CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS
and the 2017 Alumnus of the Year
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SPRING 2017

As a learning institution, we have been established as a school with a clear focus on academics, knowing that all of life and learning must inherently be built upon the foundational cornerstone of Jesus Christ. This is reflected in our core value of Scholarship:

“We cultivate our God-given intellects and become passionate, lifelong learners.”

As we come to the end of another school year, I could not be more pleased to see the academic successes of our students, knowing that they have continued to learn with the understanding that “where there is truth, it is our Lord’s.” Augustine hit the mark when he stated this more than 1,600 years ago, and DC has for 67 years understood and implemented this foundational truth.

As our graduates head to schools such as Amherst College, Harvard College, Grove City College, Penn State University, Stanford University, and Wheaton College (to name only a few), I am excited to see the ways in which they will use their ever-expanding knowledge to make an impact upon their campuses and subsequently in all they do throughout their lives. For those who remain at DC in the coming years, I am equally excited for the impact DC will have on their lives and future learning and the impact they will in turn have upon us here within our community.

Dr. Roy Lowrie, Jr., first Headmaster at DC, often stated, “No student should ever receive an inferior education because they attend a Christian school.” Likewise, he stated, “DC’s faculty is the gold in the bank.” Our high quality teachers are the drivers behind our high quality education. They are committed to excellence in teaching, excellence in coaching and advising, and continuing their own journeys as lifelong-learners – tremendous examples for our students. To that end, nearly 80% of DC’s faculty have completed or are working towards an advanced degree. They are committed to enhancing their craft and impacting lives.

As a DC parent, my family has benefited from their expertise and has witnessed their commitment to our students and to our institution. They really are our “gold in the bank”! Together, we carry on the tradition of academic excellence established 67 years ago knowing we bring honor to the name of Christ in all we do.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Timothy P. Wiens, Ed.D.
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CLASS OF 2017

CONGRATULATIONS

Graduates: Alex Thompson, Ethan Harvey, Maggie Linton

Graduates: Jacob Favino, Nate Carroll, Cody Moorhatch, Christian Yanes, Jake Allen, TJ Tann
This year’s Commencement speaker was school parent and trustee, Dr. Mia Chung. Dr. Chung is a world-class pianist and the mother of Ana Yee (Class of 2017), Caleb Yee (Eighth Grade) and Francis Yee (Fifth Grade). She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, and holds a masters degree from Yale University and a doctorate from the Juilliard School. Dr. Chung currently teaches Interpretive Analysis at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Dr. Chung delivered a powerful message to the Class of 2017 on the importance of recognizing personal insufficiency in order to fully understand and embrace “Christ’s magnificent power to redeem and (to be used) for His eternal purpose.” Her final charge to the graduates “…as you enter this next chapter of your lives, courageously ask Jesus to present you with a full understanding of your own insufficiency. At the same time, ask Him to give you strength, trust, and iron-clad faith as you walk through this realization. I promise you, Class of 2017…this watershed moment in your (life) will yield a bounty of riches in Christ.”
THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017

Olivia Smith
Eastern University

Rachel Smith
Cairn University

Broderick Soland
One Life Institute

Wendy Su
Undecided

Grace Sutphin
University of Tampa

Tracy Tann
University of Richmond

Alexandra Thompson
St. Bonaventure University

Alicia Thompson
The Master’s University

Alivia Thompson
Gordon College

Kouadio Toukou
University of Pittsburgh

Benjamin Tyson
Covenant College

Molly Wells
Butler University

Christian Yanes
Bucknell University

Stella Yang
Penn State University

Ana Yee
Harvard University

Ella Yuan
Penn State University, Abington

Manyi Zhang
Stony Brook University

Julie Zhu
School of Visual Arts

Ying Zhou
Penn State University

Allie Zubyk
Syracuse University
EARNED SCHOLARSHIPS AT COLLEGE OF CHOICE

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: $1,783,128.00

Elisha Hydeia Abney.... LaSalle University
Michael James Allford.... Eastern University
Jacob Matthew Allen.... Kutztown University
Peyton Elizabeth Anzar.... West Virginia University
Soheyo Bae.... Villanova University
Ava Ryan Bezainsky.... Ohio State University
Rebekah Nahal Brown.... Arizona State University
Nathanial Richard Camall.... Liberty University
Madeleine Michelle Caury.... Virginia Tech, Honors College
Kal Kidan Elias.... University of Delaware
Kiersten Lee Elken.... Kutztown University
Rennie Marie Falasco.... Amherst College
Jacob Francis Favino.... Wheaton College
James Jonathan FitzGerald.... University of Pittsburgh
Dawson John Garnet.... Penn State University
Joshua Thomas Greb.... Temple University
Jacob Matthew Gutowski.... Kutztown University
Molly Michelle Harnish.... George Mason University
Winston Jonathan Harris.... Temple University
Chandler Christie Harvey.... St. John’s University
Ethan Luke Harvey.... Grove City College
Elizabeth Frederica Hawkins.... Temple University
Jonathan Andrew Hughes.... Lipscomb University
Ajumna Simone King.... Virginia Wesleyan College
Kang Ryu Lee.... Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Zebin Lin.... University of British Columbia
Maggie Elizabeth Linton.... James Madison University
Caleb Josef Madison.... Penn State University
Cheyenne Lynne March.... Liberty University
Kaley Ann Matthews.... Fordham University
Nicholas Joseph McManus.... Penn State University
Taylor Jordan Mingle.... Davidson College
Nina Yasmeen Mirzai.... Loyola Marymount University
Cody Jeremiah Moonhatch.... Temple University
Ciara Rose Mullen.... University of Richmond
Jedaijah Ngalande.... Stanford University
Daniel Lee Nichols.... University of Tennessee
Claudia Pilea Norton.... Penn State University
Adaeze Eluchekuwokw Nwobodo.... University of Pittsburgh
Davis Donovan O’Leary.... Taylor University
Reginald Jordan Parks.... Penn State University
Tricia Nicole Pevetti.... Spelman College
Sarah Amorajane Perry.... West Chester University
Daniel Springer Poirier.... Springfield College
Leah Grace Pulliam.... Liberty University
Niya Jahan Ray.... Spelman College
Rhonda Marie Rinciecola.... University of Pittsburgh
Tadd Frederick Romero.... Bloomsburg University
Youn Na Shin.... Gordon College
Olivia Taylor Smith.... Eastern University
Rachel Anne Smith.... Cairn University
Tracy Tann.... University of Richmond
Christian Peterson Vergara Yanes.... Bucknell University
Ya Chao Yang.... Penn State University
Ana Camille Yee.... Harvard University
Sunrunyi Yuan.... Penn State University
Manyi Zhang.... Stony Brook University
Ying Zhou.... Penn State University
Lilin Zhu.... School of Visual Arts
Allie Kristen Zubyk.... Syracuse University
FOCUS ON THE ARTS
Featured artwork from lower, middle and upper school students
SPRING SHOWS FEATURE STUDENT ARTWORK

Three art shows were held this spring to feature the work of our lower, middle, and upper school students. DC’s visual arts program continues to nurture and develop student’s abilities by providing sequential instruction in grades Pre-K-12.

This comprehensive program incorporates opportunities for students to explore a variety of mediums while expanding their technique and skill sets. Teaching students to recognize the discipline and dedication needed to honor God with their artistry remains at the core of this impressive program.

To view more student artwork from the 2016-17 school year, visit dccs.org/visualarts.
CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMS AT KENNEDY CENTER

DC's Concert Choir was one of four choirs participating in the Choral Organizations and Developing Artists (CODA) Kennedy Center Invitational Festival held in Washington, D.C. in April. The two-day event started with a choral clinic lead by Australian born conductor Heather J. Buchanan, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities in the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University (MSU), New Jersey. After a quick break, the choir combined with other workshop participants to form a 300 plus voice mass choir for a two hour rehearsal with Dr. Buchanan and renowned choral composer Z. Randall Stroope.

The following day, both the Knight Tones and Concert Choir took the Kennedy Center stage and represented DC well. Choir members also were able to experience the amazing performances of the choirs participating in the festival. Mrs. Bussey notes “this part of the trip was most inspiring and accounted for the clear improvement in all our DC groups after taking in quality choral music by their peers from across the country.” The concert culminated in the mass choir’s performance of an original work commissioned for this event and conducted by Z. Randall Stroope.

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The Music in the Parks Festival takes place in various amusement parks across the country. The festival provides instrumental and choral groups the opportunity to receive a formal adjudication and year-end assessment by an outside panel of judges and to compete against other similarly sized schools. Following their performances, students enjoy time together in the amusement parks before joining together with the entire festival participants for an awards ceremony.

This April DC’s 48 member Concert Band traveled to Williamsburg, VA to participate in the Music in the Parks Festival held at Busch Gardens. The band finished second out of six schools competing in the Class A division and was just one point shy of receiving a superior rating. The middle school Seventh and Eighth Grade Boys and Girls Choirs competed in the Music in the Parks Festival held at Hershey Park on May 19. Both choirs won their divisions with the boys earning an excellent rating and the girls receiving a superior rating. Congratulations to Mrs. Mandy Limpert and the band members and Mrs. Renee Bussey and the middle school choirs on a job well done.

8th grade band members: Daniel Foster, Emma Chung, Ersy Neal, Caden Atlas, Ed Umoh, Benjamin Myers, Michael Rhine, Alex Soland
Directed by first year theatre teacher Molly Courtright, the 32 member cast of The Little Mermaid delighted audiences of all ages. This favorite Disney musical adaptation of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale tells the story of Ariel, a mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and gives up her voice to find love. Sophomore leads Lauren Hackett as Ariel and Jake Halladay as Prince Eric were well supported by fellow classmates Jordan Thompson as Ursula and Ben Doctor as Sebastian. Senior Michael Alford gave a commanding performance as King Triton and freshman Ginny Johnson was endearing as Flounder. The colorful ensemble performance of “Under the Sea” was a true crowd pleaser. Congratulations to the cast and crew on a wonderful production!

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JUDGES TAKE NOTE – MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND IS SUPERIOR

Under the direction of Mrs. Mandy Limpert, the 35 members of the Sixth and Seventh Grade Band received a superior rating and first place finish at the April 27th ACSI Fine Arts Festival in Manheim, PA.

The festival judges were impressed by the group’s intonation, musicality, and ability to respond to their band conductor. Looking back on the band’s journey together over the course of this past school year Mrs. Limpert remarks “This group grew in maturity in every sense of the word – as individual people, as a group working together, and as musicians seeking to make beautiful music together. I am proud of what this band chose to become.”

JORDAN THOMPSON WINS CAPPIE

Congratulations to Sophomore Jordan Thompson who was named Best Supporting Actress by the Greater Philadelphia Cappies Association. Jordan was recognized for her role as Ursula in DC’s March 2017 production of The Little Mermaid. DC theatre teacher and production director Molly Courtright notes “Jordan’s performance of Ursula was one beyond her years. With the help of Arlene Warmhold who assisted in character development, Jordan was really able to dive deep into her character and put on a convincing and stellar performance. We are all so proud of her!” Jordan received her award at the May 21 Cappies Gala Award Ceremony held at Unionville High School.
FOCUS ON FACULTY

CLOSING A CHAPTER, TURNING A PAGE – NEW ADVENTURES AHEAD

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“One of a few who can clearly articulate his Christian convictions and beliefs with his academic discipline,” is how George McFarland, Head of the Middle and Upper School, describes Dave McDonald ’72. English Department Chair, Lisa Griest, shares an illustration of this truth: “My daughter, upon her eighth grade graduation, commented to me, unprompted, on two middle school teachers who influenced her the most, and Dave was one of them. Specifically, he had a spiritual impact, challenging his students to think ‘Christianly’ about everything— the books they are reading, the poetry they are writing; just anything that enters their minds. It was under Dave’s teaching that my daughter grew to realize how much she wanted to know God and think about Him not as a segmented part of her life but as her foundation and her center.”

Dave McDonald has been serving the Lord at DC for 39 years. He began as a second grade teacher in 1978. In addition to teaching lower and middle school, he served as the lower school principal for two years. One of his greatest joys has been teaching the many students who came through his classroom doors over the years. He notes, “They are the reason I became a teacher and continued to look forward to each new year. My love for my students hasn’t changed, but God has shown me it is time to step out of the classroom and find new avenues to use my teaching gifts. I don’t plan to stop using my teaching gifts but it is time to slow down the pace a bit.” Dave adds that he has been blessed by the supportive and encouraging parents and grandparents he has come to know through the years, and it has been an incredible blessing to work with his colleagues and staff and administrators in serving young people through the ministry of Christian education at DC.

Dave is waiting on the Lord to show him the next opportunity for ministry. In the meantime, he will look forward to spending time with his grandchildren, working in his gardens, improving his golf game, and finding ways to serve God in his community and through his church. “Please pray that I will be open to God’s direction in the months ahead. And thank God along with me for the opportunity I had to serve God at DC.” We are truly thankful for Dave and his commitment to his students these many years!

KATIE LEVIS – “SERVANT”

Katie Levis has served at DC for four years, coaching field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse, and teaching health, physical education, and Bible. Highlights of her time at DC include building relationships with players, students, their families, and fellow colleagues. Middle School Counselor Chuck Young notes that Katie is the model servant. “She does whatever is needed to meet the needs of her kids.” Fellow coach Margaret Robbins observes, “Katie has a unique passion and gifting for coaching and teaching students of all ages and ability levels.” Athletic Director Mike Walker has appreciated Katie’s willingness to take ownership of whatever program needed her leadership. He adds, “Many student-athletes have been impacted by Coach Levis over the past few years, and she will be missed.” Katie will be teaching at a Christian school in Connecticut starting next fall. We have no doubt that the Lord will continue to use her in many impactful ways.
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KIM BRIGGS – “CHEERFUL”

Kim is retiring this year after serving as an instructional aide at the Lower School for 10 years. Her friendly demeanor has brought smiles to the faces of students in our early childhood programs. She is a special teacher who will be greatly missed by students, colleagues, and parents alike. “I know the kids will miss her fun, silly, and caring spirit, but we were so blessed to have her the time we did,” says first grade teacher Olivia Hughes.

MANDY LIMPERT – “EXCELLENCE”

Mandy Limpert began teaching at DC in 1995, teaching one lower school band and two trumpet lessons. Flash forward to 2006 and she was full-time, conducting two lower school bands, the middle and upper school concert school bands, jazz ensembles, and lessons on two campuses while also serving as department chair. From 2006-2010, she assisted in the Guidance Office while working on her elementary education certification, and then spent two years teaching third grade at a Christian school in Chester before returning to DC in 2012.

Mandy says it is impossible to pick just one of the myriad of memories from DC. Her greatest joy all along has been helping students experience the dedication, effort, and love necessary to produce beautiful music. Students who have a passion for music and enjoy playing their instruments find a very satisfying home in the DC band program with Mandy. “She makes us better,” is the refrain of many of her band members.

Former Upper School Principal, Andy Alford, says, “Mandy is a dedicated professional who always strove for excellence in the band program. I believe one of her goals was to be excellent as unto Christ. This was never made more evident to me than on a band tour a few years ago. She took our band to three Christian schools that had never seen a high school band and did so to minister to those schools... and she and her students ministered for Christ in many outstanding ways on that trip.”

Mandy anticipates being able to invest a little more in her own music making, looks forward to being more available to her husband George, and relishes the freedom to travel to see her soon-to-be-arriving granddaughter. “Teaching is the gift God has given me, so I am trusting He will provide opportunities to continue to teach someone, somewhere, something,” says Mandy. She adds, “Transitions are challenging. Saying goodbye to students I love is hard, and I will also miss interacting with my wonderful colleagues of so many years.”

MARRY COPPOLA – “WONDER WOMAN”

Marie has been the glue holding the athletic department together since the days when Russ Nixon led athletics at DC. Since arriving at DC 17 years ago, Marie has worked for seven different Athletic Directors, all of which quickly learned the value that Marie brought to the DC athletic program. Her attention to detail, ability to juggle multiple tasks at once, and never ending energy earned her the nickname, “Wonder Woman.” Marie is quick to pitch in where needed. You were never surprised to find Marie subbing in a classroom, serving in the library or filling in for one of the other division offices. As our Transportation Coordinator, Marie ensured the safe, accurate, and timely transportation of our students in thousands of bus trips each year. We have all benefited from Marie’s servant’s heart, tremendous skill set, and dependability. As she retires, we also have no doubt she will enjoy her new role of grandmother to the fullest!
LINDA NIXON – “JOY & CREATIVITY”

Linda came to DC over 30 years ago, first as a faculty wife, then a school parent, homeroom mom, long-term substitute, and finally to second grade where she has taught for the last 24 years. “I love the hearts and minds of second graders, as they spread their wings and see the world open up around them. Everything is an adventure for the seven and eight year old, and they find joy in putting their new-found skills to use. They love to learn! My motto has always been that education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. It has been a joy and privilege to help ignite that spark and watch them grow in every way, but especially in the joy of knowing and loving the Lord.”

Evidence of this fire can be seen in one parent’s comment: “Linda Nixon is a teacher who motivated our second grade son to read 1,000 books in a year! Few other teachers have I known that could do that!” Former Lower School Principal Mark Strohm noted, “Linda will be missed for sure! She was always knowledgeable about each student. She was so insightful concerning her students, which was an indication of her belief that each child was carefully and wonderfully created by God and that she was placed as their teacher for a reason! Linda was even able to recall strengths and abilities of past students.”

Lower School Head Joy Ludwig adds, “Every time I step into Linda Nixon’s classroom, there is no doubt she is fulfilling God’s call on her life and serving in her area of passion and gifting. Linda exemplifies her motto; she has the unique ability to understand what will kindle that special spark of curiosity in the minds of second grade students. Whether it’s pursuing an area of interest, reading a captivating story, or applying a biblical lesson to daily life in the second grade, her instruction and wise counsel is always ‘just right.’ Her love of God, a good story, and history has ignited student creativity and love of learning... She has impacted so many lives for Christ in her service at DC, we know great will be her reward!”

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DON DAVIS – “COACH”

Don Davis is leaving the DC community after six years of service to become the Head of School at Second Baptist School in Houston, TX. He served four years as Director of Athletics and as the Assistant Head of School during the last two years. Upon arriving at DC, Don jumped in with two feet and never looked back, participating in all areas of school life with enthusiasm and natural leadership. His pursuit of excellence impacted co-workers and students alike and his ability to lead by example and with encouragement is the embodiment of what it means to be a coach.
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ANDY ALFORD – “CARE AND LOVE”

Andy Alford has served at DC for 18 years, 17 of them in upper school administration, first as assistant principal and then as principal. He counted it a joy to be a part of the lives of the staff, faculty, parents and students for so many years, and particularly enjoyed walking the DC life with all of them. He is forever grateful for the thousands of conversations he had with his DC family. Now, as part of God’s plan for the work of the Kingdom, the Lord has called Andy to serve his Secondary Principal (grades 6-12) at Crosspoint Academy in Bremerton, Washington - one of the schools associated with Gateway Christian Schools located in Poulsbo, Washington.

Ask people what words come to mind when they think of Andy Alford, and you will no doubt hear love and care. Former Head of School, Steve Dill, who worked alongside Andy for over a decade, says, “The Lord used Andy’s relational gifts and his deep concern for others to make a significant impact in the lives of many over his years at DC. Andy knew how to use his corny jokes and humor to engage students and faculty; yet when it was time to make difficult personnel or student decisions, he rose to the challenge. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the DC community was his gift of being able to effectively communicate love for students and for colleagues even in the most difficult circumstances. Andy cared for people – and they knew it.” Similarly, former co-worker, Russ Nixon, adds, “When I think of Andy Alford: I think of a man who was committed, cared for students, was always willing to lend a hand, desired to be fair with students and parents, and represented DC well.” Andy loved his upper school students immensely, and knew each one by name. He also cares deeply for his middle school students, one of whom notes that Mr. Alford makes Algebra “engaging, fun, and just overall cool!” Head of School Tim Wiens notes, “Andy is a very godly man with a heart for the success of all students. He will be greatly missed!” Andy asks for prayer that he will be the leader at Crosspoint that the Lord would have him to be and that he would get to know the Crosspoint community quickly.

“I have loved serving our Lord at DC and am very sad to be leaving, but where the Lord leads I will follow. DC will continue to be in my prayers and I trust that the Lord will continue to work through His awesome people at DC.”

DON DAVIS – “COACH”

Don Davis is leaving the DC community after 16 years of service to become the Head of School at Second Baptist School in Houston, TX. He served four years as Director of Athletics and as the Assistant Head of School during the last two years. Upon arriving at DC, Don jumped in with two feet and never looked back, participating in all areas of school life with enthusiasm and natural leadership. His pursuit of excellence impacted co-workers and students alike and his ability to lead by example and with encouragement is the embodiment of what it means to be a coach.

Current Athletic Director and former college teammate Mike Walker notes, “Don Davis has left a lasting imprint on the impact of DC Knights Athletics. Don was instrumental in bringing several key initiatives to DC including performance training, team retreats, streamlined processes, and our current mission and vision. He was also instrumental in bringing several key people to DC including Drew Pearson, Rhub Atkins, and Joel Gaines. He has a huge heart for people and a gift for casting vision to others. Don is a gifted leader and will no doubt have an immediate impact at Second Baptist in Houston.”

Thank you, Don, for your leadership of the athletic department and the impact you had in your player’s lives as the varsity boys basketball coach.”

Tim Wiens reflects “While I am truly sorry to lose Don Davis as our Assistant Head of School, I am excited for him, for his family, and for Second Baptist School. Don has been a tremendous asset to us all at DC and has truly been my right hand man. He is talented in many ways and the lack of his presence will surely be felt at DC in the future. I want to personally thank Don for all he has done for DC in helping us to continue to build upon the excellent foundations of the school. I will miss both his leadership and his friendship.” We look forward to seeing how the Lord will use Don in this exciting leadership role at Second Baptist.”
SPRING SEASON RECAP

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE
Continuing with their successful co-op with Devon Prep again this year, the boys varsity lacrosse team finished with a 7-6 season losing to Marple Newtown in the first round of districts. Junior Tim Fitzgerald netted his 100th goal this season joining senior Dan Poineer who reached this milestone in 2016. Senior Jake Gutowski was also a solid contributor to this year’s team.

VARSITY BASEBALL
The varsity baseball team was led by seniors Cody Moorhatch, Josh Grieb, Daniel Nichols, Nate Carroll, and Jake Allen. Coach Jeff Wisewski notes this team will be remembered for their ability to stay in the game and go the distance. They finished with an 8-12 record after losing to Collegium Charter as the fourth seed in the District 1-A playoffs.

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE
The girls varsity lacrosse team finished a rebuilding year 6-9 on the season with new head coach Ashton Dwyer being named BAL Coach of the Year. The girls finished third in their league and were just shy of advancing to district play. The team is graduating two seniors, Allie Zubik and Taylor Mingle, both of whom provided strong leadership to this year’s team.

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD
Under the leadership of head coach George McFarland, the boys and girls varsity track and field team did not disappoint this year. Eight members of the team placed in the top three in the BAL Championships and a total of 20 team members qualified for districts. Five of the district participants were top three finishers: Abby Simbiri (Third Place - 100m Hurdles), Maggie Linton (First Place - 800m), Olivia Smith (Second Place - Shot Put), Shekinah Jones (Third Place - High Jump) and Kouadio Toukou (Second Place - Discus). Maggie Linton advanced to states as the third place seed and earned the second state title in the program’s history with her 2.12.84 time in the 800m at Shippensburg University on May 27.

VARSITY SOFTBALL
It’s safe to say that this year’s varsity softball team turned heads. Under second year coach Matt Hummel, the team notched ten wins, more than the last two seasons combined. The Lady Knights lost to Calvary Christian as the 3rd seed in the District 1-A post season play despite a valiant effort. Seniors Molly Harnish, Ronnie Marie Falasco, and Chandler Harvey will be missed.
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In her DC athletic career, Maggie participated in cross country, field hockey, indoor and outdoor track, and served as a football manager. She has consistently qualified for district, regional, and state events in both cross country and track and field and additionally received All-BAL and All-Delco honors. In 2016, Maggie was the Class 1-AA state runner up in the 800m. This year, she captured the state title finishing in 2:12:84 setting a new school record and qualifying her for the New Balance National Meet scheduled for June, 2017. Maggie will attend James Madison University where she will run track this coming fall.

THE 2017 RECIPIENTS OF THE GEORGE HUSMANN AWARD ARE ANA YEE & TRACY (TJ) TANN

The George Husman Award is the final recognition given annually to DC athletes. This award was initiated in 1983 by the Chester County Officials Association in honor of DC’s first Athletic Director and is given to one female and one male in the junior or senior class who demonstrate leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to their sport. The recipients are consistently respectful, responsible, and diligent. They set the tone for their respective teams and compete at a high level placing winning secondary to sportsmanship.

Ana embodies all of the Husman award criteria. She has a heart for service that has compelled her to serve others domestically and abroad. Ana is a leader on any team she is a part of, but flourished on the field hockey field as a stand-out goalie where she was an all-league performer with 200 saves in her senior season alone. Ana will be attending Harvard University where she has an opportunity to continue her successful field hockey career.

TJ Tann earned recognition from the DC coaches for his contributions as a three year member of the varsity basketball team. His love for DC athletics and his dedication and desire to obtain a Christian education made a positive impact on his teammates. As a starting point guard, TJ earned First Team All-BAL honors and was named MVP of the 2016-17 season. He will attend the University of Richmond next year.
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Jeff and Kristin (Proto) Wisnewski ’95 welcomed their fourth child, daughter Lia Gabrielle, to the family on March 29.

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Jack Newman ’09 and his wife, Stephanie, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Anne, on September 17. Jack works for the American Bible Society and Stephanie is a NICU nurse at Chester County Hospital. They reside in Wayne.

Brittney Weidemann ’12 was recently accepted into SAP’s HR Early Talent Program. As part of the program she will be living abroad and working in one of their many offices around the world. She currently resides in Seattle and serves on the board of Walk Her Home, a nonprofit charity that creates “awareness and raises funds for organizations that provide support and housing for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation in the United States.”

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Stretched across the face of this planet is a vast array of DC alumni who embody the school’s mission to “impact the world through biblical thought and action.”

Each year we have the privilege of recognizing and celebrating one of these outstanding individuals.

This year’s recipient is Heather Templeton Dill.

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Part of JTF’s mission is to “encourage civil, informed dialogue” among people from all faith perspectives. This mission is premised on the belief that people from different perspectives can learn from one another and that doing so helps “spur curiosity and accelerate discovery.” Engaging in this sort of dialogue requires a firm grounding in Scripture. This foundation was laid for Heather at DC. “I met Jesus Christ as a result of Delaware County Christian School and He has been my rock ever since that time,” she declares. To reinforce that point in a recent upper school chapel, Heather recited from memory numerous Bible verses that she learned as a student at DC. “Because of DC I have these kernels of truth that I have carried with me in good times and through life’s challenges... I have not and I will not forget these words,” she says.
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In her life and speech, Heather is a prime example of the high caliber that characterizes DC alumni. She is a godly wife and mother who is raising a beautiful family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She is successfully leading a large private foundation that seeks to inspire curiosity and to promote discovery. Most importantly, she seeks to be faithful to Christ in all that she does. As much as Heather is filled with gratitude for the faculty and staff at DC, she faculty and staff at DC are filled with gratitude for her.

Congratulations to the 2017 Alumnus of the Year, Heather Templeton Dill.

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Middle School Trio Wins at VEX Robotics World Championship

Four DC robotics teams qualified to compete at the 2017 VEX Robotics World Tournament held in Louisville, Kentucky in April. Upper school team 1266E (Max Wilson, Josh Gifford, Young Ji, Steve Hansen, and Jude Gerhart) and team 1266C (Kate Carrington, Rebecca Harris, and Hannah Master) competed well along with middle school team 1266T (Tyler Toms, Liyun Au, and Christopher Lee).

Eighth graders Ben Myers, Michael Rhine, and Peter Yeung (Team 1266P) demonstrated their robotics prowess by winning the VEX IQ 2017 WORLD ROBOTICS THINK AWARD for excellence in programming!

2017 marks the second consecutive year for DC teams to win awards at the international level. Kate Carrington, Rebecca Harris, and Hannah Master were the 2016 winners of the Innovate and Create Awards in 2016. Under the direction of Mr. Joel Kamm (Upper School) and Mrs. Christi Rhine (Middle School), DC’s robotics programs continue to grow each year both in scope and numbers. Expansion of STEM instruction in the Lower School this year will further serve to strengthen this exciting program.

Wonderful Things Happen at Camp Calvary

The fifth grade class enjoyed a three day getaway to Camp Calvary in late May. Students were able to unplug and interact at the camp’s beautiful 53 acre site in Berks County where they participated in a wide variety of activities and games. Special worship times were a great opportunity for the class to reflect on their lower school years and to anticipate new experiences as they transition to middle school next fall.

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RonnieMarie was this year’s Salutatorian. She will continue her love of learning and sports next year at Amherst College as the college’s number one softball recruit in the Class of 2021.
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NEW FAMILY BONFIRE AND S’MORES NIGHT

The Admissions Office recently hosted a New Family Bonfire and S’mores night for new families who will be joining the DC Community in the 2017-18 school year. Held at the Lower Campus, this event provided a great opportunity for new parents and students to meet some current grade level families. The event was extremely well received by all those in attendance.

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FIELD DAY FUN

Field Day 2017 is in the history books. Congratulations to the YELLOW TEAM who had their day in the sun and to all the lower school participants who competed with great enthusiasm!

8th GRADE GRADUATION & 5th GRADE RECOGNITION

The end of the school year at DC is traditionally marked by two different events to recognize the fifth grade and eighth grade classes as they complete their lower and middle school years.

This year’s Fifth Grade Recognition Service was a highlight for the 43 class members who were each recognized by their teachers for a particular character trait.

Dr. Stephen Dill was the speaker at the Eighth Grade Graduation held on June 13. Dr. Dill is DC’s former Head of School and the grandfather of eighth graders Jack Dill and Cole Lewis. The 50 members of the Class of 2021 are excited and ready to transition to the Upper School. This is 1,600 hours more than last year! We also had 17 students receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award (4 more than last year), which is the nation’s highest honor for volunteer service.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP BOARD LEADS THE WAY

Under the direction of faculty members Chad Fenley and Jubilee Hsieh, the Middle School Leadership Board provides tangible opportunities for sixth through eighth grade students to learn the ropes of student leadership. This semester, the sixth and seventh grade leaders organized a middle school talent show. The eighth grade leaders organized a clothing drive and special events in the month of May to promote and create awareness of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

10,950 Students in the Upper School completed 10,950 hours of volunteer service this year.

HOME COMING

Connect | Cheer | Celebrate with the entire DC community past and present.

SAVE THE DATE & STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS
Over 200 parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered to enjoy our community and celebrate God’s blessings as we look to the future of DC.

Together we raised $178,000 for the school, including $114,310 for new middle school furniture!

Thank you!

Musical entertainment, from small string ensembles to the full concert choir, was provided by our students throughout the evening. Mobile bidding proved to be a hit in its second year of use, and winning bidders took home items including paintings, a tent, and fun “teacher experiences,” all while supporting the school.

Our 2017 Alumnus of the Year, Heather Dill ’94, spoke on gratitude and how DC has impacted her life both in the past as a student and now, perhaps even more so, as a parent. Her insight into the impact DC has was a powerful reminder of why we embrace our mission to teach our students to impact the world through biblical thought and action.
LEAVING A LEGACY

Part of the “Greatest Generation,” Rosalyn and Edward Arters married in 1950 several years after Edward returned from service in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II. Both attended public schools as did their children. However, after becoming discouraged with the public school system, they enrolled their youngest son Doug ’72 at DC for his junior and senior year - two years that made a significant impact on his life that carried into his adult years. The school community also impacted Rosalyn and Edward personally. Not only were they impressed with DC’s commitment to both Christian values and academic excellence, but they remained close with other parents for many years. DC provided an opportunity for the entire Arters family to deepen and widen their faith and commitment to the Lord in every aspect of life.

This deep abiding faith and commitment led them to create a charitable trust as part of their estate planning to support causes they were committed to including Christian values and institutions with high academic standards. Edward passed away in 1998 at the age of 77, and Rosalyn passed away this February at the age of 93. They were faithful friends and supporters of DC over many years and also supported a scholarship fund at Grove City College - another institution committed to strong academics and Christian values. Now through the Edward and Rosalyn Arters Charitable Trust, the Arters have secured a continued legacy of giving to DC.

For more information on how your family can leave a lasting legacy through planned giving or charitable trusts, contact Kristen Paulson, Director of Development at 610-353-6522 X2208 or kpaulson@dccs.org.