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Clockwise from left to right:

- 1. Members of the Class of 2016
- 2. President's Cup Recipient, Kennedy Manyika
- 3. President's Cup Recipient, Grace Ketron

- 4. Eighth Grade Promotion
- 5. Fifth Grade Promotion

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Loose change, plastic golf balls, identification cards, marbles, and aspirin.

These are contents of a glass jar that sit on my desk. Following each graduation ceremony I add an additional item to the jar. Somewhere, somehow it became tradition for each graduating senior to hand me something, while I simultaneously present them with their well-earned diploma. The class usually coordinates their efforts and has one consistent token for me to grab as we pose for a picture on stage. I am well prepared for this as I always have a basket on stage with me in which I can collect the items. It is not always a smooth handover as the students are often nervous and thus their sweaty hands make the transition difficult.

The glass jar serves as a reminder as it rests on my desk. Every once in a while the contents of the jar will bring a smile to my face as I remember the story behind the gift. My thoughts begin to wander to the members of those classes, many are currently in colleges around the country, but others are college graduates who have begun their careers. Amazingly some of those graduates are married to each other and beginning the journey of creating a Christian home.

My greatest joy as a head of school is handing a diploma to a smiling student. Parents and the school officially capture that moment with a photograph. The picture is one moment in time and does not define the school or the student. It is a keepsake but it does not tell the whole story.

I am thankful that God does not view us through the lens of a camera that captures only one moment in time. Rather, God looks at us through a timeless view of the whole journey. He does not judge us by one moment, one decision, or one accomplishment.

Too often in our human frailty, we rush to judgment based on one picture, one moment, or one photograph. God takes the long view - that is how He used Moses, David, Peter and others to accomplish His will. I am thankful that God views me in the same manner. I am thankful that God uses the same view for our students.

Graduation day is a wonderful day, but it is one day of many. The true joy of Charlotte Christian is when we can take God's perspective and see how each individual will be used through their experiences and testimony to impact the world for God's glory.

God Bless,

Barry Giller
Head of School

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in College and University Scholarships



22

Academic Conservatory Distinctions



20

AP Scholars

100

College Acceptances



Earned During Upper School Career

15

College Athletic Signings



29

Lifers (started in JK, K, or Grade 1)



27

Honors Graduates (cumulative GPA of at least 4.5)

CLASS OF 2016

BY THE NUMBERS FOR 100 SENIORS

10

Gold & Silver Key Combined Regional Visual Art Awards



2

Charlotte Parent Terrific Teens

6

National Merit Commended Scholars

2

National Gold & Silver Medals Combined for Scholastic Art



5

Gold & Silver Key Combined Regional Writing Awards

1

National Gold Medal for Scholastic Writing



1

National Merit Scholar

"The Class of 2016 entered their senior year with a desire to leave a legacy at Charlotte Christian, and they did just that. The SGA officers, led by President Taylor Burch, created new social events that helped to unite our student body. The newspaper staff, led by editor Logan Phillips, changed the look and substance of the *Lancer* in innovative and creative ways. The dance team, led by captain Noelle Cassier, extended the success of this relatively new group at our school with a second consecutive state championship. Many seniors fostered relationships with younger students by serving as team captains, CELL group leaders in the middle school and teacher's aides in the lower school. The heart and creativity of the Class of 2016 was on display this year as the seniors went about their business of influencing our school community."

- Mrs. Jodi Foxx, Director of College Counseling

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2016 VALEDICTORIAN: *Noelle Cassier***STARTED AT CCS:** Junior Kindergarten**SURPRISING FACT:** "I love to travel and have made it my personal goal to visit all 50 (approximately) countries in Europe before I die."**FAVORITE MEMORY:** "Going to Greensboro with the dance team and winning a second state championship."**COLLEGE PLANS:** "After much prayer and debate, I have decided to attend Duke University. Go Blue Devils! Honestly, I am not entirely sure what I want to study in college or what my long-term career goals are, but I have many different passions I plan on pursuing until I find my niche. I am looking to major in political science, psychology, or possibly economics with theatre as a second major and a Marketing and Management Certificate. I also want to minor in French, and if all goes as planned, I would love to live in Paris at some point after college."**IMPACT OF CCS:** "Charlotte Christian has indisputably made a huge difference in my life. Fourteen years spent in one place will certainly impact a person, but Charlotte Christian has grown to be my second family. Most people think I'm joking when I say I could walk the campus blindfolded, but I'm dead serious. I have spent the majority of my 17 years at 7301 Sardis Road, and it has truly become my second home. While I will be sad to say goodbye, I can definitely state that CCS has prepared me for life after graduation. With such fond memories of these last 14 years always with me, I cannot wait to go out into the world and explore it for myself."**2016 SALUTATORIAN:** *Taylor Burch***STARTED AT CCS:** Kindergarten**SURPRISING FACT:** "I collect gummy bears from around the world. I also write left-handed and play sports right-handed."**FAVORITE MEMORY:** "Playing high school sports and forming lifelong friendships with great teammates and coaches."**COLLEGE PLANS:** "I will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year. Go Heels! I plan to study and major in computer science with a potential minor or double major in business. Computer science is an interest of mine that has developed from the AP Computer Science class I took as a senior and an internship I completed last summer. Ideally, I want to use my computer science degree in the sports world, combining two of my passions into a career in data analysis or another field in sports."**IMPACT OF CCS:** "Charlotte Christian has been my home for 13 years, and I am sad to be leaving it. CCS has given me a community that has supported, guided, and nourished me for much of my life. It has given me opportunities to discover many things about myself and form lifelong friendships that I would not have otherwise. I have enjoyed my time at Charlotte Christian, but I know that all good things must come to an end. In light of that, I feel that I am certainly prepared for life after graduation. I am prepared for any academic or spiritual challenges that come my way on campus in the next four years. I am truly grateful for Charlotte Christian, its faculty, and the experience I have had here; I know I'll always be a Knight."

#FOREVERAKNIGHT



Seniors Win Big at the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

Charlotte Christian students won awards at both the regional and national levels in the areas of visual arts and writing. This spring, two CCS seniors were awarded national Gold Keys, the highest honor presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, an organization whose mission is to “identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.”

Rachel Redmond received a writing gold key for her personal memoir “A Letter to Elizabeth” and Chloe Lee received a gold key for her mixed media artwork entitled “Family Problems.” Both girls recently returned from a trip to New York City where they received their medals in a special ceremony at Carnegie Hall.

Rachel entered the competition as part of the requirements for her Academic Conservatory distinction in English. She enlisted the help of former English teacher and current MS/US Media Specialist Mrs. Jessica Ramsey to bounce ideas off of and to refine her writing. “My piece is a letter to a friend that I ‘lost’ in the transition from eighth to ninth grade,” said Rachel. “I was cleaning my room, and I found a picture of her and realized it was what I wanted to write about. Mrs. Ramsey was so helpful to me throughout the process, and without her I wouldn’t have gotten as far as I did.”

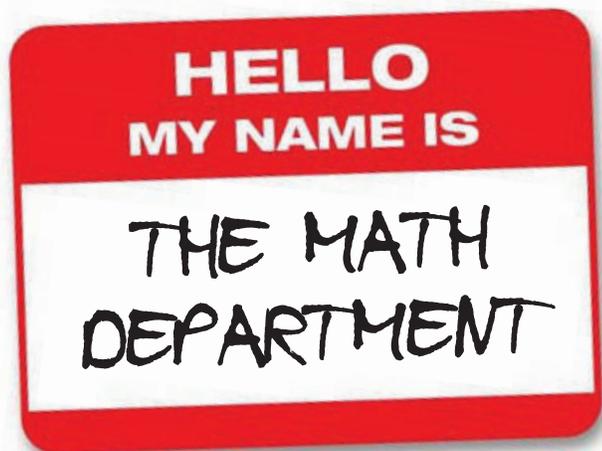
“I knew she was going to win as soon as I read it,” said Mrs. Ramsey. “I could immediately relate to it, and I knew anyone who read it could easily have had the same experience at that age.” The group of nationally renowned authors, poets, publishers and other literary arts professionals agreed with Mrs. Ramsey and awarded Rachel her gold key recognition based on its originality, technique and “emergence of a personal voice.” Her writing will be published online in the alliance’s online gallery and has the opportunity to be included in additional Scholastic Awards’ publications.

Chloe Lee’s award-winning artwork is part of her AP Studio Art portfolio and is about what influences, traumatizes, forms, distorts, solidifies and grows people’s lives. Her piece will be on display in New York and, similarly to Rachel’s, was also adjudicated by a panel of nationally renowned artists, art professionals, and arts educators on the basis of its originality, technique, and “emergence of a personal vision.”

“Chloe is an incredibly thought-provoking artist,” said Mrs. Eva Crawford, upper school art teacher. “She has taken multiple art classes throughout her CCS career, spent countless hours in a South Korea art studio, and has always worked towards technical perfection. Ultimately it is her imaginative and insightful approach to art making that proves her artistic maturity and success.”

“Sometimes, the best memories hurt the worst of all. It happens to me often, that intense nostalgia for happier times when you were still around. Sometimes it’s small and fleeting, a whisper that barely disrupts my concentration. Other times, it’s an enormous ocean that swallows me up and shakes me to my core...”

- excerpt from Rachel Redmond’s memoir “A Letter to Elizabeth”



GETTING TO KNOW THE MATH DEPARTMENT

We continue our series on getting to know the different academic departments around campus. This issue we feature the middle and upper school math department and what makes its faculty members tick.

Middle School:



ANN CULBERSON teaches eighth grade math (Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1 and Geometry) and has been a member of the faculty at Charlotte Christian for 17 years. She received her B.S. in Mathematics from UNC-Greensboro and her M.S. in Mathematics from Winthrop University. Ann and her husband, David, have been married 33 years and have a son, Christopher (CCS class of 2005); a daughter, Courtney (CCS class of 2008); and four grandchildren.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

“Math helps to develop learners that can conceptualize, problem solve and apply math facts. I am passionate about math and believe you should be able to explain how you can solve a problem and then apply the concepts in the real world. I trust that my students share part of that passion, and I celebrate their ‘light bulb’ moments with them when they understand the concepts! Math is also a way of recording and expressing the laws and relationships God created. Math reveals God’s nature and character.”

How do your class(es) prepare students for the future?

“Math helps you to understand concepts that impact areas of your everyday life.”

What do you like most about working at CCS?

“I love the students and the relationships that I am able to build with them. The teachable moments with them are priceless and when they come back to visit me it makes my day! I am also blessed to work with an awesome faculty, staff and administration that seem like my second family. The community atmosphere makes coming to work a pleasure.”



LIZ DANIEL teaches seventh grade math and just completed her first year at Charlotte Christian. She received her undergraduate degree from Lehigh University and her M.Ed. in secondary education from Vanderbilt University. She and her husband, Peter, have two sons, one of whom is in seventh grade at Charlotte Christian.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

“Solving math problems is like putting together a puzzle!”

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

“There is always more than one way to solve a math problem. I teach students multiple problem-solving strategies and guide them in choosing the strategy that works best for the problem and for their particular strengths.”

What do you like most about working at CCS?

“The people! I love being part of a praying, caring community. Plus, this is the most fun I have ever had at work in my entire life!”



RENEE PRESTON teaches sixth grade math and is completing her fourth year at Charlotte Christian. She grew up at a Christian school similar to Charlotte Christian and received her bachelor’s degree from Abilene Christian University. Renee and her husband, Ryan, have four children at CCS, a tenth grader, eighth grader, sixth grader, and third grader.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

“Math is definitely the best subject to teach. I previously taught every subject when I taught fifth grade and found that I looked forward to teaching math the most because it is a measurable skill. I love seeing my students’ joy when they work hard and learn something new.”

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

“The math classes I teach lay a foundation for students. Many of my students take Pre-Algebra or Algebra in 7th grade. In Math 6, we work on strengthening basic math skills that students will need in these classes. In Advanced Math 6, students spend less time on the basics and begin to look at some Pre-Algebra concepts.”

What do you like most about working at CCS?

“I love the CCS community. I enjoy seeing my students at football and basketball games and getting to know new families each year. I also enjoy sharing this community with my own children. It is also nice to not only teach math but also be able to help students grow to be more like Christ.”

Upper School:



BOB ANGLE teaches Geometry Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, and AP Calculus BC and completed his 19th year of teaching at Charlotte Christian and 49 years total in the classroom. He received his B.A. in Math from Pfeiffer and his MAT in Math from Duke. Bob and his wife, Joanie, have two daughters, one son and two granddaughters.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

"I like teaching math because a student has to see abstract relationships and have the discipline to correlate new concepts to ones previously learned. Each new problem or topic is a challenge. In short, I like seeing students learn to think mathematically."

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

"Everyone uses math sometime. Some of my students will use mathematics daily in their careers. I give them a solid foundation to build upon."

What do you like most about working at CCS?

"I get a chance to teach students who have the potential to do great things for God. I work with people who care about this place as much as I do and who want it to be the best school to receive a Christian education from."



STEWART EMERY teaches Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Probability and Statistics. She graduated from UNC-Charlotte with a degree in Mathematics and a focus in secondary education. She is married to Patrick and they have a dog, Fenway. Stewart is the daughter of fellow upper school math teacher Mrs. Susan Jones. She has taught Math at CCS for four

years but worked in the fine arts department for two years prior to moving to the upper school.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

"I like teaching math because there is always a clear answer, and I love students who do not really like math and trying to make them enjoy the subject."

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

"You need math in everyday life. My classes teach the students the basic principals of math, and shows them when and where they can use the math they are learning in the real world."

What do you like most about working at CCS?

"I love the community at Charlotte Christian, it really makes me feel like this is my second home instead of work. I love that I am able to not only teach, but also help with fine arts, coach, and lead J-Term trips. I love getting to know the students on a more personal level instead of just knowing them in a classroom setting."



SUSAN JONES teaches Algebra II Honors, Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus AB and has been at CCS for seven years. She double majored in Economics and Economics Management from Salem College and received her M.Ed. in Math with an emphasis in secondary education from the University of Miami. Susan is married to Frankie and they have two children, a daughter, Stewart,

who also teaches upper school math at Charlotte Christian, and a son, Mike, who graduated from CCS in 2012. The Jones also have two dogs: Otis and Wilson.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

"Math is the BEST subject to teach because it is the language of God! I can teach anywhere in the world and my language is understood by all! Math is objective; it is not up to interpretation! When solving mathematical problems, however, there is usually more than one way to come up with the right answer...it is fun to see how the students minds work when solving math problems."

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

"My class hopefully teaches my students to think critically. Even if they do not pursue a career that involves math per say, I pray that I have taught them how to think systematically and how to approach a difficult problem without giving up!"

What do you like most about working at CCS?

"I love the relationships I am able to form with my students. This comes from spending so much time with them in class, during the J-Term trips to the Dominican Republic, Windy Gap, class sponsor, etc.... I do have a great job!"



RYAN RUNGE teaches AP Physics C, AP Computer Science, AP Statistics and Calculus III and has been a member of the Charlotte Christian faculty for 20 years. Mr. Runge earned his B.S. degree in Physics from The University of California, Riverside. He and his wife, Emily, have been married for six years.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

"It is by math that we can see that God's creation is orderly, structured, algebraic, and geometrical."

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

"All students, even those that won't pursue higher levels of math in the future, will learn critical thinking and problem solving skills that can be applied to a vast array of life applications."

What do you like most about working at CCS?

"I enjoy seeing students, faculty, and myself grow closer to the Lord through the relationships that are developed among the CCS community."



DAVID ZACARIAS teaches Geometry and Advanced Functions and has taught at CCS for four years. He received his B.A. in Liberal Studies with a Math Concentration from Azusa Pacific University. He and his wife, Brittany, have been married for almost five years and have a two-year-old daughter, Jane.

Why is math the best subject to teach?

“I love math because it’s logical. God created all things and we can see through His creation by order and design that He is the one who created math. He simply enabled man to put it onto paper and into formulas. We may have developed written formulas for things such as gravity but He alone created gravity. It’s His language towards us through creation.”

How does your class(es) prepare students for the future?

“Mathematics helps students think logically and critically. They learn how to follow processes, think sequentially and problem solve. Although many careers do not have math as their main focus, all require logic and reasoning. Those skills are developed in my classes.”

What do you like most about working at CCS?

“I love my fellow staff and faculty. I have no doubt that each one of them loves the Lord and loves the students they teach. To have devoted teachers working alongside you is such an encouragement and a support when trying to teach and affect the lives of your students.”

Math Teacher Fun Facts

ANN CULBERSON

- Was the drum major for her high school marching band.

STEWART EMERY

- Has seen/owns almost every Disney movie made.

LIZ DANIEL

- Likes to play with numbers in her head when riding her bike or running by looking at street addresses and license plates to find different patterns and combinations.

SUSAN JONES

- Has been to the Dominican Republic more than 20 times and she helped out in India after the tsunami.

RYAN RUNGE

- Worked at Disneyland in California in high school and college.

RENEE PRESTON

- Loves to cook and bring treats in for students, especially indoor s’mores.

DAVID ZACARIAS

- Is a lifelong, die-hard San Francisco Giants fan.

BOB ANGLE

- Loves keeping up with the Panthers.

CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
KNIGHT TANK
2nd Annual Competition
September 2016



The 2015-16 school year’s successful Knight Tank initiative, held in February, sparked enthusiasm and excitement over new ideas students could bring to campus. The second annual Knight Tank contest will be held next fall, most likely in late September following the annual Windy Gap retreat, in an effort to give students with the winning proposal the entire school year to implement their idea.

The guidelines for next fall’s program will be the same as for the inaugural Knight Tank. Students and teachers are encouraged to collaborate on an idea for an innovative concept that would enhance the student

experience. Teams will have the opportunity to present their ideas via a proposal and presentation to a review board comprised of Mr. Giller, Chief Financial Officer Terry Efir, a current board of trustees member and a student representative. Teams will compete for future funding of their ideas, and the potential exists for multiple awards to be given with \$3,000 set aside for the program.

The 2015-16 winners, Knights in Flight, led by the team of Julian Segovia (grade 6), Brian Segovia (grade 9), Ms. Kaylah Holland, middle school technology coordinator, and Mr. Steve Beezhold, upper

school technology facilitator, will begin their after school drone club in the fall for middle and upper school students. It will focus on the science and mechanics of building and flying drones through the Flite Test STEM curriculum.

“We were so pleased with the success of the inaugural Knight Tank,” said Mr. Giller. “I am proud of the initiative and determination all our student presenters showed, and I am encouraged by their passion in wanting to make their school a better place. I look forward to see what our students come up with next.”



A LESSON COME TO LIFE

In conjunction with the seventh grade language arts study of the play *12 Angry Men* by Reginald Rose, teacher Mrs. Libby Sikora took her students downtown to the Mecklenburg County Courthouse in an effort to bring the story to life. The play, set in a New York City jury room in 1957, is about 12 jurors deliberating the fate of an inner city teen accused of murder.

"I love teaching this play, but last year when we began our study, I realized my students really don't understand the court system and its terminology; they were confused about what a prosecutor did and who the defendant was," said Mrs. Sikora.

Mrs. Sikora enlisted the help of Mr. Charles Keller, community access and outreach administrator in the Trial Court Administrator's (TCA) Office for the 26th Judicial District, to organize the day. The students toured the courthouse, sat in the jury box and learned where the judge and the bailiff take their place. For an additional perspective, they sat in the area reserved for courtroom observers.

Mr. Keller also brought in Detective McFadden, a retired homicide detective, who focused on evidence and its importance in the trial process. He taught the students about proof of guilt, reasonable doubt and taking notes so the evidence is clear and there are no questions in the end.

"When we returned to school and began our study of the play, it was easy to see that my students better understood what was going on, and everything seemed to click. I set up a jury table in my classroom and assigned roles to them. They really got into their character."

"The play is about prejudice, fairness and our legal system," said Mrs. Sikora. The whole play takes place in a jury deliberation room where after the trial during the deliberation, true feelings begin to come out. You can see the amount of prejudice in each of the jurors in some way; and you can definitely see the flaws and the strengths and weaknesses in America in 1957."



"We had just studied the Holocaust, which took place only 12 years before this play was set. My students were able to make the connection between the prejudices in both situations. We had great discussion about how easy it is when sin seeps into our heart and how that is why we keep remembering the holocaust and civil rights."





What exactly is an Orff instrument and how do you play a recorder? These are questions that fourth grade students will answer with the start of a new lower school music curriculum in the fall. Students will spend the year moving through three rotations, each lasting 12 weeks. The rotations will include ukulele instruction by Mr. Don Humphries; Orff percussion and recorder instruction with Mrs. Leslie Niessner; and chorus with Mrs. Elisa Dennehy. The program will be introduced to fourth grade students next year, and then become a two-year program for both fourth and fifth grade students the following year.

The new music curriculum is specifically designed with instrument readiness in mind and will begin to teach lower school students about notes, rhythms, varieties of instruments, and much more. Catering to all learning styles, the program allows students to build on concepts learned in earlier grades and offers a unique opportunity to thoroughly explore chorus along with wind, string, and percussion instruments before making a choice to participate in band, orchestra, or chorus in middle school.

During each 12-week rotation, students in each of the three groups will be able to work on the same pieces of music so they can all perform together at the conclusion of the rotation as one large multi-talented ensemble.

Currently, students decide at the end of the third grade if they would like to pursue band, orchestra or chorus. However, contemporary research has shown that exposing students to instruments like the Orff selections, recorders, and ukuleles is actually better suited to their skills at that age and also allows them more direction as they determine which type of musical path they would like to take in the future.

An idea called "Uke Can Do It" that featured ukuleles and Orff instruments was also shared during the Knight Tank competition. The concept was well received and components were selected to include in the new lower school music program.

LET'S MAKE SOME *Music*

Introducing the Exciting New Lower School Music Curriculum

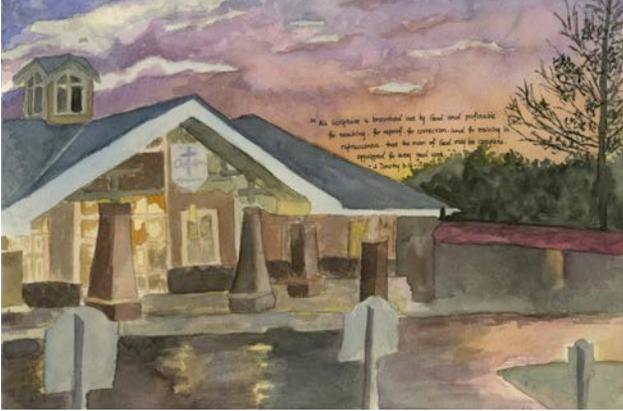
"We are excited to add more depth to our rich music education curriculum this fall," shared Mrs. Leslie Niessner, Charlotte Christian band teacher. "Offering instruction on Orff instruments, ukuleles, recorders and voice will foster child-friendly development of critical thinking, kinesthetics, and problem solving in addition to providing a firm foundation for music literacy.



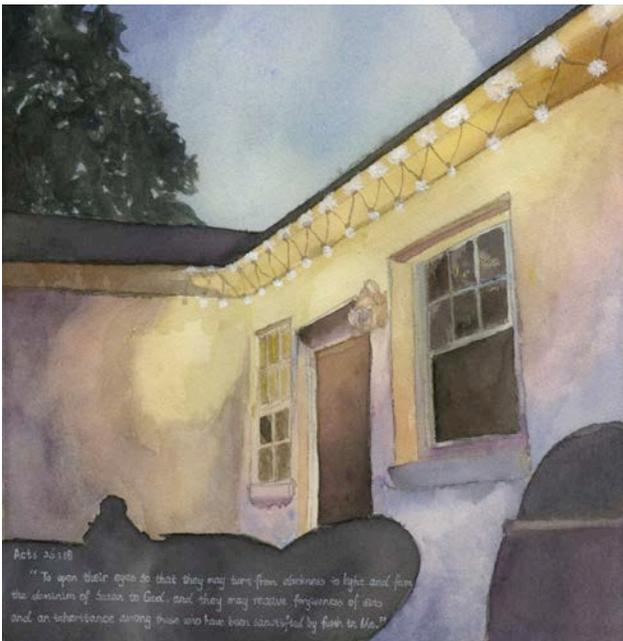
ORFF INSTRUCTION is named for composer Carl Orff and includes a host of fun percussion instruments modeled after African wooden instruments. They include hand drums; mallet instruments like xylophones, glockenspiels, and metallophones; and other small percussion instruments including shakers, blocks, tambourines, and more. One of the trademarks of Orff instruction includes the removable tone bars that allow students to focus on individual notes and recognize tones and pitches more easily.

A recorder is a traditional woodwind musical instrument with a whistle-style mouthpiece and a barrel that includes a thumb-hole and seven finger-holes. Recorders date back to the Middle Ages and come in different sizes for various vocal ranges. Their simple style, small size, and ease of use are perfect for introducing wind instruments and the art of reading music to children.

Ukuleles are small stringed instruments similar to a guitar or violin that are portable and easy to hold. They work well as a solo or ensemble instrument and are excellent for developing ear-training and teaching music theory. Students can also sing while they play the ukulele, which makes them even more engaging and exciting.



VISUAL ART PORTFOLIOS SHARING THEMED WORK



Upperclassmen visual artists are inspired to create concentrations of work for their portfolio in the year-long AP Studio Art class. Students work on a portfolio that consists of a common theme, and the pieces are arranged according to specific guidelines and then submitted to the College Board for evaluation. The portfolio is submitted in place of taking an “exam” in AP Studio Art. Nine seniors and three juniors worked under the direction of AP Studio Art teacher Mrs. Eva Crawford.

“Students submit a three-part portfolio of art demonstrating an exploration into a concentration, or themed body of work; breadth, showing their variety of artistic abilities; and quality, works that demonstrate their absolute best efforts,” shared Mrs. Eva Crawford, director of visual arts. “The concentration is comprised of 12 investigative works that address a theme or idea that the student devotes a majority of the school year completing. The student writes a brief explanation of their concentration and a description of materials they used and inspiration they received along the way. Students submit their concentrations and 12 breadth works online to be graded digitally. The quality works are mailed in and graded in person.”

“These seniors have grown significantly as artists and critical thinkers,” said Mrs. Crawford. “Developing a body of 12 works is a daunting task. Each artist is pressed to come up with the next project within their established investigation. There are times in the year where my job becomes one of motivational coach! Nevertheless, I am so very proud of each of our AP Studio students for finishing their task well.”

Senior Joy Gu wanted to express her appreciation to all of the places that inspired and intrigued her through her concentration. She selected the technique of watercolor to paint places that had meaning to her locally as well as those that her family visited in Xiangyang, China. Joy’s collection (pictured to the left) includes places with ties to CCS like the Hendrick Center for Arts and Science, Barry and Lisa Giller’s house (her host family for the past two years), and Windy Gap. Places in China include a mountain where her family vacations, a park in her hometown, her dad’s tea set and a local shop she visits with her mom. Joy was able to tie in her faith by incorporating a scripture that ties to the meaning of each piece.

“I wrote on top of each of my paintings, and they all have different scriptures. The scriptures link to the subject of each piece,” said Joy. “My favorite piece I think is the Giller’s house. I really like the softness of it with all the colors blended together.” Next year Joy will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University and plans to join the Division of Art + Design.

Senior AP Studio Art Senior Concentration Themes

AnnBrendle Allbert - pairing Taylor Swift with ideas of feminism.

Allison Myers - a place she loves to call home - a.k.a. YMCA Camp Harrison.

Baxter Bradbury - brought to life the rooms of a house we take for granted through the expressive use of color.

Sarah Redmond - explores the fluidity and proportions of a swimmer in action.

Elaina Cloninger - highlights the emotion in the faces of the Dominican people.

Ruth Wilson - based on a song from an album by Fall Out Boy called *Save Rock and Roll*.

Chloe Lee - what influences, traumatizes, forms, distorts, solidifies, grows people’s lives.

Thomas Pfeiler - focuses on metals and the shapes within them created by the light around them.



Charlotte Christian and 42 other independent schools in the Charlotte area participated in the musical theatre competition this spring for the Blumenthal Performing Arts High School Theatre Awards. This year's upper school theatre production, *Godspell*, received several initial Blumey Award nominations. Senior Brad Kesling and sophomore Dallas Thomley received top 20 Blumey nominations. Brad was nominated for Best Actor for his role of *Jesus* and Dallas was nominated for Best Featured Performer for his portrayal of *Telly*. Other students who received initial nominations were senior Will McLain for Best Supporting Actor for his role as *Judas*, junior Leah Cloninger for Best Actress for *Celisse*, and sophomore Savannah Kasay for Best Supporting Actress for *Uzo*.

This was Ms. Angela Tomaselli's, MS/US theatre teacher, first upper school production and she came away from the musical with pride and satisfaction. "Since this was the Word of God, there would be powerful results. I kept sharing with the cast that this musical would be an opportunity to minister. It was a powerful God thing, and I loved being a part of that."

GODSPELL

BLUMEY AWARDS



Ms. Tomaselli is looking forward to next year's scheduled upper school production of *Footloose*.

This year's *Godspell* cast included: Grace DuPre', Alex Tan, Hannah Cataldo, Leah Cloninger, Lauren Forget, Meg Kemmer, Savannah Kasay, Colin Gallagher, Katie Forbidussi, Mary King, Will McLain, Brad Kesling, Elizabeth Gowan, Katherine Hanebutt, and Dallas Thomley.

Seniors Leading the Band Student Council



The Band Student Council is responsible for assisting the directors in scheduling band events such as the spirit band at football games, extra rehearsals and council meetings. The student council also oversees the band service project. This year the band had five senior members and all of them were involved in the Band Student Council: Sam Carlton (President), Daniel Kocher (Drum Captain), Arden Norwood (Historian), Rachel Redmond (Vice President) and Andrew Siverling (Senior Representative).

The seniors bring a wide variety of talent and experience to the band. Between the five of them there is total of 10 instruments that they can masterfully play and decades of experience. Upper School Band Assistant Director Mr. Gordon Hann praised

the seniors for their leadership and humility. "The seniors have been so helpful to me in this time of faculty transition in the band department these last few years. I am grateful for them. Their presence is already missed."

Next year, some of the seniors plan to continue what was developed at CCS. Rachel Redmond will be going to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and plans to join the wind ensemble or concert band on campus. Daniel Kocher will be attending Penn State University and plans to study telecommunications with a minor in music. Daniel also plans to participate in the music ensembles on campus.

2016 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

Charlotte Christian visual artists and writers earned multiple honors in the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, including four national medals and 45 regional awards. Congratulations to the following middle and upper school students:

National Scholastic Gold Medals

CHLOE LEE

Comic Art

RACHEL REDMOND

Personal Memoir

National Scholastic Silver Medals

JOHN BOONE

Editorial Cartoon

PHOEBE SON

Editorial Cartoon

Regional Gold Key Winners

GRACE BLEVINS

JOHN BOONE

OLIVIA BUSSE

CHLOE LEE (4)

WILL MCLAIN

RACHEL REDMOND

ABI U-EDOSOMWAN

Regional Silver Key Winners

GRACE BLEVINS (3)

BAXTER BRADBURY (2)

HANXI CHANG

ISABELLA GALLETTO

TAYLOR HOLBROOKS

REGAN JACKSON

CHLOE LEE (3)

SARAH REDMOND

LAUREN SPANGLER

PHOEBE SON

MADISON WHITING

Regional Honorable Mention Winners

BAXTER BRADBURY (3)

HANXI CHANG

ELAINA CLONINGER (4)

EMMA COLES

JOY GU

GRACE KETRON

CHLOE LEE (2)

WILL MCLAIN (2)

SARAH REDMOND (2)

ABBY RICHARDS

MADISON WHITING

NORTH CAROLINA THEATRE CONFERENCE HONORS



The ACT 2 middle school competition drama team won six individual and group honors at the North Carolina Theater Conference (NCTC) Middle School Play Festival. This year, more than 400 students from 13 schools participated in the statewide event, presenting a total of 18 plays. The Charlotte Christian team presented *Goldilocks on Trial*, winning the following honors:

HAILEY THOMAS
CAROLINE LUFF
KENNEDY YOUNG
MRS. ERIEN BOOKER
ENTIRE CAST

Excellence in Acting
Excellence in Design & Production
Excellence in Design & Production
Excellence in Set Design
Superior Play Rating
Festival Spirit Award

SCHOLASTIC GOLD KEYS FEATURED ON BILLBOARDS



Congratulations to junior **GRACE BLEVINS** and senior **RACHEL REDMOND** on having their Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Key work selected for two of the 16 billboards included in the Mid-Carolina Drive-By Gallery Crawl. Grace's billboard can be found at 512 Briarcreek Road, and Rachel's is located at 115 E. 30th Street.



2015-16 HONOR BANDS

Winthrop Invitational Honor Band

ANDREW T. LOOKER JR.

NICK SUAREZ

South Central District All-District Honor Band

HANNAH BRANDON

BEN STOKLEY

Pembroke University Honor Band

HANNAH BRANDON

ANDREW T. LOOKER JR.

CHRISTIANS IN THEATER ARTS (CITA) AWARDS

Members of the Charlotte Christian ACT 1 and ACT 2 drama teams won several awards at the Christians in Theatre Arts Conference (CITA) held in Chattanooga, Tenn. Congratulations to the following middle and upper school theatre students:

First Place Ensemble Theatre

GRACE DUPRE'

COLIN GALLAGHER

MARY KING

AVERY WILLIAMS

Honorable Mention Duo Theatre

XANDER HANEGRAAFF

MARY ELIZABETH

JOHNSON

First Place Solo Junior High Musical Theatre

HAILEY THOMAS

Honorable Mention Contrasting Monologues

LILY ROBINSON

Third Place Solo Junior High Musical Theatre

LILLY MULL

Technical Theatre Costume Design Award

KATHERINE HANE BUTT



**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP HONORS**

Congratulations to senior **TAYLOR BURCH** on being named a National Merit Scholar in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship program. Taylor was awarded a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship and will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the

fall. The National Merit Scholarship Program is a national academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. The program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

MECKLENBURG SOIL & WATER CONTEST



Congratulations to nine sixth grade students on winning top awards in the 2015-16 Mecklenburg Soil and Water Essay and Poster Contest. This year's theme was "We All Live in a Watershed."

ESSAY WINNERS

- EMMA GANDOSSY**, 1st place
- KATIE HAYES**, 2nd place
- LANE RABON**, 3rd place
- CORA SNYDER**, 3rd place
- JD WILLIAMS**, 3rd place

POSTER WINNERS

- JOSIE BISHOP**, 1st place
- ANDREA WALLACE**, 2nd place
- MATTHEW PEACH**, 3rd place
- CAMILLA PEJRONE**, 3rd place

**2016 NORTH CAROLINA
JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE AWARDS**



Congratulations to middle and upper school Latin students on bringing home a total of 46 individual and team awards from the 2016 NC Junior Classical League State Competition held at UNC-Chapel Hill in April.

LOWER SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST

Lower school students had fun with writing this spring by entering the first Lower School Writing Competition. Students were encouraged to write about a variety of genres and then had their writing judged by panels of faculty members and upper school writing students.

**Congratulations to this year's winners of the
Lower School Writing Competition:**



Kindergarten - First Grade Division Winners

1st Place (Three-way tie for first place)

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| ALEXANDRA DEL CORSO | First Grade |
| BRENNA KINARD | First Grade |
| AMY YOUSSEF | First Grade |

Second - Third Grade Division Winners

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| 1st Place | IMANI JOHNSON | Second Grade |
| 2nd Place | SAVANNAH NORVELL | Second Grade |
| 3rd Place | LOGAN DAVILA | Third Grade |
| (Tie for third place) | HANNAH RODDY | Second Grade |



Fourth - Fifth Grade Division Winners

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| 1st Place | OLIVIA KUO | Fifth Grade |
| 2nd Place | CAMPBELL LITTLEFIELD | Fifth Grade |
| 3rd Place | JACOB BURGESS | Fourth Grade |

**TWO SENIORS FEATURED AS
2016 CHARLOTTE PARENT TERRIFIC TEENS**

Congratulations to senior **KERSTIE PHILLS** who was featured in the March 2016 edition of the *Charlotte Parent* magazine as one of eight local teens selected for the magazine's annual Terrific Teen edition. Each year the magazine seeks nominations for students in the Charlotte and surrounding areas who are excelling in academics, athletics, fine arts or service. This year, the magazine received so many outstanding nominees that they also selected six additional students who are featured online as Terrific Teen Honorees. Congratulations to senior **ELIJAH DEVEAUX** who was honored as one of the six Terrific Teen Honorees. Visit www.charlotteparent.com to read more about Kerstie, Elijah and the other local teens selected.

LOWER SCHOOL READING KNIGHTS

Lower school Reading Knights had another tremendous year of success with a total of 22,688 books read for the year. A total of 324 students participated in first quarter; 330 in second quarter; 320 in third quarter; and 325 in fourth quarter. Nearly 300 students participated every quarter and 40 fifth graders reached the Knights of the Round Table level. Reading Knights is an engaging academic incentive to encourage reading for lower school students.



ATHLETICS

NCAA WINTER & SPRING ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

This winter and spring, 10 student-athletes signed NCAA letters of intent to play at the collegiate level, making a total of 15 Charlotte Christian seniors that have signed letters this school year. Congratulations to the following student-athletes on their recent signings.



ELIJAH DEVEAUX

Football
Duke University

RYAN GILMARTIN

Football
University of Connecticut

KELL GRAHAM

Golf
Guilford College

CAROLINE LUBINSKY

Soccer
Appalachian State University

CONNOR MAITLAND

Football
Liberty University

ALEX PARKER

Football
Elon University

KERSTIE PHILLS

Basketball
Wagner College

JOHN TURLEY

Football
Butler University

DAVIS WALDROP

Football
Washington and Lee University

JEREMIAH WHITE

Football
Campbell University

CISAA ALL-CONFERENCE ATHLETES

(WINTER & SPRING)

BASEBALL

JONAH BEAMON
DREW DONATHAN
JT KILLEN
SCOTTIE WALLACE

BASKETBALL – GIRLS'

GERLEA PATTON
KERSTIE PHILLS

BASKETBALL – BOYS'

ROB PETERSON

DANCE

NOELLE CASSIER
CAROLINE FARLEY
ALLIE MCCREARY
LILLY TURNER

GOLF

CONNOR ARMISTEAD
KELL GRAHAM
RHODES KARRIKER

LACROSSE

AUSTIN DELGADO
JONATHAN DURHAM
LUKE GENTLESK
RYAN GILMARTIN
CHRIS STUEBER

SOCCER – GIRLS'

EVA BOWER
EMMA GRACE SIKORA

SOFTBALL

MCKENZIE LEWIS
GERLEA PATTON
CHRISTI TAKAC

SWIMMING

JULIA KOCHER
RACHEL LEE
RACHEL REDMOND
SARAH REDMOND

TRACK & FIELD – BOYS'

JOSHUA EBOBOKO
SAM KOROLOS
KENNEDY MANYIKA

NCISAA ALL-STATE ATHLETES

(WINTER & SPRING)

BASEBALL

DREW DONATHAN

BASKETBALL – GIRLS'

KERSTIE PHILLS

SOFTBALL

MCKENZIE LEWIS

SWIMMING

RACHEL LEE

TRACK & FIELD – BOYS'

KENNEDY MANYIKA

TRACK & FIELD – GIRLS'

ASHLYN COX
MELISSA GOLDSTEIN
MEGAN IGBINADOR
ARDEN NORWOOD
KATIE SABA
BROOKLYN WILLIAMS

WRESTLING

CONNOR MAITLAND
THOMAS PFEILER

VARSITY DANCE

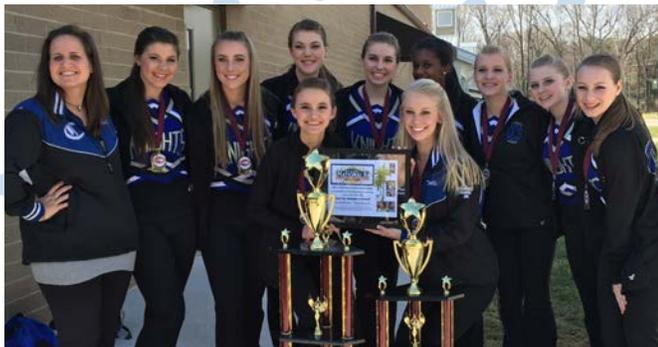


The varsity dance team had another successful season. Five new dancers joined the returning five members, all of whom danced at nearly every home basketball game and the Winter Week Pep Rally. Under Head Coach Mrs. Stewart Emery, the girls competed in the NCISAA state competition and won first place for the second year in a row in the Varsity Dance and Grand Champions divisions. Additionally, the team was awarded the highest score for the Cheer and Dance division.

Coach Emery has led the relatively new team for three years and is full of expectation for what the future holds. "The team loves game days because they get to bond and perform for their school. We were stronger than ever this year." Coach Emery hopes to add additional dancers next year, and the team is already looking forward to the state championship to pursue a three-peat. Four dancers were named to the All-Conference team: senior Noelle Cassier, sophomore Caroline Farley, freshman Allie McCreary and junior Lilly Turner.

"Our team is talented, yes, but we take pride in our performances and really work hard to make sure they look good," said four-year member senior Noelle Cassier. "I'm so thankful we won in Greensboro this past winter for the state championship, but I'm even more grateful for the relationships that grew even stronger."

Members of the 2016 Varsity Dance Team: Mallory Brown, Noelle Cassier, Callie Cain, Leah Cloninger, Caroline Farley, Kayla Knight, Emily Maye, Allie McCreary, Rachel Parsons, and Lilly Turner.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

The varsity boys' basketball team, coached by Mr. Shonn Brown, went 11-18 this season with highlights being the last-second win over David Crockett High School and a rival win over Cannon School at home. The team was largely comprised of underclassmen and led by three seniors. Junior Rob Peterson made all-conference and the coaching staff was selected to coach the Private Independent School All-Star game. The JV boys finished their season with an excellent 23-2 record, including four wins against rival Country Day. The boys' fourth quarter play became their trademark as they managed seven wins in the fourth quarter that were tied or within five points going in.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The varsity girls' basketball season started with the NRCA Tipoff Tourney Championship and ended with a second consecutive appearance in the NCISAA final four. The Lady Knights finished in sole possession of second place in the conference, and had two players on the All-Conference team (senior Kerstie Phills and junior Gerlea Patton) and one player (Kerstie Phills) on the All-State team. Under Head Coach Luke Boythe, the ladies finished with a 19-10 record. The JV girls' finished their season with an 8-2 record the highlight being the last game of the season with a win over conference rival Providence Day, 29-27.

SWIMMING

The varsity swimming team comprised of 26 girls and nine boys for the season. The team had a large freshman class that provided depth in combination with talented upperclassmen for a successful team. Highlights of the season include senior Baxter Bradbury's first place finish in the 100-yard butterfly against Carolina Day School. The team finished third in the conference for girls and fourth in the conference for boys. Sophomore Julia Kocher, sophomore Rachel Lee, senior Rachel Redmond and senior Sarah Redmond were named to the All-Conference team, while Rachel Lee was also named to the All-State team.

WRESTLING

The varsity wrestling team grew considerably this year with an additional 10 athletes led by the seven veteran wrestlers. The team was able to place in five of the nine weight classes entered in the state tournament. Senior Thomas Pfeiler had another great season and set a school record with a nine-second pin in the state tournament. Sophomore Christian Furnari scored 127 team points over the season with 10 of his 19 wins by pin. Senior Connor Maitland was able to come back to win third place in the state tournament despite a back injury.

SPRING

BASEBALL

The varsity baseball team finished the season with a 23-12 record and a 12-3 conference record. Although the team lost in the 2nd round of state playoffs, there were many highlights along the way. The Knights beat several power house teams, including: Randleman High School, Piedmont High School, Myers Park, Hurricane High School (WV) and Port St. Lucie High School (Fla.). Junior pitcher Scottie Wallace finished with an impressive 7-0 and a 1.96 ERA. The team was led offensively by junior Drew Donathan who finished with a .411 BA, 29 RBIs and 12 doubles. Four players were named to the All-Conference team: Drew Donathan, Jonah Beamon, Scottie Wallace and JT Killen. Drew was also named to the All-State team. The JV team finished with a 5-8-1 record.

GOLF

Under the leadership of Head Coach Gary Brown, the varsity golf team faced a daunting schedule that resulted in an impressive 73-28-2 record. Traveling more than 2,500 miles to matches and tournaments, the Knights played 22 18-hole matches, eight of which were tournament matches. Most notable, the golfers were selected to participate in the prestigious Southern Cross Tournament in Aiken, S.C. Additionally, senior Kell Graham, junior Rhodes Karriker and junior Connor Armistead were all named to the All-Conference team, of which there were only six spots.

LACROSSE



This season brought one of the hardest conference schedules for the varsity lacrosse team. Led by Head Coach Billy Ward, the team faced off against some of the best teams in the Southeast and came away with an 8-12 overall record. Season highlights were beating conference rival Charlotte Latin for the first time and two important victories over Cannon School. With great leadership from 10 seniors, their presence will be missed next year. Four seniors made the All-Conference team: Luke Gentlesk, Jono Durham, Austin Delgado and Chris Stueber. The JV lacrosse team fought countless injuries this year, which resulted in a 1-10 record, but coaches are confident that the year of re-building will translate into growth next year.

GIRLS' SOCCER

The varsity girls' soccer team had one of their best seasons on record under the direction of Head Coach Amanda Naeher. The season hallmark was an historic win against rival Charlotte Country Day at home. Additionally, the girls muscled through two over-time conference games. Freshman Emma Grace Sikora made the All-Conference 1st team and junior Eva Bower made the All-Conference 2nd team. It was the inaugural year for the JV team and the girls brought perseverance and gusto to their eight game season.

SOFTBALL

Under Head Coach Zach Goodyear, the varsity softball team had a great 16-12 season with a league record of 7-3. The Lady Knights made it to the 2nd round of the state tournament and finished the season with 287 hits and 210 runs scored, both of which are school records. School records were broken during the impressive season: Senior Christi Takac with 37 runs scored in a season and 19 doubles hit in a season and junior Gerlea Patton with 48 hits in a season. Junior McKenzie Lewis broke four school records: with 199 strikeouts, a .91 ERA (the lowest for a season), 187 innings pitched in a season and lastly, 47 pitching career wins.

BOYS' TENNIS

The varsity boys' tennis team, led by Head Coach John Trimp, endured a tough season of establishing a foundation for the program to build upon in the coming years. Junior Adam Lewis and senior Sam Carlton played the top two lines and top doubles as well. Sophomores Andrew Brannon and Garrett Weaver made up a strong middle lineup. Freshmen players CJ Katigan and Nathan Brannon joined the varsity ranks and competed well. Junior James Ozer-Jaekel and freshman Brian Segovia started several doubles matches. Nathan Brannon brought in the most team wins.

TRACK AND FIELD

This year's varsity co-ed track team, led by Head Coach Eugene Robinson, was the largest team in recent years: 18 girls and 32 boys. The team was led by seniors Kennedy Manyika, Roman Gray and Arden Norwood. The team peaked at conference and state tournaments. The girls placed 12th in the state meet and the boys came in 13th. For the conference meet, the girls came in sixth place and the boys placed third. Highlights of the season included junior Ashlyn Cox running the 400m in 60.43 seconds, recording the fastest girls' 200m at 26.84 and performing well as the anchor for the 4x4 girls relay.



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Partnering with The Harvest Center

This year marks a very special anniversary for Charlotte Christian School and The Harvest Center. For 10 years, Charlotte Christian students and families have rallied during Knights Fight Hunger Week to support The Harvest Center, a local ministry dedicated to helping homeless members of the Charlotte community. Through the years, truck loads of take-out trays, food service gloves, wrapped forks and napkins, canned food, and jars of peanut butter and jelly have made their way uptown to help neighbors in need right here in Charlotte. It is a powerful statement about how much good can be done and how many people's lives can be impacted when we all partner together.

What began as Tailgate and Donate in 2007 has transitioned over the years to Knights Fight Hunger Week, an exciting event held every April under the leadership and guidance of the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF). It began modestly with canned food donations and clothing, and rapidly grew to providing essential staples like food trays, gloves, and more to help support The Harvest Center's hot meal program. A year later, Operation Fork Wrap was introduced, a program that happens all year long and gives students from JK-12 the opportunity to wrap individual forks and napkins that are later used by patrons of the center. Currently, students wrap and pray over 20,000 wrapped forks each school year, enough to cover nearly every meal served by The Harvest Center in a year's time. A group of Charlotte Christian parents also volunteer on a regular basis each month to help serve the meals and support the center in whatever way they can.



This spring, Charlotte Christian School was honored to receive the first annual Volunteer of the Year Award from The Harvest Center. The award was presented during a special ceremony at the dedication of their new facility (located at 2225 Freedom Drive) and accepted by members of the 2015-16 PTF leadership team along with members of the Charlotte Christian School Development Office.

The Harvest Center has been a pillar for the community for 40 years, faithfully serving its patrons and working to meet their needs, both physically and spiritually. Mr. Colin Pinkney, who has served as The Harvest Center's Executive Director for the past three years, shared how the partnership with Charlotte Christian School has positively impacted the ministry of the center.

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Year Total for
Knights Fight
Hunger Week



\$21,000
Cash Donations

10,211
Canned Goods



163,020
Food Service Gloves

167,000
Wrapped Forks



171,595
Take-Out Trays

Q: What are your hopes and goals for those who visit The Harvest Center?

A: “We serve 400 hot meals per week to homeless individuals and families in need. We offer onsite computer labs that allow residents in the community to utilize our facility as their technology source and we also provide transportation assistance to those in need. Our goal is to become a full service support center for our neighbors to eliminate homelessness and unemployment in the community.”

Q: Charlotte Christian has focused on helping with food and food service items over the years. How have these donations helped The Harvest Center and its patrons?

A: “Hot meals are the foundation for the work of transforming the lives of homeless men and women. Without meeting the first felt need of hunger for our guests, we would not have the opportunity to build relationships with homeless men and women and ultimately move them to permanent housing. In the past three years alone we have taken more than 60 homeless men and women off the streets and out of shelters to help them get full time jobs and permanent housing.”



Q: Charlotte Christian is very proud to have been partners with the Harvest Center for the past 10 years. What does the partnership mean to the mission of The Harvest Center?

A: “Our partnership means that we can work together to solve problems of homelessness and poverty as well AS raise a generation of young people (CCS students) who understand their Christian duty to reach the lost and the least in our community.”

Q: The school is very excited to be the first recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award. Can you share more about the award?

A: “We realize that God has blessed us with many partners who share our Biblical values and beliefs, thus we wanted to find a way to honor those partners and to encourage others to stand for Christian values that benefit our community as a whole. Providentially, God provided us a platform to do that through the life of a very special young man, who has gone home to be with the Lord. His closest friends referred to themselves as Dalton’s Angels, which is how we named our award. Angels are messengers of the hope and goodwill of God through Jesus and that is why we were convinced that Charlotte Christian should be the recipient of this award, for all of the unheralded work you have done to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through good works in the community. CCS is our Angel.”

Q: How has your new facility impacted your program?

A: “Our new facility is an empowerment center designed to uplift and empower not only the people we serve but also those who come here to serve. We are excited that we can set our own agenda, without any restrictions, to be able to help those in need. We want to be the premiere Christ-centered non-profit in Charlotte and we wanted our facility to reflect that vision. So far, so good!”

Q: Are there other ways that members of the Charlotte Christian community can help throughout the year?

A: “By staying open to ongoing needs, you can be a blessing to us. For example, throughout the course of the year we often have different needs to help us achieve our mission. Sometimes it’s a group of volunteers to help do home repair, or collect coats and gloves, or hygiene products and household items for our clients. A great way for the students who are able to support us is to stay connected with us on social media. Our sites are the best way to find out about new items and needs and we want an army of friends filling the internet highway with the good news of Jesus Christ! Most importantly, we covet your prayers for our staff and leaders. This is a ministry for us and not just a job. We face many challenges throughout the year, some small and some great.”





Q & A

with Dave Urban, Chief Advancement Officer

This summer Mr. Dave Urban will be joining the Charlotte Christian senior staff as the chief advancement officer, coordinating efforts of the admissions, communications and development offices. Mr. Urban has been involved with Christian education for 21 years and serves as the chief operating officer of Charter Oak Research, a marketing research and consulting firm that he co-founded that serves Christian schools throughout the country. He was the associate vice president for strategic partnerships at Cairn University in Pennsylvania. Prior to moving to Charlotte in 2013 to focus on his consulting work, Mr. Urban was vice president for enrollment at Eastern University, also in Pennsylvania, where he worked for more than 16 years. Mr. Urban and his wife Carolyn have three children who attend CCS. We recently asked him a few questions about his career and what he is most looking forward to about joining the Charlotte Christian community.

Q: What drew you to Charlotte Christian?

A: “We met Barry Giller through work we were doing with our company called Charter Oak. As we became more familiar with the school and the area, we decided to move to Charlotte. We chose Charlotte Christian because we were committed to Christian education and liked the breadth of opportunities that Charlotte Christian had available for our family.”

Q: Tell us about a few of your career highlights.

A: “I was fortunate to work at a Christian college in enrollment for over 16 years and loved leading the team there. It was such a joy working with brothers and sisters in Christ who were dedicated to serving the Lord. Also, I have been blessed to serve Christian schools around the country – providing marketing research and consulting services for the past four years.”

Q: What are you most looking forward to about joining the faculty at Charlotte Christian?

A: “I am excited about working at a school and with co-workers that seek to be excellent and faithful to the mission. I am excited to help serve families as they consider schools, as well as getting to know many more families at CCS.”

Q: What challenges will you face as the Chief Advancement Officer?

A: “I think the biggest challenge we will continue to face is the rising competition with so many strong private independent schools and Christian schools (in the area). Charlotte is definitely a unique market. The second potential challenge is around the future economy in our area and the country as a whole. Lastly, it will be interesting to see what the future holds for Christian schools in light of societal pressures.”

Q: What is first on your agenda once you join staff?

A: “It will definitely be to get to know the staff at Charlotte Christian and the ins and outs of the school.”

Q: What are you currently reading?

A: “I just returned from Together For the Gospel conference in Louisville and have been reading two books from the conference, both by J.C. Ryle who was the first Bishop of Liverpool in 1880: *Thoughts For Young Men* and *Five English Reformers*. Lastly, as a family we have been reading *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung.”

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: “At this stage of life, with three children (rising 11th grade daughter, 9th grade daughter and 5th grade son), our time is spent mostly as a family. I love Philadelphia sports and enjoy playing golf.”

CCS SWAP

Looking for some gently used CCS spiritwear? Need help finding a costume for Middle Ages Day? Is your child trying out a new sport and you are in need of gear? Starting in August, the parent portal will feature a new forum called "CCS Swap." The forum will house several threads to allow CCS families to swap gently used or new items and post community needs and announcements. Keep this forum in mind when cleaning out your closets this summer! More information will be coming in the July Focus.

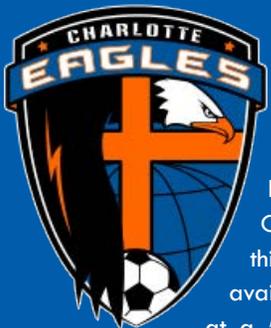
LIVE STREAMING CAMPUS EVENTS



This past spring several campus events were streamed live, providing a live broadcast through The Cube to members of the CCS community. These included Grandparents' Day, Easter chapel, band and orchestra performances, a baseball and softball game and the grade 5 and 8 promotions. The Grandparents' Day live stream was the first event and was a big success with 380 people tuning in live across the world and 255 people watching the archived event. Future live stream events will be announced in the Focus and on the "School Blogs & Social Media" page under "Campus Life." Next school year select upper school students will provide radio broadcasts for some of the athletic events that are live streamed.

CHARLOTTE EAGLES PLAY HOME GAMES AT CCS

The Charlotte Eagles soccer club will play all home games at Charlotte Christian's athletic stadium this summer. Season tickets are available to the CCS community at a 50% discounted rate. Visit the Charlotte Eagles home page to purchase tickets and view the schedule: www.charlotteeagles.com. Be sure to use the code CCS2016 at checkout.



For the first 10 days of March, the lower school held a supply drive to support Charlotte Christian's sister school, the Discovery School, in Burundi, Africa. Discovery School is an English-speaking school that provides lower-income students with a Christian education. The lower school collected everything from markers, stickers, jump ropes, iPads, and books to be delivered in time for the beginning of their 2016-17 school year.

Ms. Lisa Smitherman's third grade class brought in the most items (297), Mrs. Coles' fourth grade class came in second (181), and Mrs. Ketron's third grade class rounded out the top three with 104 items. The items have been sorted and packed by Mrs. Kemp's first grade class and some of the items will be shipped via freight and the remaining items will be brought over by the next group of Americans going to serve at the school.

"It was such a joy to see students from JK-5th grade come together for a common cause. We are so blessed at Charlotte Christian to have access to technology, great books, and learning supplies and resources." Mrs. Smitherman explains the joy in giving that she and other lower school teachers are instilling in our students.

"We sometimes forget that we have so much while other children in other parts of the world have so little. Having the students participate in donating supplies for children in need really gives them ownership over the role that they can play in their global community. It helps CCS students see that they can make a difference and show the love of Christ, even thousands of miles across the ocean."

To learn more about the Discovery School please visit their website, www.discoveryschoolburundi.org.

1,306
total items
collected



754
books

157
packs of
markers

151
packs of
stickers

128
other items



103
jump ropes



13
iPads

Making A DIFFERENCE

Charlotte Christian Honors Retiring Employees

This year Charlotte Christian had the honor of celebrating three dedicated ladies who retired after many years of service to the school. All three worked in the lower school at some time during their careers and made a difference in the lives of hundreds of young Charlotte Christian students. The school community wishes the following ladies all the best as they retire and follow God's leading to new chapters in their lives.



MRS. JANET ALDRIDGE
Admissions Coordinator

In her 37 years of service at Charlotte Christian, Mrs. Janet Aldridge excelled in several roles on campus. She joined Charlotte Christian in 1979 as a kindergarten teacher (pictured below) and later became a first grade teacher. Following her 13 years in the classroom, Mrs. Aldridge worked as an administrative assistant in the guidance office and then as an admissions coordinator in the admissions department for 24 years. In addition to opening the minds of young kindergarten and first grade students, she walked alongside hundreds of new Charlotte Christian families through the admissions process, welcoming them into the community and preparing them for their new journey at CCS.

She shared that teaching kindergarten was probably her favorite position. "I experienced many rewarding and precious times, like the moment a child realized they were reading for the first time. There is no way to put into words the sparkle

and excitement seen in their eyes at that moment...a cherished memory forever."

Other favorite memories included Grandparents' Day both as a parent, and then as a grandparent; the end of packed lunches when the dining hall was able to start offering prepared lunches; kindergarten graduation; and celebrating the 100th day of school with a big overnight party.

Mrs. Aldridge and her husband, Tony, have been married 44 years and have two children who are Charlotte Christian alums, Kim Aldridge Embrey ('91), and Alan Aldridge ('95). They are the proud grandparents of Andrew Embrey, Charlotte Christian rising freshman, and Luke Aldridge, age 9.

She is looking forward to spending more time volunteering with church and community projects, and enjoying hobbies like biking, birdwatching, gardening, traveling, and more.





MRS. JOYCE BROOKS

Lower School
Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Joyce Brooks welcomed lower school students with a smile everyday for more than 25 years as Charlotte Christian's lower school administrative assistant. She began in the upper school and later transitioned in 1991 to the lower school for a total of 26 years of faithful service at Charlotte Christian. "Working in the lower school was my favorite because I got to see the students on a daily basis and see how God was working in their lives," she shared. "I also enjoyed listening to the students give me all the funny reasons as to why they were tardy."

She and her husband, Mike Brooks, current Charlotte Christian Director of Technology, joined the CCS team at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have been married 46 years and their son, Scott, graduated from Charlotte Christian with the Class of 1993. One of her favorite memories was her son's senior year, when he played on the inaugural CCS varsity football team that went on to win the state championship. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters, Payton, age 8, and Kelcey, age 6.

As she moves into retirement, Mrs. Brooks hopes that Charlotte Christian will "continue to be a beacon for Christ on Sardis Road." She plans to spend time traveling across the country with her husband and hiking the Appalachian Trail.



MRS. RITA LEWIS

Fourth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Rita Lewis enthusiastically taught lower school students for 14 years at Charlotte Christian, including 12 years in third grade and two years in fourth grade. Before joining CCS, she taught for 20 years, making a career total of 34 years in the classroom. While at Charlotte Christian, she worked faithfully and tirelessly to instill a love of Christ in each student and shared that she especially loved Charlotte Christian's commitment to the whole child and pursuit of excellence in academics.

"I am a story-teller teacher and I have always thought of my teaching as a ministry," she shared. "I have enjoyed sharing stories filled with my blunders and exciting miraculous experiences with God in hopes that my students will see that if God can use me, then just imagine the possibilities for them."

"I have grown more than I ever dreamed technologically and have grown as a teacher academically because of the principals that have pushed us to be on the top of the latest and best practices in education."

Mrs. Lewis and husband, Don, have been married 39 years and have two children, Justin and Laurel. They are the proud grandparents to Austin, age 12; Tristen, age 11; and their newest edition, Ethan, who is two months old.

While she is retiring from full-time teaching, next year she looks forward to working part-time in the ministry of Extended Day and having time to write children's books.



MRS. CATHIE BROOKS BEGINS NEW EDUCATION VENTURE

Mrs. Cathie Brooks has worked faithfully in education for more than 30 years, most recently serving as Charlotte Christian School's Director of Admissions for the past eight years. At the end of this year, she is leaving her current role and answering the call to return to her first love, early childhood education. Mrs. Brooks has formed a consulting firm entitled Rooted and Grounded which will focus on providing support to early childhood educators through in-service training, parent seminars, and individual child assessments. In addition, she will provide part-

time assistance with the junior kindergarten and kindergarten admissions activities and continue to host early education parent seminars both at Charlotte Christian and in the community on behalf of the school.

Under her steadfast leadership, hundreds of families have come to call Charlotte Christian home. We sincerely thank Mrs. Brooks for sharing her guidance, dedication, and love of the Lord, and wish her the very best in her new endeavor.



2ND ANNUAL *Ladies' Luncheon*



Charlotte Christian grandparent Mrs. Linda Hendrick was the speaker at the second annual Charlotte Christian Ladies' Luncheon held Thursday, Jan. 21 at Calvary Church. Mrs. Hendrick spoke about her life experiences and her family's journey of faith through moments of tragedy and blessing. Linda and her husband, Rick, have been married 43 years and are grandparents to three Charlotte Christian students. The luncheon was attended by more than 150 ladies from the school and Charlotte community. A special thank you to Charlotte Dentistry for sponsoring the luncheon again this year.



CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT



Charlotte Christian hosted the second annual Sporting Clays Tournament this past spring on April 29 at Meadow Wood in Waxhaw, N.C. More than 100 members from the CCS community participated in the day that hosted both morning and afternoon flight sessions. A special thank you to title sponsor CCIS for sponsoring the event and to Red Rocks Café for providing the lunch.



CENTER FOR WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS



Charlotte Christian is excited to kick off phase 1 of the master campus plan with the Center for Worship and Performing Arts campaign. The two-story, 20,515 square-foot building will be centrally located on campus behind the Hendrick Center for Arts and Science. The Center for Worship and Performing Arts will house a 520-seat auditorium capable of hosting full-scale theatrical productions and weekly chapels as well as various assemblies and annual school events, including band and choir concerts. The state-of-the-art facility will include a scene shop specially designed for set construction and dressing rooms. A window-lined art gallery will be the edge of one side of the building and will feature original work from our JK-grade 12 artists.

If you have any questions about the new Center for Worship and Performing Arts building and/or campaign, please contact Mr. Ken Griffin, director of development, at ken.griffin@charchrist.com or (704) 366-5657, ext. 6404. We invite you to join us as we make an impact on the next generation of thespians, musicians and artists!



CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

uKNIGHTed... Every Family, Every Year

The five-week annual fund campaign ended successfully with 48% of our families participating, exceeding our goal of

\$535,000.

Thank you to all the families who have generously supported the Annual Fund this year!

The three annual events of the Ladies' Tennis Tournament, Ladies' Luncheon and the Sporting Clays Tournament raised

\$33,000

for the Annual Fund.

Please visit

www.charlottechristian.com/annualfund
for a list of families who have given for the 2015-16 school year.

CLASS NOTES

Send your alumni news to:
alumni@charchrist.com

15 | **AARON WALKER** had a solid first semester as a freshman at Samford University. He finished his fall golf season 2nd on the team and 20th out of 82 in the Southern Conference. He was named to the SoCon Top 5 All-American Team and the SoCon All-Freshman team for golf. He started his spring golf season playing at the Cal State Fullerton Classic.

PAYTON WALKER was recruited by the assistant dean of the UNC-Chapel Hill Journalism School to be on the SportsXtra news team due to her broadcasting experience gained through Knights Knews. Payton was the only freshman on the team and received the Top Newcomer Award at the SportsXtra banquet.

13 | **CHANDLER SCHRAMM** completed his first semester of his junior year at Clemson. Chandler recently became an active member in Clemson's American Sign Language Club. He has membership in Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, and holds executive council positions in his fraternity, Theta Tau, and the Presbyterian Student Association. Chandler is spending this summer in his second co-op rotation with Electrolux in Anderson, S.C. He is excited that his sister Natalie ('16) will be joining him at Clemson in the fall. Go Tigers!

MORGAN YEARGAN graduated from Johnson & Wales University in May with a B.S. in Business Administration. She is working as the Logistics Coordinator with Experience To Lead in Charlotte.

12 | **GREGORY TYLER BLEVINS** graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He majored in religious studies with a minor in political science.

SAM DEXTER graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a degree in business administration. He will begin working for Wells Fargo in July 2016 in the Risk Management area.

ELLIE GREEN graduated on the same day as her brother Will with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech.

MARY SCOTT MCLEAN married Daniel Mercer on May 13. Daniel and Mary Scott moved to Lawton, Oklahoma for Daniel's Army Officer Training for five months, and then will move to Savannah, Ga. in the fall.

ABBY SEELIG ('12) and **MATTHEW CARPENTER ('12)** graduated from Clemson University and the University of South Carolina in early May. On May 21 they were married at The Arbors in North Carolina. Next year they will be living in Lexington, S.C. while Matthew completes his Masters in Accounting, and Abby teaches second grade at a nearby elementary school.

ALEX PAYNE graduated Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina in May 2016, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a degree in accounting. He is currently enrolled in the Graduate School at USC in the Master of Accountancy Program (MACC) and studying for the CPA Exam.

ALUMNI ALBUM



Aaron Walker '15



Payton Walker '15



Chandler Schramm '13



Mary Scott McLean '12



Abby Seelig & Matthew Carpenter '12



Mallyory Severs '10



Claire Holt '09



London Snuggs '09



Left to right: Jamie & Jillian Danielle Floyd '11, Christopher Ferebee, '07 & Jacqueline von Gnechten Ferebee, '07, Rachel von Gnechten Lamar, '09 & RG Lamar, Denice & Rick von Gnechten



Abigail Rollins '08

AUSTIN WANSKER graduated from N.C. State on May 7 as a 2016 Valedictorian. His degree is a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a major in finance and he received a Summa Cum Laude designation with a 4.0 GPA. Austin has accepted a job with Grant Thornton in Raleigh.

KATE WILLIAMS graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May with a major in Peace, War and Defense and a minor in medical anthropology. She will enter law school at Florida State University in the fall with a focus on international law.

11 | **CHRISTAL BARNETT** graduated from Charleston Southern University with a bachelor's degree in biology.

JOSEPH HORNE graduated in May 2016 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Physics and an M.S. in Computer Science.

TYLER SIMMONS was recently named the volunteer assistant coach on the UNC Charlotte baseball coaching staff. He graduated this past May from Wingate University with a B.S. in Community and Commercial Recreation. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in sports management from Wingate.

MAGGIE WALKER has completed her Masters in Arts of Teaching at Covenant College and is pursuing education careers in the Chattanooga, Tenn., and Charlotte, N.C., areas. She continues to run her company, Maggie Walker Weddings, in Tenn.

JILLIAN DANIELLE (DANI) VON GNECHTEN graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wake Forest University and married her WFU band section leader, Benjamin Floyd (Jamie) on June 20, 2015 at Magnolia Glen in Locust, N.C. The Floyds honeymooned cruising the Mediterranean.

EVAN YEARGAN is living in Norfolk, Va. and is employed as a marine scientist in the Division of Shellfish Sanitation with the Virginia Department of Health.

10 | **WILL GREEN** graduated on the same day as his sister Ellie with a Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies from Liberty University.

BETHANY MITCHELL is a N.C. and S.C. realtor working in and around Charlotte for Keller Williams Realty. With a passion for real estate, she has been successful in helping many friends from high school and college buy and sell homes the last several years!

BLAYDES MOORE graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law on May 16, 2016.

MALLORY SEVERS and **KRISTIAN PERKS ('12)** were engaged on March 28, 2016 in Charleston, S.C. after four and a half years of dating! The couple will marry in Charleston in the fall of 2017.

09 | **CLAIRE HOLT** is engaged to be married on Sept. 17, 2016 to Daniel Brown of Greenville, S.C. They will both reside in Greenville where they both work.

LONDON SNUGGS became engaged to Austin Keck while in New York City. The couple's wedding will be held in April 2017 on Bald Head Island.

RACHEL VON GNECHTEN married RG Lamar in Perry, Georgia on Feb. 13, 2016. The Lamars honeymooned in Argentina.

08 | **ABIGAIL ROLLINS** self-published her first book of prose poems, songs and letters entitled *Dearest Dear*. These words are a part of her journey and will give a glimpse into her story. This book will inspire relationships with the Trinity into discovering the Father's love. For more information, please visit www.abigailrollins.com.



Will Green '10 & Ellie Green '12



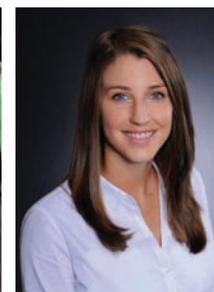
Austin Wansker '12



Christal Barnett '11



Maggie Walker '11



Bethany Mitchell '10



Blaydes Moore '10



Megan Rollins Coward '08



Courtney Culberson Whittington '08



Elizabeth Newton '06



Matthew Mielke '05



Whitney Morrison '05

MEGAN ROLLINS married John Coward on July 3, 2015 in Charleston, S.C. surrounded by family and friends. The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and moved to Columbia, S.C. Megan is an office manager and dental assistant for an endodontist. John is starting his third year of medical school at the University of South Carolina. Go Gamecocks!

LYNDESE TAKAC received her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Wingate University January 2016.

COURTNEY CULBERSON WHITTINGTON and her husband, Ross, welcomed a son, Elijah "Eli" Ross Whittington, on April 29, 2016 who was 7.8 lbs and 21 inches. "We feel blessed that God has entrusted us with this precious gift and are so in love with him!"

07 | ALEXA MARIE RICHARDSON and JASON DOUGLAS BURNS ('07) were married on May 21, 2016 at six o'clock in the evening at Providence Country Club in Charlotte.

ADAM SALLOUM is now the Area Director of South Carolina for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and oversees campus ministry across the state and plant new campuses.

JAQUELINE (JACQUE) VON GNECHTEN is getting her MBA at Queens University and married Christopher Ferebee ('07) on Nov. 21, 2015 in Charlotte. They honeymooned in Prague after Christmas.

06 | ELIZABETH NEWTON is continuing to grow her business, Loops & Belles - a line of witty paper products that are inspired by real life. Currently, Loops & Belles is sold in 13 retail stores across five states, as well as online at loopsandbelles.com!

05 | MATTHEW MIELKE married Caroline Waugh from Charleston, S.C. on May 21, 2016. The wedding took place in Charlotte and the couple now lives in Charlotte.

WHITNEY MORRISON married Jamie Linn Pennell on Nov. 21, 2015 in Charlotte. Whitney lives in Raleigh and works at INC Research in Talent Acquisition.

FRAN PFRIMMER married Drew Sutton of Chapel Hill, N.C. on Sept. 19, 2015. The couple now resides in Chicago, Ill.

04 | JOSHUA COLLINS and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a baby boy, Jameson Glenn Collins, born New Years morning, Jan. 1, 2016. Joshua and Melissa live in Indian Trail and Joshua is the General Manager of Famous Toastery in Ballantyne.

REID FRONK and his wife, Lindsey, welcomed their first child, Paige Catherine Fronk, on April 17, 2016. Paige was 7 lbs 5 oz and 21 inches, born in Charlotte at Presbyterian Hospital.

RICK TANNER and his wife had their second child, Frederick Arthur Tanner IV ("Ricky"), on May 11, 2016.

02 | ROSEMARY NATIONS ALEXANDER and her husband, Tripp, welcomed twin boys, Henry Howard "Ford" Alexander IV and "John" Robert Alexander, on Feb. 22. The boys join their two-year-old daughter Emaline and make their hearts full.

ALUMNI ALBUM



Fran Pfrimmer Sutton '05



Joshua Collins '04



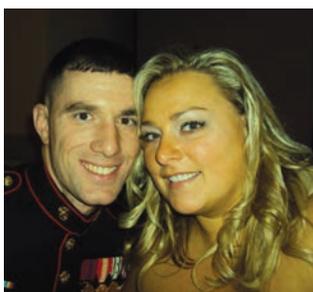
Reid Fronk '04



Rosemary Nations Alexander '02



Leah Metcalf '01



Jonathan Joye '00



Mark Brown '96



John Hipp '96

01 | **LEAH METCALF** has been playing professional basketball in Europe for the past 10 years in France, Sweden, Poland, Luxembourg, and Russia. She will be hosting her first all-girls basketball camp for girls ages 6-13 at Charlotte Christian School this summer (July 5-8). More information about Leah and the camp can be found at www.CarpeU.com.

00 | **JONATHAN JOYE** and his wife, Dana, are blessed to be expecting their first child in October 2016. Jonathan recently ended nine years of active-duty service in the Marine Corps, including deployments to Iraq, Libya, and Spain. He recently started work as a contractor deployed to Bahrain working under US Naval Forces Central Command.

96 | **MARK BROWN** moved to Durham, N.C. in January 2015 after accepting the facilities director position at The Summit Church. He is currently enrolled at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest. Mark and his wife, Liz, are expecting a boy, Isaac Clayton, due Aug. 6.

JOHN HIPPI and his wife, Lucy, celebrated the birth of their first child Ella Baxter Hipp on April 1, 2016.

95 | **LAURA CLARK** is the CEO of Renaissance West Community Initiative and is leading a campaign to build a child center on Charlotte's low-income west side.

90 | **SCOTT PACE** is the Executive Director of People of the Second Chance, a national organization that provides help and resources for people to redeem their not-so-perfect story and find meaning in the messiness of life. SecondChance.org

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HOMECOMING 2016
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30**



ALUMNUS PROFILE Baron Miller ('94)

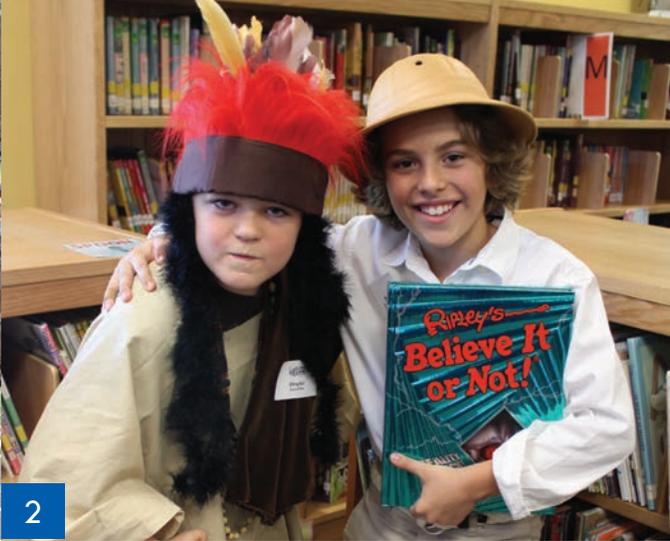
Baron Miller ('94) arrived at Charlotte Christian School as a third grader joining his older brother Garrett and his mom who was working on campus. Over the next 10 years, he had an active role in the Charlotte Christian community by participating in a number of sports (including basketball, cross country, soccer and tennis), serving on the yearbook staff, growing in his faith and Christian values and forming life-long friendships with his classmates. Even 22 years after graduation, he still remains close to fellow grad Lee Stewart whom he met at Charlotte Christian. Looking back on his years here, Mr. Miller recalls some of his favorite faculty including Mrs. Jenny Ramsey's biology class and his French class with Mrs. Glemaker.

Upon graduation in 1994, he went to N.C. State and majored in communications. Several internships at local television stations paved a foundation for him to begin his passion of producing sports entertainment. In 1999 he graduated from N.C. State and was offered a position with ESPN as a part-time production assistant in Charlotte. Mr. Miller then worked his way up over the next several years to become an associate producer and eventually producer. As a producer, he has created a variety of shows including NHRA (drag racing), college basketball and football games, and various NCAA championships. He made the move to ESPNU studio around 2005 where he helped launch and produce shows such as *The Palmer and Pollack Show*, *The Experts*, *College Football Daily*, *Bases Loaded* and more.



He has spent his entire career in Charlotte with ESPN and now serves as coordinating producer for ESPNU. In this position, Mr. Miller oversees all studio productions for ESPNU, while also still producing various shows including National Signing Day, The College Football Awards and also helps with the ESPY's Red Carpet Show.

Mr. Miller lives in Charlotte with his wife Elizabeth and two children, Paxton and Brinkley (who often make cameos on ESPNU's Little Experts). "I am grateful to have attended Charlotte Christian that nurtured a faith based close-knit community, cultivated friendships and prepared me for college and beyond."



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1. All-School Easter Chapel
2. Third Grade Wax Museum
3. Panthers Pride Day
4. Middle School Odyssey of the Mind
5. Sophomore History Day
6. Lower School Grandparents' Day
7. Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
8. Lower School Field Day
9. Stephen Curry ('06) Day
10. Middle School ECO Game Winners
11. UNC Charlotte Basketball Players Read to Lower School Students
12. Principal's Cup Recipient Lily Robinson
13. J-Term Trip to Dominican Republic



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JUNE 27 - JULY 1

Camp Name	Grade
BroPerfect	Grades 5-8
Creative Drama	Grades K-2
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun	Grades 2-5
Minecraft	Grades 2-5
MS Soccer	Grades 6-8

JULY 11 - 15

Camp Name	Grade
Digital Music	Grades 5-8
iMovie Makers	Grades 1-6
Pottery Formations	Grades 2-6
Speed & Acceleration	Grades 1-6
Youth Apologetics Conference*	Ages 13-19

JULY 18 - 22

Camp Name	Grade
Elite Basketball	Grades 6-8
Knights Basketball	Grades JK-5
Explorations in Acting	Grades 3-5
Knights Knews Jr. Film	Grades K-2
Knights Knews Jr. Film	Grades 3-6
LEGO® ED/Mindstorm® EV3	Grades 4-6
LEGO® Maniacs	Grades JK-5
Math Mania	Grades 1-2
Math Mania	Grades 3-5

JULY 25 - 29

Camp Name	Grade
Film Production 101	Grades 9-12

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