

The Crusader Chronicle

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

MATTHEW 19:26



Celebrating
Connections



WHITINSVILLE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Connections Culminating in Graduation 2017



An alumna unexpectedly stopped by my office during a weekend visit with her family. I rearranged my schedule and offered to take her on a tour of the new performing arts center and gym. It became the highlight of my day, connecting with this 2014 graduate of Whitinsville Christian School for over an hour. Our conversation was as much about the events in her life as it was about the new building. It was an enriching experience peppered with her genuine appreciation for a Christian education that positioned her for very successful college life and a future full of optimism. It was the celebration of a connection.

In the pages that follow, there are several pictures of families with a member of the class of 2017, where at least three generations have attended Whitinsville Christian School. It is another example of celebrating the legacy connections of families. It speaks to deep levels of commitment to Christian education that has its roots in the earlier years of WCS. These are connections worth celebrating.

There is a prayer group that meets regularly on the first school day of each week to pray for the needs of WCS and the people in it. The group is led by Anne Kaminski, who focuses the group on prayers of praise and supplications submitted by many individuals. I envision that prayer group as a weekly celebration of connections with each other, but also connecting to God through Christ on behalf of WCS.

“Throughout the Christian School, there is a sense of community.”

The Distinguished Alumni Award for 2017 was given to Reverend Ron Nydam, whose connections go back to the 8th grade class of 1963. I invite you to read more about Ron, and the celebration of his connections to WCS over the past fifty-four years in this issue.

And that leads me to the sense of community that develops and flows out of celebrating connections. Throughout the Christian School there is a sense of community. I hear it frequently from others as a response to questions about what makes WCS unique. There is a community that is evident, functional, vibrant, and important to people. People seek it out, experience it, promote it, and live it out in a variety of ways. Volunteers gather in our kitchen to provide lunches for our students and the staff. Golfers who spend a tournament day of fun to support WCS form a community. The annual pie fundraiser brings together a variety of people, gathered for hours around a table conversing with each other.

Celebrating Connections is a very fitting theme for the summer issue of the Crusader Chronicle, featuring coverage of the graduation of the Class of 2017. Fifty-one graduates marked the completion of their education at WCS connecting with faculty, staff, families, and friends, culminating in one of the biggest celebrations of the year. Read about it and see it in pictures in this issue of the Crusader Chronicle.

Lance B. Engbers
Headmaster





Published by Whitinsville Christian School and the WCS Advancement Office.

Comments, content suggestions and address updates should be directed to:

Advancement Office
Whitinsville Christian School
279 Linwood Avenue
Whitinsville, MA 01588

HEADMASTER
Lance Engbers

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT
Adam Meyer

DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT
Sonia Zeyl

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Chris Vander Baan

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Mary Dykstra

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
Sarah Bowler

PUBLICATION EDITOR
Laural Plourde

LAYOUT AND DESIGN
Dionne Katinas

PRINTING
Kemp Publishing Inc.

ON THE COVER

Background: Connecting bridge
Photos: Faculty and student connections made during the spring and summer of 2017 at WCS.

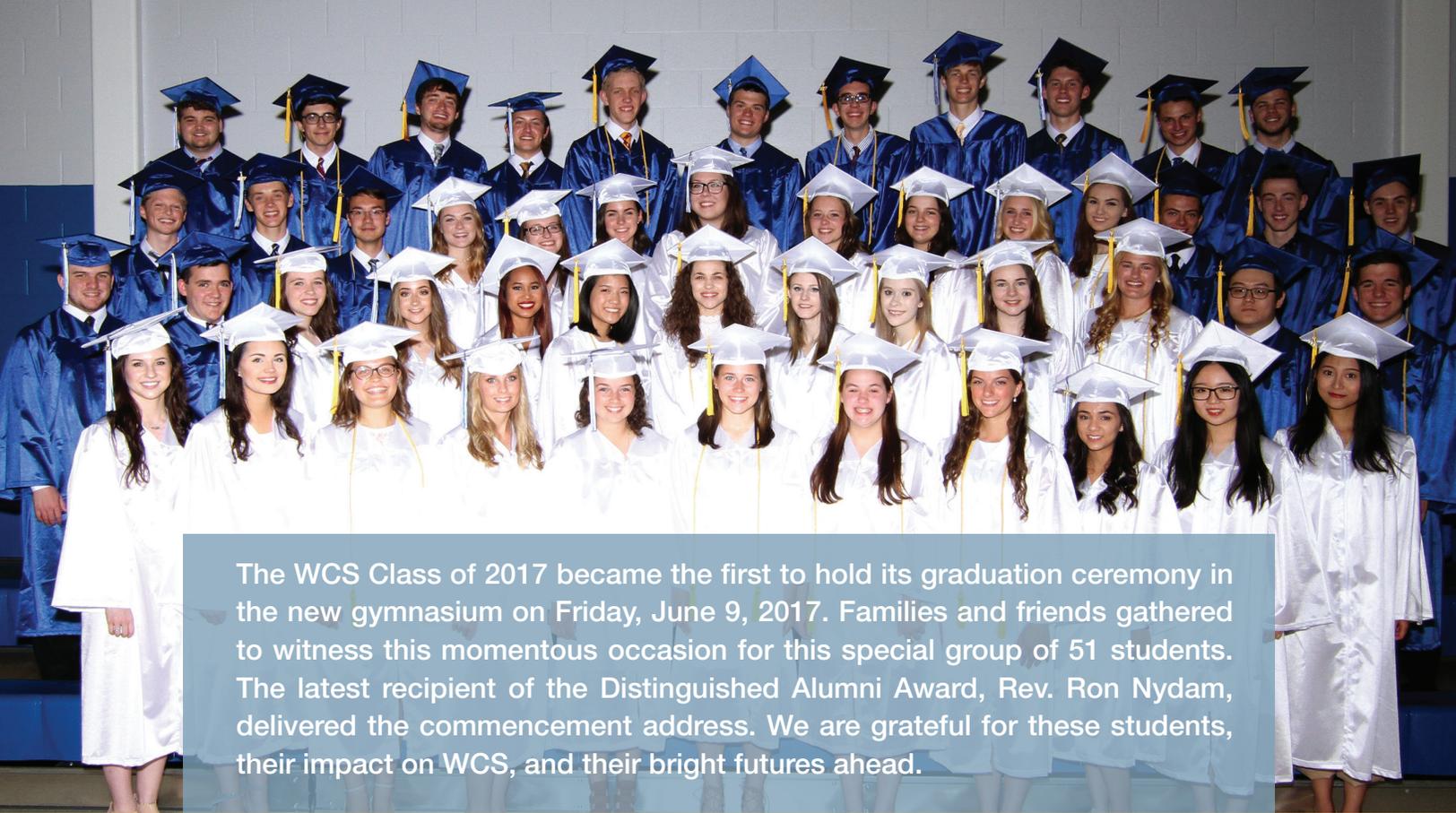
The Crusader Chronicle

Table of Contents

2	Celebrating Connections – Lance B. Engbers, Headmaster
4-7	Graduation Ceremonies
8-9	Capstone Projects
10-13	Celebrating the Arts
14	Distinguished Alumni Award
15	Extension Cords and High School – Chris Vander Baan, High School Principal
16-17	Connecting with Alumni Near and Far
18	Spring Auction and Golf Outing
19	Creating New Connections – Sonia Zeyl, Director of Enrollment
20-21	Expanding Our Connections – Russell Vander Baan, President of the Board of Trustees
22-23	Staying Connected to Our Mission – Dr. Adam Meyer, Director of Advancement
24	Treasuring Our Connections
25-27	Athletics
28-29	Staying Connected with Alumni
30-34	Donations, Gifts, and Memorials
35	Alumni Updates
Back	Homecoming – Save the Date!

The Crusader Chronicle is published twice a year for families, alumni, and friends of the school. For a change of address, to add someone to the mailing list, or to let us know of updates, please email advancement@whitinsvillechristian.org.

www.whitinsvillechristian.org
facebook.com/whitinsvillechristian
twitter.com/whitinsvillecs



The WCS Class of 2017 became the first to hold its graduation ceremony in the new gymnasium on Friday, June 9, 2017. Families and friends gathered to witness this momentous occasion for this special group of 51 students. The latest recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Rev. Ron Nydam, delivered the commencement address. We are grateful for these students, their impact on WCS, and their bright futures ahead.

2017

Commencement



Lydia Jung, Valedictorian



Noah Zeyl, Salutatorian



Follow your dreams no matter where they take you. Be willing to break the mold if you find the mold confining.

– Caleb Bryce ('07)

Commencement Address

Rev. Ron Nydam (WCS student through 8th grade) offered the commencement address to the class of 2017. Rev. Nydam is also this year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. We are delighted to share an abbreviated version of his commencement address and invite you to read more about Rev. Nydam on page 14.

I am honored to stand before you tonight and spend some time in congratulating the class of 2017. Our challenge tonight is to wonder what each of you will do with your lives between now and 2067, the year of your 50th reunion. It's a stretch to get our heads around what life will be like in the year 2067, not just careers and marriages, but what kind of people you become and what you will do for God. There is a clear and simple reason for this wondering. It may sound like kind of a tombstone epitaph, but the truth is that only what's done for Christ will last.

The class of 2017 has chosen a very fitting verse. "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11.) The tribes of Judah and Benjamin needed to hear the alert from Jeremiah that Jehovah God would restore them and make them flourish in the Promised Land, just as God had promised when he told Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the sands of the seashore. So God says to these people who were downcast in slavery something that sounds like a graduation speech. "Build your houses, and settle down, plant gardens, and eat the produce. Marry up, have sons and daughters so that they too can seek peace and prosperity for the city of Babylon for as the city prospers so will you. Why? Because you have a future and I promise to protect you and give you hope so that your future happens" (Jeremiah 29:5-7)



The word "blessing" means becoming the person God wants you to be and living the life that God wants you to live. My hope and my prayer for each of you tonight is that you live a life of blessing, becoming the persons that God meant you to be. This means discovering your passions – the things and the people that give you excitement. Certainly, with regard to the careers that you choose and the people that you choose to be with, but also with regard to the ways in which you figure out how to serve Christ in the midst of this busy, broken world.

Class of 2017, happy trails to all of you as you go on to discover God's plan for a prosperous life. Not so much in terms of money, or power, or glamour, or fame, but very much in terms of love for people, under the protection of God's own hand. Because even when you face something that seems close to death, God never leaves the room. We have hope because on the Cross of Calvary 2,000 years or so ago, God guaranteed that our lives would have meaning to Him because He loves us. Be forward-looking to a future — a future promised by God that will be guided by that Holy Spirit nudge in your hearts that points you, all of you, to a life of God's blessing.

High School Awards Ceremony

Strong Academic Endeavor Awards

Grade 9: Mike Malouin
Grade 10: Liam Colligan
Grade 11: Josh Vander Baan
Grade 12: Travis Metcalf

Academic Subject Awards

Art: Libby Quercio
Band: Hannah Mercer
Bible: Aiden VanTol
Business: Cam Sutherland
Choir (Female): Hannah Mercer
Choir (Male): Colin Swaim
Drama: Noah Zeyl & Lydia Jung
English: Bianca DiVitto
History: Patrick Estrella
Math: Noah Zeyl
Technology: Sam Gulinello
Orchestra: Jacob Vander Hart, Heather Cornwell, Sam Gulinello, Soriya Melanson
Science – Biological – Sidney Johnson
Science – Physical – Jonathan Leduc
Spanish: Heather Cornwell

National Merit Commended Student

Lydia Jung

Private Local & Memorial Scholarships

Telegram & Gazette Student Achiever Award – Adelaide Dykstra
UniBank Scholarship – Lauren Bek
Uxbridge Rotary Club Scholarship – Adelaide Dykstra & Libby Quercio
Milford Federal Savings & Loan Scholarship – Abby Graves
Leonard M. Krull Memorial Scholarship – Adelaide Dykstra
Sadie DeYoung Memorial Scholarship – Arianna Koeman
Arthur Wiersma Memorial Scholarship – Grace Brownell & Kade McCann
Eric J. Cook Memorial Scholarship – Emily Cutler
George J. VandenAkker Memorial Scholarship – Jonathan Leduc

WCS Administered Awards & Private Scholarships

The Bouke and Alice Jorritsma Scholarship for the Outstanding Senior Graduate – Aiden VanTol
Mass Secondary School Administrators – Libby Quercio & Mikaela VandenAkker
RPI Medal Program Award – Jackey Ma
Thelma DeYoung Memorial Award for Excellence Scholarship – Sarah Moschini
Jim & Jean Nydam Honorary Scholarship – Lily Vinton
Smith College Book Award – Jakki Cloutier
Harvard Book Award – Jonny VanderSea

Founders Award (K-12 at WCS)

Peter Casey, Bianca DiVitto, Adelaide Dykstra, Abby Graves, Charlotte Herndon, Katrina Holm, Sidney Johnson, Arianna Koeman, Ben Koopman, Maura Kulesza, Kade McCann, Soriya Melanson, Hanna Picard, Colin Swaim, Mikaela VandenAkker, Aiden VanTol, and Christian Visgatis

Congratulations also to the 98 students who received a Presidential Academic Award, and to each student who participated in our many clubs, service groups, and student organizations. We are thankful for your service and giftedness!

Legacy Families

We celebrate the connections families have continued across the generations.



*Eschew ignorance. Covet knowledge.
Work hard. Respect the world of art
and ideas. You will be the better for it.*
– Jeannine Oppewall ('61)



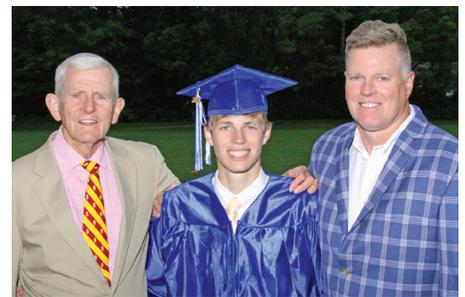
Peter Casey with father, Scott Casey ('92)



Abby Graves with mother, Michelle (Borghetti) Graves ('99) and father, Brian Graves ('99)



Katrina Holm with mother, Kay (Banning) Holm ('83), grandmother, Helen (Koopman) Banning ('48), and grandfather, Willard Banning ('47)



Ben Koopman with grandfather, Don Koopman ('50), and father, Dirk Koopman ('78)



Hanna Picard with grandfather, Allen Dykstra ('48), and mother, Barbara (Dykstra) Picard ('77)



Andrew Schneider with mother, Karyn (Baker) Schneider ('86)



Mikaela VandenAkker with grandmother, Joanne (LaFleur) VandenAkker ('50), and father, Greg VandenAkker ('84)

Honorary Alumnus



Chris Vander Baan, Jim Nydam, Jean (Feddema) Nydam (8th grade class of 1942), and their daughter, Laurie (Nydam) Vander Baan (class of 1978)

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, James G. Nydam was offered the very first award of its kind at WCS. He received an Honorary Diploma from Whitinsville Christian School. An Honorary Diploma is an academic degree for which WCS has waived the usual requirements. However, he accomplished many, many other things that make him so very deserving of this degree. His five children attended WCS along with 17 grandchildren, and currently there are six great-grandchildren attending WCS. That is a total of 28 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that have attended WCS.

It may have taken him a bit longer than his children and grandchildren to graduate from WCS, but at least he made it before his great-grandchildren!

Jim has so generously supported WCS, having spent many years working here, and even today he continues to volunteer with the TRIP Program. He is always interested in what is happening and is always looking out for WCS. Very recently he brought in newspapers with

information about schools closing in the area and thinking about more students that could potentially come to WCS. Congratulations on now being able to say that you are a graduate, and an honorary one at that, from Whitinsville Christian School. Most people thought he already was a graduate of WCS, but there is no mistaking it now! We are thrilled to offer this diploma to Jim Nydam.

Where They Are Going

Bree Bai	Brandeis University	Kade McCann	UMass Lowell
Lauren Bek	Endicott College	Soriya Melanson	Quinsigamond College
Mark Bekhet	Calvin College	Tatiana Menendez-Phan	Gap Year
Drayton Boa	Calvin College	Hannah Mercer	Grove City College
Grace Brownell	Trinity Christian College	Travis Metcalf	Bridgewater State University
Peter Casey	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Julia Monks	Wheelock College
Emily Chickinski	St. John's University	Andy Mu	University of California Irvine
Heather Cornwell	Seattle University	Austin Orentlich	Liberty University
Emily Cutler	Creighton University	Connor Paine	Calvin College
Bianca DiVitto	Stonehill College	Hanna Picard	Bridgewater State University
Adelaide Dykstra	Calvin College	Libby Quercio	Lesley University
Pat Estrella	Northeastern University	Veronica Rios	Liberty University
Tyler Garlett	Oral Roberts University	Andrew Schneider	Calvin College
Abby Graves	Lesley University	Rachel Spratt	Assumption College
Sam Gulinello	Messiah College	Cam Sutherland	Waynesburg University
Charlotte Herndon	Bridgewater State University	Colin Swaim	Calvin College
Katrina Holm	Hofstra University	Becca Swan	University of Miami
Colin Irwin	UMass Lowell	Nick Swiader	Liberty University
Sidney Johnson	North Park University, Chicago	Chris Tulley	University of Tampa
Lydia Jung	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Mikaela VandenAkker	Calvin College
Arianna Koeman	Calvin College	Jacob Vander Hart	Boston University
Ben Koopman	University of North Carolina, Wilmington	Aiden VanTol	College of William & Mary
Maura Kulesza	American University	Christian Visgatis	University of South Carolina
Jonathan Leduc	Rochester Institute of Technology	Katie Wilcox	Messiah College
Vivian Liu	University of Connecticut	Zoe Yates	Community College of Rhode Island
		Noah Zeyl	Calvin College



CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Capstone Students (left to right) Top row: Adelaide Dykstra, Charlotte Herndon, Arianna Koeman. Bottom row: Libby Quercio, Kade McCann, Katrina Holm

Volunteer Opportunities

Adelaide Dykstra



From previous volunteer experiences, Clark Street Developmental Learning School in Worcester had become a special place for Adelaide. With the number of half-days of school on the WCS calendar, she knew that an opportunity existed for her and her fellow students to spend some time “outside of the WCS bubble.” She organized groups of fellow high school volunteers to work with the children at Clark Street and to create workshops for Family Continuity in Whitinsville. She especially enjoyed the connections made with the students at Clark Street. Being invited to chaperone a field trip for Clark Street to the Boston Aquarium was one of the highlights of her project.

Middle School Mentor Groups

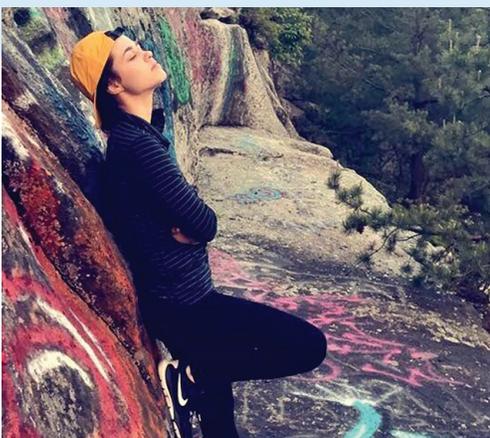
Arianna Koeman



Arianna drew from her own experiences as a middle school student for her Capstone Project. She remembered wishing that an older student could have acted as a mentor during those years. With WCS’s unique situation of having all students under one roof, she knew that would create a great environment for mentor groups. Every middle school student was placed into a group. Arianna recruited and equipped 23 high school mentors, and guided discussions on topics relevant to teenagers. The project helped her see the many ways that God touches people. All students involved had a great experience and enjoyed the connections made.

ApArt of Everything, an Art Documentary

Charlotte Herndon



Charlotte created an art documentary titled “ApArt of Everything,” a process she describes as “vulnerable” in which she examined and revealed her “deepest beliefs about art.” She explored the themes of self-curation, intention, and artistic lens. She interviewed five people, asked them to share their thoughts about art, and then used inspiration from the interview to paint directly on the bodies of her subjects. Several of her artistic friends helped with the filming and editing. Charlotte’s project was a stunning representation of our theme this year: The Artistry of God.

The Art of Filmmaking

Katrina Holm



Katrina's project came as no surprise to those who know her best. When she received her first camera in fourth grade, she instantly fell in love with creating movies. When she attended her first Capstone night as a young high school student, she was inspired by the passion of the presenters and knew that she would create a film for her Capstone Project. In fact, she made two films. She created a marketing video for Greene Rubber Company. The other, more personal film, was a documentary featuring her grandparents and the stories of their lives. When asked how much influence current technology has on the final quality of a film, Katrina said, "The technology can't make the final product good. It takes the creativity of the filmmaker."

Raising Awareness for Neuro-Muscular Disease

Kade McCann



Kade received his diagnosis of Myotonic Dystrophy DM1, a genetic form of muscular dystrophy, in 2016. He spent many days at Boston Children's Hospital with kids who had similar conditions and wished he could help. One day a representative from the Muscular Dystrophy Association met with him to explain the work they do and he realized this would be a great opportunity for a Capstone Project. He organized a Crusader Series event where Dr. John Carulli, a senior executive from Biogen, spoke about neuro-muscular diseases and specifically, Myotonic Dystrophy DM1 and the research taking place to find therapies. He also organized a 5K walk/run for the MDA. Thanks to the 180 participants, and many generous sponsors, the event raised over \$12,000 for the MDA. Fellow senior, Chris Tulley, served as event manager for the walk/run, and many other students served as volunteers.



Kade with Jenny Richard of the MDA of Massachusetts

Teaching Self-Expression to Young Artists

Libby Quercio



Libby has known since she was a freshman that she wanted to complete a Capstone Project. She was so thankful that her idea of teaching art classes was embraced by the After-School Enrichment team. The support of the team, as well as the WCS art teachers, helped her get organized and identify resources. Libby taught two classes over the school year to K-2 students. She designed lessons and projects to help nurture their creative self-expression skills and most enjoyed herself when her students were inspired by their project. One favorite was painting self-portraits on pumpkins. Her advice to students considering a Capstone Project: Do something you love because it's a lot of work.



Second grader Bella Aloise Graf with her self portrait

Creative Connections through WCS Arts

WCS has a long-standing commitment to arts education, celebrating creative gifts from the Creator. Creative connections were made with audiences throughout the year through our drama, strings, vocal, and arts departments.



WCS Art Teachers' Exhibit

As part of a month-long celebration of the arts, Alternatives' Whitin Mill in Whitinsville hosted a WCS Art Teachers' Exhibit. Paintings, photographs, and sculptures created by **Emily VandenAkker** (class of 2009), Tahnee Kuder, and Linda Barnes (pictured left to right) were on display for several weeks. WCS is very blessed to have these talented women teaching our students that they are made in the image of our Creator, to be creators!

New Performing Arts Center Hosts Concerts

In the month of May, we were blessed with a Special Preview Week in the new Athletics and Performing Arts Center. The Orchestra Concert, Band Finale, and Chorale Finale were all held in the new space, with each group showcasing the outstanding acoustics in this state-of-the-art facility.





WCS Strings Tour Orchestra Honors Veterans in Washington DC

The WCS Strings Tour Orchestra traveled to Washington, DC over spring break to honor our nation's veterans. Students connected with veterans, staff, and strangers as they presented selections of patriotic music at veterans' homes, the Lincoln Memorial, and other locations around the city. Upon their return to Whitinsville, the orchestra held a concert, "Salute to America," featuring patriotic music. Local veterans and friends enjoyed "Stars and Stripes Forever," an Armed Forces Tribute, the theme from "The Patriot," a salute to Irving Berlin, and more.



Encore Competes at ICHSA

In February, Encore Vocal Ensemble competed in the Northeast Quarterfinal for the ICHSA (International Championship of High School A Cappella) in Danvers, MA. Encore competed with eight incredibly talented ensembles from the Northeast, out of an entire competition of over 150 a cappella groups. Though Encore did not advance to the next round, they received huge praise from the producers, other competitors, and the audience, connecting our school and this talented group to a new opportunity to use their gifts on a larger stage. Encore also connected WCS to a wide range of audiences during performances at The Stadium Theater in Woonsocket, RI, the Massachusetts State House, and Uxbridge First Night.



Cinderella!

What a joy it was to see *Cinderella*, and I had already seen it a hundred times! I love the moments when it all comes together. A full house, lights ready, a pit tuned and actors tense with anticipation; the curtain opens and the magic begins. –Mary Dykstra

This year's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella Enchanted* was a magical event. With a packed-beyond-capacity house on Friday night, everyone gave their all to make this production one that will go down in WCS history, not only because of its greatness, but also because it was the last HS Drama performance in the Krull Auditorium. Students sang "Taps" as they took down the last table and lovingly placed it on the stack. Cast, crew, and directors will all sincerely miss the Krull and how the space pushed our creativity to new heights. But that doesn't dampen our excitement for the new PAC! We look forward to being pushed in a whole new way!

As for the cast and crew of *Cinderella*, their joy and exuberance will last a long time. Students once again showed what it means to be the Body of Christ. With almost half of the high school student body involved in some way, theater truly brings people together and uses everyone's unique gifts to make something beautiful. And we are blessed by all the adults that come alongside, directing, mentoring, playing instruments, designing, building, painting, making and getting costumes and sets!



Art Walk

In May, twenty Whitinsville businesses displayed artwork from our students during the WCS Art Walk. WCS artists from elementary through high school enjoyed sharing their gifts with our friends and neighbors.





The story of *Cinderella* is also a lesson in the fruit of the Spirit. While we worked on this show, we challenged ourselves to think about not only the characters we were portraying, but also the inner character we are constantly building. The character of *Cinderella* embodies the fruit of the Spirit, but also many other good traits such as perseverance, resilience in the face of long-suffering, and un-failing hope. We challenged ourselves to see how we are doing in these character traits as well.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella Enchanted* was truly enchanting. We thoroughly enjoyed working on this show and want to thank all those involved in making this show possible! Thank you to all who came to enjoy the production with us. Most of all, thanks to our Lord for all the gifts He has given.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Mary Dykstra, Drama Director



The WCS Drama Club will give their first performance in the new Performing Arts Center on November 17, 18, 24, and 25.



Distinguished ALUMNUS 2017

Rev. Ronald J. Nydam, Ph.D.

The 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to **Rev. Ronald Nydam**. “His deep commitment to the church as the bride of Christ, his unflinching love for and commitment to his family, and his profound appreciation of the meaningfulness of a Christian education for all of life, have made Rev. Ronald J. Nydam an easy choice for the Distinguished Alumni Award by Whitinsville Christian School,” said Lance Engbers, Headmaster. Rev. Nydam attended WCS through the 8th grade in 1962.

Rev. Nydam earned a Ph.D. from the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology. On the landscape of vocational calling, Rev. Nydam has concentrated on pastoral care with a laser focus on the impact of relinquishment and adoption. With experience in parish ministry, as well as serving as professor of pastoral care at Calvin Theological Seminary for 16 years, Rev. Nydam is distinguished as an author of several books and, more importantly, making the world a better place for those who are hurting and searching for shalom. He founded Adoption Dynamics, an agency of counseling for adoption triad members, community education on relinquishment and adoption, and legislative support for adoption reform. He has been a frequent speaker and presenter at conferences of the American Adoption Congress. He also served as pastor of the Third Christian Reformed Church of Denver for many years. He is married to Cheryl (known to many as Sugar).



When asked about receiving this honor, Rev. Nydam replied, “Of course, I smile with delight as I have received the honor of becoming a distinguished alumni of Whitinsville Christian School. I remember that graduation from the eighth grade; the 16 of us in our class were set to go forward to make a difference in our world. I am honored to join the conversation about a very little school that set my life in a wonderful direction. So I am thankful for the recognition and I am very happy to be an alum of Whitinsville Christian School.”

“My hopes for the future of Whitinsville Christian School are grounded in what’s going on at the present time. Spiritual, personal, academic, and athletic growth in the student

body is quite evident in the quality of persons that our graduates usually become. Talking with a few of this year’s graduates made that quite clear to me. I experienced them as a class with class. And the reality is that nearly all of the graduates are heading off to higher education and they are already defining their career futures in exciting ways.”

We are honored to award the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award to Rev. Ronald J. Nydam.



“I am thankful for the recognition and I am very happy to be an alum of Whitinsville Christian School.”

CONNECTIONS - Extension Cords and High School

In late winter, with the last snow, I needed to get my father-in-law's old Ford tractor running to clear my driveway. I climbed on the 50-year-old beast, turned the ignition switch and nothing happened. Sadly, I had parked the tractor 300 feet from my garage. I searched high and low and found five extension cords. I connected them together, charged the battery, and off I went.

As I think of that incident, I am reminded of the connections that are made by our high school kids, our alumni, our faculty, and our staff. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas break, the high school has a massive influx of recent grads. They come to see their old stomping grounds, see friends and teachers, show off their new hairstyles, and tell stories about their college experiences. This is a long standing custom that connects the place we call WCHS with the past. When I look at connections between family, friends, spouses, and institutions, the thing that brings all those connections together is common interests, passions, and similar goals. Like the electricity that charged my tractor battery, there is a synergy that brings and holds us together in relationships. Our world is even more closely connected by social media. We can tweet, email, talk on our cells, and even talk face-to-face virtually through Google Hangout and Viber. All of these technological advances allow us to stay connected with those whom we want to stay connected.

“The sense of community was an encouraging reminder of what makes WCS unique and special.”

Two recent events highlight those connections for me as High School Principal: The special preview of the APAC and graduation of the class of 2017. Drama, Band, Choir, Encore, and athletics are huge programs at WCHS. More than 85% of

our student body participates in one or more of these outstanding programs. The special preview week brought hundreds of curious alumni to the wide variety of events hosted in our amazing new space. I saw faces that I have not seen in two decades playing volleyball or sitting comfortably in plush, cushioned chairs in our air-conditioned Performing Arts Center. Watching alumni playing volleyball with current students cemented connections and rekindled dormant relationships. At graduation, I get the best seat in the house. Being a numbers guy, I count heads and try to identify each person in the crowd. As I looked into the bleachers, I saw more than 100 current and past students there to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2017. After graduation, hundreds of family members and alumni spent 90 minutes chatting, laughing,

and connecting with old and new friends. The sense of community was an encouraging reminder of what makes WCS unique and special.

One could suggest that curiosity brings many of our alumni back. Friendships and relationships with former teachers, coaches, mentors, and directors connect the current student body with the recent and long-time alumni. Some of those relationships are life-long while others change as students move and find their college and career paths. The smallness of our high school lends itself to stronger teacher-student relationships. Being Christ-centered and student-focused adds enormous opportunities for students in grades 9–12 to foster relationships with each other, staff, and coaches. Extension cords connect things that need to obtain or share power. I believe WCS is a special community that has thrived for 80 plus years because of its alumni. Third-generation alumni support our school through their financial giving, work at Treasures, and filling envelopes with TRIP cards. Some of our alumni coach and teach at WCS. A community built on the principles of God's Word that treasures the growth of the next generation is connected throughout generations because Christ is that power source that can take all our differences and keep us committed to serving the Lord. It is my hope that I may someday see my grandchildren become the fifth generation to attend WCS. Oh what a spark that would be!

Chris Vander Baan
High School Principal





WCS ALUMNI HOST

Whitinsville Serve

Opening worship

From July 8 to 15, Whitinsville hosted over 60 teens from the U.S. and Canada as part of Whitinsville SERVE. Many WCS alumni participated as team leaders and in other service roles. The director of student ministries at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, **Annika (Krygsman) Bangma** ('05), served as host team coordinator. In a conversation just days before the volunteers arrived, Annika shared that she was looking forward to the week, and glad to have the experience of 2016 in her toolbox this year. SERVE is a short-term mission experience provided by Youth Unlimited.

"I had participated with SERVE through Youth Unlimited when I was in college as a youth ministry intern," said Annika. "Our church (Pleasant Street CRC) participated in SERVE in Michigan in 2014. After that experience, several of our students said, 'Hey, why aren't we doing this? We can do this.' **Mikaela VandenAkker**

('17) was a huge driver of that effort. Not only has she participated as a student, but this year she is on our host team. She's part of our Spiritual Life team that will plan all of the worship for the week and coordinate the prayer partners."

"Our student Barnabas Team is a hard-working group. They're the first ones awake each day. They check in at every worksite making sure people have everything they need, they serve in the worship band, they stay up late to

write inspiring notes, and they come alongside anyone who looks like they need an encouraging word. We also have a huge network of people who feed us all week."

"Most of our volunteers are returning from last year so we're much more comfortable with our roles." The Whitinsville SERVE projects included painting for the Northbridge Police Department, fire hose pressure checks for the Northbridge Fire Department, clean-up with the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc./National Park Service, grounds work and help with students at Camp Chilaven, general maintenance and visitation with residents and the Whitinsville Retirement Home, plus work at Community Harvest, Choir Fest, Fairwoods, the Northbridge Senior Center, and of course more fire hydrant painting for the Northbridge DPW. "We choose our projects based upon things that help the community and those that have a relational piece so that the students who come can immediately see the difference they make by meeting people and forming memories."

When asked about her favorite part of the week, Annika shared, "I enjoy the time in our evening worship where we share God sightings. It's very meaningful to see students, leaders, and our host team stand up and share what they have seen God accomplish during the week."



Photo to left: Members of the Barnabas Team in the kitchen



Volunteers at the Northbridge Senior Center



Cleaning up the Blackstone Valley

WHERE THE CARNIVORES ARE



Caleb with Ph.D. advisor Dr. Terri Williams

“Like other large carnivores, they’re just out trying to ‘make a living.’”

When Caleb Bryce graduated from WCS in 2007, he was ready to break from the path that many of his classmates were following. He moved to San Diego, the first step in a journey that would lead him to Africa.

Caleb was greatly impacted by his WCS Honors Genetics class with Regina Skudera. “It was the single most important class to open my eyes to how incredible biology was as a discipline. It was a great introduction to the workload and intensity of a college-level class, in biology in particular. Another key class was Ecology & Mammalogy with Chris Vander Baan. That class piqued my interest in going off to the far corners of the world to study animals.”

Caleb studied carnivores in Costa Rica as part of his undergraduate studies. For his Ph.D. work, he worked with researchers following wolves in Alaska. “I worked with engineers and biologists to design a new wildlife collar. It tracked the wolves, figuring out what behaviors they engage in and how much energy those behaviors cost. My component was to field test the collars. In order to calibrate the collar, I trained captive wolves to wear it and walk on a treadmill.” The collars on the wild wolves measured where they were and what their activity budgets looked like. Researchers could then determine how much they need to eat to survive at present, and make predictions for how climate change might alter wolf population dynamics in the future.

“There is a misconception that wolves are blood-thirsty, slinking around in the darkness, eating Little Red Riding Hood, or looking for any opportunity to kill you or your livestock. They’d much prefer to eat their own native prey than livestock. Like other large carnivores, they’re just out trying to ‘make a living.’ They aren’t dangerous to people. You’re more likely to be killed by a vending machine falling on you than a wolf attack.”

Caleb recently received his Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from U.C. Santa Cruz. His ten years of experience with large carnivore research and conservation has now landed him in the big leagues. He and his wife, Carli, have recently relocated to Botswana for a two-year assignment that could extend to four years or even longer. The Botswana Predator Conservation Trust is a large carnivore research and conservation non-profit that has been in existence for 30 years. Caleb and Carli are the primary on-the-ground staff, running the program and hosting researchers from all over the world. They ensure everything runs smoothly at the camp and that the research is being done. Since he’s had previous experience in Africa, Caleb is looking forward to working with lions again. “They’re the most impressive.”

When asked what advice he has for the Class of 2017, Caleb offered, “Try something new. Find the (college) program that best matches your interest and is in a place you’d like to live. Connect with supportive people that can advise you and connect you with opportunities.”



Annual Fundraisers

See Great Fellowship and Successful Support for WCS



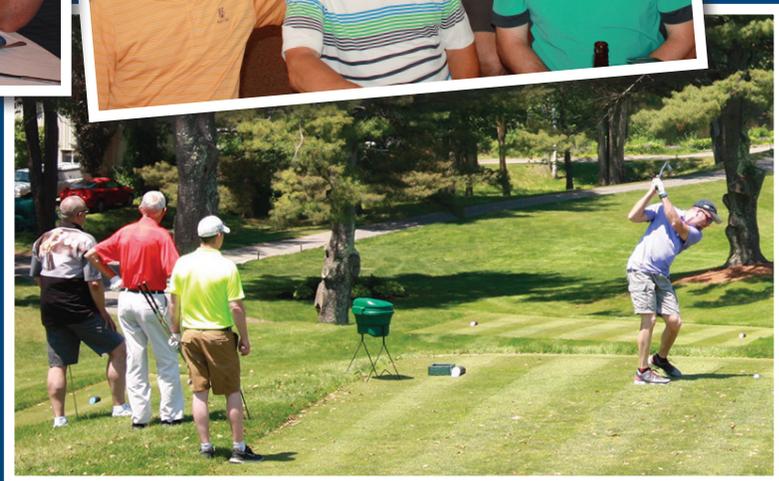
Spring Auction

The 31st annual Spring Auction was held on March 31st at Pleasant Valley Country Club. Over 220 members of the WCS community gathered for a night of fellowship, philanthropy, and faith. The auction committee, chaired by Jessica Millward, is grateful to each of the generous donors, determined bidders, supportive guests, and dedicated volunteers. The evening resulted in over \$61,000 being raised for Whitinsville Christian School. We look forward to next year!



Golf Outing

The WCS Golf Tournament was held on a very warm June 12th. Thankfully a breeze greeted over 80 golfers at Pleasant Valley Country Club. The golf tournament committee is thankful this year for our returning golfers, many new faces, and a record number of women golfers! Proceeds from the day go to support the General Fund Account at WCS.



Creating New CONNECTIONS

As I sat in the freezing Presidential Ball Room of the Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel in late June, I was having some trouble focusing on the consultant's presentation because the cute sandals I was wearing were not doing anything to prevent my toes from turning into popsicles. The hot water I was holding in a mug warmed my hands between the instances I took furious notes during the presentation titled "Sustainability of Private Day Schools." I pondered enrollment and sustainability but also asked myself, "Can't they turn the air conditioning a little warmer?"

Yes, sustainability seems to be paramount in the minds of our board members as they ask every month, "How are the admissions numbers now, Sonia?" With two parish Catholic schools closing near us this summer, it is a legitimate question, and the conference I attended couldn't have been timelier. I reflect that the goals that were given to my office as I started this job almost a year ago are steep. According to our formula, there is a steadily increasing number of students we must enroll within the next three years in order for us to reach "sustainability."

As we are nearing and surpassing our goal for this year, I can say that having a number to strive for is often exciting, sometimes disheartening, always pushing. Our faculty has been wonderful about understanding their role in our sustainability, always patiently making room in their classrooms for yet another visitor, filling out another "visitor feedback form" about how those kiddos have done socially and academically. The faculty so graciously allows me and my team to interrupt their lessons with tours, always welcoming the families by name. But this sustainability model driven by budgets and numbers only motivates us so far.

Our staff and faculty seem to have a heart for people's toes; we want visitors to have warm toes when they meet us. We are motivated primarily by hospitality. Hospitality is about recognizing the needs and dignity of those who knock on our door. It is about anticipating needs, offering milk and hot lunch, about feeding strangers and allowing them to find a place of refuge among us. It is about recognizing physical needs, but also the needs for a social

Acceptance letters ready for the mail



Dr. Erin Lowery-Corkran and Sonia Zeyl, WCS Enrollment Team

identity and connection. Many of our new students are coming from school experiences that are not working for a variety of reasons. We recognize this and welcome them to our school family even if it's only for a day to determine if WCS is the place for them. Our hospitality is as John Chrysostom (early church father) eloquently put it, "face-to-face, gracious, unassuming, nearly indiscriminate, and always enthusiastic."

Hospitality, not numbers, exposes the big, beautiful eyes of our new student Izzy, who will delight her first grade teacher, and reveals how amazing Joey is at math so Mrs. Casey had better be on her toes! Hospitality acknowledges God's handiwork and great participation in our sustainability. Did you know that we've needed a goalie for our soccer team, and Nathan's passion is tending the goal with great ferocity?

As we extend hospitality to others, we need to be motivated by more than sustainability and numbers. However, the numbers reveal some truths to us as well. We ask, "Why aren't the numbers even higher?" The final numbers are not showing the hours spent with families explaining the heartbreak of WCS NOT being the best fit for the students. What the numbers don't show are the conversations I've had with families where we don't have the resources to tend to their child's academic needs, or where we don't have enough money in the Loyalty Fund to help with Tuition Assistance to the extent the family needs.

So we still have more room to improve on hospitality; there are families desperate to have their children receive the Christ-centered education we offer, and yet we cannot invite them in. We don't yet have a means of tending to their needs; we cannot include their participation in our sustainability yet. We must "turn up the air conditioner" in preparation for their coming. This is a community effort. We ask that each of you consider helping by praying for the people AND the numbers, by giving encouragement to our staff and faculty, by participating in our Hospitality Ambassador Program, and just as importantly, by giving to our Loyalty Fund.

Praise God with me for not just bringing us the number of students we needed this year, but also allowing us to show hospitality and grace to so many more. I can't wait to introduce my new friends to our school this fall!

Sonia Zeyl
Director of Enrollment

Expanding Our CONNECTIONS

by Russell Vander Baan, President, WCS Board of Trustees



As many of you know, the Board is in the process of identifying ways to strengthen our connections with the families of WCS. As part of a strategic planning process that took place about five years ago, a concern was identified that WCS has a supportive Christian community that has questions about the Christian identity of WCS, and questions about the Society. At the direction of the Board, the Bylaw Review Committee has reviewed this and has been evaluating a pathway to Society and Board of Trustee membership for members of the WCS community who are not directly affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church, while preserving the Reformed foundation upon which WCS is built. Our vision is to embrace and engage the larger Body of Christ, recognizing that this is God’s school, and to enable expanded use of the gifts God has given to this community to fulfill the mission of the school.

The Bylaw Review Committee has been meeting since September 2016. During this time, we have reviewed the Basis of the Society, which is founded on the Holy Scriptures as interpreted in the Confessional Standards of the Reformed Churches, by reviewing a variety of confessional documents. We have also met with individuals, talked with representatives of other Christian Schools, and hosted three town hall meetings where we received valuable feedback regarding changes that would make membership open to a larger group of people.

After much discussion and review, we will recommend changes to Article V regarding members as follows:

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Article V</p> <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Society shall have one class of members. B. Parents, guardians, and all other persons eighteen years old or over: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who are in agreement with Articles II and III of these bylaws, as evidenced by membership in a Christian Reformed Church. 2. Who contribute annually to the Society a sum of fifty dollars. 3. Shall qualify for membership in the Society. 	<p>Article V</p> <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Society shall have one class of members. B. To be eligible, members must be from one of the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active members of one of the local Christian Reformed Churches 2. Parent (guardian) of Current WCS Student 3. WCS Faculty and Staff 4. WCS Alumni 5. Parent (guardian) of WCS Alumni C. Eligible members must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be 18 years old or over. 2. Declare their unconditional acceptance of the basis and purpose of the Society as expressed in Articles II and III of these bylaws. 3. Lead a Christian life; be members of a Christian Church; be committed to the cause of Christian education; and be willing to uphold Reformed doctrine and practices as related to Whitinsville Christian School. 4. Contribute annually to the Society a sum of fifty dollars.

If the changes are adopted, the process for Society membership will require the completion or renewal of a signed membership application. The process will include the distribution of the following information:

- WCS Statement of Faith
- Bylaws of the Whitinsville Society for Christian Instruction
- Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, a publication of the Christian Reformed Church

The recommended change for Article VII Board of Trustees is:

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Article VII</p> <p>Board of Trustees</p> <p>The Board, consisting of a minimum of nine persons, shall be chosen by the Society from its members. Only members who are in good standing in a Christian Reformed Church, and who are members in full communion shall be considered eligible for the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>A. The Board, consisting of a minimum of nine persons, shall be chosen by the Society from its members. They must declare their unconditional acceptance of the basis and purpose of the Society as expressed in Articles II and III of these bylaws; shall lead a Christian life; shall be members of a Christian Church; be committed to the cause of Christian education; and willing to uphold Reformed doctrine and practices as related to Whitinsville Christian School. There will be two classifications of Board members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To represent the history and the founding principles of WCS, a minimum of 75% of the active Board members shall be members in good standing and in full communion in a Christian Reformed Church. 2. To represent the unity of God’s people, a maximum of 25% of the active Board members do not have to be members of a Christian Reformed Church.

If the proposed change is adopted, the process for selecting Board of Trustee members will be:

Board of Trustee Membership Process:

- Solicitation of BOT nominees through WCS Newsletter, WCS Website, and Christian Reformed Churches
- Prospective BOT member nominated by existing BOT member
- Nominee completes Nomination Form
- Existing Board Member will provide completed nomination form to the Nominating Committee making a case for recommendation
- BOT Nominating Committee researches candidates and evaluates fit for faith commitment, BOT’s needs, and mission (interviewed by at least two members).
- Nominating committee brings recommended candidates to the Board for support.
- Prospective BOT member signs WCS BOT Commitment Statement, which acknowledges receipt and reading of the following documents:
 - The WCS Statement of Faith
 - Bylaws of the Whitinsville Society for Christian Instruction
 - The Apostles’ Creed
 - Our World Belongs To God: Contemporary Testimony
- Prospective BOT member will be expected to acknowledge, sign, and agree to support Articles II and III when making decisions impacting the Whitinsville Christian School, to the best of their ability.
- The slate of candidates will be presented to the Society for approval at the Annual Society Meeting.

These recommended revisions to the Bylaws will be presented to the Society for approval at a special Society meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Russell VanderBaan
 President, Board of Trustees
 Bylaw Review Committee

Staying **CONNECTED** to Our Mission

An Update from Adam Meyer, Director of Advancement

As I approach my second anniversary at WCS, I find myself reflecting on the amazing transformations that have taken place at the school in a short time.

Soon after arriving, I articulated a vision for our advancement efforts to be a *welcoming gateway that results in alumni, parents, and donors feeling connected, inspired, and making a meaningful difference for WCS and its mission.* The specific purpose of that vision is for WCS to have the resources to fully carry out its mission. There are three pillars that support our vision, purpose and mission: Growth, Access, and Sustainability.



GROWTH	ACCESS	SUSTAINABILITY
		
<p>God has blessed us with an amazing story of community generosity and participation, with over 600 donors contributing \$18.1 million.</p>	<p>This is <i>the</i> pathway to the school for at least 20% (100) of our students.</p>	<p>With just \$500,000 in initial donor gifts, the Fund has grown to over \$1.5 million. The Fund has a growth rate of over 7%, comparing very favorably to other endowment funds.</p>
<p>The original plan for a new gym evolved into an Athletics & Performing Arts Center and classroom addition.</p>	<p>It is the only fund that provides tuition assistance. Average awards cover 15% of tuition.</p>	<p>Each year 5% of the Fund's value goes directly to the school's operations and programs, keeping tuition more reasonable. The remainder is reinvested into the Fund.</p>
<p>Two years later, we celebrate completion of a state-of-the-art gym, performing arts center, atrium lobby, covered walkway, new classroom wing, and new office spaces.</p>	<p>Current minimum goal to meet tuition assistance needs is \$150,000. We currently distribute approximately \$150,000 in tuition assistance. The true need is roughly \$300,000.</p>	<p>Growth is key. Schools our size typically have endowments in excess of \$10 million. A fund this size would provide a 10% buffer from tuition increases.</p>
<p>We still have \$400,000 to raise to cover operational and program costs that come with our new facilities. This will allow us to keep tuition costs reasonable, and increase enrollment.</p>	<p>This increase would allow us to increase the number and size of current awards. WCS could enroll an additional 50 students.</p>	<p>Planned giving is key to growing the Fund. Learn more about how to join the Cornerstone Society on the next page.</p>

Generous giving in support of all three pillars is integral to the continued financial health of Whitinsville Christian School. When all pillars are supported, we are assured that we can continue our mission. We can also live out our promise to be a joy-filled community who learns creatively, leads passionately, and serves faithfully. Thank you in advance for your support.

“We are a joy-filled community who learns creatively, leads passionately, and serves faithfully.”

To learn more about how to invest in Kingdom differences at WCS, contact me, Adam Meyer, Director of Advancement at 508-372-3261 or ameyer@whitinsvillechristian.org

WCS

The mission of Whitinsville Christian School is to nurture the academic, spiritual, personal, social, creative and physical development of students, in cooperation with their parents, for Christ-like service in God's World.

mission

Cornerstone Society

The Cornerstone Society was established to recognize the generosity of individuals who have made a planned gift to WCS, either during their lifetime or through their will or estate plan.

Donors that are unable to give a major gift in their lifetime can do so with a planned gift. These include bequests, charitable annuities, trusts, real estate, and stock. Examples:

- **Bequests** – If you think of WCS as part of your family, it makes sense to include the school in your estate plan. Documented bequests to the Endowment for donors 65 years of age and older count toward the campaign.
- **Charitable Gift Annuities** – A charitable gift annuity provides you with a source of income for the rest of your life, an ongoing charitable deduction, and a meaningful gift for WCS. Depending on your age, annuity payouts range from 4.7%–9%. The annuity has no donor fees, and is administered by our planned giving member service Barnabas Foundation.

The First Annual Cornerstone Society



Entertainment courtesy of WCS Strings students

Luncheon

When you make a planned gift, you are eligible to become a member of the Cornerstone Society, the planned giving society for WCS. Our first annual Cornerstone luncheon took place on April 1, 2017 and future events are already being planned.



Glen Bloem presenting information about the Endowment Fund



TREASURING Our Connections

Since Treasures opened their doors in 2008, they have provided an important connection to WCS through their mission: to raise funds for tuition for all students at Whitinsville Christian School by selling good, donated and discounted merchandise at a fair price. Through the work at Treasures, volunteers seek to make a positive difference in God's Kingdom and to keep tuition affordable for all families.



Two key members of the Treasures team, **Herman** (8th grade class of 1954) and Eva Baker, are now relocating to Michigan. We've asked them to share their thoughts about the service that the upscale thrift store provides. "Connecting with people in the community through our previous business made us aware of other Christian parents desiring a God-centered education for their children, but who could simply not afford it," shared

Eva Baker. "At the time our business was closing, a WCS board member asked if we would be part of a team to open a thrift store for the benefit of helping all families with tuition."

"Through ambitious, talented volunteers, as well as the generosity of the Koopman family, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been given to help keep tuition affordable." Volunteers have always been the key to Treasures' success. "We would pray for someone to share their gift of time and talent to fill a need, and God would place on our heart to ask a person for help." In the 2016-2017



Ginni Corbin and Carol Schaver, Treasures Board Members

school year, WCS Accounting students became part of that volunteer network. "Connecting with the student volunteers, as well as one of our 90-year-old volunteers, has taught us to value each for their time and gifts. Volunteering at Treasures is a way to serve others by making a Christian education more affordable, but also a place where God is teaching us."

**"We have experienced
God's faithfulness from
generation to generation."
- Eva Baker**

"Walking into the new building complex was personally an emotional experience as we saw that God has done exceedingly more than we could ever dream or ask. Whether building a new addition, starting a new learning program, or viewing the creativity expressed in the arts, we are celebrating with joy the connections in this community of faith."

"Our hope for Treasures is that it remains true to its mission, that each volunteer knows they are valued, and their time is well used at Treasures. We are thankful for all the connections made with volunteers and customers. May we encourage each other as Paul did when he said, 'he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion' in Philippians 1:6."



Crusader Athletics



Boys Varsity Basketball

Bottom left to right: Christian Visgatis, Anthony Smith, Cam Sutherland, Jacob Belanger, Josh Cook. Top row: Aiden VanTol (Assistant Coach), Justin Vander Baan, Chris Tulley, Ben Koopman, Gabe Brookhouse, Josh VanderBaan, Andrew Schneider, Brady Bajema (Head Coach). Not pictured: Joe Kennedy, Jordan Vander Baan (Asst. Coach), David Deters (Assistant Coach)



Girls Varsity Basketball

Bottom left to right: Charlotte Herndon, Abby Graves, Olivia Cutler, Shannon Morrill. Top: Kelly Penning (Assistant Coach), Cam Richey, Adelaide Dykstra, Hanna VanderBaan, Maeve Haseltine, Sarah Moschini, Kris VandenAkker (Head Coach)



Boys JV Basketball

Bottom row left to right: Michael Xu, Luke Visgatis, Christian Swaim, Will Boa, Will Watters. Top: Dennis Richey (Coach), Coll Sutherland, Nathan Haire, Grant Buurma, Tyler Gorman, Justin Tulley



Girls JV Basketball

Bottom left to right: Bella Ibrahim, Ally McGrath, Karlee Buurma, Alyssa Worley, Anna May. Top: Makenzie Gorman, Daria Pedersen, Ella VanTol, Olivia Fleming. Not pictured: Jessye VandenAkker, Bruce Dykstra (Coach)



Boys Tennis

Bottom row: Ben Casey, Drew Burkhart, Brandon Whiton, Tom Karns. Top row: Don Koopman (Head Coach), Colin Wren, Josh Cook, Ben Koopman, Jonathan Baker, Gabe Brookhouse, Will Boa, Jonny VanderSea, Adam Meyer (Assistant Coach). Not pictured: Dirk Koopman (Assistant Coach), Russ VanderBaan (Assistant Coach)



Girls Tennis

Bottom row: Katie Sprunger, Ally McGrath, Lauren Bek, Nadiya Chalak. Top: Mandy Priore (Head Coach), Katie Wilcox, Lauren Airey, Karlee Buurma, Adelaide Dykstra, Abby Graves, Rose Thayer, Esther Fomin, Michelle Graves (Assistant Coach). Not pictured: Fiona Shaw, Hope Brookhouse



Girls Varsity Soccer

Bottom: Ally McGrath, Katie Sprunger, Michaela Cannistraci, Emily Cutler, Nicolette Scinicariello. Middle: Shannon Morrill, Ella VanTol, Olivia Cutler, Makenzie Gorman, Sarah Haire, Vicky DeBarros, Olivia Toothman. Top: Beth Cutler (Head Coach), Cam Richey, Mikaela VandenAkker, Sarah Moschini, Jessye VandenAkker, Tatiana Wiersma, Tori Paine, Kelly Styf (Assistant Coach)



Girls JV Soccer

Bottom row: Cece LaBonte, Ally McGrath, Katie Sprunger, Michaela Cannistraci, Laura Morande-Montes. Middle row: Tess Belanger, Alyssa Worley, Makenzie Gorman, Jillian LaBonte, Karlee Buurma, Olivia Cutler. Top row: Mike Persenaire (Coach), Vicky DeBarros, Bella Ibrahim, Olivia Toothman, Callie VandenAkker, Ella VanTol, Jessye VandenAkker, Kelly Styf (Assistant Coach)



Girls Varsity Volleyball

Bottom: Lauren Bek, Katie Wilcox, Abby Graves, Abby Upham, Charlotte Herndon, Amiah Van Dyke. Top: Kris VandenAkker (Head Coach), Bianca DiVitto, Adelaide Dykstra, Christina Leduc, Hanna VanderBaan, Emily Schneider, Annika Bangma (Assistant Coach), Kelly Penning (Assistant Coach)



Girls JV Volleyball

Bottom: Abbi Cullen, Fiona Shaw, Lucy Bowler, Yolanda Pan, Vera Zhang, Haley Auslander, Lauren Airey. Top: Tahnee Kuder (Coach), Anna May, Erin Brown, Morgan Stanick, Hope Brookhouse, Fan Cheng, Kateri Hart, Anela Picotte, Olivia Fleming, Maggie Rejmer, Annika Bangma (Assistant Coach)



Boys Varsity Soccer

Bottom: Andrew Harvey, Colin Swaim, Christian Swaim, Jacob Belanger, Michael MacGillivray, Sam Barker. Top: Josh Costa (Assistant Coach), Kingsley Zhang, Drew Quercio, Ben Casey, Will Boa, Travis Metcalf, Coll Sutherland, Drayton Boa, Mark Bekhet, Cam Sutherland, Rocky VanTol (Assistant Coach). Not pictured: Aiden VanTol, Grant Buurma, Dan Belanger (Head Coach)



Boys JV Soccer

Bottom: Sam Walton, Kole Wyndham, Jason Domingez-Lopez, Sam Chilton, Calvin Mawn, Seth Massotti, Nathan Walton. Top: Greg Massotti (Coach), Trevor Harper, Ben Johnson, Ben MacGillivray, Nathan Haire, Connor Dudka, Dylan Ramos, Bobby Whiton, Darnell Worley. Not pictured: Michael MacGillivray, Zach Nolan



Boys JV Baseball

Bottom: Liam Colligan, Ben Schneider, Sam Barker, Nathan Walton, Connor Dudka, Lucas French. Top: Steven French, Ben MacGillivray, Chris Fredericks, Bobby Whiton, Frankie Salvi, Jack Ji, Matt Genese (Coach). Not pictured: Sam Chilton



Girls Varsity Softball

Bottom: Shannon Morrill, Soriya Melanson, Emily Cutler, Abbi Cullen, Olivia Cutler. Top: Jeff May (Assistant Coach), Katelyn Lashley, Emily Schneider, Anna May, Hanna VanderBaan, Sarah Moschini, Lina Avila (Assistant Coach), Kevin Conway (Head Coach)



Boys Varsity Cross Country

Bottom: Ray Yu, Alex Kerr, Jack Hearn, Sam Hearn, Joseph Thumann
 Top: Chris Vander Baan (Head Coach), Colin Wren, Noah Zeyl, Jon Leduc, Jacob Vander Hart, Peter Casey, Andrew Dunlap, Connor Paine
 Not pictured: Youjin Chen



Girls Varsity Cross Country

Hadley Koeman, Arianna Koeman, Hanna Picard, Vanessa Rios, Karen Berkowicz (Head Coach)



Boys and Girls Varsity Track and Field

Not pictured: Karen Berkowicz (Head Coach), Amelia Lawson (Assistant Coach)



Boys and Girls Varsity Indoor Track

Bottom: Eden Allen, Vanessa Rios, Vicky DeBarros. Middle: Colin Swaim, Jack Hearn, Hadley Koeman, Arianna Koeman, Erin Brown. Top: Connor Dudka, Jacob Vander Hart, Jon Leduc, Mark Bekhet, Hanna Picard, Tatiana Wiersma.
 Not pictured: Niklaus Chen, Youjin Chen, Cameron Cornwell, Sam Hearn, Alex Kerr, Noah Zeyl, Karen Bekhet, Arya Chen, Xianglin Li

Conference All-Stars 2016-2017



FALL SPORTS

Volleyball

- 1st Team – Adelaide Dykstra (Sr), Katie Wilcox (Sr)
- 2nd Team – Charlotte Herndon (Sr), Hanna VanderBaan (Jr)

Boys Cross Country

- 2nd Team – Connor Paine (Sr)

Girls Cross Country

- 2nd Team – Arianna Koeman (Sr), Hadley Koeman (Fr)

Boys Soccer

- 1st Team – Cam Sutherland (Sr)
- 2nd Team – Jacob Belanger (Jr), Drew Quercio (Jr), Aiden VanTol (Sr)

Girls Soccer

- 1st Team – Emily Cutler (Sr), Nicollette Scinacariello (So)
- 2nd Team – Sarah Moschini (Jr), Cam Richey (Jr)

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball

- 2nd Team – Chris Tulley (Sr)

Girls Basketball

- 1st Team – Cam Richey (Jr)
- 2nd Team – Hanna VanderBaan (Jr)

Boys Indoor Track & Field

- 1st Team – 50 yd Hurdles – Mark Bekhet (Sr)
- 2nd Team – 50 yd Dash – Colin Swaim (Sr)
- 2nd Team – 4 x 200 meter – Colin Swaim (Sr), Jon Leduc (Sr), Sam Hearn (So), Mark Bekhet (Sr)

Girls Indoor Track & Field

- 1st Team – Shot Put – Tatiana Wiersma (Jr)

SPRING SPORTS

Boys Tennis

- Player of the Year – Ben Koopman (Sr)
- First Singles Team – Ben Koopman (Sr)
- Doubles All-Star – Jonny VanderSea (Jr) and Colin Wren (Jr)

Girls Tennis

- Player of the Year – Katie Wilcox (Sr)
- First Singles Team – Katie Wilcox (Sr)
- Doubles All-Star – Abby Graves (Sr) and Adelaide Dykstra (Sr)

Boys Track & Field

- 1st Team – 110 meter hurdles – Mark Bekhet (Sr)
- 1st Team – 4 x 100 meter – Colin Swaim (Sr), Cam Cornwell (So), Michael MacGillivray (Fr), Darnell Worley (Fr)
- 2nd Team – Shot Put – Nick Swiader (Sr)
- 2nd Team – 400 meter – Cam Sutherland (Sr)
- 2nd Team – 2 mile – Joseph Thumann (8th gr)
- 2nd Team – 400 meter hurdles – Mark Bekhet (Sr)

Girls Track & Field

- Field Event Athlete of the Year – 1st Team – Shot Put – Tatiana Wiersma (Jr)
- 1st Team – Javelin – Charlotte Herndon (Sr)
- 1st Team – 4 x 100 meter – Tatiana Wiersma (Jr), Vanessa Rios (Fr), Eden Allen (Fr), Vicky DeBarros (Fr)
- 2nd Team – 400 meter – Jessye VandenAkker (Fr)

Softball

- 1st Team – Soriya Melanson (Sr)
- 2nd Team – Emily Cutler (Sr), Hanna VanderBaan (Jr), Shannon Morrill (Jr)

Worcester Telegram & Gazette

All Stars

- Volleyball – Katie Wilcox
- Indoor Track & Field – Tatiana Wiersma
- Track & Field – Tatiana Wiersma
- Tennis – Ben Koopman

STAYING CONNECTED WITH ALUMNI



Special Preview of the APAC

During the week of May 22nd, WCS hosted a busy week of events as part of a Special Preview of the new Athletics & Performing Arts Center (APAC). Many alumni returned to cheer at the all-school pep rally on Monday, attend the Chamber, Band, and Choral Concerts, and play basketball and volleyball in the new gym.



Kay (Banning) Holm and Melissa Nydam (both from the class of 1983) returned to the volleyball court. Kay's daughter, Annika, is peeking through from behind.



Cindy (Plantinga) Hart, Denise (Koopman) Brookhouse, and Shelly (LaFleur) Weedon (all from the class of 1987) reunited with Coach Kris VandenAkker on the volleyball court.



Current students Ella VanTol and Hope Brookhouse are joined by their brothers, Schuyler VanTol and Nate Brookhouse (both from the class of 2014)



Soon-to-be-Alumni Day

On June 7, 2017, our seniors were treated to a day of fun at the second annual Soon-to-be-Alumni Day. Thank you to West End Creamery for hosting the event that saw our seniors jumping on bounce pillows, playing mini-golf, and of course enjoying ice cream.

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Athletic and Performing Arts Center

August 29, 2017
8:15am

Whitinsville Christian School

Opening the New Year in the New Space

We are planning a ribbon cutting for the new facility on the first day of the 2017–2018 school year. If you can join us on Tuesday, August 29, at 8:15 am, we would love to see you there. We are especially hoping those who made the walk from Willow Street to Linwood Avenue in 1969 can participate. For more information, or to let us know that you would like to participate, please contact Adam Meyer at ameyer@whitinsvillechristian.org.

DONATIONS & GIFTS

IN HONOR OF

Gladys Bajema's 90th Birthday
Roger Bajema

Will & Helen Banning's 60th Anniversary
David and Dawn Lefrancois

Will Banning's Birthday
David and Dawn Lefrancois

Sheryl Casey
Glenn and Deborah King

Edward & Nellie DeVries' 70th Anniversary
James and Jean Nydam
Grace G Nyenhuis

Andrew Haagsma's 90th Birthday
Sandra Haagsma

Allan & Joyce Jongsmas' 60th Anniversary
Grace G Nyenhuis

Don & Doris Koopman's 55th Anniversary
Grace G Nyenhuis

Don Koopman's 80th Birthday
Will and Helen Banning

Ted Koopman's 80th Birthday
Will and Helen Banning
Sidney T and Arlene C
Koopman
Thomas P and Joan E Koopman
David and Dawn Lefrancois

Oscar Kuipers' Birthday
David and Dawn Lefrancois

Jim Nydam's 90th Birthday
Will and Helen Banning
Mick and Shari Cronin
David and Dawn Lefrancois

Linda Nydam
Palmer Swanson and Barbara
Plays

Sarah Plantinga's 50th Birthday
Harold O and Barbara L
Plantinga
Robert and Judith Smith

Tillie Visbeek's 90th Birthday
Sandra Haagsma

Robert Worley
Kenneth F Corkran and Erin N
Lowery-Corkran

IN MEMORY OF

Neal Adams
Byron and Taryn Flagg
Matthew and Laura Skudera

Lynn Bajema
Roger Bajema
Rian and Debra Harpie

Mabel Baker
James and Deborah Baker
Cynthia Baker
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
Earl and Cornelia Hutt
James S Jorritsma
Calvin L Kooistra and Cheryl R
Toomey-Kooistra
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Earl and Karen J Wielsma

Albert Berghuis
Jennie Berghuis
Frances J Wassenar

Brian Blaue
Harold and Judith Blaue
David and Dawn Lefrancois

June Breuker
Grace G Nyenhuis

Deborah Cnossen
Mike and Kathy Craig

Janet Colby
John and Susan Colby

Helen Congdon
Harold and Judith Blaue
Adrian D and Joyce H Buteyn
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Brian and Thalia S Towle

Martin & Elenor DeYoung
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan

Sid & Thelma DeYoung
Richard and Anna Stiers

Matthew Dykstra
Cynthia Baker
Henry and Beverly Ebbeling
Terry and Donna Jo Judson
Wendell and Karen Keith
Thomas P and Joan E Koopman
Donald H and Doris Koopman
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
Harold O and Barbara L
Plantinga

Jack and Lorraine Thompson
Brian and Thalia Towle
Jack and Karen Walker
Earl and Karen Wielsma

Peter & Ruth Feddema
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan

Harold Gjeltema
Cynthia Baker
Shirley M Bangma
Willard L and Helen K Banning
James S Jorritsma
Thomas P and Joan E Koopman
Robert and Bette A Marseglia

William Gjeltema
Robert and Bette A Marseglia

John Hendricks
Willard and Helen Banning

Alice Hoekstra
Louis Hoekstra, Jr

Jennie Jellesma
Leonard Jellesma
Patricia M Morse

Kaitlin Koopman
Dirk and Susan Koopman

Peter & Henderika Koopman
Dirk and Susan Koopman

Betty Kuipers
Frances Wassenar

Carlisle Lee
Makai Graham
Ed, Linda and Nancy Lee
George and Charlotte Lee

Jon Masso
Willard L and Helen K Banning
Greg M and Terry Ebbeling
Bradley and Karen Exoo
Kenneth C and Lisa R Foppema
James S Jorritsma
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Christopher and Laurie
Vander Baan
Jeffrey S and Laurie VanderBaan
Russ H and Geraldine F
VanderBaan
Earl and Karen J Wielsma

Harmon & Doris Miedema
Harmon Miedema, Jr

Sidney and Joanne Miedema
David and Joanne Miedema

Gilda Musgrove
David and Dawn Lefrancois

George & Marjorie Nydam
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan

John Nyenhuis
Donald H and Doris Koopman
Dirk and Susan Koopman

Vincent Rodger
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan

Bert & Sadie Schotanus
Raymond and Joyce Schotanus

Richard Stiers
Carol Baillie
Willard L and Helen K Banning
Jennie Berghuis
Albert Berghuis
Dean and Cynthia DeVries
Alvin R Diephouse
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Anna Stiers
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Frances J Wassenar

Karyn Taylor
Theona Taylor

Robert Taylor
Theona Taylor

Jack Thomas
Thomas and Joan Koopman

Michael Towle
David and Dawn Lefrancois

George VandenAkker
Cary and Kristine VandenAkker

Stuart & Nellie VandenAkker
Albert and Catherine
Schaaphok

Roland Vander Baan
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan

John & Agnes VanderBaan
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan

Alice VanderBaan
Melissa VanderBaan

James VanderBaan, Jr
Robert L and Mary E Alix
Cynthia Baker
Willard L and Helen K Banning
Stephen and Mary A Bek
Glen and Helena W Bloem
Deborah A Bowditch

Browning Family
Randall J and Laura J Browning
Marc C and Stefanie Bullio
Paul and Boots Buma
Shelley J Buma
Anne M Chagnon
Tyson, Aubree & Hugh DeVree
Howard and Marlene DeVries
Jeff Duquette
Greg M and Terry Ebbeling
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
Bradley and Karen Exoo
Kenneth C and Lisa R Foppema
Jacqueline A Go
Harbro Sales & Service Inc
Glenn E and Beverly F Haringa
Michael and Rosemary
Haseltine
Christina Jessen
John A and Jean F Jessen
Donald H and Doris Koopman
Robert and Dianne Koopman
Thomas P and Joan E Koopman
Leonard P and Pamela
Krygsman
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Stanley A and Margaret M
McClure
Patricia McCurrick
Charles E and Lauren B
McGrath
Phil and Donna Michaelson
David O and Joanne M
Miedema
Terry and Susan Miller
Paul and Edith M Mungovan
Grace G Nyenhuis
Vincent Osterman and Denise L
Oosterman
George and Ida Ouillette
Harold O and Barbara L
Plantinga
Raymond A and Nancy A
Rousseau
John S and Leslie J Sebastio
Bob and Joan Siska
St Pierre Manufacturing
Corporation
Stolberg, Ebbeling & Blanchette,
LLP
Robert V and Jane E Sullivan
Brian and Thalia S Towle
UniBank
Cary G and Kristine
VandenAkker
Irene VandenAkker
Mel C VandenAkker
Richard J and Dorothy E
VandenBerg
Christopher and Laurie
Vander Baan
Harvey and Carol Vander Baan
Sandra E Vander Baan
Jeffrey S and Laurie VanderBaan

Melissa L VanderBaan
Robert L and Kathryn G
VanderBaan
Russ H and Geraldine F
VanderBaan
Wanda VanderZee
Calvin R and Claudia S Wiegers
Dean and Edna J Wiegers
Earl and Karen J Wielsma
MaryAnn Wiersma
Robert L and Frances A Winters

Robert VanderSluis

Paul & Marion Aikey and Jeff &
Priscilla Solloway
Albert L and Maureen E Ames
Mark M and Nancy J Atchue
Eleanor J Baker
Cynthia Baker
Leonard W and Kathy Bangma
Will and Helen K Banning
Anthony, Robert and Patricia
Bellantuoni
Alice Cook
Lance and RoseAnn Engbers
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
Mark P and Loretta A Laskey
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Kathleen M Liard
Christopher B and Linda R May
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Calvin R and Claudia S Wiegers
MaryAnn Wiersma
Gladys Youngsma
Shirley Youngsma

Kay Veenstra

Darrell and Laurie Baker

Joyce Vermeulen

Donald H and Doris Koopman

Job Visbeek

Tillie Visbeek

Philip Wassenar

Custom Alarm Service, Inc.
Richard and Anna Stiers
Steven and Karen S Stinson
Kenneth D and Carol E
Wassenar

Diane Wick

Willard L and Helen K Banning
Bill and Susan Eifert
Margaret Eifert
Ted and Bonnie Eifert
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
Girard Financial Group LLC
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Paul Wendelgass

Henry and Hermina Wiegers
Calvin R and Claudia S Wiegers

RISE UP & BUILD

Joanna M Adams
Thelma S Agerholm
Robert L and Mary E Alix
Brett W and Beth Allen
Michael J and Tanya L Anema
Jeffrey and Pamela J Bajema
Roger Bajema
Andrew J Baker
Cynthia Baker
Darrell J and Laurie K Baker
Herman S and Eva J Baker
John H Baker
Katelyn E Baker
Lauren N Baker
Richard Baker
Edward and Sharon L Bakker
Michael L and Annika B
Bangma
Timothy J and Skyler Bangma
Anita Banning
Robert and Elizabeth Banning
Will and Helen K Banning
Brent and Vanessa C Barker
Scott A and Linda A Barnes
Richard D Baudistel
Stephen and Mary A Bek
Daniel B and Kathleen M
Belanger
Albert Berghuis
Jennie Berghuis
Richard Bernard, Jr.
Zachary Beukema
Harold and Judith Blaue
Glen and Helena W Bloem
Hunt and Amy Boa
Alan and Elizabeth Bol
Roy and Lydia Bors-Koefoed
Bert and Julie Bowden
Deborah A Bowditch
Samuel and Sarah Bowler
Breezy Picnic Grounds
Waterslides
Sean and Allison Breining
Tony and Denise Brookhouse
Shawn M and Heather A Brown
Randall J and Laura J Browning
The Browning Family
Marc C and Stefanie Bullio
Brett M and Iona J Buma
Paul and Boots Buma
Shelley J Buma
Kathy A Buurma
Phillip and Kristin Buurma
Thomas D Buurma
Nathaniel and Jennifer J
Campbell
John T and Lois A Casey
John and Sheryl Casey
Anne M Chagnon
Conrad and Jana P Chickinski
Pamela A Chilton
Anthony E and Jen A Cinelli
Lance and Susan Claggett
John S and Susan C Colby
Alice Cook
Bryan and Amy Cook
Thomas and Susan Cooper
Kenneth Corkran and Erin N
Lowery-Corkran
Michael and Kathleen Craig
Jack and Paula Crawford
Mick and Shari Cronin
Scott and Shelly Cullen
Blake and Jenny Cunningham
Brian A and Gina D Darling
Matthew D and Julie A Davison
Gordon and Beverly J De Young
Ted and Evelyn Decoteau
Louis R and Molly DeFrancisco
Myra L DeLoof
Destination You Fitness
David and Elizabeth Deters
Tyson, Aubree & Hugh DeVree
Randall J and Shirley A DeVries
Edward H and Nellie DeVries
Howard and Marlene DeVries
Alvin R Diephouse
Tom Dill and Ann Lord
Dixon Salo Architects, Inc
Jeff Duquette
Bruce and Mary S Dykstra
Greg M and Terry Ebbeling
Andrew and Kathleen Ells
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
Jonathan and Phyllis Enoch
John and Jeanne Esler
Brad and Karen Exoo
Geraldo and Maria Ferriera
Barbara A and Glenn D Focht
Ian J and Geri L Fogg
Kenneth C and Lisa R Foppema
Ellen J Fowler
William J and Ann Fredericks
Steven P and Rosalia French
Gerald L and Dina R Gaudette
Gaudette Insurance Agency
Matthew Genese
Benjamin and Kylie Gibbons
Nathan Gjeltema
Roland and Susan Gjeltema
Jacqueline A Go
Don and Judy Godeke
Khane and Elisabeth Goodson
Raymond Gorman
Stephen and Tammi Gorman
Grafton Self Storage LLC
Makai Graham
Brian and Michelle Graves
Jameson J Groot
William and Wendy Groot
James and Lori Gulinello
Gym Rat Basketball

Wesley and Shirley Haan
Mark and Lillian Hackathorn
Matthew J and Melissa A
Hadley
Tara Haire
TJ and Joy Hannon
Harbro Sales & Service Inc
Glenn E and Beverly F Haringa
Rian and Debra Harpie
James and Lois Hassey
Michael and Rosemary
Haseltine
Thomas and Michele Hearn
Brandon and Ginette Hehn
Lois Hendricks
Louis Hoekstra, Jr.
Ted and Kathleen L Hudson
Earl and Cornelia Hutt
Edward G and Dorothy G
Jaasma
Arthur R and Anne E Jackson
Lynn Jarosz
Leonard Jellesma
Christina Jessen
John A and Jean F Jessen
Bruce D and Carole Johnson
Bryan and Erika Johnson
Philip and Elizabeth Johnson
Ruth S Jolly
James S Jorritsma
Peter and Roann Karns
Tim and Kim Kats
Ronald and Tammy Kaye
Neil Kelley
Edward J and Emily M Kennedy
Kent and Jodi Koeman
Dean H and Janice Koopman
Dirk and Susan Koopman
Donald H and Doris Koopman
Robert and Dianne Koopman
Sidney T and Arlene C
Koopman
Thomas P and Joan E Koopman
Koopman Lumber Co., Inc.
Leonard P and Pamela
Krygsman
Nathan and Tahnee Kuder
Thomas M and Valerie Kuik
George B and Sandra R Kuipers
Marvin and Betty L Kuipers
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
Jeffrey and Jennifer LaBonte
Bill and Shirley A LaFleur
David and Margie L Laflour
Edward LaFleur
Henry J and Faith M Lane
Lane and Hamer
Joshua and Amelia G Lawson
Timothy Lawton
William and Patsy Lawton
Ed Lee
Linda Lee
Nancy Lee

Eric J and Barbara J Leestma
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Gerald and Susan Lindsey
Gordon C Lockbaum
Darren and Kimberly
MacGillivray
Joseph and Debra Mangiameli
Brian and Catherine
Marchionni
Larry A and Mary J Masselink
Gregory D and Kimbly Massotti
Raymond and Elaine Massotti
Stanley A and Margaret M
McClure
Patricia McCurrick
Jack and Terry McGarry
Charles E and Lauren B
McGrath
Michael and Jennifer McGrath
Ryan M and Leeann McMorro
Dennis and Jocelyn Melanson
Adam and Kimberly Meyer
Phil and Donna Michaelson
David O and Joanne M
Miedema
Harmon Miedema, Jr.
John P and Kirstie R Miersma
Terry and Susan Miller
Timothy and Kristine K Moran
Patricia M Morse
Richard E and Kimberly M
Morse
Richard and Linda Morse
Paul and Edith M Mungovan
Douglas J and Linda J Nydam
George E and Deborah J Nydam
James G and Jean S Nydam
Marilyn J Nydam
Melissa Nydam
Robert E and Melody A Nydam
Grace G Nyenhuis
Herman Oosterman
Scott and Bonnie Olthof
Vincent Osterman and Denise L
Oosterman
Osterman Management LLC
George and Ida Ouillette
Chris and Julie Paine
Fran and Janine Panechelli
David Peck
Jeffrey C and Julie A Penterson
Wayne and Michelle Pitts
Evan and Carole Plante
Harold O and Barbara L
Plantinga
David O and Sarah Plantinga
Palmer Swanson and Barbara
Plays
Derek and Laural Plourde
Peter and Melanie Plumb
Ray and Faye Postma
Prime Materials Associates, Inc.
Mark and Lisa Quercio

Richard and Barbara Resch
Jonathan M and Carla
Robertson
Vincent and Donna Rodger
Ann E Roon
Raymond A and Nancy A
Rousseau
Carl W and Brenda L Rubin
Dennis A and Patricia M Ruis
Thomas E and Patricia A Ryan
David and Betsy Ryder
Linda J Schecker
Scott and Karyn L Schneider
Brian L and Kristine R Schofield
John S and Leslie J Sebastio
Jeremy and Jody Shaw
Bob and Joan Siska
Matthew and Laura Skudera
Mark and Jennifer Smith
Peter J Smith
Michael C and Claudia P Spiller
St Pierre Manufacturing
Corporation
Donald J and Ellen J Stahl
Brian Stanick
Kris Stanick
Herbert W and Kathleen W
Staniszewski
Bruce R Stempien
Anna Stiers
Stolberg, Ebbeling & Blanchette,
LLP
David and Carla Sullivan
Robert V and Jane E Sullivan
Roy H and Heather I Sullivan
Robert and Paula Sutherland
Thomas and Carol Swaim
Robert S and Lisa V Taylor
The 1996 Declaration of Trust
Jamie E Thiesing
Andrew J Thomas
David and Deborah Thomas
Joseph Thumann and Tania J
Jacob-Thumann
Trevor and Alice Tomasino
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Sofocles Tsimogianis and Evropi
Chatzi
Unibank
Unist, Inc
United Way of Tri-County, Inc.
William and Trina Van Dyke
Seth and Barbbra Van Essendelft
Jerry L Van Tol and Anne
Banning
Cary and Kristine VandenAkker
Greg and Becky VandenAkker
Irene VandenAkker
Joanne E VandenAkker
Mel C VandenAkker
Richard J and Dorothy E
VandenBerg
Alex J and Alexandra P
Vander Baan

Chris and Laurie Vander Baan
Harvey and Carol Vander Baan
Sandra E Vander Baan
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan
James and Carla A VanderBaan
Jeffrey S and Laurie VanderBaan
Marc and Jennifer VanderBaan
Melissa L VanderBaan
Robert L and Kathryn G
VanderBaan
Russ H and Geraldine F
VanderBaan
Barbara VanderKlay
Scott and Paula VanderSea
Wanda VanderZee
Jonathan and Sophia VanNoord
Marc E and Jennifer M
Vincequere
Tillie Visbeek
Roberta Walker
Bradley and Gretchen Warsen
Frances J Wassenar
James T and Sherri H Watters
Carrie Webb, DMD, PC
Roy W and Shelly L Weedon
West End Creamery
Robert F and Denise Whiton
Lyle and Carol Wicker
Dean and Edna J Wieggers
John and Barbara Wieggers
Earl and Karen J Wielsma
Bernard S and Minnie Wiersma
MaryAnn Wiersma
Steve and Martha Winchell
Robert L and Frances A Winters
John and Jodie Woudenberg
Jeffrey Wren and Paulette
Kimball-Wren
Kenneth W and Sandra L Young
Derek and Sonia Zeyl

MATCHING GIFTS

Eaton Vance – Matching Gift
Program
Eversource Energy Foundation
Waters Corporation

CLIMBING WALL

Mark DeWeerd and Sara
Korber-DeWeerd
David J and Dawn M Lefrancois
Robert S and Lisa V Taylor
Vamshidhar and Erin
Thakkallapalli
Terva Corporation
Brian and Thalia S Towle

SADIE DEYOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Gordon and Beverly DeYoung

**THELMA DEYOUNG
MEMORIAL AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP**

Dennis and Cindy DeYoung

ENDOWMENT FUND

Paul & Marion Aikey
Albert L and Maureen E Ames
Michael J and Tanya L Anema
Mark M and Nancy J Atchue
Carol Baillie
Cynthia Baker
Eleanor J Baker
James and Deborah Baker
Leonard W and Kathy Bangma
Michael L and Annika B Bangma
Shirley M Bangma
Will and Helen K Banning
Anthony, Robert and Patricia Bellantuoni
Jennie Berghuis
Harold and Judith Blaue
Adrian D and Joyce H Buteyn
John and Sheryl Casey
Anthony E and Jen A Cinelli
Alice Cook
Blake and Jenny Cunningham
Custom Alarm Service, Inc.
Dean and Cynthia DeVries
Greg M and Terry Ebbeling
Henry and Beverly Ebbeling
Bill and Susan Eifert
Margaret Eifert
Ted and Bonnie Eifert
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
Bradley and Karen Exoo
Jeff and Beth E Fadden
Barbara A and Glenn D Focht
Kenneth C and Lisa R Foppema
Girard Financial Group LLC
Nathan Gjeltema
Stephen and Tammi Gorman
Sandra Haagsma
James S Jorritsma
Terry and Donna Jo Judson
Wendell and Karen Keith
Glenn E and Deborah N King
Calvin L Kooistra and Cheryl R Toomey-Kooistra
Dirk and Susan Koopman
Donald H and Doris Koopman
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
Bill and Shirley A LaFleur
Mark P and Loretta A Laskey
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Kathleen M Liard
Robert and Bette A Marseglia
Christopher B and Linda R May
David O and Joanne M Miedema
James and Jean Nydam
Grace G Nyenhuis

Vincent Osterman and Denise L Oosterman
Harold O and Barbara L Plantinga
Raymond B and Joyce A Schotanus
Jeff & Priscilla Solloway
Richard and Anna Stiers
Steven and Karen S Stinson
Jack and Lorraine Thompson
Brian and Thalia Towle
Chris and Laurie Vander Baan
Russ and Gerry VanderBaan
Barbara VanderKlay
Jack and Karen Walker
Kenneth D and Carol E Wassenar
Frances J Wassenar
Paul Wendelgass
Calvin R and Claudia S Wiegers
Earl and Karen Wielsma
MaryAnn Wiersma
Gladys Youngsma
Shirley Youngsma

GENERAL

Theodore and Marie Haringa
Bernard S and Minnie Wiersma
Gladys Youngsma
Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church
United Way of Tri-County, Inc.

KALEB'S DOOR

Michael J and Tanya L Anema
Marc and Katherine Apablaza
Cynthia Baker
Darrell J and Laurie K Baker
Herman and Eva Baker
Katelyn E Baker
Anita Banning
Robert A and Elizabeth A Banning
Peter and Deborah Bedrosian
Stephen and Mary A Bek
Michael and Alison Bell
John and Lynn Beukema
Glen and Helena Bloem
Joseph Bowes
Samuel and Sarah Bowler
Wallace and Marianne Bratt
Kevin Buchanan
Nathan A and Rebecca S Burkhart
Lance and Susan Claggett
Robert and Michelle R Contois
Kenneth F Corkran and Erin N Lowery-Corkran
Michael and Kathy Craig
Scott M and Shelly A Cullen
Edward A and Carol R Curths
Matthew D and Julie A Davison

David and Elizabeth Deters
Dale R Deweerdt
Mark DeWeerd and Sara Korber-DeWeerd
Mike and Carol DeWeerd
Brian and Margot M Donnelly
Bruce and Mary S Dykstra
Greg and Terry Ebbeling
Lance and RoseAnn Engbers
Nathan Engle
John K and Jeanne K Esler
Patrick Estrella
Kenneth and Lisa Foppema
Steve Fortna and Emily Boldenow-Fortna
Ronald U McKenney, II and Michelle Frasca
Anthony N and Jennifer L Giunta
Don and Judy Godeke
Brian E and Michelle A Graves
William and Wendy Groot
Philip L and Kerrie A Harper
James and Lois Hassey
Brandon and Ginette Hehn
Ralph J and Carol L Honderd
Ross and Amanda Irwin
Brian and Lynn Jamros
Timothy and Shelly Jung
Jong-Il Kim
Raymond Korber
Claire M Kuik
Jerome and Phyllis Kuik
Thomas M and Valerie Kuik
Peter and Shirley Kuperus
Kevin Kuphal and Charlene Martin-Kuphal
Henry J and Faith M Lane
Wendy Laporte
Massimo and Joyce Lombardo
Linda Marshall
Michael and Tara Marshall
Larry and Mary Masselink
Gregory D and Kimbly Massotti
Ryan and Christine McCabe
Michael and Jennifer L McGee
Adam S and Kimberly Meyer
Gladys G Nydam
Bill and Sadie Perkins
Helen Petersen
Eunice M Petersen
Harold O and Barbara L Plantinga
Raymond W and Faye Postma
Mark and Lisa Quercio
Harris and Donna Rotman
Jeffery B and Jessica Ryan
David and Betsy Ryder
Carol Schaver
Jeremy and Jody Shaw
Andrew and Linda Simonds
Robert and Judith Smith
Michael C and Claudia P Spiller
Stephanie Stockwell

Thomas and Carol Swaim
Robert S and Lisa V Taylor
Vamshidhar and Erin Thakkallapalli
Neil J and Karen J Thibodeau
Sofocles Tsimogianis and Evropi Chatzi
Thelma J Van Til
Cary and Kristine VandenAkker
Joanne E VandenAkker
Christopher and Laurie Vander Baan
Sandra E Vander Baan
Russ and Gerry VanderBaan
Robert L and Kathryn G VanderBaan
Jeffrey and Laurie VanderBaan
Wanda VanderZee
Marc E and Jennifer M Vincequere
Daniel J and Lisa B Vos
Tom and Kim Vredevoogd
Sherri Watters
Nathan and Elissa Weaver
Calvin R and Claudia S Wiegers
Timothy M and Sarah Wiegers
Eric and Alicia Wierenga
James D and Colleen O Wierenga
Wayne and Dorothy Wiersma
John and Tricia Wozniak
Kenneth W and Sandra L Young

MATCHING GIFTS

Eversource Energy Foundation

**BOUKE & ALICE
JORRITSMA
SCHOLARSHIP**

James Jorritsma

**LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
(LMC)**

Philip L and Kerrie Harper
Ed Lee
Marie Siepert
Consigli Construction Co, Inc
Osterman Management LLC

LOYALTY

Brett W and Beth Allen
James and Susan Anema
Cynthia Baker
Herman S and Eva J Baker
Robert A and Elizabeth A Banning
Andrew I and Marcella J Beerends
Michael and Alison Bell
Samuel and Sarah Bowler
Brett and Iona Buma
Phillip and Kristin Buurma
John and Sheryl Casey
Anthony E and Jen A Cinelli

Lance and Susan Claggett
Alice Cook
Thomas and Susan Cooper
Michael and Kathleen Craig
Scott and Shelly Cullen
Blake and Jenny Cunningham
James and Gertrude DeGroot
Thomas A Dill and Ann M Lord
Katiegrace and Kiara Dudley
Andrew and Kathleen Ells
Brad and Karen Exoo
Albert and Nancy Faber
Faith Fellowship Chapel
Byron and Taryn Flagg
Barbara A and Glenn D Focht
Kenneth C and Lisa R Foppema
Ellen J Fowler
Benjamin and Kylie Gibbons
Charles and Dorene Gilmer
Roland and Susan Gjeltema
Don and Judy Godeke
Stephen and Tammi Gorman
Jack and Wanda Gray
Sandra Haagsma
Mark and Patricia Hebert
Michael and Linda Hendrikse
Daniel and Kathryn Hubley
Ross and Amanda Irwin
Lynn Jarosz
Philip and Elizabeth Johnson
Ruth S Jolly
Allan and Joyce Jongasma
James S Jorritsma
Peter and Roann Karns
Edward J and Emily M Kennedy
Kent and Jodi Koeman
Dean H and Janice Koopman
Thomas P and Joan E Koopman
Jeffrey and Michelle Koren
Leonard P and Pamela Krygsman
Nathan and Tahnee Kuder
Oscar and Henny Kuipers
Bill and Shirley A LaFleur
Joshua and Amelia G Lawson
Michael E and Mary Layman
Ed Lee
David and Dawn Lefrancois
Gordon C Lockbaum
Joseph and Debra Mangiameli
Charles J and Shirley G Mannheim
Larry A and Mary J Masselink
Gregory D and Kimbly Massotti
Adam Meyer
John P and Kirstie R Miersma
Timothy and Kristine K Moran
Paul and Joan Newhall
John and Bonnie Parker
David Peck
Wayne and Michelle Pitts
Evan and Carole Plante
Ronald and Roxie Plantinga

Derek and Laural Plourde
Peter and Melanie Plumb
Ray and Faye Postma
Mark and Lisa Quercio
Allen J and Lynne Randolph
Thomas E and Patricia A Ryan
Albert and Catherine Schaaphok
Jeremy and Jody Shaw
Michael C and Claudia P Spiller
Donald J and Ellen J Stahl
Brian Stanick
Kris Stanick
Herbert W and Kathleen W Staniszewski
Thomas and Carol Swaim
Theona Taylor
David E and Deborah D Thomas
Brian and Thalia S Towle
Jerry L Van Tol and Anne Banning
Cary and Kristine VandenAkker
Christopher and Laurie Vander Baan
Loren and Cornelia Vander Wilt
Melissa L VanderBaan
Russ and Gerry VanderBaan
Harry and Shirley J VanderBrug
Paula K VanderHoven
Barbara VanderKlay
Wanda VanderZee
Michael and Suzanne Veurink
Tillie Visbeek
James T and Sherri H Watters
Bryan and Sue Wiegers
Alvin and Mary Youngsma

JIM & JEAN NYDAM HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

Ruth Bandstra
Randal and Susan Bol
Rebecca Smith

ROBOTICS

Brent G and Christine M Auslander
BachKnives
Darrell J and Laurie K Baker
Robert A and Elizabeth A Banning
Brent and Vanessa C Barker
Alan and Elizabeth Bol
David and Tricia Bolduc
Marc R Calarese and Sandra J Anderson
Ben Campbell
Anthony E and Jen A Cinelli
Andrew P and Marisa A Consigli
Thomas and Susan Cooper
Brian A and Gina D Darling

Christian and Shari Dunlap
Bruce and Mary S Dykstra
EduBoston
Lance B and RoseAnn Engbers
Bill and Ann Fredericks
Steven P and Rosalia French
James and Anna M Hackathorn
Matthew J and Melissa A Hadley
Jonathan E and Megan L Hanson
David J Gnatek and Sharley A Hillgardner
Kathleen Holt
Ann Kristof
Bill and Shirley A LaFleur
Henry J and Faith M Lane
Larry A and Mary J Masselink
Adam S and Kimberly Meyer
Douglas J and Linda J Nydam
David and Laura Olson
Jeffrey C and Julie A Penterson
Derek and Laural Plourde
Ben and Allison Randolph
Vincent and Donna Rodger
Jeffery B and Jessica Ryan
Doreen Scavone
Thomas and Carol Swaim
Vamshidhar and Erin Thakkallapalli
Christopher and Laurie Vander Baan
Russ H and Geraldine F VanderBaan
Waters Corporation
Andra Waugh
Lyle T and Carol J Wicker
Bryan and Sue A Wiegers
Louis A and Suzanne Wiersma

STRINGS

Marc R Calarese and Sandra J Anderson
Gurine M Fogg

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Don and Doris Koopman
Lucy Marshall

TECHNOLOGY

Blake and Jenny Cunningham
Kurt and Jane Hanson

ARTHUR J WIERSMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Louis A and Suzanne Wiersma
MaryAnn Wiersma

Jeannine Oppewall ('61) is currently working on a film set in 1971 in North Carolina. She has worked on more than 30 movies in such roles as production designer, set decorator and set designer. She has received four Academy Award nominations for Best Art Direction for *L.A. Confidential*, *Pleasantville*, *Seabiscuit*, and *The Good Shepherd*. She is also an avid lepidopterist.



Jonathan and Sarah (Haringa) McClure (both '98) welcomed a baby boy, Reuben James, to their family on January 26.

Ben Hehn ('02) has created a website called NUMBEROCK, a collection of music videos that teach and reinforce elementary school level mathematical concepts and primary grade numeracy to make learning math fun in a whole new way. Ben is currently living in Austin, TX.



Congratulations to **Matt ('02) and Laura Skudera (President of the Crusaders Athletic Board)** on the birth of their daughter, Molly Irene. Molly was born on April 15.



Congratulations to **Brandon McGrath ('04)** and his wife Alysia on the birth of their son, Calvin William, born April 15, in Worcester.

Brittany (Kolodziej) Phillips ('06) and a team of top-notch teachers will be presenting a NEW and exciting strings camp this summer at WCS. The theme is American Music and Beyond!



Peter Bloem ('09) and Samantha Tibbits are engaged and planning a November wedding in Troy, NY. Peter is employed as a Senior Associate at KPMG in Albany, NY. Samantha is a Public Information Specialist at Stillwater Central School District and Niskayuna Central School District.



Emily VandenAkker ('09) and Will Shannon of Uxbridge were engaged in May. The couple is planning a 2018 wedding. Emily is an art teacher at WCS.



Tyler VandenAkker ('12) and Natalie O'Toole were married on June 11 in California. Parents of the groom are **Cary VandenAkker ('72)** and Kris VandenAkker, WCS coach and gym teacher.

Andrew Baker ('16) has earned an Irene Ryan acting scholarship nomination for his portrayal of Barnaby in *The Matchmaker* at Taylor University. He will compete at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre festival for the Midwest region in January.

CONDOLENCES

Frances (Burghgraef) Kok (8th grade class of '45), passed away in April, having endured the effects of Parkinson's Disease for many years. She leaves behind her sister, **Jeannette (Burghgraef) Smith (8th grade class of '50)**.

James Vander Baan ('66) passed away in April. Jim loved WCS and served many terms as a trustee, focusing on the building committee as the champion of the 1997 high school addition. Jim was named the Distinguished Alumnus of WCS in 2013. He was a long-term member of the Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church.

James Vosteen ('72) passed away in March. Jim is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, **Gertrude (Vanden Akker) Vosteen ('72)**. Jim and Gertrude had a daughter and two sons. He leaves behind many extended family members, church family, and friends.

Daniel Vine ('99) passed away in June after experiencing congestive heart failure. He was an amazing and devoted husband and father who loved and adored his family. Dan was very hands-on with his children and loved to travel and explore the US with his family. Dan will be remembered as a people person who enjoyed helping others.



The Class of '97 held their reunion on July 22nd with a school tour, a visit to West End Creamery, and a gathering at The Red Rock Bar & Grill. Over 20 classmates attended with family members.



WHITINSVILLE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

279 Linwood Avenue
Whitinsville, MA 01588

508-234-8211
fax 508-234-0624
whitinsvillechristian.org

Nonprofit Org
US Postage
PAID
Worcester MA
Permit No. 2



Save the Dates!

WCS will celebrate Homecoming on September 29 & 30. Stay tuned for the full calendar of events including Varsity games and alumni activities.

If you would like to join the planning team, please contact Adam Meyer, Director of Advancement at 508-372-3261 or ameyer@whitinsvillechristian.org