

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Warrior Partner

2023 ISSUE

FOR DONORS, ALUMNI,
FAMILY, AND FRIENDS OF
LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



MAKE
TOMORROW
BETTER

WHO
WILL MAKE

TOMORROW
BETTER?

Dear Warrior Partners,

Liberty Christian School is a vibrant school community built upon a college-preparatory education delivered through a biblical worldview. Our rich co-curricular programs are designed to allow our outstanding students to demonstrate the many gifts and talents the Lord has given to them, while strengthening their character and leadership ability. It takes a tremendous commitment from our entire school community in order for all facets of our school to operate at the exceptional level that we all desire for today and for the future.

As we consider the many challenges that we face in today's society, it is so important that we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do in order to provide the best experiences possible for our students to grow in their faith and preparedness for college and beyond. It's a commitment that we don't carry lightly. We strive to equip the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and doers.

If we aren't working together as a community, *Who Will Make Tomorrow Better?* Thank you for

your willingness to support our mission! Without your generosity, it would not be possible to offer the amazing opportunities our students experience at Liberty.

As you read about the many areas of our school that were touched by our generous community, I hope you are encouraged by what the Lord is doing through our family partners. Together, we will continue to build a brighter future for our students. Again, thank you for your support and faithfulness to the mission of Liberty Christian School.

Together, we are making tomorrow better!

In Christ,

Blair

Dr. Blair T. McCullough

YOU

*make tomorrow better
for the staff at Liberty
Christian School.*



**Teacher
Sustainability
Initiative**

At Liberty, the Teacher Sustainability Initiative helps raise teacher salaries to compete with local standards, leading Liberty into a competitive market that allows our community to keep and hire the best Christian professional educators.

The challenge of private Christian education is the balance between tuition cost, budget constraints, and staff compensation all without local or state funding. Through generous giving to our Teacher Sustainability Initiative, teachers at Liberty Christian School received an 11% salary increase during the 2022-2023 school year. Our goal is to continue raising the salaries of our teachers through this key initiative.

"She required greatness from us but she also had so much compassion and love. She really challenged me to be a better person."

— LIBERTY ALUMNA ON FAVORITE LIBERTY TEACHER





There are always opportunities to serve at Liberty! Reach out to Liberty's PTF Volunteer Coordinator, **Beth Ann Kehoe** at **BethAnn.Kehoe@mylcs.com**, to learn more about how you can volunteer at Liberty Christian School.

VOLUNTEERS

MAKE TODAY AND TOMORROW BETTER

Volunteers are a valuable part of our community who help make tomorrow better. We can attribute many successful events this school year to our dedicated volunteers!

Our volunteers help make countless activities possible, such as the Used Uniform Sale, Staff Appreciation luncheons, new family tailgate, campus Christmas decorating, Middle and Upper School snack, and the Heart of Liberty Gala, just to name a few!



There are also many other ways our volunteers participate across campus throughout the school year, as some serve in our new parent ambassador program, as room coordinators, LYA coaches, or PTF chairs and co-chairs. We know that we can count on our volunteers to step in and fill any need that may arise. *We truly couldn't operate as efficiently as we do without the amazing servant hearts in our community.*



We also can't go without mentioning the major community effort from this year's successful Liberty Giving Day! Our community not only generously donated financial gifts, but they also poured into our school with time. Teachers and staff truly appreciate the extra attention given to their area on this day.

Thank you, Volunteers!

ALUMNI

MAKE TOMORROW BETTER



Our Director of Alumni Relations, Johnny Isom, serves as a liaison for our valued alumni and their families. This year, he has worked to build a robust program for our alumni to interact with the Liberty family through alumni gatherings, engaging events, volunteering and networking opportunities, and more.



The **2022 Homecoming** welcomed alumni back to campus for the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. All were also invited to enjoy a private tailgate on the track during the home football game. Save the date for next year's Homecoming on **Friday, October 6, 2023!**



The **1st Annual Richard Scofield Classic** basketball game was a success! The alumni vs. Liberty staff game resulted in an alumni win, 68-66. Save the date for the next Richard Scofield Classic on **December 16, 2023!**

This spring the alumni team hosted a **golf day at Bridlewood Golf Club**. Around 28 alumni participants came out for a round of golf. We look forward to more golf outings with our alumni in the future!

This year the alumni team hosted multiple alumni gatherings in the area to visit alumni currently enrolled in college. These **coffee shop gatherings** have taken place at Abilene Christian University, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Argyle, and at Texas Christian University.



The **Liberty Student Alumni Association Club** was formed with the purpose of encouraging current alumni college freshmen. This year, they have shared uplifting video messages and a care package.



The newly formed **Alumni Committee** helps to support the efforts of the alumni team in event planning, welcoming and greeting at events, and communicating alumni activities within their spheres.

Alumni Class Ambassadors will help to strengthen alumni connections by assisting the Director of Alumni Relations, Johnny Isom, with finding "lost" alumni, sharing classmate news with the Alumni Office, and promoting and supporting the events and activities of the Alumni Association.

Similar to the Athletic Hall of Honor recognizing alumni who are playing at the collegiate level, the Fine Arts hallway now boasts Liberty alumni currently enrolled in a Fine Arts degree program at the collegiate level on the **Warrior Walk of Fame**. We are proud that our students aspire to continue their fine art and athletic pursuits and represent Liberty Christian School and Christ.



The Pathways to Excellence

Campaign is a comprehensive project that includes several significant upgrades and new spaces that we believe are imperative to Liberty Christian's future offerings and continued growth in student programs.

Multiple Liberty Christian families made an incredibly significant impact not only on our students, but our greater community by supporting these efforts financially.

Generous partners funded the following projects:

WARRIOR WELCOME CENTER

Located at the front of the school, the Warrior Welcome Center was designed to provide a space for volunteers, Alumni, and new families to build community.



REIMAGINED CAMPUS ENTRY FOR CAMPUS SAFETY

The front desk moved to the center of the entrance to our campus and we added front stones to the walkway which provides additional campus security measures.



WARRIOR STUDENT UNION

The Warrior Student Union was created as a student-centric place for collaboration, discipleship, mentoring, leadership development, and fellowship. This new student union was designed by students for students with multiple seating and study areas, conference rooms, and workstations. Liberty Lattes is also located in this space – a coffee shop that is fully run by Upper School students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship course.



INNOVATION CENTER

The STRIVE Center (Science, Technology, Research, Innovation, Virtual Learning, and Entrepreneurship) is designed to foster immersive experiences that allow students to take concepts from theory to practice, learning from their mistakes, and working through trial and error. This center provides a learning space outside of the traditional classroom, encouraging critical thinking skills, problem solving, communication, and collaboration.



STRIVE CENTER



PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE

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LIBERTY LOCKER

Liberty Locker, the school store, moved to the front of the building to provide convenience for our Liberty community.



PATHWAYS *to* EXCELLENCE

Baseball Field Turf

To support our athletic department and baseball teams, infield turf was installed on the Varsity field. The new turfed field now matches the excellence demonstrated by our teams each year and is commensurate with the overall excellence of Liberty's athletic facilities and campus.

**BREAKING GROUND ON
A BETTER TOMORROW**

WARRIOR MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING COMING SOON WEST

It is our desire to begin construction on a project that will expand our current girls weight room and provide a designated building for our championship cheer and dance programs. The new multipurpose building will not only serve these two programs that include our growing IYA Cheer program and Middle School cheer and dance classes, but will also be an additional campus space for indoor recess, community gatherings, and so much more.

CELEBRATING Donor-Funded Projects



STEM EQUIPMENT

Multiple items have been purchased to outfit the new STRIVE Center. We look forward to our students getting hands-on learning experiences with: a laser engraver, CAD software, 3D printers, hydroponic plant growing systems, Lego Education coding sets, VEX Robotics, multiple woodworking tools with a dust collecting system, and much more!



FOOTBALL LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION

In the fall, we unveiled the newly combined and renovated Varsity and JV football locker room. The players now have a state-of-the-art high-end oasis. This space offers a collegiate locker room experience for the team to get game time ready.



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BETTER FOR STUDENTS
AT LIBERTY

COMMUNITY Partners
MAKE TOMORROW
BETTER WITH EVERY
DONATION



Through funding of a generous grant through the Crowley-Carter Foundation, the Lower School playground received a brand new play structure that allows students to experience fitness through play with different features such as climbing walls, a tilted lily pad bridge, balance rope, and so much more! We are excited to share that thanks to a second grant from the same foundation, more projects are in the works for this outdoor play space!



WARRIOR CLUB Purchases

Thank you to our 229 Warrior Club members for supporting our students across multiple areas in Fine Arts and Athletics. The below items were funded through Warrior Club membership funds. Thank you!

FINE ARTS

- » Dance team Friday game day jerseys
- » Poster boards for Primary School
- » Rental curtains for “Hello, Dolly!”
- » 5th grade musical “Star Quest” performance rights and materials
- » Two ballet barres for 5th grade dance class
- » Ukuleles for Primary School
- » State celebration dinner for One Act Play
- » Aluminum loading ramp for Stage Area
- » Seating risers for the Black Box Christmas show
- » Sound and light rental for fall musical

ATHLETICS

- » Hudl video/film system
- » Tennis court resurfacing
- » Portable projectors for Camp Copass
- » Cheer team Friday game day jerseys
- » Senior and state championship banners
- ... and more!

WARRIOR TENNIS

This year, the Warrior tennis families partnered with Liberty Christian School to add shade structures to the current tennis courts. The new shade structure helps fans stay shaded and cool during matches. This project complemented the resurfacing of the tennis courts.



GENEROSITY

Liberty Christian School sees historic fundraising success in 2022-2023!

Our community is investing in the students and staff at Liberty Christian like never before. Giving is a community effort that grows the school's capacity to pursue expanding our mission for excellence and impact for Christ.

Every year at Liberty Christian School, there is a need to raise funds to support our annual operating budget that includes increasing teacher compensation, and to help transform spiritual life, academic, athletic, fine art, and co-curricular experiences for our students and families. Liberty donors, your generosity makes tomorrow better!



*Thank you,
Warrior Partners!*

581

Total DONORS

1447

GIFTS made

274

New DONORS

Annual GIFTS

29 36 54 156 1172

\$20,000 - \$500,000

\$10,000 - \$19,999

\$5,000 - \$9,999

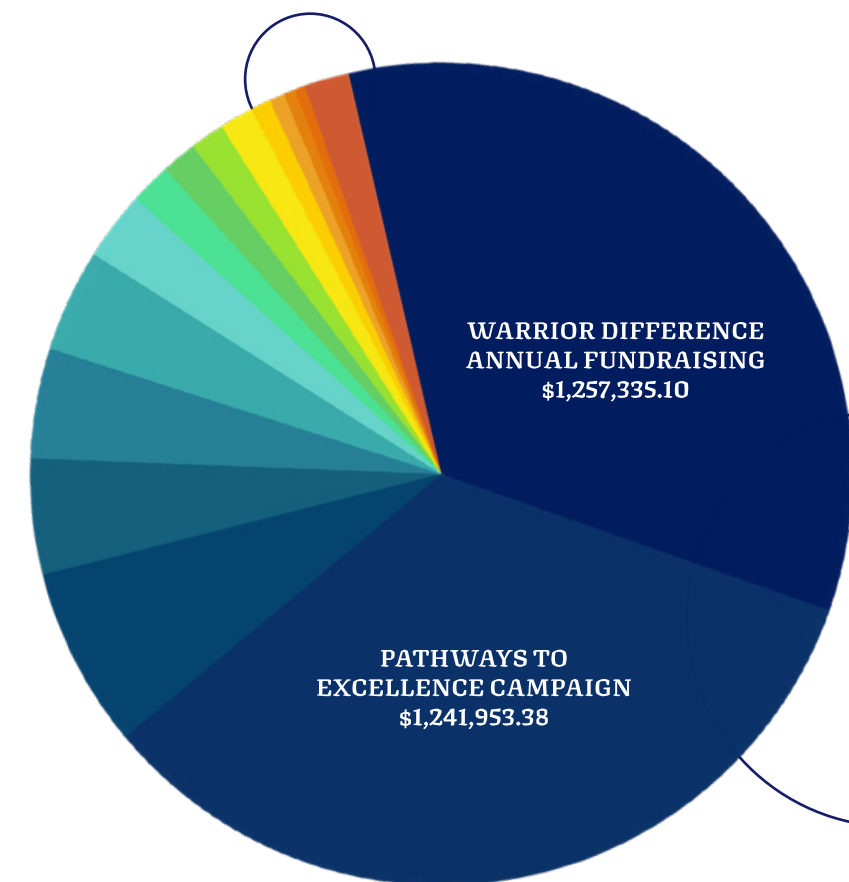
\$1,000 - \$4,999

\$1 - \$999

Allocation of **GIVING** during
the 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year

WARRIOR CLUB	\$262,805
LOWER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND	\$167,809.12
BE ONE TOUCHDOWN CLUB	\$159,878.54
TUITION ASSISTANCE	\$149,346.66
CAMPUS SECURITY	\$100,000
STEM	\$59,490.80
BASEBALL	\$51,370.08
TEACHER SUSTAINABILITY	\$49,868.94
TENNIS	\$49,500
MISSIONS	\$28,903.28
THEATRE	\$22,012.54
CURTAIN CALL THEATRE CLUB	\$16,943
ACADEMICS K-5TH	\$15,000
FOOTBALL	\$10,000
VOLLEYBALL	\$9,183
GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIPS	\$8,016.59
UPPER SCHOOL BIBLE	\$6,839.69
WRESTLING	\$6,434.66
TRACK AND FIELD	\$5,000
BAND	\$4,200
LOWER SCHOOL SPIRITUAL LIFE	\$2,875
ACADEMICS 6TH-8TH	\$2,799.38
DANCE TEAM	\$2,500
BENEVOLENT GIFTS	\$2,410
GOLF	\$2,000
ACADEMICS 9TH-12TH	\$1,800
WARRIOR LEARNING CENTER	\$840
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER	\$250
LIBRARY	\$150
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	\$100

\$3,697,614.76 total



We love Celebrating a Wonderful school year at these End-of-Year events!

MAY 19	Preschool Awards Day	
Primary School Talent Show	MAY 22-23	
	MAY 22	Kindergarten Graduation
	MAY 23	Senior Warrior Walk
K-5th Grade Awards	MAY 24	
	MAY 24	Primary School Last Day of School
Middle and Upper School Last Day of School	MAY 25	
2023 Graduation Ceremony	MAY 27	
Summers @ Liberty Begin	JUNE 1	

Register

Heart of Liberty **GALA**
November 3, 2023

SAVE *the* DATE



LEADERSHIP

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The Liberty Christian School Board of Directors provides high-level oversight of activities at Liberty. The following interview gives more insight on the many ways they support our community. We are grateful for their continual service, leadership, and guidance!

What does the Liberty Christian School Board of Directors do?

The Board focuses on governance, which includes fiduciary, strategic, and generative work. For example: the Board focuses on the mission, oversees the financial and facilities planning, helps establish broad school policies, engages in strategic planning, works closely with the Head of School, and encourages the development of high-quality staff and programs, in addition to other areas of focus.

What does the Board not do?

The Board typically does not focus on specific operational decisions of the school. For example: the Board generally does not make decisions regarding individual employment matters, discipline decisions, SPP determinations, curriculum selection, and other operational matters. Instead, those issues are determined by Liberty's Head of School and staff within the broad policy guidelines established by the Board.

Who are the current Board members?

The Board members are volunteers, and currently include Rob Conner (Chair), Marc DeWall, Joe O'Rourke, Gracie Packwood, Lou Purvis, Mario Ramirez, and Billie Riley.

How often does the Board meet? How do we learn about its focus and direction?

The Board holds approximately five regularly scheduled Board meetings per year, but meets as needed between those meetings, in addition to committee meetings. Families can learn about the focus and direction of the Board and Liberty through the strategic plan and direct access to administration and staff.

How do you serve on the Board?

Board members may be current or former parents, grandparents, or other members of the community who meet certain qualifications. Liberty typically identifies potential Board members by looking for individuals who demonstrate a strong Christian faith, are consistent supporters of the school who are committed to Christian education and Liberty's mission, have expressed an interest in being more involved, show a willingness to sacrifice for the school, and regularly participate in activities that help meet the needs of the school and its staff. From that group, individuals are identified who have the skills and experience needed on the Board.



CLASS OF 2023



LIBERTY
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL



*Find the
Lifer!*

*See them now (above) and then (below)!
Numbers correspond to photos below.*

**GO MAKE
TOMORROW
BETTER!**

LIBERTY CELEBRATES ONE OF ITS LARGEST
GRADUATING CLASSES OF **LIBERTY LIFERS!**



1 - Tyler Mullins



2 - Baylis Earle



3 - Zach Mason



4 - Noah Cameron



5 - Christian Fisher



6 - Keane Ryan



7 - Reagan Fifer



8 - Jacob Senden



9 - Teaghan Barber



10 - Macie Page



11 - Trenton Wernitz



12 - Sam DeWall



13 - David O'Neal



14 - Cole Duinick



15 - Zach Mollo



16 - Cade Strickland



17 - Mackenzie O'Rourke



18 - Major Hermann



19 - Emily Brooks



20 - James Tritt



21 - Lauren Ullrich



22 - Pierson Valles



23 - Sammie Bosley



24 - Jenna VanVickle



25 - Ava Austin



26 - Sophia Graves



27 - Samantha Garza



28 - Julia Howell



29 - Molly Monschke



30 - Ashlyn Taylor



31 - Berkley Tipps



32 - Betty Smith



33 - Jaden Matthews



34 - Allie Spittler

LIBERTY LIFERS HAVE BEEN ENROLLED AT LIBERTY FOR 12+ YEARS