

KEYNOTER

DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



*Celebrating our
55th
Graduating
Class*

Gala **AUCTION**
INFO INSIDE



MISSION

Our mission is to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action.

2011-2012

School Verse

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11



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Delaware County Christian School (DC) Keynoter is published semi-annually to communicate our school vision and news to alumni, friends, family and prayer partners of the school. Delaware County Christian School was established in 1950. Today, the school serves 765 Pre-K through Grade 12 students at two campuses in Newtown Square and Devon, PA.

Delaware County Christian School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Association of Christian Schools International. DC admits students of any race, color, and national/ethnic origin to all of the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national/ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.



The Dill 2012 family picture includes six DC alumni and six current students: Steve '68, Marge '70, Kristen Dill Levis '92, Jeff and Heather Dill (both '94), and Scott Dill '98. Current students include Alison '18, Cole '21, and Matthew Levis '25, along with Jack '21, Micah '22, and Cody Dill '24.

*We will tell the next generation the
praiseworthy deeds of the Lord ...
He commanded our forefathers
to teach their children, so the next
generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell
their children.
Then they would put their trust in
God.... Psalm 78:4-7*

Passing the Baton of Faith

Perhaps you have heard the expression, “God does not have grandchildren”. Being born into a Christian family does not make one a Christian. Every child – every person - must acknowledge their own sin and need for a savior and accept Jesus Christ as Lord. Yet parents – and a community of faith – can be used by the Lord in significant ways to help children come to faith.

In the alumni section of this *Keynote* you will see some stories of DC students who met their lifelong mate at DC. Although this is the exception– sometimes God brings two people together in this way. Marge and I started dating while we were DC students: her external beauty caught my eye and her inner beauty captured my heart. While I don't recommend “steady” dating relationships for high school students, and none of our three children followed our example, God eventually brought us together in marriage. Over the years we had the incredible blessing of seeing our three children go all the way through DC. Now, with grandchildren attending, there are three generations in our family who will testify to the significant influence of DC faculty – and fellow students and families – in shaping their minds and hearts.

Olympic relay racers know the importance of passing the baton properly. A dropped baton will take a team out of the race. It was the grace of God that brought me to faith, and it is the grace of God that will bring your children and my grandchildren to faith. There is no guaranteed method of passing the baton of faith on to children. But our experience – and the experience of thousands of DC families over the past 63 years – is that an education in which Jesus Christ is central does influence the whole course of your child's life.

*Thank you Lord, for the blessing of
Christ centered education for our family.*



Marge and Steve - 1971

Stephen P. Dill, Ed.D.

Congratulations

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The 55th Graduating Class

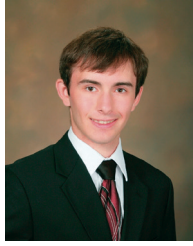
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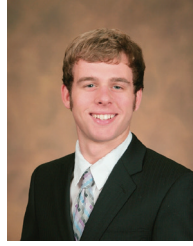
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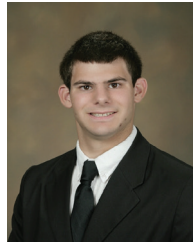
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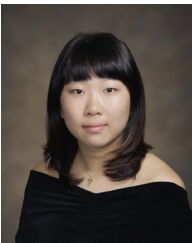
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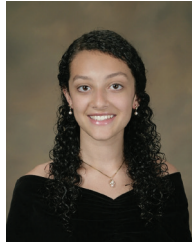
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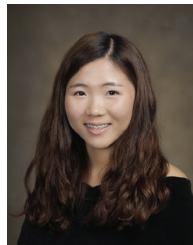
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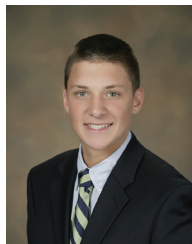
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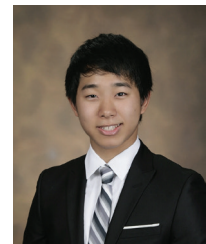
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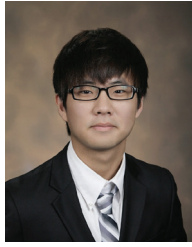
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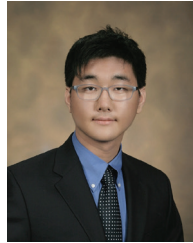
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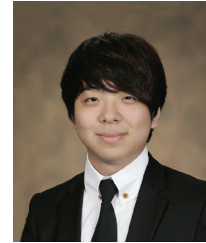
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**Jeremy Michael
Markland**
West Chester University



**Shannon Elizabeth
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Belmont University



**Michael James
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Immaculata University



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Taylor University



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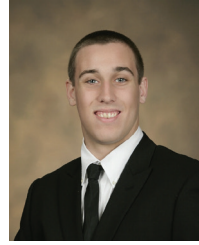
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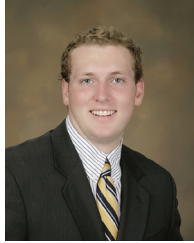
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Tyler Raymond Winkis
Ursinus College



Jonathan Alistair Wynne
Philadelphia Biblical University, Wisconsin



Emily Eva Yespelkis
West Chester University

Courage... "Walk with boldness in your journey with God. Fear the Lord. Be courageous before both believers and unbelievers by demonstrating and stating what you believe and why you believe it. Do not let fear derail you from achieving your goals; ask the Lord to enable you to focus and face those fears with a courageous heart."

Patience... "Practice endurance in accomplishing your goals; also remember that the sum of the efforts is always directly proportional to the end results, so be patient and persevere!"

Faith... "Have faith throughout life. Be confident in yourself and feel proud to graduate from a great Christian school. Believe that through Christ you have greatness and strength. The faith and confidence in yourself and how God has made you will help you move forward into an uncertain future like invincible weapons."

2012 Commencement Speech - Valedictorian – Jungmin Han

" Every member of our senior class has been so blessed to be a part of the DC family, and I encourage each of my classmates to continue to use their God-given gifts to bring Him glory. Let us always remember the principles we have learned at DC, and let us always remember the phrase...

Soli Deo Gloria. To the glory of God alone.
2012 Commencement Speech – Salutatorian – Brynn Elcock

The Fund for DC

2012/2013

The Fund for DC directly supports DC students and faculty, continues ongoing support for technology, improves our facilities, and is used for other priorities and needs at DC. This year our goal is \$1 million, which will fund 10% of DC's operating expenses in 2012-2013. In the last year the Fund has been supported by Capital Campaign pledges and gifts. With the close of the campaign (June 30th) it is time to return to our annual giving effort.

The Fund for DC offers alumni, parents and parents of alumni, grandparents, and friends of DC a special opportunity to support the current priorities of the school through their annual unrestricted giving. Most importantly, this broad-based support reflects the combined generosity of our community at all levels.

DC depends on three sources of revenue for operating expense: tuition revenue, endowment income, and the gifts of alumni, parents, and friends to The Fund. Your annual support is a vital component of DC's financial equation, and all annual gifts are spent in the fiscal year they are raised. Gifts of all size make a difference, and we encourage the participation of all in our community, as giving is a sign of your support for DC's mission.

Your gift to DC has far-reaching impact as we educate students to go into the world and make a difference. Thank you for your commitment to Christian education and for your continued generosity and involvement.

~ Director of Annual Giving – Kristen Paulson

Introducing...



We are happy to introduce Kristen Paulson who joined the Advancement Office as the Director of Annual Giving. She is married to Drew Paulson, DC Class of '87, and they have three daughters, the oldest who will be entering first grade at DC this fall.

Kristen began her career in development at Harvard University, eventually becoming an Associate Director of Annual Giving. After six years she became the Director of Development at Park Street School, a Christian school in Boston, where she worked to raise funds to renovate their historic building in Beacon Hill.

Working in annual giving is the perfect marriage of two great passions, educational fundraising and Christian education. She is a graduate of a K-12 Christian school and Westmont College, and is excited about the opportunity to engage and involve our community in giving back through The Fund for DC.

Over the last year Kristen has enjoyed getting to know many people who make DC a great school, and looks forward to meeting many more in the year to come.

Back by popular demand...

We invite all parents, alumni, and friends of DC to attend our 2nd Gala Auction

the *Gala* AUCTION



6:30pm St. Davids Golf Club, Wayne, PA

Reserve your ticket today

SAVE THE DATE

Raise your paddle & Support the Fund for DC

Dine & Bid

Silent Auction: 6:30-7:45

Live Auction: 8:00-9:00

Reserve online dccc.org/gala

or call 610-353-6522 X 2284

\$40 per person (\$50 per after Sept. 15th)

The St. David's Golf Club in Wayne will be the lovely setting for this year's Gala Event which will combine a SILENT and LIVE Auction format. Come and dine, bid and socialize as we raise money to support our school and students. To make this a success we need volunteers for prayer, help, and especially for donations!

To donate and volunteer please call Lisa Campbell in the Advancement Office at 610-353-6522 ext 2284.

ALUMNI

Marriage Connections

1st DC Alumni Matrimony

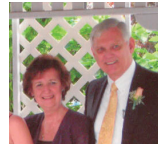
FAITH PIERSMA '68 AND JOSEPH WEAVER '66

Joe and Faith met when Faith worked in the school store and Joe came in to buy ice cream bars. Faith was a freshman and Joe a junior. They dated for 3 years and married as soon as Faith graduated from high school. They celebrated their 44th anniversary in June. God has blessed them with 4 children and 7 grandchildren. "What we have learned through the ups and downs in our life together is that God is always faithful and there for us. It is hard to imagine a life without each other and God."



An Early DC Matrimony **MARGIE HANNUM & JOE CARROLL '66**

Margie came to DC in 8th grade and Joe followed in 10th. They started a relationship in their junior year of high school, and soon began to "go steady." Exchanging class rings made it official. After graduating from DC in 1966, they both attended the same Bible college and became engaged in their junior year. After graduation in 1970, they were married, and 3 months later they were on the way to begin their missionary adventure in Brazil. Their 3 boys were born there. After 7 years, they came back to the states and began their ministry pastoring a church and had their 4th child, a girl! All 4 children went to DC. Joe and Margie have been married now for 42 years, are currently working out in the marketplace, experiencing an "empty nest" and enjoying their 7 ½ grandkids. 3 of their grandkids now attend DC. And it all began with "passing notes" in Mr. Parmalee's history class. Looking back, it's easy to see God's hand in all of it!



There are 146 DC alumni who married a fellow DC graduate!

SHANNON SINES & JASON SWANKOSKI '98 were married on Sept. 10, 2011 in Wilmington, DE. Shannon graduated from Lancaster Bible College '03 with a BS in Bible and Christian Education. Jason works at Bank of America. They currently reside in Newark, DE.

SARAH PRETTYMAN '04 & JIM TODD '00

"While attending DC I had never even heard the name "Jim Todd". After graduation I headed down to Florida to attend Palm Beach Atlantic University. In 1994, I moved back to the area and got an apartment in Media with DC grad Lindsey Wright '04. After work one day, my next door neighbor, who I had not met at that point, asked if either one of us had gone to DC. He had seen my old DC parking permit on my car and wondered who we were. After we told him that we both went to DC, he introduced himself as Jim Todd and said that his roommate, John Holmes ('98) also went to DC. Since that day our lives have never been the same! All because of a parking sticker! God definitely works in very mysterious and wonderful ways." The wedding date is October 12, 2012.

JANET PENNINGTON '65 & BILL KRAFTSON '66

"We both attended DC for all of our school years, but we actually "met" at the annual "Leaf and Rake Shake" in the fall of 1964. It was a day of raking leaves, a guys vs. girls hockey game, hot dogs and games. We also were in the same English class and had assigned seats right behind each other! Our first date was a ride home and a couple 15 cent hamburgers after a basketball game. Thus began a dating relationship which lasted the entire school year and while Bill was at Wheaton and Janet at Eastern. We wrote each other faithfully every day and talked on the phone about once a week (there were no cell phones or email in those days, and long distance phone calls were



expensive). We were married in August '69 and moved to Wheaton. In the summer of 1970 we moved to Dallas, Texas where Bill attended Dallas Theological Seminary while Janet taught high school algebra, and then in 1977 he helped start Search Ministries, and has been with them ever since. We have been blessed with three children who are all married, and now have five grandchildren."


TAWNY MACARTHUR '06 & ROB HOMAN '05

"While we were in school at DC we never once spoke to each other and our paths never seemed to cross (part of God's plan!)" Tawny was friends with Rob's older brother, Phil, and with Rob's mom, since she worked in the Main Office. After high school Rob went off to Calvin College in Michigan to study engineering, and Tawny attended West Chester University. After college Rob moved back home and began working. Tawny's sister Stacey, '13 and Rob's sister, Emily, '11, were both basketball stars, playing for the DC Lady Knights. After attending many games to watch their sisters, Rob finally got up his nerve to approach Tawny and found the courage to ask her out! From then on they have been inseparable! They feel very blessed for the way God has worked in their lives to bring them together." Their wedding date is set for Oct.13, 2012.



TIA TRUEMAN & AARON MINGLE '05 were married on Oct.15, 2011 in Philadelphia. Aaron is a pilot with Dynamic Aviation and graduated from LeTourneau University in '09 with a double major earning a BS; Aeronautical Science Electronic Systems and BS; Flight Science. Tia is employed with Liberty Property Trust in Sustainability and earned her BA from Immaculata University in '11 in Financial Management. They currently reside in Harrisonburg, VA.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

- 1962** In the planning stages for their 50th class reunion. Details to come.
- 1964** May 2, 3, 4, 2014. Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia-Valley Forge, 301 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406. Dinner: Saturday evening, May 3, 2014 - buffet at DoubleTree by Hilton, Valley Forge. Contact: Donna Younglove - donnajeane1@gmail.com 214.693.8562 or Joe Alessi - joe@alessiagency.org / 512.217.7956
- 1982** Celebrating their 30th class reunion this year. Date/time to be determined.
- 1987** In the planning stages for their 25th class reunion. Details to come.
- 1992** Celebrating the 20th class reunion this year.
- 2002** 10th class reunion. Details to come.

ALUMNI

Connections

FRIENDS 4 LIFE

Friends from the class of '88 get together about three times a year. This includes **JULIE CORNETT BIELY, TIM BICKHART, SHARRON RUSSELL DERER, SHELLY DABNEY HANCOCK, CAROLYN LANDMAN, RICH AMOROSO, LIZ POTT SCHAKER & STACEY FABER BOENDER.**

The girls like to travel once a year and have enjoyed destinations like Las Vegas and Colorado. The local group meets (with spouses) and treasures each other and our shared history. After all, we have known each other since elementary school!

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

DANA CLARKE '86

"I worked at St. John Hospital in Texas with an ER doctor who was a staff favorite. He and I always talked about his wife "Jill," and I even talked to her on the phone myself occasionally. One day, his wife came in and I asked, "So, is this the famous Jill?" When he introduced us, I thought, "she looks so familiar!" When I left the room, it clicked. I walked back in, and said, "JILL NAGLE?" She looked at me and shouted, "DANA P. CLARKE!" Texas is a HUGE place, and here we had been living in the same small city for at least 2 years! I couldn't believe it! Now we can celebrate our birthdays, visit with families, and be a part of each other's lives!

BOOK EXCHANGE

JOSH TYSON '96 & JAMES KUTNOW '96, have an ongoing tradition of sending each other a new book to read on each other's birthday.



FLAG FOOTBALL ANYONE?

JEFF WISNEWSKI '95, TOM VISSER '07, ANDREW KYNE '10, NICK MASIOLI '10, MATT HUMMEL '09 & JEREMY VANDERSLICE '08, as well as Chris Lallier and Eddie Doyle (both went to DC for a period of time) all participate in a flag football league at the Lionville YMCA.

They play in the fall and spring of each year and have been doing so since the fall of 2009.

JOIN US FOR
Homecoming
Saturday, Oct 13th

GRACE HAYES '08, a chemical engineering and German major at Vanderbilt, spent last summer in Halle, Germany on a DAAD academic exchange service scholarship. This prestigious award is similar to the US Fulbright.

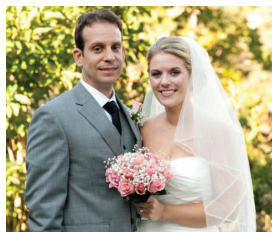
LUKE MCDERMOTT '06, a chemistry and German major at Penn State received the same scholarship a few years ago. He is currently pursuing a MS in chemistry at Cornell.

A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

'97 graduates carry on a tradition that started during their junior year. Each December they travel downtown to watch the "Christmas light show at Wanamakers" followed by eating Philly cheese steaks. It started when they first got their licenses and continues 17 years later with spouses and children!

FELLOWSHIP

JAMIE CALDERWOOD '03, RACHEL MACDONALD BROWN '00, & ALI WILCOX LAKE '02 and their spouses are in a small group together at Marsh Creek Community Church which is pastored by **JOEL SCHUSTER '96** and his wife **SARAH WITMER SCHUSTER.**



LAURA SMYTH '01 &

Richard Gavaghan Jr. were married on Oct. 7, 2011 at The Highlands Mansion and Gardens in Fort Washington, PA.

JENN PUCKETT ELZEA '01

currently works in the public affairs shop for Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta.

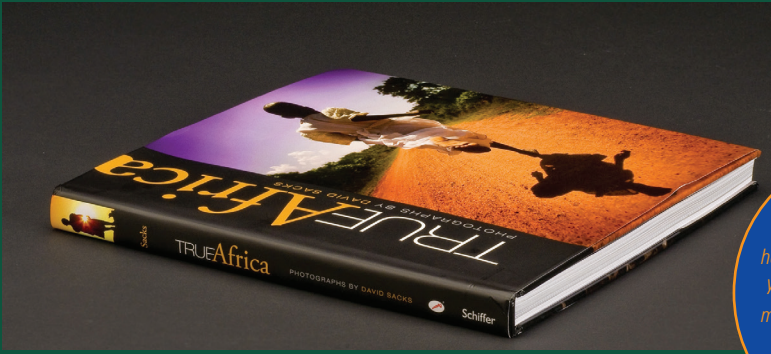
KIMBERLY LANG '98 &

Vince Taliercio announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Sage. Born on Oct. 11, 2011 at home, she was 9 lb, 2 oz, 21".



Praise the Lord for the birth of Cali Lake, May 24, 2012. Cali is the granddaughter of Peter and Judith Lake and daughter of **DAN (and Julia) LAKE '00.**





These two DC grads hold a photo art exhibit each year to raise funds for their ministry to orphans in Africa. Go to www.davidsacks.com for more info

MISSIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

DAVID SACKS and **DOUG HAYES** are two friends from the class of **1986**. They have been buddies ever since meeting in Miss Hutchison's 2nd grade class. Over the years David and Doug have traveled together to Africa, and many other locations, gathering stories and images of people and communities. This has amazingly led to the publication of a 200-page, 12"x12" coffee table book called *TRUE Africa*, comprised exclusively of David's photographs. This stunning book is selling well and David has donated all the proceeds from book sales to Covenant Mercies, which is a Christian ministry of compassion serving orphans in Africa.

The book was released at the sixth *Portraits of Hope* event this past May at Covenant Fellowship Church and Dr. Hutchison, remembering the two boys from 2nd grade, was present showing her support. David and Doug were extremely touched at the gesture and so, Dr. Hutchison, their teacher, received the first signed copy of this fabulous book.



Dr. Sue Hutchinson, Doug Hayes, and David Sacks

ALUMNI CHAPEL

On May 14, our DC Alumni Chapel consisted of six recent graduates who joined a panel discussion to benefit our current high school students. Mark Dixon '99, Alumni President (shown far left), acted as moderator. Our young alumni shared openly regarding their college experiences: the decisions they had made along their journey, pressures they have encountered, tough professors they may have had and how they have continued to strengthen their spiritual walk



on a college campus. A special thank you to (from left) Stephen Langford '09 (Wake Forest), Sean Dodds '08 (Messiah College), Hannah Ellsworth '11 (Wheaton College), Patrika Cheston '10 (Pace Univ.), Maria Visser '09 (Delaware Valley), and Kyle Harper '11 (Emerson). We truly appreciate your time and willingness to speak into the lives of our DC students.

ALUMNUS

of the Year 2011-2012

Major Jason P. Willey is an outstanding example of the fulfillment of DC's mission: **to impact the world through Biblical thought and action.** Jason was honored during Commencement on June 8, 2012 and received a standing ovation for his accomplishments and service in the Air Force.



Upon graduating from DC in June of 1997, with only a brief respite of three weeks, I in-processed as a basic cadet at the United States Air Force Academy. I spent the better part of that summer in a 5-week basic training course designed to immerse recent high school graduates into the life of a military cadet. This training led to the four-year undergraduate program at the same institution. After four years I graduated with a BS in history from what is known as an engineering school. During those four years I had the opportunity to hone and refine my follower-ship and leadership skills in preparation of becoming an officer in the Air Force. Since then I have acquired a graduate degree in Leadership and Business Ethics from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

After graduation from the Academy in 2001, I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and had an Undergraduate Pilot Training slot for the following year. Before attending pilot training, I served a brief period in the Academy's history department. It was during that time that 9/11 occurred. I began the 1-year AF Pilot Training Program at Columbus AFB in Columbus, Mississippi in early 2002. In March of 2003, I received my pilot wings and was rewarded with a first assignment to fly C-5 Cargo planes out of Dover AFB, DE.

It was during pilot training, however, that I met, or I should say was reintroduced, to my future wife, Devon Montgomery, a 2000 graduate of DC and the younger sister of my good friend and DC classmate Steven Montgomery.

I spent four years flying C-5s at Dover to destinations around the world, principally Iraq. In 2007, I volunteered for a new aircraft and a new location, Las Vegas, NV. Devon and I spent three years in Las Vegas before relocating to build a new AF squadron from the ground up in Missouri. I have now progressed through the ranks and am currently a Major.

From a very young age, I wanted to become an officer in the US military. I grew up with a father in the military and was enamored with history, thanks in large part to my mom. I wanted the experiences found in the history books I was reading. Looking back, I acknowledge that it was God who implanted this desire in my heart out of His sovereign plan for my life. In a twist of irony, I spent my whole life wanting to attend West Point Military Academy but ended up instead at the Air Force Academy. That is a story for another day but looking back, I am grateful that the Lord disrupted MY plans for His. It has been a terrific adventure, and I acquired experiences beyond my wildest dreams.

Leading men and women in the military while serving our country has been



a rewarding experience. At times it has also proven challenging, especially during certain stressful periods unique to war. Perhaps the greatest challenge is being a light in a largely secular world. I truly believe we are all missionaries no matter where we serve. Cornelius “a devout man who feared God” (Acts 10 1-7) serves as a model soldier for his country and more importantly for God. I always liked this passage as it somewhat relates and speaks to why God placed me where I am today.

DC impacted me in countless ways from the teachers who inspired, to the friends who encouraged and most importantly to the constant attention given to the saving grace afforded us through Christ’s sacrifice. I could never do justice in attempting to fully explain how various teachers sharpened my character for the challenges that were in my future. They all had a role in shaping who I am today along with the many friends I had during that time period. I would like to single out Mr. Cawood (7th, 8th grade) and Dr. McFarland (high school) for ensuring that I would never lose my desire and passion to experience and learn history. One of my post military/business career goals is to return to a classroom to teach history and share my experiences.

While I have many valuable and specific memories I could recall about my days at DC, I simply like to reflect on the simplicity and innocence of those years. It was a time before I was fully exposed to

seeing and experiencing the ugly outcomes and effects of a sinful fallen world. The military experiences expose one to the darker realities of our world not obvious on a day-to-day basis. I recall the joys of playing soccer in green and white or playing freely on the old elementary playground, concert choir trips, the DC Invitational, friends, working maintenance with Mr. Keelan in the summers, and of course history classes. The list could go on.

My faith, a gift from God, has served as the foundation of what I do. It grounds me in truth. Often times, I find myself caught up in the accolades of a military life and the competitive nature it arouses in me. It serves to humble me as does my wife on occasion, which is one of the many reasons I love her. God’s grace is beyond our full understanding. I cannot credit myself or anything else for what I have achieved and for where I am in my career. Each person in my life has been a gift from the Lord, my parents, DC teachers, friends, mentors and my wife, Devon Montgomery Willey ‘00. I am truly grateful and humbled. Of course, this is easier said than it is acknowledged on a daily basis. But this is where, with God’s strength, I hope to persevere.

I am an avid reader of history, theology, philosophy and politics. In the past my wife and I have volunteered with Young Life and other minor church roles. I currently help to lead a Bible study in our immediate community. My most important hobby, though, involves being a husband and father of two wonderful little girls and a baby boy.



ALUMNI

Serving Our Country

JIM MORRIS CLASS OF 1982

Jim served with the 24th Infantry Division in Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91 as a Captain and intelligence officer in the Division's Assault Command Post, and was awarded a Bronze Star.

DAN MCCULLOUGH CLASS OF 1988

Dan is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force stationed in Germany.

JOHN WILKENS III CLASS OF 1989

John served in the US Navy 1990-1994 during Desert Storm/Desert Shield, stationed on a nuclear aircraft carrier - USS George Washington CVN-73. When he left the service he went back to University to finish his undergraduate/graduate degrees.

CHAD MONTGOMERY CLASS OF 1993

Chad is currently a Captain/Chaplain for the Air Force. He is stationed in North Carolina.

CHARLES "KIP" PATTERSON CLASS OF 1997

Kip is currently serving in Heidelberg, Germany as a Captain in the US Army, 30th Medical Command, Public Affairs Office.

CHARLES DEY CLASS OF 2000

Charles has served in the United States Air Force since June 2001. He is currently a Technical Sergeant and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005.

DANIEL SELKE CLASS OF 2001

Dan recently returned from a 7 month deployment overseas to the Arabian Sea where his strike group was responsible for operation New Dawn (Iraq) and operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). Early this year his strike group successfully rescued an Iranian vessel from pirates. Over a dozen pirates were detained on board USS John C. Stennis until they could be transferred to the proper authority. Next month he will have completed his service with the United States Navy. He has served 6 years and is currently a Second Class Electronics Technician (ET2). He served on board USS John C Stennis as a Nuclear Reactor Operator. He is responsible for the safe operation and control of two 550 megawatt reactors. When he completes his service in April, he will not be re-enlisting but hiking the Appalachian Trail with his sister, Rachel Selke (class of '00), from Georgia to Maine.

CHRIS ROSSI CLASS OF 2001

Chris Rossi is a Captain in the Army and a Blackhawk pilot. He is currently deployed to Afghanistan and serving as a company commander (commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point)

NATHAN WITMER CLASS OF 2002

Nathan is a Captain in the Army. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. Currently, he is in the Army Active Reserves, while he works for Johnson & Johnson as a sales representative. In this capacity, he goes into operating rooms and trains surgeons how to use the surgical equipment.

LUKE O'BRIEN CLASS OF 2006

Luke is currently serving in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He is an armor officer, 1st Lieutenant, platoon leader with unit Cavalry. 1st Lt. Luke was deployed in December 2011 and will be there until December 2012. He is in a very dangerous and volatile area, with all the recent events escalating that danger. He is engaged to Kara Fisher, DC class of 08.

PAUL ANTHONY CLASS OF 2003 ARMY

Paul serves in the Army and was deployed this past spring to Afghanistan. His wife Wendy awaits his return in Seattle, WA.

JAMES TRAVIS THOMAS CLASS OF 2007

Travis is a Corporal in the Marines, stationed in Afghanistan.

JED HORNE CLASS OF 2007

Jed served in the 101st Airborne division of the Army as an infantryman, 14 months in Iraq. He is currently enlisted in the Army Reserves. He was honorably discharged two years ago. He and Ashley celebrate their fifth anniversary next week and they have three children. He has been employed as a Correctional Officer Trainee at Graterford Prison since March.

On behalf of everyone at Delaware County Christian School, we want to send out a

Thank You and God Bless You

to every man and woman who is serving or has served throughout the world.

ROD SCHULTZE CLASS OF 1965 – Coast Guard
TOM ELDREDGE CLASS OF 1966 - Army
BRUCE ANDERSON CLASS OF 1970 - Army
JANE KNOPPERS COTTINGHAM CLASS OF 1975 – Air Force
DAVID SMITH CLASS OF 1975 – Navy (retired)
DAN NOBLE CLASS OF 1978 - Navy
TOM LITTLE CLASS OF 1980 - Army
CHUCK MARTINI -EX CLASS OF 1980 - Navy
JIM MORRIS CLASS OF 1982 - Army
DAVID BECKER CLASS OF 1983 - Army
JOSEPH MARCH -EX CLASS OF 1983 - Navy
ROBERT SAMUELSEN -EX CLASS OF 1984 - Army
DAVID CALDWELL CLASS OF 1988 – Army
DAN MCCULLOUGH CLASS OF 1988 – Air Force
JOHN WILKENS III CLASS OF 1989 – Navy
SAM KINCH CLASS OF 1991 – Army, Air Force
CHAD MONTGOMERY CLASS OF 1993 – Air Force
SHANE STEINER CLASS OF 1995 – Air Force
AMY KINCH GROTHE CLASS OF 1995 – Army
BOB HONTZ CLASS OF 1996 - Navy
JASON WILLEY CLASS OF 1997 – Air Force
CHARLES "KIP" PATTERSON CLASS OF 1997 - Army
BRIAN GELZHISER CLASS OF 1999 – Air Force
JONATHAN NORQUIST CLASS OF 1999 - Army
NATHAN CLAUER CLASS OF 2000 – USMC
RUTH BROWNE CLASS OF 2000 - Navy
CHARLIE DEY CLASS OF 2000 – Air Force
DAVID PAINTER CLASS OF 2001 – Air National Guard
CHRISTOPHER ROSSI CLASS OF 2001 – Army
DANIEL SELKE CLASS OF 2001 – Navy
NATHAN WITMER CLASS OF 2002 - Army
PAUL ANTHONY CLASS OF 2003 - Army
DAVID STRUWE CLASS OF 2004 - Army
STEVE L'HOMMEDIEU EX CLASS OF 2004 - USMC
LUKE O'BRIEN CLASS OF 2006 – Army
JED HORNE -EX CLASS OF 2007 - Army
JAMES TRAVIS THOMAS CLASS OF 2007 – Marines
RENEE MILITELLO CLASS OF 2007 – Navy (nurse)

*Thank you
to all who
risk their lives
every day
for our
freedom.*

*Thank you to
their families
for
giving up
their loved ones
to do so.*

*We truly
appreciate
your dedication
to our
great country.*

*Thank you
for
making such
a sacrifice.
Words cannot
adequately express
how grateful
we are.*



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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AUGUST

- 28** First Day of School
- 30** DC Family Picnic & Dedication Service

SEPTEMBER

- 4-13** Back to School Nights

OCTOBER

- 6** *Gala* Auction Event
- 12** Grandparents' Day (UC)
- 13** Fall Sports Day & *Homecoming*
- 22-23** Walk-A-Thon
- 27** Camp Teekna Hayride & Bonfire
- 28** Board Leadership Dessert

NOVEMBER

- 2-3** Middle School Play
- 4** Open House
- 11** Board Leadership Dessert
- 16-17** DC Players
- 20** All School Thanksgiving Chapel

DECEMBER

- 6** ES Christmas Musical
- 7-8** DC Basketball Tournament
- 13** MS Christmas Concert
- 18** HS Christmas Concert
- 21** All School Christmas Chapel

JANUARY

- 26** Teekna Family Gym & Game Night
- 26** DC Wrestling Tournament
- 30** Open House

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