



Walk Worthy

So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

—Colossians 1:10

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Raising a Generation of Leaders

ast Fall, I walked into the gym at WSCA late one afternoon to see what was causing so much noise. It was a middle school girls volleyball game pitting WSCA against HCS. I can vividly remember two things.

First, the WSCA middle school team had on long sleeve warmup t-shirts (I do love a great t-shirt!) with our CSAGH theme verse – Colossians 1:10 – Walk Worthy – across the front. These were specially printed and focused the team's efforts to live a life worthy of the Lord.

Second, I recall the game itself. Both teams of young ladies were battling fiercely for every point. The competitive environment was top notch. Coaches were encouraging their players and challenging them to give their best effort. Parents, grandparents and teachers all cheered from the stands. Players dove and spiked as if every point was their last!

This is a scene that quickly describes this amazing school system. We are centered on Christ. We strive to walk worthy for Him every day. We also strive for excellence, encouraging each student to grow and strive to do their very best with their God given talents.

Fast forward to graduation when 37 students walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Each was heading off to an exciting future including careers, college and other types of service. Our CSAGH graduates know Christ and follow Him. They are known by how well they communicate and how they can think critically. They are leaders and have had experiences that instilled strong character qualities of discipline and respect. These are young people who are sought by colleges and employers. They are the best of our next generation.

We cannot provide this type of education without you. So, in addition to providing a glimpse of the last year, this report is a way to say thank you to alumni, friends, parents, grandparents, teachers and staff. CSAGH and our two schools are thriving because of you and your support.

Thank you for helping us educate young people to know Christ and to serve Him!

Blessings,



Mark Seymour
President, CSAGH



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Celebrating The Arts

As Christian educators, we are deeply aware of the importance of the arts, because God is the great Artist. God Himself is beautiful, as Psalm 50:2 says, "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth." He also creates beauty, as Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He has made everything beautiful in its time." This beauty reflects His glory, as Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork."

When we teach students to create beautiful art, we are teaching them to see and reflect God's own creativity. We are teaching them to appreciate one aspect of being made in the image of God. Art is not something reserved just for creative types. It is accessible and valuable on some level to every student.

What is the value of art? Many people today discard art as just self-expression. But we understand that it has more value. Art trains minds and hearts.

First, art demands attention and focused thinking. In an age of distraction and fast-paced social media consumption, it is even more essential to teach students to slow down, reflect, and practice a skill. Through spring musicals, musical ensembles, and more, students at WSCA and HCS can master artistic skills and get excited about being involved in something that requires time, collaboration, and hard work.

This year, we saw that hard work pay off in outstanding performances by both middle and high school students, many of whom won awards locally.

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Second, art also cultivates curiosity and compassion in students. It gives them a window into the world and into the experiences of other people and other cultures. Think of how we show each other pictures on our phones to share our lives. Artists are similar, except they share timeless truths about the human experience through their art.

Dr. Matthew Z. Capps, senior pastor of Fairview
Baptist Church in Apex, N.C, says, "Art helps cultivate
the ability to discern a deeper sense of our human
existence and experience. Art allows us to transcend
ourselves and see things as they are from different
perspectives, thus enabling us to find common ground
for interaction. Art, therefore, inclines us to respond
more sensitively to the world around us for the purpose
of understanding."1

He has made everything beautiful in its time."

- Ecclesiastes 3:11

As we prepare students to impact the world for Christ, perhaps there are no better qualities that we could instill in them than discernment, empathy, and understanding. These traits will go far in setting our students apart as leaders. This is one reason why we emphasize participation in the fine arts for all students and continue to expand the arts programs at both HCS and WSCA.

However, not all art is created equal. As the global art community becomes increasingly secularized, many young people today are confronted with a choice between Christian values and their art. We feel an urgency to provide an alternative that is both Christcentered and artistically excellent. We want to equip students who care not just about the quality but about the content of art. After all, the ultimate aim of art is to bring glory to God.

At HCS and WSCA, art is for everyone. During these formative years, students should be able to explore their gifts and try out new things in a fun and supportive environment. We look forward to seeing the arts programs continue to flourish at both schools as even more students get involved.

¹Capps, M. (2018, October 17). A Distinctively Christian Appreciation of the Arts [web log]. Retrieved August 16, 2023, from https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/a-distinctively-christian-appreciation-of-the-arts/.

Christmas Concerts

SAVE THE DATE!

West Shore Christian Academy

MS/HS Christmas Concert December 12 at 6:30 PM

ES Christmas Concert
December 19 at 6:30 PM

Harrisburg Christian School

MS/HS Christmas Concert December 12 at 7:00 PM

ES Christmas Program
December 14 at 7:00 PM

"WSCA faculty have made a tremendous positive impact on my spiritual life and they are to thank for creating a solid foundation of a biblical worldview." -Kellen, Class of '23

What God Has Done

MR. HAL GRIFFITHS

I'll never forget where I was the first time I heard the worship song "When It's All Been Said and Done" by Robin Mark. Fourteen BBS (now WSCA) students and three leaders were on a mission trip to Mandeville, Jamaica and our team was having worship time one evening. Another leader taught us this song, which has had an impact on my life since that day. The words fit as our team was physically exhausted from twelve days of intense ministry and we were encouraging one another to serve Christ and not self. It also fits today as I share some final thoughts on a thirty-nine-year teaching career. The first verse of the song says,

When it's all been said and done.
There is just one thing that matters.
Did I do my best to live for truth?
Did I live my life for you?
When it's all been said and done.
All my treasures will mean nothing.
Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time.
Lord your mercy is so great.
That you look beyond our weakness.
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.

When you have done something for this long, there will be many praises and many comments of "good job" sent your way. But when you have done something for this long, there will also be many lessons that fall flat or the "What were you thinking?" moments. Thankfully, God does not grade us on our success. He just asks me to be faithful to Him. He asks me to run my own race and do it by keeping my focus on him. The race is run so that at the end we are not measuring successes or accomplishments, but "Did I live for truth?" It's not me and it has never been me. It is what God has done in me, through me, and in spite of my failures.

I'll be honest with you. As I move on to this next stage, I am scared. It would have been easy to stay at WSCA, teach for a few more years, and then ride off into the sunset. But I am convinced God is changing my course. More than ever, I need to trust Him because I am wading into very unfamiliar waters. Working with men who are struggling with addictions and mental illnesses is much different than 6th grade homeroom or 10th grade Bible class. I will miss the interaction with the students and the comradery with my teacher friends. But like all of us, we wake up each morning with a purpose, a purpose to love God and live for Him in whatever life situation He puts us. Live your life so that in each stage of your life your goal is to live for truth.

Thank you, WSCA for the many, many memories!



After 36 years of service, WSCA bids farewell to a beloved teacher, Hal Griffiths, who is retiring from the classroom to pursue a second career in counseling. During his tenure at WSCA, Hal has taught Bible and History, served as an Athletic Director and Assistant Principal, coached Softball and Basketball (including two 1000-point scorers and achieving WSCA's first two state playoff births), been inducted into the West Shore Sports Hall of Fame, and been a PIAA Board Member and District III Committee Member.

Career Reflections

MR. ROBERT KING

As I look back on the past 38 years I've spent at Harrisburg Christian School, my heart is full of wonderful memories of so many students and colleagues. I arrived in the summer of 1985 to be the business manager, high school history teacher and boys' varsity basketball coach. It was such a different time, money was tight, and it was difficult to pay the employees, the government taxes and our vendors but the Lord was faithful to see our obligations were met.

Doing all 3 jobs was extremely hard, I often had to take the accounting books home to work on them in the evening. After 5 years I left the business office to focus my efforts on the classroom (where my heart has always been). Then in 2000 I was asked to take on the position of high school and middle school principal, which I did to help our administrator, Pete Fackler. After one year in that position, we hired Tom Wieland and I returned to my beloved classroom where I was to spend the rest of my teaching life.

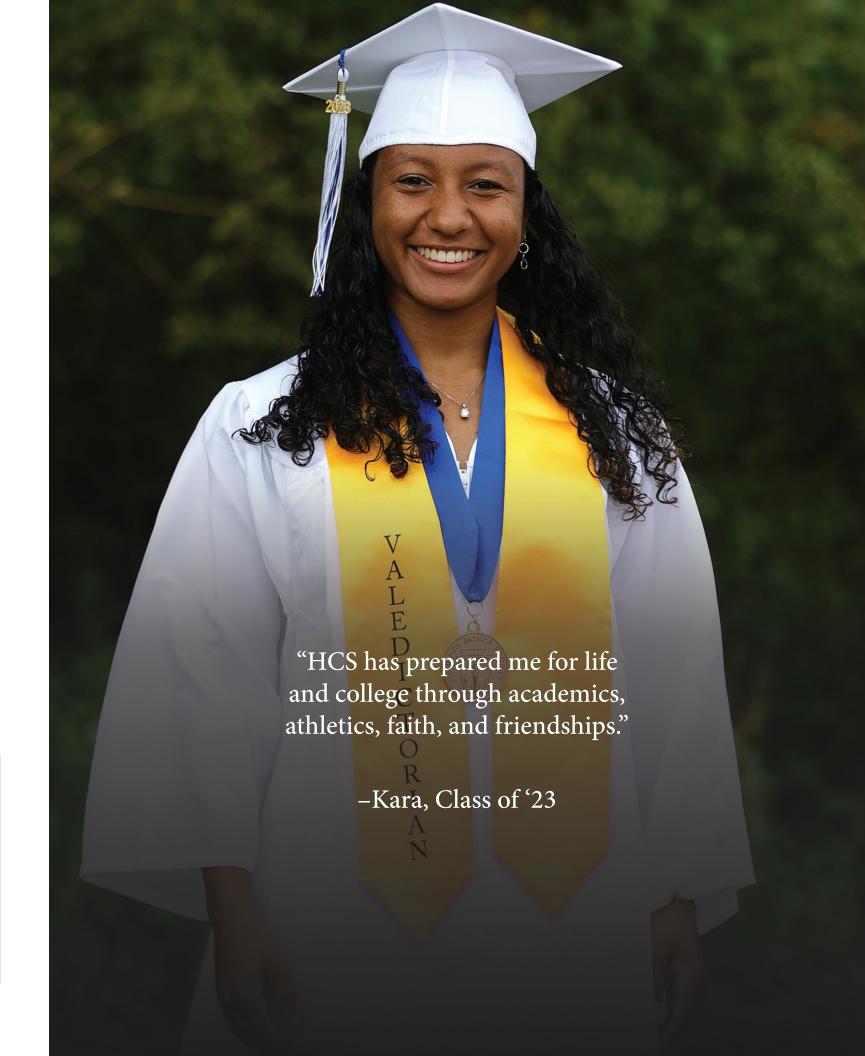
While in the classroom the students have had great success developing their note-taking skills, improving the paper writing skills and learning to articulate their Christian worldview. I have been blessed to see so many students grow and mature into adulthood.

Basketball was a success from the beginning. Our first season we played a junior varsity schedule, the next season we won the CCAC championship and were able to win the conference championship 4 of the next 5 years. My 3rd year I started the varsity track team. We had a lot of individual champions and as we entered the 21st century our numbers increased, and the boys and girls won the conference 19 times combined. The athletes have won many district and state medals.

The Lord has blessed HCS in so many ways. The facilities have been improved, the salaries have increased, and the school has grown. I look forward to the future to see what the Lord has in store. May the Lord be praised.



HCS faculty member Bob King is retiring after 38 years of service. Bob was a high school history teacher, basketball coach, business manager, principal, and track & field coach during his time at HCS. His dedication has shaped Harrisburg Christian School and changed hundreds of lives.



Student Life Highlights

The community at WSCA and HCS has an enduring impact on students' lives. Our success as a school depends not just on academics, but on the strength of the relationships between the students and between the students and faculty. By God's grace, we have continued to see our school communities thrive and even go out to serve the broader Harrisburg area through the Day of Service, field trips, and internships.

Our community is unapologetically Christ-centered, which is why we intentionally build times into the year for spiritual developmet, such as weekly chapel and Spiritual Emphasis Retreats for each class. These pages are filled with these events and many other wonderful memories from the year.

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Students Reach the Community During the Day of Service

This April, HCS and WSCA students had the opportunity to serve the greater Harrisburg community through our Annual Day of Service, partnering with 12 local ministries. HCS elementary students joined in for the first time by helping to clean and beautify the HCS campus!



J-Term 2023

During J-Term, junior and senior students interned with local officials, a theater, and an engineering company! Middle and high school students also had the opportunity to hike part of the Appalachian trail, learn cooking skills and creative skills, practice athletics, and more!









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Senior Trip to Costa Rica

Nine HCS seniors traveled to Costa Rica over Spring Break to experience a new culture and to minister at a Obras de Jesus for children ages 3-12. Students enjoyed playing games with the children and having locals demonstrate hospitality by cooking amazing meals for them! The kids were thrilled to be spending time with the HCS students and "Wolfie" the puppet. After spending two days ministering to the children, they were able to white water raft and zipline in the rain forest before relaxing on a catamaran and swimming in the Pacific Ocean!

One night, students shared what God was teaching them through this mission trip. A common theme was the day care kids come from impoverished conditions (dirt floor homes and inconsistent meals at home), but are filled with so much joy! Students said they get so used to having everything they need at their fingertips (including things they don't necessarily need like smart watches), but it was life-changing to see the kids' response to being excited to just jump rope with them, play on the playground, or make a craft out of paper plates and popsicle sticks! They also talked about the vastness of God's creation and how He has painted such beautiful landscapes. Students said they plan to continue to pray for the kids at the day care center and remember the faces of the children that impacted them.



Eagle Scout Ethan Hillenbrand

While working towards achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Ethan Hillenbrand donated his time and hard work to install a permanent flagpole at the HCS athletic fields and built 2 picnic tables donated to the athletic department for sports fans to use at home outdoor athletic events. Thank you Ethan!



Men In Training/Women In Training Bible Study

The M.I.T. and W.I.T. middle school Bible studies, led by HCS teacher Dan Wertz, found several ways to serve the school and community this year. During midterms, they put together goodie bags with encouraging scripture verses for their classmates. They also participated in a gleaning at a local orchard, helped remove Christmas wreaths from veterans' graves after the holidays, and helped out at the local Milk & Honey Farms.



A Ukranian Christian Shares Her Story

Our elementary students had the privilege of hearing from Helga about her life as a Ukranian Christian in an active warzone. "We hope to rebuild our dream," she said. Please pray for her and for her family.



Day of Prayer

HCS students gathered for ACSI's Global Day of Prayer to worship and pray. This year's theme was Shine Bright, representing how Christians are the light of the world.







Arts Fest

HCS hosted its Second Annual Arts Fest, complete with middle school drama performing "When Bad Things Happen to Good Actors."

Veterans Day Chapel

We honored our military families with a special All School Veteran's Day Chapel. It was a privilege to hear from some of our parents about what the military means to them and how they integrated their faith into the branches that they served. Thank you to all of our servicemen and women!

WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Kellen Mikesell ('23)
Performs with the West Shore Symphony and
Qualifies for Choruses

Senior Kellen Mikesell is well known at WSCA for his extraordinary musical talent. Kellen has been involved in multiple musical ensembles and plays regularly with the Peabody Youth Symphony. This year he was a featured soloist with the West Shore Symphony, performing the Wieniawski Concerto in D Minor, Mvt1. He also qualified for the PMEA District and National ACDA Chorus Festival.

Kellen plans to study music at the Eastman School of Music this fall.



Elementary Students Visit Country Meadows

WSCA elementary students had the opportunity to spend time with the residents at Country Meadows Senior Care.



Forensics Team Competes at Districts

The WSCA Forensics team competed at the district tournament. Colson Endres earned District Champion in Dramatic Interpretation and Scott Turoff earned District Champion in Poetry.



"What is the Most Influential Work of Literature?"

The annual WSCA Humanities Speech and Debate Competition addressed the topic, "Which is the most influential work of literature over time?" 5 competitors each presented a 5-minute persuasive speech representing 5 different works of literature. Our finalists were Josiah Martin representing Don Quixote vs. Colson Endres representing The Lord of the Rings."



Mother's Day Brunch

Our Kindergarten Mother's Day program is always a sweet time celebrating the women in our littlest students' lives. We are thankful to partner with parents in nurturing and educating these young students.



Unicyclist Show

World champion unicyclist Dustin Helm performed at an all-school assembly for WSCA. Dustin and his wife use the sport of unicycling to share the Gospel around the world, including in hard-to-reach areas. More recently, Dustin has begun to incorporate a dramatic presenation of the book of Revelation into his Unishow.



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National Honor Society Can Drive

National Honor Society collected over 850 cans for the for the New Hope Ministries Food Pantry during their can collection drive!



Seussical the Musical

This year HCS performed Seussical the Musical. Several performers were nominated for Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards. Actress nominations included Kayleigh Jarkowsky as Gertrude McFuzz for outstanding lead actress and Addison Reed as Mayzie LaBird for best supporting actress. "Havin' a Hunch" was also nominated for honorable mention in outstanding dance number and "Seussical the Musical" was nominated for honorable mention in outstanding musical.











WSCA Sports

This was a memorable year for West Shore Christian Academy athletics. We had two new varsity sports teams with the return of boys golf and the addition of boys varsity volleyball for the first time ever! The girls varsity lacrosse team won the CCAC championship and several middle school teams also earned CCAC championship titles. But most importantly, students had the opportunity to build genuine relationships with each other and with their coaches, learning to live out this year's theme of "Walking Worthy" both on and off the field. Go Bobcats!

CCAC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM ATHLETES

Girls Varsity Soccer

Alyssa Shaw Stefania Mladenoff Ella Peachey Alicia Wolfe

Boys Varsity Soccer 1st Team

Logan Chronister Seth Lehman Levi Lehman **Boys Varsity Soccer 2nd Team**

Isaac Eichelberger Koen Mathews Ryan Fry

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Naomi Footitt (Honorable Mention)

Varsity Basketball

Seth Lehman Naomi Footitt **Varsity Lacrosse**

Rose Dennstaedt Amira Solomon Ava Kanagy Izzy Peachey

Boys Varsity Volleyball

Sooyoung Yoo Matt Wiedman Josiah Martin

HCS ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Male Athlete of the Year: Isaac Eichelberger Female Athlete of the Year: Ella Peachey



MS Boys Soccer Team are CCAC West Champions

The middle school boys soccer team won the CCAC West Championship with a 8-0-2 season!



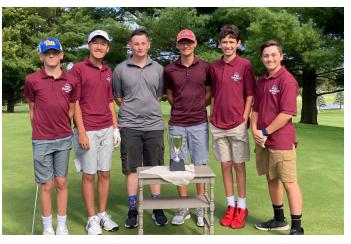
MS Girls Volleyball Go Undefeated

The middle school girls volleyball team was undefeated this season, winning the CCAC West with a league record of 10-0 and an overall record of 12-0.



MS Girls Basketball Co-Champions

The middle school girls basketball team were the CCAC Co-Champions this year.



Bringing Back Golf

This year saw the return of golf to WSCA! The season ended with the "Fairway Foragers" winning the first ever Bobcat Open on a beautiful September night. The golf team also attended the CSAGH Golf Classic.



XC CCAC Championship Top 10 Finishes

Ben VanGrouw led Trent Miner, Jack Safer, Kellen Mikesell, and Aidan Fisher to Top 10 finishes in the CCAC District Championship. Trent, Jack, Kellen, Chase Cornetto, and Colson Endres also ran lifetime bests.



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VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE WINS CCAC CHAMPIONSHIP

The varsity girls lacrosse team won their first CCAC All-Conference Championship and advanced to the District III playoffs! Rose Dennstaedt (100 goals and 100 draw controls) and Amira Solomon (100 goals) achieved milestones during the varsity girls lacrosse season.





Chronister Wins District III Track & Field Medal

Logan Chronister earned a 4th place medal in Javelin for the CCAC Individuals Championship.



Inaugural Boys Volleyball

WSCA added boys varsity and middle school volleyball teams this year. Both teams had a great season and three of the varsity athletes earned CCAC All-Conference Team Honors.







CZECH REPUBLIC SUMMER MISSIONS TRIP

Our boys soccer and basketball coaches traveled with several of our athletes to the Czech Republic this summer to help run sports camps, spend some time at the Word of Life camp, and even play a game of soccer against a team in the Czech. We love seeing our athletes serving overseas and making a difference.



HCS Sports

At HCS, the athletic program promotes the mission of Christian education by teaching athletes integrity, servanthood, teamwork, and excellence. This year, we saw this lived out more than ever by students who supported each other, cheered each other on, and performed their best for the glory of God. It was a year with many athletic victories and also exciting new additions such as our inaugural boys volleyball team and Junior Knights athletic program. What follows are just a few of the memories and achievements of the Knights community. Go Blue, Go White, Go Knights!

CCAC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM ATHLETES

Varsity Soccer Cooper Gesswein Joi Brenize Hannah Costa Gabby Masters

Varsity Basketball Stephen Bogovic Hannah Costa Varsity Lacrosse Kayla Arnold Kara Thrush

Varsity Baseball Eli Stargel

CCAC ALL-ACADEMIC AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kayla Arnold, Stephen Bogovic, Hannah Costa, Alexa Drake, Rebecca Haas, Ethan Hillenbrand, Kayleigh Jarkowsky, Katelyn Kleinschmidt, Sneha Maity, Abigail Puleo, Kara Thrush, Darin Toby

HCS ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Male Athlete of the Year: Stephen Bogovic Female Athlete of the Year: Hannah Costa



VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS CCAC DISTRICT III CHAMPIONSHIP

The varsity girls soccer team won the 2022 CCAC Championship, earned their 2nd consecutive District III Championship appearance (District III Silver Medalists), and advanced to their 2nd consecutive PIAA State Soccer Playoffs.



Middle School Basketball Champions

The middle school boys basketball team finished their season with a season record of 18-1, winning the CCAC West Division title.



Varsity Basketball Girls Advanced to Playoffs

The Varsity Girls Basketball team defeated Greenwood High School in District III Playoffs to advance to PIAA State Playoffs for the second consecutive year.



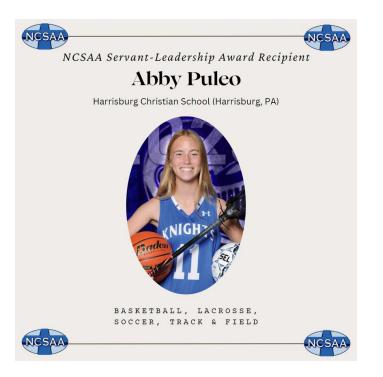
New Boys Volleyball Team

The varsity boys volleyball team played their inaugural season this year!



Track & Field District III Medalists

10 Knights Track & Field Athletes qualifed for the District III Championship Meet, earning 10 medals: Hannah Costa (300M Hurdles Medalist and 100M Hurdle Silver Medalist); Crystal Ames (200M Hurdles Medalist, 100M Bronze Medalist, Long Jump Medalist); Gabby Masters, Daphnny Gomes, Hannah Costa, Crystal Ames (Girls' 4x100M Relay Medalists); Eli Stargel, Valen Shrum-Groff, Michael Kelly, Stephen Bogovic (Boys' 4x100M Relay Medalists); Stephen Bogovic (100M Bronze Medalist and 200M Hurdles Medalist); Jacob Elmer (Javelin Medalist).



Abigail Puleo Wins NCSAA Award

Abigail Puleo received the 2023 NCSAA Servant & Leadership Award. This distinguished award is presented to senior athletes from NCSAA member schools who exemplified leadership by serving their teammates and opponents, displaying Christlike character in their competition, and interacting with others with a deep commitment to building them up.



Track & Field State Qualifiers

Hannah Costa (200M Hurdles) and Crystal Ames (100M) qualified for the PIAA State Track & Field Championship.



Stephen Bogovic Signs for King's College

Senior Stephen Bogovic signed his NCAA Letter of Intent to play Men's College Basketball at King's College! Go Monarchs!





Golden Knight Awards

The Golden Knight Award is given to students who participate in three seasons of athletic competition over four years. This year, three students achieved this: Kayla Arnold, Hannah Costa, and Abigail Puleo.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: HANNAH COSTA '23

During her decorated career at HCS, Hannah Costa competed in soccer, basketball, and track & field. Hannah was a First Team All-American for Varsity Soccer during her freshman and junior years. This year, she received NCSAA Northeast Super Regional Team Honors in girls' soccer for the Fall 2023 season as well as scoring 176 career goals in Varsity Soccer (ranking 2nd in school history). She was also nominated for the M&T Bank John Travers Award.

In basketball, Hannah participated in the 2021 PIAA District III Champions for Varsity Girls Basketball, the PIAA State Basketball Playoffs in 2021, 2022, 2023, the State Basketball Playoffs "Elite 8" in 2021 and the PIAA District III Championship Runners Up for Varsity Girls Basketball in 2023.

During the PIAA District III Track & Field Championships, Hannah was a medalist in the 100 M Hurdle & 300 M Hurdle, as well as a State Track & Field Championship Meet Qualifier.

This fall, she plans to play NCAA Division I soccer at Wagner College. Athletic Director Steve Bechtel reflected, "Hannah is one of the best athletes I have ever seen here at Harrisburg Christian School." Hannah set a Christ-centered example of excellence that will have an impact for years to come. Congratulations, Hannah!

Alumni Class Notes

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Stephanie Feldhausen (Class of 2002)

Since graduating from Shippensburg University in 2006, I've taught high school English in Maryland.



Melissa Yeakley-Castillo (Class of 2003)

I have been living at an orphanage (Laugh Out Loud Ministry) in Punta Gorda, Belize, for the past 6 years. In that time, I met my now husband, had a biological daughter recently, and have been fostering 5 teenagers, 2 of which my husband and I are now in the process of adopting. I began as a preschool teacher and am now the childcare director over 30 kids.



Heidi Johnson (Class of 2008)

Heidi (Zentz) Johnson and her husband recently moved to the Hudson Valley. Andrew is the new Associate Pastor of Music and Discipleship at Grace Community Church in Lake Katrine, NY.



Josh Buser (Class of 2009)

This year Liz and I had our 2nd baby boy, Dawson. This fall, I am starting my 7th year teaching at the Water Street Mission in Lancaster City. I am also Worship Pastor at East Petersburg Mennonite Church and lead Remix Worship Ministries, a youth focused worship ministry.



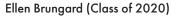
Natalie Thacker (Garman) (Class of 2012)

My husband just graduated seminary from SBTS after 6 years. We attend a local church where I am the church admin and he is the pastoral intern. Our two kids, Peter (3) and Hadassah (1) are so much fun. We hope to soon move to a church where my husband can be a full time pastor.



Brad Springman (Class of 2018)

I graduated from Baylor University in 2022 with a BA in Journalism/Public Relations.
Following graduation, I completed the Graduate Leadership Program at PMG in Dallas and currently work as a Programmatic Media Coordinator.



I am in my third year at Liberty University, studying Studio Art.



Cassie Barbush (Class of 2020)

This past May, I graduated from Messiah University with my bachelor's in elementary education, special education, and a TESOL certification. I am excited to begin working at Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning as an infant/toddler lead teacher in the fall.

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Jennifer Miller (Class of 1979)

The year 1978-1979 the school only went to 9th grade. It was a terrific year and I met lots of great people who I would love to get in contact with again!



Isaac Fetterhoff (Class of 2009)

I am currently pastoring a church in Asheboro, North Carolina. My wife Anna and I have two girls and two boys with a fifth child on the way.



Noah Lenker

HCS gave me the groundwork and foundation in my Biblical knowledge. Without HCS and the great teachers I had, I wouldn't be where I am today. After graduating from Lancaster Bible College in 2018 with a Bachelors in Youth and Young Adult Ministry, I am currently an Associate Pastor and Youth Pastor at Flemington First Church of Christ located in Mill Hall in Clinton County, PA. With the help of my wife, Keri, we are serving the needs of those in Clinton County and surrounding areas.

Do you have a class note to share? Please email us at alumni@csagh.org or visit the alumni page on your school website under Student Life. (hcs.csagh.org or wsca.csagh.org)



New Faculty '23-'24

We thank the Lord for His continued provision of skilled faculty who are committed to helping students grow spiritually and academically. This year, we are excited to welcome a number of new faculty.

WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Faith Lochstampfor: 2nd Grade Teacher

Faith Lochstampfor (BS in Early Childhood Education – Lancaster Bible College) joins us as 2nd grade teacher after working at Fairview Elementary School as a para educator and in the Waynesboro YMCA children's programs.

Morgan Hunt: Technology Education

Morgan Hunt (BS Early Childhood Education – Eastern University) joins us to teach Technology after student teaching at The Christian Academy in Brookhaven, PA.

Julia Gardner: Part-Time Math Teacher

Julia Gardner (BS in Mathematics and Secondary Education – Grove City College, Masters of Curriculum and Instruction – Gannon University) joins us as Part-Time Math Teacher with more than 10 years of experience teaching math most recently at Penn Trafford High School. Julie is a WSCA parent!

Richard Greene: Bible Teacher

Richard Green (BA Business – Neuman University, MDIV – Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) joins us to teach high school Bible after completing work as a Lay Minister and Program Aid in Kentucky.

Elena Stonge: 4th Grade Teacher

Elena Stonge (BS in Education – Messiah University) joins us as an elementary teacher after student teaching in Camp Hill School District and Ukarumpa International School in Papua New Guinea.

Maria Stoltzfus: Math Teacher

Maria Stoltzfus (BA Mathematics with Secondary Education Certificate – Messiah University) joins us to teach MS Math and comes from her student teaching experience at Boiling Springs High School.



Brett Bonnema Joins WSCA as Secondary Principal

Brett Bonnema comes to WSCA with several years' experience first as a Principal and then Head of School at an International Christian School in

Jakarta, Indonesia. Brett holds a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and a BA in Physical Education and a Minor in Secondary History Education from Calvin University. Before serving as a Principal and Head of School in Indonesia, Brett taught middle school history and PE for nearly ten years at Covenant Day School in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Brett and Lauren, his wife of twelve years, have three elementary-aged boys (family picture below). While being a busy father and school administrator, Brett has also served as a deacon and elder in his Charlotte and Jakarta churches. Brett and Lauren are looking forward to becoming part of our school community and getting plugged into a local church.

Kaitlyn Knecht: English Teacher

Kaitlyn Knecht (BS Health and Occupation and MOT – Elizabethtown College) joins us to teach MS English after working at UPMC as an Occupational Therapist. Kaitlyn is a WSCA graduate and an ACSI certified teacher.

Alee Buchanan: Physical Education Teacher

Alee Buchanan (BS Health and Sports Science – Clarks Summit University, MEd. Curriculum and Instruction – Eastern University) joins us as Health and PE Teacher after teaching at Susquehanna Township Middle School. Alee is our current high school basketball coach and is a WSCA graduate.

Connie Shuff: Learning Support Teacher

Connie Shuff (BS Elementary Education – Messiah University, M.Ed. Reading – Shippensburg) joins us as a learning support teacher after working the last 8 years at Northern York County School District as a reading specialist. Connie is a WSCA parent.

Nathan Wiley: English Teacher

Nathan Wiley (BA Philosophy & Biblical Studies, Geneva College, M.A. Social & Applied Philosophy, Marquette University) joins us with global experience in teaching and graduate research in the Japan, South Korea, Slovenia, Canada, and the U.S. Nathan is a published author and is literate in Japanese and Biblical Hebrew. Most recently, Nathan was a Ph.D. student of Theory & Criticism in London, Ontario.

Vera Solomin: Orchestra Director

Vera Solomin (BA Business and BM Music Performance – Messiah University, MM Music Performance and Pedagogy – Ohio University) joins us as Music Teacher after her time as a violin teacher and director.

Andrew Hutchinson: Instrumental Director

Andrew Hutchinson (BS in Music Education – Messiah University) joins us as Music Teacher after student teaching at East Pennsboro School District.

Elizabeth Yoffee: Learning Support/Challenge Teacher and Building Sub

Elizabeth Yoffee (BS in Elementary Education – Millersville University, M.Ed. in Teaching and Curriculum – Penn State University) joins us as Learning Support and Challenge Teacher with more than 10 years of teaching experience most recently at Elmwood Elementary School in Mechanicsburg. She has also homeschooled her three children.

Joy Campbell: 6th Grade Teacher

Joy Campbell (BS Education – Samford University, TESOL/TEFL Certificate – World TESOL Academy) joins us as 6th Grade Teacher after teaching at a number of schools in Florida including most recently at Southwest Florida Christian Academy where she taught Middle School Drama and History and was Co-Director of the Creative Arts Workshop.

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Diana Campbell: 4th Grade Teacher

Diana Campbell (BA in Theatre – Samford University) joins us Fourth Grade Teacher after teaching 3rd grade at Southwest Florida Christian Academy in Fort Myers, Florida. Diana has an ACSI Teacher Certification.

Kenny Crane: Instrumental Director

Kenny Crane (BM Music Performance – Nyack College, MA Music Education – Teachers College, Columbia University, Dr. Musical Arts – Eastman School of Music) will join HCS as Music Teacher after a lengthy career teaching at the high school and university levels including at Houghton University, Portville Central School and Eastman School of Music.

Sean Powell: History Teacher

Sean Powell (BS in Education with Social Studies Certification – Shippensburg University) joins us as High School History Teacher after student teaching at Steelton Highspire. He is an alum of HCS and has filled in as a substitute teacher in the past year.

Jessica Fisher: Physical Education Teacher

Jessica Fisher (BS Business and MBA – Messiah University) joins us as part-time Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Athletics Director after working as a business clerk at Messiah and completing studies toward a Strength and Conditioning Certificate.

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Paige Espenshade: 5th Grade Teacher

Paige Espenshade (BA in Elementary and Special Education – Waynesburg University, M.Ed. K-12 Reading Specialist and Instructional Coach – Slippery Rock University) joins us as 5th Grade Teacher after teaching in Central Dauphin School District and was also previously an elementary school teacher with HCS. Welcome back Paige!

Kathryn Merkel: Spanish Teacher

Kathryn (Katie) Merkel (BS Spanish Education – Millersville University) joins us as Spanish Teacher after serving in administrative roles at the Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission and also has experience teaching Spanish at Premier Arts and Science Charter School.

Lauren VanHart: 3rd Grade Teacher

Lauren Van Hart (BA Primary Education – Cedarville University) joins us as an elementary teacher after student teaching at Greeneview Elementary in Jamestown, Ohio. Lauren is a graduate of WSCA.

Ali Schutte: English Teacher

Ali Shutte (BA with English Teacher Certification – Messiah University) joins us as Middle School English Teacher after student teaching at Northern High School.

Maria Miller: Music Teacher

Maria Miller (BS Music Education with K-12 Teaching Certificate – Messiah University) joins us as Music Teacher after teaching Vocal and General Music at Harrisburg School District.

Employee Milestones

HARRISBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

5 Years

Charlie George (Music Teacher)

Valerie Knowles (Science Teacher

Jennifer Russell (1st Grade Teacher)

Heather Wilson (Learning Support)

15 Years

Daniel Wertz (Bible Teacher)

WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

5 Years

Laura Fredricksen (2nd Grade Teacher)

Hunter Helton (Bible Teacher)

Carolyn Oplinger (K-8 Guidance Counselor)

Olivia Tamm (Math Teacher)

15 Years

Cheryl Kinney (Food Service)

Linda Lehigh (2nd Grade Teacher)

Laurie Jekel (Math Teacher)

20 Years

Jennifer Cornetto (PE Teacher)

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WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Elizabeth (Beth) Tippett: Elementary Principal

Beth Tippett (BS Elementary Education – East Carolina University, M.Ed. Teaching Technology – Lesley University, MA School Administration – University of North Carolina at Pembroke) serves as the WSCA Elementary Principal. In her extensive experience, Beth has helped to start a church-based Christian school, worked as a curriculum and instruction coordinator, and been involved in education for 25+ years.



Brett Bonnema: Middle and High School Principal

Brett Bonnema (BA Physical Education and M.Ed. Educational Leadership – Calvin University) serves as the WSCA Middle and High School Principal. Brett was previously a Principal and Head of School in Indonesia, following 10 years of teaching at Covenant Day School in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Sophie McCracken: Assistant Principal

Sophie McCracken (BS Early Childhood and Special Education and M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction – Messiah University, Post Masters Coursework in School Administration, Shippensburg University) came to WSCA from Cumberland Valley Schools with eight years of experience as an elementary teacher.

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Jo Ellen Bechtel: Interim Elementary Principal

Jo Ellen Bechtel (BS Elementary Education – Grace College) serves as the HCS Elementary Principal. Jo Ellen has been at HCS for 22 years. She has taught 4th grade, 5th grade, and served as Assistant Elementary Principal. She also taught at Greenville Christian School (4 years) and Hilton Head Christian School (1 year).



Dr. Don McGavran – Middle and High School Principal

Dr. Don McGavran (BA Sociology – Trinity University, MS Counseling –University of Evansville, PhD in Leadership – Columbia International University) has a Lifetime ACSI Head of School Certification and brings over 20 years of experience in school administration. His experience includes serving as a leader of both international and domestic Christian schools.



Mary Toth: Assistant Principal

Mary Toth (BS Secondary Education –University of Pittsburg) has more than 20 years of experience in education. She taught high school science at Harrisburg Academy for 15 years and then for 5 years at HCS. Most recently, Mary served as interim MS/HS principal at WSCA. She now returns to HCS as Assistant Principal.

CSAGH Leadership '23-'24

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Cullen Esq.

Chair of the CSAGH Board of Directors

Dennis Cullen Esq. (BA – Temple University, JD – Widener University School of Law) is the Chief Operating Officer and member of the Board of Directors, Cipriani and Werner.

Dr. Rob Pepper

Vice Chair of the CSAGH Board of Directors

Dr. Rob Pepper (BA History, Social Studies Certification - Messiah University, MS Counseling, College Student Development - Shippensburg University, PhD Organizational Leadership - Regent University) is the Assistant Provost/Dean of the Graduate School for Messiah University.

Nick Hansen

Treasurer of the CSAGH Board of Directors

Nick Hansen (BS Finance – Bryan College) is the Financial Advisor, CFP, for the Turnbridge Group.

Brandon Moist

Secretary of the CSAGH Board of Directors

Brandon Moist (BS Finance – Penn State University) is the Chief Sales and Marketing Officer for Diamondback Covers.

Stephanie Morris

Education Committee Chair

Stephanie Morris (BA Environmental Studies – Messiah University, MA Biology – Shippensburg University) is a freelance science curriculum writer.

Bob Thompson

Bob Thompson (New Jersey State Police Academy graduate) is the owner/operator of Perkins Restaurant and RBT Realty Associates LLC.

Brandon Rogers

Brandon Rogers (B.S. Accounting/Finance – Lehigh University, MBA – Penn State University, Executive Program Certificate – Cornell University) is the Principal and Founder of 2R Consulting Group and owner of the Bumble Bee Hollow Golf Course.

Matt Campbell

Matt Campbell is the Director of Learning Technologies at the Milton Hershey School. Matt holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership

Jim Fenush

Jim Fenush, MS, RN, NEA- BC is the Vice President Nursing, Emergency Services & Clinical Support Services Penn State Health: Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (MSHMC).

CSAGH Board of Directors Welcomes Two New Members

Matt Campbell is the Director of Learning Technologies at the Milton Hershey School and has held scholastic administrative positions for 15 years. Matt holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and has two children attending WSCA.

Jim has 27 years of healthcare experience, including 22 years in various nursing leadership roles, including

his current executive role as the Vice President, Nursing, at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center where he partners with the Sr. Vice President, Nursing, and the senior management team to provide leadership and strategic direction. Jim and his wife Lauren have two daughters who attend HCS.

These new members of the CSAGH Board desire to support the current foundation of academic excellence while continuing to promote an academic program that meets the needs of our students for the 21 st Century.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

The Executive Leadership Team provides oversight and direction for the Christian School Association of Greater Harrisburg and its two member schools: West Shore Christian Academy and Harrisburg Christian School.



Mark Seymour: President of CSAGH

Mark Seymour (BA English Literature – Messiah University, MS Nonprofit Management – Eastern University) oversees the Christian School Association of Greater Harrisburg (CSAGH). Mark has previously worked for Delaware County Christian School, Malone University, Milton Hershey School, and Eastern University. He has focused his career on growing schools through enrollment and retention efforts, as well as working collaboratively with other school leaders to achieve strategic initiatives.



Paul Beardmore: Vice President for Educational Programs

Paul Beardmore (BS.Ed. Social Studies and MA History – Shippensburg University) came to WSCA as a history teacher in 2015 after teaching history and economics for 7 seven years at Cumberland Valley High School. He began serving in the role of WSCA Middle and High School Principal in 2017 and was appointed Vice President of CSAGH in 2021. Besides his roles with CSAGH and WSCA, Paul has also been an adjunct professor at Shippensburg University, Advanced Placement Reader for the College Board, and grader for the International Baccalaureate. He serves on the elder board of his church. Paul and his wife Rebecca are both proud members of WSCA's Class of 2004.



Daniel King: Chief Financial Officer

Before coming to CSAGH, Dan spent 25 years in Treasury and Accounting with Harsco Corporation, with his last position being Assistant Treasurer. Prior to that he worked for Dauphin Deposit Bank and KPMG. He is a graduate of Houghton College, and he and his wife Jenny have 3 children (all WSCA graduates).



Mary Beth Gilge: Chief Enrollment Management Officer

Mary Beth Gilge (BS Psychology – University of Arkansas) began working at WSCA as Admissions Coordinator in 2017 before moving into the role of CSAGH Admissions Director and then Chief Enrollment Management Officer. Prior to working at CSAGH, Mary Beth worked in corporate recruitment for the Keller Center for Corporate Learning and in pharmaceutical sales for Shire US. Mary Beth and her husband Jon have 2 children who are students at WSCA.

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Strategic Plan 21-23 Update

In October of 2021, the CSAGH Board of Directors approved the 2021-2023 CSAGH Strategic Plan. The strategic plan included three focus areas: educational excellence, financial stability, and community engagement. As these years come to a close, we want to reflect on what has been accomplished.

Area 1: Educational Excellence

We know that excellent teachers and engaging curriculum shape graduates who impact the world for Christ. In just two years we have reached several strategic goals towards this end including:

- Achieving our goal to have over 80% of our teachers certified with a state or ACSI certification.
- Increasing support for teachers with a 42% increase in budgeted payroll and 15% increase in minimum pay over the last two years.
- Adding continuing education for teachers at

Messiah University as an employee benefit through our Messiah Pathways Partners program.

- Strengthening athletic and academic programs by adding sports, STEM, and Fine Arts offerings.

Athletics: New sports teams this year included CSAGH golf, boys' volleyball at both schools, more middle school B teams, baseball at both schools, and girls' middle school lacrosse at WSCA. We also expanded intramurals at WSCA and started Junior Knights sports at HCS.

Academics: This year we added two after-school clubs including podcast (WSCA) and snapology, as well as several summer camps at both schools.

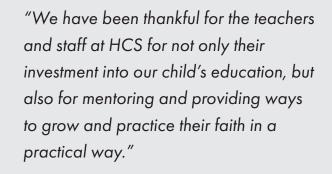
Fine Arts: Both schools continued their excellent spring musical productions and HCS added an additional HS and MS play and Arts Fest.

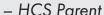
- Expanding technology use in classrooms through installing large screen displays and replacing student and faculty technology.
- Implementing periodic curricular reviews to improve student learning including completing a 7 year curriculum review plan, revising the history curriculum (21-22), and revising the English, Spanish, and Bible curriculum (22-23).

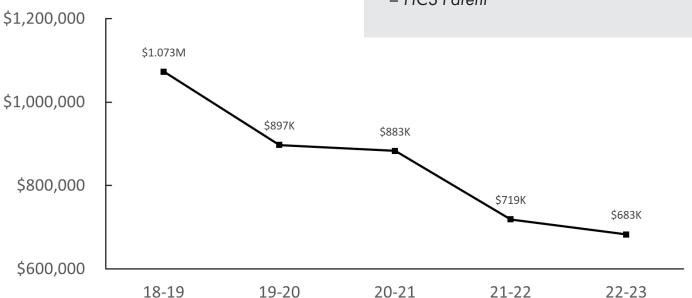
Area 2: Financial Stability

Both HCS and WSCA are growing. We exceeded our growth goal of 10% each year with an actual growth of 30% in two years: 665 to 870 students. CSAGH continues to operate at a surplus financially, reduce school debt, and expand our donor support base.

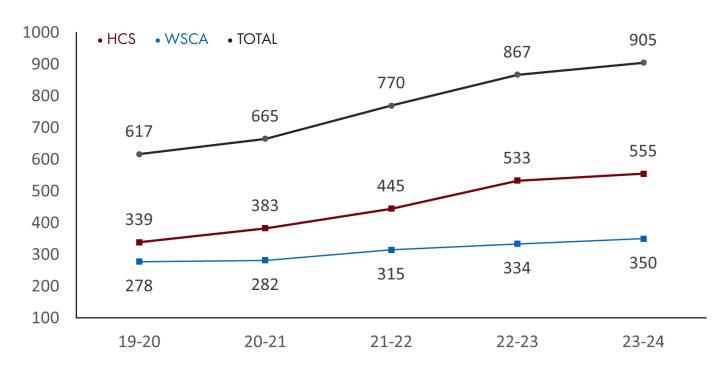
DEBT REDUCTION







ENROLLMENT GROWTH



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Area 3: Community Engagement

An engaged community is one in which students are connected to their school and community. This year, we achieved an 88% retention rate (over 85% in 21-22), reflecting a school culture in which students feel that they belong. To achieve this goal, we implemented new programing that would help students and parents connect to their schools, including:

- Encouraging participation in after-school activities.
- Activities for social emotional learning in multiple settings across schools
- Intentional chapel programming focusing on Walking Worthy (Colossians 1:10) and Men's Growth Groups
- Men in Training (M.I.T.) middle school boys Bible Study and Women in Training (W.I.T.) middle school girls Bible Study (HCS)
- Additional small group mentors and counselor staff and increasing learning support staffing
- Including elementary students in the Day of Service

Our desire is to create a culture across both schools that is marked by genuine relationships and a commitment to honoring Christ. That is the best way to achieve the mission of CSAGH:

Partnering with families to provide Christ-centered education that sharpens minds, deepens faith, and develops gifts.

"The community of WSCA, including the staff and families, has helped to support my family and filled our hearts with hope and encouragement. My children are excelling in academics, and I am very grateful for all the ways WSCA has helped to promote success and growth in the lives of my children. I can't imagine where my children would be if it were not for WSCA."

- WSCA Parent



Scan the QR Code to learn more about the 2023 R.A.C.E or to donate:



2023 CSAGH Golf Classic

Each year, business leaders from the community gather for the CSAGH Golf Classic at Harrisburg Country Club. This event raises funds that help us continue to sharpen minds, deepen faith, and develop gifts as we prepare students to impact the world for Christ. This May, over a hundred golfers joined us to demonstrate their commitment to the next generation of students.



Thank you to the generous sponsors of the 2023 CSAGH Golf Classic!

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Through Educational Improvement Tax Credits

How it works:

You will make an upfront donation of \$1,000 or more, up to the amount of your annual state taxes. When you file your taxes in the spring you will receive a 90% refund of your donation from Pennsylvania and a federal tax deduction.

Donations are made through a Special Purpose Entity, a class of charity that exists solely to obtain PA Education Improvement Credits (EITC/OSTC). There are a limited number of credits available, so be sure to apply early.

How the money is used:

100% of your donations provide financial aid to Harrisburg Christian School or West Shore Christian Academy students that qualify for assistance based upon their family's income.

Who qualifies?

LLC, Partnership, S-Corp, or Individuals with a PA tax liability of \$1,000 or more.

For more information, please contact Mark Seymour, President of CSAGH

Mark.Seymour@csagh.org 717-545-3728.

Sample Tax Calculation

Based on a 2-Year Commitment

Cash Gift to Charity: \$3,500

PA Tax-Credit Reduction (90% of Contribution): \$3,150

Net-Federal Tax Deduction for Contribution (37% of tax rate): \$130

TAX GIFTED TO CHARITY
\$3,500

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Will you give this fall?

We cannot do this without you! The Fund for CSAGH bridges the gap between tuition and our cost to operate, provides financial aid for families with financial need and allows us to increase pay for teachers and staff. We are seeking to raise \$450,000 this year. Will you support us?

Other Ways To Support Us:

- Pray for CSAGH: We welcome your prayers as we serve our students and help them walk with Jesus.
- **Refer a Student:** Those that know us best refer the best students. Contact our admissions offices for resources to share about our schools.
- **Refer an Employee:** Prospective employee referrals also help find excellent teachers and staff. Encourage those that you know to apply for our open positions which are listed at www.csagh.org/employment.
- Educational Tax Credits: Take control of your PA state taxes by using those dollars to fund need-based student scholarships. Applying for credits is a simple three-step process.
- Run to Advance Christian Education (R.A.C.E.): October 11 (HCS) and 12 (WSCA)
- CSAGH Golf Classic: May 6, 2024: Learn more at www.csaghgolfclassic.org

Your gift makes our ministry possible. www.csagh.org/give