



THE WOODLANDS  
**CHRISTIAN**  
ACADEMY

ANNUAL REPORT  
**2021**  
**2022**







Students show their school spirit with green and gold, cheering and stomping at the All-School pep rally before the Homecoming game.

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## THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

# Boldly Equipping Leaders

Dear Families and Friends of  
The Woodlands Christian Academy,

On behalf of our Governance Board, administration and faculty, we are pleased to present this annual report, summarizing highlights from the 2021-2022 school year.

At Woodlands Christian, we strive to equip leaders – spiritually, intellectually, creatively, physically and socially – to fulfill God’s purpose for each of their lives. Through His transforming power, we believe that students can find their unique gifts and talents and reach their highest potential. Thus, we offer a rigorous Christian college-preparatory curriculum taught by an engaging faculty that delivers the personal mentoring and encouragement necessary to help our students succeed and develop a love of learning. Whether in the classroom, at an athletic competition or on the mission field, we challenge our students to become servant-leaders for Christ, capable of making an eternal impact for His kingdom.

This was another exciting year at Woodlands Christian as we achieved record student enrollment, completed a new state-of-the-art STEAM lab on the third-floor of the Micah Academic Center, renovated and enlarged our locker rooms in the Daniel Student Life Center, and expanded our fine arts programs to include vibrant performances and exhibitions of student-created art. Our students attained stellar scores on AP, SAT, PSAT and ACT exams with our seniors receiving the highest amount of merit-based college scholarship offers in our school’s history.



Across all sports, our student athletes enjoyed strong athletic seasons. We also commenced a capital campaign to construct a fine arts education building and have received 47% of the gifts and pledges necessary to begin construction.

We value our responsibility as financial stewards. Tuition and fees cover 100% of our operating expenses, enabling us to use additional fundraising dollars to enhance our campus and programs. We have received clean, unqualified audits for each of the past 13 years, and debt service is less than 2% of our operating expenses.

We hope you enjoy the annual report, in which we focus on our previous year’s achievements and on the annual report of gifts. We are, as always, grateful for the contributions of time, talent and treasure that we receive from the families and friends of Woodlands Christian.

Serving Him,

**Julie H. Ambler**  
HEAD OF SCHOOL



## TWCA Governance Board

**The Governance Board** of The Woodlands Christian Academy exists to ensure that our school is achieving its mission in the lives of students while prudently using the resources God has provided.

The Governance Board follows the Carver Policy Governance® Model which uses a structured monitoring system to measure the school’s progress in achieving its Ends policies as determined by the Board. By using this model, the Board is able to focus on our school’s long-term mission and vision while maintaining sound financial stewardship and integrity in relationships with families, employees, donors, accreditation agencies, and the greater community. The Governance Board hires only one employee, the Head of School, and delegates all day-to-day operations through explicit governing policies to the Head of School.

Ultimately, the Governance Board represents God and the moral owners of our school. Moral owners include parents, faculty and members of the greater Christian community who share the vision for the school and have a vested interest in its success.

FRONT ROW:

**Anthony George**  
CHIEF GOVERNANCE  
OFFICER

**Carolyn Atkinson**  
SECRETARY

**Patricia Gutknecht**

**Dr. Lucas Duvall**

BACK ROW:

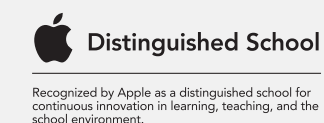
**Scott Culberson**

**Billy Brown**

**Shawn Young**



ACCREDITATIONS  
& ASSOCIATIONS







## OUR CORE VALUES

### We **RELATE**

**We thrive in a connected and nurturing community.**

*"There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:5-6

### We **TRANSFORM**

**It's not just what we learn, but who we become while learning.**

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

ROMANS 12:2

### We **CELEBRATE**

**We rejoice in relationships and transformation.**

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IS AN INDEPENDENT, CHRIST-CENTERED COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL THAT INTEGRATES LEARNING WITH BIBLICAL FAITH AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH, & CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL - INTELLECTUALLY, CREATIVELY, PHYSICALLY, AND SOCIALLY - FOR THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST.**

## OUR PILLARS & THE SYMBOLISM OF OUR LOGO

**Our mission statement** is evident within the elements of our logo. Spiritually serves as the overarching capstone of the columns which each represent a different pillar.

### SPIRITUALLY

INTELLECTUALLY

CREATIVELY

PHYSICALLY

SOCIALLY



#### HOLY TRINITY

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is over all we do



#### SHIELD

Symbolizes the Shield of Faith, Warriors for Christ



#### ETCHING

Suggests the establishment of tradition and a new legacy



#### RINGS

Represents never-ending commitment to excellence



## OUR 2021-2022 BIBLICAL THEME

**...but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 2:2B**





## TWCA.net Gets A Digital Makeover

We were thrilled to unveil our redesigned school website in the fall of 2021. The goal was to better represent our community, culture and brand in a way that is easy to navigate and celebrates the efforts of our students and staff. We hope you enjoy the new look!



## How did students learn to **BE BOLD** in your class?

"We embolden our students by creating a space where they can falter without fear or shame. We encourage them to Be Bold, step out of their comfort zones and share their faith. We prepare our students to have confidence, take risks and share Christ with a hurting world."

- JONATHAN WHITSON,  
HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

"In history class, students learned how early Americans had to Be Bold in the fight for freedom. As the definition of freedom changed throughout the eras, the need to Be Bold was ever present. Our nation was built on the bold actions of men and women alike."

- JILL D'ETCHEVERRY,  
MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER

"I molded, fostered and encouraged boldness in my third graders through writing. God created them with an imagination, a voice and the ability to write in ways that boldly point readers to Him."

- LAUREN COLE,  
LOWER SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

## Meet Liam, TWCA Mascot

Liam is the third official school dog of Woodlands Christian, following in the paw steps of siblings Jake and Chloe! He is a rescue from Animal Justice League who loves to eat, and he's not picky. If there's not enough food around, he will eat grass, sticks or dirt. Liam also loves to drink water out of the sprinkler and roll around in the mud. Like his siblings, he is not a fan of delivery trucks or bikes. Liam loves to visit campus with Mrs. Ambler and would come every day if he could! He loves our students, especially all of the petting and treats!

*Liam Visits As A Warrior Puppy, 2020*







# 2021-2022 by the Numbers



**300**

Pieces of Student  
Art on Display  
at the Fine Arts  
Extravaganza



**#1**

Best School for  
Athletes in  
Montgomery  
County  
by Niche.com



**100**%

Service Project  
Participation

**\$11,621,740**

New Record, Merit-based Scholarship  
Dollars Awarded to the Class of 2022

**\$182,000**

Average Per  
Student Award



90% of Students  
Played at Least  
One Sport



**300**<sup>+</sup>

Script Pages for  
Fine Arts Shows



**100**

Golfers in the 10th  
Annual Boosters  
Golf Tournament



**142**

Interact Club  
Members



**40**

Beautiful,  
Wooded Acres



**58** ZIP  
CODES

Represented by  
TWCA Students



Ranked #1  
Best Christian  
High School

in Montgomery County  
by Niche.com



**731**

Pounds of Food  
Donated  
to Interfaith  
Food Pantry



Founded in

**19  
93**

The Woodlands, TX



**17**

Advanced  
Placement Classes



**4,503**

Panini Sandwiches  
Pressed and Served in  
the Warrior Cafe



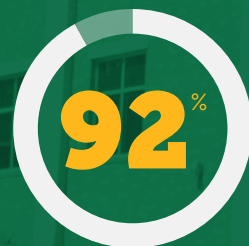
**962**<sup>''</sup>

Combined Total  
Height of the  
Varsity Boys  
Basketball Team



**1** MILE

Adopt-a-Path for  
Interact Club  
Litter Clean Up



92% Retention  
Rate for  
Returning  
Students



**165**

Students  
Involved in  
Theatre

**\$11,500**

Raised for the Interact's  
Ecuador Mission Trip



**100**%

of Grads Accepted  
to 4-year Colleges  
or Universities



**935**

Apple Devices  
Issued to Students  
and Staff



**75**

Students  
Performed in  
the Piano Show



**1248**

Class of 2022  
Average SAT Score

1441	1366	1088
TWCA	TWCA	National
Top 25%	Top 50%	Average



**10**

STEAM Labs &  
Makerspaces



**300**<sup>+</sup>

Script Pages for  
Fine Arts Shows



**150**

Participants for  
Paintball Battle



**9:1**

Student to  
Faculty Ratio



**733**

'21-'22 Student  
Enrollment  
HS: 278 / MS: 194 / LS: 261



**\$1,000**

Raised for 'THair For You'



**12**

Pre-AP  
& Honors  
Classes



Anglo	67%
Hispanic	12.3%
Other	8%
African American	4.3%
Multiracial	4%
Asian	1.4%
Indian	1%
Native American	1%
Pacific Islander	1%



**26**

Class of 2022  
Average ACT Score

32	29	21
TWCA	TWCA	National
Top 25%	Top 50%	Average





## Get to know **Devin Gauthier,** **Director of Safety & Risk**

### **What did you do before coming to TWCA? Any notable or interesting past jobs?**

I was a Criminal Investigator/Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security for 20 years. Prior to 9/11 and the government reorganization that occurred shortly thereafter, I worked as a Special Agent for the Treasury Department targeting criminal organizations violating Federal laws. Before becoming a Federal Agent, I was employed at the state level as a Juvenile Crimes Investigator for the Louisiana DPS&C doing court ordered investigations and parole supervision of troubled youth.

### **How long have you worked in safety & security/law enforcement?**

I worked in law enforcement for 25+ years. Twenty of those years was in the SWAT/Special Response Team (SRT) realm doing high-risk tactical operations across the nation. Before retiring in December 2021, I served as the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Houston Field Office SRT Commander for 6 years and was assigned to support other high-risk events, such as U.S. Secret Service details (presidential primary assignments, World Olympic sporting events, G8 summits) or national security events (Super Bowl, Final Four, etc.) during my career.

### **What is your mission in your role here at TWCA?**

As the Director of Safety and Risk, I am responsible for the strategic development, implementation and oversight of a comprehensive, forward-thinking program that ensures the ongoing safety and security of TWCA students, staff, guests and physical property.

### **What attracted you to TWCA and what's been the best part so far?**

After serving my nation and community in law enforcement, I decided that protecting children in education was the next worthy calling God had in store for me. All the many innocent, smiling faces around TWCA make my day every day!

### **How do you see God working in you or at TWCA?**

I pray God uses me as a physical and spiritual Warrior on campus each day striving to make Woodlands Christian a safer learning environment amid all the chaos and evil of our current world.

**What do you like to do for fun?** I enjoy being outdoors (fishing, hunting, hiking, and camping) and learning about the old ways of homestead survival. I also have a hobby of building furniture and mancave décor from recovered vintage vehicle and farm machinery.

### **What is a fun or interesting fact about you?**

When I was assigned to the Miami Field office in the early 2000's, I was invited to be filmed as a movie extra in *2 Fast, 2 Furious*.



# TWCA Named Apple Distinguished School For A 3rd Time

**Woodlands Christian** has once again been named an Apple Distinguished School through 2024. This marks the third time that TWCA has received this designation. Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation,

leadership, and educational excellence. They use Apple technology to connect students to the world, fuel creativity, deepen collaboration, and make learning personal.

STEAM director, Mrs. Tanya Sharron, shared the heart behind the program, "We seek to empower our learning community to be collaborative and creative with technologies, enabling one another to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills while pursuing knowledge and understanding. Our hope is that our students and faculty will use this technology responsibly to personalize learning and experiences in creative and innovative ways as they prepare to impact our world as global citizens."

We are humbled by this achievement and believe it is a testament to our commitment to innovation as we prepare Warrior students for the 21st century.





# Spiritually

— for the glory of Jesus Christ

Our desire is for students at Woodlands Christian to grow in their faith and transform spiritually. From biblical concepts woven into lesson plans, sports and fine arts, to the many opportunities to serve others, our students are able to worship God all day, every day.

PHOTO: Parents, students and staff met at the flag pole to #justpray at this student-run event. We love to gather as a body of believers and pray for our school, community and nation. "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."  
- James 4:10 #SYATP.





# LOVE WEEK

The sweet aroma of Christ's love was in the air during the week of Valentine's Day. Hosted by Godly Girls & Guys, LOVE Week is an acronym for Loving God, as One community of faith, that Values God and his word, and seeks to Encourage one another. In addition to school-sponsored activities, these students also participated in various challenges as part of "Matthew 25" facilitated through our partnership with World Vision.

The week hit a high note with a powerful silent chapel. Our students showed tremendous vulnerability and trust in one another as they walked up one-by-one carrying a sign that shared some of their deepest thoughts and loneliest experiences, before flipping it over to reveal the truth and hope they found in Jesus.

Senior Madison Frey shared an encouraging word about how God loves and redeems broken people. She explained the power and necessity of God's love via salvation in Jesus Christ and the need for us to hold on to our promises through Him over our problems. She invited everyone to pray these promises over their lives in small groups. God was stirring in the midst, as almost all students and faculty responded in one of the most transformative moments in chapel yet!

We are so thankful for these brave students who shared, and also for the culture they are helping shape at TWCA. Most of all, we praise God for his great love for us. We are blessed to be at a school that welcomes open conversation and leaves room for the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and on our campus.










SOCIAL MEDIA #LOVETWCA



SCAN TO WATCH THE VIDEO



**LOVING** God  
as **ONE**  
community  
of faith,  
that **VALUES**  
God and  
His word,  
and seeks to  
**ENCOURAGE**  
one another.

TWCA DAILY THEMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	God's Love "Love Launch"	L – Leaders of Discipleship Warrior Worship	O – One Community of Faith Small Group Devos	V – Value God & His Word God's Saving Love	E – Encourage One Another World Vision Chapel
WORLD VISION EVENTS	 What does God's love mean to you?	 What is your favorite worship song?	 How do you foster a community of faith?	 Why do you value God and His word?	 Shout out an encouragement to someone!
	Rice and Beans for Dinner 	Only Water 	Sleep on the Floor 	Same Clothes 	Notes of Encouragement 





# Godly Girls & Guys Expand Impact in 2021-22

**Student leaders in Godly Girls & Guys** went on a weekend retreat to focus on team building, leadership development, and plan for the upcoming year at Carolina Creek Camp in Huntsville, TX.

"There were so many amazing takeaways, but one of my favorites was looking into the different leadership personalities, how they each have their own ideas and styles of leading, and how they each are unique and created intricately by God to be used for His glory."

- RACHEL SMITH, CLASS OF 2024

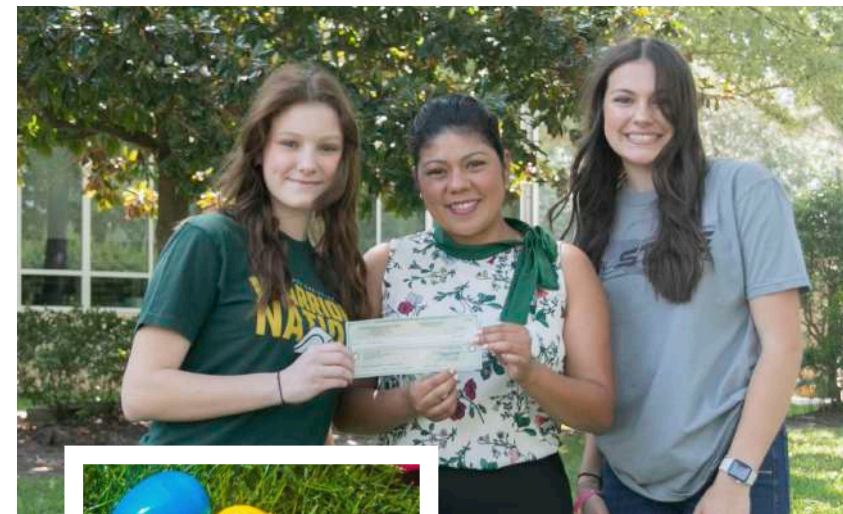
"My biggest takeaway was a new and deeper meaning to my Christian faith. Getting to brainstorm our mission statement really allowed me to see what it meant to be not only a member of Godly Guys, but what it truly meant to be a disciple of God."

- LUKE DE LEON, CLASS OF 2024



## NAM Clothing Drive

**The efforts of Godly Girls & Guys** continue to expand year after year. Aside from the several initiatives hosted during "LOVE Week," the groups organized a clothing drive benefiting Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM). NAM is a local charity dedicated to helping neighbors in need with things like clothing, housing and emergency aid.



**3,600**  
Eggs Hidden



**\$2,645**  
Raised for  
Love Fosters Hope



**50**  
Families Served

## National Honor Society Easter Egg Fundraiser Sells Out in 2nd Year

"HATS OFF TO ALL! This was amazing and our kids had a wonderful time searching - THANK YOU! This is our 2nd year of doing this and I cannot recommend it enough. The memories are priceless and it's all because a group of kids take their time to make others feel special. We also loved listening to our little read the bible verses when they opened that special egg. Even on an egg hunt, it reinforced that the day was about Jesus."

- LOWER SCHOOL PARENT





# Woodlands Christian Students Attend the World Vision Advocacy Summit

Two students were selected to represent our school while at the World Vision Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C. We checked in with Lilly Smith and Emma Sweger to learn more about the experience of connecting with students from schools across the nation.



Lilly Smith

I attended the Solving World Hunger session in Washington, D.C. and did some sightseeing. I got to see other young people that want to be leaders. I learned that I can make a difference and that my choices affect others. It's possible to do something small and make a big impact. Anything you do can make a difference and anything for good is worth doing.

The best part of the trip was interacting with other young leaders. We were able to brainstorm about ways to make change in our communities. We all live in different states, but we planned ways to create acts of change and hold each other accountable.

My biggest takeaway is that I have a voice. I can push for what I believe in. I can be the change. I may just be a student, but as I heard the problems around the world a fire sparked passion in me. I've been living in The Woodlands bubble and not in the present. I've been so worried about myself but the world is so much bigger than me.

My trip to Washington, D.C. for the World Vision Advocacy Summit was truly a learning experience and I grew so much. Learning about how World Vision is helping poor and underprivileged people in other countries really opened my eyes to see what life is like in other places. I enjoyed listening to the speakers and hearing how they were motivated to help others, even though they were also teenagers. I was inspired by how they weren't afraid to do what was right.

Lily and I were interviewed on Thursday morning, which was a cool experience. Going on a night tour of the monuments was really memorable. On our last night, Lily, Mrs Dew and I talked for a long time - that was the most memorable part of the trip for me. We learned a lot about each other and about God. By going on the trip, my faith grew so much and my perspective about helping hurting people changed.



Emma Sweger







## A New Kind of P.E.P. Rally Takes Shape at TWCA

In an effort to foster the importance of unhurried quiet time alone with God, a new campus-wide initiative was introduced early in the spring semester. Our first-ever P.E.P. Rally prompted students, faculty and staff to Pause Everything and Pray. Across our 40 acres, heads were bowed as we spent time shifting our focus back to God and casting all of our cares upon Him. With the barrage of distractions we all face each day, we look forward to building in these meaningful opportunities for our students and staff to give themselves a moment of reprieve as they reflect on their relationship with God.



### StuCo Prayer Locker

Middle School Student Council members set up a prayer locker that invited students to submit a prayer request for the group to pray over each week.



### Sleep in Heavenly Peace

NHS members partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to deliver and assemble beds for several children in Montgomery County. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a volunteer organization that builds beds for kids who are sleeping on the floor.



# Ecuador Mission Trip

TWCA RESUMES INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AFTER TWO YEARS OF COVID RELATED SETBACKS

In July 2022, eleven students and four teacher chaperones traveled from Houston to Ecuador to preach the Good News and share the love of Christ. This was the first year Coach Tom Earle was able to take volunteers on this annual excursion since the COVID-19 pandemic cancelled plans in both 2020 and 2021, making for an extra special opportunity to serve and reunite with old friends.



**DAY 1**  
Depart Houston.  
Arrive in Quito!

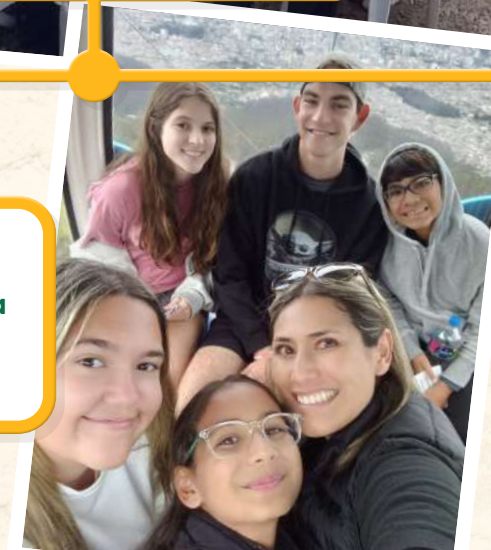
**DAY 2**  
Tour Quito, visit Basílica del Voto Nacional, take a gondola ride to a mountaintop overlooking the city. Acclimate to the high altitude of Quito and participate in cultural orientation.



**DAY 3**  
Discovery Academy work day and Summer Camp: Unload and sort donated books, paint school and building areas. Volunteer as camp counselors for 40 campers.







#### DAY 4

Discovery Academy Summer Camp: Help lead summer camp and finish up painting project.

#### DAY 6

Family Fest: A fun day of worship and activities, including an obstacle course, followed by a picnic lunch.

#### DAY 5

Travel to the town of Puyo to participate in a bilingual worship service with church youth group and fellowship with other students.

#### DAY 8

VBS Day #2

#### DAY 10

Travel back to Quito. Stop to visit the Equator along the way.

#### DAY 7

Morning VBS with 100 kids at church. Afternoon VBS across town with 50 kids at a local outdoor sports court.

DAY 9  
VBS Day #3

#### DAY 11

Adiós Ecuador. Fly back to Texas!



**1,000**  
Books Donated to  
Discovery Academy



**SIX**  
VBS Sessions For  
More Than 200 Kids



**1** STUDENT  
TESTIMONY  
In Front of 100+  
High School  
Students





# Intellectually

— for the glory of Jesus Christ

Academic excellence is at the heart of what we do at Woodlands Christian. Our teachers provide great care and attention through hands-on learning activities and engaging lessons. They continually challenge students to reach their highest potential intellectually.

PHOTO: Middle school students in Mrs. Schuler's class went outside to prepare for a test with a math-themed Easter egg hunt. Instead of finding candy inside, these Easter eggs contained math problems that students had to solve correctly before hunting for the next egg.





# Get to know John Crowley, Middle School Assistant Principal



## What did you do before coming to TWCA?

Before coming to TWCA I served in various capacities at Charlotte Christian School in Charlotte, NC. I taught 8th grade US History, served as a team lead, was our Global Knights Coordinator (new schoolwide initiative to impact our school culture for Christ), a prefect mentor, and National Junior Honor Society Advisor, as well as coach and student life facilitator.

## How long have you worked in education?

I have been in education for 10 years. Prior to my calling in education, I served at Wells Fargo in the loan department.

## What are the names and grades of your children?

Adley, 2nd; Reese, Kindergarten; Keaton, Pre-K

## What attracted you to TWCA?

My previous head of school highly recommended TWCA for the things they are doing as a result of Mrs. Ambler's leadership. He described TWCA as a "destination school." When I was on campus for my interview, there were three things that stuck out to me. First, everyone spoke so highly of Mrs. Ambler, even without being asked, that I knew I wanted to grow under her leadership. The other thing that was attractive was the joy that everyone exuded; I saw this from students but also as I observed staff interactions. It sealed the deal when Mrs. Ambler said that God is the head of the school. As a parent, I was not willing to leave our previous school unless we were moving to a school where my own children would see Christ on a daily basis and at TWCA, that's happening. The school's mission statement is not just something that hangs on the wall, it's something that is lived.

## What's been the best part of life at TWCA so far?

The people! I have learned over the years the people you work with can make or break an experience. We are humans, and I am certain that we will have disagreements down the road, but I work with people who love Jesus and are mission minded. The people around me have been supportive, helpful, and encouraging as I navigate this new school. The teachers have been phenomenal. Mrs. Fike is an incredible asset, and Mrs. Bruha and Mr. Clark have gone above and beyond to make sure that I have what I need to be successful.

## What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy being active – whether that is mountain biking, running (especially on trails), basketball, or playing with my kids. I also really enjoy spending evenings with my wife after the kids are down, when we can dissect our days together. At some point our kids will stay up past 7:30 so we really enjoy these evenings while we have them!

**What is a fun or interesting fact about you?** I have never seen Star Wars, I was homeschooled from 6th-12th grade, and the only girl I ever dated was my wife, Kylie. These are all probably related somehow!



# STEAM Buildout Complete

The **STEAM lab** on the third floor of the Micah Academic Center opened just in time for the start of school. Complete with a broadcasting studio, classrooms for photography & graphic design, and robotics – this space is sure to inspire and cultivate a collaborative spirit.



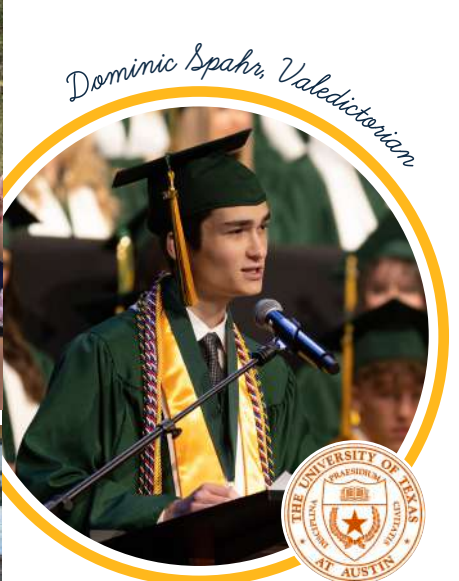




# Celebrating Our Seniors



SCAN & WATCH THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OF '22



*Dominic Spahr, Valedictorian*

Cockrell School of Engineering  
Honors Program

"God designed each of us with a purpose in life...Finding your purpose may not happen overnight, it may not happen in a year, or even in four years, but you shouldn't stop searching."



*Serafina Cianflone, Salutatorian*

Wharton  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

"Wherever you are in your walk... I encourage you to be fearless... Because his power is made perfect in our weaknesses and because in his grace, we are sufficient."

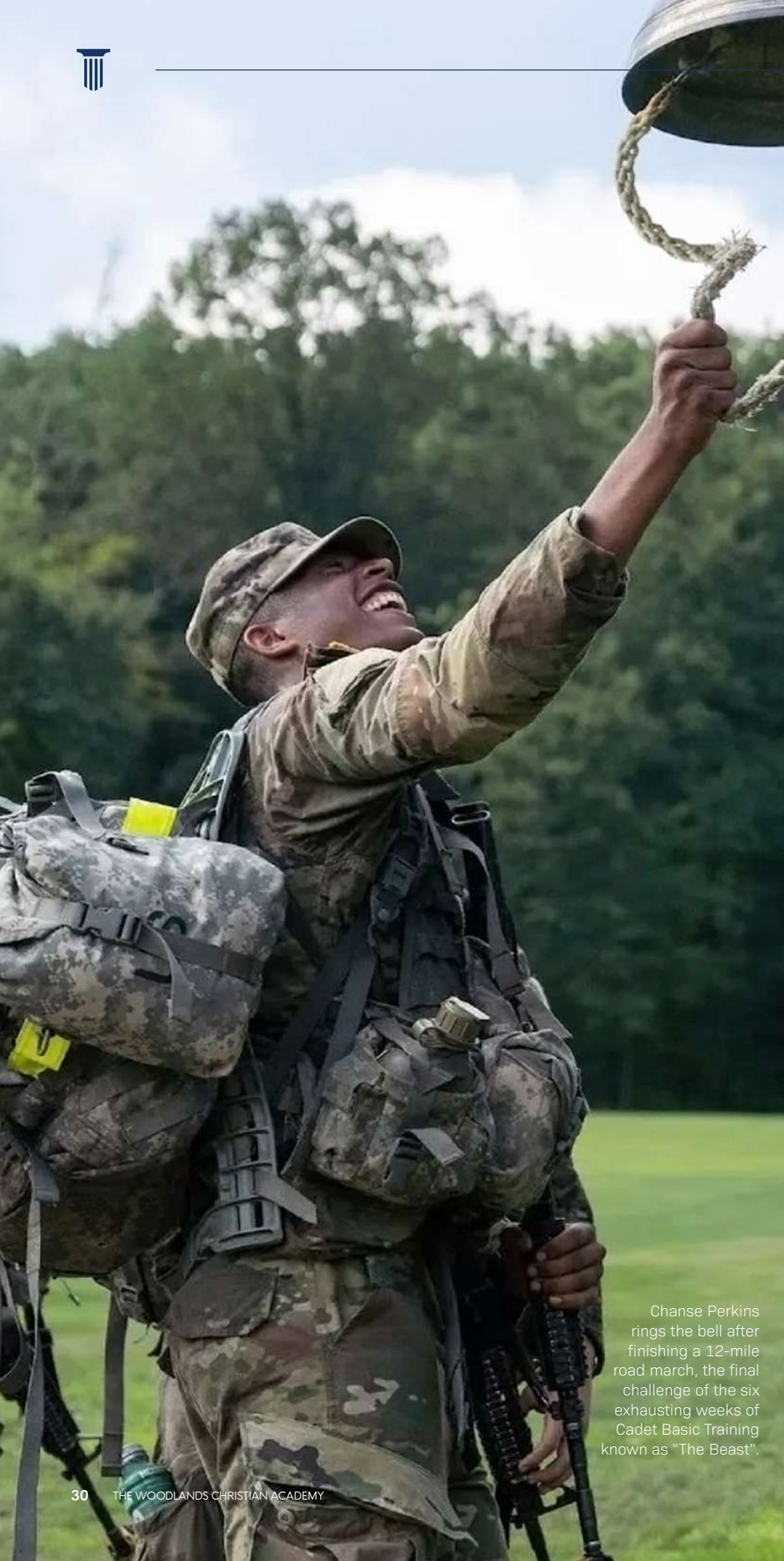


*Katie McGrath, Baccalaureate Speaker*

NORTHEASTERN  
UNIVERSITY

"Be firm in what you believe. You get to build a relationship with God in a Christian environment before college. I'm so grateful that God gave me an entire year to build a relationship with him at a school so full of people who are ready to pour into me. Don't waste the time that you have left."





Chanse Perkins rings the bell after finishing a 12-mile road march, the final challenge of the six exhausting weeks of Cadet Basic Training known as "The Beast".



# Trio Appointed to Military Academies

**Three seniors from** the class of 2022 were accepted to military academies — Austin Benigni (United States Naval Academy), Chanse Perkins (United States Military Academy West Point) and Stuart York (United States Military Academy West Point).

Acceptance to a military academy is extremely selective, with only 9.8% of applicants getting accepted. The real winnowing process is the application itself. In addition to submitting the standard items required by most colleges and universities — SAT/ACT scores, writing samples, transcripts, etc. — academy applicants must garner a nomination, pass physical fitness and medical exams, and go on a series of panel interviews. Nominations are perhaps the most unique component of the application process and must come from an authorized nomination source such as an elected official or high-ranking veteran.

Amy Rowe, Director of High School and College Advising, assists all high school students through their individual application process. She enhances the experience for academy applicants, facilitating mock application interviews between students and staff. "There is much to navigate but we are very familiar with the steps and our process has become a well-oiled machine," she said. "We continue to see rising interest in service academy attendance and we want to be sure they are prepared for all that it entails."

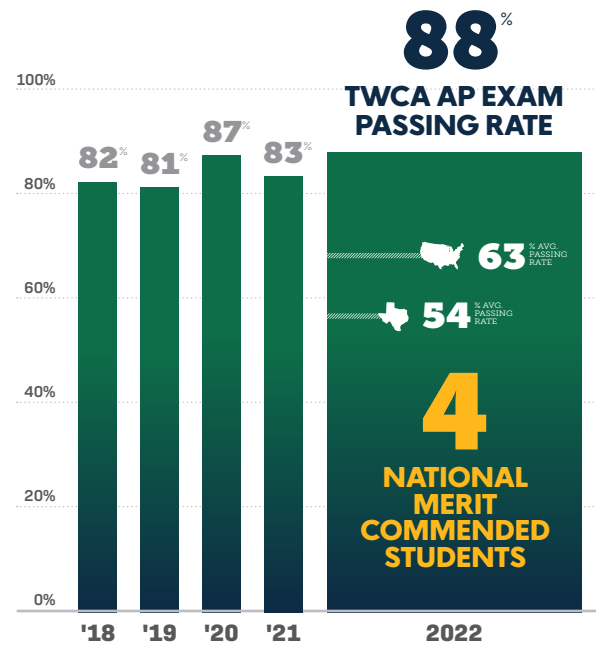
Both Chanse and Austin received nominations from Congressman Kevin Brady. They will continue their athletic careers as members of the basketball team at their respective schools. While playing for the Warriors, Coach Tanner Field witnessed the drive and dedication both Chanse and Austin possess, saying, "it is important to note that these guys worked just as hard in the classroom as they did on the court. They are incredibly capable, hard-working student-athletes who are a great fit for the type of rigor that will be expected of them. I know they will do well."

Stuart's nomination came from Senator John Cornyn. He is pursuing an Engineering degree. Mrs. Rowe, was impressed by Stuart's familiarity and dedication to the process saying he "stayed laser-focused throughout each stage! I was very impressed that he garnered a nomination from Senator Cornyn and even more impressed by how prepared he was throughout each stage of this process."

As part of their appointments, these students received 100% of their tuition with room and board for all four years. In exchange, they have committed to serve on active duty in the U.S. military for at least five years post graduation. We are so proud of our young men who are making the ultimate commitment and sacrifice for our country. They are true Warriors!

For updates on all of our Warrior grads, follow @twca\_alumni or @twca\_go\_to\_college on Facebook and Instagram.





Twca maintains a rigorous college preparatory curriculum including honors, Pre-AP and Advanced Placement courses. Students must maintain a minimum average grade of 85% in Honors and Pre-AP courses or 90% in college prep courses for AP course consideration.

- Anatomy
- Engineering & Design w/ Capstone
- Geometry

- Algebra II
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English I
- English II
- Latin III
- Pre-Calculus
- Spanish III

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Drawing
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Environmental Science
- Latin
- Physics 1
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
- U.S. History
- World History

ACT SCORES	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE	
	CLASS OF 2022	26	25	27	25	26
	TWCA TOP 25%	31	29	35	31	32
	TWCA TOP 50%	28	28	32	29	29
	NATIONAL AVG.	20	20	21	21	21

Category	Dark Orange Bar	Light Orange Bar	Medium Orange Bar	Grey Bar
STEM SCORE SCIENCE & MATH	25	26	26	26
ELA SCORE ENGLISH, READING & WRITING (OPTIONAL)	26	27	27	27
COMPOSITE SCORE	26	27	27	27

CLASS OF 2022	1248	616	606
TWCA TOP 25%	1441	703	726
TWCA TOP 50%	1366	671	681
NATIONAL AVG.	1088	541	538

The infographic displays SAT scores for two sections: ERW (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) and Math. For each section, there are four horizontal bars representing different score ranges. The top bar is dark green and labeled with the score. To the right, the composite SAT score is shown in large green numbers, and the number of points above the national average is shown in large white numbers inside an orange circle.

Section	Score
ERW Score (800 PT POSSIBLE)	616
Math Score (800 PT POSSIBLE)	606
Composite SAT Score	1248
Points Above the National Average	160



Auburn University	Northeastern University - MA	University of Alabama	University of Oklahoma
Baylor University	Oklahoma State University	University of Arizona	University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve University	Quinnipiac University	University of Arkansas	University of San Diego
Clemson University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Colorado Boulder	University of St. Thomas (MN)
Colorado School of Mines	Sam Houston State University	University of Connecticut	University of Tennessee
Colorado State University	Samford University	University of Florida	University of Texas at Austin
Creighton University	San Diego State University	University of Georgia	University of Tulsa
Florida State University	Seton Hall University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	University of Utah
George Washington University	Southern Methodist University	University of Houston	University of Virginia
Georgia Institute of Technology	Texas A&M University	University of Maine	University of Wyoming
Kansas State University	Texas Christian University	University of Maryland	Utah State University
Louisiana State University	Texas Tech University	University of Mississippi	Villanova University
Loyola University New Orleans	The Pennsylvania State University	University of Nebraska -- Lincoln	
Mississippi State University	The University of Texas at Dallas	University of New Mexico	

\*This number includes Honors Programs and Honors Colleges if they were reported separately. For example, The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas at Austin, Cockrell School of Engineering Honors Program would be counted as two schools.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Including Washington, D.C.





# BioTech Competition

The biotech team showcased what they learned at the Sci//TECH Biotechnology Competition at Lone Star College. Students worked in pairs and used DNA fingerprinting techniques to analyze samples and solve a real-world case. Competing against teams from several local high schools, students were assessed on both technique and data analysis. It was the first year TWCA competed and students were excited for the opportunity to test their mettle against peers. Reflecting on the competition, junior, Raina Hummel said, "I was able to apply the lab skills I learned in a more professional setting. This definitely increased my passion for genetics and biology."

Sophomore, Rachel Smith shared similar sentiments, saying, "It was so awesome to do my own higher level lab work and compete in a team on both skills and knowledge. Learning to do gel electrophoresis prior to the competition was super fun and interesting." TWCA was able to hold its own against schools devoted to science such as the Academy of Science and Technology and the Academy for Careers in Engineering and Science (ACES). Competition was tough, but our students proved their ability earning the highest technical score overall. Additionally, juniors Raina Hummel and Ellen Watt took first place in Data Analysis. With the addition of new courses - Honors Biotechnology and Applied Principles of Bioengineering next year, the team will surely grow and develop their competitive edge!



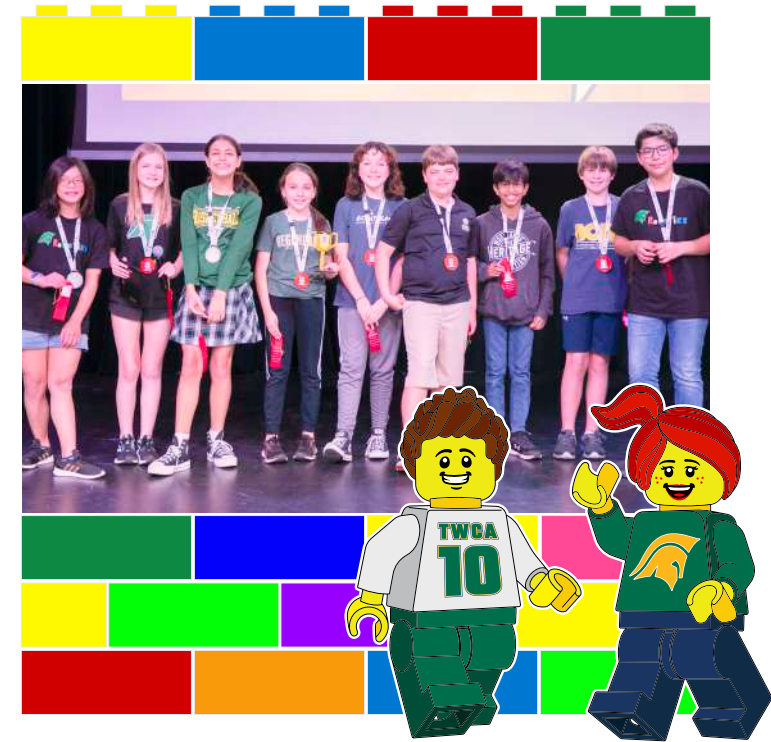
## Hands-On Learning Applied in Pre-K

Pre-K students got a chance to get up close and personal with the farm animals they were learning about in class. The petting zoo featured goats, pigs, a lemur, a llama and an albino bunny!



"Our Pre-K students loved having animals visit our school! They got to see animals that some of them had never seen and they even saw some of the animals do tricks. It is incredible that our students get to learn in such fun and engaging ways!"

- MADISON FREAS, PRE-K TEACHER



## Robotics Team Earns High Marks in Competition

In their first year of competition, the middle school robotics team competed favorably in the First Lego League Competition. The first round prompted the team to find a solution to a real world problem — delayed mail delivery. After constructing the fictitious "Warrior Town," the team used feedback garnered through parent surveys to implement mail delivery via drones. The team won 3rd place in the Innovation Project category, earning them a golden ticket to compete in the state championship.

At the state competition, the team was tasked with designing a robot. Competing in five categories against 48 teams, the group finished in 3rd place in the Robot Design category and 10th place overall! We are so proud of the hard work this group put into preparing for this event and look forward to celebrating future successes.





# Cross Campus COLLABORATION

**Opportunities to build** relationships across campus is what makes Woodlands Christian so special. Students can collaborate across different schools, adding to our unique campus culture! Both our older and younger students are able to exchange ideas and serve one another.



Mrs. Victoria Yee's 8th-grade class teamed up with Mrs. Ariana Atler-Derr's 1st-grade class to brainstorm writing ideas. After the middle school students finished their creative writing assignment, they were excited to share the final product with their little friends.



Kindergarten took a trip across campus to the weight room to learn about the training necessary to compete at a high level. They went through an obstacle course designed by Strength & Conditioning Coach Tim Walker. It's never too early to get these little minds and bodies ready for Warrior Athletics!



Middle school Robotics students constructed roller coasters for their end-of-year project - a theme park constructed completely out of LEGO. Lower school students saw a live demonstration of how to operate the rides. We love the collaborative spirit of STEAM.



Middle school and high school drumline led the Pre-K and Kindergarten Storybook Parade. The upbeat cadence added to the excitement and helped make this annual tradition even more fun.



Kindergartners are always excited to meet with their Senior Buddies, and the feeling is mutual! They spend time learning about each other, making crafts and playing on the playground. They always have so much fun during these monthly get-togethers!



SCAN TO WATCH A  
RECAP OF THE  
FALL SEMESTER

High school students in Graphic Design & Photography were tasked with designing crests for the house system in middle school for the 2022-2023 school year. They had to create concepts for each house and present them to Mr. Crowley. The designs were spot on, capturing the essence of each house and will be used for years to come in middle school.





### Gearing Up for New Courses in High School

In preparation for the new Biotechnology and Principles of Bioengineering course in 2022-2023, high school Biology teacher Mrs. Jessica McKenny attended lab-intensive training at Promega Corporation's BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute in Madison, Wisconsin. Promega is a leading worldwide biotech company, which specializes in applying biochemistry and molecular biology to the development of innovative, high-value products for the life sciences.



### Middle School Students Awarded For Creative Writing

Four middle school Warriors won honors for their entries in the 2021-2022 ACSI Creative Writing Festival. Seventh-grader Caden Chapman received a "Superior" award for his free verse poem, "The Light in the Dark"; seventh-grader Carlyn Smith earned an "Excellent" award for her short story, "The Gift of Our Pain"; seventh-grader Mackenzie Allphin earned an "Excellent" award for her short story, "Right and Wrong"; and seventh-grader Emilee Savage earned an "Excellent" award for her short story, "The Rain That Meets the Sun".



## Science National Honor Society

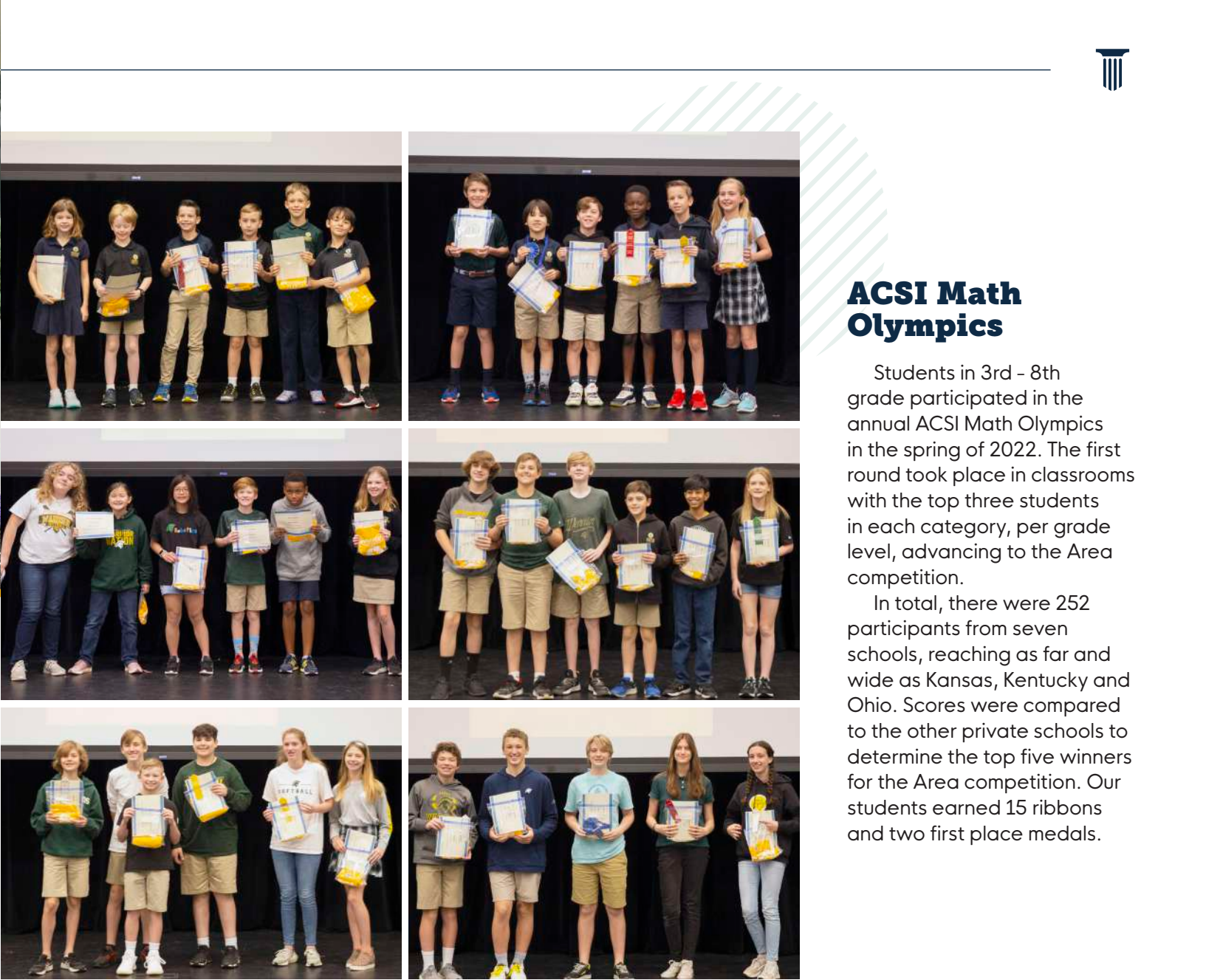
**The inaugural class** of the Alpha Omega chapter of the TWCA Science National Honor Society was inducted in the fall of 2020. Led by faculty advisors Mrs. Jessica McKenny and Mrs. Pam Masau, qualification standards require participants to maintain a 4.0 overall grade point average and a 4.5 G.P.A. in science courses, including at least one AP science course. Students must submit applications to the science department to be considered for membership. Future plans include the facilitation of at least two campus-wide blood drives, providing science tutoring to students in 5th - 12th grade, and representing TWCA in the EFTA Sci://Tech Exposition.



### Art Imitating Life

Lower school students learned about conflict resolution in Art Integration with Mrs. Lacy Goedeke. Mrs. Goedeke challenged her classes to use art to relate what they were learning to their own life experiences. Students designed a bookmark that was submitted to the Dispute Resolution Center of Montgomery County for their 2022 Conflict Resolution Day Bookmark Art Contest. With over 800 student entries, four of our students impressed the judges and were recognized for their creativity and peacemaking message. We are so proud of our Warriors.





## ACSI Math Olympics

Students in 3rd - 8th grade participated in the annual ACSI Math Olympics in the spring of 2022. The first round took place in classrooms with the top three students in each category, per grade level, advancing to the Area competition.

In total, there were 252 participants from seven schools, reaching as far and wide as Kansas, Kentucky and Ohio. Scores were compared to the other private schools to determine the top five winners for the Area competition. Our students earned 15 ribbons and two first place medals.

# TAPPS State Academics & Speech Competition

In the spring of 2022, select high school Warriors competed in the TAPPS State Academics & Speech meet in Waco. They did an incredible job and ranked among the top performers in Texas with a 5th place finish overall!

## Academics

### SCIENCE

David Garcia – 5th place  
Dominic Spahr – 6th place

### ADVANCED MATH

Seth Culberson – 6th place  
Zach Bagnoli – 8th place

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Ellen Watt – 4th place (not pictured)  
Carley Welch – 8th place

### READY WRITING

Leah Francis – 4th place

### LITERARY CRITICISM

Illiana McIntyre – 1st place

### CURRENT EVENTS

Bella Cogar – 4th place

### SPANISH

Jose Zamudio – 8th place

## Speech & Debate

### DEBATE

William Bennett – 2nd place  
Jackie Dillard – 5th place

### POETRY INTERPRETATION

Amelia Ousley – 5th place

### ORIGINAL ORATORY

Alex Boyd – 7th place

### PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Jackie Dillard – 5th place  
Owen Jadlot – 7th place

### DUET ACTING

Alex Boyd & Amelia Ousley – 7th place

## Sci://Tech Quiz Bowl

The Woodlands Christian Academy Quiz Bowl Team competed in the annual Sci://TECH Exposition put on by Education for Tomorrow Alliance (ETA) of Montgomery County. The Sci://TECH competition gives students the opportunity to take learning beyond the classroom and test their knowledge of STEAM subjects. Students answered questions in a rapid-fire style, spanning topics such as biology, chemistry, physics, energy, and space sciences. TWCA finished in second place, ahead of fierce competitors including John Cooper, The Woodlands High School, College Park and Academy for Careers in Engineering and Science.







# Language Immersion Trip To *España*

**Eight high school students** traveled to Spain with Señor Thomas Broughton for a truly immersive experience. They stayed with Spanish host families and took grammar, conversation and culture courses at the University of Salamanca. They got to try their hand at Spanish cooking and flamenco dancing, and attended mass at a cathedral. This exciting, shared learning experience was indeed a memorable one!

**DAY 1** Depart Houston

**DAY 2** Arrive in Madrid, 5-night homestay in Salamanca with host families.

**DAY 3** Language and culture classes. Walking tour of Salamanca.

**DAY 4** Language and culture classes. Spanish cooking class: learn to make tortilla de patata, paella and crema catalana.

**DAY 5** Walking tour of the city center. Explore Catedral Vieja and Catedral Nueva, two cathedrals built side-by-side in contrasting styles - Romanesque/Gothic and Renaissance.

**DAY 6** Language and culture classes. Flamenco dance lessons from local dancers.

**DAY 7** Language and culture classes. Travel to Toledo, capital of La Mancha. This World Heritage Site is a cultural fusion of Christian, Arab and Jewish traditions from the Middle Ages. Dinner at a local restaurant.

**DAY 8** Walking tour of Toledo. Attend Mass at Toledo Cathedral. Visit Sinagoga del Tránsito, as Toledo is the capital of Sephardic Judaism. View exhibits, tombstones, costumes and sacred objects at the adjoining Museo Sefardi. Travel to Madrid, capital city of Spain, and have dinner at a local restaurant.

**DAY 9** Walk through Plaza de España. Tour Palacio Real, a huge palace, built in 1738. Spend time in Plaza Mayor. Explore the Prado, one of the world's finest art museums. Señor Broughton and Mrs. Cromack (TWCA nurse and chaperone) treat the group to a tapas dinner at a local restaurant and then have final reflection and discussion.

**DAY 10** Beg Señor Broughton to stay one more week. Depart Madrid and return to Houston.

## What did you learn?

Obviously, my Spanish improved. I also got to dive into Spanish culture and experience the atmosphere rather than just reading about it.

## What was the toughest part?

Communicating with my host. She spoke zero English, which forced me to practice my Spanish. I tried my best and she was very understanding.

## What's your favorite memory?

Seeing the historical architecture. My favorite was in Segovia, where we got to see ancient Roman aqueducts and learn the history of the castle there.

## How did Spain impact you?

Spain really opened my eyes to a whole new world. I met so many friendly people and gained a better understanding of their perspectives.

## What most surprised you?

I made several unexpected new connections. Each of us now has strong relationships on a different level.







# Creatively

— for the glory of Jesus Christ



Fine Arts gives our students the ability to take risks, to try new things, and to express themselves creatively. With a new dance program and new creative classes, students now have more opportunities to explore their interests and discover their God-given talents.

PHOTO: Students in the new Photography & Graphic Design class practiced their photography and photo editing skills to create surreal images that looked like the students were flying, floating or levitating.





## Get to know Kirstin Stewart, Dance Teacher

### What did you do before coming to TWCA?

Before coming to TWCA, I worked at one other private high school in Houston. However, before moving to Houston in 2018, I was a professional performer for 10 years. I lived in NYC and was a Broadway performer. Some of my shows include *A Chorus Line*, *West Side Story*, *Cinderella*, and *A Bronx Tale*.

### How long have you worked in education?

This is my 5th year.

### What is your mission as a teacher?

I want my students to learn to dance and love to move, and I want them to try something new and have fun with it. But I also want my students to be able to trust me, and

to feel like they have that safe space and try something they haven't tried before. I've had so much more joy as a teacher than performing on Broadway, because I get to see my students succeed. I get to support them as a person and on their journey.

**Why is Fine Arts valuable?** The arts allow a different outlet for people to express themselves. With dance specifically, there are so many different styles of dance - ballet, jazz, hip hop, there's something for everyone. It gives kids a way to be creative and express themselves. Art is beneficial; it's a safe space where it's okay to fail. In the performing arts, you're allowed to fail, mess up and try again. It gives them a place they can be creative, explore different types of art, or play different parts. Learning you can make mistakes in life, just to have that in a school setting will help them grow as a person. Dance is so beneficial because it helps get kids up and moving during the day. It will keep them healthy, improve their memorization skills, which then helps them in every other class.

**What attracted you to TWCA?** The opportunity to create a dance program from scratch is really exciting. I love that I get the chance to pass on my passion to my students, and that we get to do it all for God's glory. This school felt so warm and welcoming from the second I stepped foot on campus, and I knew it was where I was supposed to be.

**What's been the best part of life at TWCA so far?** Everyone is so kind! My students are awesome!

**How do you see God working in you, your students and/or at TWCA?** God is present on this campus! It is really cool to have students that jump at the opportunity to pray in class each day. Being here has made me want to dive even further into my relationship with Christ and to really focus on giving God all the glory.

**What do you like to do for fun?** I enjoy spending time with my husband and family. I also love to take dance classes, sing, play guitar, and do craft projects.

**What is a fun or interesting fact about you?** I spent a month in Tokyo, Japan performing *West Side Story*. We opened a brand new theater there in the center of Tokyo.

## Dance Program Kicks-Off

**TWCA introduced a** new dance program in the 2021-2022 school year, led by Mrs. Kirsten Stewart. The program was open to middle and high school students with varying degrees of dance experience. In middle school, there were two classes - one for 5th and 6th graders, and one for 7th and 8th graders.

High school also had two classes - introduction to dance, and an advanced class. The class covered a wide range of dance styles including ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, contemporary and musical theatre.

"It's cool to see how much the students improved from the beginning of the school year to the end. It makes me excited to see how much more they will grow in this upcoming year. They have grown a lot and they were all really proud of themselves."

We are thankful to have Mrs. Stewart on board to build this new program and can't wait to see how this program continues to grow.







## NEW CLASS: Photography & Graphic Design

**Students in the** new Photography & Graphic Design class learned a wide range of creative applications and expanded on the meaning behind their art. Led by Mrs. Beth Chretien, the classes are designed to increase student led projects that allow them to build confidence in creative problem solving and collaboration.

Our Warriors exceeded expectations, competing against students across Texas in different categories at the TAPPS Fall Photo Contest. When asked about the students' progress, Mrs. Chretien said, "I'm really proud of my students. Having only been in the class two months and then submitting for competition - that's incredible. I can't wait for the spring art contest to see how they grow."

And grow, they did! TWCA students competed in the TAPPS State Art Competition in Waco, TX. Several students earned individual honors and contributed toward our school finishing 5th overall among 5A schools.

### TAPPS State Art Competition

#### ON-SITE DRAWING

Riley Bunch – 1st place  
Lily Jadlot – 7th place

#### FASHION/TEXTILE

Jordan Booth – 3rd place

#### DRAWING

Lily Jadlot – 5th place  
Rilee Klein – Honorable Mention

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Serafina Cianflone – 3rd place  
Emi Abraham – 5th place

## Get to know Beth Chretien, Graphic Design & Photography Teacher

### What did you do before coming to TWCA?

I have taught digital art, media productions, photography, graphic design and traditional art classes. I was the Art Director for a medical equipment company that provided scar-reducing compression garments and skin care products to veterans, burn victims and reconstructive surgeons.

### How long have you worked in education?

I have been in education for six years.

### What is your mission as a teacher?

I hope my students learn how to take an idea/concept and be able to bring it into a tangible product or 2D design, to see what's in their imagination and bring it to life. A lot of times students don't know how to do that, or they don't know which tools to use. That's one of my favorite things to do as a teacher, to see their eyes light up when they realize they can do that - bring a concept to life.

### Why do you believe the Woodlands Christian Fine Arts program is so valuable?

There are so many reasons. It's valuable for you to learn problem-solving and the creative process. It will spread to all aspects of your life. You can use fine arts however you want to use it. It could open up thinking outside the box. It develops an appreciation for the arts. It's the best job in the world to be an art teacher.

### What attracted you to TWCA and what's been the best part so far?

The people! I feel so blessed to have found an environment so warm and caring. I have been here for a short time, and it already feels like family! I look forward to getting to know my coworkers, the students and this new city!



### How do you see God working in you, your students and/or at TWCA?

God gives me the strength and inspiration to teach what I love in a positive and meaningful way. He gives myself and my students the creativity to glorify Him in our work.

### What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy being surrounded by nature. I especially love hiking and canoeing.

### What is a fun or interesting fact about you?

I enjoy learning about new places. I have lived in three countries and three states.





HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



ONE ACT PLAY - RADIUM GIRLS



JUNGLE BOOK MUSICAL



LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW



FINE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA







GRACE NOTES PIANO SHOW



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW



**550+**  
Students In  
The Fine Arts  
Extravaganza



**11**  
Students  
Placed At  
TAPPS State  
Competition



**160**  
Musical  
Selections  
Performed



# Farewell, Mrs. Casey!

After 17 years at TWCA and 40 years in education, musical theatre teacher Mrs. Nancy Casey retired. Students and staff celebrated with a heartwarming video and party. It was a tearful goodbye, but we are so thankful for Mrs. Casey and know her legacy will be long-lasting.

## A Bittersweet Retirement for Me!

BY NANCY CASEY

Retirement for me?  
I can't believe it's true!  
Oh, the fun and laughter I've shared....  
With you and you and you!

40 adventuresome years in education,  
10 years in other careers,  
But I was proudest to say, "I'm a teacher",  
Making a difference during those years.

The years have gone so quickly,  
And oh.... the stories I could tell you!  
But for most, you just "had to be there",  
Oh my, what kids say and do!

I've loved teaching musical theater,  
And pride for the red, white, and blue!  
Sharing my "God winks" through Microfina,  
To inspire, spread joy, and be true!

As I close this chapter of my life,  
May God bless you in every way!  
I say, "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!"  
How I love YOU and TWCA!





# Physically

— for the glory of Jesus Christ



Warriors have many opportunities to grow and transform physically while at Woodlands Christian. Beginning as early as first grade, our Warrior athletic programs prepare champions for life and develop the skills our student-athletes need to be successful in whatever they do. Through competition, our athletes learn to work as a team, to celebrate success, to learn from failures, and to build the type of confidence and grit that applies on and off the field.

PHOTO: Warrior Golf wins back-to-back TAPPS 5A State Championships and were ranked the #1 Boys High School Golf Team in the nation.





WARRIOR NATION COMES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE NEW GAME DAY RITUALS

## Building New Traditions

**The game-day experience** was taken to a new level this past year with the introduction of the "Warrior Walk." Football players rubbed the Warrior Head as they exited the locker room for good luck. With Warrior Nation lining the path from the locker rooms to the field, the team entered the stadium led by the Band, Drumline and Cheer squad. At the end of each game, the Band played our school's Alma Mater. Players, cheerleaders and coaches all lined the field arm-in-arm and sang in fellowship to celebrate the Warriors. Both the Warrior Walk and Alma Mater are now included at every home football game!

## Athletic Spaces Get A Remodel

### Locker Rooms

To match the stellar facilities in which our athletes train and compete, the locker rooms received a makeover in the 2021 - 2022 school year. Upgrades include sit-in, wooden lockers for the boys, and individual, new-age lockers, and expanded vanity space for the girls.

Upon seeing the finished product, Athletic Director, Randy Hollas was astounded. "We are so fortunate to have been able to put this together." The redesigned space honors our athletes and their efforts to be successful.

### David Gym

**Originally constructed as** an open-air pavilion, the David Gymnasium is now enclosed and used for lower school P.E. classes, middle and high school practices and special events. New flooring, complete with a collegiate-level Warrior Head design was installed in the spring of 2022.







# 2021-2022 ATHLETIC AWARDS

## Fall Athletic Awards

### District Championships

Boys Cross Country (6th year in a row)  
Girls Cross Country (7th year in a row)

### State Championship Results

Boys Cross Country: 4th place overall  
Girls Cross Country: 4th place overall

### All-District, 1st Team

Boys Cross Country: Zachary Bagnoli, Hudson Howard, Will Bennett, Lucas Trevathan  
Girls Cross Country: Zoe Calimani, Flo Shirley, Lindsay Worthington  
Football: Max Abernathy, Keller Davis, Dereck Felder, Colby Gorman, Roric Hawkins, Ezekiel Jurado, Sean Kane, Ryan Leslie, Austin Veldekens  
Volleyball: Jordan Booth, Katie Wise

### All-District, 2nd Team

Football: Daniel Benkovics, Blake Wiley  
Volleyball: Kirsten Montgomery

### All-District Honorable Mention

Football: Sebastian Bryngelson  
Volleyball: Brooke Harris

### All-State, 1st Team

Football: Colby Gorman

### All-State, 2nd Team

Football: Roric Hawkins

### All-State Honorable Mention

Football: Dereck Felder, Sean Kane  
Volleyball: Jordan Booth

### Academic All-State

Cross Country: Zachary Bagnoli  
Football: Colby Gorman, Ryan Leslie, Austin Veldekens, Blake Wiley  
Volleyball: Jordan Booth, Katie Wise

## Winter Athletic Awards

### District Championships

Boys Basketball

### State Championship Results

Swim: Brynnah Stowell: 100 Butterfly (3rd), 500 Freestyle (2nd)  
Izzy Krantzcke: 200 Individual Medley (1st), TAPPS Record, 2:03

### All-District, 1st Team

Boys Basketball: Austin Benigni, Josh Bento, Wyatt Boeker, Chanse Perkins  
Girls Basketball: Kelly Gorman, Reagan Harris, Mackenzie Morris  
Boys Soccer: Bruno Bobato, Kyle Jasek  
Girls Soccer: Aspen Butaud, Leah Francis, Mattie Hopkins, Emma Shepperd, Lindsay Worthington

### All-District, 2nd Team

Boys Basketball: Jack Cole  
Girls Basketball: Danielle Mendoza, Chesnie Russell  
Girls Soccer: Jocelyn Klages, Camille Young

### All-District Honorable Mention

Boys Basketball: Nick Brashear, Kai Parker  
Girls Basketball: Madison Frey  
Boys Soccer: Daniel Benkovics, Harry Catron, Andrew Furnace, Ezekiel Jurado  
Girls Soccer: Ashlyn Fleenor, Katelyn McGrath

### All-State, 1st Team

Boys Basketball: Austin Benigni, Chanse Perkins  
Girls Soccer: Lindsay Worthington

### All-State, 2nd Team

Boys Basketball: Wyatt Boeker  
Girls Basketball: Kelly Gorman, Mackenzie Morris  
Girls Soccer: Aspen Butaud, Mattie Hopkins

### All-State Honorable Mention

Boys Basketball: Josh Bento  
Boys Soccer: Bruno Bobato, Kyle Jasek  
Girls Soccer: Leah Francis

### Academic All-State

Boys Basketball: Austin Benigni, Wyatt Boeker, Chanse Perkins  
Girls Basketball: Kelly Gorman, Reagan Harris, Danielle Mendoza, Chesnie Russell

## Spring Athletic Awards

### District Championships

Boys Golf

### State Championship Results

Boys Golf: 1st place overall (2nd year in a row)  
Aaron Pounds (1st), Jack Usner (2nd), Sam McClure (6th), Ethan Bridges (10th)  
Girls Tennis: Anna Claire Usner, 6th place overall  
Boys Tennis: Cameron Davis, 5th place overall  
Boys Track: 5th place overall  
Austin Benigni: Long Jump (3rd), Triple Jump (2nd)  
Elijah Tocabens: Shot Put (2nd)  
Jacob Rios, Jack Cole, Austin Benigni, Joshua Olutayo, Zach Bagnoli, Harry Catron, Philip Catron: 4x400 Relay (3rd)  
Girls Track: 2nd place overall  
Addie Buck: Pole Vault (2nd)  
Zoe Calimani: 800-m (3rd)  
Sarah Chappelle: 100-m Hurdles (2nd), 300-m Hurdles (1st)  
Taylor Makiya: Shot Put (1st)  
Kate Spitz, Sonya Watkins, Lacey Holloway, Jane Watkins, Lindsay Worthington, Maggie Smith, Mia Torres, Ashlyn Fleenor: 2x400 Relay (2nd)  
Sonya Watkins, Lindsay Worthington, Jane Watkins, Zoe Calimani, Ashlyn Fleenor, Gracie Miller: 4x400 Relay (2nd)

### All-District, 1st Team

Baseball: Arrington Eason, Marshall Hale, Carson Queck  
Softball: Ashley Darilek, Mackenzie Morris  
Boys Track: Harry Catron, Jacob Rios, Austin Benigni, Joshua Olutayo,

Boys Track: Elijah Tocabens, Colby Gorman  
Girls Track: Zoe Calimani, Sarah Chappelle, Jane Watkins, Reese Muzny

### All-District, 2nd Team

Baseball: Chase Fuentes, August Andersen, Ryan Lovell, Jaden Scrushy  
Softball: Mattie Hopkins, Katie Wise  
Boys Track: Tobe Anugwom, Jack Cole  
Girls Track: Flo Shirley, Kate Spitz, Maggie Smith, Lindsay Worthington, Sonya Watkins, Taylor Makiya, Addie Buck

### All-District Honorable Mention

Baseball: Nolan Newcomb, Kian Behravan, Austin Veldekens, Andrew Yeary  
Softball: Kealakai Chamberlain  
Boys Track: Philip Catron, Blake Wiley, Ezekiel Jurado, Beau Ellis, Andrew Cockrill  
Girls Track: Reagan Harris, Lacey Holloway, Sierrah Blackwell, Hayden Carson

### All-State, 1st Team

Softball: MacKenzie Morris  
Girls Track: Sarah Chappelle, Taylor Makiya

### All-State, 2nd Team

Girls Track: Kate Spitz, Sonya Watkins, Lacey Holloway, Jane Watkins, Lindsay Worthington, Zoe Calimani, Addie Buck  
Boys Track: Elijah Tocabens, Austin Benigni

### All-State Honorable Mention

Baseball: Arrington Eason, Marshall Hale  
Softball: Mackenzie Morris  
Boys Track: Jacob Rios, Jack Cole, Austin Benigni, Joshua Olutayo

### Academic All-State

Softball: Ashley Darilek, Katie Wise  
Boys Golf: Ethan Bridges, Sam McClure  
Boys Track: Austin Benigni, Harry Catron, Colby Gorman, Jacob Rios, Blake Wiley  
Girls Track: Reagan Harris, Lacey Holloway, Sonya Watkins, Lindsay Worthington

### All-American

Cheerleading: Hayden Carson, Lauren Edone, Kirby Page, Mia Torres, Raquel Vaisman





# Get to know **Kate Maddock,** **Academic Accountability** **Coordinator & Head** **Softball Coach**

**How long have you worked in education?**  
This is my 3rd year.

**What did you do before coming to TWCA? Any notable or interesting past jobs?**  
My first job after college was at a Catholic summer camp in the North Georgia mountains. I also worked at a boutique cake shop in Chicago after attending pastry school!

**What is your mission at TWCA? What do you hope students will learn or take away in athletics?**  
My mission is to help prepare student athletes to be successful beyond high school. Sports is such a good avenue to help students learn: how to champion others, structure their time, self-discipline, work ethic, how to win, how to pick yourself up after failing, how to be sacrificial, how to be a positive member of a team, and so much more.

**Why do you believe athletics are so valuable?**  
Athletics teaches so many life lessons, keeps you healthy and it's fun to be a part of a team!

**What attracted you to TWCA and what's been the best part so far?**  
Working in a Christian environment is what attracted me to TWCA. It's been awesome being able to combine teaching, mentoring and coaching with our Christian worldview.



**How do you see God working in you, your students and/or at TWCA?**  
I find the staff to be really amazing people that genuinely love their jobs, their students and the Lord.

**What do you like to do for fun?**  
I love discovering fun food places, cycling, playing in sports leagues, dancing and going to sporting events.

**What is a fun or interesting fact about you?**  
I played softball in college.



# **WARRIOR** **LEAGUES**

"Warrior Leagues gives our young students a regular opportunity to learn the fundamentals of a variety of sports, age-appropriate competition - things like waiting your turn, taking a loss and being a good teammate - and the importance of staying active. We love coaching them through each different sport - for many of them, it's their first time competing against others, so there's a lot of opportunity for teachable moments while also making it a fun experience!"

- MATTHEW REESE, WEBMASTER, GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH, WARRIOR LEAGUES COACH

# Sports Management Class

**High school students** are able to choose from a wide variety of electives, helping them to determine their interests and strengths before college. This year, Sports Management was introduced to students in 9th - 11th grade. Coach Tanner Field introduced the class to concepts like branding, sports photography, game-day logistics and hospitality, and public relations. The course also included lessons on traditions, during which the class was tasked with organizing a Spirit Night for a volleyball match, as well as conducting a survey to determine ways to boost support and draw larger crowds to athletic events.

SCAN TO WATCH "MOSES PART THE RED SEA"!







# National Signing Days



**Arrington Eason**  
Grambling State University, Baseball

**Austin Benigni**  
U.S. Naval Academy, Basketball

**Mackenzie Morris**  
Houston Baptist University, Softball

**Chanse Perkins**  
West Point Academy, Basketball

**Lindsay Worthington**  
Samford University, Soccer

**Carson Queck**  
Kansas State University, Baseball

**Ethan Bridges**  
Florida Southern University, Golf

**Max Abernathy**  
William Jewell College, Football

**Colby Gorman**  
University of Houston, Football

**Jack Cole**  
Arizona State University, Football

**Blake Wiley**  
Arkansas State University, Football

**Ashley Darilek**  
Western Oklahoma State University, Softball

**Marshall Hale**  
Sam Houston State University, Baseball

**Izzy Krantzcke**  
Arizona State University, Swim

**Dereck Felder**  
Midwestern State University, Football

**Ezekiel Jurado**  
Texas Lutheran University, Football

**Elijah Tocabens** (NOT PICTURED)  
Texas Wesleyan University, Football, Track



## Middle School Athletic Highlights 2021-2022

### FALL SPORTS

#### CHEER

- 9 Athletes

#### CROSS COUNTRY

- 34 Athletes
- Boys, HAPS 3rd Place
- Girls, HAPS 2nd Place

#### FOOTBALL

- 2 Teams, 33 Athletes
- 6th Place in GCFL
- 2-4 record

#### VOLLEYBALL

- 4 Teams, 54 Athletes
- Green Team – HAPS Final Four
- Gold Team – HAPS Final Four

### WINTER SPORTS

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

- 4 Teams, 35 Athletes
- Green Team – HAPS Final Four
- Gold Team – HAPS Final Four

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

- 3 Teams, 25 Athletes
- Green Team – HAPS 5th Place

#### BOYS SOCCER

- 2 Teams, 34 Athletes
- *HAPS Champions*

#### GIRLS SOCCER

- 30 Athletes
- HAPS Runner Up

### SPRING SPORTS

#### BASEBALL

- 3 Teams, 32 Athletes
- HAPS Final Four Qualifiers

#### GOLF

- 32 Athletes
- *HAPS Champions*

#### SOFTBALL

- 1 Team, 21 Athletes
- HAPS Final Four Qualifiers

#### TRACK AND FIELD

- 54 Athletes
- Division 1 Girls, 3rd Place
- Division 1 Boys, 5th Place
- Division 2 Girls, 6th Place
- Division 2 Boys, 8th Place



# Now Trending

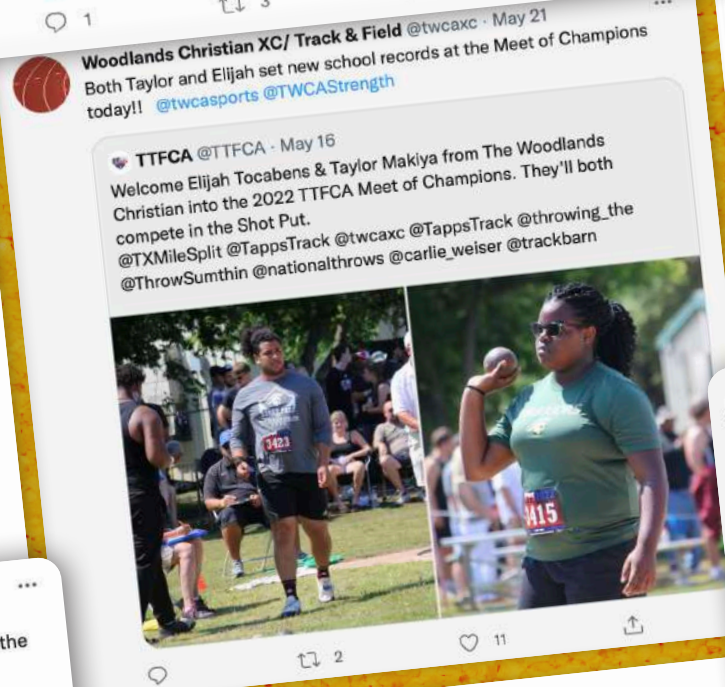
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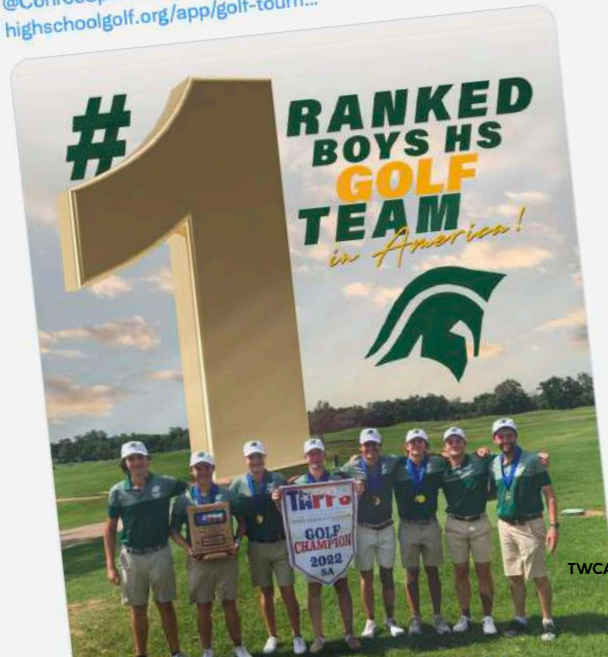
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Extra extra read all about it! Boys golf is #1 in the nation!  
@ConroeSports @vypehouston  
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Woodlands Christian Retweeted  
TWCA Warrior Strength @TWCAStrength · May 20  
Who's going to rank up in our next test?  
@JakeMelber = General (highest rank)  
@jackjvantl & @j\_hawk03 Majors (3rd)  
@CGorman03 and others ranking as  
@twcasports







# Socially

— for the glory of Jesus Christ



We strive to create a memorable experience for our students at Woodlands Christian. School is not just a place for learning and test-taking, but also for having fun and growing socially. We want our students to look back and think of their school years as some of the best days of their lives.

PHOTO: Sophomores brave the rapids while white water rafting on the Chattanooga River during their Beyond The Walls trip to Woodlands Camp in the foothills of North Georgia's beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. The students built lifelong friendships, made unforgettable memories and spent time getting to know God and appreciate the beauty of His creation.





CELEBRATING SCHOOL SPIRIT AND BUILDING CAMARADERIE

# Homecoming

**Buzzing with energy** and decked out in green and gold, Homecoming is a special time at Woodlands Christian. All three schools — lower, middle and high — get to participate in festivities and show their school spirit! A fun-filled week of themed dress days, Burgers & Bingo, Silent Disco and a volleyball game, culminated with an all-school pep rally, football game and dance.

On the evening of the 2021 Homecoming football game, fans lined the sidewalk for the Warrior Walk to cheer for the drumline, cheerleaders, coaches and football team. The stands were full with faithful fans including alumni, home for the weekend! The Warriors defeated Frassati Catholic, 54-8.

The Homecoming Court nominees were introduced at halftime and the King and Queen were announced. The Homecoming Court was nominated by faculty and elected by the student body. In keeping with our school's foundational pillars and capstone, members of the Homecoming Court demonstrate spiritual strength in their daily lives, strive for excellence in the classroom, are positive role models and maintain healthy lifestyles. Congratulations to our Homecoming King - Ethan Bridges, and Homecoming Queen - Reagan Harris! Thank you to all of our court nominees for modeling the Warrior Way!

## 2021 Homecoming Court

### FRESHMEN

Caroline Fletcher  
Knox Trevathan

### SOPHOMORES

Brittany Edone  
Alex McIntyre

### JUNIORS

Katie Wise  
Jacob Rios

### SENIORS

Serafina Cianflone  
Madison Frey  
Reagan Harris\*  
Ellie Johnson  
William Bennett  
Ethan Bridges\*  
Sebastian Bryngelson  
Jake Melber



## 1st Annual Middle School Homecoming Parade

Drumline led the way as middle school students paraded around campus with homecoming wagon floats and passed out candy to the cheering crowd of lower school students! Congratulations to Mr. Mike Lewis' advisory class on winning 1st place with their Be Bold themed float!







# BEYOND the WALLS

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Mo Ranch

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Mo Ranch

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Texas  
History Tour

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Washington,  
D.C.

9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Arizona &  
Grand Canyon

10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Woodlands  
Camp,  
Georgia

11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Walt Disney  
World

12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Universal  
Studios







# Middle School Mash-Up Sparks Joy and Fellowship

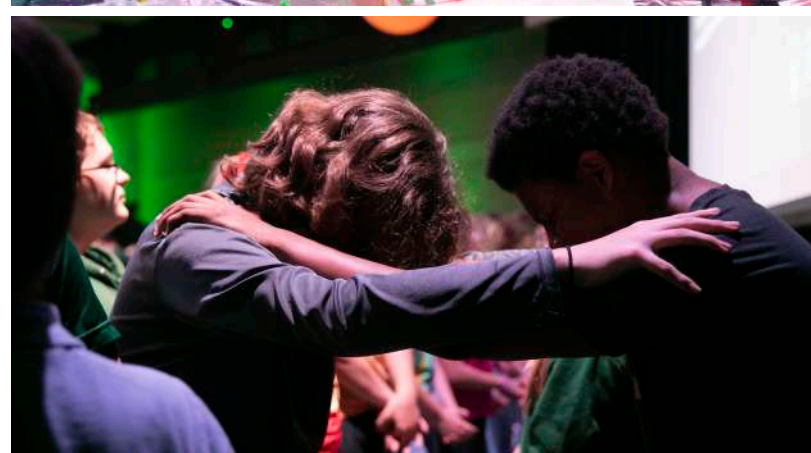
A new tradition began as 5th-8th grade students gathered together in the Ruth Auditorium for the first-ever Middle School Mash-Up! The event was designed to bring all of middle school together under one roof on a regular basis to help foster its identity and culture. It's a time to recognize and celebrate one another.

To kick-off the new year, middle school was split into three teams and challenged with a cake decorating contest. Teams were tasked with designing a "back-to-school" themed cake and weaving in a biblical message. Students representing each team worked on the cake as Mr. Crowley emceed the event and introduced the teachers. Both teachers and students were thoroughly engaged in the event that was filled with dancing, shouting, cheering and laughing.

When asked about the purpose of the activity, Mr. Crowley replied, "Whether it's academic, character related, athletic, or creative arts, I want to highlight the gifts and abilities God has given us. Middle school is an extremely challenging time socially, and students need a safe space to laugh and feel joy while being united. I want a place where the students can have fun – where they can relax and enjoy being a kid. While we are celebrating, we can find joy in one another and leave encouraged."

"I want middle school to be a place where joy permeates who we are, and when students reminisce about their time in middle school, they will remember something unique and special."

- JOHN CROWLEY, MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



The 7th grade class bid farewell to the 8th graders with a special prayer of support and gratitude during the final Middle School Mash-Up of the school year.



## Freshman Retreat

Our first annual 9th-grade retreat was a huge success! The group visited Carolina Creek in Huntsville, TX for a special opportunity to connect with God, their peers and teachers.

The retreat started on campus with Mr. Aaron Marez leading a panel discussion. Four seniors shared their personal experiences and gave advice on making intentional choices over the next years in high school.

While at the retreat, students broke into teams and competed in TWCA trivia that tested their knowledge of school history, student club information, high school staff names and more. Freshmen worked together to bring the Warrior Way to life by creating their own versions of this important theme. They reflected on each line and developed a list of personal action items. Students participated in an outdoor worship service overlooking the lake. The evening ended with an activity that challenged students to look beyond their friend group and step out of their "box" to see all they share as image bearers of God.

After a fun-filled weekend of marshmallow roasting, worshipping, speed-friending, and more, the freshman class came back closer than ever, united by their identity as image bearers of Christ and ready to walk in the Warrior Way. We look forward to the many ways these young men and women will grow over the next four years at TWCA.







## Senior Sunset

The 1st annual Senior Sunset offered the soon-to-be graduates a final opportunity to gather together for reflection on their time at TWCA, and to celebrate a new beginning. Held at Xscape movie theatre, Mrs. Amy Rowe presented senior awards and facilitated a lucrative dorm room raffle before the group watched *The Bad Guy*.



## High School Students Learn The Value of Intentional, Servant Leadership

Officers representing different high school clubs and student organizations participated in a leadership training seminar prior to the start of school. The agenda included presentations from several successful leaders representing a variety of different industries. They provided the group with proven strategies for success and challenged them to rethink their notions of leadership. Heavy emphasis was placed on the idea of servant leadership and how the adoption of these principles would serve them well in the upcoming school year.



## Joseph's Corner, The Place To Be

Located on the second floor of the Micah Academic Center, Joseph's Corner is a great place to study and serves freshly brewed lattes and cappuccinos, hearty breakfast items like breakfast pizza and on-the-go snacks for a quick pick-me-up before class.



# One Stitch At A Time

**When Mrs. Courtney DeLeon** was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018, she turned to crochet to do something useful while recovering. She had limited movement and could not lift anything, but was able to hold a hook and yarn. After teaching herself the basics via the internet, she ended up making over 25 blankets by the time she recovered.

Mrs. DeLeon no longer exhibits active signs of disease, but continues to crochet. Keeping her hands busy, she would crochet during Success Time. When students saw her making angel wings for Josiah's Project, an organization that matches parents of miscarriage/stillborn babies with a crafter who can make a memory blanket, wings and hat for their baby, they were intrigued. They asked if she would teach them to crochet and she said, "yes," marking the start of the club.

**"I believe God sends us through trials for a reason and I wanted to use the skill and talents he gave me while ill to help others."**

The purpose of Crochet Club is to provide a place for fellowship and an escape from the stress of high school and life. Club members started out making personal squares for a group blanket so everyone could develop and improve their skill. This first blanket was donated to the Auction & Gala to help raise money for the school.

The club's mission comes from 1 Peter 4:10-11 – "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good



stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Club members are using their newfound talent to bless others. They have made and donated several little blankets to the Ronald McDonald House. Parents can hold these blankets inside their shirts and leave them with their babies while staying in the NICU. Crochet Club also donated handmade goods to an organization in Alaska that works with children in foster care. One club member personally delivered them while on a mission trip over the summer.

The club consists of 18-24 ladies and gentlemen. They meet weekly during Success Time to work on projects and learn new techniques. Though there are varied skill levels, the students who are more advanced help the beginners. Everyone walks into the weekly meeting humming to the tune of "Hooray, it's Crochet Day"! Students love that they are developing a new skill and way to de-stress in the middle of the busy school day!



THE WOODLANDS  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# RISE

RECHARGE  
IN SUMMER  
ENRICHMENT

## New Summer Programs RISE To The Occasion

**Our brand new** summer program - RISE - Recharge In Summer Enrichment - launched in June 2022, with offerings for students in PreK-12th. Led by our outstanding TWCA faculty, RISE included fine arts courses, academic sessions, athletic camps, and interest-based opportunities. As RISE was open to the public, many students from outside our Woodlands Christian community were able to participate in the many dynamic and innovative programs. With many of our RISE sessions at capacity, we look forward to another successful summer in 2023!

2023 RISE information will be available this spring at:  
[TWCA.net/warrior-life/summer-programs](https://www.twca.net/warrior-life/summer-programs)







# Get to know **Ashley Fagnant,** **Alumni & Special Events** **Coordinator**

## What brought you to TWCA?

I was working as a wedding planner and when my husband and I decided it was time to start a family, I needed to find a role with a little more structure that I knew I could commit to long-term. I saw TWCA was hiring and thought it could be a good fit.

## With this being a new position, what are some of your bigger goals?

I'm excited to connect with alumni and tell them how much we love and appreciate them and their commitment to TWCA. Our families are so generous and faithful to our mission so hopefully we can continue building those relationships beyond high school. I also want our program to be a resource and establish a network of Warrior alums who can connect with and support one another, and lean on us for anything we may be able to provide.

## What are some highlights from the program so far?

This summer we were able to celebrate the ten year reunion of the class of 2012 which was so much fun! I am working now to find representatives from each class in order to organize opportunities for these students to reconnect. It was so fun to put this event together and those who attended loved the chance to reunite. You can tell this place is different and has always been different. The classes are incredibly close and a lot of them still hang out/are in each other's lives, so it was really fun to see what happens after high school. This fall we will host our first Alumni Homecoming Tailgate! We're inviting Warrior grads, their parents, and families to join us in The Grove to celebrate our school. We are also hosting a Christmas event for alumni families. We're hoping to get them back to campus to see what they were a part of helping to build!

## What are some challenges you've faced?

Finding people. Updating records, trying to locate our alumni all over the nation and the world, really. They are doing so many amazing things that we want to celebrate with them. Also identifying how we can



be most helpful for them and their families. We're essentially establishing new traditions which can be tough because we want it to be special and right for what they need. It is genuinely so exciting to show people where we are now and it is only because of them that we are where we are. We want this to be a special place for them, we just have to find them first!

## To any alumni reading this publication, what would you say to them?

I would encourage all our alumni to come back to campus and see what they helped build. They are a part of our success and should feel proud to be a Warrior! We want to connect, we want to be a resource, and we want to love on them and their families. They are always welcome to return! I would love to show them around and give them some swag! We have all sorts of fun gear for the whole family.



# Checking In **On Warrior Alumni**



## TWCA Class of 2012 Reunion

### FROM LEFT:

CLAYTON THEDINGER  
KYRIE (CLARK) MURRAY  
BRANT LIPSCOMB  
COLTON WILKINS  
BECCA EARLE  
COURTNEY (YOUNG) DAWSON  
ZACHARY HEARD  
JAKE STIBBS

**To celebrate their** ten-year reunion, the Class of 2012 gathered at Sawyer Park Icehouse in Spring. Eight of the 31 alumni, along with their guests, were able to attend. They had a great time catching up, trading stories from college and reminiscing on memories from their time as Woodlands Christian Warriors.

If you are interested in reconnecting with your class and other alumni, follow the alumni Instagram page (@twcaalumni) to stay updated on upcoming events and opportunities. Contact Ashley.fagnant@twca.net to start planning your high school class reunion!





# Checking In On Warrior Alumni

*Sweethearts!*

Join or follow us on Instagram or Facebook to connect and keep up with classmates and get updates on homecoming, class reunions and other major school events.



**FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM**  
@twca\_alumni @twcaalumni #twcaalumni

Let us know about the milestones in your life – honors, awards, promotions, weddings, births, and more. We'd love to hear from you and celebrate what God is doing in your life.



**SUBMIT ONLINE:**  
twca.net/alumni



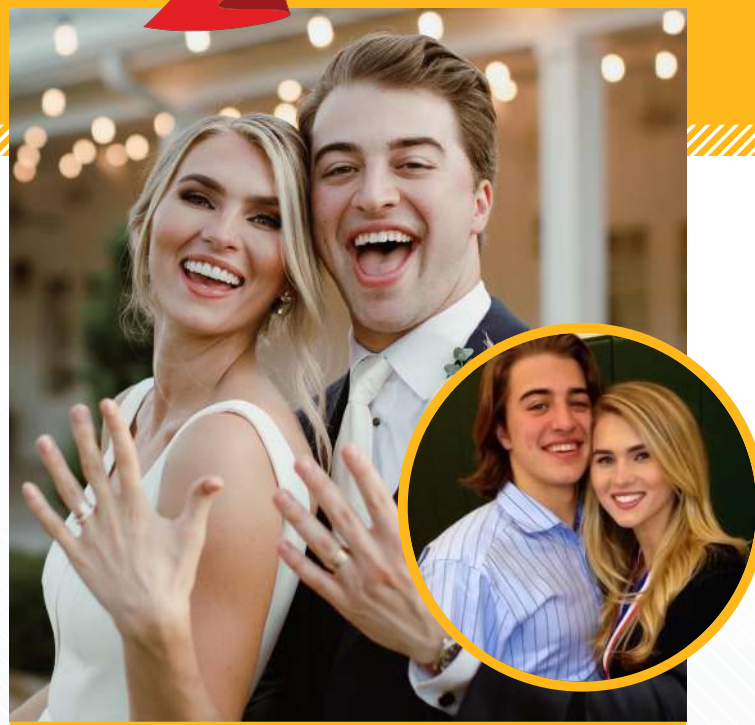
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**Nick Carroway  
& Adriana Lusk**  
*Class of 2013*

Nick and Adriana met in 2008 at a back-to-school party. Nick said when he heard that Adriana had shot an eight-point buck over summer break, he knew right then that he wanted to be friends with this girl. They stayed good friends over the next few years throughout high school and college. Nick said he "soon realized he wanted to be more than friends."

In 2015, they started dating long distance, got engaged in 2020 and then tied the knot on December 4, 2021. Nick and Adriana are currently living in the Houston area with their two dogs, enjoying married life and house renovations in their first home.



**Jack Bento  
& Kathryn Gettys**  
*Class of 2015*

Jack and Kathryn met at a Woodlands Christian basketball game in 2010. Jack said when he saw Kathryn, "that was love at first sight." Little did they know ten years later they'd be engaged. Kathryn said that was her "easiest yes ever!" Jack and Kathryn tied the knot on August 1, 2020. They said, "we are more in love each day."

Jack and Kathryn are currently living in Conroe, TX with their three pups. They love coming back to campus to cheer for the Warrior basketball team and "to reminisce on our time together as students."

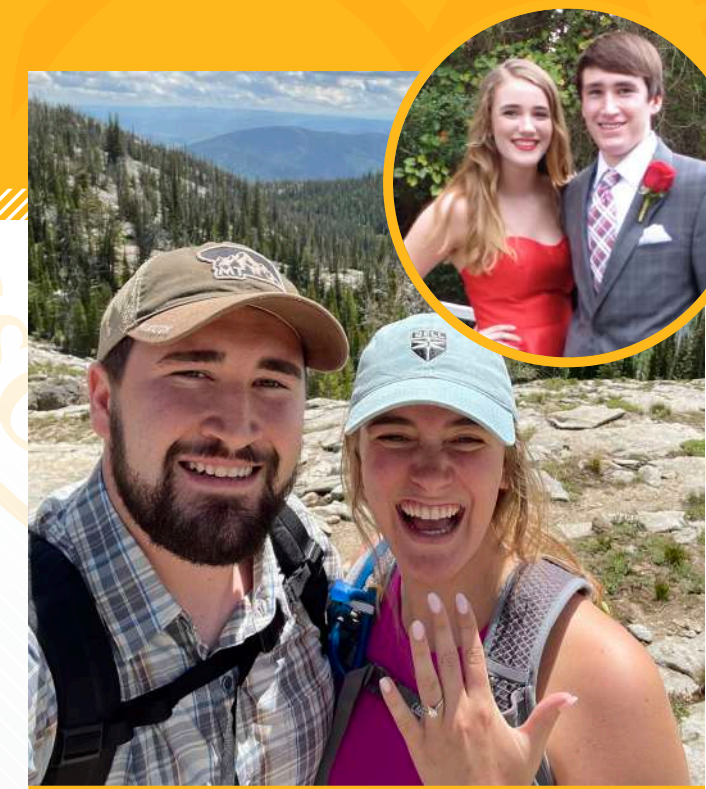


**Trevor Piccione  
& April Koehn**  
*Class of 2008 and 2009*

Trevor ('08) and April ('09) met in 2006 when Trevor was a new student at TWCA. Trevor noticed April and asked another student her name. He was mortified when that student yelled across the room, "Hey April, this new guy is asking about you!"

Trevor and April soon began dating, following many extravagant overtures from Trevor – one in which he asked her to the prom literally wearing a suit of shining armor atop a horse he borrowed from a neighbor.

Fast forward to today, they are now a family of five, after welcoming their youngest child in December 2022. This April they will be celebrating eight years of marriage.



**Cade Glover  
& Autumn Goodwin**  
*Class of 2018*

Cade and Autumn met when they both transferred to Woodlands Christian in 2013, both coming from smaller private schools.

In 2016 Cade asked Autumn to the homecoming dance and they started dating shortly thereafter. They graduated from TWCA in 2018 and went their separate ways to college. Cade studied at Texas A&M University, and Autumn at the University of Texas at Austin. During their college years, they dated long distance.

After their graduations in 2022, they took a trip to Montana, where Cade asked Autumn to marry him.





# Parent INVOLVEMENT

**The 3rd Annual** Warrior Color Run presented by Hunter Family Orthodontics and Parke & Rogers Dentistry welcomed more than 400 participants to our campus for a family-friendly race through the W.G. Jones State Forest. Thank you to Holly Gibson and Ted Liu, race co-chairs, as well as the many sponsors and attendees for making this a memorable day.



## Goodbye, Mrs. Gaige!

**Parent Teacher Fellowship** is an organization of volunteer Warrior moms and dads who support the school in a variety of different ways. The role of president is vital to the overall success of PTF and requires an individual with a servant's heart, a good attitude and a faithful commitment to the mission of Woodlands Christian.

After serving as PTF President for two years, Amanda Gaige stepped down at the end of the 2021 - 2022 school year.

We are so grateful to have had Mrs. Gaige set such an incredible tone for how the group would work together to serve the school. According to Kurt Kleeman, Director of Development Operations, "Amanda has a huge heart, she is incredibly gracious and will do whatever she needs to do to ensure the school, teachers and students are taken care of." Her kind and gentle nature lent to the successful coordination of events like Teacher Appreciation Week, Homecoming Week, Grand Days and the Book Fair. Additionally, Mrs. Gaige facilitated weekly communication in grades Pre-K - 12th and ensured the teacher workrooms were stocked with snacks throughout the school year.

"Amanda will be missed — we are so fortunate to have had her leadership the past two years," Kurt said. "She embodies the Warrior mom and I am so thankful to have gotten to work alongside her."

## PTF Officers and Coordinators

**PTF PRESIDENT**  
Amanda Gaige

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To our Warrior Boosters, generous sponsors and donors – thank you!



# Boosters Golf Tournament Celebrates 10 Years

Despite a weather delay, due to tornado warnings and a torrential downpour, the 10th Annual Warrior Boosters Golf Tournament was an incredible success. The tournament, sponsored by Waste Connections and chaired by Heather Cabanas, was completely sold out and raised over \$61,000.

Throughout the course were opportunities to win prizes — including a Bentley for a hole-in-one — and participate in fun games like shooting a golf ball out of a launcher and having a TWCA Warrior golf team member hit a drive for your team.

The tournament saw a thrilling finish with two teams — Charbonneau Industries, Inc. and The Brashear Group / Carrie Muzny DDS — tying for 1st-place with 56s (-16) on their scorecard.

“As a company, we want to give back to the community that we’re in. We are happy and blessed to sponsor such a great event for TWCA and Warrior Boosters. Being outdoors amongst colleagues and friends in support of a great school is always going to be a great day!”

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# Butterfly Ball

## Father-Daughter Dance

Over 200 guests attended the second annual Butterfly Ball. The David Gym was transformed for our Warrior dads and their daughters to spend a special evening together.

Event Chair Laura Everson worked tirelessly to organize this event and ensure there were plenty of exciting activities for guests to enjoy. Each girl received a rose at check-in before making their way around the different stations, including a hot chocolate bar, a silhouette artist and a photo booth complete with silly props and costumes.

A special thank you to EatFlavorly for graciously donating a delicious pasta dinner and DJ Kyle who kept everyone out on the dance floor. At the end of the evening, door prizes which included everything from AirPods to Pop Its were awarded to seven lucky raffle winners. We would like to thank all of the moms who volunteered as well as the dads, uncles, brothers and other friends who joined us.



Over 150 participants battled it out at our second annual Mother-Son Paintball Battle at Texas Legends Paintball. This event provided a fellowship opportunity for Warrior moms and their boys. Participants were provided paintball guns, paintballs, and protective gear for a friendly competition between age-appropriate groups.



## Grand Days Returns To Campus

After taking our annual Grand Days celebration virtual in 2020, we were thrilled to welcome our beloved event back to campus in 2021.

Warrior grandparents and grandfriends were invited to experience the amazing things happening in the lives of their grandchildren at The Woodlands Christian Academy just before Thanksgiving break. Experiences included cheering on the Warriors during middle and high school athletic events, an adorable lower school musical performance, classroom visits to meet the teachers, as well as sharing a BBQ meal provided by the Warrior Cookers.

We are so thankful to be able to host our grandparents and be a part of the special memories made through this event each year.





## ANNUAL GALA HELPS JUMPSTART FINE ARTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

# Be Bold Auction & Gala

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott was transformed into a purple paradise as more than 475 guests gathered to celebrate our Annual Auction & Gala, "Be Bold – An Epic Event".

Honorary Chairs, Larry and Mari Harvey, along with sponsors, families and friends helped to raise \$2.1 million to officially kick-off our Fine Arts Education Complex Capital Campaign. These funds will be applied towards the construction of a state-of-the-art complex that will accommodate

all major fine arts specialties including the largest black box theatre in the north Houston area, an art studio, a dance studio, a choir hall, a band hall and an outdoor amphitheater.

A special thank you to the committee members that worked tirelessly to ensure the evening was a success, our generous event sponsors and attendees, Will Murphy, our wonderful, auctioneer, and the many families who donated items in support of this event.

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Be Bold Auction & Gala	\$ 2,200,000
Additional Gifts, Pledges & Commitments (Cumulative)	\$ 3,100,000
WARRIOR BOOSTERS	\$ 345,791
Golf Tournament, Color Run, Memberships	
Sponsorships, Fellowship Meals and Spirit Wear	
PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP	\$ 132,221
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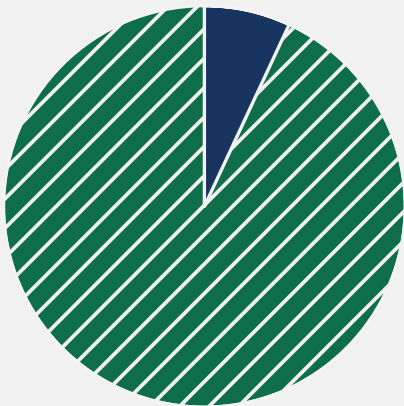
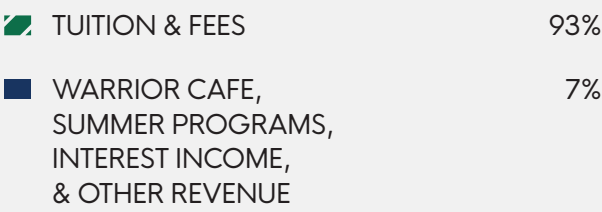
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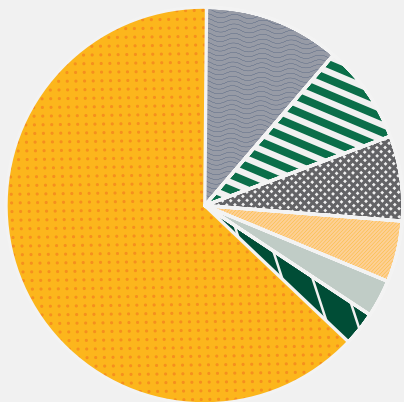
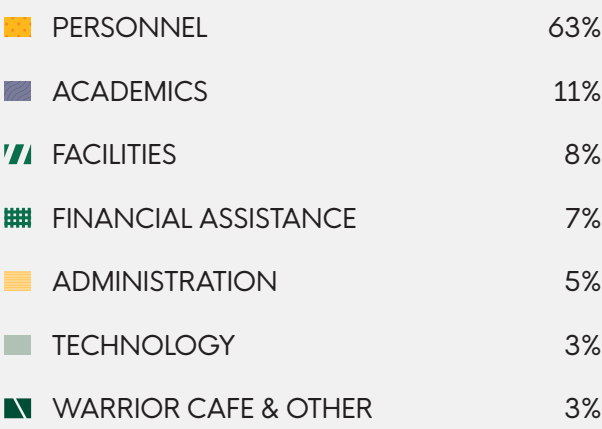


# 2021-2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Operating Revenues



## Operating Expenditures



## Key Performance Indicators (Pre-Audit)

GROSS FIXED ASSETS	\$ 33,900,000
NET FIXED ASSETS	\$ 21,700,000
BALANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT	\$ 1,136,000
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES	\$ 6,100,000
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 30,500,000</b>



First day of school at the new TWCA campus, 1999-2000



## Long Story Short

In 1998, Mrs. Lunsford made a visit to Woodlands Christian as a prospective parent. She and her husband were looking for a Christian school and chose TWCA, enrolling her daughter Lauren in Pre-K and son Phillip in 1st grade. Only five years old at the time, TWCA was experiencing steady growth and set to break ground on a new 40-acre campus. Mrs. Lunsford began her tenure at TWCA that same year, working as a Library Aide while earning her master's degree in library science at Sam Houston State University.

In 2002, Mrs. Lunsford became the school's full-time librarian. Having served at TWCA for 20 years, Mrs. Lunsford has seen the school change from one permanent building with most classes in portables and a covered pavilion, to now - a thriving and bustling campus with over 750 students. Though our campus has changed over the years, the vision has remained the same - to raise up servant leaders who impact their world for Christ.

Mrs. Lunsford's mission is to foster a love of reading which, in her opinion, is a key component of every subject. She finds ways for students to engage with the wonder and possibilities of storytelling by using silly voices to make students laugh as she reads aloud to them and by maintaining a robust selection of titles for Warriors to explore.

"I love the relationships that I've built at TWCA over the years with the faculty/staff, students, and their families. I have the special privilege of watching students grow and mature over the years from Pre-K all the way to graduation, and I know, what this school can do through my own family's experience.

TWCA is so special. We're not just a Christian school in name, we're the real deal!"





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# Final Frame



Middle school students learned about buoyancy and designed boats using various materials. Their goal was to carry the heaviest cargo possible and to navigate rocks and wind without sinking.