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Dan Steinfield *Head of School* 

David's life story began with God speaking over him, "I have found in David a man after my own heart, who will do all my will" (Acts 13:22-23). This announcement and promise is also made over us, and is not dependent on our doing anything to earn it. Through the power of the Gospel, God's story for your life is already written and God will work great things in and through you. As our 2022-23 theme verse Psalm 37:4-6 reminds us, as we delight in the Lord, He will grant us the desires of our heart. When we commit our way to the Lord, and trust in Him, He will act.

At DC, we prepare students for a life of impact through an innovative and exemplary education rooted in Christ. Students prepared for a life of impact means giving our kids a greater sense of who they are, of their true purpose, of how the world is broken and will be made whole, and of their role in that great redemption story. The third 'branch' of DC's 2020-23 Strategic Plan is "Community Engagement." This initiative is the practical application of being rooted in Christ, living as Christ's ambassadors through lives of impact.

The strategic initiative of "Community Engagement" fosters awareness and action that results in engagement both within and beyond the DC community. DC will cultivate a grace-filled community: "by grace we are saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8-9), "transformed by renewing our minds" (Romans 12:2) to do the will and work of God. Internally, our focus has been to build an intentional culture of grace and fellowship and the spiritual formation of our students. Externally, we are building partnerships with local churches and community partners who have a presence on our campus as we similarly have a presence serving in their communities. Our focus on global education promotes positive values and assists students to take responsibility for their actions and to see themselves as global citizens who can impact the world for Jesus Christ.

The stories and photos in this issue of the Keynoter bring our strategic initiative of Community Engagement to life. May the content on these pages inspire us to continue our support of the fundamental work of DC – to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through Biblical thought and action.

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### A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

The Board of Trustees really has one job: to help Delaware County Christian School achieve its mission "to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through Biblical thought and action." Of course, this is an ongoing pursuit and has many facets, but this clearly articulated mission remains our "true north" as we deliberate and seek to guide the school.

We are currently in the final year of our three-year strategic plan, which was designed to further strengthen DC's execution of its mission. It includes an ambitious set of goals with specific objectives in the areas of educational innovation, mission sustainability, and community engagement. There is ample progress to celebrate, with significant and measurable achievements in each of these areas. However, there is a particular strategic goal we would like to highlight. Here is how it reads in the plan:

#### Strategic Goal: Culture of Grace

DC will cultivate a culture of grace in which community members "lean in" to support one another and grow together, resisting judgmentalism and legalism (Galatians 6:1).

The plan lays out specifics on how DC can foster spiritual growth by creating an environment where students can safely ask questions, struggle, learn, and grow in their faith. What could be more important? Yes of course, academic excellence is non-negotiable. And financial strength will enable the school to continue to move forward in its mission. But it is the grace of Jesus Christ that will ultimately make all the difference in the world for each student at DC.

We want every single student to experience grace at DC because the gospel of grace changes everything; it assures us of the love of God and radically defines how we view ourselves and each other. It ushers us into worship and compels us to service, knowing we are reconciled with our mighty and merciful Savior. Nothing could be more powerful in transforming students and equipping them to impact the world.

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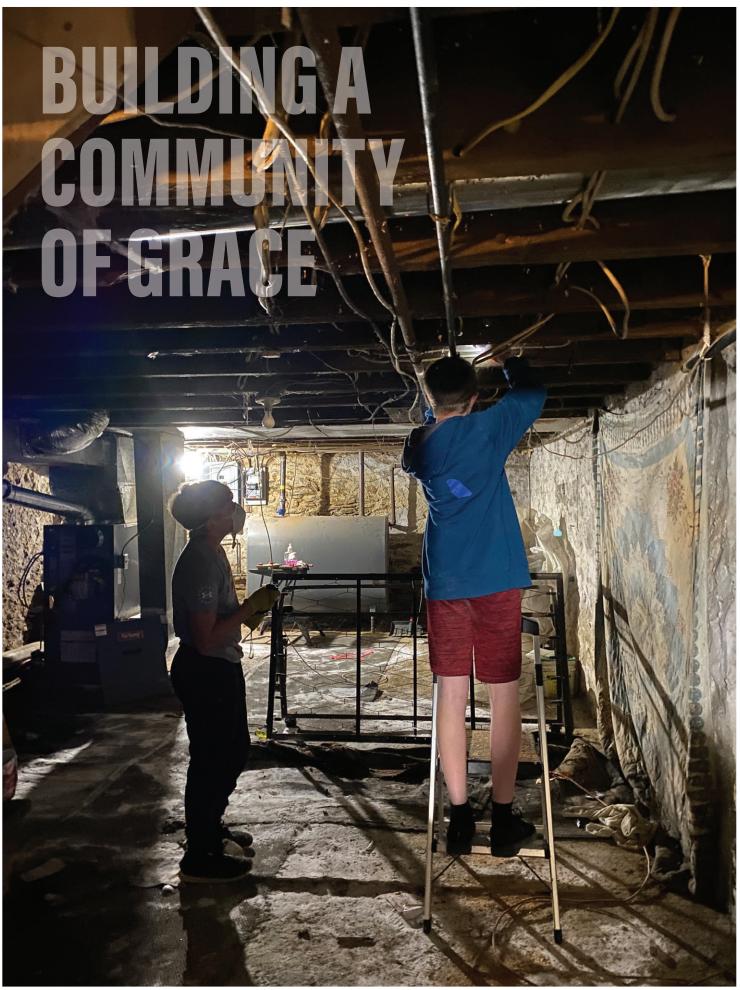
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#### TRAINING FOR A LIFE OF IMPACTFUL SERVICE

Delaware County Christian School provides an education rooted in the person, life, teachings, and the Word of Jesus Christ. While teachers challenge every student to strive for academic excellence and coaches push students to surpass themselves on athletic fields, DC also prioritizes building Christian character and community culture. To this end, DC has sought to deepen partnerships with local non-profit organizations and churches to build opportunities for service within the curriculum and SAIL courses. Students from each of our four divisions have engaged the community both on and off campus and extended encouragement and grace within our local, regional, and global communities.



#### ENCOURAGING VETERANS BY PUTTING ON "BIBLICAL GOGGLES"

Compassion and thankfulness are traits not easy to master, and are rarely expected of young children in this day and age.

However, nurturing these character traits was on Sarah (Ortiz) Hong's mind as she led her Kindergarten class through a unit on Veteran's Day. A recent naturalized American citizen, Sarah taught her class about who a veteran is, how they serve our country, what freedom means, and how veterans sacrifice for our freedom.

Ms. Hong explains: "Our school's mission is to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action. Students were aware of Veteran's Day and they brainstormed together on ways to show thankfulness. My students were able to shine their lights and grow fruit of the spirit by learning to put on their 'biblical goggles' to serve our community."

To honor veterans, each student created a soldier boy and girl and learned how to structure and write a simple letter by penning their own message of thanks such as: "Dear Hero, thank you for keeping us safe." They made thank-you cards for two special veterans from the ECC family. Lastly, they made a video taking turns to thank and pray for veterans. The video was then shared with the ECC community to forward to any veteran in their life.

#### FEEDING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AT THANKSGIVING

Lower School Student Advisory Council (SAC) led a Thanksgiving Food Drive for students to gather food for Chester County Food



Bank. Throughout the month of October and November, classes competed in weekly challenges to bring in the most pasta boxes, cans, and other dried goods. On November 21, eight SAC members, Kevin McIntyre (Director of Outdoor Learning), and Jennifer Elliot (fourth grade teacher) took two vans to deliver 1606 lbs of food to the food bank for needy families in Chester County. Over 100 pounds more than last year!

"It was hard work to encourage everyone to bring in cans, and tiring to load up all the food into the vans. But my hope is families will be fed and be able to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner together. It's hard to believe families don't have food all the time here. I'm glad we could help the Foodbank." - SAC Member

#### HELPING PROVIDE REAL SOLUTIONS TO REAL NEEDS

As a part of the Middle School SAIL program, eighth-grade students spent a week volunteering at different churches, homes, and community centers in Germantown and Northwest Philadelphia through DC's partnership with The Philadelphia Project. Students learned how to put their faith into action as they did construction projects and yard work, picked up trash, and cleaned floors.

One particular group was assigned to serve at The Reformed Episcopal Church of Atonement where they helped to set up the church's annual Fall outreach party. Students

raked the church's front yard, hung lights that lit up the space, set up tables, picked up trash, bagged candy, and cleaned the popcorn machine. The students also spent several hours putting plastic over the church's old windows in preparation for the winter months. While the jobs seemed insignificant and trite to the students initially, the church's pastor, Jason Holloway, quickly explained

they were in fact creating life-changing ministry and outreach opportunities for the Gospel.



Pastor Holloway explains: "By helping us set up the event, DC students enabled the church to welcome over 150 people to our church lawn. Urban missions require creating a welcoming, clean, and safe space for community building and fellowship. The fall outreach allowed my church to meet individuals in the neighborhood and from there meet real physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. By covering the church windows, students enabled us to save thousands of dollars in heating costs – funds that could now be used for staffing the after-school program, holding more outreach events, and growing new mission opportunities. Small acts of service have significant eternal impact."

#### TRANSFORMING THE HOME OF A WIDOW

Nate Shackleton, Upper School math and science teacher, led a group of students during SAIL week to renovate a home in West Chester through a partnership with a non-profit organization, Good Works. Students helped a widow who lives alone complete various house projects including cleaning, fixing parts of the roof, building a laundry room, and painting. The class exposed kids to other people and places within our community. It gave them a valuable opportunity to love and serve their neighbor, care for a widow, work together, and learn new skills. "One notable lesson the students learned was the importance of stewardship. Most of the problems we worked to fix could have been prevented by overall everyday maintenance, which when left alone, leads to bigger problems," observed Mr. Shackleton.

#### DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to partnering with non-profit organizations, DC has sought to partner with local churches as a distinct objective of our Strategic Initiative. Partnerships with local churches strengthen ties to the local communities, enrich the spiritual lives of students, and highlight 'The Church' as God's primary tool for discipleship. The start of the 2021-22 school year brought about opportunities for local pastors to have a presence on campus during our extended lunch hour. DC has been blessed to continue what is now a two-year relationship with pastors from Covenant Fellowship Church (Leo Parris) and Proclamation Presbyterian Church (Jeremy Johnson 'O2).





Over the past two years, Leo and Jeremy have poured into the lives of DC students on a weekly basis as they have led discipleship groups varying from in-depth Bible studies, to reading and discussing discipleship books written by trusted biblical pastors. It has been a blessing to hear testimonies as to how impactful these groups have been in the spiritual growth of our students. Though these groups are not designed to take the place of the church when it comes to discipleship, the Lord has provided an additional window of opportunity in which DC can invest and impact the spiritual lives of our students. Seeing their spiritual growth has been encouraging and a testament to God's work.

"Discipleship groups allowed me to approach deeper spiritual learning through more intentional fellowship. It was so valuable to not only have the leadership from both a teacher and a local pastor, but also be constantly reminded the beauty of fellowship discipleship groups offered could be found in a greater way in the church. As I searched for a church upon entering college, it was such a blessing to be able to approach the process with a deep understanding of Christ's love for the Church and His call for us to experience that love through plugging into a church."

-Alumnus, Eowyn Oh '22

DC continues to provide an education that results in students and ultimately alumni who prioritize Christ-centered engagement in their communities. By developing ministry partners and inviting them to have a presence on campus, and building curriculum and programming that helps develop a sense of oneself and appreciation of others through service, DC students will become, by God's grace, global citizens who impact the world for Jesus.



# TEACHING OUR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE WITH AUTHENTIC PROBLEMS AND CURRENT ISSUES DEVELOPS THE AGENCY TO WORK TOWARD SOLUTIONS THAT IMPACT COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD FOR CHRIST





## TAKING LEARNING UNDERWATER

"The immediate feedback students get from designing a product, testing it, figuring out what was wrong with it, and deciding how to fix it, is a very valuable skill and something students learn over and over again in this course and in many other SAIL classes."

- Stephen Pulliam, Science Department Chair

The Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (R.O.V.) SAIL class at DC was offered to 10th-12th grade students during SAIL week this fall. In this course, students designed and built submarine-like underwater remotely operated vehicles out of PVC piping and motors. Students were

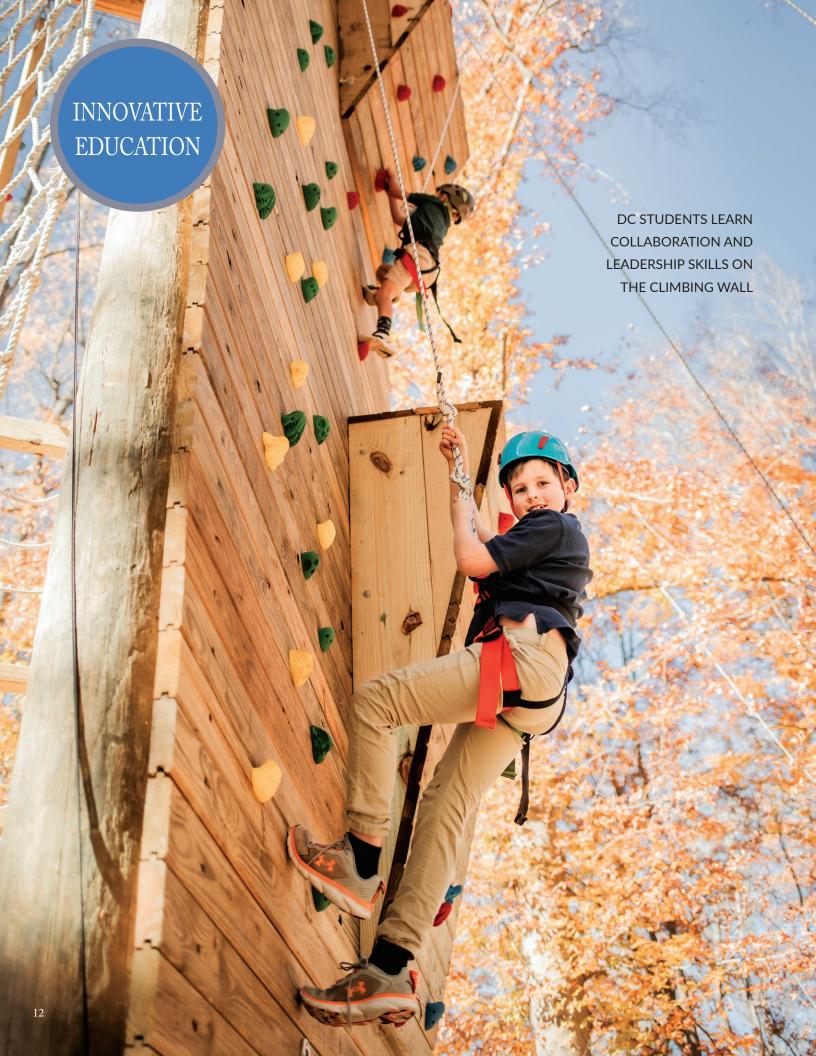
challenged to use STEM concepts from their core courses at DC to build their R.O.V.s from the ground up and test them at the indoor pool of a neighboring retirement community. Teamwork was an essential component of this course as students collaborated in all aspects of the design and

Check out this vi

implementation of the robot.

Check out this video to find out more about the Underwater R.O.V. class





Two middle school students stood at the base of the climbing tower staring up. They, and a group of their peers, had just spent the morning learning about climbing techniques, knots, safety equipment, and the skill of belaying. During their instruction time, they discussed the importance of inspiring confidence in others through words and actions. The climber looked at the belayer with trepidation, unsure if he could trust the person responsible for keeping him safe on the climb. Their interactions throughout the day had done little to inspire confidence in one another to that point. The belayer looked at the climber with seriousness for the first time in the day and said "I have you, you can trust me." With continued hesitation, both clipped their carabiners into the rope and went through their safety checklist. "Climb on," said the belayer, feeling the full weight of responsibility he was given. Up the climber went, facing both the uncertainty of the climb and a shaky trust in the person responsible for his safety. The climber made it safely to the top of the 40 ft. wall and leaned back in his harness, putting his trust fully in the belayer to carry his weight and lower him safely to the ground, his confidence in the belayer now solidified.

## TAKING LEARNING TO NEW HEIGHTS

This type of interaction and the transferable nature of the experience to other areas of life is a large part of the reason DC has chosen to put an emphasis on developing a robust outdoor learning program for its students. Outdoor learning at DC is much more than just the climbing wall. The program consists of three main focus areas in all divisions. The first is increasing the frequency of time spent receiving instruction outside. The simple act of moving class outside on a consistent basis can have a positive impact on the learning potential of students and contributes to their ability to be even more productive when returning to a traditional classroom setting.

Environmental education is another point of emphasis, specifically aimed toward increasing partnerships with local conservation organizations like the Waterloo Mills Preserve, adjacent to DC's Lower Campus. These partnerships give students the opportunity to put their knowledge to use in the care of God's creation.

Adventure programming is the final focus of the Outdoor Learning Program. Students in select grade levels and classes will be participating in Adventure Based Learning (ABL) opportunities such as canoeing, rock climbing, orienteering, and extended wilderness trips. This is a unique approach to developing essential intrapersonal skills within students that are transferable to life beyond the individual experience. As illustrated in the story about the climbers above, ABL experiences allow students to connect in ways that encourage growth in self-efficacy, confidence, risk-taking, Christ-like leadership, trust in others, and many more principles of relationship building and understanding of group dynamics.





## TAKING LEARNING TO THE FUTURE

The HIVE (Hub of Innovation and Exploration) is a bright and open space at the heart of the Lower Campus. Supporting integrated learning and educational innovation on a weekly basis, students PK4-5th grades develop skills of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication as they work in groups to solve everyday problems.

ECC students have worked together to build structures out of everything from LEGO bricks to pipe cleaners, toilet paper tubes, marshmallows, and toothpicks. HIVE lessons encourage students to connect Biblical truths with the problems they are solving in the world. For example, as students work on building bridges, they understand better how

Jesus is our perfect mediator as He bridges the gap between sinners and a holy God (1 Timothy 2:5). In addition, students have discovered principles of light while discovering new global cultures by creating shadow puppet plays inspired by the shadow puppet traditions of Cambodia and China.

Fourth and fifth-grade students now have the opportunity to join the "Makerspace Club." Once a week during their lunch and recess times, they are able to build and code LEGO robots that will move and make noises. One of the most popular things in Makerspace Club so far is for students to record themselves singing or speaking and then coding the robot to sing or speak. Students are always encouraged to propose ideas for projects or ask questions that they would like to investigate further.









## TAKING LEARNING ON AIR

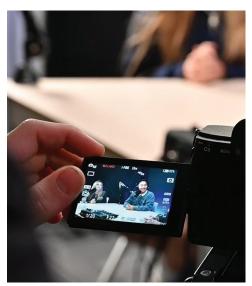
A recording studio in the Center for Innovation wing of the Upper School provides audio and video recording gear for teachers and students to create media that can be applied to their classes, school assignments, and projects. "The Studio" comes furnished with state-of-the-art cameras, microphones, lighting equipment, sound treatment, camera grips, and more. Before utilizing the gear, students complete micro-certification modules to learn how to use each piece of equipment.

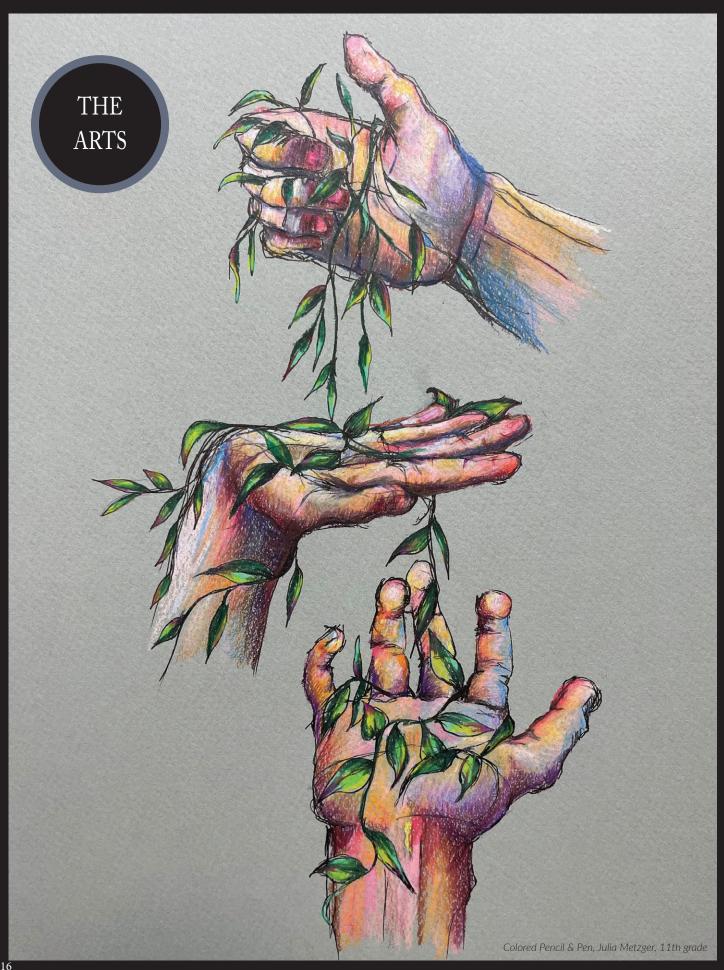
Students from a variety of classes have already used The Studio. Middle school students have learned how to use the gear to create a video that will be submitted to the 'What's So Cool about Manufacturing' competition. Upper School Spanish students have recorded audio podcasts in Spanish with Guatemalan exchange students, and other students have created content for classwork and utilized the equipment to record promotional videos for our student-run businesses. DC's Head of School Dan Steinfield, has also enjoyed using The Studio to record "The Round Table." Filmed with the help of students, "The Round Table" is a video podcast where Mr. Steinfield interviews key individuals who are leading

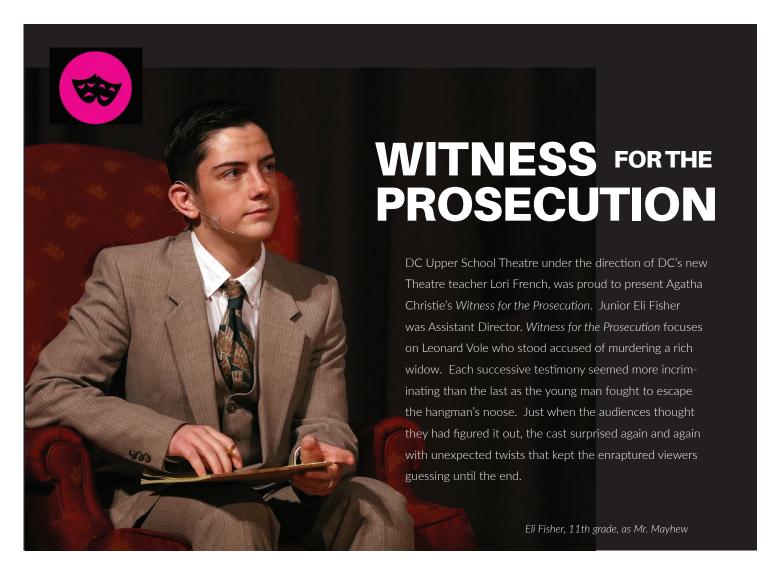
the mission of DC forward and making an impact in Christian education.

Find "The Round Table" interviews and DC news on our News & Blog Webpage









## PETER PAN AND WENDY

Seven hundred audience members over the span of three performances "took flight' to Neverland as the Middle School Theatre, under the direction of Lori French presented *Peter Pan and Wendy*. David French, and a crew of set design and construction students transformed the DeMoss Center stage to bring this delightful tale of adventure to life. The endearing Darling children "flew" with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell to Neverland, visited the Lost Boys, and were captured by Captain Hook and his band of pirates. Student and faculty actors, (math teacher Thomas Chung as Mr. Darling, and science teacher Stacey Hicklin as Mrs. Darling), enthralled the audience with their passion and talent.



lan Kauffman (8th Grade) as Peter Pan, Harper Jameson (8th grade) as Wendy, and the cast of Lost Boys

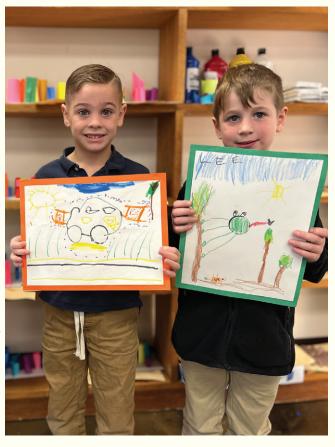


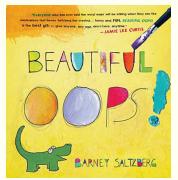
## CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR VISITS THE LOWER SCHOOL

On Tuesday, September 20, the Lower School and ECC were treated to a special virtual classroom visit with author and illustrator Barney Saltzberg. Saltzburg, author of *Beautiful Oops!*, a best-selling interactive children's book, shows young readers how every mistake is an opportunity to make something beautiful.

Lower School Art teacher, Karla Pankratz, arranged for the visit and has been using this book in her classroom for years to encourage creative problem-solving and reinforce her teaching philosophy of a growth mindset.

"I always start every year off with his book "Beautiful Oops!". The students are then given a "mistake" on their paper and are challenged to turn it into something new. It is a great reminder that their identity is in Christ and they do not need to fear taking a risk or making a mistake. In my classroom, I am intentional about inspiring wonder and leading students to make connections between visual arts, other disciplines, and our life in Christ. I hope students will see the world is designed by God while celebrating mistakes and thinking of them as an opportunity to make something beautiful." – Karla Pankratz







### GRAPHIC DESIGN CLASS NOW OFFERED AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

DC's graphic design program has been growing over the past several years. This year, thirty-five Upper School students have been taking classes which exposes students to Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign. Students learn the basics of each program and when it is most appropriate to use each respective tool. So far this year, students have gained hands-on experience creating posters, filtered photos, typography portraits, and logos.

Typography Portrait, Grant Mast (10th grade)



The second annual Women in the Arts event brought together female students, parents, alumni, and faculty. This two-day event began with a gallery show and an evening of performances at the Upper Campus on October 28, 2022 with guest speaker Michaelanne Helms who spoke on the power of art in community building. Ms. Helms is a local visual artist who focuses on mosaics, printmaking, murals, and community arts education. Her specific focus is on using arts to strengthen and integrate communities, particularly families affected by incarceration.

This event, organized by Senior Maya Collins, highlighted female artists from the broader DC community and across artistic mediums from visual arts, dance, music, fashion, and culinary arts.





## Worshiping through Art during the Christmas Season



The Christmas season at DC was ushered in by a delightful evening of performances by lower school students. It began with band and choral performances by fifth graders, followed by "A Boy Named Bob," a humorous musical written and directed by lower school music teacher Diane Clark. Bob, a shepherd boy, is constantly getting in trouble. But with the guidance and care of his flock of sheep: Cardigan, Turtleneck, Socks, Mittens, and Ysaiah, Bob is able to finally witness the birth of Christ and understand the true miracle of Christmas.



The Middle and Upper School Bands, under the direction of Matthew Jones performed a concert that combined traditional Christmas hymns, contemporary Christmas tunes, classical arrangements, and swinging jazz.



The Middle and Upper School Choral Christmas Concert, entitled "I Am the Light of the World," directed by Choral Director Renee Bussey, combined vocal performances by the middle school choirs, the Concert Choir, and the Knight Tones, accompanied by students on the piano, clarinet, bass, and percussion.



The ECC Christmas program delighted parents, grandparents and friends!

### DC STUDENTS SHARE THEIR TALENTS BEYOND OUR CAMPUS

Senior Stephanie Moorhatch has been a member of the Pennsylvania Girlchoir for many years and is currently the Co-President of the Commonwealth Youth Choirs. In her role, she has been able to use leadership skills she has learned from her many years

at DC and to be a light to her peers who come from many different backgrounds in the greater community. You can also hear DC students performing locally with The Keystone Boys Choir, The Philadelphia Girls Choir, and The Philadelphia Boys Choir. Stephanie was recently



accepted into the ACDA (American Choir Directors
Association) National Honor Choir that will take place
February in Cincinnati.

Senior, Grant Kane has been playing cello in local orchestras in Delaware County and Philadelphia for several years. He is currently a member of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra (PYO) and has spent his summers playing at the Philadelphia International Music Festival and Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival in Vermont. He is also a member of a piano trio at The Settlement Music School. Last year, Grant was awarded the 2022 Union League of Philadelphia Good Citizen Award by the PYO. Grant hopes to pursue a dual degree in cello performance and bio-chem

in college. Other
DC students can be
heard playing in The
Delaware County
Youth Orchestra,
The Young Musician's
Orchestra, and The
Philadelphia Sinfonia
Players.





#### Great Is Your Faithfulness!

#### WORSHIPING IN COMMUNITY

The DC Family Picnic and Dedication Service is a beloved annual tradition that gathers together DC students, parents, faculty, and staff on the first week of school. Families enjoyed a meal served from the newly opened dining hall in the Student Union. The service, which followed on the turf field, was an illustration of the growing student body and a reminder of God's faithfulness and provision to DC.



One of the most enduring traditions of our community is the recitation of Psalm 100 by first and second grade students at the all-school Thanksgiving Chapel. This year was no exception, as students, faculty & staff, parents, grandparents, and alumni gathered at the Upper School Gym to express their thankfulness to God for His provision, care, perfect love, and salvation through Christ, His Son. Powerful testimonies of thankfulness were shared by fifth, eighth, and twelfth-grade students as well as by third-grade teacher, Grace Newman '16.



The DC Athletic Department and the Athletic Boosters
Association wish to thank
the sponsors who supported
the 2022 Scarecrow Shuffle,
as well as the many parents,
alumni, students, friends, and
neighbors who participated
in the 5K and 1 Mile Fun
Run/Walk.

#### THIS YEAR'S RACE RAISED

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to support DC's Middle and Upper School athletics, club sports, the Lower School Knights Academy, and a dedicated strength and conditioning program for all athletes.



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#### ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to Ashley Zhou '23 who was recently named semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program. Ashley is now among 16,000 students from across the nation competing for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million. To qualify as a semifinalist, Ashley earned top scores on the 2021 PSAT and represents less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors. Congratulations as well to Blake Tanis '23 and Grant Kane '23 who were recognized as National Merit Commended students.

#### Congratulations

### 2022 TEMPLETON MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES:

CLASS OF 2023 CLASS OF 2024
Candice Wang Maggie Jenkins
Hannah Yang Karis Lo

CLASS OF 2025

Ella Clipston

Luke Fox

Abby Gifford

Joshua Yuen

CLASS OF 2026

Emma Morton

Asher Pitofsky

William Sterious

#### THE ARMORY AND THE GROUNDS

Over the past two years, The Armory and The Grounds, DC's student-run store and coffee shop have continued to grow and establish themselves on campus. Since its inception in December 2020, The Armory has had a goal of "providing clothing and goods that represent the DC spirit and God's truth." The Grounds, which moved to its permanent spot in the Student Union this fall, continues to fuel the DC community with delicious coffee and seasonal drinks. To date, over 100 middle and upper school students have been part of creating and growing the student-run businesses through volunteers, DC's business classes, and SAIL classes. DC community members including students, parents, grandparents, and employees have had the opportunity to promote their small businesses by partnering with The Armory. The Armory and The Grounds

have provided students with real-world, hands-on experiences in graphic design, procurement, marketing, and sales.

Be sure to stop by our student-run businesses next time you are on campus.



#### ECC HAYRIDE AND PUMPKIN PATCH

The Lower Campus buzzed with fun and activity as ECC students celebrated the harvest season with a hayride around campus and pumpkin decorating.



#### **COOKIE OUTREACH**

It takes a village of volunteers to bake, collect, assemble, and deliver over 100 boxes of cookies to neighbors and businesses in our local community. This annual tradition allows DC to thank local businesses, vendors, neighbors, bus drivers, first responders, and others in our community who play an integral role in keeping

DC running. This year, our Upper School student leaders were able to deliver the boxes and were encouraged to take those opportunities to share the good news of Christ's birth.





### UPPER SCHOOL RETREAT TO HARVEY CEDARS

The Upper School Retreat to Harvey Cedars Bible Conference is one of the most anticipated events of the year for 10th-12th grade students. Students enjoy relaxing on the beach, a time of discipleship, and opportunities to fellowship and build friendships as a community. This year, Pastor Leo Parris from Covenant Fellowship Church spoke about delighting in the Lord.

"As a new student, I entered activities like the retreat with both excitement and trepidation. Despite my preconceived worries about going to the retreat as soon as the new school year started, the retreat was perfect for getting acclimated to my peers and teachers. Spending intentional time allowed me to feel connected, and I was able to start the school year with established friendships. I am so thankful for what the retreat means to DC and how God works to grow our community both relationally and spiritually." – DC Junior



#### LOWER SCHOOL HIVE CLASS BUILDS A RENAISSANCE CITY

Every Lower School student learned basic concepts of physics and civil engineering through a unit on architecture in their HIVE class this fall. Fifth graders combined their study of architecture and a unit in their history curriculum on the Renaissance Period to build a giant cardboard gingerbread Renaissance city. They presented their final project by giving tours of their city to PK4-2nd grade students who were amazed by the size and intricate details of this mini city.





#### GRANDPARENTS GO TO SCHOOL!

The walls of the ECC were beautifully decorated with art projects as ECC students eagerly welcomed their grandparents to tour their classrooms on October 21 for Grandparents Day.

"It was wonderful not only to see my grandchildren and meet their teachers and friends, but it was amazing to see how many alumni parents are returning as grand-parents! It was so special to reconnect with people who I had parented together with so many years ago. It is a testament to the strength of DC's programming and community that so many alumni come back!" - ECC Grandparent

After several years of hiatus, DC welcomed over 230 Upper and Middle School grandparents on campus to kick off our Homecoming Weekend. Grandparents enjoyed a special program including remarks given by Andrew Nichols '91, DC's 2022 Alumnus of the Year, and a lunch in the Student Union. Despite the wet weather, some grandparents cheered on their grandchildren in the middle school athletic contests that closed out the day.

#### **CULTIVATING GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

## FOLLOWING THE APOSTLE PAUL'S FOOTSTEPS IN GREECE

This fall, I had the pleasure of accompanying twenty-five students and three staff members to Greece with a focus on culture and, more importantly, the development of Christianity in that region of the world. This was an opportunity to take the curriculum taught in their Freshman and Sophomore

Bible, English, and History courses and bring it to life.

As we walked the cobblestone streets of Athens, our students were transferred 2000 years back to the Apostle Paul's visit to the Athenians. Draped under the statuesque ruins of ancient gods, we sat in prayer and reflection over the courage it took for Paul to bring the Good News to the people of Athens. We climbed Mars Hill and stood on the grounds where Paul

called on Greek scholars to turn from their man-made idols and instead worship "The God who made the world and everything in it" (Acts 17:24). Our visit to the top of the Acropolis was symbolic of what would become of the idol Greek gods, as many of those temples and monuments were destroyed over centuries of war and conflict. Still today, The Acropolis of Athens and its ruins are universal symbols of the classical spirit and civilization the Greeks brought to the world.

From Athens, we visited the ancient city of Corinth, the Corinth Canal, and the beautiful island of Aegina, where the Greek people poured on us kindness and hospitality. I found the Greeks very welcoming to twenty-five teenagers perusing their streets and descending on their small shops.



There were beautiful interactions with shop owners and cafe employees, which made this trip so special.

Our students truly displayed Christ-like qualities of respect, love, and generosity with those they encountered on this journey. And in turn, the Greeks welcomed their enthusiasm and interest in learning about their culture.

At DC, we are teaching our students to love their neighbor and to share The Gospel wherever they go. We are

asking them to expand and build out their community, being a leader in a world rife with conflict and sadness. This seven-day journey with high school students gives me trust and assurance that the next generation will be leaders who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action. It will be seven days of memories treasured for a lifetime.

Allison Stinger, Director of Development,

Communications & Marketing



A group of eighteen faculty and administrators returned to campus several days early from summer break to participate in the "early adopters" training for Teaching for Transformation (TfT) as part of DC's Deeper Learning initiative. Christian Deeper Learning invites students to become engaged in God's story, equips them to play their unique role, and empowers them to produce real work, that meets real needs, for real people. Teaching for Transformation is a framework for the creation of authentic, formational learning experiences that are rooted in a Biblical worldview and align with the mission of DC.

The Teaching for Transformation program at DC is being implemented over three years and involves training faculty and staff to design transformational learning experiences.

TfT trains teachers to incorporate "throughlines" into their lessons – discipleship habits and practices such as "God Worshiping," "Creation Enjoying," "Community Building," and "Servant Working" – with the goal of transforming the student's

understanding of why they learn. Throughlines ensure the focus of teaching at DC is not just about the transfer of knowledge and facts, but propels teachers to educate the whole child within the context of God's greater story, and prepare every child to impact the world for Christ.

This school year, "early adopters" within our faculty and staff have learned together and built a framework in their classrooms. Beyond our classrooms, DC has partnered with the Logan Hope School in Philadelphia to walk through TfT implementation. Early adopters from both schools have worked together with DC's TfT designer throughout the year. All faculty and staff at DC will be incorporating TfT into their instruction during the 2023-24 school year.

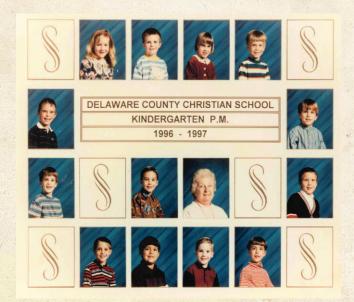
Find out more about the TfT training at DC by watching this video



#### A LEGACY OF DC TEACHERS

In 1996 Matt Hummel '09, now DC's History Department Chair, was a young boy in Kindergarten at the former Lower Campus on Bishop Hollow Road. His teacher that year was Linda Moore.

Fast forward 25 years; Linda, now retired, was at her home in North Carolina when she read the Spring 2022 issue of *Keynoter* where she spotted a familiar face and name. She was moved to pen the following letter that Matt and Linda kindly agreed to share with the magazine.



August 15, 2022

Dear Matthew,

I was so pleased to see your picture in the latest Keynoter. I had you in Kindergarten and have thought of you every Christmas. You gave me a Snow Globe and I put it out every year. As I remember you, you were always kind to all and a steady, great student. Your little sister always wanted to stay because you did. Usually, you remember the students who caused trouble or concerns. You might have found that already. I know you are busy with faculty meetings. I remember those days very well. I always think of teachers at this time of year. I left DC in 2000 and moved here to Raleigh to see my last grandson grow up. I taught Kindergarten here from 2000 to 2006 when I retired. I will be 82 next month. I loved DC, miss my teacher friends, and the kids. DC is quite a unique school. Praise the Lord!! Have a great school year.

God Bless you!

Mrs. Linda Moore



MATT HUMMEL
2022 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year Matt was awarded The 2022 "Educator of the Year Award" from the National Society of High School Scholars. This award is presented annually to ten exemplary educators who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to preparing students for success in college and in life. These awardees model best practices in teaching or administration inside and outside of the classroom, are peer role models, and demonstrate outstanding leadership and excellence in education. *Congratulations Matt!* 



#### TAKE OUR QUIZ!

#### (Answers not neccesarily in photo)

- 1. Which teacher tried out for the US Olympic Beach Volleyball Team?
- 2. Which teacher was the co-captain of their college ice hockey team?
- 3. Which teacher grew up with pet snakes, hamsters, cats, rats, guinea pigs, birds, a squirrel, a monkey, a dog, chickens, turtles, lizards, and many others?
- 4. Which teacher has been bungee jumping in South Africa?
- 5. Which teacher traveled to and ate their way through 28 beautiful countries around the world?

- 6. Which teacher has an identical twin sibling?
- 7. Which teacher has a black belt in taekwondo?
- 8. Which teacher has kissed the Blarney Stone in Ireland?
- 9. Which teacher has attended 11 Tim Mcgraw concerts?
- 10. Which teacher has 10 siblings?

1. Kevin Skaer, Middle School Bible 2. Becky Pitofsky, Upper School, Business Management 3. Rachel Kamm, Upper School English 4. Stacey Hicklin, Middle School Science 5. Rachel Downing, Middle School Spanish 6. Leslie Meeder, Lower Campus Spanish 7. Thomas Chung, Middle School Math 8. Natalie Wagner, 3rd Grade 9. Natalie Holmes, PK4 10. Suzanne Doman, Middle School Social Studies

#### DC WELCOMES A NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

Delaware County Christian School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Shellina "Shellie" Marshall as the Upper Campus Dean of Students for the 2022-2023 academic year. In this role, Shellie oversees school culture, particularly as it relates to student accountability and discipline. Mrs. Marshall works alongside the division heads on vision-casting and implementation of student programming for grades 6-12. This position will enable the Middle School Head and Upper School Head to focus primarily on faculty development and the academic leadership of their respective divisions.



Most recently, Mrs. Marshall served as Resident Director/ House Parent at Radnor ABC where she supported student academic and social growth, oversaw areas of concern including disciplinary action, and helped to establish healthy school culture and life. Prior to her time at Radnor ABC, Shellina served as the Director of Children's and Family Ministry at Springton Lake Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Marshall holds a B.A. in Youth Ministries from Eastern University, a M.A. in Biblical Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Professional Counseling from Eastern University.

#### Congratulations

Stacey Hicklin
(Middle and Upper
School Science
teacher), was a
member of Baylor
University's first
class of graduates
to receive an M.A.
in School Leadership
from their School
of Education last
December.



This program is designed for Christian educators and emerging school leaders from both public and independent institutions.

#### THIS FALL, WE WELCOMED A GROUP OF VERY TALENTED AND EXPERIENCED NEW STAFF AND FACULTY TO OUR CAMPUSES.

Ashley Calderwood - Upper School Art

Ashley Denton - Aide / Lower Campus Guidance

Rachel Downing - Middle School Spanish

Lori French - Upper Campus Theatre

David French - Upper Campus Art

Kamryn Gottier - Upper Campus Student Support

Teelah Grimes - Interim Assistant Athletic Director

Lindsey Harrell - EXCEL Coordinator

Megan Kutz - Upper School Guidance

Alison Levis - Second Grade

Mindy Lyster - Kindergarten

Shellina Marshall - Dean of Students

Kimberly McMonagle - Second Grade

Dione Mitchell - Lower Campus Student Support Services

Emily Norcini - PK3

Amy Ransom - HIVE Instructor

Carol Reigner - Lower Campus Multi-Media & Literature Coordinator

Deanna Robinson - Middle School Spanish

Natalie Wagner - Third Grade





#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Lloyd Hill Regular Season: 2-4

Highlights: The varsity football team had a quality season. The team started off the season very strong with a come from behind win against Valley Forge Military Academy and College, and they played a great game against Randolph-Macon Academy. Despite the challenge of losing some key players, the younger classmen stepped up and played well, ending the season with several close games.

"The beauty of sports can bring a community together. I'm thankful for this season, and I will enjoy reflecting on players coming together to achieve one goal."

- Coach Hill

#### KSFL LEAGUE AWARDS:

Tommy Goneau '24 - Defense All KSFL First Team

Philip King '23 - Defense All KSFL First Team

Josh Colonia '25 - Defense All KSFL Honorable Mention

Sam Dixon '25 - Offense
All KSFL Honorable Mention

Josh Colonia '25 - Offense All KSFL Honorable Mention

Tommy Goneau '24 Offense All KSFL Honorable Mention



#### **VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER**

Head Coach: Rob Irias, Regular Season: 8-8-1, Playoff Record: 0-1

#### **BAL AWARDS:**

Suzannah Green '24 | First Team All-League
Julia Evans '25 | First Team All-League
Ava Schaafsma '23 | First Team All-League
Sky Corcimiglia '23 | First Team All-League
Marielle Clayton '24 | Second Team All-League
Kate Latchford '25 | Second Team All-League
Stephanie Moorhatch '23 | Second Team All-League

#### Highlights:

"The progress that took place on and off the field was so encouraging and so noticeable that opposing coaches felt obliged to make positive remarks throughout the season, In considering our theme for the year was "Characters Wanted! Be you with Conviction," the girls made great strides in being comfortable in who God made them to be and to plug in to the team in impactful ways. This growth translated into greater confidence as soccer players and therefore being better competitors with even the best teams in our league."

- Coach Irias

#### VARSITY FIFLD HOCKFY

Head Coach: Kieran Willey'16, Regular Season: 7-9

#### **BAL AWARDS:**

Ava White '24 | First Team All-League Evezi Omuyeh '23 | First Team All-League Alexa Cardone '26 | Second Team All-League Elizabeth Matty '24 | Honorable Mention All-League Maryn D'Antonio '26 | Honorable Mention All-League Avery Franks '25 | Honorable Mention All-League

Highlights: This year's varsity field hockey team, comprised of mostly new players, wasted no time getting to know each other, building community, and including everyone. This work paid off most notably in the Knights overtime win against Bristol in an away game, under the lights, on Bristol's Senior Night. As a young team, the Knights had two strong leaders as captains and also had the opportunity for younger players to step up and lead.

"Our on-field goals this season were to do the basics well and be as conditioned as possible, Players bonded through this, and we worked hard to be able to compete with teams who had a lot more experience than us."



#### VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Head Coach: Rob Atkins, Regular Season: 15-3, Playoff Record: 0-1 BAL AWARDS:

Nick Vavala '23 | First Team All-League Cody Dill '24 | First Team All-League Jake Johnson '23 | Second Team All-League Ben Norbury '25 | Second Team All-League

Highlights: The 2022 season for the varsity boys soccer team was fantastic with a 15-3 regular season record. The Knights scored 79 goals throughout the season, and only gave up 14 goals. The team also averaged a possession rate of 71% a game. Most impressively, the Knights ranked in the top ten for the last five weeks of the season by the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association, achieving the highest weekly ranking 6th in the state. Disappointingly, DC lost in the district semi-final game after 80 minutes of regulation play and two 15-minute overtimes, followed by a penalty kick shootout.

"Perhaps the most important highlight was our growth in understanding that God created us for glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). Our wins and losses, and the skills we steward and work at on the soccer field have been entrusted to us by God. For this reason, we can declare, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory" (Psalm 115:1)."

- Coach Atkins



#### **VARSITY GOLF**

Head Coach: Eric Annino, Regular Season: 7-2
BAL AWARDS
Caleb Jameson '25 | Second Team All-League
Luke Yan '24 | Second Team All-League
Cole Cook '26 | Honorable Mention All-League

Highlights: The DC golf team had one of its strongest seasons, going seven and two. The team swelled from nine to fourteen players, with several promising freshmen joining the squad. Key victories were against Collegium (twice) and Jenkintown (twice), and low averages on the team were Caleb Jameson (44) and Luke Yan (47).





#### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: George McFarland

#### **BAL AWARDS:**

Ella Clipston '25| First Team All-League Mary Schaefer '24 | Second Team All-League Hugh Nicholson '25 | Second Team All-League Joey Cuozzo '25 | Second Team All-League

Highlights: The boys and girls cross country teams competed in four BAL meets this season, as well as a number of larger meets in the area, including meets at Unionville, the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh, the PIAA Foundation Meet in Hershey, DELCO Championships at Rose Tree Park, and the Bristol Ekiden Meet. Ella Clipston '25 finished 8th overall and medaled at the BAL Championships. The boys team placed 4th place and was led by sophomores Hugh Nicholson and Joey Cuozzo. The Knights ran in the District One Cross Country Championships at Lehigh University, where Nicholson qualified for the 2022 PIAA Cross Country Championships. Nicholson finished in the mid-pack out of 300 runners from across Pennsylvania in the State Championship.



#### **VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS**

Head Coach: Thomas Papi, Regular Season (Team): 10-0

#### **BAL AWARDS:**

Sarah Stahl '23 | MVP

Sarah Stahl '23 | First Team Singles All-League

Sarah Stahl '23/Maggie Lott '24 | First Team Doubles All-League Lily Elliott '24/Sydney Stevens '24 | First Team Doubles All-League Lindsey Radano '23 | Honorable Mention All-League

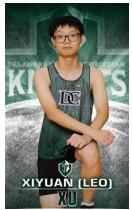
#### Highlights:

Girls tennis began the season with two weeks of solid practices in August. This preseason time allowed the team to build their conditioning and gel as a team. Captains Sarah Stahl '23, Maggie lott '24, and Lindsey Radano '23 provided strong leadership to the younger players throughout the fall. Delaware County Christian School dominated BAL play by going undefeated at 10-0. Their most exciting matches came against Jenkintown with two close 3-2 victories. The Knights qualified for the District One 2A Tournament where they were upended by Merion Mercy Academy.

Individual highlights included Sarah Stahl '23 winning BAL singles and doubles tournaments, as well as first and second place doubles finishes by Sarah Stahl '23/Maggie lott '24 and Sydney Stevens '24/Lily Elliott '24.













#### Andrew Ko - Soccer

"The school I went to freshman year did not offer sports so I'll always be grateful for my parents allowing me to transfer to DC and be a part of the athletics here. I want to thank my coaches for taking the time to train and build me up not only in learning the game, but also in being a man of God. They stand as great examples of what It means to live for Christ in sports. Through my time on the team I have grown in soccer ability and my faith due to their character."

#### Leo Xu - Cross Country

"As an international student who studies here, I have so many things to be thankful for. First, I thank the Lord for allowing me to know Him. I thank the school for providing me with an opportunity to learn about the Lord. I thank my teammates and my coaches who have encouraged me, even when things were difficult. Then, I thank my parents for supporting me both mentally and physically, and enable me to study abroad and live with no fears."

#### Phillip King - Football

"I want to thank my coaches for being like a second family to me, always pushing me and encouraging me to improve when things got hard. I want to thank my teammates for having courage to play this great sport and always having my back."

#### Evezi Omuyeh - Field Hockey

"I would like to say thank you to all my teammates for supporting and encouraging me on and off the field. Even when we have a tough loss, you are not just great teammates, but good friends. As a Senior, I am sad this will be my last year playing for DC, but I am so glad I was able to play for this school."

#### Sarah Stahl - Tennis

"To my coaches over the years, I am so thankful for their servant-hearts to dedicate time to coach us. Thank you for not only caring about developing our tennis skills but also more importantly our spiritual wellbeing. Lastly, I want to thank God for giving me the ability to play this sport and for this amazing school that has provided me with such a fun high school and tennis experience."

2022 CHEER - CONNECT - CELEBRATE









# **POWDERPUFF**

"Playing in Powderpuff is really a surreal experience. It has been something I have been looking forward to since middle school, but actually playing in it surpassed all expectations. The atmosphere at Powderpuff is so much fun. To have so many people watching is both super but also playing with and against so many of your friends and teammates." DC Senior, Sarah Stahl

The annual Powder Puff game between the junior and senior girls is a DC classic. The highly anticipated game is a perfect way to end Homecoming Week each year. The school atmosphere preceding the game is brimming with anticipation and excitement. Whether a spectator, coach, or player, the energy on the field that Friday night in October is unforgettable.

Sarah Stahl and Sky Corcimiglia led the seniors with a combined six touchdowns, taking the final score to 42-14 and beating the juniors. Juniors Marielle Clayton and Trinity Hobaugh secured two touchdowns. Throughout the first half, the close game made it unclear who would take home the title of Powder Puff champs. However, after half-time, the seniors significantly pulled ahead with four additional touchdowns, three of them consecutively. Both teams put up a valiant effort, establishing this Powder Puff game at Homecoming as one to remember.





# **2022 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

2022 Alumnus of the Year Andrew Nichols returned to campus as the speaker for the Upper Campus Grandparent's Day Chapel. Andrew shared wisdom from the Book of Hebrews and encouraged students and grandparents to hold on to Jesus and seek out mentors who speak God's truth into their lives. Later, Andrew was celebrated over an Alumni Dinner, which gathered his family, faculty who taught him, and some of his lifelong DC friends. Pictured right: Fellow alumni Adam Sacks '89, Andrew Nichols '91, and Jenny Landman lott '91.











Back Row: Rob Atkins (Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach), John Vesper '02, John Levis (Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach), Angela Keelan (Boys Middle School Soccer Coach), Peter Keelan (Former Boys Soccer Assistant Coach), Rob Nason '02, Chris Maffet '71 (Former Boys Soccer Head Coach), Brown Vincent '00, Andy Young (Girls Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach), Jacob Hobough '00, Max Wilson '18, Jamie FitzGerald '17, Zane Hobough '18, Stephen Wisnewski '21. Front Row: Nate Shackelton (Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach), Clay Corcimiglia '18, Rich Carroll '90, Rob Irias (Girls Varsity Soccer Coach), Tim Fitzgerald '18, Ashley Karpiak Jochum '14, Tabitha Mulholland '14



**1991 BOYS KSAC CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER TEAM** (*L-R*): Assistant Coach Peter Keelan, Andy Cooke '92, Eric Johnson '93, Head Coach Chris Maffet '71



**1991 KSAC CHAMPIONSHIP & 2011 FIELD HOCKEY TEAMS** (*L-R*): Heather Templeton Dill '94, Anne Pieters Goneau '92, Kristen Dill Levis '92 and 2011 Field Hockey Team: Head Coach Joni Calderwood Mindrebo '97 and Emily Lindemuth Good '12



**1986 BOYS KSAC CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER TEAM** (*L-R*): Rich Carroll '90, Craig Tanis '87, Andrew Paulson '87, Steve Moorhatch '87, Coach Chris Maffet '71



1996 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:
Scott Anthony '97

Scott Anthony '97, Coach, Chuck Patterson



# ALUMNI ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

DC CELEBRATED
ITS RICH HISTORY
OF ATHLETICS BY
RECOGNIZING
CHAMPIONSHIP
TEAMS FROM FIVE
AND TEN YEAR
REUNION MILESTONES



#### 2001 BOYS KSAC CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER TEAM

(L-R): Assistant Coach Peter Keelan, Jim Palmer '03, Chris Vincent '02, Scott Kallal '02, Tom Palmer '03, Jamie Calderwood '03, Kieran Keelan '04, Head Coach Chris Maffet '71

#### FOCUS ON ALUMNI

#### NEWS & NOTES

#### 1997



Dr. Kevin Gelzhiser '97 received his Ehrenritterkreuze "Knight's Cross" from the Order of St. John for his service to the historic knightly order in Bethesda, Maryland on October 18, 2022. While living in Switzerland, Kevin had served in the diplomatic mission of the Order of Malta and the Orders of St. John to the United Nations in Geneva. As an academic expert in U.S. foreign policy, the United Nations Security Council, NATO, and crisis diplomacy, Kevin continues to work with the Protestant Orders of St. John as they provide emergency medical relief to the people of Ukraine.



# Joni Calderwood Mindrebo '97 and Jonathan Mindrebo welcome their 3rd child Miles James Mindrebo. Born December 4, 2022, Miles weighed 7lbs, 7oz and measured 20.5 inches long. He joins older brother Owen (5) and sister Charli Rose (3).

## 1999



**Bryan Wilfong '99** married Megan Smith on June 10th 2022. The couple recently bought a home and now live in Ridley Park, PA.

## 2002



Rob Nason '02 and his wife Liz Eley welcomed second son Nico on April 14, 2022. Nico joins older brother Truman (age 5). Rob is an Associate Professor of Strategy and Organization and the William Dawson Scholar at the Desautels Faculty of Management at McGill University. Rob was recently named 2022 Best 40-Under-40 MBA Professors by the influential business school newsite Poets Quants. The family resides in Montréal.

### 2004

Jamison Rogers
'04 is a thirteenyear veteran of the
City of Chester
Police Department
in Chester City, PA,
and is currently a
Major Crimes &
Homicide Detective.
He rose through the
ranks quickly, being



promoted to the rank of Corporal after just five years of service. Jamison is one of the youngest members to be promoted to the Detective division after also serving as a narcotics officer and patrol supervisor. He was recently awarded the Al Dia News Media's 40 under 40 award, given to impactful young professionals in the Philadelphia area. Jamison is passionate about building relationships between the community and law enforcement by being objective and bridging communications.

**Liz Wright Altieri '04** and Gus Altieri welcomed Lucia Elizabeth on August 20, 2022, at 7lbs 3oz and 20 3/4 inches long. The family is soaking up the sweetness as Lucia joins her crew of older brothers, Gus (7), Max (5), and Leo (2).



## NEWS & NOTES

#### 2005



Emily Sprik Goeller '05 and her husband Ben welcomed Lucy Jane into the world on October 18, 2022. She joins big sister Clara (4) and brother Montgomery (1). The Goellers live in Garnet Valley and are members of Springton Lake Presbyterian Church in Newtown Square, PA.

# 2006



Molly McGowen Krause '06 and Sam Krause are thankful to the Lord for the safe and healthy arrival of their newest family member, Layla Elizabeth Krause, on July 8, 2022. Layla joines older siblings Samantha Jane (8), Finnian Francis (6), Ophelia Marie (3).

## 2007



Renee Militello Rappold '07 was recently promoted to Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. Renee and her husband Kurt have two boys and currently live in South Carolina.



Catherine Barbee Power '07 and Connor Power welcomed baby Thea Jo Power on December 7, 2022. Baby Thea joins big brothers Ollie (1) and James (8).

#### 2009



Melissa DiCesare VanKooten '09 and her husband Eric welcomed their first child, Camilla "Millie" Drew VanKooten on December 5, 2021. The family resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan but enjoy their visits home to PA to visit parents Ric and Jennifer Elliott.

Matt Hummel '09 and Kristin Welch were married on May 20, 2022 at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA. Kristin, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, currently works as a critical care nurse practitioner. Matt works at DC and serves as the History Department Chair. Though they had a small wedding, some alumni in attendance were: Mario Mascioli '09, John Linton '09, Jack Newman '09, Amy Thomas '09, Chris Dodds '08, Sean Dodds '08, and Scott Bateman '73.



#### FOCUS ON ALUMNI

## NEWS & NOTES

## 2010



**Shannon Dodds Vowels '10** and her husband Parker welcomed their daughter, Hazel Marie Vowels on December 10, 2022. Shannon currently teaches second grade at DC.

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One of the many additions to homecoming this year was an alumni breakfast in our student union. Pictured below are members of the class of 2007: Travis Thomas, Alisha Davis, and Ethan Freeman

#### 2012



Brittany Lynne See Andraka '12 and Matthew James Andraka '12 welcomed Ezra Richard Andraka on May 26, 2022. Brittany currently teaches Upper School History and oversees the SAIL program at DC.

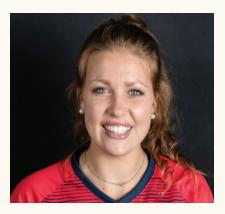


**Parker O'Leary '12** and Nicole O'Leary welcomed their first child, Grayson Campbell O'Leary on October 3, 2022. Grayson weighed in at 7 lbs, 15 oz.

#### 2016



**Davis Gibson '16** married Catherine Kok on October 22, 2022 in Seattle, WA. Those in attendance included Josh Van Meerbeke '16, Erin Turpin '13, and current faculty member Thomas Chung '16. Davis and Catherine currently live in Kirkland, WA.



Kailey Neef Bartholomew '16 was named Head Women's Soccer Coach at Cairn University. After DC, Kailey continued to pursue her soccer career as a full-ride, NCAA Division I Scholarship-Athlete at Liberty University. She also played with Torch F.C., an elite Christian soccer club, which participates in a women's premier league.



# **CLASS REUNIONS**



The Class of 1992 celebrated their 30th Reunion at La Cabra Brewing Co. In reflecting on her time at the reunion, a member of the class of '92 wrote, "It was so wonderful to see everyone. Reflecting on the last 30 years, we are faithfully reminded that God is good all the time. We are so grateful for each other's place and story in our lives and we have a greater joy having been part of it. We missed those that couldn't be with us and we also remember with love and a smile our two angels in heaven."

Row 1 (L-R): Lisa DiLodovico, Bessie-Anna Kushner Mckinnley, Mimi Young Magill. Row 2: Anne Pieters Goneau, Kristin Dill Levis, Heather Moore, Chanderlyn Smith, Courtenay Brosius Brandt, Jeannie Hannah Bickhardt, Susannah Scace Mitchell, Jenn Cook Metzger, Heather Booth Radano, Rachel Kleckner-Hill, Anne-Marie Esposito, Kristie Kurka Martin, Jen Kendrick, Sebastian Traeger. Row 3: Andy Ware, Jon Steele, Tim Kennett, Erik Roen, Andy Cooke, Rob Taylor



The Class of 2002 celebrated 20 years at Bald Birds Brewing Company, co-owned by '02 classmate Abby McKenna Ferrar and her husband Joe Ferrar. Classmates traveled internationally, from as far as Canada and Thailand to attend the reunion.

Above: Back Row (L-R) Bill Vesper, Scott McClelland, Nate Yesner, Chris Vincent, Rob Nason, Kyle Jackson, Brian Porter, Mat Davis, DJ Horton, Tim Hussar, Shannon Angelos Schreiber, Abby McKenna Ferrar, Scott Kallal, Sarah McDonald Daniels. Front Row: John Vesper, Anders Muir, Andrew Wasuwonge, Nathan Witmer, Naomi Hepkins Poyser, Katie Dilullo Casey, Bekka Wise Shepherd, Allison Griffith Gerrard, Martha Wright Harris, Kevin Wilfong, Not pictured: Emily Norquist Leaman

# In Memorium

Janet Grant passed away October 30, 2022. While we mourn the loss of her presence, we rejoice that she is now released from suffering pain and is now resting whole and restored in the presence of her Savior, Jesus Christ. Despite the affliction of ALS, Janet started each day listening to and reminding herself and others that, "This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Janet is survived by her husband Paul. Janet served on staff at DC as an Executive Assistant for eighteen years and is the mother of alumni, Kevin '06 and Tim '97.

**Gwendolyn Ann Boorse** departed from this life on November 19, 2022 at the age of 87. Gwen and her husband Dave Boorse both taught at DC for years during the 60s and 70s. Their children Brenda, Dorothy, Raymond, and Anna all attended DC. Gwen's deep faith in God was evident in everything she did at home, at work, and at church. She was strong, gracious, intelligent, kind, and wise. Above all, she is a child of God and has been welcomed home to hear "well done my good and faithful servant." We rejoice with her in a race run well and feel blessed to be a part of her life journey. Gwen is the great-aunt of three current students, Behr 2029, Hudson 2031, and Elizabeth 2034 Schreiber.

Jim Rowan passed from this life into his eternal home with His Savior the Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. As a lifelong baseball fan, Jim helped coach and manage various DC baseball teams throughout his years as a DC parent. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 36 years, Jane Offringa Rowan, their children, Rachel Rowan Johnson '05 and husband Rev. Jeremy Johnson '03 of Newtown Square, PA, Robin Rowan '07 of Pottstown, PA, and Jillian Rowan Hulbert '10 and husband Nicholas Hulbert '07, of Indiana, PA. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Kaleb Rowan, Lydia 2034, Micah 2036, James Johnson 2038, and Boone Hulbert.

**Donald Ware**, 78, of New Holland, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital. His wife, Ruth Ann (Lutz) Ware, survives. A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 30, at Garden Spot Village Chapel which was a wonderful celebration and tribute to Don's testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. Don and Ruth Ware are DC alumni parents to Andrew Ware '92, Peter Ware '95, and Christy Ware Biscocho '97. Don served God faithfully through his church and many other ministries. He also served on DC's Board of Trustees for a number of years.



Janet Grant



Gwen Boorse



Jim Rowan



Don Ware

# In Memorium

**Sheila Cook Wheatley,** Class of 1960, passed away this summer. As a young girl, red-headed Sheila was featured on the posters for War Bonds during World War II painted by artist Fred Brunner. During their time in Pennsylvania, Sheila was actively involved in ministry at Church of the Savior in Wayne, Pa, including fundraising through dinners and also teaching women's Bible studies. Mrs. Wheatley cherished her summers in Ocean City, NJ and later time spent with family and friends sailing and crabbing along the Chesapeake. Sheila is survived by her husband of 58 years Wayne Wheatley and their daughters Amy Jaros '84 and Meg Josetti '86.



Maria K. Dinger, a member of the class of 1999, entered into her eternal reward on June 17, 2022 at the age of 41. She was the beloved daughter of Elisa C. (Ranalli) Dinger and was predeceased by her father, Skip Dinger. Maria was the loving sister of Peter Dinger (Christine) and Mark A. Dinger (Shannon). Maria suffered from Cystic Fibrosis, and received a double lung transplant six years ago at the University of Pennsylvania. She fought a courageous battle against the disease. Maria had an infectious smile that would light up a room. When you think of Maria, celebrate the good memories you have of her. She would want her family and friends to remember that life is fragile, sometimes short and should be lived to the fullest.

**Eugene Vickers**, a founding parent in 1950 of Delaware County Christian School, went to be with the Lord on July 15 at the age of 106. His four daughters were among the first students to enroll at Delaware County Christian School in 1950. In 1955, Mr. Vickers oversaw the purchase of the George Strawbridge Estate, which allowed DC to move from Grace Chapel to our present-day Upper Campus location. Mr. Vickers and his wife Betty, who went home to the Lord in 2008, are the parents of four daughters, Betty Jean Vickers Park '60, Barbara Vickers '65, Brenda Vickers Aungst '68, and Beverly Vickers Sparling '75. He also leaves eleven grandchildren including granddaughter Heidi Moore Mottin '92.



Sheila Wheatley



Rich Simpson



Maria Dinger



Eugene Vickers



#### MISSION SUSTAINABILITY

The Lord is indeed at work here at Delaware County Christian School. In the midst of a world in uncertain times, He has remained faithful. God has been generous to the work at hand by putting forth families and individuals who invest daily in the school's mission through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. To those who have supported the work of Delaware County Christian School, we thank you. All we have is from God, and in giving back to His work, we glorify Him.

Over the past year, we have seen God working amongst us as we gather in community to promote and support excellence in education rooted in Christ. Through our innovative curriculum, we watch students grow into capable entrepreneurs as they manage two student-run businesses. Students are engaging in educational experiences both here and abroad as they immerse themselves into new cultures and serve in communities that give them a breadth of knowledge of the real world we live in. We are opening up doors of opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents both at school and on local and national platforms. We are seeing the growth in our student-athletes as they strive for excellence both in the classroom and on the playing fields. We are collaborating and providing opportunities for our very youngest to examine patterns of local wild-life in their natural habitat at a local preserve. In June, we graduated an outstanding class of young people who are already leading in their collegiate communities and on missions worldwide. These are just a few examples of how your investment provides a transformational change in our students.

So why do we seek philanthropic support? As Christians, we know "to whom much is given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48). This wisdom means we are held responsible for what we have. If we have been blessed with time, talents, and treasure, we are expected to share our blessings with others.

When you invest philanthropically in Delaware County Christian School, you are investing in our mission to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action. That is a powerful and mighty investment and one we take very seriously and with grateful hearts. God has richly blessed each of us in many different ways. We understand that every hour shared in volunteerism and every gift, regardless of size, are personal and powerful statements of your individual commitment. And all of these hours and gifts committed are combined to support the strategic initiatives and the future sustainability of DC. We praise God for using our community as vessels of His work.

Let us always be mindful that every gift and commitment is helping us to provide a sustainable and excellent education rooted in His Word. We thank those of you who have been called in the past year to use your talents and gifts to serve the next generation of young people who are also being called to serve Him well.

Blessings,

Allison B. Stinger,

Director of Development & Communications

# THE GOLD CLUB

This past spring, the GOLD Club was introduced to members of the Class of 2022. Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Giving Club was designed to introduce the concept of philanthropy and giving back to a community that has given so much to our students. Together, faculty and staff, alongside parents, grandparents, and friends of DC, have shared wisdom, prayer, time, and financial resources so that every student can receive a high-quality education rooted in Christ.

The GOLD Club is a commitment to make an annual donation for ten years following the student's graduation from DC in increments representative of their graduating year. Members of the Class of 2022 were given the opportunity to make an annual donation of \$20.22 and to vote on three areas they wished to see their support designated over the next decade. The Class voted overwhelmingly to support the areas of Student Tuition Assistance, Faculty Compensation, and Areas of Greatest Need as decided by the school. Each year for the next ten years, those who have joined the Club will receive an annual reminder of their donation pledge and will hear of how their gifts are making a difference for the next generation of students and faculty at DC.



The following gifts from the first class of GOLD Club donors are worth sharing as we see the new alumni of DC transform from being "receivers" to becoming "contributors" to their alma mater and, ultimately to the world.

We thank the following members of the Class of 2022 for joining the GOLD Club and invite others to join them in this effort.

Rachel Anderson	Cherith Garner	James Schaefer
Emma Carrington	Caitie Goneau	Ainsley Serfass
Emily Chung	Julia Laessig	Allie Stevens
Shannon Elliott	Molly Nichols	Tyler Toms
Keturah Ferris	Eowyn Oh	Trevor Tuttle
Brette Foutch	Ben Petrulis	Alma Wang



#### **EXPANDING THE ORCHARD**

"We are thankful for this beautiful building and the additional space it will afford our second grade students. We are looking forward to creating an inviting and welcoming learning environment in which students learn, develop lasting friendships, and grow in their young faith."

- Joy Ludwig, Head of Lower School

Delaware County Christian School is excited to announce that a second floor will be added to The Orchard, Summer 2023. The Orchard building at the DC Lower Campus has housed four first grade classes since it was inaugurated in the Fall of 2021, and students and faculty alike have loved the bright and sunny spacious classrooms. With prolific growth in the Lower School, bolstered by DC's flourishing ECC program, this second floor will provide much-needed additional classrooms. The Orchard will become a primary education wing, a special hub for our first and second grades. Faculty and students are especially looking forward to the interactive play spaces and the additional outdoor learning classroom that will extend learning beyond interior spaces.

# EITC / OSTC PROGRAM

# WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PENNSYLVANIA TAXES TO SUPPORT A PROGRAM YOU BELIEVE IN?

Contributions made through the

# EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT (EITC) OR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT (OSTC)

provide financial assistance to qualified and mission-appropriate students to attend Delaware County Christian School.

# TURNING PA TAX DOLLARS INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

"When we first heard about the EITC program and the opportunity it provides for so many families to afford Christian education at DC, we were thrilled to be able to participate. One of the school's greatest assets is the families in community with one another and we are glad to support any program that would lower the hurdle for a family looking to enroll their children at DC. The process was incredibly straightforward. We filled out a one-page form early in the year to enroll in the program. A few emails later and a mailed check at year-end, and we had done our part."

Timothy '02 and Cristina Hussar, with son Finley (second grade) and daughter Fern (PK4)



#### **SAMPLE** TAX CALCULATION

(LLC, PARTNERSHIP, S-CORP, OR INDIVIDUAL BASED ON A 2-YEAR COMMITMENT)

**CASH GIFT TO CHARITY - \$3500** 

PA TAX-CREDIT REDUCTION (90% OF CONTRIBUTION) - \$3150

NET-FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTION (37% OF TAX RATE) - \$130

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE \$220



SUPPORTING THE FUND for DC

provides resources for our faculty to

**INSPIRE** 

not just instruct; to

**MENTOR & MODEL** 

not just teach,

and to lead the way in being the

HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

to each other and the world.

Delaware County Christian School commits to being a good steward of the generosity shared from members of our greater DC community. DC is blessed to present a strong statement of operations for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

INCOME: \$14,063,310 **EXPENSES:** \$13,988,932



80% TUITION & FEES
12% UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS
5% OTHER INCOME
3% ENDOWMENT INCOME



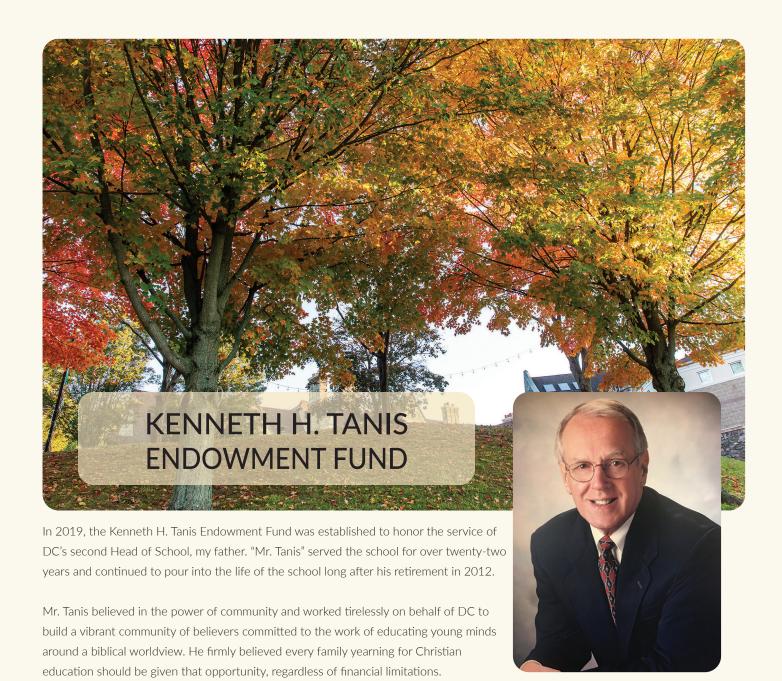
61% SALARIES & BENEFITS
15% FINANCIAL AID
10% MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL
8% ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
6% EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$10,403,111
RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS \$8,770,220
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS \$1,632,891



46% CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS
35% ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
8% EITC CONTRIBUTIONS
8% ANNUAL FUND FOR DC
3% OTHER RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your support!



The Kenneth H. Tanis Endowment Fund is earmarked for families who have sacrificed to send their children to DC and are experiencing a temporary hardship that jeopardizes their ability to pay tuition. This endowment is intended to bridge that gap.

To date, the Kenneth H. Tanis Endowment Fund has neared \$800,000. The Tanis/Pott family has a goal to grow this fund to \$1,000,000 by June 2023, and has committed a match of \$100,000 and is asking for your help to realize this goal. Upon reaching this goal, 4% of the average fair market value of the fund from the past year will be distributed as necessary to support families facing temporary hardship and will continue as needed annually.

To support the Kenneth H. Tanis Endowment Fund and to help meet the match, gifts can be made to Delaware County Christian School with Tanis Endowment Fund written in the memo section. If one desires to contribute in another manner, please contact Allison Stinger, Director of Development, at astinger@dccs.org or (610) 353-6522 x2284.

On behalf of the Tanis/Pott family and Delaware County Christian School, we thank you and the countless others who will support and have supported this fund to date.



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THE BENEFIT FOR DC April 29

COMMENCEMENT 2023
June 2

THE DC GOLF CLASSIC
June 13

DC SUMMER PROGRAMS
June 19 - August 4