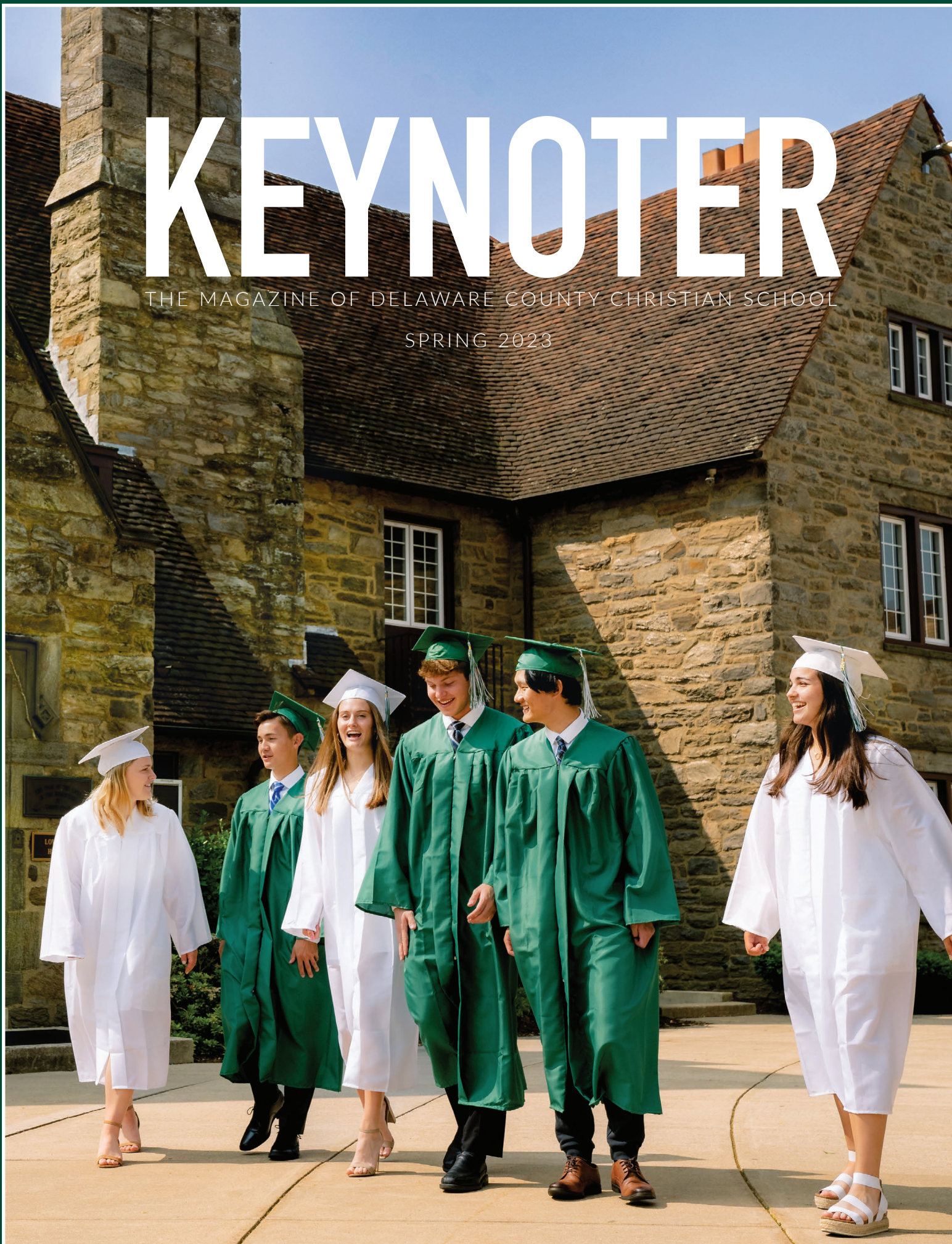


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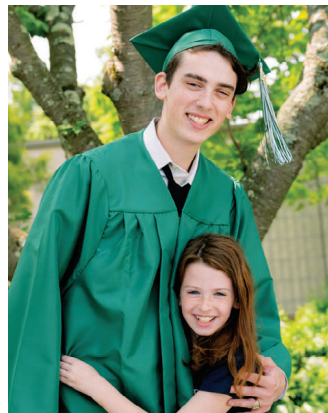
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Dear Friends and Families,

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 and welcome as alumni! Throughout the pages of this summer edition of *Keynoter*, we celebrate our seniors as they conclude their K-12 journey at DC. The DC Promise commits to prepare students for a life of impact through an innovative and exemplary education rooted in Christ. The Class of 2023 is prepared to have a redemptive impact in their families and businesses, their local communities and churches, and the world for God's glory. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: "You are Christ's ambassadors; God making His appeal through you" (2 Cor 5:18-20). Students' preparedness for a life of impact to serve as Christ's ambassadors is directly correlated to the DC Core Value of Servanthood (Mark 10:43-45). A true leader is one who first serves.

We desire for all students to graduate from DC with a sense of calling to pursue a life of service, a life that will positively impact others, and a life lived in collaboration with the world around them, engaging and simultaneously challenging culture. In these pages you will meet a student, faculty member, and school parent who exemplify our core value of Servanthood and you will read about DC's strategic initiative of community engagement which moves us to collaborate with other Christian organizations for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. As a result, DC is flourishing with growth in many areas of our ministry.

In all this, our 2022-23 school theme verse rings true. "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act" (Psalm 37:4-6). DC remains rooted in Christ; while we serve as Christ's ambassadors. He is faithful to go before us and give us life to the full.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Dan Steinfield, Head of School



Rooted

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To Impact

The DC graduating Class of 2023 is a class marked by perseverance, character, and hope. Their freshman year was jarringly interrupted by a global pandemic and yet their journey has led to a senior year punctuated by their leadership in vibrant new rhythms of flourishing on campus: the pioneering of a new schedule and Personal Responsibility Time; the Student Union as a life-giving hub for community fellowship; annual retreats to the Jersey Shore, The Center for Innovation, SAIL weeks, lunchtime discipleship groups, community assemblies, Friday intramurals, The Grounds, The Armory and now even sushi as an occasional lunch option!!

In all of this, DC has sought to cultivate in these graduates a posture of heart and mind oriented toward faithful stewardship. As stewards, we are called to invest the time, talent, and intellect (among many other things) that God has given us; these things are not our own, but gifts for which we are accountable. We desire to send winsome disciples out in many directions from this place, equipped to lead lives of impact, marked by a relaxed confidence, not merely in their skills and intellect, but in their Savior's finished work on their behalf. "For we are God's handiwork," Paul reminds us, "created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

As our graduates head off to college and career, they will be reminded by caring adults of the many things that young Christians navigating the

In Christ



READY

the World!



current cultural landscape should avoid, and this advice is important and has its place. But I would submit that the good, virtuous, and purpose-filled life that Christ modeled, and which He calls us to, is characterized more by what we do than by what we don't do. Yes, our salvation depends solely on the work Christ has already done on our behalf; our sanctification, however, compels us to action and adventure today. For Christians to be salt and light, we cannot define ourselves merely by the behaviors and undertakings from which we abstain, but by the life-giving endeavors He inspires in our hearts and places on our paths.

We are called to offer the world a vision for another way of life altogether, a full life, the kind of life for which Christ was willing to make the greatest sacrifice: "I came," he said, "that they may have life and have it abundantly." He modeled a life poured out for others: breaking bread with loved ones, friends, and even enemies, reading and studying, discussing ideas, caring for the sick and needy, stepping away regularly to commune with the Father, and ultimately laying down his own life.

May the Class of 2023 steward their gifts, their education, their relationships, and their lives with humility and intention, and may our school community be faithful to pray for them as they follow the Spirit's lead into abundant lives.

– Mark Dixon, Head of Upper School

THE CLASS OF 2023



NELO A.
Penn State Brandywine



CHRISTABEL CHAN
Penn State Brandywine



MAYA COLLINS
Wheaton College



ALEXA COOK
Liberty University



WYATT COOK
Widener University



SKY CORCIMIGLIA
Liberty University



CORINNE CREEDEN
Eastern University



LEVI DENTEL
Gap Year



SIERRAJOY DRIGGINS
Indiana University
of Pennsylvania



ELISE ENGELMAN
Pursuing Career



JACOB JOHNSON
West Chester
University



GRANT KANE
Case Western Reserve
University



PHILLIP KING
Widener University



ANDREW KO
Clemson University



RACHEL MCENEANEY
Florida Gulf Coast
University



ZACHARY METZLER
American University



STEPHANIE MOORHATCH
Taylor University



TITUS MYERS
Eastern University



EVEZI OMUYEH
Penn State University



IYANNA PARKS
Temple University

THE CLASS OF 2023



CHRIS PAYSON
Coastal Carolina
University



KAITLYN PULLIAM
Liberty University



LUKE PULLIAM
Eastern University



LINDSEY RADANO
High Point University



AVA SCHAAFSMA
Wheaton College



KYLER SHAHEED-FREEMAN
Pursuing Career



SARAH STAHL
Wofford College



JULIAN SUN
University of
Southern California



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Penn State University



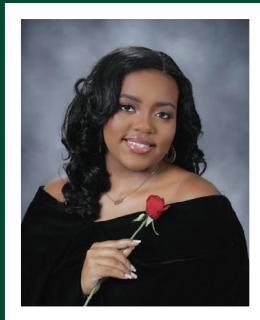
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Northeastern University



BLAKE TANIS
Lee University



NICK VAVALA
Gordon College



CHLOE WALKER
Rutgers University
New Brunswick



CANDICE WANG
University of Pittsburgh



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Penn State University



ANNA MARIE WISNEWSKI
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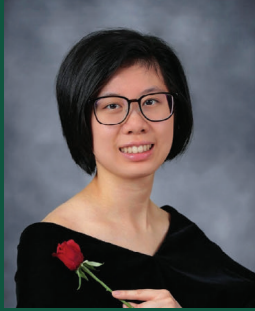


ASHLEY ZHOU
University of California
Irvine



VALEDICTORIAN

Ava Kathleen Schaafsma



SALUTATORIAN

Hannah Rachel Yang

SECOND GENERATION GRADUATES

Wyatt Cook

Jacob Johnson

Stephanie Moorhatch

Chris Payson

Lindsey Radano

Blake Tanis

Chloe Walker

Anna Marie Wisniewski

GRADUATES WHO ATTENDED DC SINCE PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE

Corinne Noel Creeden

Jacob Nils Johnson

Stephanie Grace Moorhatch

Iyanna Nicole Parks

Ava Kathleen Schaafsma

Kellan Michael Taber

Blake Andrew Tanis

Nicholas Joseph Vavala

Candice Kaitlyn Wang

Anna Marie Wisniewski

Hannah Rachel Yang



Congratulations!

Delaware County Christian School celebrated its 66th Commencement on June 2nd, with a memorable ceremony that began on the turf field, had a brief "intermission" to allow guests and participants to move inside as the thunder clouds moved in, and finished in The DeMoss Auditorium. Family members, friends, and DC Faculty and Staff gathered to honor and celebrate the thirty-nine members of the Class of 2023.

Senior Jake Johnson, son of Lisa Carlson Johnson '94 and Eric Johnson '93, shared his testimony recalling challenging times in isolation during the COVID Pandemic. "God was with me through everything. No matter how far I walked away, as soon as I turned back towards Him, He was right there with open arms, welcoming me home."

Valedictorian, Ava Schaafsma, challenged her classmates, the faculty, parents, and attendees, to reject society's grim view of life and accept the daily invitation to love actively, wholly participate in life, and not spend time worried, distracted, and indifferent to the astonishing beauty of God's gift of life.

Hannah Yang, class Salutatorian, thanked teachers, family and friends for all the guidance, support, and friendships she experienced through all 12 years. "You have dedicated yourselves to our academic, personal, and spiritual growth. You have passionately encouraged us to use our gifts to glorify and learn more about God. By caring for us, you have undoubtedly influenced each one of us."

Finally, Dr. David A. King, retired President of Malone University, husband of Winnie Lowrie King '73, and alumni parent, gave the commencement address. He charged the Class of 2023 to "stay close to God, stay at the table, and be available as a precious metal for God's purpose of restoration and reconciliation."

COMMENCEMENT 2023



THE CLASS VERSE OF 2023

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."
Romans 5:3-5

STRONGER TOGETHER



COLLECTIVE IMPACT
FOR
GOD'S KINGDOM

In their book *Rooting for Rivals*, Peter Greer and Chris Horst present a strong case for collaboration among Christian organizations. Greer and Horst claim you cannot stay true to your mission if you are not Kingdom-minded and working towards something greater than yourself and your organization. In fact, Greer and Horst state that it's virtually impossible for a board of trustees to remain mission-true if they aren't looking outside the four walls of their organization to determine how to impact God's Kingdom.

Generous, openhanded Christian organizations are Kingdom-minded rather than clan minded. Generous, openhanded Christian organizations lead from a posture of abundance rather than one of scarcity. Abundance does not mean prosperity. Abundance means God will provide enough for what He has called us to do in this season. At DC, our strategic initiative of Community Engagement positions us to explore collaboration among other Christian K-12 schools, universities, and faith-based organizations to enhance our mission and to further build God's kingdom.

The ACSI Flourishing School Study found insular culture, defined as: "a school perceived by constituents as isolated from the community in one or more ways," problematic for the majority of independent schools. In fact, FSCI found flourishing schools in principle do not have insular cultures. Schools by nature focus internally and tend to operate separately from the community around them due to safety concerns, selectivity, and exclusivity. We can build walls, not bridges. Insularity eventually negatively impacts a school's ability to recruit students and faculty that will allow it to flourish and deliver its mission. Our DC Mission Statement declares that we educate students who will impact the world. To accomplish this, we must engage our community and culture as a "city on a hill," becoming a beacon of light to a lost world, being in the culture but not of the culture.

An exemplary education includes collaboration and exposure to other people and cultures. This fosters a global perspective among our students and prepares them for the workplaces they will enter. They see humans as more than simply positions or policies. Through interaction with different people and cultures, students develop empathy and compassion. They learn to collaborate, appreciate diversity, develop a humble learning posture, experience creativity and innovation, and make more mature decisions from a wealth of life experiences.

Most importantly, scripture exhorts us to unity and collaboration. Our culture values winning, competition, and self-centered ownership. Jesus calls us to, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Jesus in John 17 prays for the unity of the Church. He prays that we, Jesus’ followers, would become one so the world would see the Father and know the Father’s love. The Apostle Paul not only repeatedly calls the church to unity in his letters, but demonstrates his eagerness to share resources – including his best co-workers and favorite companions – by sending out Timothy, Barnabas, John Mark, and Silas in order “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12).

Christian organizations can ‘collaborate’ simply by cheering on one another. Meaningful collaboration reaches another level when Christian organizations share resources and networking opportunities together. Partnerships, with shared strategic goals, measures, and resources committed to strategic initiatives, are the highest form of collaboration. Greer and Horst found partnerships and collaboration among Christian organizations can result in unique Kingdom impact that cannot be accomplished individually.

DC currently engages in networking and resource sharing with several local and national organizations including two Christian school networks, ACSI and CESA. DC is pursuing reaccreditation with ACSI and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in the 2023-24 school year. Through this process, we will also complete the CESA Institutional Review to become a Member of the Council of CESA. The DC Board of Trustees and Executive Leadership will continue to examine opportunities for future partnerships that could expand the footprint of Christian education in the Philadelphia area.

Collaboration and strategic partnerships with other Christian organizations are an important components of DC’s future strategic planning. These partnerships will enhance DC’s mission and strengthen the programs and experiences available to our students. Most importantly, our partnerships These partnerships will increase the accessibility of a Christian education to families. Collaboration among DC and other Christian organizations will result in a collective impact for God’s Kingdom, far greater than what any one organization could do on its own.



The City School and DC have engaged in The Stronger Together Partnership which intentionally brings our communities together for events and activities, to share professional development, and share information. Several activities throughout this past school year have enabled students from both schools to learn together. In February, the schools completed a shared professional development day for our faculties. In March, the boards of both schools shared professional development on Partnerships led by Jay Ferguson, Head of School at Community Christian School and Board President of ACSI. The DC and TCS Partnership has also opened doors for both schools to participate in The Bridge Program with Wheaton College, and joint training in Wayfinder: Navigating Conflict with The Colossian Forum.

Logan Hope and DC are currently collaborating on Teaching for Transformation. Both schools have completed year two of the three-year program, and have partnered to cost share, utilizing the same TFT coach and coordinating training days to reduce travel expenses. In addition, through joining together for training, DC and Logan Hope faculty have formed valuable connections to share ideas and experiences on an ongoing basis.

Messiah University and DC have entered into the Pathway Partnership to create mutually beneficial lifelong learning opportunities between Messiah and Delaware County Christian School students, families, and employees. In this program, students have access to dual enrollment courses as well as undergraduate scholarships. DC employees and DC parents also have access to graduate courses and discounts. DC can also access Messiah resources for professional development, leadership development, and more.



Pictured above, L-R: Ric Elliott, Robert Herrick, Christian Taber



SERVANTS BEHIND THE SCENES

Servanthood is a concept central to Christ's teaching and exemplified throughout His life, ministry, and extended to us today through His sacrificial death on the cross. As the disciples bickered about who was the greatest, Jesus rebuked and challenged them saying: *"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant to all," "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 9:35, 10:45). Past and present leaders of Delaware County Christian School have valued servanthood so highly, it is written into DC's Core Values.

In this issue of the *Keynoter* we are pleased to recognize just a few of the many members of our community who have gone above and beyond to serve the school. They embody the person described in Galatians 6:9 who does *"not grow weary of doing good," but as they "have opportunity, do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."*

DC is thankful for these individuals, their many hours of service, and to God for blessing this community with faithful saints who desire to glorify and worship God through their service in this place.

THE FACILITIES TEAM

The Facilities team composed of Ric Elliott, Darlene Cefferatti, Christian Taber, and Robert Herrick serving under the leadership of Jacob Godino '08 provide the backbone for all the events that occur on Delaware County Christian Schools campuses. Being responsible for the grounds goes beyond just fixing items, it is the setup, takedown and even the creation of functionality throughout the campuses that makes this team so special. This team accomplishes their tasks with excellence and performs above and beyond to ensure that DC's two campuses, with their beautiful historic buildings, are running well for the 1000 individuals who use them every day. When it snows, they are here first on campus to prepare the roads and sidewalks, when there are after-school events, they are here late into the night cleaning up after everyone has gone home.

The Facilities team shines during the summer which is their busiest season. This is the time when they seek to advance the buildings for use the following school year. Their goal everyday is to care for the campus and support DC staff so the school can have an even greater impact on the students and the community.

MRS. KHALILAH ORANGE

As part of DC's Core Values, we value servanthood and what that calling means to influence our culture. It is important to find individuals who have a heart to serve others and want to impact the world through that realm. As a parent to an Upper School student, member of the PVO, and member of the DC Athletic Boosters, Khalilah Orange has been a faithful supporter of DC and DC athletics. Her constant support and humble servant-leadership has been a blessing to this community. She is the first person to volunteer for an event and works around her personal schedule to be of service to the school. From organizing the U-Shop, to leading concessions for sporting events, she brings a level of energy and joy with her at all times while never asking for recognition. Khalilah and her husband, Kenny, (Assistant Boys Varsity basketball coach) are an absolute joy to be around and DC is blessed to have them in this community.

LUKE PULLIAM '23

Senior, Luke Pulliam, can often be seen helping upper school teachers, carrying books and boxes from their cars into their classrooms. The uninformed visitor on campus might think that he is a staff member as he comes alongside so many people with an extra set of hands. Anytime there is an event on campus that needs audio/visual set up, he is seen assisting before school, after school, and sometimes even during school. Luke spent countless hours of volunteer service, giving up weekends and holidays to design and build stage sets for middle and high school productions this year. He brings great skills for many tasks at hand, and is a voracious learner – always looking for new and better ways to get the job done.

Luke models servanthood to both his peers and staff in his attitude towards doing hard things. Whether climbing on scaffolding to change lightbulbs in the auditorium or simply taking trash out before an event, he jumps in without complaint. When there are no pressing tasks (or homework to complete), he is found backstage reorganizing tools or cleaning equipment. He sweeps the floor on stage one last time before events, and turns the lights off at the end of the evening as he is leaving. Thank you Luke for all you have done for DC!

MISS BETSY SAUTTER

More than 33 years ago, Betsy Sautter was hired as a mathematics teacher at DC. Over the years, Betsy has served masterfully in the classroom to fulfill her hired role. But, she has also served opportunistically in innumerable ways behind the scenes. Her willingness to serve beyond what is required has impacted students, families, and faculty members alike. During the summer months you might have seen Betsy wielding an orbital sander to clean student desks or rolling classroom walls with fresh paint. In late August, Betsy might have helped you set up your classroom, offered to share cherry tomatoes from her garden, or prepared taco meat for the Freshman Launch camping trip. At the Dedication Picnic, you might have observed Betsy checking-in families at registration or cleaning-up after the picnic dinner. Throughout the school year, Betsy may have answered your phone call to the Upper School office, helped you move into your new apartment, taught your Spanish class when you were sick, or supervised your afterschool homework time in the Student Union. She probably played the piano for singing devotions when it was your turn to lead. Or, if you needed a peanut butter fudge pie for your party or bagels for your morning meeting... Betsy probably brought them. On a springtime Saturday, she might have done your admissions testing, helped your robotics team compete in a skills challenge, or served your salad with a smile at the DC Auction.

These are just a few ways that Betsy has embodied Galatians 6:9 as a tireless servant in God's kingdom. She continues to serve joyfully, away from the spotlight, and her service brings joy to those she impacts. The DC community would not be the same without the servant leadership of Betsy Sautter.



Mrs. Khalilah Orange



Luke Pulliam '23



Miss Betsy Sautter

BEHIND THE SCENES FUN FACTS!

**2850 lbs
OF CLAY**
USED
IN DC'S ART ROOMS
EVERY YEAR

**OVER 150
ATHLETIC
EVENTS**
HELD IN THE 2022-23
SCHOOL YEAR

**+5,500 ROLLS
OF TOILET PAPER
AND
+1150 ROLLS
OF PAPER TOWELS USED
THIS SCHOOL YEAR**

**54
VOLUNTEERS**
HELPED
TO PUT ON
THIS YEAR'S
SPRING MUSICAL

6 HELPERS
TO FLY THE GHOST
IN THIS YEAR'S
PRODUCTION OF
"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

**+8300 BAGS
OF CHIPS**
EATEN ON
BOTH CAMPUSES
THIS YEAR

DC CORE VALUES

ROOTED IN CHRIST

All we do, teach and learn is rooted in Christ.

SCHOLARSHIP

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

EXCELLENCE

Doing everything to the Glory of God compels us to excellence.

COMMUNITY

Our diverse community values partnership, collaboration and strong personal relationships.

SERVANTHOOD

AS SERVANT-LEADERS, WE RECOGNIZE OUR CALLING TO INFLUENCE CULTURE FOR GOOD.

IMPACT

Reasoning critically and acting biblically, we are equipped to impact the world for Christ.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

HEBREWS 10 AWARDS

Congratulations to our 2023 recipients of the Hebrews 10 Awards! Hebrews 10 challenges God's people to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. The Hebrews 10 Award is a peer-awarded recognition that seeks to acknowledge three teachers who have been at DC for five years or less and display excellence that has exceeded the job description. In the nomination form, faculty and staff were asked to include their reasons for nominating that specific teacher. Here is what some of them wrote:

BRENDAN MICHAEL - UPPER SCHOOL ENGLISH

"Brendan teaches with excellence. His curriculum strikes the difficult balance between rigor and accessibility for those who struggle. He is characterized by both organization and flexibility, taking the whole student and the whole class into consideration in his planning and execution. He contributes wise insights in faculty meetings. He demonstrates genuine care for students as he intentionally gets to know each one. He writes a personalized letter of blessing to each student at the end of the year, highlighting their strengths and encouraging them to pursue the Lord with their whole heart. Outside of the classroom, he models deep love for the Lord in the way he leads us in worship."



CODY SKAER - UPPER SCHOOL HISTORY

"Cody is beloved by students and deeply invests in relationships with them. He is quick to step up for MC duties for pep rallies and events and does an excellent job. He's a culture and community builder. Additionally, he really knows his content and is a trusted, knowledgeable resource for students. Last year, all of his AP World History students (around 40) scored a three or above on the AP test. Though he doesn't take himself too seriously, he takes seriously his call to prepare students well. Cody comes out for school functions to support his students and be a part of the life of the school beyond the classroom. He is very talented and has a heart for kids that is hard to find."

KIERAN THOMPSON WILLEY'16 - LOWER CAMPUS, STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

"Although Kieren is a young woman, she is wise beyond her years. Kieran has a patient, calm demeanor that allows her to teach young struggling learners with gentleness. She is faithful. She is hardworking. Kieran takes her work seriously and is passionate about presenting well-planned and structured lessons to her students. Kieran has a stern but quiet approach to managing the sometimes challenging behaviors of students requiring support services as some are learning to overcome their executive and emotional struggles. Kieran is also not a stranger to hard work outside of the student support area. She knows the names of most of the students and parents in the lower school as well as those in the early childhood center and is often found serving at the car and bus lines before and after school. Lastly, Kieran is an effective trainer. She offers excellent advice to teachers and staff on how to support not only students with needs but all students within the lower school."



Welcome

MR. ALEX DAWES '11



This winter, DC welcomed Donald (Alex) Dawes back on campus, but this time, as a faculty member. Alex joined the Lower School team as the new physical education teacher.

Alex received his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology-Movement Science from the Pennsylvania State University, and his master's degree in Secondary Education - General Science from St. Joseph's University, College of Health and Human Development.

In sharing his philosophy of Christian education, Mr. Dawes shared, "We are called to teach our children to love God. We are called to teach them to love Him all day, every day, and in everything that we do. In a liberal arts setting, this means instructing our children that God is present in everything including all areas of study. He is not simply an addition to education, but He is the reason for it."



FACULTY, WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

Natalie Wagner (3rd Grade)

"Happier" podcast by Gretchen Rubin

Elizabeth Coats (Upper School Art)

"Beneath Medicine Tray" by Copeland

Rob Irias (Upper School Bible)

"Sky Blue Sky" by Wilco

Kim Williams (Middle School Art)

"Spiegel im Spiegel" by Arvo Pärt

Rachel Downing (Middle School Spanish)

"Father Let Your Kingdom Come" by
Mason Jar Music

Matt Hummel (Upper School History)

"American History Teller" podcast from
Wondery

Diane Clark (Lower School Music)

"Songs for Horn in F and Piano" by William
Grant Still, performed by Jennifer Montone

Claire Vesper (Assistant Head of ECC/ Music)

"Vintage" by Shane & Shane





A Collaboration piece by Lower School Students

EXPLORING THE RAINFOREST THROUGH ART AND SCIENCE

This year's Explore! Night provided students from PK4-5th grade an opportunity to participate in interactive art, science, and engineering workshops, and celebrated student art and music with their parents. The welcoming hallways of the Lower Campus were filled with artwork as students ran back and forth from the HIVE to the gym to discover the beautiful rainforest habitats as depicted in the artwork of French Post-Impressionist Henri Rousseau. They created their own rainforest animal, watched their animal travel down a rainforest zipline, and created hopping origami paper frogs.



Candice Wang '23



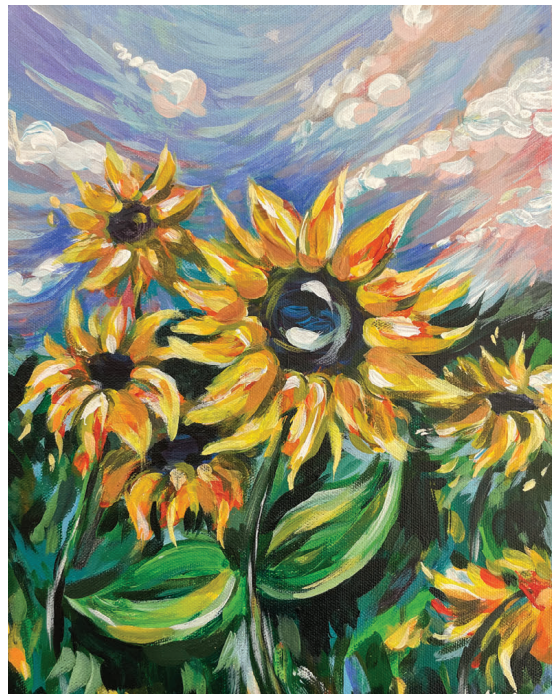
Josh Rao '27



Evezi Omuyeh '23



Joy Wu '27



Mariana Yaremenko '24

VISUAL ARTS

The Middle and Upper School Art Shows, held this spring, brought artwork out of the classroom and into the DeMoss Center, Lowrie Hall, and for the first time, both levels of the Student Union. The spaces were filled with beautiful examples of the scope and variety of artforms being taught across all divisions. Senior projects were featured and pottery was a highlight, showcasing our growing and popular ceramics program.



Yulu Tao '24



Rebekah Halladay '24



DC CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMS IN CANADA

This March, DC's Concert Choir had the opportunity to travel to Toronto, Canada on tour. During this trip, students refined their singing skills while bonding with peers and building friendships. Their trip provided opportunities to visit a Canadian high school, explore Toronto, be coached by Dr. Jamie Hillman, the director of Choral Studies at the University of Toronto, tour the University of Toronto's music school, explore their extensive music library, and attend an inspiring performance by the University of Toronto Choir. No trip to Toronto would have been complete without a stop to see the magnificent Niagara Falls.

"It was such a special experience to hear our voices in the unique acoustics of the church and be coached by Dr. Jamie Hillman. One of my favorite parts of the trip was hearing the University of Toronto Choir sing. It was so inspiring to hear the excellence of the musicians. Overall, this trip was such a great learning experience as well as so much fun!" - Maryn D'Antonio '26



DC MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR WINS TITLE AT MUSIC IN THE PARKS

Our Middle School Band and Choirs competed with great success at the Music in the Parks competition at Dorney Park. The Girls Choir stellar performance helped them capture the coveted Best Overall Choir with a 1st place win and a Superior Rating. In addition, all top three female vocalist prizes were awarded to DC students: Ruby Jones '27, Neriah Woods '29, and Miriam Creeden '29. The Boys Choir performed an energetic rendition of *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, and were recognized with a 1st place win and an Excellent Rating.



AN INSTRUMENTAL SPRING!

This year's spring band concert, entitled "An Instrumental Spring!" was a strong example of DC's deep and long-standing tradition in music. The excellence demonstrated in the performances by the Middle School Band, the Jazzy Knights, and The Concert Band were notable. Mr. Matthew Jones, Upper and Middle School Band Director, decided to begin the tradition of bringing all the musicians back on stage at the end of the concert to play *Benediction* by John Stevens. Congratulations to the Middle School Band for receiving the second prize with an excellent rating, for their performance of Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and *The Cherry Tree*, at this year's Music in the Parks.





FOCUS ON THE ARTS

BISMUTH CRYSTAL

Hugh Nicholson, 11th Grade

Digitized thunder-cloud!

Cubic abalone!

As if an iridescent Iron

Yet not near Iron found:

Brother to floor-laden Lead

And rung below Antimony

The metal itself

A conclave of lines,

Fish-shimmer threads, form

An engine that tenses and relieves:

Now they stretch tendon-like

Loose and fast,

Veins dispersing a rush of blood—

A mass of grooves that, fluted, raise
the Gothic receding arch

Now they slow; the pressure builds

Tensing, halting

The heart its chambers fills—they

Brake, deflect, stack, collect,

Hammer the Greek meandros

When this element has been

Through furnace fire refined,

It cools to crystallize

These—the megascopic effects

Of its atom's sacred arrangement

When the soul softs to The Refiner's fire

And its inmost grain is changed

We, like the Bismuth crystal,

Exhibit motifs

Of God's own architecture.

FORWARD THE KNIGHTS GO MARCHING

Alexandria Confino, 8th Grade

Forward the Knights go marching,

Perfect poised precision.

Their scout is of the spirit,

And their castle is in the sky.

Forward the Knights go marching

Their paths as straight as carved stone;

Broken was first a mountain

But remolded through the heart it rises anew.

Forward the Knights go marching,

Silver ever gleaming;

For shining is the armor

Crafted by everlasting life.

Forward the Knights go stopping,

Smiling as they walk through golden gates.

Their fellow soldiers rest with them,

Joyous to be finally home.

BIRDS

By Henry Disbro, 4th Grade

Flap! Flap! You hear that sound
Birds of many colors are all around
A hummingbird buzzing around
It's so low it's practically touching the ground,
A red tail hawk screeching so loud,
And a screech owl cooing aloud
Watch it as it dives down
For a midnight snack
He's ready to attack!
A bald eagle so high in the sky
watch as it flies with fury in his eyes
At the end of the day after midday rush
the land goes quiet with a hush
Birds are out and about hunting, flying, buzzing,
and cawing in the night sky

MY GOD IS KING

by Adelyn Weldon, 3rd Grade

My God is so mighty and strong
My God is never wrong
My God is the King over all
We should listen when He calls
We aren't perfect but we are God's children
He is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep
We take small steps, but He takes big leaps
God keeps His promises but sometimes we do not
The battle was fought
Jesus died for us because of our mess
God's love is endless

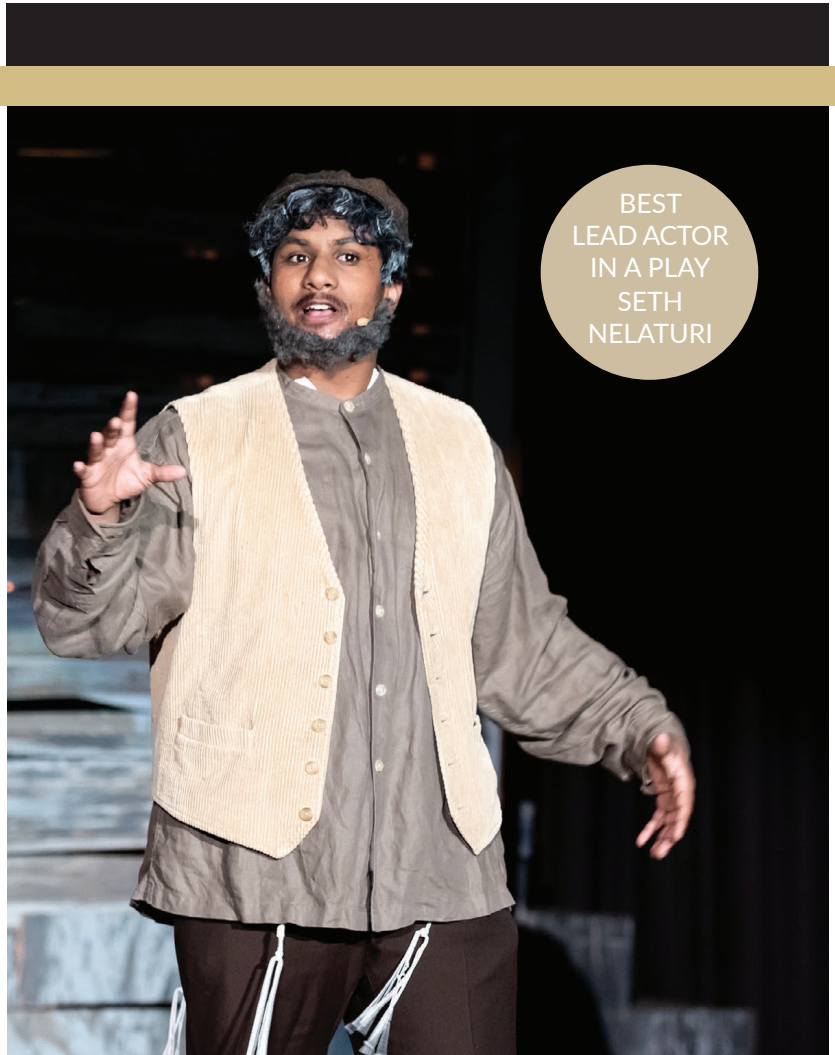
THE WOODLANDS

Andrew Jue, 3rd Grade

Peaceful is life in the trees.
The greenery gives the earth its beauty.
The smell of the woods, I deeply inhale.
The birds sing, the forest rings.
Flip over a rock, secret life revealed.
In the spring, life is in everything.
Wind rustles through the trees,
sending a cool breeze.
Hear the flow of the creek,
hear the rush of its water.
Touch the cool water,
pebbles smooth and shiney.
The sky darkens, storm clouds roll in.
I will wait for another day in the woods.

Fiddler ON THE Roof

The DC Theatre Department under the direction of Lori French put together a thrilling and moving rendition of *Fiddler on the Roof*. “*Fiddler on the Roof* has long been a beloved musical. Its iconic music, witty dialogue, and relatable family struggles all combine to make it a classic that audiences have loved since it opened in 1964,” noted Lori French.



BEST
LEAD ACTOR
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Beyond the actors, singers, and dancers of the Upper School Musical, a lot goes on behind the scenes to make the show run smoothly. This year, a group of around twenty students and hired professional musicians made up the pit orchestra for the musical. Through extensive rehearsals in January and February, the group prepared to provide music for this year's production.





"Being a part of the pit orchestra for the musical has been one of my favorite parts of this past school year. I was able to see a behind the scenes look at how DC puts on the annual musical. I was also able to make music with students and professional musicians who I might not have had the chance to connect with otherwise."
–Grant Kane '23

In addition, countless people helped out backstage. From ensuring that the lighting for each scene was perfect, to managing the audio and microphones, the DC tech team stayed busy during musical season. The tech team attended every rehearsal leading up to opening night to guarantee the production went smoothly. At any given time, tech crew members were seen running from backstage to the upstairs tech booth, working out the logistics of every scene. The actors would not have been so convincing without the help of the stage, costume, and hair & makeup crews. All sets are built in-house by a talented group of students. Parent and student volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare the performers' costumes, hair, and makeup for the show that were essential in bringing 1905 Ukraine to life.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of cast members and volunteers, this year's musical received notable recognition from the Greater Philadelphia Cappies in the following categories:

AWARDED:

Best Lead Actor in a Play – (Tevye): Seth Nelaturi '24
Best Featured Actress in a Musical – (The Fiddler): Candice Wang '23
Best Sound: Connor Transue '24, Annabelle Sacks '24

NOMINATED:

Outstanding Set Design: Luke Pulliam '23
Special Effects (flying and fog in The Dream): Luke Pulliam '23, Levi Dentel '23, Tommy Goneau '24, CJ Thompson '25
Lighting: Bryce Cooper '24
Ensemble in a Musical – Tevye's Daughters:
Annika Callan '25, Cassandra Stinger '24, Sadie Serfass '25, Lila Bergdoll '25, Miriam Creeden '29
Solo Dancer – (Chava): Sadie Serfass '25
Dance Ensemble – Bottle Dancers:
Sophia Dixon '26, Elijah Fischer '24, Trinity Hobaugh '23, Kate Myers '24
Outstanding Musical – Fiddler on the Roof:
Delaware County Christian School



WINTER ATHLETICS

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Reggie Parks

After losing six seniors, many onlookers believed this year's version of the Knights would struggle. Although young, this year's team was uniquely skilled offensively. Three players averaged double-digits in scoring per game with a fourth less than a half point away. Khamai Orange led the team in scoring, assists, and rebounds. Caleb Jameson '25 had a tremendous offensive year, ranking seventh in Pennsylvania and second in District 1 with 83 made threes; Beau Lyren '25 ranked 20th in PA and 6th in District 1 with 68 made threes; Josiah Gaines '24 was the most efficient scorer on the team, shooting 53.3% from the field.

"If the fellas put in the work in the weight room and continue skill development this offseason, the sky's the limit for what we can achieve as a team," observed Coach Reggie Parks. "With only one senior graduating from the team, we expect to return the majority of our guys next year, and with the experience gained this season, this team should be something really special when we get back at it for 2023-24."



AWARDS:

Khamai Orange (All-Delco-Honorable Mention, All BAL-First Team)

Caleb Jameson (All-Delco-Honorable Mention, All BAL-Second Team)

Beau Lyren (All-Delco-Honorable Mention, All BAL-Second Team)

Josiah Gaines (All BAL-Honorable Mention)



THE 57TH ANNUAL TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT

The 57th Annual DC invitational Tournament brought together basketball teams from DC, The Christian Academy, Atlantic Christian School, and Eden Christian Academy. Both DC teams played with excellence, but ultimately fell to their opponents in closely contested games on Friday evening. The girls final score was 41-38 and the boys lost only by one basket with a final score of 49-47. The Saturday consolation games were equally contested, but the Knights teams were able to end the tournament with third-place wins. The girls edged out TCA 44-42 with a buzzer-beating shot by Addy Smith '26, and the boys defeated TCA 62-61 after making up a seventeen-point deficit in the second half of the game.

WINTER ATHLETICS

VARSITY INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Head Coach: George McFarland

In its inaugural year as an official DC Varsity sport, indoor track had a team of fifteen members (eight girls and seven boys). The Knights competed in the Five-County Indoor Track Association consisting of eighty-five public and private schools. One highlight of the regular season was the Ocean Breeze Meet in New York City in early January which attracted over 5000 athletes and where DC athletes were able to witness several top national competitors as well as compete themselves. The Knights had multiple strong performances at the Glen Mills combined Division I and Division II Novice Meet. Three boys medaled in the event: MJ Oh '26 finished first in the 55m, Samuel Sahle '26 finished fifth in shot put, and Andrew Ko '23 finished fifth in the 800m. For the girls, Marielle Clayton '24 finished fourth and medaled in the 200m.

In his first season participating in the Triple Jump Event, CJ Simbiri '24 finished the regular season with strong wins, placing third at the Five County Meet of Champions at Lehigh University and fourth at the Track and Field Coaches Association of Greater Philadelphia Meet. These results allowed CJ to qualify and compete at the PA State Indoor Track Meet. CJ entered the meet ranked eighth overall in the state with a distance of forty-four feet. CJ's second attempt was his best overall, measuring 43'5" which was enough to get him into the finals where he placed sixth and received one of the eight coveted medals for his efforts.

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Head Coach: Tara Phillips Eisenhart '06

The return of Varsity Cheerleaders to the gym has generated a great deal of excitement within the DC community. The 2022-23 season brought together a small but very mighty squad of five underclassmen who did not disappoint as they pumped up fans and cheered on the Varsity Boys Basketball team at home games. The Varsity Cheerleaders also competed in two competitions this year including the Carroll Cheer Competition hosted by Archbishop Carroll High School where the Knights scored above expectations and secured first place. They also competed alongside DC's Middle School squad at the Garnet Valley Cheer Challenge.



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Stephen Poyser

After months of preparation and a very successful regular season, the DC Girls Basketball 2022-2023 season came to an end in the semifinal round of district play. Overall, DC finished with a record of 14 wins and 9 losses. The Knights finished third in league standings with a 8-3 record in league play and were rewarded with five players earning All-League honors.

The team will say goodbye to two seniors, Evezi Omuyeh and Sarah Stahl. Both are four-year players who were instrumental in helping DC earn back-to-back winning seasons. With most of the team returning, the Knights look to improve in the off-season and have another strong season in 2023-2024.



AWARDS:

Ashanti Harris (All-Delco-Honorable Mention,
All BAL-First Team)

Sarah Stahl (All BAL-First Team)

Adelaide Smith (All BAL-Honorable Mention)

Sydney Stevens (All BAL-Honorable Mention)

Melina Mxaku (All BAL-Honorable Mention)

VARSITY SWIMMING

Head Coach: Bob McKeaney

Junior, Audrey McKeaney, competed at the District 1 Level in both the 100 yard Breast Stroke and the 200 yard Individual Medley. Her performance in both events qualified her for the PIAA State Meet at Bucknell University in March. "This past swimming season was one of my favorites and most successful so far," observes McKeaney. "From swimming in Conestoga dual meets to competing at districts and states, it was very enjoyable to do what I love, while representing our school. At PIAA States, I placed 17th in the 200 yard IM and 11th in the 100 yard Breaststroke at finals. This experience, regardless of how I swam, was one I will never forget. Throughout the season, I received so much support from my friends and teachers that both motivated me and accurately showed a depiction of the supportive community we have here at school. In this upcoming year, I hope to attend districts and states again and to medal in the 100 yard breaststroke!"



SPRING ATHLETICS

STATE
CHAMPION
CJ
SIMBIRI



VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: George McFarland
The Boys and Girls Track teams experienced banner seasons this past spring. Both teams were undefeated in BAL dual meet competition. The teams also competed in regional invitationals. At the league championships, the girls team placed first; the boys were second to a strong Church Farm team. Evezi Omuyeh was selected as the Girls Most Valuable Field Award for her efforts; CJ Simbiri was chosen as the Boys Most Valuable Field Award winner. Head Coach "Doc" McFarland was chosen as the Girls Coach of the Year.

Thirty-two boys and girls qualified for the District I-AA at Coatesville High School. The girls won the district championship for the second year in a row and the boys finished second. At the meet, twelve DC athletes were district champions (first place) and qualified for the state meet at Shippensburg University. Evezi Omuyeh '23 placed 8th in discus and was chosen Second Team All Delco. CJ Simbiri '24 finished first in the triple jump, DC's third Track and Field State Champion. He was selected to the All-State Second Team, and qualified for the New Balance National meet in Philadelphia in June.

Congratulations C.J.!

ALL BAL AWARDS:

Girls Track & Field (Champions)

George McFarland (Girls Coach of the Year)

Kaylani Barnes (4x100m-First Team, 100m-Second Team)

Luke Bushra (Discus-First Team)

Marielle Clayton (200m-First Team, 300m Hurdles-First team, 4x100m-First Team, 4x400m-First Team)

Ella Clipston (4x400m-First Team, 1600m-Second Team, 4x800m-Second Team)

Josh Colonia (4x100-First Team, Shot Put-First Team)

Judah Cooper (4x400m-Second Team)

Joey Cuzzo (4x800-First Team, 1600m-Second Team)

Maryn D'Antonio (4x400m-First Team, 400m-Second Team, 4x800m-Second Team)

Noah Dutton (4x800-First Team)

Luke Fox (Discus-Second Team)

Josiah Gaines (High Jump-First Team)

Niamh Ireland (Discus-Second Team)

Makiyah Keys (Long Jump-First Team, Triple Jump-First Team, 100m-First Team, 4x100m-First Team)

Andrew Ko (4x800-First Team, 4x400m-Second Team)

Kate Latchford (Discus-Second Team)

Jonas Ma (4x100-First Team)

Elizabeth Matty (4x100m-First Team, Triple Jump-Second Team, Long Jump-Second Team)

Kate Myers (400m-Second Team, 4x800m-Second Team)

Titus Myers (Triple Jump-Honorable Mention)

MJ Oh (4x100-First Team)

Evezi Omuyeh (Girls MVP, Shot Put-First Team, Discus-First Team, Javelin-First Team)

Annabelle Sacks (100m Hurdles-Second Team, 300m Hurdles-Second Team)

CJ Simbiri (Boys MVP, Triple Jump-First Team, Javelin, First Team, 4x100-First Team)

Lily Rose Spicer (200m-Second Team)

Blake Tanis (4x800-First Team, Javelin - Second Team, 4x400m-Second Team)

Connor Transue (10m High Hurdle-Honorable Mention)

Idara Umoh (Triple Jump-Honorable Mention, Long Jump-Honorable Mention)

Caleb Videon (4x400m-Second Team)

Gabrielle Watson (800m-First Team, 4x400m-First Team, 4x800m-Second Team)

OTHER TRACK & FIELD AWARDS:

CJ Simbiri-PIAA AA Triple Jump State Champion

Evezi Omuyeh-Medaled (8th place) at Track and Field State Championships, District 1 AA Champion-Shot Put

Luke Bushra-District 1 AA Champion-Discus, State Qualifier

Girls Track & Field-District 1 AA Champion, State Qualifier

Josh Colonia-District 1 AA Champion-Shot Put, State Qualifier

Hallie Kees-District 1 AA Champion-Javelin, State Qualifier, All Delco-Second Team (Discus)



DC ATHLETIC AWARDS

These special recognitions are given each year to athletes in memory of individuals who helped shape and influence DC athletics. Recipients of these awards must have earned at least six varsity letters, received all-league or most valuable player distinctions, and display consistent Christian character in competition.

ANNE BURKE
AWARD

EVEZI OMUYEH



GEORGE HUSMANN
AWARD (BOYS)

ANDREW KO



GEORGE HUSMANN
AWARD (GIRLS)

SKY CORCIMIGLIA



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR SENIOR ATHLETES
THAT WILL BE COMPETEING AT
THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL



TITUS MYERS
Football, Eastern University



NICK VAVALA
Soccer, Gordon College

Editor Correction: FALL FOOTBALL KSFL AWARDS

Tommy Goneau (First Team, Defense)

Phil King (First Team, Defense)

Josh Colonia (Honorable Mention, Defense)

Sam Dixon (Honorable Mention, Offense)

Josh Colonia (Honorable Mention, Offense)

Tommy Goneau (Honorable Mention, Offense)





VARSITY BOYS TENNIS

Head Coach: Adam Sacks '89

After a seven year hiatus, this year's DC Boys Tennis team returned in strength and took the league by storm with notable achievements including being undefeated 8-0 in league play, and becoming BAL champions. "The team took tennis seriously, but not themselves. They worked hard but laughed a lot and enjoyed building a team together. They grew as tennis players and men. And as their coach, I couldn't be prouder of them," said Coach Sacks.

ALL BAL AWARDS:

Daniel Ho (First Team Doubles,
Second Team Singles)

Matthew Levis (First Team Singles,
First Team Doubles)

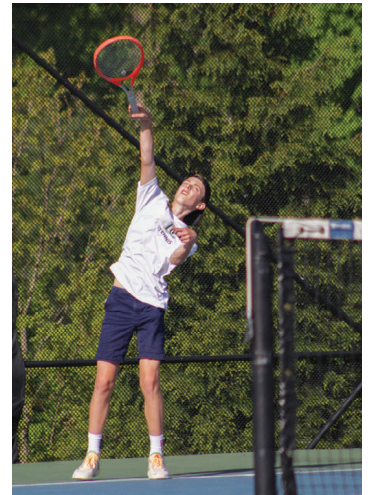
Jude Sacks (First Team Doubles)

Jacky Wang (First Team Doubles)

Richard Sun (Honorable Mention)

Coach of the Year: Adam Sacks

MVP: Matthew Levis



VARSITY SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Tabitha Mulholland '14

The 2023 season was a rebuilding year for the Knight's softball team. However, that did not stop the team from working hard and giving their all day in and day out. As the season progressed, the girls grew not only in their skills on the field but also closer as a team. Relentlessly encouraging one another in the face of tough competition. Not only did they learn valuable softball skills, but now have a glimpse of what it means to have perseverance and the importance of teamwork. It is seasons like these that the lessons learned surpass the field of competition and into life.

ALL BAL AWARDS:

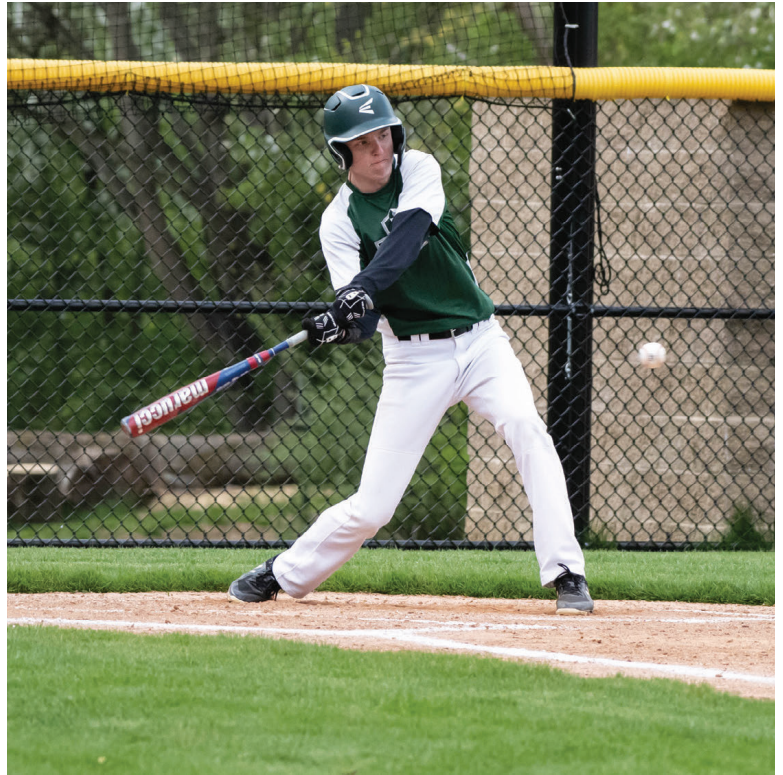
Corina DeBellis (Honorable Mention)



VARSITY BASEBALL

Head Coach: Jeff Wisnewski

The baseball team stumbled out of the gate but regained its footing in the middle of the season thanks to strong defensive play and aggressive baserunning. A talented blend of sophomores and juniors forming the core of this year's baseball squad propelled the Knights back into the district playoffs. Winning close games was a hallmark of this team, as evidenced by their crucial league wins against Bristol (4-3), Collegium Charter (4-3), and Bristol (4-2). In the district playoffs, the Knights battled the undefeated Dock Mennonite Pioneers to a stalemate into the 5th inning before eventually giving way late in the game. Losing only one senior to graduation, the young and battle tested Knights will look to continue their success next season.



VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE

Head Coach: Mark Schreiber

The 2023 DC Varsity lacrosse season theme was 'The joy of knowing Christ.' The goal for the season was to keep the fun in fundamentals, build on the 2022 season, and continue to grow as a program. This season, the team had its first winning record at 8-7 and finished 9th in the PIAA District 1 2A, which is the highest ranking in program history and its 2nd District playoff appearance. Key wins for the season included beating Friends Central and Conestoga Christian while also sweeping Dock for the first time, and securing second place in the BAL.



ALL BAL AWARDS:

Alexa Cardone (First Team)

Sky Corcimiglia (Honorable Mention)

Ashanti Harris (Honorable Mention)

Maggie Iott (Second Team)

Lily Peters (Second Team)

Adelaide Smith (Player of the Year, First Team)

Sarah Stahl (First Team)

Sydney Stevens (Defensive Player of the Year, First Team)

STUDENT LIFE



ELEVATOR PITCH COMPETITION

The “elevator” pitch is a frequently used term that means telling someone about your business idea within the time of an elevator ride. DC Innovation’s Elevator Pitch Competition aims to provide an experience for students to develop communication and entrepreneurship skills in a public setting. This spring, seven students, grades 6-12, were given three minutes to present a business plan in front of a crowded auditorium of middle and upper school students, faculty and staff, and a panel of three judges. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Asher Pitofsky '26, runner-up Andrew Ko '23, and third-place Madison Noble-Hawkins '26.

Asher's business idea was to develop a service that provides marketing and social media support for churches and Christian non-profit organizations in order to increase youth church attendance and participation.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SPRING CONCERT

ECC students sang their hearts out reminding everyone, “God’s love is wide and high and long and deep and God will never stop loving me!” Our students used their voices to worship God, memorize Ephesians 3:18 through song, and proclaim the Truth. What a treasure to see DC’s youngest students carry God’s Word in their hearts.



(L-R): Ava White (Athletics), Audrey McKeane (Communications/Development), Cassandra Stinger (Head Prefect), Ashanti Harris (Admissions), Luke Bradley (Arts), Yulu Tao (International), Eli Fischer (Student Life)

STUDENT LIFE

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Four DC students were awarded the Good Citizenship Award from The Legacy Foundation for their service in various organizations. Our students joined over 250 other high school juniors to attend the Good Citizen Day at the Union League in Philadelphia to discuss leadership and responsible citizenship, enjoy a special dinner and a prize giving ceremony. Congratulations to Anthony Danese, Trinity Hobough, Elliot Oh, and Gabrielle Watson for being nominated by Delaware County Christian School, Philadelphia Girls Choir, and Youth Action.



Hi-Q

The 2022-23 Hi-Q team finished the regular season undefeated and in first place among 21 Delaware County squads, tallying 169 points during the three events. Following a thrilling “home” victory in early February, the Knights earned the right to host the Delco HI-Q championship before a packed house. After leading much of the first half of the championship meet, the Knights were forced to settle for third place (33 points) behind visiting teams from Radnor (36 points) and Garnet Valley (49 points). Despite the loss, the team amassed the third-highest regular-season point total in school history and earned the school its seventh championship berth since the team’s inception in 1993-94. Seniors Hannah Yang (MVP) and Candice Wang (Coach’s Award) completed four years as Hi-Q participants, a rare accomplishment indeed in Delco Hi-Q. Their departure leaves eight returning HI-Q veterans to carry the mantle in 2023-24.

CRUISING ONWARD TO UPPER SCHOOL

Eighth grade students were treated to an evening of food, fun, and entertainment at the Eighth Grade Banquet. Parents organized a wonderful evening that began with a grand arrival to the Student Union that was transformed into a giant cruise ship. Dinner entertainment came in the form of costumed teachers lip synching to various songs, inspired by the TV show “Masked Singer.” The evening was capped off with glow in the dark games and a dance party. What a way to cruise their way into the Upper School!





WILD ABOUT READING!

During the Read-a-thon, DC's K-5 students shine a spotlight on reading by focusing their free time to practice the skill with the ultimate goal of becoming stronger readers. Reading is not only a crucial skill in academics, but the desire is for DC students to be equipped to study and understand God's Word. This year the first through fifth grade students read a total of 40,012,132 words!



SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH SONG

Following All-School Easter Chapel, DC's third grade students were able to extend Christ's love by going to a neighboring Rehab and Nursing Center, Marple Gardens. Students were able to tangibly feel the joys and sorrows of ministry as they walked through the hallways singing hymns and waving to the residents. "It was fun. It felt good to see people smile and brighten up as they heard us sing," shared one student. "It was a bit sad to see all these older people. But it was good because we are helping people and sharing about Jesus Christ."

HOORAY FOR THE ALPHABET

The ECC celebrated a year of learning and literacy by holding their annual PK4 Letter People parade and brought back the much loved Alpha Sale, hosted by the Kindergarteners with help from the 4th grade class. In all, the sale was able to raise over \$1000 for the Sunshine Approach Foundation to provide chairs and desks for school children in Mozambique. The Sunshine Approach Foundation is founded and led by former DC teacher and alumni parents Terri and Don Larson.





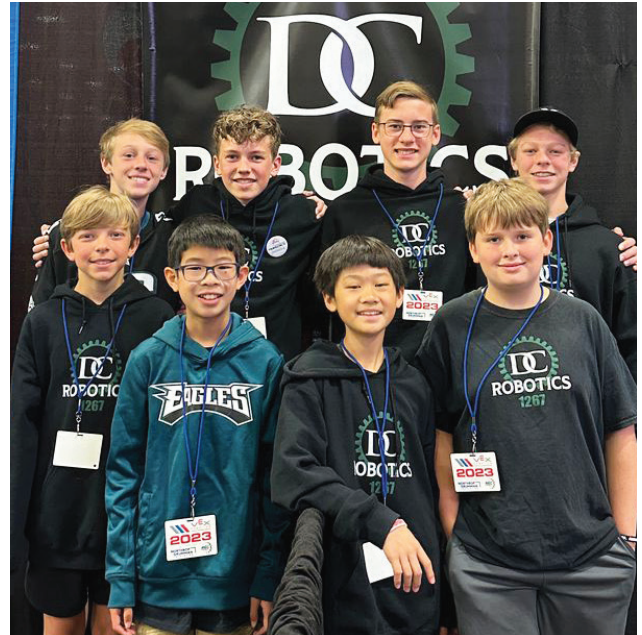
MS ROBOTICS GOES TO WORLDS!

The DC Robotics program, with a history of student leadership and initiation, was first introduced by Upper School students as a club during the 2010-11 academic year, shortly after VEX Robotics was founded in 2007. The Middle School VEX IQ program soon followed in the 2014-15 competition season. These programs have led to over a decade of DC students participating at State and World competitions.

The 2022-2023 Middle and Upper School Robotics Clubs drew forty DC students from grades 6-12. Students met after school and over weekends to build their robots and refine their competition skills while participating in local tournaments. On Saturday, January 14, DC hosted its annual Knights VEX Robotics Tournament, drawing thirty-six high school teams to our Upper Campus. A month later, DC hosted the annual Middle School DC Knights VEX IQ Robotics Tournament drawing twenty-four middle school teams. Both events drew teams competing to qualify for the Eastern PA State Championships.

The Middle School VEX IQ program has grown to over 20 thousand teams across 50+ countries. DC was represented by five upper school and seven middle school teams who advanced to State competition, with two middle school teams qualifying for the VEX IQ Robotics World Championship held in Dallas, TX. Among 800 teams at Worlds, both DC teams reached new goals, scored higher averages than regular season, and finished in the top half of competition. When asked to reflect on their robotics season, Ian Kauffman '27 (Team 1267U) shared, "Robotics is all about teamwork, accepting that there are going to be mistakes and being willing to learn in the process." Luke Confino '27 (Team 1267U) reiterated, "one of the best parts is collaborating with a lot of different people to overcome challenges."

Robotics competitions allow students to "use their creativity to tackle engineering problems to earn points and qualify for further competitions," says Middle School Robotics Coach, Christi Rhine. Through trial and error, students design and program their bots within the game parameters for a 60 second competition window. The teamwork style of competition encourages students to communicate and strategize with opponents, fostering collaboration towards a shared goal.



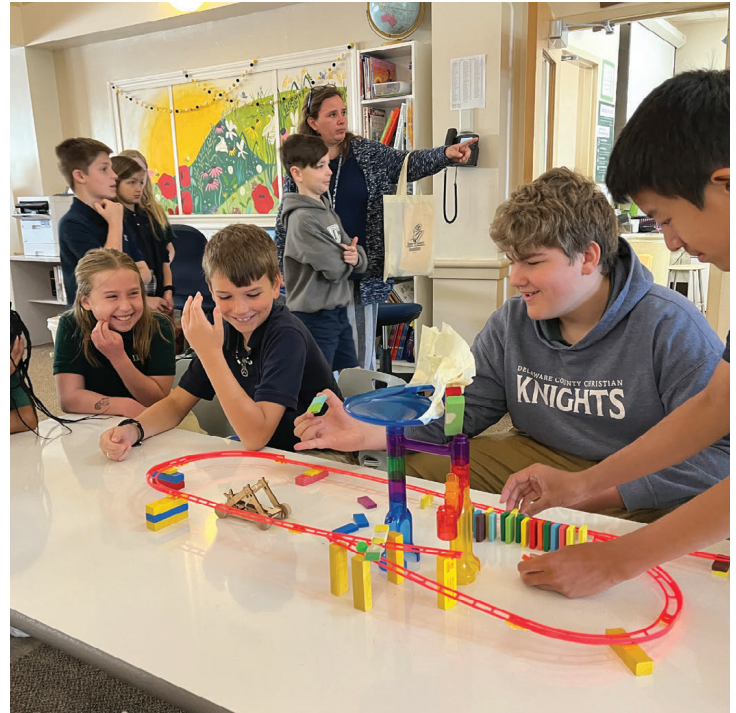
Front Row (L-R) 6th Grade Team: Behr Schreiber, Daniel Yuen, Timothy Chen, Teagan Ellis. **Back Row (L-R)** 8th Grade Team: Ian Kauffman, Gavin Stevens, Luke Confino, Gabe Montgomery.

Continuing in the tradition of student-driven leadership, sixth grade robotics team member, Autumn Jue '29 (Team 1267W), planned and launched an after school club for 3rd -5th graders, with the support of Coach Rhine. The hope was, "to help lower school students learn the fundamentals of robotics and fundraise for equipment upgrades," shared Autumn. The club focused on the basic concepts of robotics: motors and motion, gear ratios, and maneuverability and generated enthusiasm amongst the lower school participants. After leading a group of fourteen students through five weeks of robotics, Autumn reflected, "Teaching takes a lot longer than learning. We had many lessons planned that we never got through, but we had fun and the lower school students learned a lot."

Thanks to the robotics clinic and the Call to Heart fundraising at the Annual Benefit, the Middle School Robotics team is now fully funded for new software for eight robot kits next season.

ENGINEERING SIMPLE MACHINES

As a part of their Physical Science curriculum, eighth grade students worked in collaborative teams to build Rube Goldberg machines. These machines accomplish a simple task (e.g. popping a balloon, delivering a snack, or turning on a sink) in an overly complicated yet humorous way. Professional engineers and current DC Parents, Erwin Chen and Andrew Cook '89, visited the class to provide expert coaching and share about their careers in engineering. In turn, the eighth graders shared their knowledge of engineering with Lower School students who had also just completed lessons in the HIVE on Rube Goldberg, gears, levers, and pulleys, and had constructed their own simple machines. This was a wonderful opportunity for Middle School students to be community builders and cultivators of curiosity with Lower School friends. This field visit is an example of a Teaching for Transformation experience. More opportunities will be available for students as DC faculty continues to deepen their TFT implementation next year.



SAILING AWAY!

This year's Junior/Senior Banquet was held aboard the historic ship, Moshulu. This floating restaurant, docked at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia is the world's largest four-masted sailing ship.



STUDENT LIFE

SAIL TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mr. Rob Irias led a group of Upper School students to the Dominican Republic over Spring SAIL to serve together with a missionary organization called BoldHope. The students spent the week helping with their childrens' ministry and were even able to assist with BoldHope's medical team of nurses and doctors.

"My trip to the Dominican Republic was an incredibly eye-opening experience. Not only did I get to experience a new and beautiful culture, but I also had the opportunity to see firsthand the work God is doing in the D.R. It was awesome to witness the resilience, joy, and love for God the people in the D.R. possess. God, in His power, wisdom, and love, used this experience to convict and shape me, revealing throughout the trip His deep love that goes beyond borders." - Ava Schaafsma '23



GRANDPARENTS DAY

The Lower Campus was filled with excitement as over 350 Grandparents came to enjoy a morning of worship, fellowship, and family. The event began with a time of prayer followed by a beautiful spread of breakfast goodies set up by our Lower Campus PVO. Grandparents then enjoyed musical performances, Bible recitations, and a play performance by our students. Grandparents Day would not be complete without a tour of classrooms and an opportunity to play games and view the work of their grandchildren. How wonderful to celebrate God's provision and grace from generation to generation!

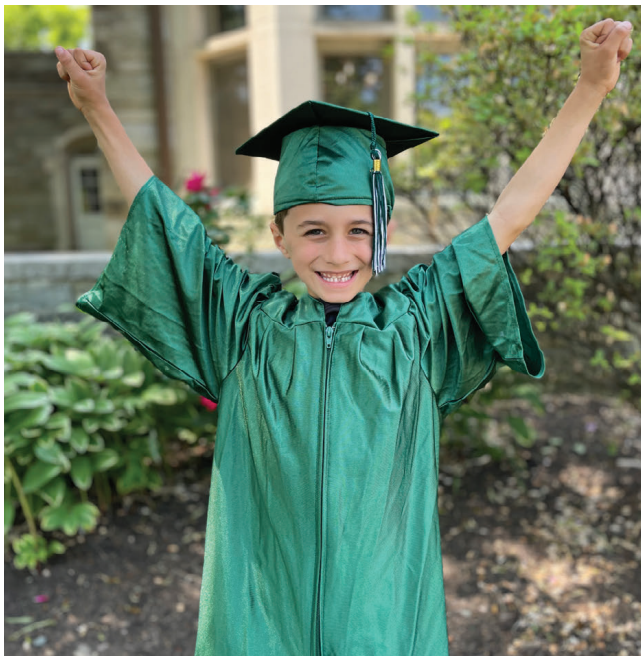




WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT MANUFACTURING?

Throughout the third quarter, Chad Fenley (Head of Middle School) and Matt DaFranza (Director of the Center for Innovation) taught a group of eighth grade students how to utilize camera equipment and edit video. The purpose of the class was to produce a video to be submitted to the Pennsylvania-wide competition: "What's So Cool About Manufacturing".

This video competition is done in partnership with Nielson-Kellerman Company, a company that manufactures heat sensor machinery. The team of thirteen students was awarded the Outstanding Creativity Award at the Awards Ceremony held at Penn State Great Valley. Enjoy a look at their award-winning video by following this QR Code.



MILESTONES

The end of the school year marks important milestones for Kindergarten, 5th grade, and 8th grade students. Kindergarten students celebrate the completion of the year and their entry into the Lower School with a fun graduation ceremony, 5th graders returned from their first overnight school trip to Camp Calvary, excited to finally get into Middle School on the Upper Campus, and 8th graders look forward to the joys and responsibilities of high school life.

SPRUCE LAKE

The Seventh graders were able to head to the Spruce Lake Outdoor School earlier this month. They participated in a wide variety of activities including the Spruce Mountain Hike, the Ecological Survival Game. They had an opportunity to hold different reptiles and amphibians, and experience the ever popular Zip Line! The Lord graciously allowed all the activities to go as planned despite a little rain.



1960

Nelson Schroeder '60 (pictured with wife Christy) is celebrating retirement after 30 years as a School Social Studies Instructor and Department Chair at Sterling High School in Sterling, Colorado. He and his wife Christy have three grown children and five grandchildren. He enjoys traveling and is actively serving in his local church as a deacon and member of the worship team. Nelson and Christy are pictured on a recent trip to Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina.



2003



Dora McFarland Phan '03 and her husband Mat welcomed Reya Zion on April 18, 2023 joining sibling Micah (2). The family lives in South Philly. Proud Grandparents Crys and George McFarland are thrilled to welcome Reya, their 4th grandchild.

1997

Daniel McCracken '97 is a reservist in the United States Navy. He was recently promoted to Rank of E7 Hospital Corpsman Chief Petty Officer.



Following his most recent deployment, McCracken was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. His letter of commendation read: "Petty Officer First Class Daniel D. McCracken, United States Navy, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievement as a Force Protection Leading Petty Officer, Force Protection Team Leader, & Anti-Terrorism Tactical Watch Officer for a Joint Task Force in support of Overseas Contingency Operations from 11 October 2019 to 20 January 2022. During this period, he served as an Embarked Security

Team Leader & Bridge Watch on board an afloat contingency support vessel, supervising four, 12 member watch teams for more than 15,500 hours of import & underway roving patrols. He enabled the identification of multiple surface contacts, completion of intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance flight hours, as well as multi-service flight deck & launch recoveries, which directly impacted the successful completion of mission essential training & tasking. The distinctive accomplishments of Petty Officer McCracken reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Navy, & the Department of Defense."

2007



Ally Bader Nagle '07 and her husband Grant welcomed a daughter, Noa Lynn, on March 30, 2023. Noa joins sibling Miles (age 2). The family lives in Pittsburgh, PA.

2008



Ashley Hughes Detwiler '08 and husband Kyle Detwiler welcomed their third son, Roman Douglas on May 9, 2023. Roman join his two older brothers, Sam (4) and Gabe (2).



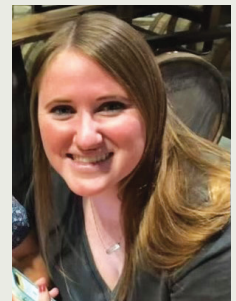
Jenna Smyth McGovern '08, her husband Kyle, and big sister Avis (age 2), welcomed identical twins, Bridget Lane and Claire Winifred on April 12, 2023. The McGoverns live in Exton, PA. Proud grandparents are David and Janet Smyth, former employees and alumni parents.

2013

Michael Schmid '13 and wife Rachael Schmid welcomed Luke Loh Schmid, born February 2, 2023. Luke joins older brother Aaron John Schmid (born October 21, 2020). The family resides in Winston-Salem, NC.



Kelly Wiener '13 completed her undergraduate degree in Hospitality and Resort Tourism Management at Coastal Carolina University '17 and began working at The Walt Disney Company. Most recently, Kelly has completed her MBA in Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University and is currently working at one of Disney World's premier resorts, Riviera Resort, as the Guest Experience Front Desk Manager. Kelly shares, "Working at Disney has been a dream job. Come and see us!"



2014

Abby Scott '14 recently returned from a pilgrimage to Israel with a group of 38 people from Wayne Church, traveling to many well-known spots, including the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Masada, the Dead Sea, and of course Jerusalem. Abby shares, "Our days were packed with different tours around each place, and even though we were super busy and on the go, I was able to be refreshed and renewed physically, mentally, and spiritually." Abby's parents, Sue and Danny (pictured), were also on the trip.



FOCUS ON ALUMNI

2019

Rebecca Harris '19 graduated summa cum laude from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in Industrial Design as an honors student and as the captain of RIT's women's rowing team. Rebecca Harris is also the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar award which celebrates the top 1% of undergraduate students who achieve academic excellence while also giving back to the community through civic or volunteer work, by conducting research, or being engaged in a co-op or work in their field of study. Her community service involves volunteering with VEX Robotics and the REC Foundation as a team mentor, referee, and judge at competitive middle and high school events. She taught both students and adult mentors/teachers about the importance of engineering notebooks/documentation and the design process. Rebecca has committed to a job as a Manufacturing Engineer at MillerKnoll where she has been interning throughout her college career.



Jason Motley '19 graduated from George Mason University with a B.S. in Environmental Science with a concentration in Ecological Science and a minor in Conservation Studies. He was awarded the Environmental Science and Policy Ambassador Award and the Outstanding Undergraduate in Ecological Science Award from the College of Science. Jason was also selected to be the student speaker at GMU's College of Science degree celebration in EagleBank arena. During his studies, Jason served as an undergraduate research intern for the National Science Foundation (NSF) at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia. He also spent a semester at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in the Endangered Species program, where he worked on a research project around deer movement within the D.C. metropolitan area. Jason plans to continue at George Mason pursuing a master's degree in Environmental Science and Policy and will be working as a research intern for the U.S. Geological Survey this summer.

2020

Rachel Yeung '20 graduated from Penn State University in three years, summa cum laude with a B.A. in History and Political Science. Additionally, she received multiple awards including the Margaret Bixler Kolpak Memorial Award given to honor an outstanding undergraduate woman who has combined a major in history with remarkable service to humanity. Rachel was also recognized as the History Student Marshal for the College of Liberal Arts Commencement Ceremony based on her outstanding academic achievements and contributions to Liberal Arts student life. While at Penn State, Rachel served as the president of the Asian American Christian Fellowship (Epic Movement of Cru at Penn State). After graduation, Rachel plans to continue her studies to obtain a master's in Public Policy from Penn State, while working as a field staff for Epic Movement. Rachel hopes to become a policy analyst or legislative staffer after she finishes her graduate studies.





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1978

1983

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2003

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Upcoming Reunion

CLASS OF

1971



SATURDAY,
AUGUST 12
2023

The reunion will begin with an Open House at 3pm in Lowrie Hall followed by dinner in the Student Union from 6-9pm. The reunion is being coordinated by Janet Lowrie Nason and Chris Maffet. Please contact alumni@dccs.org for more information.

In Memorium



John-Tyler Adam Dawes '14

Adam passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at the age of 27. He was an active member of Bethany Evangelical Presbyterian Church and later Hope Philly, in Upper Darby. He was deeply passionate about working with youth and leading worship with the praise team. Adam graduated from Messiah College in 2019 with a degree in elementary education. Prior to his passing, he worked at Beatty Lumber Company. Adam's life verse was Romans 8:38-39, "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." In addition to his parents, Dr. Donald D. and Catherine L. (nee Bohrer) Dawes; Adam is survived by his older brother, Alex Dawes '11 and his wife, Renee of Lafayette Hill and their children, James Walden and Rosalie Grace Dawes and his girlfriend, Sarah Allen of Havertown.



Lisa Stephey Campbell '82

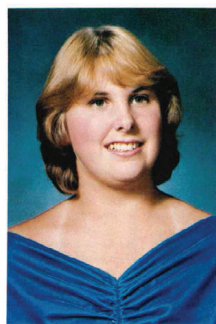
July 9, 1964 - May 5, 2023



DC alumnus, parent, and employee, Lisa Campbell, passed away on Friday, May 5, 2023 following a long battle with colon cancer. While we mourn the loss of our friend and colleague, we rejoice that Lisa is in the presence of her Lord and Savior; fully healed and in perfect peace as she joins with the heavenly host in glorifying her Father in heaven. Lisa is survived by her husband Scott and their children Colin Campbell '15 (Racsi), Merritt '18, William '20, Jeremy '22, and "adoptive" son Yangzi Jiang '15.

Lisa's love for DC began when she arrived as a new fourth grade student. After graduating in the Class of 1982, she went on to earn a degree from Messiah University and returned to DC years later as a parent. She soon became an active volunteer, and served on the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Council, and as a leader on the Advancement Team between 2012-2020. Lisa loved DC. She faithfully served with all her heart, and brought joy and laughter to everything she touched.

Former DC parent, current grandparent and former Director of Admissions, Betty Ellsworth '83 was a childhood friend of Lisa's at DC. "Lisa's words were joyful! I am sure we can all picture Lisa's knee-slapping laugh and words of joy. If I saw her in the hallway at school, in the gym, on the field, in a meeting, or around a lunch table, the mood was light because she knew how to laugh and kept others laughing. Lisa was my basketball and field hockey teammate at DC for years. I don't know how a teammate was able to bring joy to sprints and hard practices like she did, but Lisa found a way to always keep us smiling. Memories of Lisa on choir or band tour with friends circled around her in laughter were a natural part of my high school experience. Those joyful words later helped to bond our DC Advancement Team during our working years together."



LISA ANNE STEPHEY

Steph

Karen Piotrowski, DC Computer Teacher and Webmaster wrote: "During her tenure at DC, Lisa had a significant positive impact on the school community. Her love for DC was evident and it was a joy to work with her. She was a wordsmith who could promote the school's mission with ease. Lisa's eye for detail was impeccable, and her institutional knowledge was invaluable in her writing and editing. She worked tirelessly and went above and beyond her job, dedicating extra hours to building up the school. A woman of integrity and gifted in her communication, there is no doubt that Lisa made a kingdom impact at DC."

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 2023-2024

DC's International Student Program office is searching for families to host students for the 2023-2024 school year. Through our Homestay Program, students from around the world have the opportunity to study at DC, learn about American culture, and live with a Christian family. The goal of the Homestay Program is to promote cross-cultural learning and a Kingdom mindset for all students and staff at Delaware County Christian School. Our host families are a critical component of this program. Host families have the unique opportunity to live out their faith in front of students and develop lifelong relationships with them. They are partners in the international students' education, serving as integral team members along with biological parents, teachers, administrators, and church families.



For more information on becoming a host family, please contact Hana Lu, International Program Coordinator at hlu@dccs.org.



What happens when you take a group of DC parents with an abundance of creativity and a desire to serve? TRIVIA NIGHT!

The first annual Trivia Night was held on February 11, 2023, with more than 200 friends of DC in attendance. The evening was filled with fellowship as guests competed in nine rounds of trivia, which culminated in a winning team at the end of the evening. The competition was fierce, but Team "Moms, Dads, and Chad" came out victorious after a tie-breaking question. We look forward to hosting the event again on January 27, 2024.



The Student Union was draped in denim blue, strung with glistening lights, and tables were adorned with gorgeous centerpieces for the 2023 Benefit for DC. This beautiful event brought together parents, staff and faculty, grandparents, and alumni. The Evening's net proceeds exceeded \$241,000, of which \$100,000 was raised during the 10 minute "Call to Heart." These funds will enhance both campuses in the following ways: classroom furniture and space upgrades on the Upper Campus, enhancements to the Theatre Arts program specifically purchasing machinery for set development and costume design, a kiln to be used for firing the pottery pieces designed by our lower school students. upgrades to the HIVE at the Lower School, upgraded robotics materials and a new field show, and additional security doors and cameras to our campuses.



TURNING PA TAX DOLLARS INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know in a few short minutes you could redirect your Pennsylvania tax dollars to provide financial assistance to DC students?

See below a breakdown of how contributions made through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) benefit DC programs and provide financial assistance to qualified and mission-appropriate students to attend Delaware County Christian School.

SAMPLE TAX CALCULATION

(LLC, PARTNERSHIP, S-CORP OR INDIVIDUAL BASED ON A TWO-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

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It sounds too good to be true! Instead of giving our state income tax dollars to Pennsylvania, they can be allocated instead to DC (with a very minimal out-of-pocket "cost"). This EITC money provides scholarships for students that could not otherwise attend DC, helps to create a gloriously diverse community of students that more closely mirrors the Kingdom of God, and frees up funds in DC's budget for other areas of impact (faculty enrichment, facility improvements, etc). We consider this a win, win, win! The EITC program is an under-utilized treasure and should be oversubscribed at DC so we are happy to help spread the word. Let's do this together! - Robyn Jameson



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Tuesday, August 29
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES PK3-12

Thursday, August 31
PICNIC & DEDICATION SERVICE

Tuesday, September 5
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES PK2

Thursday-Saturday, October 12-14
HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Tuesday, November 21
ALL SCHOOL THANKSGIVING CHAPEL

Wednesday, December 20
ALL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

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