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DELAWARE COUNTY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Dear DC Community:

As we wrap up another year on our two campuses, I am continually reminded of how blessed we are. Our 81 seniors are heading to 47 different schools that range from public universities to Ivy League institutions to Christian colleges spreading from the East to West Coast and everywhere in between. I am proud of their hard work and am excited to see the impact they will make upon their college campuses and the world in the coming years. Congratulations, Class of 2015!

In May, Katie and I visited Boston, where we had the opportunity to connect with alumni who currently attend Gordon College and dined with a group of alumni in Harvard Square. It was refreshing to hear their stories and memories of DC (Did you know that Mrs. Linda Unger used to ride a Harley Davidson to school?) and to hear how God is using them in their varying communities in and around greater Boston. To get to know an artist who teaches at MIT, a Boston public school teacher, a financial advisor, and other varied and amazing graduates was a true honor. I am eager to get back on the road and to connect with many more alumni across the United States next fall, as we seek to remind our nearly 3000 living alumni that DC is always home.

This spring I marveled at the talent of our current students as they displayed their artwork on campus and performed on the stage of the DeMoss Center for Worship and the Arts. I witnessed some tremendous comebacks on the baseball field and watched as our boys' and girls' track and field teams worked with more than 60 elementary students as they competed in the Knight Racers competition on the Upper Campus track. I also shed a tear or two listening to the testimonies of our seniors as they shared from their hearts during senior chapel. God continues to do great things through DC as we continue to strive toward the mission of educating students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action.

As you head into summer, enjoy this issue of the *Keynoter*, knowing that DC seeks to serve you, the greater Philadelphia community and the world as we educate students who will not shy away from big questions, who will not be afraid to engage the world, and who leave here prepared to impact the world with their lives and through the light of the Gospel.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Timothy P. Wiens

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Head of School

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The Delaware County Christian School (DC) *Keynoter* is published tri-annually to communicate our school vision and news to alumni, friends, family, and prayer partners of the school. DC was established in 1950. Today, the school serves 773 Pre-K through Grade 12 students on campuses in Newtown Square and Devon, PA.

DC 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. In addition, DC is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students.



2014-15 SCHOOL VERSE:

“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”
Hebrews 10:23

MISSION:

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



ON THE COVER:

High school students Sunny Shin, Kathryn Nichols and Alex Linton on campus.

Photo by Chris Leaman

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Congratulations

Class of 2015

You have much to celebrate!

Your time at DC has prepared you to move forward, claim new territory, and make an impact in the world for Christ. In this feature we honor you, paying tribute to the attributes you collectively embody. You are scholars, servants, competitors, creators, conquerers, risk takers, worshipers and friends. These characteristics define your high school careers and serve as examples to fellow students and your teachers as well.

Thank you seniors, for the legacy you leave behind as Delaware County Christian School's fifty-eighth graduating class is impressive. Well done, good and faithful students.



We are Seniors

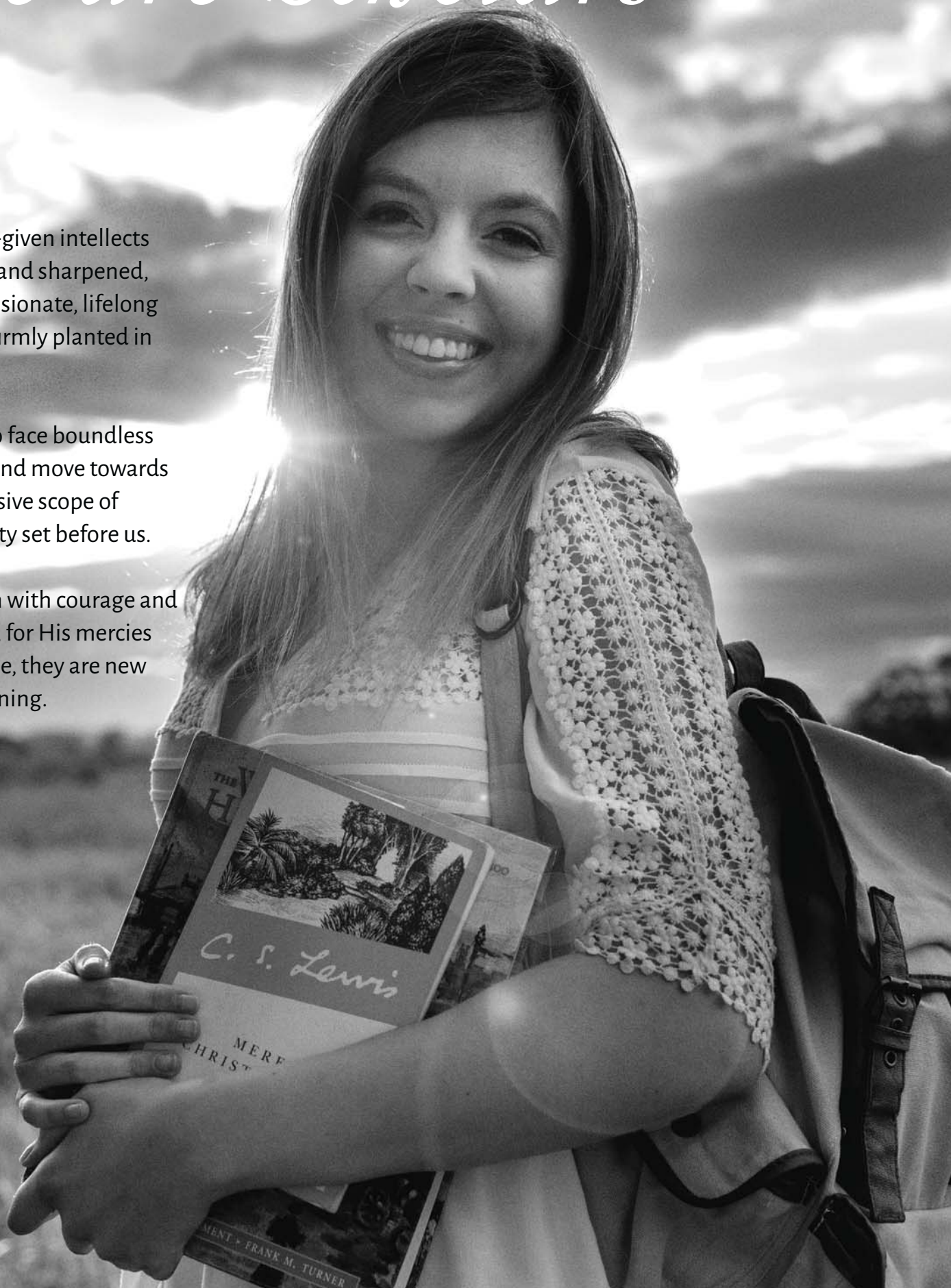


We are Scholars

With God-given intellects stretched and sharpened, we are passionate, lifelong learners, firmly planted in truth.

We turn to face boundless horizons and move towards the expansive scope of opportunity set before us.

We hasten with courage and assurance, for His mercies never cease, they are new every morning.





Using our gifts, talents,
and passions, we find joy
and fulfillment in serving
others. Our lives are richer
for the experiences and
people we encounter
along the way.

We are Servants



We are Competitors

Smiles of victory tell our story only in part. With determination, we set our course. Pushing beyond our perceived limitations, we endure rigorous training of body and mind. We battle back from injury and dust ourselves off after disappointment. We never underestimate the value of teamwork or the satisfaction in competing well, thanking God all the while for lessons learned in victory and defeat.

We are Creators

In our mind's eye, we envision, we consider, we plan.
We create. The blank canvas becomes an original, unique
and multi-faceted, just like us. We marvel at the process!
All this is ours—image bearers of the Master Creator
himself.



We are Conquerers



In trials, sickness, and even death,
God gives us peace.

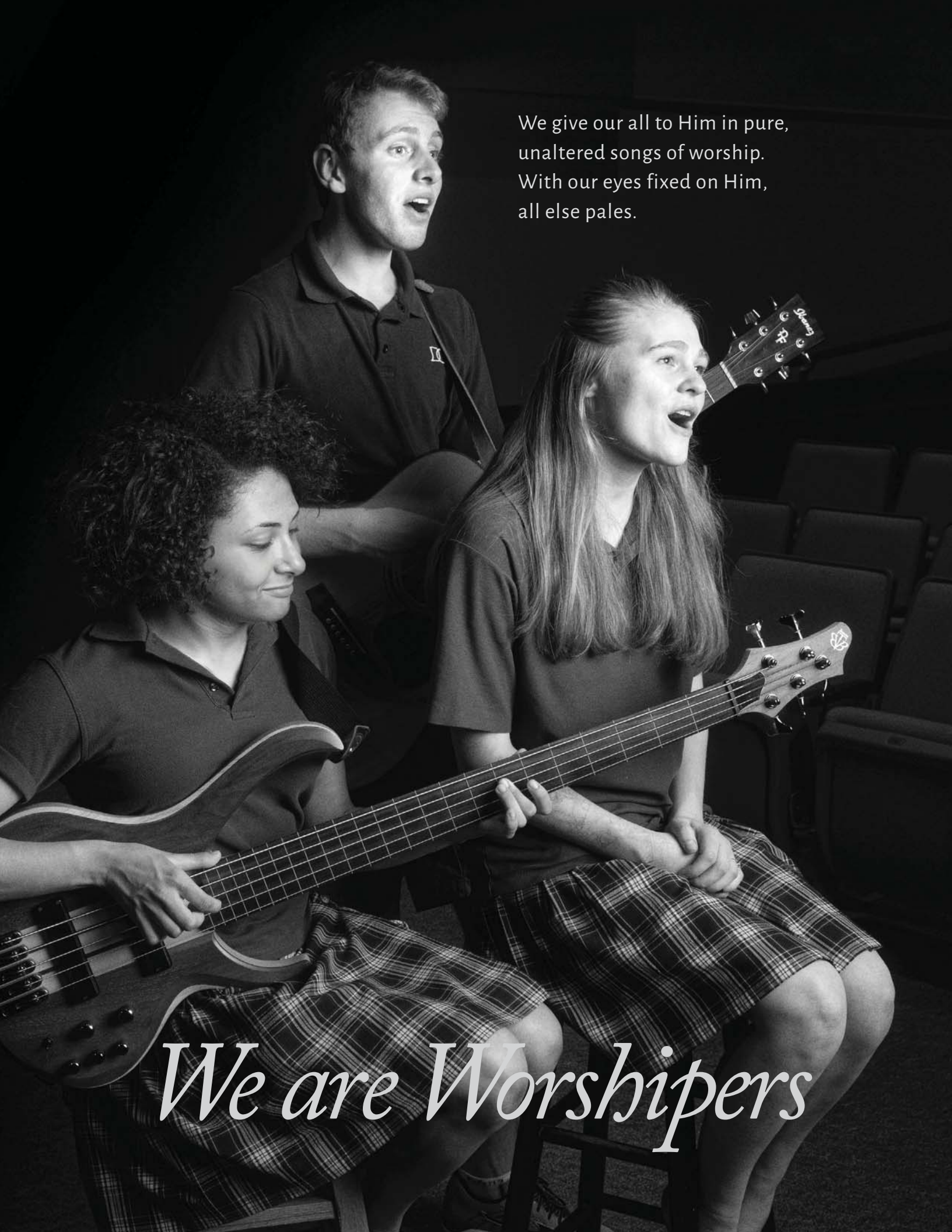
We cling to His promises and find
faithfulness revealed in the midst
of our suffering. We run the race
set before us, confident we will
finish perfected and complete.

This mystery we understand -
His ways are higher than our ways.
We are not alone.

We are Risk Takers

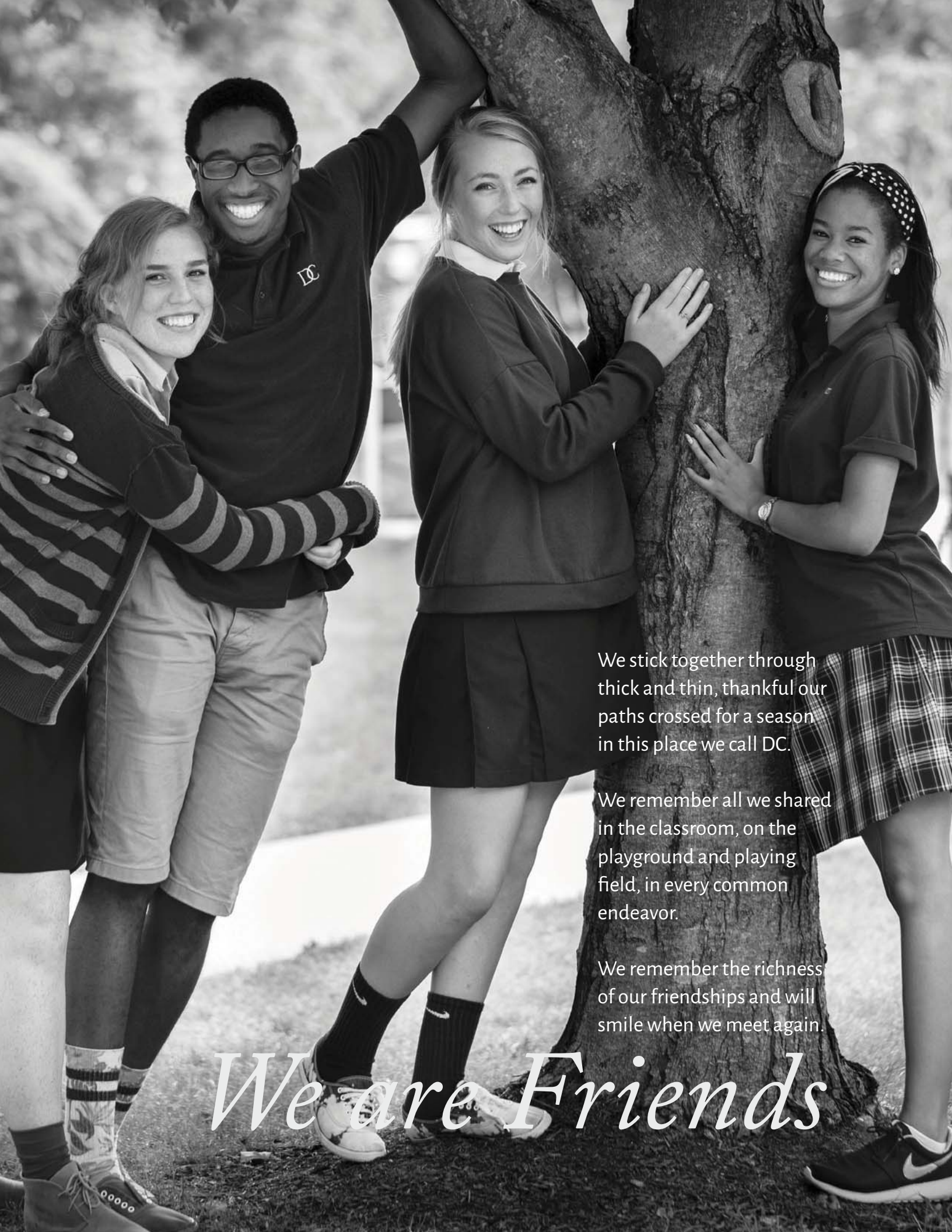


Our mentors challenge us to move beyond “comfortable,” discerning potential unobserved in our opaque, narrow perspectives. We press forward, affording ourselves time and space to encounter experiences previously uncharted in our lives. Whether the outcome is success or failure, we recognize we are stronger, words echoing in our minds from time and space past: “Never say I can’t. Always say I’ll try.”



We give our all to Him in pure,
unaltered songs of worship.
With our eyes fixed on Him,
all else pales.

We are Worshipers



We stick together through thick and thin, thankful our paths crossed for a season in this place we call DC.

We remember all we shared in the classroom, on the playground and playing field, in every common endeavor.

We remember the richness of our friendships and will smile when we meet again.

We are Friends

THE SENIORS BEHIND THE PICTURES



WE ARE SCHOLARS — *Pictured: Fiona Eichinger, Valedictorian—Class of 2015*

Fiona demonstrated a passion for learning throughout her thirteen years as a DC student. In high school, she earned a cumulative GPA of 5.31. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction. She earned gold medals in both the National Spanish Exam and National German Exam, was a recipient of the Oxford European History Award, the Jonathan W. Milbourne Excellence and Aptitude in Biology Award, the Daughters of the American Republic US History Award, the Ibn Battuta World History Award, and the Harvard Book Award. Outside of the classroom, she served as an elected class officer, a student ambassador, and as the editor of the *Knightline*, DC's high school newspaper. She competed on the tennis team for all four years of high school. Fiona will attend the University of Pittsburgh Honors College in the fall on a full academic scholarship.



WE ARE SERVANTS — *Pictured: Becca Hegman with members of the fifth grade class*

A “DC Lifer”, Becca is a young woman who embodies a servant's heart. In high school, she served as Choir Manager, Assistant Production Manager for *Seussical*, Production Manager for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and as the Senior Admissions Prefect. Becca was a faithful participant in school sponsored outreach activities including Homework Club and City Team Ministries. During J-Term of her sophomore year, she traveled to the Dominican Republic as part of DC's short term missions project. At Aldan Union Church, she has served as an Awana leader, a nursery volunteer, and was a member of the high school student ministry team. She also participated in her church's relief efforts following Super Storm Sandy. During her senior year, Becca found her calling while serving as an aide for fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Vera Cobourn. Becca will attend Messiah College next year as an Amigo Scholar, where she plans on majoring in elementary education.



WE ARE CREATORS — *Pictured: Sarah Schoenlank and Tasha Berol*

Both Sarah and Tasha spent many hours of their high school careers in the art room and both were involved in multiple theatre productions – Sarah, back stage directing the Tech Crew, and Tasha, on stage delighting audience members in a wide range of roles. High school art teacher, Mrs. Linda Unger notes that these young women are similar in many ways demonstrating levels of maturity, initiative, and servanthood beyond their years. This fall, Sarah plans to pursue her B.F.A. at Temple University's Tyler School of Art and Tasha will attend Adelphi University in New York where she plans to major in theatre.



WE ARE COMPETITORS — *Pictured left to right: Alex Linton, Morgan Ellis-Foster, Analeigh Crisanti, Alex Harvey, and Paige Thompson*

These five seniors represent just a few of the Class of 2015 members who participated in DC athletics. Alex Linton was a four year starter on the varsity football team and also played several seasons of basketball and baseball. Morgan and Alex Harvey were year round runners and major contributors to the cross country and track and field programs with Morgan finishing his high school career third in the state of Pennsylvania in the 300 meter and 110 meter high hurdle events. Analeigh and Paige were three season athletes all four years of high school, both playing soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. An ACL tear sidelined Analeigh during the fall and winter seasons of her senior year, but she never missed a practice or contest, faithfully cheering her teammates on from the sidelines. She returned to the field for her final season of lacrosse competition this spring. Alex Linton will play football at Wheaton College next fall. Morgan received a full scholarship to Savannah State University, where he will run track and study nursing. Analeigh and Paige will attend Pennsylvania State, University Park and Alex Harvey plans to continue his long distance running career at Hillsdale College.



WE ARE CONQUERORS — *Pictured: International Student and Cancer Survivor, Yangzi Jiang*

At age fourteen, Yangzi began experiencing pain in his right leg. Initial testing in his homeland of China concluded he was suffering from osteosarcoma. Yangzi's parents brought him to Philadelphia's Children's Hospital where he endured eighteen months of treatment and the partial amputation of his leg. In the midst of that difficult journey, Yangzi's parents met members of a local Chinese Christian Church, who knew of DC's International Student Program. During his freshman year, Yangzi began to comprehend and accept God's plan of salvation and understand how God worked all things together for good through his illness. Yangzi was a member of DC's academic quizzing and chess teams. He played one season of football and was a three year member and senior captain of the varsity wrestling team. He also spent many hours in the art room where he produced award winning art pieces and photographs. Yangzi will attend Davidson College in the fall, the recipient of a full academic scholarship awarded by the college to an outstanding international student. *Photo credit: Make A Wish Foundation*



WE ARE RISK TAKERS — *Pictured: Lydia Erickson, Recipient of the Best Accompanist Award – Festival Disney Music Competition, April 16-18, 2015*

Lydia started piano lessons in the first grade. Although an accomplished pianist by her freshman year, she was not comfortable playing in front of others. With strong encouragement from DC Adjunct Piano Instructor Sarah Seaman-Whitehead, Lydia began performing in recitals and festival competitions. By her junior year, Mrs. Renee Bussey tapped Lydia to accompany the concert choir and Knight Tones select choir. As she became more experienced in performance and accompanying, Lydia's confidence grew by leaps and bounds. This spring she received the Best Accompanist Award amongst all students participating in Festival Disney's April 16-18 Choral Competition. Reflecting on Lydia's journey, Mrs. Seaman-Whitehead says "Lydia has a humble, Christ-like, teachable heart, and so she really 'accepted' her beautiful gift and began to realize her potential...I'm totally confident the experiences she's gained at DC while performing and playing for and with others are skills she will take with her for the rest of her life. She now feels confident playing solos, accompanying a choir, teaching a younger student, and leading in worship. DC gave her those invaluable opportunities, as did Mrs. Bussey, who helped mentor her accompanying choral skills. I am thrilled and thankful for all the Lord continues to do in her life." Lydia plans to attend James Madison University this fall.



WE ARE WORSHIPERS — *Pictured left to right: Maya Felice, Colin Campbell, and Tali Gorbey*

Music is an integral component in the lives of these seniors, so being "regulars" on DC's student led worship team was a natural extension of their passions and gifting. Maya is an excellent bass guitarist, who studies at the School of Rock Philadelphia in her spare time. Colin is a pianist, vocalist, and guitarist who, in addition to leading worship, was a member of the concert band, concert choir, and Knight Tones select choir all four years of high school. He also led worship for his youth group for several years. Vocalist Tali Gorbey is a committed member of the worship team at DC and also serves on student worship teams at Calvary Chapel Delaware County, where she is active in the church's high school ministry and serves as a student leader in the middle school ministry program. Maya plans to attend Drexel University. Next fall, Colin will attend Messiah College as a Provost Scholar and Tali will be attending Calvary Chapel Bible College.



WE ARE FRIENDS — *Pictured left to right: Sarah Nelson, Morgan Ellis-Foster, Jenny Vance, Jenelle Berry*

DC's Class of 2015 was comprised of eighty-one students. A very diverse group, they consistently supported and celebrated each other's accomplishments, offering encouragement through difficulty as well. The class will be remembered for the care and concern they exhibited for one another despite having a strong sense of individuality.

The 2015 Graduates

DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Ju Eun Ahn
University of
Washington



Madeline Anderson
Penn State University,
University Park



Kelli Barlow
Alvernia University



Jaclyn Barr
Messiah College



Tasha Berol
Adelphi University



Jenell Berry
Indiana University of
Pennsylvania



Victor Berzinsky
Wheaton College



Morgan Broome
Grove City College



Samantha Butler
Neumann University



Colin Campbell
Messiah College



Jessy Cheng
Swiss Hotel
Management School



Alex Coury
University of Alabama



Noelle Cress
Temple University



Analeigh Crisanti
Penn State University
University Park



Tyler Donohue
Liberty University



Jordan Dozier
Duke University



Fiona Eichinger
Univ. of Pittsburgh
Honors College



Zephaniah Ellis
Delaware County
Community College



Morgan Ellis-Foster
Savannah State
University



Joshua Ellsworth
Gordon College



Teague Eppright
Neumont University



Lydia Erickson
James Madison
University



Rose Favino
Wheaton College



Maya Felice
Drexel University



Abigail Ferris
Liberty University

The 2015 Graduates

DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Mikala Ferro
Drexel University



Cassidy Foxhoven-Gamble
Wheaton College



Melynda Garner
Geneva College



Brian Goebel
Penn State University,
Altoona



Naphtali Gorbey
Calvary Chapel Bible
College



Carly Guaglione
Eastern University
Templeton Honors



Alex Harvey
Hillsdale College



Caroline Hedwall
West Chester
University



Rebecca Hegman
Messiah College



Sarah Hurd
Temple University
Honors College



Yangzi Jiang
Davidson College



Anne Kelly
Lancaster Bible
College



Annette Kempf
Hillsdale College



Julia Kyne
Messiah College



Rachel Lange
Liberty University



Tyler Lannetti
Messiah College



Yookyung Lee
Mass College of Pharmacy
& Health Sciences



Zhuoxuan Li
Pepperdine University



Alexander Linton
Wheaton College



Jamie Madison
Penn State University,
Abington



Michael Malkowicz
PACE University of
New York



Kristi Meshkov
Pennsylvania College
of Technology



Madison Moore
Wheaton College



Drew Mueller
Universal Technical
Institute



Sarah Nelson
Calvary Chapel Bible
College



Katherine Nichols
University of Georgia
Honors College



Ryan Norton
Penn State University,
University Park



Angela Osteen
Penn State University,
University Park



Gia Park
University of California,
Berkeley



Jeshurun Paul
Drexel University



EARNED SCHOLARSHIPS AT COLLEGE OF CHOICE
TOTAL AWARDS \$1,965,692

- Kelli Ann Barlow** Alvernia University
- Tasha Anne Berol** Adelphi University
- Victor Ryan Berzinsky** Wheaton College
- Samantha Catherine Butler** Neumann University
- Colin Scott Campbell** Messiah College
- Noelle QiFu Cress** Temple University
- Tyler J. Donohue** Liberty University
- Fiona Grace Eichinger** University of Pittsburgh
- Joshua Robert Kim Ellsworth** Gordon College
- Teague Jonathan Eppright** Neumont College
- Rose Noelle Favino** Wheaton College
- Abigail Leah Ferris** Liberty University
- Mikala Leigh Ferro** Drexel University
- Brian Connor Goebel** Pennsylvania State University
- Carly R. Guaglione** Eastern University
- Rebecca Danielle Hegman** Messiah College
- Yangzi Jiang** Davidson College
- Anne Grace Kelly** Lancaster Bible College
- Annette Francesca Kempf** Hillsdale College
- Tyler James Lannetti** Messiah College
- Zhuoxuan (Nathan) Li** Pepperdine University
- Jamie Nicole Madison** Pennsylvania State University
- Michael Raymond Malkowicz** PACE University
- Anna Katherine Nichols** University of Georgia
- Ryan Alexander Norton** Pennsylvania State University
- Jeshurun Samuel Paul** Drexel University
- Alexander Michael Perry** Michigan State University
- Christian Davis Porter** University of the Arts
- John Dudley Reese V** University of Alabama
- Matthew Nelson Sarley** Messiah College
- Hannah Marie Schaafsma** Wheaton College
- Barrett Simmons** Temple University
- Micah Seth Skinner** Eastern University
- Ingrid Marie Stahl** Auburn University
- Paige Andrea Thompson** Pennsylvania State University
- Keyao (Jessica) Wei** Emerson College
- Josiah Bruce Wells** St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Sophia Elizabeth Worthington-Kirsch** Ursinus College

GRADUATES WHO ATTENDED DC
SINCE KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE

- Madeline Theresa Anderson
- Kelli Ann Barlow
- Jaclyn Ann Barr
- Samantha Catherine Butler
- Colin Scott Campbell
- Noelle QiFu Cress
- Analeigh Joy Crisanti
- Tyler J. Donohue
- Fiona Grace Eichinger
- Joshua Robert Kim Ellsworth
- Teague Jonathan Eppright
- Rose Noelle Favino
- Abigail Leah Ferris
- Naphtali Joy Gorbey
- Rebecca Danielle Hegman
- Anne Grace Kelly
- Annette Francesca Kempf
- Alexander Daniel Linton
- Jamie Nicole Madison
- Kristi Reed Meshkov
- Drew S. Mueller
- Sarah Lynn Nelson
- Anna Katherine Nichols
- Christian Davis Porter
- John Dudley Reese V
- Matthew Nelson Sarley
- Elizabeth S. Schmucker
- Abigail Grace Semple
- Barrett Simmons
- Paige Andrea Thompson



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 DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Emily Pendell
 Liberty University



Alex Perry
 Michigan State University



Christian Porter
 The University of the Arts



John Reese
 University of Alabama Honors College



Matthew Sarley
 Messiah College



Hannah Schaafsma
 Wheaton College



Elizabeth Schmucker
 Cornell University



Sara Schoenlank
 Tyler School of Art



Abigail Semple
 Delaware County Community College



Barrett Simmons
 Temple University



Micah Skinner
 Eastern University
 Templeton Honors



Graham Small
 University of Pittsburgh



Cole Smith
 Ursinus College



Ingrid Stahl
 Auburn University Honors College



Paige Thompson
 Penn State University, University Park



Kaleal Tucker
 Universal Technical Institute



Jennifer Vance
 West Chester State University



Adam Wehry
 Penn State University, University Park



Jessica Wei
 Emerson College



Josiah Wells
 St. Mary's College of Maryland



Sterling Williams
 Undecided



Sophia Worthington-Kirsch
 Ursinus College



Yolande Xu
 Cesar Ritz Colleges Switzerland

*2015
 Valedictorian:*

Fiona Grace Eichinger



Beilun Yu
 Vaugh College of Aeronautics & Technology



Xiantong Zhang
 University of California, San Diego

*2015
 Salutatorian:*

Gia Park



STAYING THE COURSE

Rob Atkins, Bible Department Chair

“of one thing I am certain: there is no labour which will be so richly repaid as laborious regular daily study of God's Word.” -J.C. Ryle

In the past few months there have been several articles in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Wall Street Journal* regarding Christianity and its increasing pressure to accommodate viewpoints that are quickly becoming new societal norms. Not surprisingly, each of the articles favorably portrayed those Christian denominations that are willing to be flexible regarding their commitment to the sacred Scriptures. By “flexible” they mean a willingness to jettison the anchor of the Christian faith, the living and authoritative Word of God. One author described herself as a “cultural Christian” who appreciates the moral efforts, goodwill towards humanity, and community that the church provides, but cannot share with the church the conviction that the Bible is God's Word.

This flexibility is increasingly encouraged in the climate that we all live in today. Our students, and we ourselves, must learn to navigate this climate if we are to maintain a faithful Christian witness in a world that is critical of an ancient text that infringes upon the “sophisticated” and “modern” sensibilities of society. Historically this encouragement to abandon the authority of God's Word is not new. These problems were addressed by the Apostles in the 1st century and

have been faced throughout the history of the Christian church. In spite of these difficulties, we can be encouraged. Paul addresses why we can still be encouraged when he writes to the church in Corinth and says “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind, and God is faithful...” (1 Corinthians 10:13). Christians have faced these challenges before and we will face them again, but by God's grace students of DC will be ready to face these challenges and lead the way. As an educational institution, the Scriptures have a central part in all we do. This is why one of our core values that we hold so tightly to at DC is “Rooted in Christ.” There is no way to be rooted in Christ, in any meaningful way, apart from engaging with and drinking from the wellspring of life, the Word of God. In addition to our values, DC has maintained as its mission to “educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action.” If we desire students who will impact our world through biblical thought and action, our students must be creatures of the Word. If we as a community desire to impact our world through biblical thought and action, we too must be creatures of the Word.

What if the words of Charles Spurgeon, when describing the

character and person of John Bunyan, would be said of our students, families, faculty and staff at DC?

“Prick him anywhere—his blood is Bibline, the very essence of the Bible flows from him. He cannot speak without quoting a text, for his very soul is full of the Word of God. I commend his example to you, beloved.”

Imagine if that kind of language was used when speaking about our graduates. After receiving an excellent liberal arts education that is Christ-centered and Word saturated, it is our hope and prayer that our students too would be filled with the Bible so that when they are “pricked”, others see that their very souls are full of the Word of God.

“We know Him [God] by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God...

Second, He makes himself known to us more openly by His holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for His glory and for the salvation of His own.”

-Belgic Confessions, 1561.

THINKING BIBLICALLY AT



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SOCIOLOGY
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ECONOMICS

ALL
SENIORS
READ & JOURNAL
THROUGH
New Testament
EPISTLES

ALL JUNIORS
MEMORIZE
ROMANS 8 **12th**

20% OF
SOPHOMORES
MEMORIZE & RECITE
JAMES
EVERY YEAR **11th**

ALL
FRESHMEN
will memorize
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT **9th**

6th - 8th Grade

BIBLE VERSES MEMORIZED FROM

Genesis, Exodus,
Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah,
Jeremiah, John, Acts,
Romans, Galatians,
Ephesians



Pre-K - 5th

300+
BIBLE VERSES
MEMORIZED

GENESIS	BIBLE DEPARTMENT GOAL : ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL READ THROUGH ENTIRE BIBLE FROM 9TH-12TH GRADE												REVELATION

DC has a long history of preparing students to think and act biblically by establishing a curricular path from a biblical framework which promotes a God-entranced view of all things, all disciplines, and all subjects, and additionally, undergirding those subjects with devoted Bible classes throughout the whole academic career of the student. This is to contribute to a central aim of a truly Christian education, namely the academic pursuits being taught in such a way so that they are seen, studied, and savored within their fullest context, which is a recognition of all Truth having its origin in God alone. This means that all disciplines, subjects, and classes are teaching us something about God because they are part of God's book, His book of the created world. We can certainly know much about God through this book, but to fully grasp the significance of the created world, our need for God, and the salvation that he offers us in Christ we need to know and understand God's written book, His Word to us, the Bible.

As a school we have been committed to studying both of God's "Books" and their relationship with each other throughout the years. Beginning as early as Pre-K our students are learning from God's Word, committing passages to memory, and developing

a framework to view all of life through God's narrative that is developed from Genesis through Revelation. These practices are crucial in contributing to developing a mind, body, and heart that thinks and acts biblically.

The 19th century Anglican bishop J.C. Ryle worried of the pace of life in his day when he said "In a hurrying age of railways and telegraphs, I am firmly persuaded that many Christians do not give time enough to private reading of the Scriptures." What would Bishop Ryle say if he could see our world today! What a blessing that in the midst of a hurried life, that often seems stretched thin, students are able to have a devoted time to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God by learning the Scriptures. How much more hurried we probably are; but in the midst of the hurriedness DC has continually committed to the study of God's word in the educational setting. This commitment to a Christ-centered education is part of the DNA of this school. The DNA that began with a group of Christian parents, burdened to have a Christ-centered education for their students because they firmly believed Paul's words to the church in Colosse: "in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." These parents believed

that the outcome of a Christ-centered education was worth the sacrifice—that outcome being far more than thriving in a college setting, but becoming living sacrifices that are transformed by a renewed mind that is then able to test and discern God's will (Romans 12:1-2). Our DC community is still committed to this belief today because we know the outcome of a Christ-centered education that seeks to equip students to think biblically is an investment for eternity.

We all know from experience that many times in the life of a student, much more is "caught" than "taught." For this reason, let us be a community who takes the rigorous academic study of God's World (the Liberal Arts) and His Word seriously, and let us be a community of believers who model to our children and students the changed lives of authentic Christ followers who "desire the pure spiritual milk of the word" (1 Peter 2:2).

Let us do this by continuing to be faithful members of our local church communities, showing our children and students the importance of sitting under the authority of the preached Word (Hebrews 10:25). And let our families hold to the the centrality of the Scriptures by having countless conversations about God's truth early and often (Deuteronomy 6:7).

"Do not think you are getting no good from the Bible, merely because you do not see that good day by day.

The greatest effects are by no means those which make the most noise, and are most easily observed.

The greatest effects are often silent, quiet, and hard to detect at the time they are being produced.

Think of the influence of the moon upon the earth, and of the air upon the human lungs. Remember how silently the dew falls, and how imperceptibly the grass grows. There may be far more doing than you think in your soul by your Bible-reading."

- J. C. Ryle



DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

The Distinguished Faculty Award is an annual monetary award given by anonymous donors to three faculty representatives who embody the school's efforts to be a great school through the work of great teachers. Candidates are nominated by faculty and administration, based on award criteria in the areas of spiritual vitality, academic rigor, and attentiveness to student giftedness. Student survey data and parent input also play a role in award decisions. A selection committee of teachers makes a recommendation to the Academic Team, and the award recipients are announced at the end-of-year employee gathering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 RECIPIENTS!

Chad Fenley - middle school math

Kristen Levis - elementary library and technology

Pat Ahlborn - high school math



Mr. Chad Fenley
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

Mr. Fenley is described as "...a strong leader in the classroom [who] holds a high standard for his students and for himself in his day-to-day work. He is a fabulous role model for young teachers and a consistently positive voice on the faculty." One fellow teacher writes, "Because of the academic rigor of his classroom, I have, on several occasions, sat in on his classes to try to learn from him. He is clear in his teaching, and his students benefit from his applicable-to-life instruction." In addition to teachers looking to Chad as an example and mentor, many students look to Mr. Fenley as a role model, "as he demonstrates care for all students." Another colleague noted, "Chad's ability to understand and love middle schoolers for who they are...is outstanding...Chad loves his students, encourages them continually, and makes kids enjoy and want to learn math...He displays spiritual vitality in the way that he dialogues with both colleagues and students and serves as a deacon at his church." Additionally, he has demonstrated a godly spirit both in times of rejoicing and in times of challenge; and he gives of himself to serve in "extra" ways when asked, even when his schedule and workload have already demanded much of him.

Mrs. Kristen Levis

ELEMENTARY LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY



Mrs. Levis was observed as one who “displays excellence in her work, confidence in her God in day-to-day challenges, and an ability to unify colleagues. She is an exceptionally godly woman...She displays Christian leadership and a rigorous curriculum through her teaching responsibilities. She plans and follows through with several school programs. These occasions are always well thought out to create student interest, challenge, spiritual emphasis, and enjoyment. She carries out her teaching with the same qualities... Kristen is a student advocate, and is well-loved by the students in the elementary school. She heads up the massive undertaking of the Read-a-thon every year, and supervises the Accelerated Reader program, advising teachers how to access information and helping kids choose appropriate level books...She has a knack for knowing which types of books each student enjoys!” Regarding spiritual vitality, one faculty member noted, “I appreciate Kristen’s transparency and heart-felt prayers. She exemplifies ‘Christian joy’ and ‘team effort.’” Another said, “We are so blessed to work alongside Kristen at the elementary campus. The Lord has gifted her in so many creative areas, and she shares these gifts with students and faculty, while modeling a life of service...always wearing a smile and an encouraging word.”



Mrs. Pat Ahlborn

HIGH SCHOOL MATH

Mrs. Ahlborn “is a Master Teacher - extremely well organized, diligent to the nth degree, and a highly effective teacher and department chairperson...In the classroom, she holds her students to the highest academic standards and has an unparalleled knowledge and love for her subject matter...Her students learn to think critically and work diligently as they explore challenging content in mathematics. Students doing well in her math classes (and sometimes those just surviving) go on to college extraordinarily prepared for the challenges they face in this [discipline].” One fellow teacher noted that he has consulted Pat at times about his own teaching and she has been extremely helpful. This same colleague mentioned that his son remembers Mrs. Ahlborn as the “best” teacher he ever had and the one who really pointed him to his gifts and talents. Regarding her spiritual vitality, one colleague commented, “Pat’s life models true commitment to the Lord...She leads her department and models excellence to her students. She has served faithfully at DC and in her church for many years.” In summary, Pat has elevated the high school math program at DC to an exceptional level. Throughout her time here, she has consistently been regarded by her peers as a distinguished and integral member of the faculty.



INAUGURAL ARTS RECOGNITION NIGHT

MRS. LINDA UNGER

HONORED WITH LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by DC's Friends of the Arts, the inaugural Arts Recognition Night held on April 25 celebrated the achievements of our high school band, choir, theatre and visual arts students.

The night included live performances, student awards, alumni recognition, and the presentation of the first ever DC Lifetime Achievement Award, which was bestowed upon a very surprised Mrs. Linda Unger for her countless contributions to DC's art program and for the significant impact she has made on her students.



Josh McGuire, '04 Art Alumnus of the Year and his wife Samantha Freeman McGuire '08

ARTS ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Josh McGuire '04 was recognized for his accomplishments in graphic design and advertising. Below are some thoughts Josh shared in his acceptance speech, directed towards students contemplating full time careers in the arts.

"God made us in His image by giving us the ability to create, just like Him. Every day we create something — it could be a painting, a design, but it can also be an atmosphere, an attitude, a kind word, or a relationship. What are you creating? How is it affecting the world around you? This realization makes you think twice about what you put into this world as an artist. Artists, the world needs you. They need you to be bold and to create things that make it a better place. They need men and women of integrity who will lift them up and push them forward. They need you to go forth into every discipline and expression of the arts to demonstrate creativity that maps back to the creator. You will face adversity, but handle it with grace and it will make you stronger. Each trial can lead to more opportunity, wisdom, and integrity than you can imagine. If you have a creative dream you can make it happen. Work hard, and then work harder and look to Him along the way — you'll find what you are looking for and you'll make what you were made to make."

Congratulations Josh and thank you for the example you set for those coming behind you ready to enter full time careers in the arts.



Above: DC's Director of the Arts Andrew Smalley, FOTA President and DC Parent Steve Serfass, and DC Alumni Parent and Artist, Mr. Richard Bollinger. Right: High School Award winners. Left: Mrs. Unger with former student Josh Lake '96.



FOCUS ON The Arts





Festival Disney!



The seventy-five member Concert Choir and the select Knight Tones choir participated in the Festival Disney choral competition on April 17. The highly competitive, adjudicated contest is sponsored by Disney Youth and brings choirs from around the country to Walt Disney World each spring. Both of DC's choirs received superior ratings and won Best of Class in the Class A and Small Group Ensemble divisions. The choirs' superior scores also earned them silver medals in the overall competition, just narrowly missing the gold medal for the entire Festival. Senior, Lydia Erickson, received the best accompanist award for Class A.

Congratulations to the Middle School Concert Band and Middle School Boys and Girls Select Choir for their award winning performances at Music in the Parks. The band finished in second place and both the boys and girls choirs won first place in their divisions. Carson Atlas was named best accompanist and Jordan Thompson received the top soloist award.

The middle school and high school art shows featured beautiful pieces of student art including senior Morgan Broom's stunning 3' x 4' collage entitled Iris. (Pictured left)





BAL HONORS

BASEBALL - CONSTITUTION DIVISION

FIRST TEAM

Danny Browne, Dylan Campbell, Jack Grim,
Cody Moorhatch, Josh VanMeerbeke,
Kyle Winters

SECOND TEAM

Brian Goebel

HONORABLE MENTION

Luke Butler

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Wisniewski

SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

Ele Eppright
Ronnie Marie Falasco

HONORABLE MENTION

Carly Guaglione

TRACK

BOYS TRACK - BAL CONSTITUTION LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

ALL BAL - BOYS

110 High Hurdles -Morgan Ellis-Foster

300 Intermediate Hurdles – Morgan Ellis-Foster

4x100 Relay - Ben Chung, Zeph Ellis, Giho Park,
Amir Dorsey

4x400 Relay - Alex Harvey, Michael Logie, Ben Chung,
Morgan Ellis

1600m - Alex Harvey



TRACK

GIRLS TRACK - ALL BAL

4x100 Relay - Cassidy Foxhoven-Gamble, Annette Kempf, Caroline Hedwall, Maggie Linton

4x400 Relay - Maggie Linton, Rose Favino, Cassidy Foxhoven-Gamble, Annette Kempf

400 Meters - Maggie Linton

Long Jump - Cassidy Foxhoven-Gamble

ANNUAL ATHLETIC COURAGE AWARD - YANGZI JIANG

Pictured above: Senior Members of the Varsity Track Team

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS/STATE QUALIFIERS

Shot Put - Michael Malkowicz

110 High Hurdles - Morgan Ellis-Foster

300 Intermediate Hurdles - Morgan Ellis-Foster

3200 Meters - Alex Harvey

4x400 Relay - Rose Favino, Maggie Linton, Cassidy Foxhoven-Gamble, Annette Kempf

GIRLS LACROSSE

FIRST TEAM

Emma Ellsworth

Claudia Norton

Jillian Orlandini

Brenna Richards

HONORABLE MENTION

Paige Thompson



BASEBALL

The baseball team's 8-6 regular season record placed them as a third seed in district playoffs. The Knights defeated Plumstead Christian in round one of districts and lost their quest for a district championship at the hands of rival Christopher Dock. The team's theme scripture for the year was 1 Corinthians 12 as the team's "many parts" took on whatever roles were required to contribute to achieve the team's overall success. Coach Wisnewski notes that sophomore manager Sunny Shin went above and beyond to cover a multitude of duties for the team this year. An impressive number of players received all BAL honors and Coach Wisnewski was named the BAL Coach of the Year.



Boys LACROSSE

The boys lacrosse team partnered with players from Devon Prep again this year and finished the season 7-8, tying the program's record for most wins in a season. Team highlights included a key win over Valley Forge Military Academy on Spring Sports Day with an overtime goal netted by sophomore captain, Dan Poirier. Dan led the team this year with 34 goals and 19 assists. Other key contributors were DC players Dano Deger and Tim Fitzgerald and Devon Prep senior goal keeper, Joe Walker, who set a team record with 280 saves.



Girls LACROSSE

The girls lacrosse team experienced great success this season. As individuals they learned and improved on stick skills and strategies that enabled them to create some nice wins and adjust the scoring deficits of two early season losses (Jenkintown 18-4 and New Hope 15-3) in half the second time around (Jenkintown 10-5 and New Hope 12-6). This type of improvement is critical as first year coach, Rachel Busza, looks to grow future teams into strong and successful BAL contenders. Coach Busza was grateful for the leadership provided by seniors Paige Thompson, Analeigh Crisanti, and Julia Kyne.



TENNIS

Season highlights for the boys tennis team included an impressive win over The Glen Mills School and freshman Jacob Hobaugh's marathon match against Jenkintown High School that now stands as a school record for the longest match played in the team's history. Seniors Micah Skinner and Cole Smith were the recipients of the MVP and Coaches' awards respectively.

Girls SOFTBALL

This year's softball team was comprised of four seniors, five sophomores, and eleven freshmen. As a young team, the girls' win-loss record (3-14) was not what the team would have hoped, yet the team, led by senior captain Katherine Nichols, showed steady improvement over the course of the season. The team received recognition from coaches and parents of opposing teams for the sportsmanship and kindness—evidence of their overall excellence as athletes.





TRACK & FIELD

The fifty-five members of the boys and girls track and field teams completed another memorable season this year. Led by a strong senior core, the season was highlighted by school records, solid finishes at the District meet, and seven members participating in the State Track meet.

The boys team was led by seniors Morgan Ellis-Foster (hurdles), Alex Harvey (distances and relays), Michael Malkowicz (field events) and junior Ben Chung (sprints). The team finished 7-0 in dual/tri BAL meets, took 4th place in the Delco Championships, 1st place in the BAL League meet and finished 2nd in the District Championships.

Morgan Ellis-Foster had an impressive showing at the State meet with 3rd place finishes in the 110 high hurdles and the 300 Intermediate hurdles that were split seconds off the first and second place finishers.

The girls team was led by senior captains Annette Kempf (sprints), Cassidy Foxhoven-Gamble (field and relays) and Rose Favino (sprints). The team was fourth overall in BAL competition and finished a strong 3rd in the District meet. Sophomore Maggie Linton represented the team at States in the 400 meters along with Annette, Rose and Cassidy in the 4 X 400 relay. Together they finished first in the Districts and came within one second of the school record. Cassidy reset her school record in the long jump at the District meet as well.



AROUND CAMPUS

ELEMENTARY





It was a spectacular spring for our elementary students with times of learning and fun. Along with traditional happenings like Grandparents Day and Field Day, the first ever Elementary Explore! Night showcased the students' art and music talents and included high school student led workshop options that explored storytelling through dance, an introduction to mime, and voice aerobics. We also said goodbye to our class of sixty-one fifth graders, who celebrated the end of their elementary careers with a trip to Camp Calvary.



The beautiful backdrop of Spruce Lake provided the perfect setting for seventh graders to embrace the great outdoors. This annual seventh grade trip focuses on team building and ecological studies.

Congratulations to Linus Cook and Zane Hobaugh who captured 6th place in their age division at the Vex World Robotics Competition held this spring in Lexington, KY. This dynamic duo qualified for the world event following their impressive showing at the regional VEX competition held on DC's Upper Campus in February.

The Class of 2019 celebrated the end of their middle school years at the 8th Grade Banquet. This year's banquet theme was "Mystery," a fitting choice as the details of this parent planned annual event are always a closely guarded secret.

After exchanging letters with residents of the Broomall Nursing Home, sixth graders enjoyed meeting their pen pals in person. The students visited with the residents and shared their musical talents for the group as well.





AROUND CAMPUS

HIGH SCHOOL



High school students finished the year strong on all fronts. Strong mentor relationships with faculty continue to enhance the classroom experience, fostering students' critical thinking and communications skills in deep and meaningful ways.

For seniors, the month of May was a whirlwind, beginning with the Junior/Senior and ending with Commencement. The Class of 2015 celebrated both occasions in style!



IN THE WAKE OF ISIS, HOPE WHEN NEARLY ALL IS LOST

SARAH DEAN KERNER '99

The UN Relief Agency (www.unhcr.org) reports in 2014 alone, a staggering 38 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced from their homes and communities as a result of violence. This figure, sourced from the Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), translates to a displacement rate of roughly 30,000 people per day. After civil war in Syria erupted against the ruling Baathist regime in the spring of 2011 and the subsequent emergence of ISIS and its quest to create a unified Islamic State, nearly three million Syrians have fled their homeland with roughly a quarter of a million moving into northern Iraq. The refugees escape across the border—many with little to no possessions, all with harrowing stories laden with heartbreak. They gather largely in tent cities, forming new communities and a new sense of normalcy. Yet, within the refugees there remains shreds of resiliency and kernels of hope; for there are those there ready to receive them, to feed and clothe them, and to listen to their stories - all in the name of Jesus.

Sarah Dean Kerner '99 and her husband Jason have been living in the Middle East for the past eight years with the purpose of loving and serving Muslims in Jesus' name. They recently relocated to Northern Iraq/Kurdistan to serve Syrian refugees and IDPs (Internally Displaced Peoples) fleeing from ISIS. They have joined Operation Mercy, a Swedish NGO (<http://www.mercy.se/>) to provide effective relief work that involves the distribution of food, shelter items, and hygiene products to hundreds of displaced families. They aim to not only meet physical needs, but also to build relationships dignifying local refugees—stopping to drink a cup of tea and listening to their stories. Their stories are heart-breaking and their needs overwhelming.

Recently, while Jason was packaging bags of fruits and vegetables to be given to over 500 Yazidi families, he heard this story from 36 year old, Hassan. "I was in Mosul when ISIS came and because I'm Yzedi I had to flee immediately [after the city was captured]. My family (his wife and 8 children) walked for a day to the village Shiekhan and the next day got a taxi to Sinjar. We waited there 40 days hoping the situation would improve but unfortunately ISIS took Sinjar and we had to flee to the mountain. Before we could escape, my brother was captured and I have no news of his whereabouts. Now I'm taking care of my brother's wives and children. We were all stuck on a mountain for ten days with very little to eat or drink. We didn't know if we would live or die."

Jason and Sarah are constantly amazed at the resiliency and the strength of many refugees. In spite of having lost everything - their home, loved ones and now living in canvas tents, depending on others for food and clothing, they still

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

Matthew 25:35



smile, laugh, welcoming us to eat a meal with them. Their familial and community bonds have only grown stronger from this tragedy. We have also witnessed their faith and trust in God deepen at this time. God is all they have, and that is not a bad thing! Jesus said “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours in the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.” (Luke 6:20-21). Where there is much suffering and loss, there is also much promise and hope in the Kingdom of God. Sarah attributes her life’s work now to many seeds planted in her as a young girl. Her own faith and commitment to follow Jesus

began in 8th grade when she started at Delaware Country Christian School. At such a vulnerable age and the need to “fit in with the crowd”, she was loved and accepted immediately by her classmates and teachers. The girls on the field hockey team became her closest friends and almost twenty years later, they are still close. Sarah was thrilled to see faith and education so integrated—enjoying Bible class, chapels every Friday, and class retreats to Harvey Cedars. To this day she is thankful for friends, teachers, and coaches who modeled Jesus’ commands— to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:37-38).

Jason and Sarah have 4 small children under the age of 5 and a wonderful nanny to help with the chaos. They love what they do and count it a privilege to love on the least of these (Matt 25:31-46). If you would like to contact them personally about their work, email them at sarah.kerner@mercy.se.



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Markus McDowell '78 graduated from Abilene Christian University for his undergraduate and earned his M.S., M.A., and M.Div. from Pepperdine University. Finally, he earned his Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2004 and a law degree from the University of London in 2014. Employed by Sulis, he edits and publishes works for independent authors, both fiction and nonfiction. He also writes and conducts research on religion and law, biblical studies, and on prayer (the latter was the subject of his PhD, which focused on aspects of ancient prayer). In addition, he writes books, articles, and blog posts and conducts legal work on the side. Mark and his wife, Michele, reside in Camarillo, CA.

Peter Ware '95 and Kathryn Kluk were married on January 3, 2015. DC alum in their



wedding party included Pete's siblings Christy Ware '97 and Andy Ware '92. Classmate Jeremy Hooper '95 served as Best Man. Pete is currently a campus minister at California University of Pennsylvania.

Christopher Tabakin '98 successfully obtained a Republican nomination for the West Chester School Board seat in Region 2 in the recent May 19 primary election. Of the upcoming election, Chris notes "My focus is on continuing access to excellent education for students in the West Chester Area School District. I am concerned about common core and high-stakes testing because I see and hear the toll it is taking on students, teachers and parents, as well as the economic burden it is adding to our system without much value in return. This is why I love that WCASD has formed a Legislative Action Committee, of which I have become an active member, so we can inform decision makers."

Christopher '01 and Emily Norquist Leaman '02 are pleased



to announce the birth of their first child, Noah Carver Leaman, born on May 18, 2015. Proud grandparents are Chris and Jeannie Leaman, who both teach at DC.



Naomi Hepkins Poyser '02 and her husband Stephen are pleased to announce the birth of Jordan Andrew Poyser born on May 27, 2015.



Mike Militello '04 and his wife Nicole are the proud parents of their first child, Anthony Joseph Militello, who was born on April 27, 2015. Mike currently teaches high school mathematics at DC.

Doug Walker '06 married Alyssa Deissler on April 24, 2015. They met at Covenant Church in Doylestown, PA where Doug works as the Student Ministries Associate and Alyssa is a volunteer in the high school ministry. DC alumni in the wedding party included: Jeff Dill '94, William Walker '01, David Walker '04, and Jamie Calderwood '03.



Sara VanderWaal '08 recently set out on a five month journey along the Pacific Crest Trail to raise awareness for Love146, an international human rights organization working to prevent child trafficking and exploitation, care for survivors, and empower a growing movement. Sara's awareness of this issue was heightened after traveling to Thailand where sex trafficking is rampant. With the support of corporate sponsor, Patagonia, Sara entered the trail along the

Mexican border on May 1. She will hike northward through California, Oregon, and Washington and hopes to reach the Canadian border on October 1.



In total, she will cover 2,668 miles over varying terrains and elevation changes of over 420,880 feet. Sara hopes to secure more corporate sponsors and to raise more awareness for the work of Love146. To learn more about this worthwhile organization, visit www.love146.org. Follow Sara's progress on her journey at www.legacyoflovecampaign.com

Kristen Willey '08 married Samuel Cole Chapman on April 25, 2015, whom she met at Colorado Christian University. DC grads in the wedding party were her siblings Jason Willey '97 and Devon Willey '00 and classmates Laura Strode '08 and Sara VanderWaal '08. Current and former DC faculty members in attendance included: Nancy Derby, Robin Zecca, Deanna Robinson, Andi Hall and mother of the bride, Wendy Willey. Kristin and Samuel will reside in Denver, CO.



Courtney Hansill '09 and Clayton McIntosh were married on May 30, 2015 in Savannah, GA. DC alumni in the wedding were Laura Briggs '09 and Leah LaPalombara '09. Courtney and Clayton will reside in Vinings, GA, where Courtney will continue nannying for a family with five children and Clayton will remain working for a civil engineering firm.



Sean Ellsworth Jr. '09 was recently promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army. He is stationed at Fort Stewart and is currently serving a six month tour in the Balkans where he is a tank brigade commander.



Victoria Morra '10 graduated from the 2015 Pittsburgh Fellows program on May 30, 2015, a post-undergraduate, leadership development program that recruits and trains highly qualified college graduates to be values-driven, ethical business leaders in the city and region of Pittsburgh. Victoria, along with fourteen other fellows, completed a nine month intensive program for college graduates who desire to integrate their Christian faith with their professional calling. The program is sponsored by St. Stephen's Church in Sewickley, PA. Victoria has accepted a position in Human Resources at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center corporate office in downtown Pittsburgh.



In Memorium

On April 3rd 2015, former DC faculty member Philip John deVries added his voice to the celestial choir of heaven. After a life of loving and pursuing God, Phil would have loved the poetry of meeting Jesus on a beautiful Good Friday.



Phil passed quietly at home after losing a short three month battle with a rare adrenal cancer. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, daughter Sharyn and her husband Mike Spitznagel, son Tom and his wife Kathy, and seven adored grand-children. Phil's memorial service was full of music and joyful remembrances, with his love for God and family at the forefront. Granting Phil's most sincere desire, Sharyn gave a beautiful and compelling call for salvation to all in attendance.

Phil spent seven years, from 1970 through 1977, establishing the music department at DC. In 2000, he made an encore appearance, with a scant three day notice, to fill a surprise vacancy as choral director. His greatest joys in life were spending time with young people, and sharing his love of music and the gospel with others. Phil was a loving father, an adoring husband, an emotive musician, a compassionate friend, and a great lover of God. He will be missed until we meet again.



NATE PHIPPS '06

Industrial Designer & Teacher

During his senior year, Nate was encouraged by Mrs. Linda Unger and his father to pursue a career in art and design. While visiting schools, he learned about a field of study called industrial design (ID). He learned that industrial designers are responsible for deciding the look, feel, and functionality of products: everything from dinner plates to backpacks to hot tubs. Nate says that he "was fortunate enough (it was pretty much a miracle) to get into my school of choice, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), which had an ID program." Over the four years of art and design school, he spent what seemed like endless hours mixing colors, drawing circles, drawing bones, drawing flabby thighs, folding paper, scraping clay, milling aluminum, and sleeping in odd places. He notes that art school often felt like play except that it was also the most stressful thing he had ever done. In the ID program, he learned how to talk about design, how to make something that a customer actually needs/wants/can use, and how to create meaningful and exciting experiences for those customers. At the end of college, Nate secured a position at NEMO designing tents, a dream job for him as he is an avid backpacker. After a few years at NEMO he wanted to have more say over the design and development process and wanted to design for a broader range of customers, so eighteen months ago Nate began freelancing for a small, but growing client base. He also recently started teaching a few design/engineering classes at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and RISD. So far his classes have focused on toy design, robot design, tent design, and development. He has found both of these new ventures to be exciting, humbling, and wonderful learning experiences. Nate reflects that there are numerous connections between his current career and what he learned as a DC student. Particularly, he believes the leadership and community building skills he learned working with former faculty member Jim Crane on tech crew and in Mrs. Linda Unger's art room have had a major impact on his life. He notes "Their candor created trust. Their work ethic motivated us, and their delegation of responsibility empowered us. I try to emulate these things with my students, colleagues and clients, becoming their friend, counselor, coach and helper."

Check out Nate's work at www.natehipps.com.

UPCOMING CLASS EVENTS

THE CLASS OF 1965 plans to celebrate its 50th reunion later this year. Contact Jean McCurry at jmcurry.313@gmail.com for details

THE CLASS OF 1975 will celebrate their 40th Reunion during DC Homecoming Weekend on October 16-17, 2015. Possible plans include dinner with the class and dessert including DC graduates of the 70's. Contact Steven Brutsche at steven.brutsche@gmail.com for details.

THE CLASS OF 1985 will host its 30th Reunion on October 17, 2015 during Homecoming Weekend. Contact Maggie Young at maggiemay36@comcast.net for details.

THE CLASS OF 2000 is planning to celebrate its 15th Reunion on October 17th, 2015, also in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. The class will gather at 7 pm at Teca Restaurant in Newtown Square. For details, contact Lindsay McGowen at lindsaymcgowen@gmail.com.

MILESTONE REUNION YEARS – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GATHER IN 2015

Is this your milestone reunion year or has your class not planned a reunion in a while? Homecoming Weekend is a great time to meet up with your classmates and their families on campus or to gather for dinner after the day's festivities. Contact Alumni Coordinator, Kim O'Bryan at kobryan@dcs.org to get the ball rolling on your class event.



Class of 1965 Gathers for Mini Reunion

Betsy Dorman Neilson and her husband Tim hosted a dinner in March for class members to gather for a mini 50th year reunion and to honor classmate Martha Cochran, who was in the area on furlough from Japan. Betsy reports "Although the weather outside was frightful, our time together was delightful. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing about DC experiences and catching up on each other's lives. Looking at old yearbooks, photographs and memorabilia brought back a flood of memories and some laughs. After dinner, Martha Cochran showed a DVD about her missionary work in Japan. It was a very special evening."

Class of 1974

The class of 1974 recently had a wonderful time reconnecting over dinner in Lowrie Hall. Head of School, Dr. Tim Wiens, provided a pre-dinner campus tour, which was enjoyed by all.

Pictured left to right: *Dave and Kathy Smith, Kevin Evans, Debi Lehr Pekowsky, Len Davis, Sharon Evans Joseph, Kristina Davis, Ruth and Richard Szucs, Yvonne Coleman Miller, Christine Specht, Ken Miller, Sue Bowen Kurtz, and Mark Specht*



BOSTON ALUMNI GATHERINGS MAY, 2015

Head of School Tim Wiens and his wife Katie hosted two alumni events in Boston this May. The first was a gathering for DC alumni who attend Gordon College. Nine alums attended a DC sponsored study break, which coincided with their final exams. The Wiens had the opportunity to meet many of these students for the first time, and look forward to hosting similar events at other college and university campuses in the year to come.

On May 8, five DC alums joined the Wiens for dinner at a restaurant in Harvard Square. It was a pleasure for Tim and Katie to meet these men and women who are invested in their communities throughout the greater Boston area and New Hampshire. Tim notes, "Katie and I continue to be struck by the quality of men and women who have gone through DC and who are in the world impacting it in so many ways." In the coming year, the Wiens plan to host similar events in New York City, Washington, DC, and in several other locations where DC has a strong population of alumni living nearby.



**ONE WEEKEND
TWO GREAT EVENTS**
October 16-17, 2015

HOMECOMING

Come Cheer on Your DC Knights! Annual Powderpuff and Alumni Flag Football Games! Games and Activities for the Kids! Concessions Provided by DC Athletic Boosters and DC Friends of the Arts! PLUS Class Reunions!

DC 5K and 1 MILE FUN RUN!

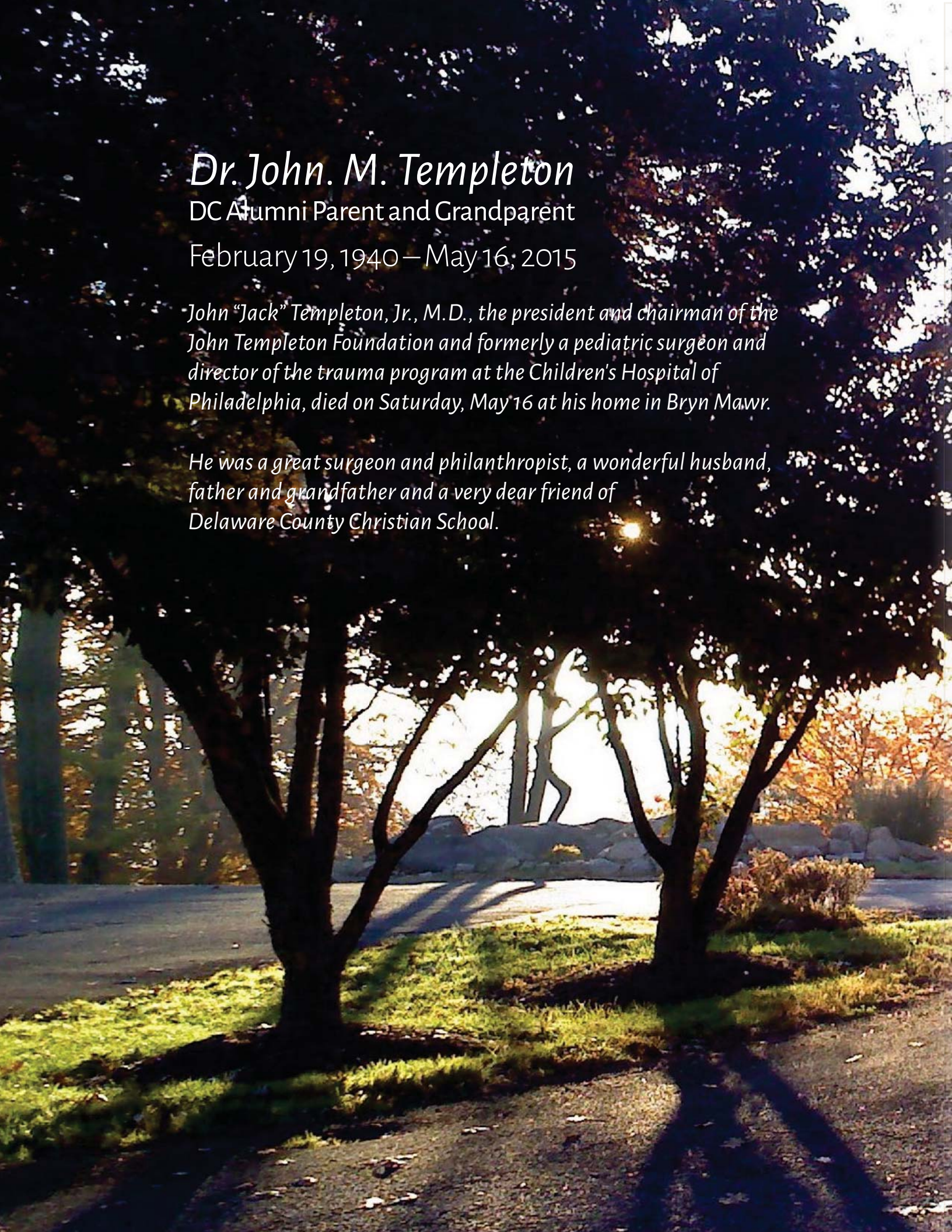
Saturday, October 17 — 9:00 am

Don't miss the fourth DC 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk.
All proceeds from the event supports The Annual Fund for DC

Register now and be guaranteed of receiving a DC 5K t-shirt. Come on out for a great morning of fun and friendly competition. Family discounts are offered and dogs and strollers are welcome!

MORE INFO/REGISTRATION LINK AT DCCS.ORG





Dr. John. M. Templeton

DC Alumni Parent and Grandparent

February 19, 1940 – May 16, 2015

John "Jack" Templeton, Jr., M.D., the president and chairman of the John Templeton Foundation and formerly a pediatric surgeon and director of the trauma program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, died on Saturday, May 16 at his home in Bryn Mawr.

He was a great surgeon and philanthropist, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and a very dear friend of Delaware County Christian School.

Dr. Templeton is survived by his wife Dr. Josephine (Pina) Templeton and his daughters, Heather Templeton Dill '94 (married to Jeff Dill '94) and Jennifer Templeton Simpson '96 (married to Scott Simpson '96). He is also survived by six grandchildren.

Along with his wife Pina, Dr. Templeton was committed to Christian education because of the impact it had on his own daughters as well as on the many graduates of DC, whom he hoped would be leaders in their fields while providing a powerful Christian witness. He believed deeply that Christian schooling should be excellent in every way. Dr. Templeton left a profound mark at Delaware County Christian School, always encouraging leadership, faculty and students to raise the bar in all areas.



Dr. Templeton was instrumental in creating DC's endowment fund which financially supports the school in perpetuity, most recently creating an endowment specifically for science education during our school's last capital campaign. He inspired school trustees and administrators to "think big", not just about dollars, but also in adding a participation focus, encouraging 40% of our alumni to give in honor of DC's 40th year as part of the 40 for 40 campaign. Dr. Templeton also served as Honorary Co-Chair of The Advancing the Kingdom campaign that resulted in the construction of The DeMoss Center for Worship and the Arts on DC's Upper Campus.

As a physician and surgeon, his passion was science and he endeavored, along with school administrators and faculty members, to continually improve DC's science programs. His career in medicine shaped his worldview and inspired a love of asking questions, never giving up on looking for an answer, soliciting multiple views from others on whatever was the question at hand. Headmaster Emeritus Ken Tanis remembers being "sharpened, with ideas reshaped" after participating in conversations with Dr. Templeton that were framed with investigative questions. Ken recalls, "conversations with him were always a privilege."

Dr. Templeton established DC's Templeton Scholars program, a merit scholarship awarded each year to the highest achieving students in 9th to 12th grade who express Christian commitment and can demonstrate through a written essay a thorough understanding of the relationship between faith in God and science. He encouraged DC students by also sponsoring the Laws of Life essay contest, which encourages students to analyze and communicate their values and principles, and the Heros Essay contest, which rewards students for well written essays analyzing the lives of great men and women throughout history. Head of School Tim Wiens remarks "Dr. Templeton sought answers to life's greatest questions, but always with the intent of knowing God more fully, I hope that we at DC may instill within our students a desire to seek in such a manner."



He and Pina were founding members of Proclamation Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr. As a DC parent in the 90's, he was a fixture on the sidelines at field hockey games, capturing with his camera his girl's achievements on the field. Mostly recently he was a proud grandparent, visiting the classrooms of his grandchildren and watching them perform on Grandparents Day.

Dr. Templeton was the recipient of numerous awards and his influence extends internationally through his work with The Templeton Foundation. We are humbled and honored to have been a ministry that Dr. Templeton supported with great devotion and are grateful for his influence on our school community. As a result of his vision, support, and dedication, DC students will be impacted positively for years to come. Dr. Templeton has influenced the DC community in so many ways

and he will be missed greatly as an alumni parent, as a great supporter of our mission, and as a dear friend of our school.

THE AUCTION FOR DC recap



Brad George, Katie Weins & Allison George



Won Shin, Michael Cardone, Alex Cardone & Dana Shin



Kim (Tanis) O'Bryan '89, Alumni Coordinator, Kathleen Schaefer, Auction Committee Member and Auction Co-Chair, Gail Van Rhee



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported The Auction for DC on March 21. This wonderful gathering of our school community celebrated our 65th year of Christian education and raised over \$75,000 for The Annual Fund.

This year's auction was held at The Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne and was attended by over 230 parents, faculty, alumni, and alumni parents of our school. Alumnus of the Year, Lucy Malmberg '67 shared her memories and an encouraging and inspiring testimony about the impact of Christian education on her life. Highlights of the evening were performances by the Knight Tones select choir and classical guitarist Gideon Whitehead. The live and silent auction raised the most of any DC auction and winning bidders went home with a fun range of items from dinner parties, Eagles tickets, an opportunity for a student to serve as Head of School for a day. We are appreciative of the many faculty who generously donated "teacher experiences" which were popular items and kept the bidding exciting.

We are grateful to the members of our auction committee for their hours of hard work, especially Auction Co-Chairs, Eileen Watts and Gail Van Rhee who work tirelessly for months to pull off the evening. A big thank you to Barbara Diamond and Bethany Sacks who shared their time and talent to create the beautiful floral arrangements and decor for the evening's festivities.



Dan Hussar '58 & Lucy (Barktow) Malmberg '67



Former Head of School Steve Dill '68 & Current Head of School Tim Wiens



Auction Co-chair Eileen Watts & Director of Development Kristen Paulsen



Auctioneer, Alumni Council President and Current Parent, Joel Schuster '96



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