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## **OUR MISSION**

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*to educate students who will serve  
God and impact the world through  
biblical thought and action*



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## A Letter from the Head of School

Dear DC Friends and Families,

Congratulations to the Class of 2024, and welcome as our newest class of alumni! Throughout the pages of this summer edition of the *Keynoter*, we celebrate our seniors as they conclude their K-12 journey at DC. Our DC Promise commits to preparing students for a life of impact through an innovative and exemplary education rooted in Christ. The Class of 2024 is prepared to redemptively impact their families and businesses, local communities and churches, and the world for God’s glory. The Apostle Paul says, “You are Christ’s ambassadors; God making His appeal through you” (2 Cor 5:18-20).

Our theme verse for the 2024-25 school year and our 75th anniversary year is Ephesians 3:20-21: “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Paul emphasizes this power is at work within us—Christ’s ambassadors. God shows the immeasurable greatness of His power in the resurrection of Christ from the dead, seating Him at the right hand of the father, above all principals, powers, and dominions (Eph 1:18-21). And God shows the immeasurable riches of His grace in raising us up and seating us with Him (Eph 2:4-7). Our faith is ignited as we grasp the enormity of God’s power within us. We are encouraged to dream bigger, pray bolder, and step out in obedience, knowing that God is with us. Our prayers aren’t limited by our circumstances; they’re propelled by the unlimited power of our Creator.

All of this is for His glory! As we allow His power to work in and through us, we become living testimonies of His immeasurable greatness. As we prepare for DC’s 75th anniversary year, may we be reminded that our God is indeed able. He can do far more than we could ever ask or imagine. Let’s anchor our faith in His limitless power, trusting He is at work within us to accomplish His purposes. May our lives resound with praise, bringing glory to Him who is worthy of all honor and adoration, now and forevermore. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Dan Steinfield, Head of School



# Commencement 2024

Graduation on the turf field at DC's Upper Campus has become a new tradition as a result of the pandemic years when commencement exercises needed to take place outside. Now, the turf field serves as an ideal venue (weather permitting) that allows for larger numbers of guests. More notable, perhaps, is the view. Throughout the service, the graduates are swathed in golden hues as the sun sets behind the campus. They recess out against a backdrop of violet as twilight draws near.

DC's 66th Commencement took place on Friday, May 31, a beautiful spring evening that lent itself perfectly to the outdoor graduation service. Family, friends, faculty, and staff gathered to worship the Lord and recognize the accomplishments of each graduate of the Class of 2024.

Salutatory remarks were given by Audrey McKeaney, who shared, "The most prominent [lesson] from my time at DC, and throughout my life thus far, has been: God is faithful." She spoke about the fears that many seniors have as they anticipate the post-high school years, and how God has delivered her and her classmates from these fears.

Aminadab (AJ) Baker recounted his story of coming to DC as a new student, and how the Lord carried him through a time of anxiety and uncertainty.



***"I could really see the body of Christ reflected in the community by how loving and supportive everyone was to each other," said AJ.***

Valedictorian, Sidney Petrusis, was the last student speaker of the evening. Petrusis challenged her classmates not to seek after the fleeting desires of the heart, but to focus on and to follow God. "When we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all that we need will be satisfied in Him."

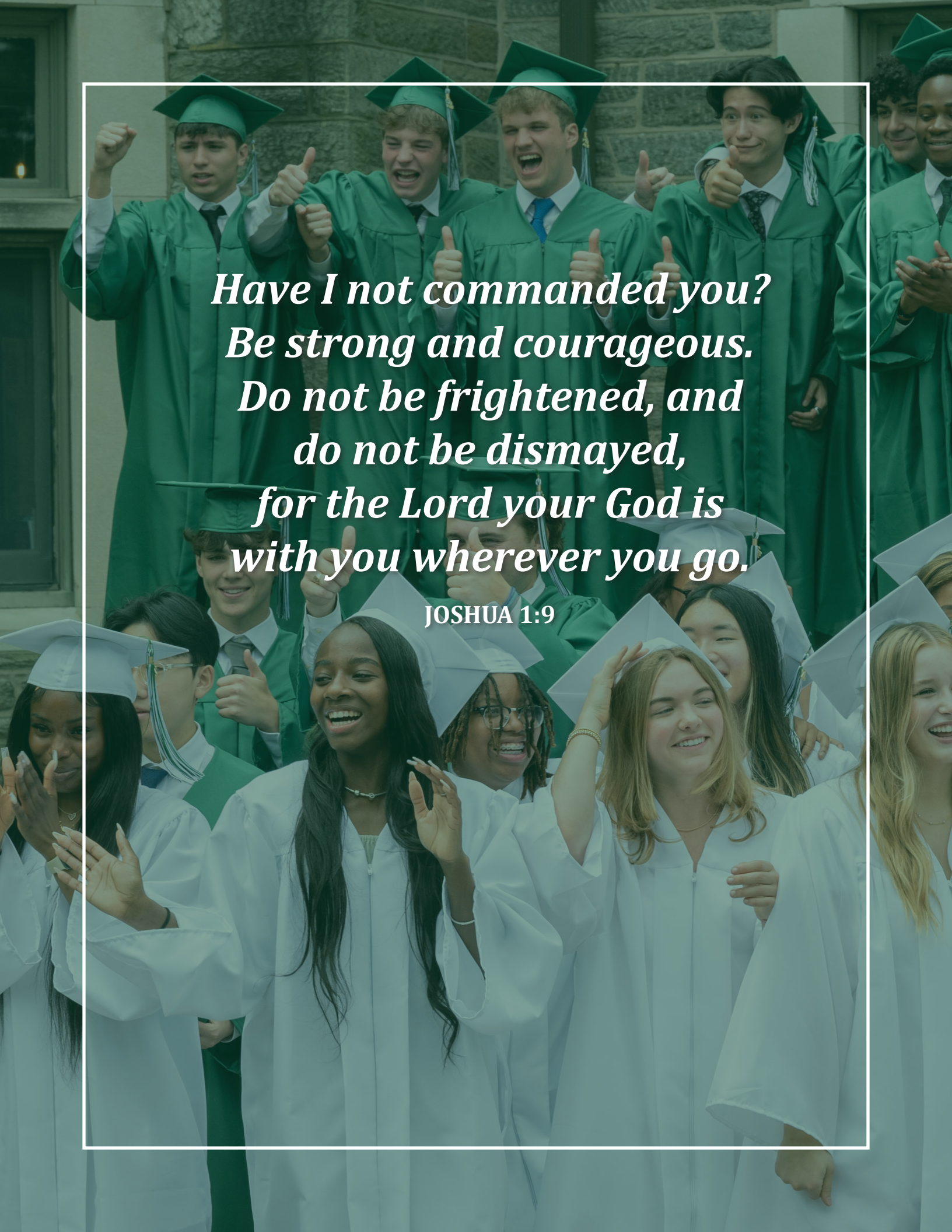
The Commencement Address was given by Adam Sacks '89, president of the Board of Trustees and parent to graduating senior, Annabelle Sacks. Sacks cited Homer's *The Odyssey* and charged the Class of 2024 to find a good "crew" and "masthead" for their journey. He warned against the Siren's call and urged graduates to "find and keep good friends" that will point them to the truth, and to follow the Lord as a true masthead and guide.

For 75 years, DC's mission has been to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action. As each graduate walked across the stage to receive their diploma and recessed off the field in the waning sunlight, they began their journey to impact the world for Christ. As McKeaney said in her speech, "Now, wearing our caps and gowns, and looking back on these months, we can see that God was and is continuing to be faithful." We cannot agree more, and look forward to seeing all He has in store for DC's newest alumni!

*-Alexandra Morra '12, Communications Manager*





A group of graduates in green and white gowns celebrating. The graduates in the background are wearing green gowns and caps, while those in the foreground are wearing white gowns and caps. They are all smiling and giving thumbs up or clapping.

*Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be frightened, and  
do not be dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is  
with you wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9



# Senior Voices







*Scan to watch students from the Class of 2024 share how teachers, peers, and the community have impacted them during their time at DC.*





# FACULTY awards

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*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.*

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## MATTHEW JONES

Band Director

In February 2021, **Matthew Jones** was hired as the interim upper campus band director before taking on the position full-time during the 2021-22 school year. He is an accomplished musician and has conducted several bands and choirs in his young career.

He holds a bachelor's degree in music from Cairn University and has completed his K-12 music education certification. He is currently completing his master's degree in multicultural education from Eastern University.



*A fellow DC faculty member comments, "There is so much about the way Matt approaches his vocation that I deeply admire — his steadfast commitment to his students and his musical craft, his affable and approachable manner, and his desire to pursue excellence for the glory of God, just to name a few. I've spoken personally with several students who have affirmed that they've stuck with band because they love and respect Matt so much."*





## CARLEY IANNAZONE

First Grade Teacher

**Carley Iannacone** and her family (Elijah, 9th; Maya, 7th; Delia, 5th) joined the DC community in August 2020. After several years of missionary work in Indonesia and teaching experience in Pre-K to primary grades, she answered the call to teach first grade at DC.

She graduated from West Chester University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a minor in mathematics. She is currently working towards her master's degree in special education.

*A colleague describes Carley by saying, “she is an exemplary educator who puts her entire heart into teaching. She is intentional and prayerful about what she is teaching as she disciplines her students into deeper learning and a closer walk with Jesus Christ. In addition, she walks alongside parents with grace and partners with them to point children to their Creator and Savior.”*

## MOLLY D'ANTONIO

AP English Literature, Art History

**Molly D'Antonio** has taught twelfth grade and AP English Literature for four years at DC. During her tenure, she introduced an art history course (elective and AP) to DC's curriculum. Molly's three children (Sam, 12th; Maryn, 11th; Luke, 9th) can also be found learning on the Upper Campus.

Molly earned her bachelor's degree in English language and literature at Gordon College, and her master's degree in English at Georgetown University.



*“Molly D'Antonio is truly a master of her craft,” shares a DC faculty member. “She knows and is able to teach content and does so with grace, intentionality, and care for the students. She is also a great support to her fellow faculty members, taking time out of her own busy schedule to check in on us, pray for us, and encourage us...She truly embodies the love and care of others that Jesus modeled for us.”*





# Books *Change Lives*

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by Brooke Sanville, First Grade Teacher



One of the things I've loved most about teaching at DC for the past ten years is that we have the amazing opportunity to engage in real-world issues with our students. We can explore what God is doing around the world and in our communities and join Him in that work. During the fall semester, the first-grade students focused on answering the essential question, "How do books change lives around the world?" We studied several texts and explored the ways children from across the globe acquire books. The students were able to recognize that not all families are able to experience the joys of reading due to lack of access and funds.

As a way to participate in the correction of this injustice, the first graders worked diligently for several weeks to create counting books for children in Kenya through an organization called Neema.

were inspired by the book *Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book* by Muriel Feelings. We selected numbers from one to ten found in the Bible, crafting a page for each number with its Kiswahili and English translation. The students also learned a song to help them learn how to count to ten in Kiswahili. After completing the books, we prayed together for the recipients.

The significance of reading to children daily cannot be overstated. Not only does it lead to enhanced literacy skills, but it also creates better listeners, builds empathy and understanding, and strengthens family bonds. While Neema's childcare workers read to the children during the day, we wanted to ensure that each young mother had the opportunity to read to her child during the evenings and weekends.



Mothers reading to their children in Kenya



First grade students created books for Neema children.

Aside from teaching, I have also been actively involved for several years with Neema, whose mission is to provide skills training, counseling, and discipleship to vulnerable young women in rural Kenya. Because of extreme poverty, all the young women in the program have dropped out of school and lack the means to provide for themselves and their families. Neema students are taught dressmaking and entrepreneurship skills that enable them to break the cycle of poverty. About 50 percent of the young women have children by the time they come to Neema.

As our DC students began to work on their counting books for the 20 children currently at Neema, they

In February, Neema's Executive Director Gaëlle Beltran-Grémaud was able to deliver the books to Kenya.

It is our hope that strong bonds will be created and the love of Jesus will be shared when these young women read with their children. It is also our hope that our DC students would discover their unique roles in God's big story through giving them opportunities to love His people.



Scan to read more about the transformational work being done at Neema.





## An Interview with Carol Reigner '97, LC Multi-Media and Literature Coordinator

### Tell us a little bit about yourself and your job. What does it mean to be a multimedia and literacy coordinator?

I love to read, and I love to inspire the love of reading in others—especially children! My deep hope for my students is that they would love God's story, see their place in it, and share it with others.



At DC, I get to teach literacy based lessons as well as library skills. For the multimedia side of my job, I am privileged to teach our students technology. Lessons could range

from: what is a cursor, how to use a trackpad, how to search the internet safely, to using Google Slides to make book reviews, coding, or using Google sheets to chart and graph the most popular school genres. Both reading and technology are relevant skills that students need for lifelong learning and success in the world. I am blessed to be able to teach them how to use both to glorify God.

### How does library class help foster a love of reading in students across grade levels?

Most students love to listen to books being read aloud. The beauty of library class is that students get to listen and interact with the text. Hearing books from various authors and listening to different genres being read aloud is exciting for students. The exposure to different types of literature, as well as the rich language of literature, helps students find the genres they are most interested in reading. I also love getting to help students find books to check out of the library that they end up enjoying.

### Can you describe what the Read-a-Thon is for those that may not know?

The Read-a-Thon is an annual month-long focus on reading that has a different theme each year. This year's theme was National Parks. Each student and his or her teacher set a reading goal of a certain number of words he or she is supposed to read during the month. As students read a book on their reading level, they take an Accelerated Reader quiz on the book to test their comprehension of the book. The program tracks the words students have read during the Read-a-Thon. When students reach their 25 percent goal, they get a prize. When they reach their 50 percent goal, they get to take part in a celebration walk through the halls where the other teachers and students cheer them on for their hard work. When they reach their 75 percent goal, they get a special coupon to be redeemed in their classroom. At 100 percent, students get another prize. On the final day of the Read-a-Thon, we have a huge celebration day where the Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) helps plan and execute a day of fun where we move away from traditional learning in the classroom and get to experience some theme-filled activities. We end the day with an awards ceremony and a closing skit. This day would not be possible without the hard work of the PVO and the specialist teachers.





### Why is the Read-a-Thon important?

The Read-a-Thon has proven to be a great program at the Lower Campus. The students absolutely love it, and they are always so excited to share their progress with me. I get many emails from parents telling me that their child didn't enjoy reading or only read thin books until the Read-a-Thon changed that for them. Students grow in their endurance during this time. We also have seen evidence that their fluency, comprehension, and reading level improve greatly during the span of the Read-a-thon.

### It was great to see a book fair on the Lower Campus this past fall. Is this something you'd like to host again?

This year we hosted the i55 Book Fair. It was a tremendous success. Both the students and the parents were so excited to participate. i55 is a Christian company passionate about raising up a generation of inspired readers. The name of the company comes from Isaiah 55 which is their focus. This company states: "In today's culture it is difficult for parents and educators to protect

students from unwanted knowledge. For this reason we screen our products through the filter of faith." Because of this philosophy, parents felt confident in the books that were displayed for purchase at the book fair. We will be hosting an even bigger book fair next year with this company. I can't wait!

### What is your favorite part about being the librarian at the Lower Campus, and encouraging kids to read at DC?

My favorite part of being the librarian at the Lower Campus is getting to know all of the students from PK3 to fifth grade. I love developing a relationship with the students so they know I care about them and want to see them grow in their relationship with God. From here, it makes my job so much easier because as I get to know the students, I get to know their likes and dislikes and can point them to the type of literature that will inspire them to love reading.

### What is one of your favorite books to read aloud with students? Or what was your favorite story growing up?

My favorite story growing up is still my favorite story today. I love *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Unfortunately, this book is too long to read aloud to my students during library time. Another one of my favorite stories to read aloud is *Big Max*. I love this book because it is fun to read aloud and is a great way to practice making inferences.

### Do you have a verse that you live by, or which informs how you teach each day?

Jeremiah 29:13 is one of my favorite verses: "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." It is a great reminder that God is to be my focus and what I strive for, and His love is so great that He allows us to know Him intimately. What a good God we serve! This is the desire of my heart for all of my students at DC. I want them to know and be known by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



## A FOND FAREWELL *Faculty and Staff Retirements*



After 34 years of faithful service, **Betsy Sautter** announced her retirement. In addition to teaching AP Calculus, Betsy assisted with the upper school robotics teams, subbing, and helping around campus however and whenever needed. Betsy is a long-term member of Paoli Presbyterian Church where she has served on various committees and participated in music ministry. Her seemingly endless energy, positivity, and love for the Lord, students, and learning are an inspiration to all. We look forward to ways Betsy might stay connected to the DC community.



**Gina Critchlow** announced her retirement from DC after 33 years of service. During her time at the school, Gina has been a second-grade teacher, an educational therapist, a middle school resource room teacher, a sixth-grade Bible teacher, and has served in student support services in the Middle School. Those who have worked in any capacity with Gina know that her steadfast heart for the Lord is the foundation for all she does. Gina has impacted countless students and parents, guiding and directing them faithfully to the Lord in all situations. Her daily service to the Lord and students will truly be missed. Please thank Gina for her many years of service to our students, families, and faculty members. Keep an eye out for Gina next year as a substitute teacher.



After 26 years of faithfully teaching our students, **Susan Ashworth '75** will transition from employee to volunteer. Susan has filled many roles in our community as a DC student, DC parent, teacher, and now grandparent and volunteer. She has been a mentor and role model to students and teachers alike, and while we may not see her as often, her impact and commitment will continue to be felt and seen in the hallways of DC.



**Jeannie Leaman** served DC for 26 years, sharing her incredible creative ability with DC in multiple areas. She started her career at DC as a middle school art teacher and served as our graphic designer and production manager. Additionally, you have seen multiple pieces of her gorgeous artwork at The Benefit for DC. We will miss Jeannie's smile and laughter and the way she has so beautifully depicted the heart and soul of DC through her work, but are excited for Jeannie to have more time to be with her family. You will likely see Jeannie on campus with two of her five grandchildren who attend DC, Liv and Theo.

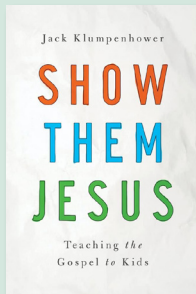


With a background in chemical engineering and a wide breadth of industry experience, **Corrine Kupstas** has served our community in a variety of ways since joining DC in 2021. Her joy in the Lord and for learning is contagious. During the 2023-24 school year, she taught chemistry, physics, finance, seventh-grade math, and a SAIL class.



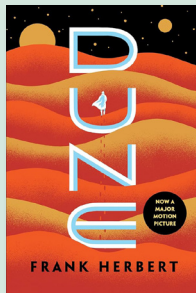
# What are you **READING?**

WE ASKED FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS TO SHARE WHAT THEY ARE READING THIS SUMMER



**JANICE REIGEL**  
PK4 Teacher

The book, *Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids*, by Jack Klumpenhouwer, was a gift from a dear friend. It seems so fitting to read this now as we are deep into Teaching for Transformation. I am excited and looking forward to reading this book before the start of the new school year as I begin to plan my lessons and think more deeply about my deep hope. We teach the Gospel every day at school. This book challenges those who teach and interact with children to not just teach the Gospel, but to make connections throughout our daily lives, seeing and feeling Jesus in all circumstances.



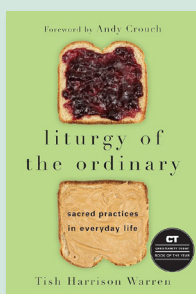
**GREG HOBAUGH**  
US & MS Bible Teacher

I have found that fantasy and science fiction works are expressions of moral and spiritual struggles. The world-building element allows the author to create a world that the reader can either believe or not... but since even the fictional world is created by a God-created human, it must reflect some element of the "real" spiritual world. Having recently read *Dune* by Frank Herbert, I found it fascinating how the author's view of religion and truth are fundamental to the novel. He even has an appendix on the religion of his created futuristic universe where the one truth discovered is that no one religion encompasses all truth.



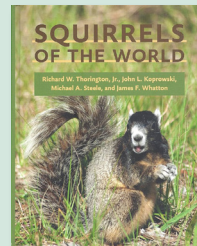
**JOY LUDWIG**  
Head of Lower School

In *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, John Mark Comer challenges the reader not to succumb to a culture of busyness, hurry and overload, but to accept Jesus' invitation to take up His yoke and learn the "unforced rhythms of grace." This book can be read over and over again for its many life giving examples of how to adopt the lifestyle of Jesus, and the rhythms and routines He modeled for all of us.



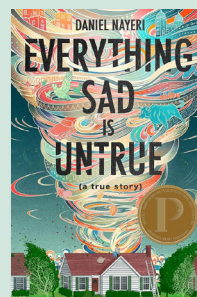
**STACEY HICKLIN**  
US & MS Science

*The Liturgy of the Ordinary*: Tish Harrison Warren presents a thoughtful and beautiful vision of how our everyday moments can become intentional liturgy, forming us as participants in God's Story. The book challenged me to consider how my small, day-to-day actions—such as making the bed, sitting in traffic, or drinking a cup of coffee—can be reframed as opportunities to encounter and worship our Creator.



**ALEX DAWES '11**  
ECC & LS PE Teacher

*Squirrels of the World* is an incredibly well researched compilation of the 285 known squirrel species. Each species has a detailed description of size, distribution, intraspecies variations, conservation status, habitat requirements, and natural history. Most importantly, there are also amazing color photographs documenting each one showing the amazing creativity of our Creator! I recommend this book for anyone interested in squirrels in general. There is a lot to learn about our little backyard friends!



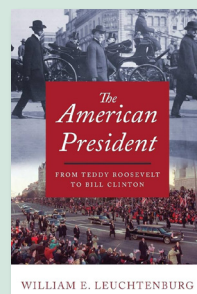
**LOUISA THOMPSON**  
Assistant Director of LC Admissions

*Everything Sad is Untrue* is the story of a Persian immigrant boy whose mother fled Iran when she became a Christian and a fatwa was issued against her. It emphasizes the power of storytelling and discusses the issues of prejudice, the refugee crisis, faith, and community. Written from the perspective of 12-year-old Daniel, the story is told with raw honesty. Daniel challenges the affinity bias ("hate spot") we all have within us, but is unwavering in his belief that there will come a time (upon Christ's return) when "everything sad is untrue."



**KAREN YOUNG**  
4th Grade Teacher

*What You Are Looking For Is in the Library* is a great summertime, anytime book! This is a Japanese book that has been translated to English. The main connection point for each character is the local library, which could be rather mundane, but the author makes it a fun, insightful read, focusing on the joys of living life in community.



**GEORGE MCFARLAND**  
Development Relationship Manager

This is one of the best history books I have read. The author, who taught history for many decades at UNC and who required this book to be read by his students, writes a short biographical account of each the "modern" presidents from Teddy Roosevelt through Bill Clinton. Of special interest are the numerous and humorous illustrations from each president's era as well as the most significant contributions and failures of these men. If you're not prone to read full biographies of each of these presidents, this author will give you the "bread and butter" for each of these presidents without all the details.



“Putting on a musical has gotta be the most fulfilling thing a person could ever hope to do,” Detective Frank Cioffi (Nicholas Fanelli-Salazar '24) exclaims to the cast of the show-within-a-show, *Curtains*. Through splashy song and dance, the DC Theatre Department under the direction of Lori French reminded audience members in March that show people are “a special kind of people.”

What truly makes DC show people so special is how their performance portrays God’s Kingdom: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,

so it is with Christ” (1st Corinthians 12:12). There are countless details that need to be “just right” to present a well-polished musical, and many talented teammates who make it happen.

For instance, a sandbag must drop from the ceiling at the exact moment the theater lights dim. Bryce Cooper '24 and the DC Aerials Team mastered several scenes like this one to enhance both comedy and drama. The costume team met on Friday afternoons to sew fringe on cowboy shirts, size individual belts for plaid prairie dresses, and curate costumes that fit the 1950’s time period. Even siblings of cast members



*Mark Your Calendar!*

The 2025 Upper School Musical  
February 28, March 1, 6, 7, & 8



stepped in at rehearsals to assist with major dance lifts, choreographed by Cassie Stinger '24. After four years spent in DC Theatre, she shares, "I have learned that being a part of a musical requires trusting and relying on each other to all work towards one common goal."

Congrats to the entire cast and crew of *Curtains*, who brought glory to God through their creativity and team unity. In addition, their hard work did not go unnoticed. This year, the Greater Philadelphia Cappies Association recognized student leaders and performers in the following categories:

AWARDED:

Solo Dancer: Sadie Serfass

NOMINATED:

Special Effects and/or Technology: DC Aerials Team

Lighting: Bryce Cooper '24 and DC Tech Crew

Choreography: Cassandra Stinger '24

Male Vocalist: Noah Dutton '24

Supporting Actor: Luke Bradley '24

- Grace Newman '16,

*Advancement Office Administrative Assistant*



*"Putting on a musical has gotta be the most fulfilling thing a person could ever hope to do."*



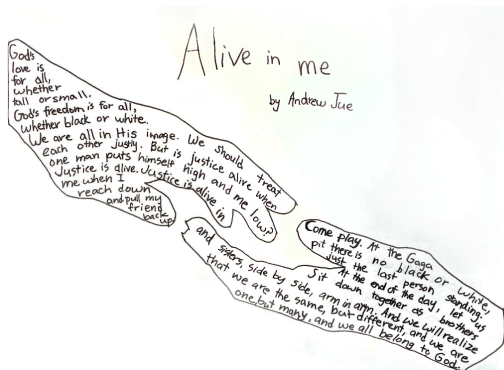


## First Annual Art Contest

Sponsored by the DC Culture of Belonging Team, the Imago Dei Contest recognized and celebrated the artistic talents of all of its DC students, across divisions, in an art contest inspired by DC's Diversity Statement: "We are all created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) and have equal dignity, value, and worth." The winners in each division were recognized at the Imago Dei Chapel and each was awarded a cash prize.

### LOWER SCHOOL WINNERS

- 1ST PLACE: ANDREW JUE
- 2ND PLACE: MAYA PERRY
- 3RD PLACE: ELI KAUFFMAN



Andrew Jue's 1st place piece

### MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS

- 1ST PLACE: LEAH LEE
- 2ND PLACE: GRACE DAGUE
- 3RD PLACE: LILY ROSENBERG
- Honorable Mention: Autumn Jue



Leah Lee's 1st place piece

### UPPER SCHOOL WINNERS

- 1ST PLACE: JESSICA PETRULIS
- 2ND PLACE: ANONYMOUS
- 3RD PLACE: CONCERT CHOIR & KNIGHT TONES
- Honorable Mention: Emma Morton



Jessica Petrulis's 1st place piece

"2 Corinthians 3:18 says, 'And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the glory of God, are being transformed into His Image with intensifying glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' The thought that we carry God's glory and radiance fills me with joy and that is why I want to express it in my artistry." - Jessica Petrulis



# Art Happenings

This spring there were many fine art and performing art events around campus and beyond!

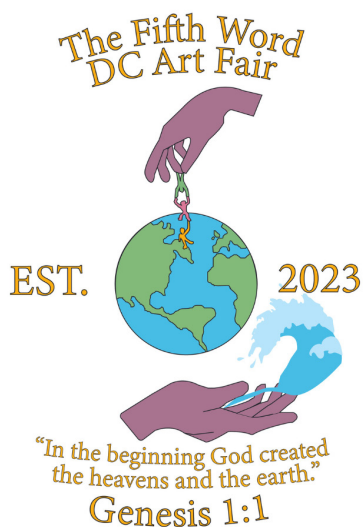


**1** Art Teacher, Karla Pankratz, at her art exhibit opening reception at Saliim Projects, owned by DC parent, Daye Kim | **2** Upper School Pottery Club | **3** Middle School Choir and Band Music in the Parks. The choir placed first and received Best Overall, and the band placed second. | **4** Knight Tones | **5** Fifth Grade Musical written and directed by Diane Clark | **6** Middle School Spring Band Concert | **7** Upper School Spring Band Concert | **8** Concert Choir performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral while on tour.



## Middle School Theatre: *Aladdin Jr.*

Students in grades six through eight performed Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* on April 19 and 20, bringing the beloved movie to life on the stage. Audience members enjoyed old favorites such as "Friend Like Me," and "A Whole New World," in addition to several new songs added for the Broadway production. The show starred **Mason Davis** as Genie; **Anthony Fanelli-Salazar** as Aladdin; **Ruby Connolly** as Jasmine; and **Jack Ransom** as Jafar.



The second annual Fifth Word Art Fair took place on May 9 as part of the art department's Teaching for Transformation Formational Learning Experience (FLEx). This year-long endeavor was spearheaded by DC's Art Department Chair, Elizabeth Coats '03, and SAIL teacher, Rebecca Pitofsky. FLEx projects encourage opportunities for students to engage in "real work that meets a real need for real people," and provide learners the chance to "live the story" that God has given them. The goal of the Fifth Word Art Fair is to celebrate the beauty of art throughout the world and, more specifically, in our community. The name derives from the fifth word of Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created." The event is designed to support DC's own student artists and other local artists, creating an environment where people can purchase baked goods, handmade jewelry, and other arts and crafts. Proceeds support both the student artists and the charity called Rip Creatives.

Coats says this community event "fully tied into my *Deep Hope: To cultivate a community of Christian artists who seek and see the wonder of God's creation as they play a role in using their God-given talents to create beauty for witness and worship.*"



WINTER/SPRING

# SENIOR *Signings*



CODY DILL  
*committed to*  
GORDON COLLEGE  
*for Soccer*



SUZANNAH GREEN  
*committed to*  
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
IN ST. LOUIS  
*for Soccer*



CORTEZ CARDONE  
*committed to*  
GORDON COLLEGE  
*for Soccer*

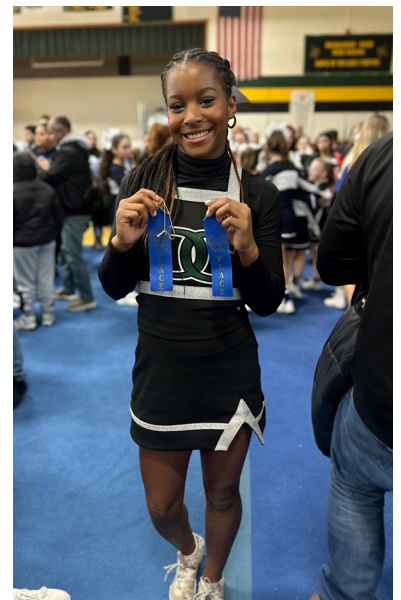


MARIELLE CLAYTON  
*committed to*  
TAMPA UNIVERSITY  
*for Track & Field*



CADEN ELLIS  
*committed to*  
GORDON COLLEGE  
*for Lacrosse*

## *Congrats*



This year's **varsity girls cheer** team won first place in the Archbishop Wood cheer competition.





# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS 2023-24

## Varsity Boys Basketball

**Head Coach:** Reggie Parks  
*BAL Coach of the Year*  
**Assistant Coaches:** Matt Hummel, Kenneth Orange, Stephen Poyser  
**Season Record:** 20 - 9

### Awards:

- Khamai Orange  
All BAL - First Team  
BAL Player of the Year  
All Delco Second Team
- Beau Lyren  
All BAL - First Team  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Caleb Jameson  
All BAL - Second Team  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Josiah Gaines  
All BAL - Honorable Mention  
All Delco - Honorable Mention

## Varsity Cheerleading

**Head Coach:** Tara Eisenhart  
**Assistant Coach:** Angela Payson

## Varsity Girls Basketball

**Head Coach:** Jake Godino  
*BAL Coach of the Year*  
**Assistant Coaches:** Stephen Pulliam, Anne Goneau  
**Season Record:** 13 - 15

### Awards:

- Ashanti Harris  
All BAL - First Team  
1,000 Career Points Scored  
BAL Player of the Year  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Addie Smith  
All BAL - First Team
- Maggie Jenkins  
All BAL - Honorable Mention
- Melina Mxaku  
All BAL - Honorable Mention

## Indoor Track & Field

**Head Coach:** George McFarland  
**Assistant Coach:** Lloyd Hill

### Awards:

- CJ Simbiri  
All Delco - First Team  
All State Track and Field - Triple Jump

## Varsity Girls Lacrosse

**Head Coach:** Mark Schreiber  
**Assistant Coaches:** Terry Corson, Einar Peters  
**Season Record:** 8 - 8

### Awards:

- Lily Elliot  
All BAL - First Team  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Maggie Iott  
All BAL - First Team  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Addie Smith  
All BAL - First Team  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Ashanti Harris  
All BAL - First Team  
All Delco - Honorable Mention
- Lily Peters  
All BAL - Second Team
- Ava White  
All BAL - Second Team
- Kiley Schmitt  
All BAL - Second Team
- Sydney Stevens  
All BAL - Honorable Mention
- Chloe Bryant  
All BAL - Honorable Mention





**VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE\***

**Head Coach:** Antonio Gibson  
**Assistant Coach:** Asa Tyson  
**Season Record:** 5-3  
*\*club team*

**VARSITY BASEBALL**

**Head Coach:** Jeff Wisniewski  
**Assistant Coaches:** Alec Willey,  
 Mark Dixon, Josh Dell'Arciprete  
**Season Record:** 12 - 8

**AWARDS:**

Matteo DeBellis  
 All BAL - First Team  
 All Delco - Honorable Mention  
 All State - Second Team

Jackson Lewis  
 All BAL - First Team  
 All Delco - Second Team

Sam Dixon  
 All BAL - First Team  
 All Delco - Honorable Mention

Reid Darnall  
 All BAL - Second Team

Cody Dill  
 All BAL - Second Team

Porter Roberts  
 All BAL - Second Team

Caleb Jameson  
 All BAL - Honorable Mention

Beau Lyren  
 All BAL - Honorable Mention

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**

**Head Coach:** Nate Shackleton  
**Assistant Coach:** Meggan Arnold  
**Season Record:** 6 - 11

**AWARDS:**

Juliet Jackson  
 All BAL - Second Team

Corina DeBellis  
 All BAL - Second Team

Abby Gifford  
 All BAL - Second Team

Kaylee Kroll  
 All BAL - Second Team

**VARSITY BOYS TENNIS**

**Head Coach:** Adam Sacks  
**Assistant Coaches:** John Levis,  
 Jim Pitofsky  
**Season Record:** 12 - 4

**AWARDS:**

Matthew Levis  
 All BAL - First Team Singles  
 BAL MVP

Matthew Levis and Daniel Ho  
 All BAL - First Team Doubles

Jacky Wang and Asher Pitofsky  
 All BAL - Second Team Doubles

CJ Thompson  
 All BAL - Honorable Mention

**VARSITY TRACK & FIELD**

**Head Coach:** George McFarland  
**Assistant Coaches:** Lloyd Hill, Jocelyn  
 Confino, La Roi Thompson, Henry  
 Oestreich

**ALL BAL AWARDS:**

Hallie Kees - First Team: Javelin  
 Second Team: Discus

Jessica Cooper - First Team: Discus,  
 Second Team: Shot Put

Erin Robertson - First Team: Pole Vault

Makiyah Keys - First Team: Long Jump,  
 Triple Jump, 4x100m Relay, 100m

Marielle Clayton - First Team: 200m, 400m,  
 4x100m Relay, Second Team: 100m

Kaylani Barnes - First Team: 4x100m Relay,  
 Second Team: 4x400m Relay

Elizabeth Matty - First Team: 4x100m  
 Relay, Second Team: 4x400m Relay,  
 Honorable Mention: 200m

Alex Confino - First Team: 100 Hurdles,  
 300 Hurdles, Second Team: 4x400m Relay

Ella Clipston - First Team: 100 Hurdles  
 Second Team: 1600m, 4x800m Relay

Emma Liu - Second Team: Discus

Niamh Ireland - Second Team: Javelin

Hazel Paulson - Second Team: 4x800m Relay

Kate Painter - Second Team: 4x800m Relay  
 Sasha Nelaturi - Second Team: 4x800m Relay

Idara Umoh - Second Team: Triple Jump

Nandi Williams - Second Team: 4x400m  
 Relay, Honorable Mention: 100m

Josiah Johnakin - First Team: Triple Jump,  
 Second Team: Triple Jump

Luke Bushra - First Team: Discus, Second  
 Team: Shot Put

Luke Fox - First Team: Discus, Honorable  
 Mention: Javelin

Laverne Sambola - First Team: High Jump

Jonas Ma - Second Team: 4x100m Relay

Caleb Videon - Second Team: 4x100m  
 Relay, 4x400m Relay

Karter Shaheed-Freeman - Second Team:  
 4x100m Relay

AJ Baker - Second Team: 4x100m Relay

Joey Cuzzo - Second Team: 4x800m  
 Relay, 4x400m Relay, 1600m

Noah Dutton - Second Team: 4x800m Relay,  
 4x400m Relay, Honorable Mention: 800m

Caleb Yuen - Second Team: 4x800m Relay

Hugh Nicholson - Second Team: 4x800m  
 Relay

Connor Transue - Second Team: 110 High  
 Hurdle, Honorable Mention - 300 Hurdles

Josiah Gaines - Second Team: Triple Jump

Luke Bradley - Second Team: 4x400m Relay

Billy Sterious - Second Team: High Jump

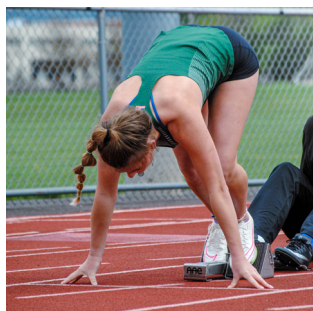
Chase Caradonna - Second Team: Javelin

**OTHER AWARDS:**

CJ Simbiri - All Delco - Second Team

Hallie Kees - All Delco - Second Team

Makiyah Keys - All Delco - First Team







## Tip-Off

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DC hosted its 58th Invitational Tournament on December 8 and 9. The oldest Christian school basketball tournament in the country, the Tip-Off Tournament brought together four teams: DC, The City School, Atlantic Christian School, and The Christian Academy. Both DC girls and boys teams won in the opening games, winning 53-22 and 57-48, respectively. In the second round of tournament games, DC put up a valiant effort but were ultimately defeated by the girls and boys Atlantic Christian teams.





# Accomplishments

- 1** Ashanti Harris '24 scored her 1,000th career point during the girls varsity basketball game on January 30.
- 2** Theresa Olive '24 placed 4th among her weight class, representing DC in the high school powerlifting nationals in Baton Rouge, LA.
- 3** Kiley Schmitt made her 100th save for the girls lacrosse team during her junior year.
- 4** As a junior, Addie Smith scored her 100th goal for the girls lacrosse team.
- 5** During her junior year, Hallie Kees set a school record in the javelin with a throw of 125 feet and 5 inches.
- 6** Makiyah Keys '24 broke the girls triple jump school record with a jump of 36 feet and 6.5 inches.







DELAWARE COUNTY  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*Celebrating God's faithfulness from  
generation to generation*





# Share Your DC Stories



Delaware County Christian School is celebrating 75 years during the 2024-25 academic year. As we honor God's faithfulness for 75 years, we want to know how DC impacted your life. Have a meaningful moment from a class, club, or sport? Want to share a fun anecdote or how a teacher impacted your life? We want to hear from you! Use the QR code below to submit your story.







# SERVING WITH BOLD HOPE

By Sam Dixon '25, Communications Prefect

During SAIL (Schools of Applied and Innovative Learning) Week, from April 8-12, a group of upper school students headed to the Dominican Republic to serve. The trip took place in partnership with Bold Hope, a non-profit organization based in Pennsylvania, which sends short-term missionary teams all over the world. In their efforts to “connect communities across cultures and continents to the Glory of God,” Bold Hope selflessly strives to “come alongside local ministry partners to provide support for the good work already being accomplished.” In the midst of busy school schedules, it is easy to get caught up in frantic activities and neglect how big the world is and how many places are in need of service and support. This spectacular SAIL week trip allowed students to see beyond their typical day-to-day routine, drop everything, and serve.

The robust team of 15 students flew to the Dominican Republic in eager spirits and, for the first part of each day, engaged in numerous projects of service: painting churches, moving rocks, and participating in other building endeavors that had already begun. After this period of physical service, our students helped in ministering to the children of the community, playing sports and games, and showing them the selfless love of Christ. When asked about the importance of service for DC students, Mr. Roberto Irias, Bible teacher and leader of the trip, remarked, “It is a blessing to interact with other cultures and to open our eyes and learn that our culture isn’t the only culture in this world; to witness what God is doing in other countries and to see the vastness of God and get us outside of ourselves. God is at work here too. For a student to witness this for the first time is pretty impactful.”

The trip was indeed impactful for the students, who came away with a deeper understanding of God’s presence in their lives and the lives of the people they were able to serve. Each evening during the trip, the students had time to debrief and discuss the day and the ways they were seeing God work. Sophomore Maryn D’Antonio stated, “My favorite part of the trip was probably the people. You could tell they cared a lot about the work they were doing because they put their whole hearts into it.” The kids in the Dominican Republic were also a significant highlight of the trip for most of those who went. The students got to serve the children in a VBS style, playing sports and “just being with them and getting to know them,” as junior Ella Irias put it. Traveling and serving in other places is certainly something that DC has been emphasizing more and more and its importance is not missed. Not only do these opportunities provide effective and compelling provisions for other communities, but students are left with a real sense of what it means to serve and impact others in the name of Christ. In regards to the importance of service learning trips, junior Kiley Schmitt aptly asserted they are important as they “show us a new world with new joy. I have never felt so much joy and being there I felt God’s presence.” More mission trips are certainly something that is on the horizon and display a beautiful use of the SAIL week for our upper school students!



# Impacting the World

STUDENTS SERVE THE COMMUNITY, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



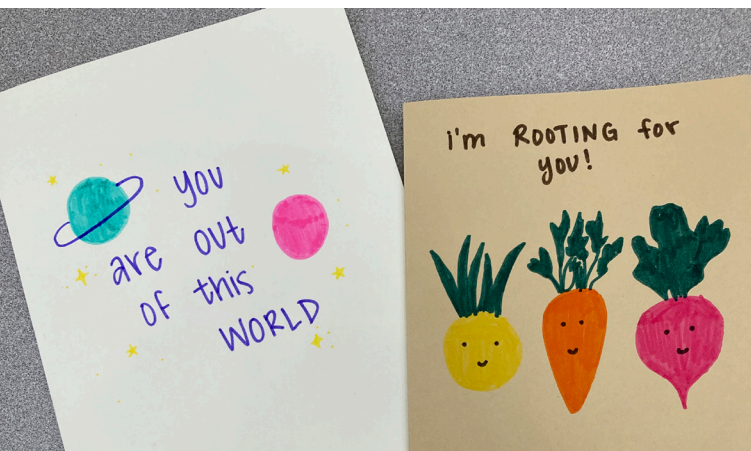
Third-grade students read to residents of Pine View Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center



## Annual MLK Jr. Day of Service

By Sam Dixon '25, Communications Prefect

To honor Martin Luther King Jr. and his remarkable legacy in America and the world, DC partnered with non-profit organization, Cradles to Crayons, for a day of service in DC's very own Student Union on Monday, January 15. Supplying children with basic needed items such as clothing, school supplies, and diapers, Cradles to Crayons accepted donations from our community and others to support local families in the Philadelphia area. DC students, their families, and faculty had the opportunity to selflessly serve side-by-side with the organization to sort and organize the donations and prepare them for delivery. While praying for and learning about Cradles to Crayons and their mission, students also enjoyed donuts and coffee as they served. This event was a lovely display of God's work here within our community and the value that DC holds in serving our neighbors as followers of Christ.





# Around Campus

The spring semester was filled with exciting events on both campuses.



**1** Lower School GrandFriends Day | **2** Recipients of The Legacy Foundation's Good Citizenship Award: Samuel D'Antonio, Sadie Serfass, Katherine Latchford, and Mackenzie Van Eerden | **3** Upper School Students Participate in an Elevator Pitch | **4** Lower School End-of-Year Celebration of Learning





**5** Students across divisions planted trees at the Lower Campus in honor of Earth Day. | **6** Lunar New Year celebration hosted by the International Student Program | **7, 8, 9** The kindergarten, fifth, and eighth-grade graduations were filled with joy for God's faithfulness in preparing these students for the next chapter in their DC story.



In February, the *Multicultural Alliance (MCA)* Leadership Cabinet hosted a spectacular *Black History Month Celebration* night inside DC's Student Union. With numerous featured performers and artists, the night beautifully portrayed Black History and honored its lasting influence on the world today. The night was specially themed, *After Midnight in Harlem*, in homage to the Harlem Renaissance and the plethora of art and music that sprang from that period. This theme went hand in hand with the work of Black artists within the DC community while venerating the work of those throughout history who have paved the way with their art, music, and passion. In addition to the artwork and performances, the event incorporated a time of worship and delicious food. This event was truly a breathtaking celebration of the beauty of Black History and was certainly a night to remember.

- Sam Dixon '25, Communications Prefect



## Introducing the 2024-25 Prefect Board

Head Prefect, Katherine Latchford  
 Athletic Prefect, Caleb Videon  
 Communications Prefect, Samuel Dixon  
 Arts Prefect, Mackenzie Van Eerden  
 Student Life Prefect, Daniel Ho  
 Admissions Prefect, James Connolly  
 International Prefect, Richie Zhang

On April 11, the *What's So Cool About Manufacturing Awards Ceremony* was held at Penn State Great Valley. The team of middle school students included Jackson Beers, Chase Berwick, Marquez Brown, Elijah Iannacone, Cody Pitt, Tyler Pruessner, Lizzie Serfass, Andy Smith, and Ella Stinger. The DC team was awarded the Outstanding Creativity Award. Our students partnered with New Way Air Bearings in Aston, Pennsylvania to design, film, and edit a video highlighting manufacturing careers and profiling New Way Air Bearing.





# HI-Q TAKES HOME NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

After hosting and narrowly losing to Garnet Valley in the 2023 Delaware County Hi-Q Championship, the DC Hi-Q team wasted no time studying in their off-season. This year, the hard work paid off. In March, DC Hi-Q competed in the championship match again, this time at Garnet Valley, and marked a triumphant 52-49-43 victory over Garnet Valley High School and Radnor, respectively. The riveting match ended in a math toss-up question, which Garnet Valley failed to answer correctly, securing the second-ever Championship Title for the Knights. If that wasn't telling enough of the team's talent and success, the team went on to compete in the Hi-Q National Championship, contending against three other schools via Zoom. Delaware County Christian School took home the National Championship Title, while all students on the Upper Campus celebrated in the auditorium. It was a truly remarkable season that leaves one wondering just how much the atmosphere and team environment impacted its success. While reflecting on this sentiment, league MVP Seth Nelaturi remarked, "The teamwork and [team] culture allowed for an efficient yet fun experience." Evidently, the team had a tight bond and used their unity to successfully take down some of the biggest schools in the Delaware County area. Coach Thom Houghton was also integral to the team's glorious accomplishments this season. His dedication and leadership as a head coach were what set the team apart and led them to the brilliant victories that the season had in store. Coach Houghton explained how the team had suffered a "crushing loss" earlier in the season to Marple Newtown High School, but that our trivia masters only used that as fuel for the fire. With other small victories throughout their run, including a commanding 63 total point win over Strath Haven, Coach Houghton said, "It quickly became evident to me this was a pretty special team." Through the highs and lows of the season, this robust group of DC scholars met and exceeded the expectations that were set for them as a small team at a small school. Certainly a noteworthy and historic season for the DC Hi-Q team and the DC community at large, who showed up in droves at home and away meets to energetically cheer on our Knights! - Sam Dixon '25, Communications Prefect



Mr. Thomas Houghton, Joey Couchara, Josh Thomas, Seth Nelaturi '24, Josh Yuen, Karis Lo '24, Luke Fox, Sidney Petrusis '24, Billy Sterious, Emma Morton, Anna Sterious

***"It quickly became evident to me this was a pretty special team."***

**COACH HOUGHTON**



# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES



## 1960s



**Walt Bowman '60** and wife Emilie celebrated their 60th anniversary with a trip to beautiful Sedona, AZ. They are blessed with two children and two grandchildren. Walt says, "Greetings to my classmates!"

## 1970s



**Linda Lownes Hytha '77** completed the requirements for her Doctor of Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary in the spring of 2024. More important than academic accomplishment is her status as a grandmother of three (so far). Linda and her husband live in Phoenixville, PA, as well as on the Elk River in Elkton, MD.

## 2010s



**Brittany (See) Andraka and Matthew Andraka '12** joyfully welcomed their second child, Peter William Andraka, on February 24, 2024. Peter joins older brother, Ezra. The Andraka family resides in Conshohocken, PA.





**Madison (Moore) Hallstrom '15** and husband, Eric, welcomed their first child, Beau Eric Hallstrom, into the world on March 16. Beau weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz and 20.5 inches long.



**Charles Rossiter Cobourn IV '16** married Emily Carmichael Owen on March 9, 2024. They currently reside in Montgomery, Alabama.



**Edward Carrington '18** married Lucy Gerry on June 28 in Wheaton, IL. Many DC alumni were present, as well

as some faculty and staff. The wedding party included Chris Chung '18, Tyler Smith '18, Tyler Van Eerden '18, Kate Carrington '18, and Emma Carrington '22.



**Hannah (Master) Hoffman, '19** married Micah Hoffman on June 3, 2023 in Philadelphia, PA. Rebecca Harris '19 was in attendance, as well as DC faculty members George and Krystal McFarland.

## 2020s



**Benjamin Wilson '24** (pictured right), earned an Eagle Scout ranking with Troop 434, based at Llanerch Presbyterian Church. Only three percent of Scouts reach this ranking, and the work involves twenty-one badges and a solo project. Ben's solo project involved the construction of a little library and a bench on the Llanerch Presbyterian Church grounds. He will attend Penn State University as a freshman this fall.



A group of alumni, alumni parents, and former and current DC faculty gathered to honor former third grade teacher and alumni parent, Terri Larson, with a birthday celebration.

Pictured L - R (back): Karen Young, Gwynne Johnson, Kimberly Rowe '86, Theresa Newman, Betty Ellsworth '83, Peggy Bell, Vera Cobourn L-R (front): Kimberly Wynne, Linda Nixon, Meg Behl, Terri Larson, Donna Daly, Patti Chung



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: BECCA'S JOURNEY FROM DC TO THAILAND

*by Logan Plosker,  
Manager of Alumni and Parent Relations*



Becca Van Meerbeke's story is one of unexpected turns and unwavering faith, taking her from the halls of DC to the classrooms of International Christian School Nonthaburi in Thailand. Her journey began with a passion for education instilled when she was given the opportunity to be a teacher's aide during her senior year at DC. After graduating in 2009, she went on to Cairn University, earning her master's degree in education. Little did she know that her path would lead her far beyond what she had initially planned.

After completing her studies, Becca found herself at West Shore Christian School, with Dan Steinfield as Head of School. A chance encounter on Facebook led Becca down a path that would change her life. Seeing a friend's post about teaching in Thailand sparked something within her. She felt led to apply when she saw an open position for a grade two teacher on the school's website.

Despite not knowing much about Thai culture, Becca felt led by her faith to share the gospel freely in the school environment abroad. Trusting in the Lord, she took a leap of faith and accepted the position.





Reflecting on her time at DC, Becca acknowledges the school's impact on her journey. Her experiences as a student shaped her approach to education, instilling in her a commitment to excellence and a desire to integrate her faith into her profession.

Becca's time at DC equipped her with the skills and values she needed to thrive in her role as an educator. From her involvement in arts programs to her leadership in worship, she learned the importance of doing everything with excellence for the glory of God.

Now teaching second graders in Thailand, Becca continues to rely on her faith as she navigates this new chapter of her life. Psalm 56:3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 5:24 serve as constant reminders that wherever she is, God is with her, guiding her path and providing for her needs. Becca says her "mission is to tell my students about Jesus and I can do that by being an excellent educator. Christian educators should be top-quality educators because we are doing it for the Lord, we're not just doing it for man. We have a higher purpose for it."

Becca's journey is a testament to the power of faith and the unexpected places it can lead us. Through it all, she remains steadfast in her belief that she is exactly where she's meant to be, serving a higher purpose as an educator and ambassador for Christ.

*"...wherever she is,  
God is with her,  
guiding her path  
and providing for  
her needs."*

*Alumni -*

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# Gold Club

The Gold Club is composed of graduates of the last decade, committed to giving back as alumni. Graduates annually give the amount of their graduation year (\$20.24) over the next 10 years as a commitment to future generations at DC. Members of the Class of 2024 include: Chloe Bryant, Ryan Carroll, Ana Catranis, Andrew Clouse, Leah Conde, Anthony Danese, Faith DiBenedetto, Noah Dutton, Nicholas Fanelli-Salazar, Ashanti Harris, Caroline Jackson, Isaac Jackson, Isabel Lewis, Jackson Lewis, Jake Matthews, Audrey McKeane, Julia Metzger, Elliot Oh, Nellie Paulson, Taylor Pendleton, Sidney Petrusis, Griffin Schmitt, Angelina Shmayger, Cassie Stinger, DJ Swaner, Ava White.



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FOR DC'S NEWEST ALUMNI

<b>Aminadab A. Baker Jr.</b>	<i>Neumann University</i>	<b>Karis Meihua Lo</b>	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
<b>Hannah Evelyn Biddle</b>	<i>Kutztown University</i>	<b>Jacob Thomas Matthews</b>	<i>Lipscomb University</i>
<b>Peter Boctor</b>	<i>Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg)</i>	<b>Elizabeth Christina Matty</b>	<i>West Chester University</i>
<b>Luke Alexander Bradley</b>	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	<b>Audrey Lee Morken McKeaney</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Chloe Gabrielle Bryant</b>	<i>Syracuse University</i>	<b>Liam Connor McKinley</b>	<i>US Navy Corpsman</i>
<b>Luke Philip Bushra</b>	<i>Delaware County Community College</i>	<b>Maximilian R. Mehler</b>	<i>Frankfurt School of Finance and Mathematics</i>
<b>Cortez Alexander Cardone</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>	<b>Sarah Ann Mento</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>
<b>Ryan Dean Carroll</b>	<i>Florida Southern College</i>	<b>Julia Rose Metzger</b>	<i>Calvin University</i>
<b>Ana Thea Catranis</b>	<i>University of Vermont</i>	<b>Samuel David Montgomery</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>
<b>Minjoon Choi</b>	<i>Indiana University (Bloomington)</i>	<b>Melina Ajanay Simphewe Mxaku</b>	<i>Neumann University</i>
<b>Marielle Clayton</b>	<i>University of Tampa</i>	<b>Kate Julia Myers</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>
<b>Andrew Nathan Clouse</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>	<b>Seth Sujay Samuelraj Nelaturi</b>	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
<b>Leah Grace Conde</b>	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	<b>Elliot Oh</b>	<i>Vanderbilt University</i>
<b>Bryce Matthew Cooper</b>	<i>West Virginia University</i>	<b>Theresa Jeanne Olive</b>	<i>West Chester University</i>
<b>Anthony Danese</b>	<i>Boston University</i>	<b>Nellie Joan Paulson</b>	<i>Heritage School Teacher's Aide</i>
<b>Faith Louise DiBenedetto</b>	<i>Cedarville University</i>	<b>Taylor Grace Pendleton</b>	<i>West Chester University</i>
<b>Cody Stephen Dill</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>	<b>Sidney Victoria Petrulis</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>
<b>Noah Jonathan Dutton</b>	<i>Cedarville University</i>	<b>Colston Daniel Pruessner</b>	<i>Lipscomb University</i>
<b>Lily Ann Elliott</b>	<i>Gap Year</i>	<b>Songzhu Qu</b>	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
<b>Caden Daniel Ellis</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>	<b>Samuel Joseph Robertson</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>
<b>Nicholas Fanelli-Salazar</b>	<i>University of Florida</i>	<b>Nathan Rosenberger</b>	<i>Northeastern University</i>
<b>Elijah James William Fischer</b>	<i>Drexel University</i>	<b>Annabelle Joy Sacks</b>	<i>Belmont University</i>
<b>Josiah Giovanni Gaines</b>	<i>Wheaton College</i>	<b>Mary Elizabeth Schaefer</b>	<i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute &amp; State University</i>
<b>Christopher Thomas Goneau</b>	<i>The Ohio State University</i>	<b>Griffin Phillip Schmitt</b>	<i>Elon University</i>
<b>Suzannah Louise Green</b>	<i>Washington University in St. Louis</i>	<b>Youran (Sarah) Shi</b>	<i>Saint Joseph's University</i>
<b>Rebekah Louise Halladay</b>	<i>University of Delaware</i>	<b>Angellina Shmayger</b>	<i>West Chester University</i>
<b>Shuojun Han</b>	<i>New York University</i>	<b>Caleb-Joseph Wadenya Simbiri</b>	<i>Bucknell University</i>
<b>Ashanti Jade-Cherie Harris</b>	<i>The Ohio State University</i>	<b>Sydney Faith Stevens</b>	<i>James Madison University</i>
<b>Trinity Jewel Ardis Hobaugh</b>	<i>Jefferson University</i>	<b>Cassandra Mackey Stinger</b>	<i>University of Kentucky</i>
<b>Margaret Joy Iott</b>	<i>Elon University</i>	<b>Ruichen (Richard) Sun</b>	<i>The Ohio State University</i>
<b>Caroline Elizabeth Jackson</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>	<b>Damon Kenneth Swaner, Jr.</b>	<i>Wheaton College</i>
<b>Isaac Keith Jackson</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>	<b>Yulu Tao</b>	<i>Rutgers University</i>
<b>Elijah Bahram Jacobson</b>	<i>Undecided</i>	<b>Connor Joseph Transue</b>	<i>Syracuse University</i>
<b>Maggie Grace Jenkins</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>	<b>Jacky Wang</b>	<i>Undecided</i>
<b>Makiyah Johnaé Keys</b>	<i>West Chester University</i>	<b>Gabrielle Cailyn Watson</b>	<i>Cheyney University of Pennsylvania</i>
<b>Isabel Belmonte Lewis</b>	<i>Boston College</i>	<b>Ava Josephine White</b>	<i>Baylor University</i>
<b>Jackson Belmonte Lewis</b>	<i>Gordon College</i>	<b>Benjamin P. Wilson</b>	<i>Penn State University</i>
<b>Claire Lynn Liu</b>	<i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	<b>Zimu Yan</b>	<i>University of Washington</i>



# In *Loving* Memory

## Wendy Sue Logue



Wendy Sue Logue '87 passed away on April 10, 2024, in Jacksonville, Florida after a courageous battle with cancer.

Wendy loved the ocean, cooking, gardening, and quiet time with the Lord. Most of all she treasured her son and the countless wonderful memories they shared.

## Rachel Leah Rosenberg



Rachel Leah Rosenberg went home to the Lord on June 25, 2024. She was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, and mother to Lily (9th grade). Rachel was faithful, compassionate, and witty. She was unshakably devoted to God and her family, cared for others constantly, and was always quick with a joke to lighten the mood.

## Miles James Mindrebo



Miles James Mindrebo passed away on June 2, 2024, two days before he would have been 18 months old. Miles was loved by his mother, Joni (Calderwood '97), his father, Jonathan (Director of Finance), brother, Owen (2nd grade), and sister, Charli Rose (K). He was always smiling and was given the nickname "Miles, King of Smiles" by his family. Miles loved playing with Owen, Charli Rose, and his cousins. He followed them around whenever his feet would move fast enough to keep up. He loved to hold hands and have his head rubbed by his parents and grandparents, often holding someone's hand on his head for comfort. His short life brought deep joy to his family.



## Maynard "Bud" L. Gray & Gwen H. Gray

**Maynard "Bud" L. Gray** passed away on March 15, 2024. Bud was a teacher and principal for Delaware County Christian School for over 30 years. He was involved in the Garden Spot Village Global Missions and he enjoyed gardening, fishing, and being with people. Bud's wife **Gwen H. Gray** passed away on July 7, 2024. The Grays were preceded in death by their son Peter M. Gray '76.

Surviving are two daughters: Sara E. '77 married to David W. Ashworth and Gwyneth '81 married to Kurt C. Froelich, daughter-in-law Rita Gray, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Services for both Bud and Gwen were held privately by the family.



## Thomas C. Mascioli



Thomas "Tom" C. Mascioli passed away on October 27, 2023. Tom was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was an alumni parent to Mario '09 and Nick '10 and a beloved soccer coach. Tom was a kind, quiet leader who spent a lifetime lifting others up, while never taking credit for his many successes in life.

## Marlene Vugteveen



Marlene Vugteveen passed away on August 1, 2024. She was a caring and godly woman, a committed wife, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a gifted teacher. She taught for more than twelve years at DC. Marlene was a talented teacher and blessed the lives of many students. Marlene was an alumni parent to Charles '83, Eric '85, and Jon '80 (deceased).

## Judith Marie Eyer



Judith Marie Eyer '70 passed peacefully on March 6, 2024. She was an RN and planned to retire soon from her work in home healthcare. Judy's greatest love was her animals, and she ran a Siamese cat rescue for several years.

## Joseph Bryant III



Joseph Bryant III entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on June 12, 2024. Jey was a beloved husband of Yvonne (Secretary of the Board of Trustees) and father of Chloe '24 and Joey (9th grade). The Bryant family rests in the promise that Jey is raised to new life in Jesus Christ.

## Jon Reitsma

Jon Reitsma '75 passed away in December 2023 in Cathedral, California. He is remembered fondly for his charm and enjoyment of a variety of friendships.

## Paul Houghton Harbach, Jr.



Reverend Paul Houghton Harbach, Jr. '59 went home to be with the Lord on January 22, 2024. Paul followed the calling of the Lord and served as a senior pastor until his retirement in 2003. Paul enjoyed the outdoors, golfing, and cultivating orchids. Above all else, Paul's passion was helping and counseling people wherever he was.

## Daniel D. McCracken



Chief Petty Officer Daniel D. McCracken '97 passed away while on active duty with the US Navy on May 6, 2024. His presence could light up a party, control a stressful situation, or break an awkward silence. Daniel is remembered for his deep love of his family, and for always helping those in need.





**JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND!**

**OCTOBER 10-13 | DC'S UPPER CAMPUS**

**Thursday:** GrandFriends Day | **Friday:** Hall of Honor

**Saturday:** Alumni Breakfast, Athletic Games, Homecoming Festival

**Sunday:** Worship Service with Pastor Warren Boettcher '77  
featuring Willowdale Worship led by Dave Walker '04

SCAN FOR  
DETAILS + RSVP



*Come Back Home!*



# EITC / OSTC PROGRAM

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

Contributions made through the  
**EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT (EITC) OR  
OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT (OSTC)**

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

## TURNING PA TAX DOLLARS INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

*"As we've grown in our walk with the Lord, He's brought us many chances to give, as I'm sure He has for you. However, few of them have been as unique as the EITC program. God's word tells us to 'give to Caesar what is Caesar's' and so we pay our taxes with obedience, though not always with joy. With EITC, 'Caesar' gives us the freedom to redirect our tax payment from our PA state tax bill to DC so that they can provide scholarships directly to the scholarship fund for those who qualify, within the state scholarship parameters.*

*At first, this seemed too good to be true, and it took some research on my part to trust the process. But as someone who's participated, I can tell you whether it's from personal tax liability or business tax liability, so long as it's in Pennsylvania, you can redirect 90% of your PA state tax liability directly to DC and the other 10% is deductible as any other gift would be.*

*For His Honor and Glory,  
Nick and Abbie Daise"*

*Pictured with children Samuel (5th grade), Isaac (3rd grade), and Anna (K)*



### SAMPLE TAX CALCULATION

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

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

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

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

OUT OF  
POCKET EXPENSE  
**\$220**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ALLISON STINGER, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
[eitc@dccs.org](mailto:eitc@dccs.org) or (610) 353-6522 x 2284





# OPEN HOUSE

**October 22**  
**Lower Campus**

**November 12**  
**Upper Campus**

**9-11**  
**am**



## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

DC's International Student Program office is searching for families to host students for the 2024-25 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](mailto:hlu@dccs.org).



# Save *these* Dates

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*For upcoming events during the  
2024-25 school year*

## **HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

October 10-13

## **VETERANS DAY CHAPEL**

November 8

## **ALL SCHOOL THANKSGIVING CHAPEL**

November 26

## **ALL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHAPEL**

December 20

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday, January 25

## **UPPER SCHOOL MUSICAL**

February 28, March 1, 6, 7, & 8

## **ALL SCHOOL EASTER CHAPEL**

April 17

## **BENEFIT FOR DC**

May 3







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2024-25 THEME VERSE

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*Now to Him who is able to  
do immeasurably more  
than all we ask or imagine,  
according to His power that  
is at work within us, to Him  
be glory in the church and  
in Christ Jesus throughout  
all generations, for ever  
and ever! Amen.*

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EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NIV