam Danner

This year's Race for Education was a success because of you!

Sixth Grade WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

On June 2, 2014, the sixth grade class boarded a coach bus to Washington, D.C. They were very excited and could not wait! It took a long, three-hour bus trip, two movies, and lots of traffic to get us there. At last, we were dropped off by our bus outside the huge and majestic Smithsonian Castle. We gathered with our groups and were ready to go. Some students went to check out what was inside the Smithsonian Castle, and some went to tour the Washington Monument. Plenty of sixth graders also saw the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Air and Space Museum. It was a great day for all, chaperones and students alike.

We visited many interesting sites throughout the National Mall, which someone even described as a gallery of monuments. The Lincoln Memorial featured a giant statue of Abraham Lincoln, a stained glass ceiling, and a bookstore in the corner. The Washington Monument is the third tallest building in the world. We even got to see some of the stones that were dedicated by other states. On the top of the Washington Monument, we could see three different cities in Virginia, most things in Washington D.C., and then some. At the World War II Memorial, we saw columns with names of the states and territories of the US that existed during World War II as well as a huge fountain in the middle. At the Air and Space Museum, students rode flight simulators, toured exhibits such as the Wright Brothers Exhibit, and even saw the inside of an old plane. We can all agree that this trip was one of the best ones yet!



*Article by students
Rylee Santillo,
Robby Freeman
and Nathan Lu*

FRIENDSHIP NOTES



Middle School Chinese class students wrote simple notes for Helen Ruan to take with her on her mission trip in July to Yunnan, China. She will be sharing them with VBS students there.

WYLDLIFE CLUB

I am excited to announce a new ministry opportunity at Wilmington Christian School. In the Fall, Young Life will begin a WyldLife Club for our middle school students after school. This is an opportunity for our students to gather together, have fun, and hear the Word of God preached. Young Life is a strong platform for outreach, and we're excited about the opportunity to expand into our community as well.

Barry Tolton, the Delaware Director of Young Life, and I have had the pleasure of leading a Bible study for middle school students and leadership training for high school students this past year. We've been blessed by the

growth in these students, and I'm looking forward to the Lord using our WyldLife Club this upcoming school year. WyldLife is available for all middle school students.

In addition, we're looking for parents that will commit to praying for our ministry and our students. If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Bryan Launer, Director of Student Ministries at blauner@wilmingtonchristian.org

*Bryan Launer
Director of Student Ministries*



Student SHOWCASE

Dan Lutz named Carson Scholar

On March 4, Dan Lutz was named a Carson Scholar, receiving a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Carson Scholars Fund for his high academic achievement and commitment to his community. The Carson Scholars Fund was started by Dr. Ben Carson and his wife Candy in 1996, and seeks to reward students for their academic excellence and service to the community. After a notable medical career, Dr. Carson is now retired, and serves as Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University.

Dan writes about the Carson Scholarship Application Process and his community service.

Community Service

My regular community service consists of helping with various events at my church and with Boy Scouts. I have attended the Christian Life Center in New London, PA for ten years and help regularly with Vacation Bible School and other family events. I have been a Boy Scout in Troop 30 for five years and I am currently an Eagle Scout Rank candidate. Over the years I have helped out with many local community service projects.

Last year, I was privileged to go to a small village in the central highlands of the Dominican Republic on my first international mission trip. I am grateful to WCS and many of the school's families

for supporting this mission trip by donating sports uniforms and equipment. These were given to local community leaders to build sports programs. I

went to the DR with three local families and met up with several other people from around the country to support a Christian mission organization called Project Hearts. During our trip, we hosted a VBS, a sports clinic, a veterinary clinic, and a school construction project. We were able to reach out to the Dominican children, sharing with them the love of God, while also just having fun. It was saddening to see the state of their local school. They had no power, running water, indoor restrooms, books, supplies, or even walls surrounding their classrooms. We take all of these things for granted at WCS. With the support of a few organizations in the US we were able to help dramatically improve the school. While they will still have outdoor restrooms, they now have electricity and classroom walls to protect them from the elements. I am hoping I will be able to return in the future to build on the work we started.



Carson Scholarship Essay

The Carson Scholars essay had two options:

Option 1: Imagine it is ten years from today and you are returning to your high school graduation. How would you explain the past decade to your former classmates? What are your accomplishments and how did you meet your goals?

Option 2:

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." -- George Santayana

Think of a historical event and describe what valuable lessons were learned. Explain how this event would warn or inspire us today.

Given Nelson Mandela's recent passing, I selected Option 2 to honor him in my essay, by describing the lessons learned from both his amazing character and the fall of Apartheid. What I found remarkable about Nelson Mandela's life was that, despite being imprisoned for decades, he was able to emerge and treat his oppressors with such grace and mercy. Instead of seeking retribution, Mandela sought to rebuild South Africa, creating both trust and equality.

Dan Lutz



DART Poster Contest

WCS Art Warriors won all four 9-12 grade levels and the grand prize. The grand prize poster design will be in every bus in the state of DE for a year, as well as offices and their website.

Congratulations to:

Kira Guo - 9th grade level winner
 Dan Lutz - 10th grade level winner and Grand Prize Winner
 Katiana Jones - 11th grade level winner
 Maddy Deaton - 12th grade level winner



McKenna Hansell has been invited to become a DYLN Scholar for the Class of 2015

McKenna Hansell was one of 27 out of hundreds of applications to be chosen for the Delaware Youth Leadership Network (DYLN). This program chooses juniors from different public and private schools from all of Delaware. The goal of DYLN is to provide dynamic skills, development and mentorship. Robert Gooden, class of 2014, was the last WCS student to be awarded this privilege.



History Day Honors

Sarah Rettig and Kaylene Mummert were invited to display their history day project "Rights and Responsibilities of Christians in the Holocaust" at the American History Museum in Washington D.C. in June.

National Peace Essay Contest

May Lu Wenshan received Honorable Mention in the 2013-2014 National Peace Essay Contest. Social Studies Department Head Sharon Duncan also received congratulations for coordinating the Peace Essay contest at Wilmington Christian School.

The goal of this program is to stimulate student discussion concerning the complexities of international peace building.

Congratulations May Lu and Miss Duncan!



INTRODUCING OUR HEARTS

Introducing Our Hearts was inspired by art teacher Stephanie Barrick. The assignment was given to Digital Photography students. Students gathered photos, favorite Bible verses and inspirational thoughts from high school teachers and then assembled them into a book for display. There are two books on campus being displayed in the foyers of the high school office and administration building.

The introduction to the book reads as follows:

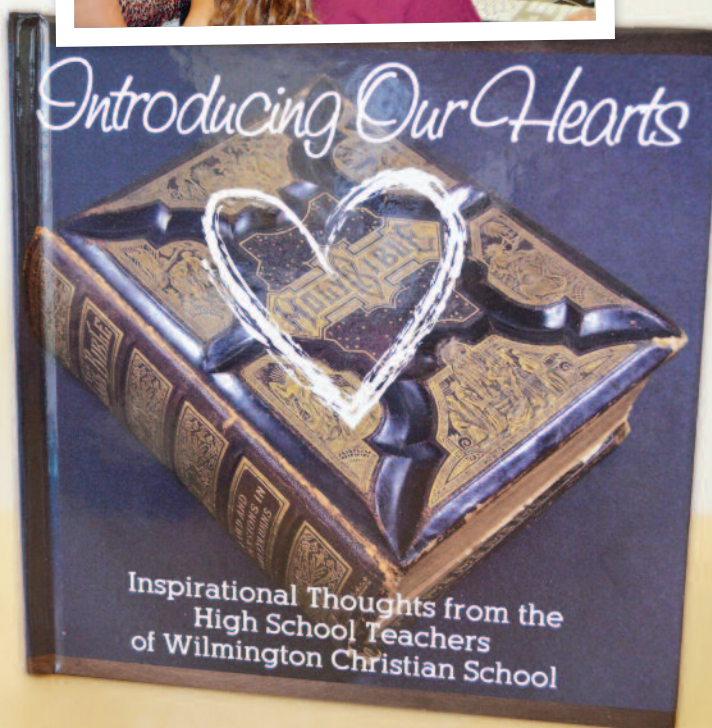
The high school faculty of Wilmington Christian School was asked for their favorite Bible verse or passage and why it is special to them. This book is their answers to this simple, yet profound, question. Allow God's Word to touch your heart as you enjoy hearing from the hearts of these dedicated educators.

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Art WARRIORS

Soar to New Height and Breadth



*Wilmington Christian
School High School Art
Teacher Stephanie Barrick
challenges her students
with a variety of
art projects.*

Are You (Paper) Vested?

Senior, Michelle Kim created a paper vest for her Wearable Art class. It was such a hit at the recent ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) Fine Arts Festival that the person giving out the Art awards wore her paper vest while giving out the art awards at the closing ceremony. Michelle first created the structure from foam core board, and then covered it with shaped tracing paper. The whole vest is white and is elegant and edgy at the same time. Michelle meticulously creates her art with original ideas and careful craftsmanship. She is planning a career in Media Production.

Hats off to Isaac Barrick

Sophomore Isaac Barrick created a hat and a matching hat box out of his favorite substance...candy! He completed the mixed media wearable art project for his general art class. After creating the structure from expanding foam, newspaper, and plaster gauze, he painted the hat and covered it with fruit roll-ups, adding detail with Skittles. The custom hat box is made of foam core board with paint and Skittles designs. The box shape follows the hat shape and the walls are made of Skittles, punctured and strung on wire. If it is not the most colorful hat you've ever seen...I'll eat my hat.



Projections Photographed

Senior Allie Barrick projected a photograph she took at her weekend job at Pike Creek Coffee over her classmate, Spencer Lockard. Aligning his hand with the image of the cup made it look like the shadow of the hand is holding the cup. Allie and her classmates learned about combining photographic images in their Digital Photography class.

Senior Katie Barton projected a photograph of the world over her sister Sarah Barton and her boyfriend Greg Sieber (WCS class of 2011). As former WCS art students (Sara in Photography and Greg in Pottery), they know how to cooperate in the creative process. Katie and her classmates experimented with new photographic techniques in the Digital Photography class.

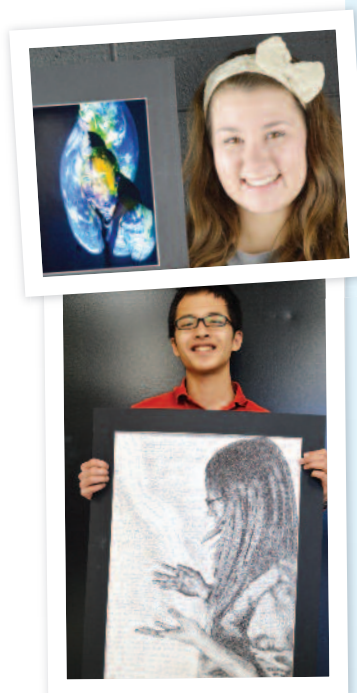
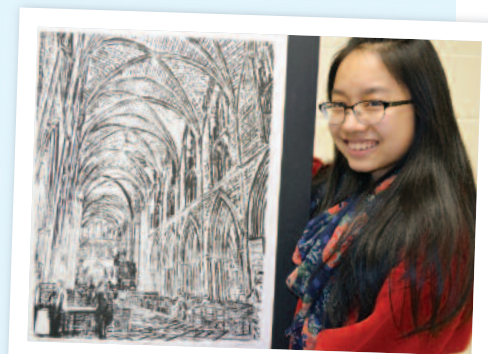


A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

Junior William Zhong created a black ink drawing using only handwritten words. Using classmate May Lu as a model, he depicted a person praying with open hands toward God. Most of the text used in the drawing is Scripture from the Holy Bible. The darks and lights are created by varying the size of the text, the space between words, and overlapping text.

Magnificent Holy Space

Junior May Lu created a drypoint print (similar to etching) of a church interior. Art students went on a field trip to two Philadelphia area churches. WCS parent and architect, Christopher Miller, met the students and talked with them about the architectural styles and what it means to be an architect. The students took photographs and then used them as a basis for their drypoint prints. Traditionally, drypoint prints and other kinds of etching tend to be small scale. May was ambitious in choosing to make her image a whopping 16" x 21". Her print is entitled "Magnificent." And it is!



SPECIAL GUESTS



OPERA DELAWARE

In May, OperaDelaware visited WCS and performed *The Three Little Pigs* for our elementary school students. The students enjoyed the familiar story set to music composed by Wolfgang Mozart. From the amazing scenery to the brightly colored costumes of the pigs, the students were captivated by the opera. We are so thankful the students had the opportunity to participate in this performance!



JOHN LAWRENCE

Delaware Association of Student Councils spring conference was held here at WCS in May. One of the speakers was an alumnus of WCS, Pennsylvania State Representative, John Lawrence.

KEESHA A. STEED

Keesha A. Steed, author, read her story in May during a morning chapel. Students were amazed when she said she has written 35 other books and is waiting for them to be published as well. Her story about Field Day held the attention of all the students as they had attended field day the previous day. Keesha is related to WCS senior, Lauren Lewis.





On June 7, Wilmington Christian School graduated the senior class of 2014. Aaron Miller graduated as Valedictorian, and Daniel Jacobson was named Salutatorian. Both gave speeches, as did Robert Gooden, Elijah Tyler, Jessica Drumheller, and Daniel Keever. During the graduation, Jubilee Singers and the Jazz Ensemble performed and were directed by Jerry Polman, and Barbara Schiller. Other musical solos were performed by Colin Whitesel, Aaron Miller, and Katherine Barton. Mark Wagner, Board President, gave a welcome and invocation speech. Carol Allston-Stiles, first graduate of WCS and parent of a graduate, read scripture. Nancy Cowchok, a senior class advisor, recognized the class officers. The other senior class advisors included Ralph Jarrell and Janice Johnson. After the class received their diplomas a dedication prayer for the graduates was said by Mr. Frank Alteri, senior parent. The Benediction was given by senior parent, Mrs. Gwen Campbell. Following commencement all guests were invited to the reception held in the Elementary Gym hosted by the Junior Class parents.



Elizabeth Latham
2014-15 Student Writer for Crossroads



*I challenge you all to **travel light** you'll give me no greater joy than to hear that you are walking in this Truth...and YOU'LL have no greater joy than to allow God's Son, Jesus Christ, to truly set you free. Your class verse emphasizes this...*

You were called to freedom.

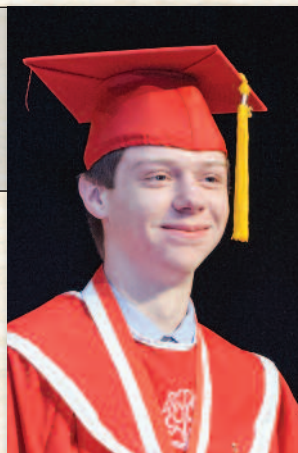
Peace Be With You
William F. Stevens, Jr.
Headmaster

Aaron Miller VALEDICTORIAN

Winston Churchill is often quoted for his use of the words, "Never give in." Of course, sometimes accomplishments are oversimplified and attributed to hard work and perseverance alone, when in reality, many other factors contributed. However, Churchill knew that perseverance is necessary to finish any task, whether large or small. Any accomplishment requires work, but some tasks require more than others. The task of finishing high school has taken us a lot of time, a good amount of effort, and certainly some perseverance.

Many of you are probably aware of the robot in the computer lab that plays checkers. Corbin, James, Michael, and I spent the entire school year working on that, and it took perseverance. Corbin and I have this problem: after a few months, we get bored with a project and want to move on to something else. We have decided that the most we can work on a project before we get tired of it is three months. In addition to extending beyond our usual attention span, the first version of the robot that we built didn't work; neither did the second, nor the third. It was in fact our fourth version that actually functioned properly. It was only by persevering, and knowing that we were eventually going to finish, that we were able to finally build one that works.

There are plenty of others that you are probably aware of that failed a few times, but persevered and became successful. Ever heard of Dr. Seuss? You wouldn't have heard of him if he didn't persevere. His first book was rejected 27 times before it was published. Some others you may have heard of: Henry Ford either lost or ruined his first few business ventures before arriving at the success of the Model T. The first time that Jerry Seinfeld performed at a comedy club, he was booed off stage. However, he had the courage to come back and succeeded. Walt Disney was fired because he "lacked imagination." These people all made mistakes;



everyone does. However, they persevered through these mistakes and ended up with something great.

Our class does seem to know something about persevering. Remember those first three Spirit Week skits? Some of you probably don't want to remember them. None of those seemed to end very well. Last year's didn't really have an ending at all. I certainly remember some people this year not even wanting to make a skit, but we did. We tried again, and somehow, it actually managed to work, and our class won.

The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 5:3-4, "we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Paul was certainly one who lived out what he wrote in these two verses. He endured terrible suffering throughout his life; he was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, etc., yet he persevered through all of these hardships because he knew that what he stood for was right.

Of course, we have all needed to persevere to make it this far, and we made it! We have endured the tests, the projects, the essays, and finished high school. I want to thank the teachers, the administrators, and all of our families and friends, because we could not have made it without them. I think that another Winston Churchill quote applies here: in Churchill's words, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." Again, Churchill was not referring to the completion of high school, but his words perfectly capture this accomplishment. This completion of our time here at Wilmington Christian School certainly marks an ending, but there is more to come. As we go off and leave this school, keep in mind the goal of always standing for what you believe and never giving in when you know that what you are doing is right.

Daniel Jacobson SALUTATORIAN

No graduation is complete without the time honored tradition of sharing a cliché or two. Most graduation speakers like to talk about individuality and being yourself. Robert Orben, an American comedian, made fun of this saying, "A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that 'individuality' is the key to success." I did not know what I wanted to say today until my mother challenged me to speak about something that I wanted my fellow graduates to take with them. So I have decided to talk about one of the biggest clichés of graduation. Many graduation speakers like to talk about changing the world. I believe these speakers are off the mark. When we were younger, many of us had aspirations of being the President of the United States, to be professional athletes, to be famous musicians or to be the CEO of a huge company. These were all careers that would put us in a position to "change the world." Many of us feel that we are just ordinary people with ordinary capabilities, and when someone charges us with "changing the world" we feel the task is too daunting and look for someone else to take on the task. President Ronald Reagan said, "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." He captures the idea of helping individuals. Helping a single individual is the pebble tossed into a lake. We have no idea where the rip-



ples will end and what impact that act of service will have in changing the world. We have had many opportunities to serve our fellow man here at WCS. We have participated in Service Day as middle school students. We fulfilled our National Honor Society service requirements by sorting food at the Food Bank, collecting shoes and coats for those less fortunate, participated in Hoops of Hope, and many other opportunities. In order to sit on this stage ready to receive a diploma, we each had to complete a 40-hour service project. As each of us

leave WCS what I want us to remember is the importance of serving one another. Galatians 5:13-14 reads, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" This has been taught to us through out our time at WCS. I encourage you, my fellow graduates, as you move into the next phase of your life do not stop serving others. Many of us are leaving our homes and will be living in new communities that will need us to be willing to serve others. As we have been trained to do, we should each look to the needs of others, finding opportunities to love them through service. Albert Einstein once said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." May we each live a worthwhile life.

CLASS OF 2014

"You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from Him who calls you. For you were called to freedom, brothers.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself"
Galatians 5:7, 8, 13, 14 (ESV)



"I have no idea what the future holds...but I know who holds the future. He's the same Abba who held me at 22 and 23 and 25 and 58 and all the years in between. My Father is the God of this universe and loves me perfectly no matter how flawed I am. And I have no need for fear or worry. I'm safely tucked in the palm of His Hand."

Excerpt taken from My Final Devotion by Bill Burton that was presented to faculty and staff in May



Frank Alteri
Ithaca College



Katherine Arnold
Washington College



Michael Ashby
Delaware Technical &
Community College



Dominick Baffone
Lancaster Bible College



James Dingwall
Wheaton College



Jordan Donovan
Goldey-Beacom College



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Community College



Joshua Johnson
Liberty University



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Regent University



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Savannah College of
Art & Design



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New York at Stony Brook



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Corbin McNeill
Wheaton College



Katharine Michael
Cook Honors College at
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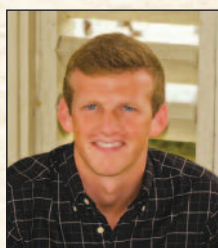
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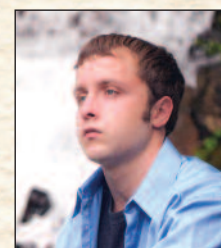
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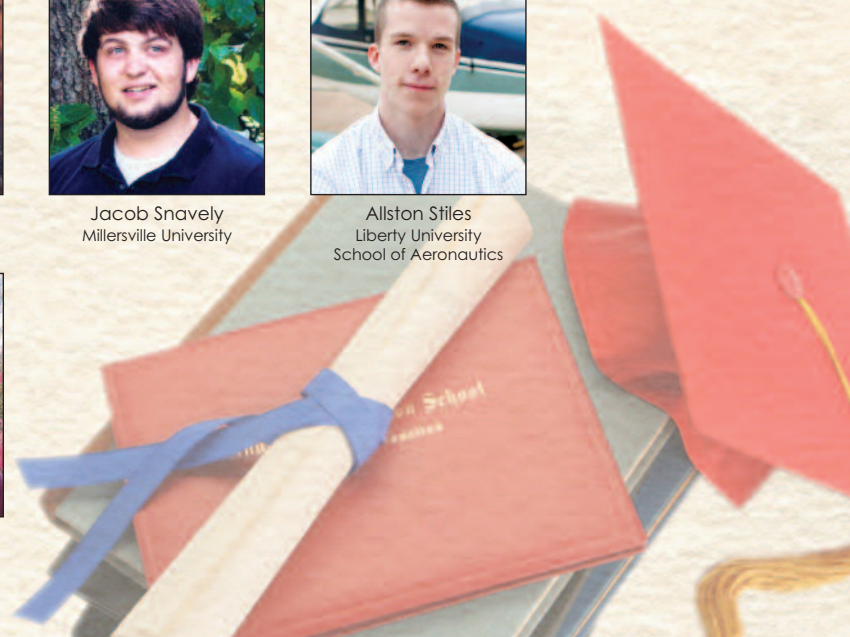
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Goldey-Beacom College



Yi Zhao
Indiana University - Bloomington





On Monday, June 9, Mrs. Molin's and Mrs. Stevens' Pre-K wrapped-up a fabulous year with a celebration in the elementary library. Guests enjoyed special songs, a favorite Bible verse, and a video presentation. Each child was presented with a special certificate and a bucket full of fun things to enjoy during the summer. The presentation was followed by a delicious breakfast and a time of fellowship. What a great way to kick off summer vacation!

*Mrs. Lori Molin
PreK4 Teacher*



The Class of 2026 commemorated a wonderful year in kindergarten with a celebration in the Fine Arts Center on June 10, 2014.

The children then shared with the parents what they had learned throughout the months of kindergarten. The children counted to 100 by 5's and 10's, sang some of their favorite songs, and chanted the alphabet cheer. The parents were delighted to hear their children recite Luke 2:6-7 and Psalm 23 from memory.

The students then gave their teachers a final hug and received a graduation medal and a certificate of completion of kindergarten. Father Bourantas closed the ceremony in prayer.

Kindergarten students and teachers also said goodbye to Mrs. Eda Duran, our beloved teaching assistant, who is leaving after nine years of service to the children of WCS. Mrs. Duran has played an important part in the development of the children as they have played and learned in

the kindergarten classrooms. Mrs. Duran will be remembered for her loving care and nurturing spirit, both in the classroom and at recess.

Mrs. Duran stated, "My time spent here at Wilmington Christian School has been memorable. I have watched children grow in Christ our Lord. I have seen their wonderful faces light up every time the teachers or I read a story from the Bible! This school is exactly the education the Lord wants us to teach! The love and care put into every lesson is what every school should be like. Thank you God for this fantastic experience. Thank you to the staff, faculty, and families of WCS for your love and support. I have made great friendships here! I will miss you all. I still plan on visiting a lot. May God protect you and keep you safe always."

*Mrs. Jackie Blatchford
Kindergarten Teacher*



Fifth Grade CELEBRATION



This June 2014, 5th grade teachers, Mrs. Liu and Mrs. Spangler, celebrated a wonderful accomplishment with Principal Gwen Campbell, Headmaster Bill Stevens, parents, and loved ones of the 5th Grade class.

As one parent commented, "They all looked so beautiful and handsome dressed in their finest." This and many other praises were given the 5th graders who strove year-long with their best efforts to arrive at this all important day when they were able to celebrate their past achievements while looking ahead to future endeavors. The 5th Grade Praise Team led the class and participants of the Fine Arts Center in song and worship. Students recited essays expressing what Wilmington Christian School means to them before an audience of avid listeners and re-

ceived awards for perfect attendance, academic achievement, and academic excellence. One additional highlight of the occasion was when Principal Campbell presented the Principal's Award to a student that consistently demonstrates Christian character in addition to academic success. This award was given to Katie Walsh. It was a beautiful celebration! In conclusion, families, friends, and 5th grade students congregated in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center for refreshments and conversation hosted by Mrs. Pitman's 4th Grade parents and class. This was a day to remember! Best Wishes, 5th Grade!

*Mrs. Linda Liu
5th Grade Teacher*



Eighth Grade CELEBRATION

On Thursday, June 12th, we celebrated the completion of middle school with 48 students and their families. twelve of these students began their schooling as WCS kindergartners! Both Danny and Aloria Hamm shared what WCS means to them and thanked their teachers for the love and support they show the students each day. Soloist Karen Sayler sang, "He Loves Us," and LaTanya Winward sang a moving duet with her father. The inclement weather forced us to move our picnic inside, but it did not dampen the spirits on this wonderful celebration of our 8th grade students. We are truly going to miss these students in the middle school, but we look forward to hearing how they are impacting their culture for Christ.

*Mrs. Gwen Campbell
Principal, Elementary/Middle School*

WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**"SO THE NEXT
GENERATION
WILL KNOW..."**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Wilmington Christian School's Strategic Plan for 2014-2019 encompasses the exciting goal of making WCS the "school of choice" for families seeking Christian education in our area.

To achieve this, we need to continue to be good stewards of the facilities God has provided, as well as continue to enhance our academic, athletic and fine arts offerings and quality. Our Board and administration has carefully analyzed our most significant needs and consulted outside experts where needed. It is at the core of our game plan to reach this goal in the seven areas outlined on the following page.

We are embarking on a Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$2.5 million dollars.

We are asking that you embrace the future with us.



Learn More:

Visit our 2014 Capital Campaign site :
<https://wilmingtonchristian.org/capitalcampaign/>

CONSTRUCTION OF A TURF ATHLETIC FIELD AND TRACK

KEY TO THE SITE MAP

STRATEGIC PLAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- (A)** NEW OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITY
- (B)** EXISTING PARKING AREA RENOVATION
- (C)** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAY AREA RENOVATION
- (D)** HIGH SCHOOL GYM ENHANCEMENT
- (E)** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM ENHANCEMENT
- (F)** "STEM" CENTER (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH) ENHANCEMENT
- (G)** FINE ARTS CENTER ENHANCEMENT
- (H)** LIBRARY RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENTS
- (I)** ART ROOM RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENTS



ENHANCING OUR DELIVERY OF HIGH QUALITY SCIENCE EDUCATION



UPGRADING AND MODERNIZING OUR LIBRARY AND ART FACILITIES



PROVIDING NEEDED UPGRADES FOR THE "HUB" OF WCS – OUR FINE ARTS CENTER



PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR OUR FACULTY IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



REDESIGNING AND REBUILDING THE ENTRY TO OUR CAMPUS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION



Look for more information on the Capital Campaign with the start of the new school year.



GRANDPARENT/VIP DAY

A special thank you to our Sponsors:

Covenant Wealth
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Ruby Tuesday of Pike Creek
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Friendly's Restaurant
Lantana Square

As our attendance on Grandparent/VIP Day has grown, it was decided to hold welcome and registration at both the elementary and high school entrances. Morning treats for visitors were presented in the elementary gym. A much larger space allowed for more student art work to be displayed and a wall of "Why We Love WCS" filled out by students made a comfortable, student-decorated space.

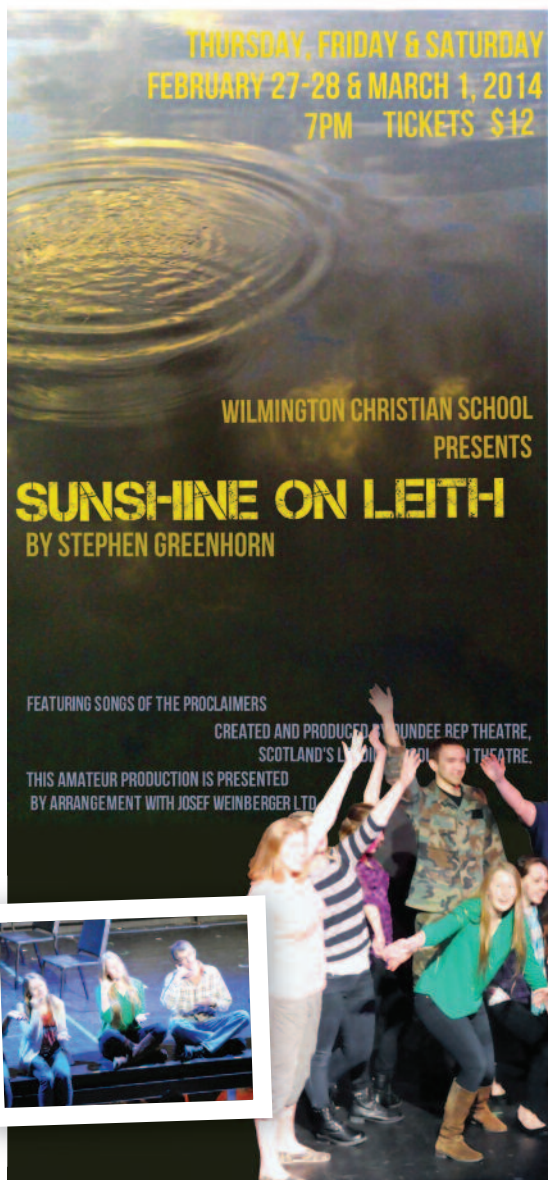
Middle and high school Honor Society students helped with parking, door holding, refills, directions, set-up and clean-up.

Two separate chapel services eased seating and students who had a Grandparent/VIP attending enjoyed being able to sit with their guest.

The Jubilee Singers performed the "National Anthem" as it was performed for opening night at the Blue Rocks in a delightful acapella five-part harmony. It was a joyous moment to hear the hymns of "Crown Him with Many Crowns", "In Christ Alone" and "Amazing Grace" ring through the auditorium as the worship team and Grandparents/VIPs joined in the singing. It was a sweet sound of generational faith. The Easter message was given by Headmaster, William F. Stevens, Jr. Classroom visits allowed Grandparents/VIPs to enjoy individual classroom presentations, meet teachers, and tour the campus. A special thank-you to Rebecca Roeper (Grandparent/VIP Committee Head), Lisa Roach, Beth Hutts, Amy Hansell and Leann Bier who helped create a beautiful day for our Grandparents/VIPs.



STELLAR PERFORMANCE



Our drama students were the first group outside the United Kingdom to perform the Scottish musical "Sunshine on Leith." Director Allyson Good obtained a special license to debut the show in the United States.

"Sunshine on Leith" was written by Steven Greenhorn and included 20 songs from the Proclaimers, with their 1988 hit "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" as the finale. The play was made into a film in October of 2013. The play follows Davy and Ally, British servicemen, returning from duty in Afghanistan in 2007 to life in Edinburgh and its suburb of Leith.

The actors had to learn the right accent, and they also were given homework to

learn about Scottish places and terms. The pit band was not familiar with most of the folk rock tunes, so they had a bigger learning curve than with the Broadway hits performed the last three years. The band also included two uncommon instruments: an Irish flute and bagpipes. The bagpiper was WCS parent Murray Dingwall, a native of Scotland whose son Andrew played drums in the pit band.

Behind the scenes were, Barbara Schiller as music director and producer, Macy Poore as choreographer, and Jerry Polman as vocal coach.

Promotional posters for Sunshine on Leith were designed by Maddy Deaton class of 2014.



UPCOMING DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

FALL PLAY

She Stoops to Conquer; Or, The Mistakes of a Night:
A Comedy by
Oliver Goldsmith

November 6-8th @ 7PM

In "She Stoops to Conquer, or The Mistakes of a Night," a young lady pretends to be a servant in order to win the notice of a young man who is painfully shy around women of his own class. Hilarious misadventures and mayhem ensue before matters are neatly wrapped up at the end. This play, one of the great English comedies, was first performed in 1773.

WINTER MUSICAL

Fiddler On The Roof

February 26-28th

Attempting to live a normal life filled with Jewish traditions in early twentieth century Russia, Tevye, a dairyman, is searching for appropriate husbands for his three eldest daughters - Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava. In a break of tradition, his daughters refuse to accept the wishes of the matchmaker, Yente, and their father. Instead they marry the men that they love. Meanwhile, Russians are instigating terrible pogroms against the Jewish people in Russia. In the end, the Jews of Anatevka are forced to leave their homes and Tevye is determined to start a better life in a new land.



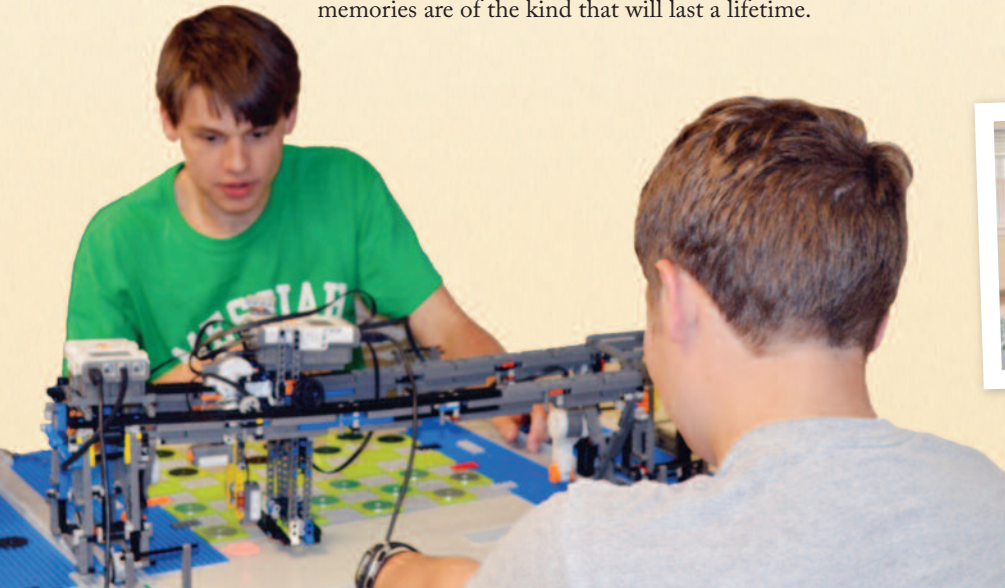
CHECKERS ROBOT

Each year at Wilmington Christian School the senior computer science students enrolled in the advanced topics class choose a theme or a project to pursue as an independent study for the duration of the academic school year. Our advanced topics class this past school year consisted of four seniors: James Dingwall, Michael Gray, Corbin McNeill, and Aaron Miller, classmates since the first grade. When discussing - and sometimes debating - what topic to choose for our class many ideas were thrown around until we all decided to build a robot: a checkers-playing robot. While writing our syllabus, the guidelines we set for ourselves were simple. By the end of the year we would have fully constructed and programmed a Lego-based robot to play against (and beat) a human at checkers.

The project started off fairly smoothly. The code, which was expected to take all year to write, was written, debugged, and tested by the end of the first quarter. Schematics for the robot mechanism were coming along nicely as well. It wasn't long however before things began to go awry. Plan after plan for the robot failed. It wasn't until late in the fourth quarter when almost all hope was lost and we had all but completely given up that things started to come together. We constructed makeshift tires and added extra motors to equalize the power being delivered to the wheels. We had a few little bugs and glitches to fix and a few measurements to adjust, but just like that the robot was working. It's not perfect by any means, but it works. In fact we have yet to see the robot lose a single game; it usually wins before the human can take more than three or four of its pieces.

While the checkers robot is exciting and something we all plan to mention in job interviews to come, it was the journey, not the destination, that was the most fulfilling part of our senior advanced topics class. We will never forget the hardships and victories that we endured and celebrated with each other, but even more ingrained in our memories are the friends with which we shared those experiences. Those memories are of the kind that will last a lifetime.

*Corbin McNeill
Aaron Miller
James Dingwall
Michael Gray*



BLOOD DRIVE



IT TAKES ALL TYPES
TO
GIVE
BLOOD

This year's blood drive was a huge success! We filled and overfilled our 40 appointments. In total we had 50 student donors with 40 students successfully donating. For the first time, WCS had over 60 students who wanted to give! We surpassed last year's donations by 10 donors.

Our 2015 Blood Drive will be on April 15th and we have added 10 additional appointments.

A big thank you for all of you who came out to give. Thank you for saving a life!



GERMAN VILLAGE DAY

This year's German II class had a new unique final project—German Village Day. Each student chose an occupation from the list of shops that could be found in a German village. They then had to prepare the items they would offer for sale in their shops. Some shops we visited were a florist, clothing store, toy store, bakery and a tea shop. Students conversed in German and asked each other questions in order to purchase their products. Yummy treats, fun items and lots of silly laughter were found in the village that day!

Hanna Alderman



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

A Year of Service in Review

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Our 2013-2014 year can be summed up in one word: service. Some activities featured new service projects and some are becoming annual events as we seek to be a blessing to those in need in our community and around the world. Our officers met over the summer to plan activities for the year, including two new service projects, with the goal of making these annual chapter-wide activities. Another goal was to partner with Student Senate on a major event. In October, NHS President Danny Jacobson organized a winter clothing drive to benefit the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Over 50 garbage-sized bags of children's and adult clothing was donated. This came full circle when another group went to SBM on Saturday to sort donations and organize the thrift store. Our second annual Caroling at Cokesbury in December brought joy (and homemade cookies and cards) to the residents there.

Our spring service projects included our second annual drive for Shoes2Share, which donates children's and adult shoes to those in need in the US and abroad, and organizing our first annual Hoops of Hope event in collaboration with the high school student senate. NHS Chaplain Dan Keever had heard 20-year old founder Austin Gutwein at a conference and wanted us to participate in this Christian-based basketball shoot-a-thon to benefit AIDS orphans in Zambia. Gutwein started Hoops of Hope at age nine after seeing a World Vision video about an AIDS orphan and was determined to make a difference in her life. Our entire middle and upper school was invited to get sponsors, and parents and

friends came to cheer them on as they made their free throws. We had a great time of food, fun and fellowship. About 30 students participated in the event, and they raised \$600 to send to Hoops of Hope to bring help and hope to those in great need (for more information, go to www.hoopsofhope.org).

As our year drew to a close, we inducted thirty-four new members and said goodbye to twenty-seven at graduation. Our senior officers, President Daniel Jacobson, Vice-President Jessica Drumheller and Chaplain Daniel Keever, will be missed. Juniors May Lu and Alyssa Kelley served this past year also as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. New officers President May Lu, Vice-President Alex Fowler, Secretary Stephanie Chenault, Treasurer Corina Bourantas and Chaplain Peter Spangler are looking forward to providing more opportunities for our chapter to show the love of Christ to others during the coming year.

Cheryl Schultz
National Honor Society Advisor



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

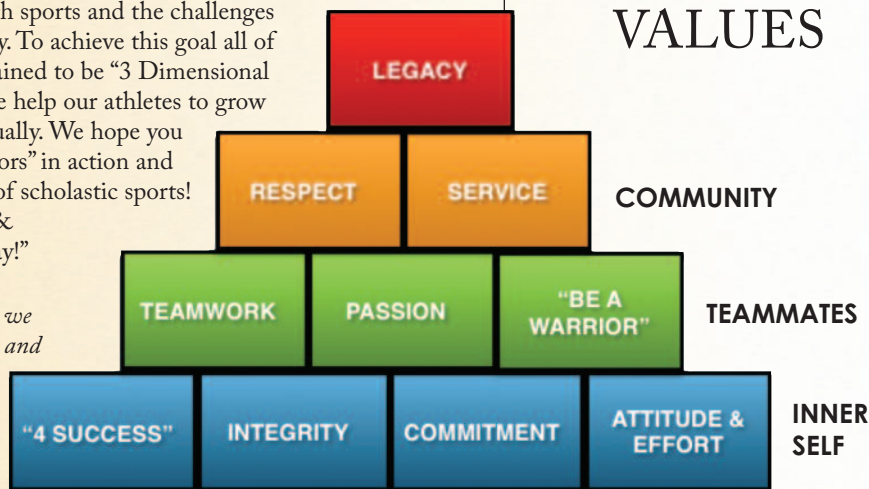
On Tuesday, May 13, 2014, twenty-eight 7th and 8th grade students were inducted into the Wilmington Christian School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. These students were invited to apply for membership based on their academic excellence. The students completed a form documenting their service to and leadership in their school and community; they also listed activities in which they have participated. A letter of recommendation from an adult attesting to their upstanding character was also required. A committee comprised of middle school faculty and staff evaluated the applications and approved membership recommendations. All of this culminated in the Induction Ceremony where these students were recognized for their academic excellence, outstanding service and leadership, and Christian Character. Many of these students have already participated in two service opportunities. On Wednesday, May 28th, a group of students weeded and planted flowers around the entrance of A Door of Hope, a pregnancy center located in Wilmington, DE. They also collected school supplies that are being taken by one of our 8th grade students on a missions trip to India. It was an honor to recognize this outstanding group of students!



The goal at Wilmington Christian School is to create a "Higher Standard for Athletics" and to establish a program that will develop young Christian men and women athletically, academically, and in Christian character that will last a lifetime. To do that as coaches, we have to set the standard. Our philosophy of athletics is God, family, school and athletics, in that order. The fulfillment of this will be in the joy of seeing these athletes succeed in their post-graduate lives, careers, and in their Christian journey. This "Journey" is not just based on winning but more on the "10 Key Values" gained through sports and the challenges and rewards that it brings daily. To achieve this goal all of the coaches on our staff are trained to be "3 Dimensional Coaches" which means that we help our athletes to grow physically, mentally and spiritually. We hope you get a chance to see our "Warriors" in action and enjoy the fun and excitement of scholastic sports! As we tell all of our Coaches & Athletes: "Make It a Great Day!" It's your Choice!

To find out more about how we develop "3 Dimensional Coaches and Athletes" please feel free to contact Joe Thomson, Athletic Director or Pam Love, Assistant Athletic Director

WCS TEN ATHLETIC VALUES



Sophomore Jenna Johnson set a new school record in the 3200 m (2 mile) at the Meet of Champions in Dover, DE on May 21st. This breaks a 13-year old record previously held by Lydia Singer. Jenna also finished 5th in the state (Div II) at the DE State track and field meet at Caesar Rodney High School. Congratulations Jenna!



April 25, 2014

Re: Pamela Love

On April 12, 2014, Pamela Love, Assistant Athletic Director at Wilmington Christian School, successfully completed the process and has attained the designation of "Certified Athletic Administrator" (CAA). The CAA program is administered by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), an NCA-CASI accredited organization. The program identifies athletic directors nationally who demonstrate a certifiable level of both experience and expertise in the field of athletic administration.

The final phase of this voluntary certification process is the successful completion of a rigorous written examination. We are pleased to report that Pam has met these criteria and is now entitled to use the designation "CAA" on business cards and all forms of correspondence. Pam has joined an elite group of interscholastic athletic directors nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

As the Director of Certification, I am proud of those who take the initiative to grow in their field and strive to build effective and efficient programs. I am confident that they are committed to your students and education; therefore, I hope you will find an opportunity to share this accomplishment with their supervisors and your Board of Education. I join you in congratulating Pam for completing this national certification.

Sincerely,

Sheri Stice, CMAA
Certification Program Director
NIAAA



2013-2014

TEAM AWARDS

VARSITY

Boys' Cross Country

Outstanding Overall Athlete - Andrew Volz
Warrior Award - James Dingwall

Girls' Cross Country

Outstanding Overall Athlete -
Maddy Deaton

Field Hockey

Outstanding Overall Athlete - Kelly Ogle
Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Zosia Roberts
Outstanding Defensive Player -
Katie Arnold

Boys' Soccer

Most Valuable Player - Spencer Lockard
Outstanding Offensive Player -
Thomas Diamanty
Warrior Award - Dom Baffone

Girls' Volleyball

Leadership - Lily Kramp
Most Improved Player - Katie Stonkus
Warrior Award - Tina Sanders

Girls' Basketball

Outstanding Overall Athlete -
Traneigh Triplett
Most Improved Player - Sally Rice
Warrior Award - Katie Arnold

Boys' Basketball

Most Improved Athlete - Jacob Sipala
Rookie of the Year - Austin Harris
Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Spencer Lockard

Wrestling

Most Valuable Player - Michael Palermo
Warrior Award - Nathan Hawk
Rookie of the Year - Martin Reynoso

Cheerleading

Warrior Award - Wenshan "May" Lu
Most Improved Athlete - Leslie Ortiz

Baseball

Leadership Award - Dom Baffone
Outstanding Defensive Player -
John Chambers
Outstanding Offensive Player -
Thomas Diamanty

Golf

Leadership Award - Bob Gooden
Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Dan Jacobson
Most Improved Player - Elise Glauser
(*Female golfer)

Boys' Lacrosse

Outstanding Offensive Player -
Spencer Lockard

Outstanding Defensive Player -
Micah Norcross
Leadership Award - Frank Alteri

Girls' Soccer

Outstanding Offensive Player -
Katie Stonkus
Most Improved Player - Kelly Ogle
Warrior Award - Andrea Richardson

Softball

Most Valuable Player - Jordan Donovan
Outstanding Offensive Player - Daniela
Solis
Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Allie Barrick

Boys' Track

Outstanding Sprinter - Darrell Yirenki
Outstanding Hurdler - William Zhong
Outstanding Runner - Andrew Volz

Girls' Track

Outstanding Jumper - Gabby Johns
Outstanding Sprinter - Dana Sorey
Outstanding Runner - Jenna Johnson

JUNIOR VARSITY

Field Hockey

Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Sarah Rettig

Boys' Soccer

Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Daniel Lutz

Girls' Volleyball

Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Wenshan "May" Lu

Girls' Basketball

Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Dana Sorey

Boys' Basketball

Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Ben Rettig

Girls' Soccer

Coach's "3 Dimensional Athlete" -
Caroline Poe

Golden Boot (Boys' Soccer)

Thomas Diamanty 14 goals

Golden Boot (Girls' Soccer)

Katie Stonkus

All- State Field Hockey 2013

Kelly Ogle - First Team
Zosia Roberts - First Team
Annika Roberts - Second Team

All-State Boys' Soccer 2013

Spencer Lockard - First Team
Thomas Diamanty - First Team
Dom Baffone - Third Team

SENIOR TROPHIES

Girls' Cross Country

2 years - Maddy Deaton

Boys' Cross Country

2 years - Michael Gray, Josh Johnson,
Corbin McNeill
3 years - Daniel Jacobson
4 years - Colin Whitesel

Field Hockey

3 years - Katie Arnold
4 years - Zosia Roberts, Jordan Donovan
5 years - Kelly Ogle

Boys' Soccer

3 years - Michael Ashby, Dan Keever
4 years - Dom Baffone, Spencer Lockard,
Thomas Diamanty

Volleyball

3 years - Allie Barrick

Boys' Basketball

3 years - Dom Baffone, Jacob Sipala,
Spencer Lockard

Girls' Basketball

2 years - Jordan Donovan
3 years - Kelly Ogle
4 years - Allie Barrick, Katie Arnold

Cheerleading

4 years - Kelly McGrail

Baseball

3 years - Elijah Tyler
4 years - Dom Baffone, John Chambers,
Thomas Diamanty

Golf

5 years - James Dingwall, Bob Gooden,
Daniel Jacobson

Boys' Lacrosse

3 years - Michael Ashby, Micah Norcross
4 years - Connor Lockard, Spencer Lockard,
Frank Alteri

Girls' Soccer

3 years - Andrea Richardson
4 years - Katie Arnold, Kelly McGrail
5 years - Zosia Roberts, Kelly Ogle

Softball

5 years - Jordan Donovan, Allie Barrick,
Katie Barton

Girls' Track

3 years - Maddy Deaton

Boys' Track

4 years - Michael Gray

Outstanding Senior Female Athlete -
Kelly Ogle

Outstanding Senior Male Athlete -
Spencer Lockard

Chris Landa Memorial Award -
Dan Keever



Joyce Schorn

For the last 28 years, Mrs. Schorn has been teaching math at Wilmington Christian School. Although she is known for her funny phrases (you know what I am talking about, oh Mylanta) she is best known for her ability to turn math into a student's favorite subject, even the student who struggles. Mrs. Schorn's desire for each child to understand the math concepts was as great as her love and compassion for each student that entered her classroom. She is loved by her colleagues; we will miss her greatly but wish her well as she enjoys her retirement.



Counting My Blessings

A FAREWELL TO JOYCE SCHORN

"Innies and outies. Oh, Mylanta! Fractions are your friends. It's on your k-know sheet. Math is not a spectator sport; everyone needs to participate!" Anyone who has heard these expressions associates them with our beloved middle school math teacher, Mrs. Joyce Schorn. These are but a few of the sayings for which she has become well-known in her twenty-eight years of service at Wilmington Christian School. Students have enjoyed her class because she is a master at demystifying math through her patient, yet creative approach to teaching fractions, integers and multiplicative inverses.

Woven through her lessons, along with her wonderful sense of humor, is a genuine love for students and a love for the Lord which exudes through each interaction, whether it is at lunch duty, carpool line, or homeroom devotions.

In addition to her classroom duties, she has organized countless Middle School Academic Awards ceremonies, served as a Math League sponsor, enjoyed (endured) many soggy field trips to Black Rock and Williamsburg, and mentored students and teachers along the way. Four years ago, she received some of the respect and admiration she so rightly deserves when she served as Pharaoh Hatshepsut at the 6th grade Egyptian Banquet. This year the 2014 Middle School year-

book was lovingly dedicated to her at our awards ceremony, and her entire family was there to surprise and honor her along with our faculty and students.

It has been my great privilege to work alongside Joyce during my eleven years at WCS. Being across the hall and hearing a different math lesson every period, I have often had to stifle my laughter (there are no loud noises permitted in the Library, of course) as I have heard her interact with students,

using her trademark expressions many times. She is a model teacher, Christian, and a dear friend whom I am going to miss. Knowing Joyce, retirement will not be a spectator sport for her, either. I pray God's blessings on her in wherever He leads her during this next chapter of her life.

*Cheryl Schultz
Upper School Librarian*



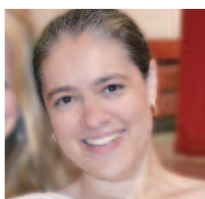
Sara Magarahan

Mrs. Magarahan was used “for such a time as this” to fill an unexpected opening as a middle school English teacher this past school year. With her gentle spirit and excellent knowledge of her subject matter, Mrs. Magarahan quickly became a favorite of both her students and her colleagues. Although her time with us was short, she will be missed! Thank you, Mrs. Magarahan!



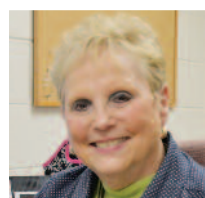
Natalie McMurry

We said good-bye to Natalie McMurry this year. Natalie was the Teacher Assistant in our Pre-K 3 class for the past two years. Her love and compassion for our littlest ones was a blessing to all! Natalie still plans to be a substitute in the early education grades when she is able, and we will still see her around school as her two sons will continue to attend WCS.



June Tragesser

For the past two years, June Tragesser served as receptionist at Wilmington Christian School. Her warm southern hospitality welcomed visitors, and her genuine care and concern for WCS families and faculty was apparent. June and her husband have retired to Texas, where they will be nearer to family. Her timing was perfect; great-grandchild number 5 just arrived in July!



Susan Foster

Susan Foster joined the Wilmington Christian School staff in 2010 as our school nurse. Her responsibilities were varied and no two days were ever the same. Whether she was following concussion protocol or putting band aids on boo-boos, she was the ultimate professional with just the right mix of empathy and “tough love.” Mrs. Foster was active in the Delaware Association of School Nurses during her tenure with us, bringing WCS in line with the guidelines and best practices of the state of Delaware. We are sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Foster, but we know that her gifts will be utilized as she cares for the littlest of patients in her new position in neo-natal intensive care.



Stephanie Barrick

After nine years of ministry at WCS, Stephanie Barrick retired this past June. Stephanie has been instrumental in drawing out and expanding the art talents and creativity of our high school students. We will miss her love for her students, art, and the Lord. Stephanie’s favorite verse which clearly relates to her artistic creativity and her faith is Ephesians 2:10, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

*Bill Burton*

After 17 years of faithful service, Mr. Bill Burton has retired from Wilmington Christian School. Mr. Burton served as a middle and high school Bible teacher. His love for “his lambs” and commitment to his Savior made him a favorite among the students. He was an encourager whose knowledge of the Scripture made Bible class a blessing to each student. We will miss, Mr. Burton. “Well done, good and faithful servant.”



NEW ORCHESTRAL STRINGS INSTRUCTOR

The WCS Music Department welcomes Amber Fedale (sister of Austin, WCS Class of 2015) as our new orchestral strings instructor. Amber will be replacing Kathleen Hastings who, due to increasing demands from her private studio, resigned at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Amber brings a diverse background of experience in working with students of all ages, individually and in group settings. She began the study of violin at age three having studied at the Wilmington Music School and individually with Kathleen Hastings. At the Settlement Music School, Amber studied on scholarship with Nanette Foley and at West Chester University with Sylvia Ahramjian. She received her Bachelors of Science degree in Liberal Professional Studies with a minor in Psychology and Music in 2009.

As to why WCS, Amber shared: "The individualized instruction that I received equipped me with the skills necessary to efficiently train others in the study of violin. I've had the privilege of teaching privately and playing publicly. It is one of my passions to not only play the violin as a form of worship to the Lord, but also to encourage others to do the same. It will be an honor to work with the students at Wilmington Christian School and provide a standard of excellence in fine arts."



A BELATED
WELCOME

to Brian Horne
Building &
Grounds Facilities
New Last Year
2013-14

NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

We are pleased to announce that Chris Corbino has accepted the position to be our new men's basketball coach. Chris graduated from Archmere Academy and Neumann University. He has over 20 years of experience coaching basketball. His last team was the CYM Champions in the '13-14 season. He also had teams play in six of the last nine championship games in the CYM. More impressively, Chris did this while building a successful program for 1st-8th grade girls and boys. He is very excited about building a winning program from the lower levels and up.

Chris said, "I am really excited about becoming a member of the WCS family. It is a great place that has

unlimited potential. The vision that the athletic program has for the next five years is very impressive and I plan to be a contributing part of it."

We are very excited about having a guy like Chris join our staff. I am sure all of you will be impressed with his high energy level, dedicated faith and love of sports.

Chris lives in northern Wilmington and works at Chase Bank. He is married and has three children. He is a long-standing member and very active in the St. Anthony's Parish community.



Celinda Conteh MY STORY

It begins with a story. We all have one. Many stories have been told for years, while others are yet to be born. My story began in a small city called Greenville. It was in this part of North Carolina where I was born, and lived only three years of my early life. Although I did not live there long, my roots are still grounded there. When my family and I moved up north, we still frequented the south, by spending time with family, and friends.

My love for writing and creating started here in Delaware. It might be difficult to believe but, my public education experience had a major part in my love for the written word. During junior high, I received a scholarship for a Creative Writing workshop. It was from this experience that I began to home in on my love for poetry, character and setting creation. I would observe my surroundings, take walks, and create stories.

My high school experience, however, brought challenges. Still moving through the public school education system, I was placed in a remedial reading class. The guidance counselor told my parents that I would not be very good at English. I begged my parents to speak to the guidance counselor again. "Mom, my English class is

too easy. The teacher asks us if we know how to spell the word 'cat'." Listening to my plea, my parents spoke with the guidance counselor again, and I was moved to a higher level English class. By senior year, I graduated with an 'A' in AP English.

My story continued when I graduated *magna cum laude* from Cheyney University with the Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Through several valleys and mountains, I became a teacher in a Christian school located in Pennsylvania. I taught Spanish, History, and English and learned quickly that teaching is one of the most difficult career paths anyone can choose.

It was truly a "God send" when I was hired here at Wilmington Christian School in 2007. Juggling English and Spanish classes the first five years was challenging, but rewarding. It was during my third year that I was asked to teach Creative Writing. I had no idea that teaching that class would open the door to me becoming a published author.

My first children's book, *Thys*, was released in March of 2014, and since then, God has truly developed my love and gift for writing. What started out to be an assignment for my class, turned into a published book that is sold on websites such as Tate Publishing, Amazon, Barnes and Nobles, iTunes, and several international sites.

My story continues. What is your story?





Six Wilmington Christian School juniors and seniors spent their Easter break in Spain, giving them ample opportunity to hone their foreign language skills. The trip began in Madrid, where students toured the Royal Palace and other historic sites throughout the city. At the Reina Sofia Museum, students were awed by the massive size of Picasso's "Guernica," and also spotted works by Dali and Miro.

From there, the group explored the medieval walled city of Toledo, visiting cathedrals and churches. Traveling between Toledo and Granada, students visited the famed windmills of Don Quixote, set high above fields of olive trees.

A day spent in Granada culminated with a gypsy flamenco party, while the gardens of the Alhambra offered opportunities for many photos before students boarded the bus for the Costa del Sol. With some free time in the seaside village of Torremolinos, the group enjoyed lunch along the Mediterranean, and even a unique visit to a fish foot spa. Days in Seville and Cordoba rounded out the 10-day trip, which concluded in Madrid with a visit to the famed Prado Museum.

Highlights of the trip include not only the once in a lifetime opportunity to see beautiful architecture and experience the Spanish culture first-hand, but the opportunity to forge friendships with students from several other private schools. And of course, there is the food! Culinary highlights included decadent *churros con chocolate*, and tapas enjoyed in a Spanish dungeon. Chaperone, Carol Allston-Stiles, received many positive comments throughout the trip from the leaders of other school groups that there was "something different about WCS students." Not only did they have fun and learn a lot, but they set a great example to students in other schools, and represented the mission of Wilmington Christian School well.

Alumni



Maggie Karmeris ('11) Widener field hockey junior Maggie Karmeris (Wilmington, DE) has been named Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District in the at-large category.

This is just the latest award for Karmeris, who last fall was named to the Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area Team and to the inaugural Middle Atlantic Conference Academic All-Conference Team. This spring, she was picked as National Field Hockey Coaches Associa-

tion (NFCHA) Scholar of Distinction for having at least a 3.9 GPA through last semester.

Karmeris also is a two-time member of the MAC Academic Honor Roll, participated in the NCAA Career in Sports Forum in June 2013, was elected to attend the MAC Women's Coaching Symposium this year and was selected to be a member of the University's first cohort of Oskin Leaders in the Oskin Leadership Institute.



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All families welcome

Back to School Nights - MS & HS - September 4, 6 pm
Elem - September 11

First Day of School

September 2 PreK3,4 & K Dismissal at 9 am
1/2 day 1st-5th, 6th, 9th
New Parent Coffee Elementary Library 8:15-9:15 am
September 3 First full day of school PreK-12th

Welcome Wednesdays: Visit Our Campus, Invite a Friend -

Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, 2015 Feb 4, 2015 March 4, 2015 April 1, 2015 9-11 am

Homecoming 2014 - Family Fun Day, October 4 - Families & Alumni Welcome

Fall Play - November 6-8 7:00 pm

