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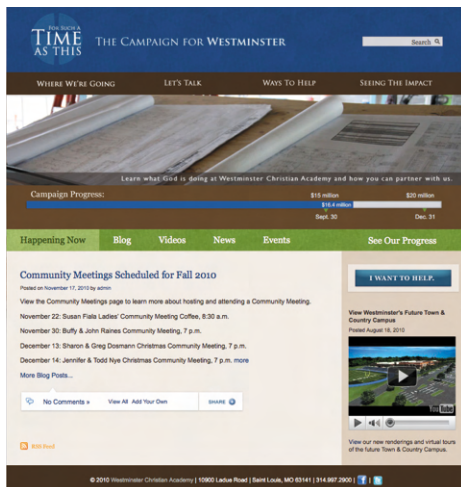
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Westminster Christian Academy honors Jesus Christ by providing an excellent education, rooted in biblical truth as interpreted by the Westminster Confession of Faith, for the children of Christian parents. Faculty and staff enable students to discover and embrace a biblical view of the world and integrate that view into every area of life.

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Glimpsing the Future

I am grateful for the opportunity we have to present the Westminster Christian Academy story in the pages that follow. The Westminster story is actually God's story, an account that demonstrates that we know and love a God who can do more than we could possibly ask for or imagine. It is a journey that started 35 years ago with 73 students in rented classrooms at Missouri Baptist College, and one that continues today with nearly 900 students and a 70-acre campus under construction in Town & Country. It is a God-ordained journey.



I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of hosting two recent tours of the

Town & Country campus – one with former Westminster Board members, many from the earliest days of our history, and one tour with my 9th grade small group, ten freshmen boys who will, Lord willing, enjoy the new campus during the next school year. The former Board members stood in awe of the size and scope of the new campus and the tangible evidence of God's handiwork in blessing the vision, faith and sacrifices of the pioneer families.

My small group, however, looked only toward the future and the exciting opportunities available to them at the new campus. The boys had a look of amazement and awe in their eyes as they walked with me through the performance gym, theater and the neighborhood area that would be their home in 2011-12 and as they gazed at the new stadium and track. It is a personal joy for me to anticipate all that God will do in the lives of young people on our new campus for many years to come.

Completing the new campus for the 2011-12 school year requires that we meet a \$20 million pledge milestone by December 31; we stand at \$16.7 million today. We need your prayers and support as we trust in God to provide us with the resources needed to continue Westminster's journey and "prepare more young people to engage the world and change it for Jesus Christ."

In His service,

Jim Marsh
Head of School



STEPS OF FAITH: A JOURNEY OF KEY DECISIONS

Over the past four decades, Westminster Christian Academy has transformed from a fledgling school with a 73-student enrollment (and a senior class of one) to one of the nation's premier Christian schools, now bursting with almost 900 students. Key faith-based decisions along the way have enabled Westminster to improve, grow stronger, and impact the lives of thousands of young men and women.

ONE

In 1976-77, the school's first year, students gathered in rented classrooms in the basement of a Missouri Baptist College building. Among these first students were twin brothers Kent and Chris Kehr, now both Westminster parents. Juniors that year, Chris and Kent transferred to Westminster from Ladue High School, then known as one of the region's finer public schools with its excellent curriculum, programs and facilities. The only thing this fledgling school called Westminster

offered was the concept of a Christ-centered, biblically based education that penetrated every lesson, every activity and every relationship. This distinguishing factor alone motivated Mr. and Mrs. Kehr to make such a weighty decision – one that made them, along with a handful of other families, true pioneers. Thus began the first “steps of faith” of Westminster, and God has indeed blessed the boldness of those early pioneer families.

TWO

After only one year at Missouri Baptist College, Westminster transitioned its campus to a small elementary school building in Des Peres — now the Walgreens located at Manchester and Lindemann Roads — where the school resided until 1982. It, too, quickly became too small for the growing student body, which had reached 250 students. At that time, Westminster purchased our current Ladue Road campus, then belonging to West Ladue Middle School, a building that would hold 600. “We thought it looked huge,” says Head of School Jim Marsh, who began his tenure as head of school in 1985. “For a while, it looked too huge,” he says.



Westminster Christian Academy's second home in Des Peres, the school's campus from 1977-1982.

THREE

In 1987, Marsh, along with the School Board president, even contemplated selling the campus, or at least part of it, as the school had begun to accumulate significant debt. However, God had a different plan. After much prayer, planning, and constant effort, Westminster began to grow and grow stronger. By the early '90s, the school building that seemed so big a few years back began to reach its limits. In fact, when enrollment reached nearly 600 students, families were being turned away — a harsh reality that seemed to contradict the mission of the school. In order to regain the ability to enroll entire families, Westminster expanded the school to include a two-story classroom building, science lab, new gymnasium and athletic fields. The addition has allowed the school to enroll as many as 900 students.



(above) Rather than selling the Ladue Road campus in the late '80s as a solution to accumulating debt, school leadership sought God's guidance and ultimately determined the school would not move — a decision that would lead to significant student-body growth.

(below) Students watch with Head of School Jim Marsh as the school breaks ground on the new addition to the Ladue Road campus in 1998. The \$11 million expansion has allowed Westminster's enrollment to grow from 600 that year to nearly 900 in 2010.



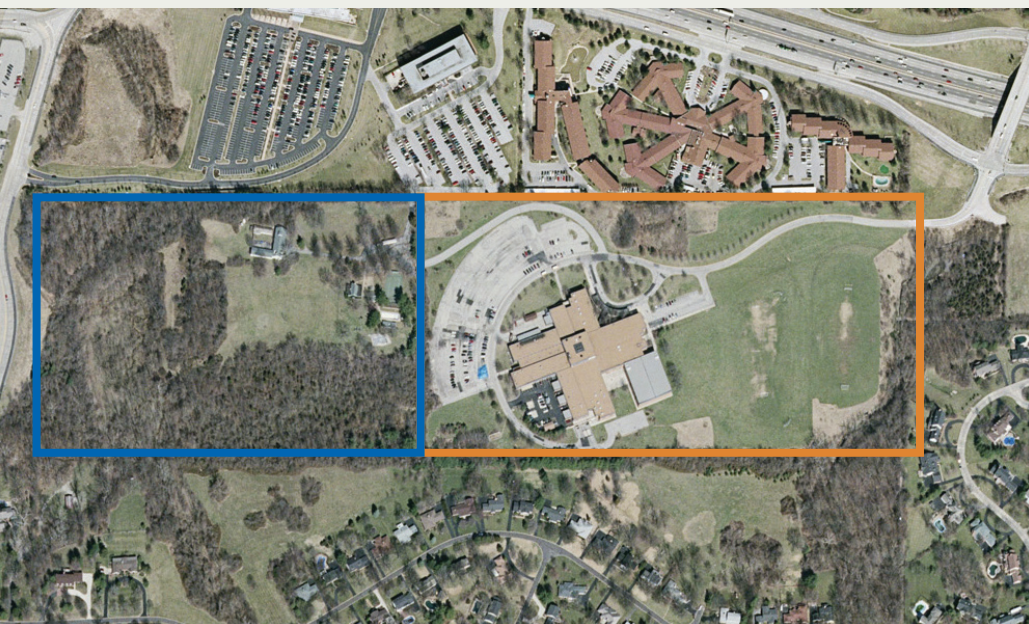
FOUR

By the 2000-2001 school year, the transformative renovation had caused classrooms to fill quickly. In the past, every time Westminster grew to near capacity, we had either (a) moved to a larger facility, or (b) expanded our current campus. This time, however, it became clear that expanding our Ladue Road campus would be impossible. As such, we were faced with a vital question: “Do we find a way to continue to grow and therefore move?” or “Do we just limit our enrollment and turn away more families every year?” To find the answer, we looked to our mission.

We are a school that seeks to honor Jesus Christ in all that we do, and we are a school for the children of Christian parents. We enroll families, not students, and we believe our mission does not permit us to say “yes” to some and “no” to others. This is the same motive behind the constant efforts to expand offerings and programs, creating more experiences for individual students to find their place and excel. This philosophy also led to the development of The Learning Center years ago – in order to meet the educational needs of every member of the family. As we pondered the question of growth and how it relates to our mission, the reason for our answer was a compelling one: We knew that if we were to continue to keep our doors open to every qualified family – and if we were to remain committed to excellence, to provide our kids with more and better opportunities so that they might engage and change the world for Jesus Christ – we needed to move.



The school's grand colonnade, constructed during the 1998-99 addition project, has come to be a characteristic image of Westminster Christian Academy. The Celtic crosses will be transported to the Town & Country campus and integrated into its colonnade.



The 30-acre property outlined in blue, formerly Centreat, gifted to Westminster in 2007, and the former West County Tech campus, outlined in orange, comprise Westminster's 70-acre Town & Country campus.

FIVE

In 2001, a handful of people started to pray about and discuss what Westminster would do if God opened the door to the purchase of the former West County Technical School property, which had recently come up for sale. The location was ideal. Lacking funds and even a definitive plan for how Westminster would use the campus, armed only with our vision and the knowledge that God would lead, in February 2003, the school purchased the 40-acre campus for \$14,250,000.

SIX

As the Westminster community moved forward with planning committees and town hall meetings, seeking to determine possible uses for the newly purchased campus, the strange irony of the immediately adjacent property began to become clear. The 30 acres of property called Centreat, owned by Central Presbyterian Church, was perfectly situated to the Westminster property. How remarkable that of all the property that would become available to Westminster to purchase, it would be right next door to these 30 acres? As Westminster explored ways to develop the purchased 40 acres, a few people hoped God would also provide Centreat; there were meetings and ideas, but as time went by, it became clear that the dream of our campus including the Centreat property was just that, an impossible dream. With only the 40 acres in our possession, the plan was to keep the Middle School at the Ladue Road campus and to move the Upper School to the Town & Country campus.

But as He sometimes does, God surprises us with a different plan. In Summer 2007, a family offered to gift Westminster the funds to purchase Centreat. This unexpected \$7.1 million gift would allow Westminster to plan for a 70-acre, unified campus.



The site plan for the Town & Country campus includes state-of-the-art athletic facilities, ample parking and an additional 10 acres for future development.

SEVEN

This remarkable and unexpected gift, coupled with early success in the capital campaign propelled Westminster forward. Architectural drawings were updated, a builder was selected, and a 70-acre site plan was finalized. In 2008, Town & Country granted us approval, and we placed our Ladue Road campus for sale. But, in 2009 the campaign and our construction plans were placed on hold due to the economic turmoil of our region. While we knew the prospect of selling the Ladue Road campus was dim as a result of the poor economy, it remained on the market. In December 2009, the Ladue School District expressed its interest in purchasing the campus, resulting in the \$18 million sale in April with the passing of a bond referendum.

Looking back now on the unfolding story of the Town & Country campus, so many of these pieces seemed to have come together so nicely. But, experiencing it day-to-day was often challenging, complex, and sometimes even discouraging. We have seen God provide a \$14 million campus in the center of the St. Louis region. The impossible dream of Centreat became a reality. A major campus plan was approved by the City of Town & Country, and God's protection and provision were there all along the way. And then most recently, a public school district purchased the Ladue Road campus for the amazing price of \$18 million, funded by a bond referendum paid for by a property tax increase approved by the residents of the district. God has worked in, through, and even outside the efforts of Westminster Christian Academy to bring together so many moving parts, all aligned toward a vision for young men and women prepared to engage the world and change it for Jesus Christ.

We rejoice as we move forward together, amazed and excited by what God is doing and what He will do in the lives of students and families for years to come.



Director of Operations Todd Fuller watches as School Board President John Moore signs the closing documents to finalize the sale of Westminster's Ladue Road Campus to the Ladue School District.

Moving Our Mission Forward

The development of our Town & Country campus is not only an opportunity to advance our enduring mission, but it is also an opportunity to provide better opportunities for our students, to implement community-minded environments designed for the diverse needs of 21st-century students and to build lasting partnerships in the Christian community. Three main principles guide our planning as we anticipate our new campus home.

Growth is the result of holding to our mission, not a goal in itself.

Our new Town & Country campus certainly allows for growth, and we do expect to grow. However, growth is not our goal. Our goal remains the same as always: to better fulfill our mission and vision. We believe that growth has occurred and does and will occur as we hold to our mission and our focus to become more effective. You could say that we are simply focused on getting better, not just getting bigger. Our goal is to keep our doors open to Christian families, to pursue excellence, to give our students more and better opportunities and to prepare more young people to be difference-makers for Him. For this reason, a new campus is being developed.

Keep our focus on building graduates, not building bricks.

From day one, we have been about the kids, and we are intentional about continuously expanding their possibilities. Today, one can walk through the new building's spaces and practically hear students laughing in Dr. Holley's English class, harmoniously singing in Mr. Schwamb's chorus room, performing an experiment in Dr. Shaw's science lab or applauding in the theater. "You can just see this campus bursting with kids," says Head of School Jim Marsh. "The building is only bricks and mortar. It's what happens inside the building that is really exciting," he says.



Visit www.westminstercampaign.com to view a digital flyover of the completed campus, which will include a state-of-the-art 2,000-seat stadium, 8-lane track, football and soccer fields, new performance gym, 620-seat theater, 12 tennis courts and fields for lacrosse and field hockey, as well as 10 acres to be developed in the future.

The 320,000-square-foot Town & Country building is nearly twice the size of our current Ladue Road location, which is 165,000 square feet. Our current parking lot contains 285 spaces; our new one is composed of 720.

We are working diligently to provide a 21st-century Christian education in a building that provides the structure and technology to support such an education. With the plan for the Town & Country campus, we have the incredible opportunity to create learning environments that live in Christian community. Unlike the typical large secondary school with the long hallways that branch off into classrooms, the new campus implements a design and use of space that provides for innovative ways of teaching and learning. Each grade level, or "neighborhood," will share its own area of classrooms and lockers, cultivating a small-school feel even as our entire school grows larger. Each class neighborhood will also include small and large meeting rooms, ideal for small group meetings, peer counselor devotions,

teacher collaboration and student-teacher discussion. And in addition to a main commons, grade 7, grade 8, grades 9 and 10 and grades 11 and 12 will be able to gather, study and fellowship in their own commons.

This approach will provide a wealth of innovative teaching and learning opportunities that promote relationship-building and student growth. It will enable the formation of centers of excellence in many aspects of our educational and cocurricular programs, providing expanding opportunities for every student.

Throughout Westminster's history, we have remained and still remain committed to keeping operations separate from capital improvement. Tuition dollars are not and will not be used for anything related to the development of Town & Country. Our campus will allow us to create income streams that will help us to hold tuition, providing sustainability for many years and ensuring that the following generations have even better opportunities as we progress.

Our new campus, in addition to offering an excellent education to Westminster students 176 days a year,



Sustain our mission through innovation and building partnerships in our community, region and around the world.

The Campaign for Westminster is about how God is shaping lives. We know that our students are being shaped through their churches and in their homes, as well as through the Westminster experience. The plan for Westminster is designed to build upon God's blessings and achieve a vision to serve as an innovative Christian community.

This is a call to create a campus strategically designed for the needs of current students and the extraordinary needs of the future. We hold to a conviction that God's will is for Westminster to rise to the challenge of preparing tomorrow's Christian leaders.

has been designed to be a resource for the Christian community. The 620-seat theater, for example, is designed not only for our own stage performances, but it is also meant to be an inviting space utilized by the entire Christian community for music and drama performances, large meetings and other programs.

Even more significant than our buildings, our best resources are our people, who can support the community and serve as great blessings to others. As we build upon our strategic partnerships, we can only imagine the powerful ways in which the future of Westminster Christian Academy might serve as a blessing to the expansion of God's Kingdom. We must become quick and creative in our leadership response to an ever-changing and increasingly complex world.

From the Director of Advancement: Education at Its Best



View www.westminstercampaign.com/seeing-the-impact/virtual to explore our future campus through virtual tours and renderings of classrooms, commons, the theater and other areas of the campus.



(top) The new campus' colonnade will integrate the Celtic crosses currently displayed at the school's current entrance. (middle) State-of-the-art classrooms integrate technology and encourage community. (bottom) Innovative spaces, such as the art classroom, complete with individual ceramics stations, support a myriad of opportunities for creativity.





Jesus said to His disciples, “The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63). Hit the pause button on your life and think about that for a moment with me. Jesus’ very words had the power to change the spirit within the disciples and bring them new life.

Simple ideas can become hard to hear in this noisy world. The idea of Christian education can get muddled for us in today’s world. We can view it as a private education, an alternative education or a church-ed-up version of public school, or maybe a somehow better environment than other schools. But, the concept of a great Christian school is a very straightforward and big idea: education is at its very best when the power and truth of God’s Word are in the hearts of its teachers, families and students.

I believe this is the foundational idea of Westminster Christian Academy – that Christian education should be an example, an embodiment, of the way excellent education ought to be. Education, to truly be transformational in the lives of students, equipping them and preparing them for this troubled world, must have what Jesus talked about, “the SPIRIT and LIFE” of the Word of God infused into every aspect of learning and every experience.

Now we aren’t going to do this perfectly. As a Christian school, we are an organization filled with human beings who fall short of this ideal. But, my grandma always said, “Hitch your wagon to the highest star,” something we at Westminster surely do. As we challenge students by working through teachers in partnership with the family and the church, we see God work through our efforts and produce real change, real fruit, in the lives of our students and graduates.

The story of what God is doing in the Campaign for Westminster: For Such A Time As This is simply remarkable, and it is causing some people to ask the question, “Why?” Why is God doing this?

At the end of September, we needed to see \$15 million in total pledges or we were going to have to stop construction, which not only would have delayed our timeline, but also would have profoundly increased our costs. We began that last week of September with \$13.4 million in pledges, and by the end of the week our pledges totaled \$15.7 million.

That's \$2.3 million in pledges in five days, allowing for continued construction. We saw pledges coming in too fast to count.

In one day, we had more than 60 pledges. Just one day! This kind of movement of God's people, with this sort of speed, has never happened before at Westminster.

Now, we are focused on our next milestone, which is a total of \$20 million in pledges by the end of December. We currently have more than \$16 million in pledges, so we need, approximately, an additional \$4 million in new pledges by December 31. Achieving this milestone will enable us to fully utilize the financing we have secured to complete the campus – lock, stock and barrel – for the beginning of next school year. By God's grace we reached that critical milestone at the end of September, but we must also reach this milestone in order to keep going and to be in a position to finish the work.

“Education is at its very best when the power and truth of God's Word are in the hearts of its teachers, families and students”

But I must confess, as we are seeing God work and move through His people, I come back to that question, “Why?” Why, God, are you doing this? We keep asking people to come to meetings and hear the story. We keep asking people to pray and get involved and pledge as the Lord leads. And we are seeing people respond. Why? I'm not

sure we know all the reasons. But God is in the people-changing business, and as people are hearing about what God is doing, they are being changed. Because of this, I believe those of us who are connected to Westminster at this point in time are only at the very beginning of the story God is writing through Westminster.

Some data suggests that Christian schools in America are now closing at a rate faster than they are being launched.

Many Christian schools are struggling and desperate to survive because they've allowed their Christian faith to be an excuse for a lack of quality, and parents are no longer beating down their doors to enroll their children.

I wonder sometimes, will Christian education matter in this century? Or, will it fade into quiet inconsequence, never realizing the dream



The Middle School entrance will lead to the 7th grade commons. Multiple commons areas throughout the school will provide ideal spaces for group meetings, studying and hanging out before and after school.



The expanded library at Town & Country will not only house many more books but will also provide storage for archives and spaces for students to collaborate and study.

that our faith should shape our effectiveness and excellence?

I believe God is calling Westminster to continue to become a local, national, and even international example of effective education.

Westminster can be an example of a people daring to grow a school that reflects the diversity of the Kingdom of God, with “students from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). Westminster can be an example of a school that can help not only the most gifted, most talented, most exceptional students achieve with the greatest of success – but also the students with a particular disability or learning difference or behavioral struggle who can still achieve at their highest level.

Other schools, both public and private, will be drawn to us – maybe without even understanding all the reasons why – to come and look at, study and learn what innovation in education really looks like. Our hometown leaders will grow to recognize that we are high-impact and world-class because we are a Christian community, not in spite of it.

I believe God is going to continue to work through His people to provide Westminster the resources and the ability to help us serve many, rather than just a few. But as we trust God to do this, in His time, we must stay true to our mission, keep our eyes on the vision, and seek to honor Jesus Christ in all that

we do. If we do that, even if we don't yet know all the reasons why, we will see God lift up Westminster Christian Academy. Westminster students, families, teachers and graduates will be like the people of God foretold through Zechariah, and others from every language and nation will take hold of the hem of their coats and say, “Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you” (Zechariah 8:23).

“I wonder sometimes, will Christian education matter in this century? Or, will it fade into quiet in consequence, never realizing the dream that our faith should shape our effectiveness and excellence?”

If you have questions about the The Campaign for Westminster: For Such A Time As This, or for more information, you may e-mail Director of Advancement Zach Clark at zclark@wcastl.org.



The science wing will include six experimental labs and eight science classrooms. This lab above connects two classrooms located on either side, allowing for collaboration and for the sharing of lab equipment.



The 620-seat performance theater will allow for on-campus performances by members of the fine arts department and will provide a space for chapel services and other community gatherings. The campus will also include a black box theater for smaller performances.

Prepared and Equipped

It's easy to get overwhelmed by all that is happening at Westminster Christian Academy and all that God is doing. The simplest way to catch a glimpse of the future of Westminster is by considering some of its graduates through a local, national and international lens, and by recognizing that the school's campus is simply a tool God uses to mold students into the young men and women He has created them to be.

LOCAL



Barth Holohan ('91)
Barth discovered his heart and gift for working with the elderly while doing his senior service at Westminster. He has since founded a company that has established several adult daycare centers and works to help families who are struggling to care for their aging parents.



Chris Davis ('03)
Chris currently serves in the diverse Student Ministries of Fellowship Memphis Church as a resident pastor and has the unique opportunity to learn from his pastors and church while pouring into the vibrant youth of Fellowship Memphis. Chris is currently in his second year of seminary working toward a Master of Divinity.



Neal Hopson ('03)
Neal, who works in sales at Tri-Star Mercedes-Benz, serves as a Christian DJ with the praise and worship team at the Revolution Youth Movement at Church On The Rock. He offers his DJ services at events such as fashion shows and parties, where he has the opportunity to share his live Christian music mixes.



Johanna Roberts ('04)
Johanna is in her second year of teaching 5th grade at Central Christian School where she has helped implement new technology such as ActivBoards and teaching inquiry-based science. She says her passion for teaching students to read continues to grow, and she hopes to one day continue her education and become a literacy specialist.



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NATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL



Michael Gerson ('82)
 Michael served as a speechwriter for President George W. Bush during his administration and coined many of the key phrases that impacted so many following the tragedy of 9/11. Gerson is a published author and has written for *U.S. News & World Report*, *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post*.



Kate Gladney ('02)
 Kate served in the advancement office of President George W. Bush; in her position, she traveled around the world preparing the way for his trips. Kate recently completed her training to be an FBI agent, with a focus in counterterrorism.



Jerry Hertzler ('84)
 Jerry has spent 20 years helping Campus Crusade for Christ use technology to share the gospel internationally. He has most recently been involved in a project that provides one year of seminary training to indigenous pastors in Africa via a mobile phone.



Caroline Gamache ('04)
 Caroline, while working as a program coordinator in a research laboratory at Duke University, recently helped to develop an inexpensive, accessible and easy-to-use system that allows mothers in developing countries to give their newborns a potentially life-saving dose of anti-HIV medication shortly after birth.

THE WESTMINSTER GRADUATE

Loves the Lord with all his heart and walks with Him.
KNOWS THAT GOD CREATED HIM WITH purpose, and that He has gifted and equipped him for a life of service to Him and other people.
UNDERSTANDS THE WORK AROUND HIM, AND WHY PEOPLE ARE THE WAY THEY ARE.
Believes in the value of learning, works hard to develop his gifts, and is growing to be all that he can be.
 Is equipped to be the right kind of leader in his church, family, school and work.
Is the type of employee that any ministry, company or organization WANTS TO HAVE ON THEIR TEAM.
 Is committed to the ideas this country was built upon and is ready to have a voice in the public square.
Honors the Lord by honoring his parents and his experience at Westminster
 BY PRESSING ON TOWARD THE HIGH CALLING OF CHRIST JESUS.



Class of 1988

David Workman lives in Hickory, N.C., with his wife Stephanie and their two kids. He recently completed the manuscript for his first novel, a spy thriller, and hopes to have it published by the spring.

Class of 1990



▲ The class of 1990 had its 20-year reunion on June 5, 2010. Classmates gathered at Saratoga Lanes to bowl, shoot pool, listen to fun 90s music and enjoy food catered by alumna **Holly Bergeson Cunningham** ('91) of **Hollyberry Catering**.



▲ **Angie Wall Kimmel** and her husband **Todd** celebrated the birth of their daughter **Lyla Victoria** on July 10, 2010. Big brother **Waylon** (3) is thrilled to have a baby sister but is, of course, doing everything he can to get the attention back on himself.

Class of 1991



▲ **Holly Bergeson Cunningham's** **Hollyberry Catering** was voted favorite caterer (2009-2010) for the second time by *Sauce Magazine* readers.



▲ In September, **Todd Johnson** and his wife **Megan** finalized the adoption of their first child **Maggie Jane**, born in February 2010. Todd completed his Master's in Counseling a few years ago, is a licensed marriage and family therapist and is currently an associate at **Clinical Associates** in Lenexa, Kan., where he specializes in group therapy.

Class of 1993

Westminster tennis coach and bible teacher **Nathan Talley** was named Coach of the Year for Missouri by the National Federation of High Schools. The award is based on but not limited to program success, character, sportsmanship and leadership in the sport. Talley will be among those considered for National Coach of the Year by the NFHS.



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Class of 1995



▲ **Emily Nienhuis** and her daughters **Monae** (8) and **Myah** (5) are blessed to announce their adoption of **Evelyn** (4) in January 2010 and of **Ruby** (2) in February 2010. Emily lives in St. Louis and works for **One Heart Family Ministries** where she recruits, trains and supports Christian families who foster and adopt children in Missouri.

Class of 1998



▲ **Heather Boody Dinn** and her husband **Matthew** announce the birth of their daughter **Clare Nichole Dinn** on March 25, 2010. Heather is an art consultant with **Public Art & Practice** and **Boody Fine Arts**. **Matt** attends **Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis** and works for **Popcheff Law Office**. The **Dinns** live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Class of 2000

Rebekah Pannkuk Tice and her husband **Jeff** welcomed their second son **Carson Dean** on September 19, 2010. He joins older brother **Garrett** (2). The **Tices** currently live outside Indianapolis, Ind., and attend **Grace Presbyterian Church** in Indianapolis.

Class of 2002



▲ **Colleen Potter** and Benjamin Thorburn were married December 19, 2009, at Christ Presbyterian Church in New Haven, Conn. **Courtney Potter** ('05) was their maid of honor. Colleen and Ben live in Hamden, Conn., where Ben is finishing his Ph.D in music history at Yale University. Colleen received a Master of Musical Arts degree in harp performance in 2009 from the Yale School of Music; she works as a harpist, chamber musician, private piano and harp teacher, and adjunct lecturer in music history at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, Conn. She is making her New England concerto debut in March 2011 and is playing the Gliere harp concerto with the Neponset Valley Philharmonic in Mass.



▲ **Lisa Bachman** Jones was selected to create a painting reflecting the lyrics of Amy Grant's song *Takes a Little Time Sometimes* for her fall tour *Pieces of Our Lives*. Amy Grant hosted an intimate evening of art and music benefiting Compassion International. Each evening event opened with an elegant art gallery reception that featured exclusive art, photography, paintings and lyrics reflecting themes from Amy's signature songs. The St. Louis event took place on October 25th at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Class of 2003



▲ **Aubree Alexander** Scheer and husband Mark welcomed Wendy Teresa Rose on April 6, 2009. Aubree and Mark, who were married in 2006, live in St. Louis and are part of New City Fellowship Church. In addition to caring for Wendy, Aubree is Afterschool Director at The Freedom School in University City.



▲ **Joe Bubenik** and his wife Ali welcomed Evelynne Elizabeth to their family on February 2, 2010. Joe works for his father's company Color Craftsmen, which creates custom finishes for residential and commercial properties. Ali works as an administrator at their church, The Journey, in St. Louis.



▲ **Kristopher Johnson** and his wife Yelena were married in Cancun, Mexico, on April 3, 2010.



▲ **Adam Caldwell Waldron** and Erin Marie Mosley were married July 17, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Jasper, Ala. Adam and Erin met at Auburn University; Adam graduated in 2007 with a degree in economics and finance, and Erin graduated with a bachelor's and master's of accountancy. Adam is presently working as an underwriter in Nashville, Tenn., for CNA Surety. Adam's siblings **Philip** ('98), **Vance** ('01) and **Carrie** ('07), as well as Vance's wife Kala, were members of the wedding party.

Class of 2004



▲ **Katie Mastin** Mugg and her husband Jordan currently live in Cheyenne, Wyo., in a 1920s bungalow. Jordan is in the Air Force and Katie is a 5th grade Title I tutor at Arp Elementary School. They have learned to love their surroundings through hiking, cycling, fishing, camping and snowshoeing.

Class of 2005



▲ Classmates **David Whitwell** and **Kristy Shelberg** were married on July 2, 2010, at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The wedding party included **Allison Reed, Abby Paddock, Ben Bowman, Natalie Murphey** (all '05) and Paul Notice. They couple lives in New York, where David is working toward his music educational and musical performance degrees at the Music Conservatory at Brooklyn College and will graduate this spring. Kristy graduated with honors in May 2010 with a degree in marketing and is now the party and event coordinator at *Scholastic* and a freelance photographer.



▲ In June, **Mike Rohlfing** led a team for the St. Louis 48-Hour Film Project. The team's adventure serial, "The Adventures of Johnny Jett," won Audience Choice for the fourth year in a row. The film has been screened at the St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase, as well as at the St. Louis International Film Festival in November. Westminster team members include **Alex Docekal** ('07), **Forrest Hughes** (pictured) ('10), **Paige Norman** ('09), **Jon Wiele** ('05), **Katie Fischer** ('02), **Allen Schwamb** (Westminster choral director), **Daniel Hoover** ('05), **Luke McGowan** ('06) and **Chuck Parson** ('05). The movie can be seen at <http://jrux.net/johnnyjett>.



▲ **Brittany Wesley** and **Brandon Hartloge** were married in June 2010. The wedding party included brother **Brandon Wesley** ('08), and friends **Bliss Barber, Lauren Hunt, Sarah Huffman** and **Megan Munson** (all '05). Brittany is a special education teacher at Promise Christian Academy and is the varsity dance team coach at Westminster. Brandon is the head strength and conditioning coach at St. Louis Center for Functional Medicine. He also coaches football at Westminster and for Elite Football Academy. The couple lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Class of 2006



▲ **Timothy Gee** and **Sarah Breeding** were married on May 22, 2010 at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Timothy is a graduate of Indiana University and has a degree in both physics and mathematics. He is currently working for Fairbanks Morse in Kansas City. Sarah is finishing her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the UMKC School of Pharmacy; she will graduate in May 2012.

Megan Kelley Schwartz graduated magna cum laude from the University of Missouri in 2010 with a degree in history. She is in the university's Fellows program working on her master's and is teaching at Hickman High School in Columbia, Mo.

Class of 2007



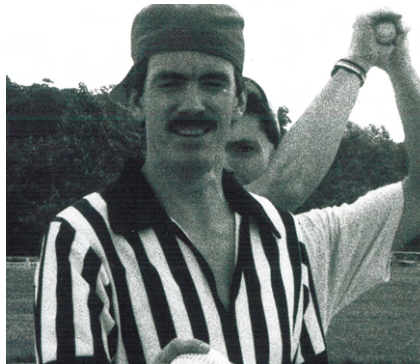
▲ **Annie Hindeleh** married **Brian Hicks** on June 19, 2010 in St. Louis. **Erin Wilson** ('07) was the maid of honor, and **Lindsay Loyd** and **Amanda Wolf** (both '07) were bridesmaids. Annie and Brian attend John Brown University and plan to graduate in December 2010 — Annie with a double major in secondary social studies education and political science and Brian with a double major in web and graphic Design.

Class of 2009

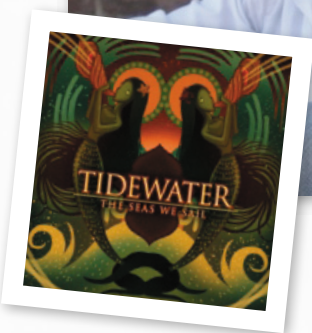
Jordan Duke was selected by the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society as one of the top 14 freshmen — out of 5,000 members of the class of 2013 — at the University of Missouri. ODK chose the top 14 based upon the criteria of scholarship, athletics, campus/community service, social/religious activities, campus government; journalism, speech and mass media; and creative and performing arts. Jordan and the 13 other recipients were honored at a reception in April 2010.

Summer Flashback Winner

▼ Congratulations to **Erin Johnson** Essenburg ('99), who won a \$15 iTunes gift card for being the first to correctly identify our Flashback musical performers as **Ali Bogue** ('98), **Amity Haugk** ('98), **Sarah Reinwald** ('99) and Stephanie Awalt in the 1998 production of Cinderella.



▲ **Teachable Moment:** If you are the first Westminster alumnus/a to correctly identify all four of the Westminster teachers pictured above, you will win a \$15 iTunes gift card. E-mail your answer or guess to Emily Schnitzler, *Chimes* editor, at eschnitzler@wcastl.org.



Making an Impact: Brett Allen ('08)

Brett currently attends Baylor University, where he is pursuing a B.A. in Film and Digital Media. In addition to being a full-time college student, Brett is also pursuing his career in music as a member of the band Tidewater. The making of the band's first record, *The Seas We Sail*, occupied much of his first semester.

Brett is actively involved at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Waco, Texas and leads worship for Baylor's RUF ministry. He is thankful for his time at Westminster and his participation in chapel band, which helped shape his music career. "It was a great experience that taught me a lot. Whether it was playing in chapel band or recording an album, the Lord

has presented opportunities for me to play music. Westminster challenged me to be conscious of my vocation, and that is what I strive to do."

Now that Brett's record has been released, he is selling CDs in the Westminster Bookstore for \$10 each. He has graciously offered to donate the bookstore proceeds to *For Such A Time As This*. If you purchase Brett's songs or album on iTunes and e-mail your iTunes receipt to alumni@wcastl.org, Brett will donate those proceeds to Westminster, as well. Thank you, Brett, for your generosity and for setting an example for all of us to use our gifts and talents to glorify God!



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Coming Together For Such A Time As This

In May 2010, friends, neighbors, parents, alumni parents, church friends and others in the community began gathering together in the homes of Westminster families to hear how the vision for Westminster Christian Academy's future is becoming a reality. At these Community Meetings, Head of School Jim Marsh, Director of Advancement Zach Clark and other school leaders have shared their hearts for the school and have walked attendees through:

- Construction plans and blueprints for Westminster's new campus
- A timeline for construction and transition
- Long-term plans for Westminster and what they mean for families and students
- Ways attendees can be involved and make a difference

These gatherings offer more than a chance to fellowship with friends and to learn about construction progress. A Community Meeting is an opportunity to catch a glimpse into how God is shaping the future of Westminster to impact the lives of your children and others for generations to come.

As you reflect upon what God has done and how He continues to work throughout this campaign, we ask that you seek to engage the broader Christian community outside of Westminster and share this story. Your leadership will help Westminster move forward in preparing more young people to engage the world and change it for Jesus Christ.



What are attendees saying about Community Meetings?

"I loved [the meeting]. It was so informative. Here I am, an [alumna], hoping to send my child [to Westminster], and there was so much I didn't know about Westminster. I had no idea about ... the miracles along the way. I loved all the stories. I had chills the entire time. I left feeling on fire for God. I left wanting to tell others." – Jennifer Mason ('90)

"It was very inspirational. I always think it is amazing to hear how God directs each family to Westminster. The meeting made me love Westminster even more than I did before. I have always liked that the school is very real – Mr. Marsh is very real, and the kids are real. No one pretends like it's a perfect place. It is like God's workshop." – Colleen Bognar, Westminster parent



Visit www.westminstercampaign.com/lets-talk/community-meetings to read additional comments from Community Meeting attendees.