

THE WINTER 2013

KEYNOTER

ALUMNUS of the YEAR

AROUND CAMPUS

ATHLETICS & MORE



DELAWARE COUNTY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



MISSION:

OUR MISSION
IS TO
EDUCATE STUDENTS
WHO WILL SERVE GOD
AND IMPACT THE WORLD
THROUGH
BIBLICAL THOUGHT
AND ACTION.

2012-2013 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.



A Turtle on a Fencepost

In *The Little Red Book of Wisdom*, author Mark DeMoss (Class of 1980) relays a story told to him about a turtle on a fencepost:

"When I was a schoolboy, from time to time we'd see a turtle on a fencepost, and every time we did, we knew he didn't get there by himself." Mark loved the story, because "it so deftly undercuts the American pull-yourself-up-by-your-boot-straps myth, which is in my estimation is as realistic as a turtle on a fence claiming to be self-perched."



Our alumnus of the year, David Sacks (see page xx) would be quick to acknowledge all of the mentors who shaped his life, which includes many DC faculty. As he goes through a very difficult physical challenge, it is clear that David's ultimate confidence is clearly in our Lord – not in himself. He is equally clear that his amazing abilities are gifts from God.

This issue unfolds several interesting components of the DC community that are shaping another generation of students. Today's students are much more aware of their place in a global world that comes from studying world languages (p. xx) and by having international students enrolled at DC (p.x on Yangzi). J-Term (p.x) brings a wide variety of opportunities to high school students, and our elementary students are becoming even more passionate about reading (see page x) Technology has been a component of a DC education for many years, but the level of engagement with technology is about to take off. (p. xx)

The sum total of a student's experience at DC is a powerful influencer. DC is a community, and the relationships formed here become lifelong relationships. The mentors, the experiences and the relationships take students to new heights – just like the turtle on a fencepost.

Stephen P.Dill, Ed.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S.P. Dill".

Head of School

AROUND CAMPUS

HIGH SCHOOL • MIDDLE SCHOOL • ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL:



Spirit Week 2013... The Tradition Continues

Following a fierce week of class competitions, the Seniors emerged victorious.

Pictured above, "Cruella Deville" and her pack of Dalmatian pups descended on campus on Disney dress up day.

Pictured left above, Zeph Ellis and Colin Campbell lead the charge for the Class of 2015.

Despite the class rivalries, a great week was had by all.



Members of DC's High School **ROBOTICS TEAM** played host to over 100 teams from the Mid-Atlantic region on Saturday, February 2nd.



Delaware County
Christian School

It has been a notable season for DC's **HI-Q TEAM**. Pictured (Back L-R) Aaron Elcock, Drew Darby, Daniel Yeung, Yangzi Jiang, Thomas Chung (Front L-R) Faculty Advisor, Thom Houghton, Katherine Nichols, Tori Eppright, Alex Payne

MIDDLE SCHOOL:



Broderick Soland and other members of the 8th Grade **IMPACT TEAM** visited the Frederick Douglass School in Chester in December. The 8th Grade Impact Team planned and led a special Christmas chapel for the students at Frederick Douglass.



The new middle school **SCIENCE LAB** is put to good use by all students, including 7th graders who recently completed an earth worm dissection lab.

6th graders recently shared their family roots and traditions at **HERITAGE DAY**.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:



Elementary Students collected over **270 CHRISTMAS GIFTS** for members of Miss Lorraine's Bible Clubs in Philadelphia.



Thanks to the generous donation of former DC parent, Lance Grenier, a beautiful **GRAND PIANO** now resides in the Devon Campus Chapel.



The EL **READ-A-THON** is underway. This year, students are aiming to read a collective total of 40 MILLION WORDS during a three week period in February.

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MANDARIN

Broadens Students' Horizons

Do you know what language is spoken by more people around the globe than any other? According to the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Mandarin Chinese is spoken by more than one billion people, and it is the fastest growing language in instruction. In light of DC's mission to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action, the school made the decision last spring to add Mandarin Chinese as a world language option for sixth and seventh graders, believing that it will further equip students to influence the world for Christ. As these students progress through the grades, more advanced levels of Mandarin will be added.

When the school made the decision to offer Mandarin, a question was raised: "Where can we find an excellent Mandarin teacher who loves the Lord and is a native speaker?" The Lord already had that worked out. Ms. Corine Hsu was brought to DC through a series of contacts that started with a conversation between a DC employee and a local public high school student, and ended with the student's father informing Ms. Hsu of the position. What an answer to prayer!

Ms. Hsu has extensive experience teaching elementary, middle, and high school students at a weekend Chinese school. In that role, she has received several distinguished teacher awards. She has also served as principal of the weekend school, and she teaches Chinese language and culture at a number of public elementary school foreign language clubs.

One of the first pieces of information Ms. Hsu shared with DC administrators was, "I love Jesus and I love teaching." As a young girl, she accompanied her uncle, who was an evangelist, to a number of churches, and eventually received Christ as her Savior as an adult. In 1990, she came to the U.S. to pursue graduate studies, and has been here ever since. She and her husband and two sons are very active in their church, which holds worship services in both Chinese and English.

What language is spoken by more people around the globe than any other?

In an effort to expose DC students to Chinese language and culture, and to provide DC's Chinese international students an opportunity to celebrate their cultural holidays, she has extended invitations to the Chinese Moon Festival and New Year celebrations at her church.





Ms. Hsu is very much enjoying her ministry at DC! She is thrilled to see that her 7th grade students can read sentences fluently, and carry out short conversations with her when passing in the hall. "It's wonderful after only one semester," she notes with a smile on her face. Her students are equally enthusiastic about their learning. Faith Warmhold explained, "We've learned a lot of characters, and it started with basics, piece by piece. We play a lot of games, we speak to each

other, we write, and we learn a lot of songs." Rachel Phillips also highlighted the importance of the games in reinforcing the skills they are learning. Kaelyn Cooper added, "We are learning about Chinese culture too. It's an interesting culture." Sixth grader, Jacob Bronkema, observed, "Ms. Hsu keeps class moving in a fun way." Differentiating her instructional practices, she taps into a variety of learning styles.

DC elementary students also have the opportunity to learn some Mandarin and Chinese culture through a weekly after-school club. In the fall semester, Ms. Hsu had to cap participation at eighteen students. A new spring semester club is just getting under way. DC is thrilled to be able to offer this wonderful language tool to both elementary and middle school students, and we look forward to expanding into high school in successive years!





An Interview with
Charles and Louise Carrington,
Parent Co-Chairs, The Fund for DC

Share with us your journey in deciding to come to DC

Edward, Kate and Emma all attended Christ Memorial Lutheran School for pre-school. Edward and Kate went on to attend a small, secular private school for 1st and 2nd grade. While the school had great teachers and facilities, it lacked any Christian reference. We felt that we were educational customers rather than partners in educating our children and there was definitely a gap in developing the Christian aspect of their growth and development. Ethics and morals were worldly and not always reflective of our biblical beliefs. We had some very interesting discussions with the children as issues arose at school and we were convicted of the need and value of having our children develop a sound knowledge of the Bible and an ability to discern God's will and truth.

At this time (2008-2010) we moved to Hyderabad, India with Charles' employer Deloitte, for two years where all three children attended an English speaking International school. We had known about DC from our good friends, Nancy and Bob Carlson who had both their children at DC and now have grandchildren here. They told us how highly they regarded the school and how special they believed the community to be. Upon our return from India, we decided DC was where we wanted the children to attend school.

As new US citizens, what has drawn you to feel like this is now home?

We moved from the UK to Philadelphia just six weeks after we both became believers. We came here for a two year assignment and quickly fell in love with the USA, and are still here twelve years later. When we first arrived, God showed us His amazing love and faithfulness as we found a house, friends and a wonderful church home in West Chester. Looking back we see God's hand as he extracted us from our comfortable, worldly lifestyle at this critical time in our Christian walk. The USA quickly became 'home'. Edward and Kate were just eight months old when we arrived and Emma was born three years later.

When it became time for us to return from India, we were all keen to return to our home in West Chester. At this point, having a better idea of what we did and didn't want in a school for our children, we began to find out more about DC.

Has the Academic Rigor at DC met or even exceeded your expectations?

Prior to coming to DC, we were skeptical about the academic rigor of Christian education. We had an incorrect belief that the spiritual growth of the child at a Christian school would be at the expense of the academics. How wrong we were! At DC, the two are absolutely hand in hand and both are being pursued. Having teachers that have a deep relationship with the child and guide them in their walk with Christ, enables a huge understanding of their educational needs. With the foundational belief that each child is unique and wonderful, we have seen education have a profound and personal impact on our children.

As we partner with DC teachers, we've been very impressed how, through God's grace, we can see the children being counseled for their academic and school careers, life and eternity.

What do you value most about being at DC?

Seeing the love of Christ on display through the entire body of the school is what we value most. It is wonderful to see the teachers have personal relationships with each child. The faculty are committed to our children and care for them above and beyond their academic performance. It is wonderful to be a part of this community of believers. As parents, we have made many new friends who share our family values, and a common desire to raise children in a Christian environment. We love that while DC's community is quite diverse, there is a true sense of unity through our common faith. This unity has been a gift to our family.

The incredible dedication of the faculty is overwhelming as they bring out the best in our children. An encouragement to our family has also been the role of prayer. Knowing our children are prayed for by teachers and staff is an overwhelming blessing.



The Carrington Family - Charles and Louise, Edward (7th grade), Kate (7th grade) and Emma (3rd grade)

Why have you chosen to support DC through the Annual Fund?

We feel a desire to help bridge the gap between the tuition fees and the school's costs to educate our three children. We believe that The Fund for DC is a tangible way to show our gratitude to the school and the faculty for their incredible investment in the lives of our children. While tuition supports the operation of the school, innovating programs and curriculum require additional funds each year. We also believe in the importance of a school body that includes believers from all walks of life that represent the whole body of Christ. Gifts to the fund help support that by providing resources for financial aid.

Why do you view our parents' participation in the Annual Fund as important?

It is very important for all members of the school community to invest in the body in whatever way they can. We are a parent owned school and it is our responsibility to see that the school is financially secure for the very long term. Through strong participation at all levels of giving, we ensure that DC, a strong institution, is even stronger for the future. It is the responsibility of the current school families, along with our alumni community, to ensure that the foundation of the first 63 years becomes a beacon for Christ over the next 60 years and beyond.

To learn more or to give to **The Fund for DC** please go to www.dccs.org/give

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Courtenay Brandt '92 earned her degree in Biology and a master's in Physical Therapy from University of Delaware. She currently works as a Physical Therapist and resides with her husband Denny in Wilmington, DE.

Andrew Ware '92 is employed by Weir American Hydro as a Senior Hydraulic Engineer. He earned his BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State and received his Professional Engineer License from the State of Pennsylvania in the summer of 2012.

Jennifer (Heckman) Cripps '95 and her husband, David, welcomed their twin daughters, Amelia Grace and Brynn Elizabeth on August 23, 2012. They join big brother Isaiah, 3.



Heckman / Cripps Twins

Tim '98 and Kristen Hauber Mitchell '99 are pleased to announce the birth of Eliana Ruth on October 21, 2012. The happy family is currently residing in Broomall.



Hauber / Mitchell baby

Kristen Puma Blanco '02 and Charles Puma celebrated the birth of their first child Julian "Sammy" Samuel on January 16th, 2012. They currently reside in Buckeye, AZ.

Mat Davis '02 earned his MS in applied Statistics from West Chester University in 2008 and graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2012 with his MS in Biostatistics. He is currently employed by Theorem Clinical Research as a Statistician. Mat currently resides in West Chester.



Puma/ Blanco baby

Jessica Westerberg '05 and Eric Schleusner married on May 29, 2011. Jessica is currently finishing up her Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and will begin a residency in family medicine in July, 2013. They reside in Norristown, PA.

Emily Tice '08 graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing degree from Belmont University in May, 2012 and is an RN in the Neurological ICU at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN.

Bethany Dahlstrom '09 is an English Literature major at Eastern University and has worked as both a tutor and as Eastern's youngest teaching assistant. This experience has sparked her desire to work with college students. She spent a semester studying abroad at New College, Oxford University, and plans to return for graduate work and study in Victorian Age British literature.

Stephan Botes '10 is currently serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Gap fire company. He graduated from DCCC's Engineering A.S. program this past fall and is now enrolled in Drexel University's Mechanical Engineering program.

Caleb Olshefsky '11, a sophomore at Kutztown University, is studying Communication Design. He is involved in a student run Christian fellowship on campus that is organized by DiscipleMakers. This semester he joined the leadership team and has been blessed with amazing wise Christian friends who love the Lord. "I help run one of the many Bible studies on campus and, using the abilities I learned through tech crew at DC, I run slides and do sound for our large group fellowship meetings, as well as occasionally sing on the worship team." At West Valley Presbyterian Church, he has taken charge of writing and performing skits for the K-5 kids most every week. "After working at Camp Teekna for 5 years, it definitely would have been foolish for me to not get involved with that." He is also involved at church helping out with the middle school youth group. In addition, he has recently joined up with a jazz singing group on campus called *After Hours*, and also acts as the president of the ALGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts) Kutztown Chapter which is the premier graphic design professional organization in the US.

Matt Kyne '11 celebrated with his teammates as Messiah College Men's Soccer Team clinched the 2012 National Championship in San Antonio, TX. The Falcons defeated Ohio Northern University 5-1 to win the ninth NCAA Division III title in program history. The Falcons' final record of 23-0-2 accounts for the 2nd time (the first being in 2005) in their program history to finish a season without a single loss.

Will Tice '11 is a sophomore at Taylor University and is currently playing on one of their three worship teams. He traveled to Italy and Greece during Taylor's 2013 January Term to trace Paul's missionary journeys.

WEDDINGS

Heather Wise '09 and **Daniel Pennington '09** were married on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at Wayne United Methodist Church. The couple reside in Bryn Mawr, PA.

Kaitlyn Neef '08 and **Kevin Hiddemen '08** were married on Saturday, January 5, 2013. The couple reside in Ridley Park, PA.

Joshua Davis '04 married Brielle Nelson on Saturday January 5, 2013 at Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland. They met and fell in love while serving in the tech ministry at the church.



Hiddeman '08 / Neef '08



Pennington '09 / Wise '09



Davis '08 / Nelson

CLASS NOTES (cont.)

Jessica Hsieh '11 received a full scholarship to participate in a music festival this winter in New York playing in the orchestra performing at Carnegie Hall on Dec. 24 and Dec. 28. Her past summer was intense with three recitals during the 3 months she stayed in Taiwan. It was lovely to be with her family, but stressful with the recitals, orchestra concert, work and competition. She also worked every weekend as a guest musician at two resort hotels. Jessica is attending the New England Conservatory and works at the Conservatory's Preparatory School every Saturday afternoon. Her enjoyment in playing in the orchestra has grown much more this year as a sophomore.

Nathaniel Schmucker '11 is heavily involved with *The Dartmouth Apologia*, the Christian apologetic journal of thought and reason at Dartmouth College. The staff of *The Apologia* comes from both Protestant and Catholic backgrounds, and seeks to give a reasoned defense of Christianity to the campus and to subscribers nationwide. The journal is published twice yearly. In 2010 and 2012, they received Dartmouth's best undergraduate publication award. *The Apologia* was founded in 2006 as one of the first apologetics journals on a college campus.

In the past few years, *The Apologia* has started a weekly blog. Since the spring, Nathaniel has taken on the role of blog editor and is responsible for getting people to sign up, for editing their posts, and for otherwise maintaining the website. This fall, he has also assumed the role of Interim Assistant Director while the Editor-In-Chief was studying abroad. He is responsible for leading discussions at their weekly meetings and for other various organizational tasks, such as setting up a meeting between the Apologia and the Atheists, Humanists, and Agnostics clubs.

THE CLASS OF 2007 REUNITES

Over forty members of DC's Class of 2007 reunited recently at Kelly's in Bryn Mawr. Reunion coordinator Rachel Ammon reports "It was wonderful seeing old friends and having a chance to catch up, as some of us had not seen each other since 2007". The class will be planning a special 10th year reunion. Any class members interested in serving on the planning committee for that event should contact Rachel Ammon.

2007



REUNIONS

10 YEARS The Class of 2002 held their 10 year reunion on December 28th at Barnaby's in West Chester. Overall, 35 classmates attended the reunion which proved to be a great time to catch up with classmates, reminisce about the past and even make plans for the future. It is always wonderful to hear about classmates' families and careers, and we look forward to the next reunion to see how God continues to bless our class.



2002

20 YEARS The Class of 1992 celebrated their 20th class reunion in the wine cellar at *Casale Restaurant* in Newtown Square. There was a great turnout, with 39 people total, 26 being alumni. With great friends that go way back and fabulous 90's live acoustic cover music, truly a great time was had by all and the incredible evening flew by way too fast! We missed those who could not attend, and with so many requests, a 25th will surely be planned.



1992

1992 Alums: (First row from left) Kala Tice Sareyka, Kelly Walsh Joyce, Susannah Scafe. (2nd row from left) Heather Sacks Godsey, Rachel Kleckner Hill, Jeannie Hanna Bickhart, Bessie Anna Kushner McKinley, Andrew Jamgochian. Jon Fiorelli, Courtenay Brosious Brandt. (3rd row from left) Joe Austin, Sebastian Traeger, Melissa Young Magill, Heidi Moore Mottin, Anne-Marie Esposito. (4th row from left) Heather Booth Radano, Andy Kraft, Jen Kendrick Kensinger, Jenn Cook Metzger, Lydia Shateny. (5th row from left) Chanderlyn Smith, Anne Pieters Goneau, Kristen Dill Levis.

CLASS NOTES (con.)



Josh Lake '96 entered the "Hubble's Hidden Treasures" contest sponsored by the European Space Agency's Hubble headquarters in Garching, Germany. Josh was the top winner in the image-processing category, as well as the "People's Choice" competition where nearly 3,000 photo submissions were received. He submitted a stunning image of NGC 1763, part of the N11 star-forming region in the Large Magellanic Cloud. Josh took a different approach, producing a bold two-color image that contrasts the light from glowing hydrogen and nitrogen. The image is not in natural colors – hydrogen and nitrogen produce almost indistinguishable shades of red light that our eyes would struggle to tell apart – but Josh's processing separates them out into blue and red, dramatically highlighting the structure of the region. As well as narrowly topping the jury's vote, Josh Lake also won the public vote. Josh is a physics and astronomy teacher (and volleyball coach) at Pomfret School in Connecticut.

Grace Langford '07 entered and won a photo contest which inspired the idea for a short film directed by Jamie Foxx. Canon's "Project Imagination" was the first photo contest she had ever entered. Her photo, 'Rest Easy' won her \$500 worth of Canon products, but that is just the start. Her photo was also one of ten selected as inspiration for a short film directed by Jamie Foxx. Foxx, who will be mentored by legendary director Ron Howard, was inspired by Grace's picture and nine others to create his short film. And of course she also gets to see the final product when the film debuts in 2013.



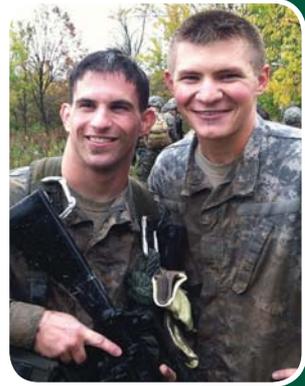
DC ALUMNI DUO WIN AMAZING RACE - Calvin College Style

Twenty-four students from Calvin College competed in Calvin's 2013 version of The Amazing Race. For two and a half weeks, student participants traveled through four states covering hundreds of miles by plane and by car. The students found themselves facing many different types of challenges, some physical and some mental. Students were challenged to further develop life skills such as teamwork, healthy competition, and conflict-resolution. At the conclusion of the race, brother and sister duo **Dan '08 and Lauren Turner '09** emerged on top. For their efforts, the pair was awarded free textbooks for the upcoming Spring Semester. Reflecting on their adventure, the pair noted that "Growing up, our family ingrained in us a love for adventure through extensive family vacations including road trips around the country and challenging bike trips. When we heard about the amazing race, we immediately knew we needed to apply because it appealed to both of us individually, and we wanted to share the experience together. To put it plainly, we are team-mates because we have 21 years of experience of living and traveling together. We're definitely competitive and always enjoy pushing ourselves through new challenges and experiences. Why are we going to win? It's simple. We couldn't have asked for better training." Congratulations to Dan and Lauren on a race well run.



GRADS LEAD WHEATON ROTC THUNDER BATTALION

Class of 2009 Alums **Wes O'Brien '09** and **Sean Ellsworth '09** were senior leaders on the Wheaton College Task Force Ranger Challenge Team that swept first place in the 9 man, 5 man, and female category this October during ROTC Ranger Challenge competition held at the Marseilles, Illinois Army Training Center. This is the fourth consecutive year that Wheaton's Ranger Challenge team has swept the competition. Wes and Sean both rank in the top 6% of over 6,000 ROTC cadets on the nation's OML (Order of Merit List), receiving the distinguished military graduate award. Both DC grads will be serving their nation on active duty beginning this summer. O'Brien will be an infantry platoon leader and Ellsworth will be an armor/ tank platoon leader.



MILITARY ALUMNI

Additions and Corrections to the "Alumni Serving our Country" listing in the Summer 2012 Keynote.

Jim Schultz '60 - Navy (0-6)

Chris Schultz '62 - Army (E-6)

Rod Schultz '65 - Coast Guard (0-6)

William Mell '68 - Navy

David Ed Akers '68 - Navy



David Sacks and his wife Angie with their four children: Noah 8, Eva 6, Skylar 4 and Josephine 2

ALUMNUS of the YEAR

David Sacks
Class of 1986

It is our privilege to recognize David Sacks '86, as the recipient of the 2012-13 Alumnus of the Year Award. He is an outstanding example of the fulfillment of DC's mission of impacting the world through Biblical thought and action.

David Sacks is a man of God with a story to tell. He has been a professional photographer for over 20 years, has won dozens of professional awards and been published in over 50 national and international magazines. His work in thirty-four countries has contributed to his success which includes the Nikon/PDN World in Focus Grand Prize. But that would only be the surface story. The story behind the story is one of a man of God who walks the talk of his faith. Here is where it all began...

Eighth grade was full of ups and downs for David Sacks. Up

because he got his first girlfriend that year, down because her name was Buffy. Up because she kissed him, down because it happened to be the day that he got braces on his teeth. Up because she had braces too, down because she abruptly dumped him the following month. Up because he was given a used 35mm camera for his birthday.

With no girlfriend around with whom to lock braces, David embraced photography. He photographed neighborhood cats, flowers, bugs, relatives, and the family dog. At age 13, any money he made from mowing lawns or shoveling snow went towards one of two things: film or processing.

In high school, David played singles for DC's tennis team. He ran cross country for a few years and participated in both band

and choir. David also applied his gifts as a musician, playing guitar at numerous DC events. Under his yearbook senior portrait it reads "The infinite peace that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as friend, master, and Redeemer far surpasses any earthly peace that man can claim. The adventure is mine, for it is a different kind of peace."

After graduating from DC in 1986, David attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. While attending Lehigh in 1988, he was considering going to grad school for architecture in Hawaii when a friend with dreads and sandals suggested he take a photography course to fulfill a necessary elective. "Dude," he said, "you have to take a photo class! It's awesome! There are no tests or papers to write, you just take pictures, dude!"

David followed his friend's brilliant advice and watched his architecture grades begin to slide as he spent days and nights in the darkroom. He just couldn't help it. Photography was all that he wanted to do with his time.

Thanks to his wise and usually shoeless photography professor, Doug Mason, David decided to pursue a career in photography immediately after graduation and moved to New York City in 1992. He opened his own studio in Chelsea, NY in 1994. After four months of pounding the pavement trying to get work, he landed his first assignment an 8-page spread in New York Magazine. This was his breakthrough in the world of photography and work just kept coming in. Soon after, he won photo competitions sponsored by Nikon, Photo District News, Communication Arts, Graphis, and others and became Photographer of the Year for Photography Masters Cup.

Since then he has shot advertising campaigns for Merck Pharmaceuticals, Bank of America, GlaxoSmithKline, Delta Airlines, TD Bank, Hard Rock Café, Epson, and many others. His assignments have been diverse, from photographing Emmitt Smith in Dallas, Kelly Ripa in NYC, and Jennie Garth in LA, to orphans in Haiti and Afghanistan for non-profit organizations.

While in NYC, David met the love of his life, Angie. David and Angie have four children: Noah 8, Eva 6, Skylar 4, and Josephine 2. In order to be near his family, they moved to Media, PA. David commuted to his studio from there.

For years, the Sacks family has contributed their talents to philanthropic organizations such as Amnesty International, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Covenant Mercies.

David Sacks' ability to capture a story in a single photograph has led to the publication of *True Africa* (Schiffer Publishing) a beautiful compilation of his finest photographs of people



and communities in Africa. All proceeds benefit "Covenant Mercies" work with orphanages and schools in Africa.

All of these remarkable accomplishments could simply be the resume of a successful human being who developed his gifts and had success. But again that would only be the surface story. The deeper story is one of a man of God who walks the talk of his faith. His brother, Adam '89, shares this perspective: "David is a man of action, driven by deep convictions. He believes in a creative God, and is an

accomplished artist. He believes in a compassionate God, and is one of the most caring people I know. And he holds fast to a Savior who suffered, sustaining him through his own suffering."

David's life has had constant physical challenges which make his work even more remarkable because it was often done in spite of ill health. Over the past year David, along with the support of his wife Angie and many friends, has faced stage 4 cancer. On October 31, 2011, David was first diagnosed with cancer, present in his liver, lungs, bones and lymph nodes. His doctors gave him the sobering prognosis of only two years to live. Since then, David has been in and out of the hospital for procedures and chemotherapy. Though David has baffled doctors with his healing progress, the prognosis has not been altered.

Without his reliance on God's strength he could not face each day. This example is "impacting the world through biblical thought and action." He has touched hundreds of lives by his godly acceptance of such a fierce foe and his honest candor as he endures each chemo treatment or hospitalization has inspired all who know him. The Facebook "Inner Circle" Blog is the tool he has used to share his journey of faith. Each day moving forward is a gift and a battle for David. He pleads for prayer each day while resting in the knowledge that God is in control.



His good friend Doug Hayes '86, who is with *Covenant Ministries*, adds these significant thoughts. "It's interesting to note that David's true area of specialty is portrait photography. As someone who has been his friend since Miss Hutchison's second grade class, I think I understand why. David loves people. Whether he is photographing an American celebrity or a child in one of the world's poorest nations, he treats his subjects with the love and dignity that they deserve. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then David has blessed the perceptive observer with volumes on what it means to be a person created in the image of God"

A January 13 entry on the "Inner Circle" on Facebook was used by David to answer a fundamental question of life. It was: How can I look death in the face without fear? He answered that question with two powerful verses from a hymn that dates back several centuries and was penned by Samuel Rodigast (1676).



WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT:

*What e're my God ordains is right
His holy will abideth.
Here shall my stand be taken.
I will be still what e're he doth
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
And follow where he guideth.*

*Yet I am not forsaken.
He is my God; though dark my road
My Father's care is round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall
He holds me that I shall not fall.
Wherefore to him I leave it all.
And so to Him I leave it all.*

Visit www.davidsacks.com to check out more of David's photography. Visit David Sacks "Inner Circle" Facebook group to encourage, pray and witness God's working in David's life.



HIGH STAKES FOR HI-Q ALUMNI

HI-Q alumni

Rob Bayley, '95, Jeff Wisnewski, '95, Stephen Simms, '08, and Ryan Simms, '12

returned to Delaware County Christian School's Upper Campus

Saturday, January 19,

to pit their academic wits against five members of the current Hi-Q team:

Juniors **Aaron Elcock, Alex Payne, and Drew Darby;**

Sophomore **Rose Favino;** and Freshman **Thomas Chung.**



**THE 2012-13 DC QUINTET EMERGED VICTORIOUS,
45 - 38 - 24 OVER THEIR ALUMNI FOES.**

After an excitement-filled forty minutes of competition staged by DC Hi-Q coach/quizmaster Thom Houghton, the 2012-13 DC quintet emerged victorious, 45-38-24, over their alumni foes.

Despite being several years removed from their glory days of Hi-Q competition, Bayley and Wisnewski (members of DC's first playoff and championship squad in 1994-95) staged a furious second-half rally to nearly overtake the current crop of Hi-Q participants. "Wiz" flexed his academic muscles in multiple areas, including history, current events, and biology—the latter of whom he attributed to teaching his current psychology class to DC's upperclassmen. Meanwhile, Dr. Bayley (a practicing dentist), donned his literary alter ego to answer a question in Shakespeare. At day's end, they were just seven points behind the victors.

The Simms brothers, more recent graduates, struggled in the first half but quickly righted the ship in the second half, impressing with answers in history (art, world, and American)—always a signature Simms' strength—as well as physics and government. The duo also contributed some

levity to the competition by offering humorous critiques of one another's performance. The victorious squad benefitted from balanced representation from all five members, an encouraging postscript to Thursday's official Hi-Q win over Cardinal O'Hara and Academy Park.

"I was very impressed with the four alumni who returned," offered Houghton. "It took them some time to shake off the rust; but, once they did, they proved stellar competition for our squad. Actually, if they would have functioned as a squad of four rather than teams of two, they would have walked away with a four- or five-point win." The Hi-Q team hopes to hold the event on an annual basis in the future. "I believe we'll offer it in early January before the kids go back to college," Houghton remarked. "That way, we'll hopefully draw more participants from recent graduates, even if it's not in close proximity to the Hi-Q squad's home meet." "The four guys who attended have our total respect," he added. "They, as well as original coach Bauer Evans, set the bar high for all of the Hi-Q squads that I've coached since their graduation."

J TERM



While the January post-Christmas letdown can be a bit of a drag for many, J-Term provides a bright spot in the month for DC's High School Students. This two week instructional period takes place annually between the high school's first and second semesters. The purpose of J-Term is to provide students with an in-depth, experiential learning experience across a variety of settings including: specialized classroom instruction, internships, service opportunities, missions trips and academic trips. Now in its third year, DC's J-Term program is intentionally designed to assist students in their discernment of God's overall plan and purpose for their lives.

Whether studying on campus or abroad, serving on a Mission Trip or gaining first-hand career training through an internship, J-Term broadens students' horizons and provides learning that will impact them throughout their lifetime.

Highlights from J-Term 2013 *At Home and Abroad:*

On campus, classes explored the worlds of **robotics, soccer refereeing, business, medicine, geography, worship leading, novel writing, and sports and fitness**. Other classes introduced students to different cultures through courses like "**Asian Fusion**" and "**International Film**". Still others learned basics of **screenwriting**, while another group of students produced an **original children's theatre production** – "Once Upon A Time...A Snail's Tale" which toured several local preschools to rave reviews.

Other students completed **urban studies programs** in Philadelphia and Chester – a great opportunity to learn about the immense need in urban settings. Students gained an understanding of how various ministries respond to meet both physical and spiritual needs of their local populations through coursework (lectures, reading and writing) and hands-on service. Partnering ministries included: World Impact, Broad Street Mission, Humankind Water, Alpha Crisis Pregnancy Center and The Philadelphia Project.

Hammers were swinging and circular saws buzzed as students **renovated homes** in Philadelphia, Kennett Square and West Grove in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. Students on-campus **designed and built sets** for the upcoming High School musical, "The Sound of Music".





Internships

Over 70 students completed internships across the country and overseas. A sampling of internships offered students experience in: Education, Journalism & Communications, Accounting, Advertising, Physical Therapy, Architecture, Fashion Design and more.

Travels beyond 19073

A group of students traveled to the rural village of **Vara Blanca in Costa Rica**. Through this cross-cultural experience, students sharpened their Spanish language skills through daily immersion, formal classes and community service. This trip was facilitated in conjunction with the Association of Development through Education.



“Light 2013” Mission Trip Teams were given the opportunity to serve on two different teams. One of these teams traveled to New Orleans, LA to partner with the St. Roch Community Church. This group served the Church in various capacities including light construction and support for church-sponsored community events. Against the backdrop of New Orleans’ vibrant and culturally-rich foundation of a celebratory life-style, students were exposed to the problems of poverty, violence, neglect and corruption which plague this city. As a result of this trip, students learned the important role that churches have in training up indigenous leaders whom the Lord can use to transform communities.



Mozambique was the destination for another group of students, hosted by former DC 3rd grade teacher, Terri Larson and her husband Don, who are currently residing in the Maputo region of Mozambique. During the team’s stay, they spent a good deal of time ministering at the Matola Iris Ministries Orphanage. Students also assisted in various construction projects at the orphanage and worshipped with the members of the local Matola Rio church.



The breadth of offerings in J-Term provides an enriching and very positive experience for our students and has become a highlight of the year for many of DC’s High School Students. The exposure DC students receive to new areas of content learning, practical internship experience and new cultures makes J-Term a truly unique experience and a key component of the excellent education students receive at DC.

Winter ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished the season 16-6, 13-1 in the Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL). They won the Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL) Constitution Division Championship and as of this mid-February writing are moving on to league playoffs.

Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Don Davis won his first BAL Coach of the Year award in just his 2nd season in the league. Don is grateful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of these young men and teach them how to be Champions 4 Christ. Coach Davis lead the Knights to their 1st division championship since taking over in 2011. Congratulations Coach Davis!

2013 BAL Award Recipients:

BAL Female Player of the Year -
Sr. Stacey MacArthur
BAL Male Player of the Year -
Sr. Austin Fischer

1st Team All-BAL:
Girls - Jocelyn Chavous
Stacey MacArthur
Boys - Austin Fischer

2nd Team All-BAL:
Girls - Anna Evans
Boys - Jerome Staley
Henry Miller
Ron Burrell

BAL Honorable Mention:
Girls - Jamie Barr



Senior Austin Fischer



Senior Dan Teano



Wrestler Sam Tascone Reaches 100 Career Wins

As of early February, Senior Sam Tascone joined ranks with Zach Moore, last year's DC record holder, to reach the 100 win plateau, after securing his 100th win in the 152 lb. weight class against an opponent from BAL conference opponent from New Hope-Solebury. Congratulations Sam. DC is proud to call you a Knight and Champion 4 Christ!



The Varsity Girls Basketball team finished the season 18-4, 16-0 in the Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL). The Lady Knights captured the Independence Division Championship and, like the Boys' Varsity team, are moving on to league playoffs. DC's JV Girls finished their season with a commendable record of 8-3.

Congratulations to Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Mark Weaver for receiving his 2nd BAL Coach of the Year award in just 4 years. Mark's commitment to excellence and care for the girls has proven to be a winning combination year after year. This year's group of seniors (Stacy MacArthur, Jocelyn Chavous, Anna Evans & Neily Thompson) will be his first graduating class to have played for Coach Weaver all four years. This is the same group that Weaver has coached since the girls were in DC's Junior Knights program during their elementary years. A great recognition for a great coach!



Senior Jocelyn Chavous



Senior Stacey Mac Arthur



AD Don Davis, son Troy



Coach Mark Weaver



DC Wrestler Displays Determination & Courage

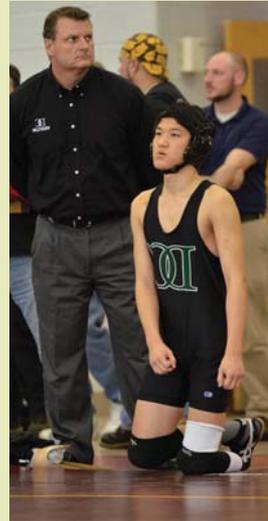
Sophomore and Chinese International Student, Yangzi Jiang has been an inspiration to many since he enrolled at DC two and a half years ago. With an infectious smile and “all-in” personality, Yangzi quickly assimilated into campus life despite his limited English language skills at the time. However, learning to adjust to life as a student thousands of miles from home is not the only major hurdle Yangzi has cleared in his young lifetime. Just over three years ago, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma which necessitated the amputation of his right leg. Since that time, Yangzi has learned to maneuver very adeptly with a prosthetic. This winter, Yangzi took to the wrestling mat, a move that required he face his foes at a major disadvantage – without use of his prosthetic leg.

Yangzi’s host family, the Peters family, whose son is senior wrestler, Sam Tascone, encouraged Yangzi to give wrestling a try. Watching a YouTube video of college wrestler Anthony Robles, who advanced to the 2011 NCAA Championships despite being born with only one leg, sealed the deal for Yangzi. In November, Yangzi showed up for the first wrestling practice not sure how things would unfold. Under the tutelage of Coaches Greg Pendell and Dando Speers, Yangzi has learned a great deal both about wrestling and himself.

As a first year wrestler, Yangzi had to teach himself about balance and positioning. He's a diligent learner and works very hard to apply that knowledge in every match. Quiet, mild-mannered Yangzi transforms into a warrior on the mat and has been a huge source of encouragement to his team, coaches and competitors. His victories are not measured in his win/loss record this season. Instead, victories have come in the form of being called teammate, having his name called to wrestle, to represent DC, improve his performance match over match, add the title "Athlete" to his credentials, and know that he showed courage to not let a physical disability prevent him from reaching his goals.

"I am proud of Yangzi and privileged to be his coach." Coach Pendell notes, "Yangzi wanted to be part of a sports team and to compete despite his disability. The weight class structure of wrestling allows him to be matched up where he can have the opportunity to be competitive."

Yangzi is truly a winner in the eyes of his coaches, teammates and friends. His determination and desire to honor and trust the Lord through all situations is a testimony to all of us here at DC.



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*The Delaware County Christian School Board of Trustees
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has been appointed as the next Head of School
effective July 1, 2013.*

Dr. Wiens will serve as the fourth head of school in DC's sixty-three year history. The Board praises God for His tremendous blessing in providing stable and exemplary leadership over the course of our school's history and for His clear direction and guidance in bringing Dr. Wiens to DC to continue this tradition.



*All are invited to attend
a welcome reception for*

Tim & Katie Wiens

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Devon Campus Chapel

Dr. Wiens and his wife, Katie, have one son Eliot. In his free time, Tim enjoys reading, writing, traveling and is a fan of both the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. The Wiens family, along with their Great Dane puppy, will be residing in the farmhouse on DC's Upper Campus.

- ~ Assistant Professor of Education, *Wheaton College (IL)*
2010-Present
- ~ Head of School, *Boston Trinity Academy (MA)* 2003-2010
- ~ Co-Founder and Executive Director of Council on
Educational Standards and Accountability (*CESA*)
2010 - Present
- ~ Ed.D., Educational Leadership, *St. Mary's University*,
2006 M. Ed., Educational Leadership, *Bethel
University*, 2000
- ~ B. A., Secondary Education, *Bethel University*, 1992
- ~ Favorite Scripture Verse - Ephesians 2:8-10



DC engages with the landscape

The 1 : 1 INITIATIVE



A recent gift to DC will fund the 1:1 Initiative, meaning each faculty member and student in the High School and Middle School will receive a tablet or laptop device.

Two Committees are currently researching device selection and policy of implementation. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in the next month.

The device will serve as a student's hub of information, organization and collaboration.

When will this program start?

Faculty of High School and Middle School will all receive a device during the 2012-13 school year.

High School will pilot a small program at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year in hopes of a full roll-out later in the year.

of 21st century education

MOODLE

Will create an online classroom community at DC. Teachers and students will use MOODLE as an e-learning platform and adopt Google Apps for Education.

MOODLE is an open source Learning Management System (LMS). It is used by thousands of educational institutions around the world to provide an organized interface for e-learning, or learning over the Internet. It provides much greater functionality than the teacher [pages in RenWeb](#).

What Function
Does an LMS
(Learning Management
System)
Perform?

AN LMS:

- Organizes and delivers online content to students.
- Provides automated assessment tools to track student progress.
- Creates collaborative communities of learning using interactive modules, such as online forums for exchanging ideas among students and instructors.

QUOTES

from faculty
& students

Alex Payne, DC Junior

"The 1:1 Initiative is cool for its convenience and the way the classroom will change. In some cases textbooks will be accessible on the devices and students will have access to information and research making collaboration easier. There will no longer be the pressing need to go to the computer lab. With the ability to "flip" the classroom students can spend less time at home doing busywork and spend classroom time applying newly acquired knowledge. It is a great opportunity for students to have access and practice with the ever advancing world of technology. The 1:1 Initiative opens up so many venues of fascinating ways to learn and create and I can't wait to see how DC will use them."

Jim Crane, Faculty Member, Science Department

"I am excited to jump into DC's 1:1 Initiative because students are always asking how something works or what the applications are for various physics principles. This initiative opens the classroom to instant access, right at those moments. We want lifelong learners, and to collaborate with them, learn alongside them and discover more, as a teacher I will be able to model that we are never done learning. God has so much more planned for us and I look forward to seeing what we can discover together, student with teacher."



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- March 15 David Kim & Friends Benefit Concert
- March 22 All School Easter Chapel
- April 6 Open House
- April 12 Grandparents & Special Friends' Day (EL)
- April 19 EL Art Show & Band Concert
- April 20 Spring Sports Day
- April 27 Senior Drama Show
- April 30 DC Golf Outing
- May 2 National Day of Prayer
- May 9 MS Art Show & Choral Concert
- May 10 Field Day (EL)
- May 11 Renaissance Fair (UC)
- May 16 MS & HS Band Concert
- May 23 HS Choral Concert
- June 1 8th Grade Banquet
- June 7 56th Commencement
- June 11 5th Grade Recognition
- June 13 8th Grade Graduation
- June 15 Celebration & Recognition of Dr. Stephen Dill
- June 17 Camp Teekna Opens