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Lexington Christian Academy is an independent college preparatory school that exists to educate young men and women in the arts and sciences in the context of a complete commitment to the historic Christian faith. 
LCA admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

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The Academy Lantern is published biannually by Lexington Christian Academy.
Greetings from LCA!

Dear Friend of LCA,

Within the pages of this edition of The Academy Lantern you will find stories about the people who make up our great community—a community with the common purpose of educating young men and women faithfully and fully. In an age of imbalance and uncertainty, Lexington Christian Academy is stronger than ever in its mission to educate the whole student by providing opportunities academically, athletically, artistically, and spiritually in preparation for joy and success in college and in life.

The seeds of what make this learning community so significant today were planted 65 years ago in Boston by a group of educational visionaries. Our founders established the vision for an Academy that would be God-honoring, college preparatory, and culturally relevant. That vision has blossomed into Lexington Christian Academy, a standard-bearing institution that engages the hearts, minds, and souls of students.

We at LCA are proud of our rich tradition, our beautiful campus, and our diverse and dedicated community. Our graduates matriculate to some of our nation’s finest colleges and universities, and our outstanding faculty presents a curriculum that is intellectually keen and spiritually applicable. Our students excel on the athletic field and in the arts. But in the end, what distinguishes LCA is the impact of our teachers connecting with students through wise and thoughtful instruction with a commitment to the historic Christian faith. Throughout the decades, our faculty members have encouraged students to ask critical questions as they prepare for college and a future of leadership and service. It’s an education for all eternity.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of our current and former students and the people who have inspired them toward lifelong learning and living to God’s glory. I invite you to be a part of the vibrant vision that is Lexington Christian Academy. Please visit our website at lca.edu, or, better still, stop by campus and witness the beauty of a balanced education.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Davis, P ’10
Head of School

P.S. I am pleased to announce this breaking news at press time:

Lexington Christian Academy’s Team ZeroBotX wins 1st Place in the MIT/NASA Zero Robotics International Space Station Finals Competition, held at MIT on Dec. 16!

How they got there: Earlier this fall, Lexington Christian Academy students wrote a winning essay that ultimately landed them a spot among 24 schools nationwide to write programming code for the MIT/NASA competition. LCA’s programming code advanced the team to the Top 10. As a finalist, LCA’s Team ZeroBotX had their code run in an actual SPHERE on the International Space Station. Visit lca.edu for all the details including the webcast of the winning event!
At Home in the World
by Stephen Johnson ’11; Concord, New Hampshire
Multicultural Prefect; Home Stay Program Participant

I was struck recently by a National Public Radio interview in which a man discussed his poor eyesight. He had traveled the world, but it was only through his pictures, developed when he returned, that he could view his journey as more than a mere heap of blurry projections in his memory. “The first time I experienced my vacation, I was back at home on my couch,” he reflected. I understood this sentiment completely and was reminded of a time I had gone abroad.

During the summer following my eighth-grade graduation my parents allowed me to travel to South Korea for 10 days. While my main motivation was to see my good friend Gi-Moon in Seoul, I had no idea that my experiences would be so much broader and more meaningful. In the months before I left, I had memorized the Korean alphabet, Hangul, but knew absolutely nothing else about the country. Still, upon arriving, I was immediately taken by the beauty of the region and people, and I snapped a ridiculous number of pictures. Although I was in all these pictures, I was so culturally ignorant that it was as if I were blind the whole time.

After visiting some ethnically important sites, wandering around two major cities, and receiving “oohs” and “ahs” whenever I read aloud even the most basic sentences in Hangul, I fancied myself a master of all things Korean. Yet, for all my supposed expertise, I wasn’t able to pick up the bulgogi (marinated meat cooked over an open flame) on my plate without asking the waitress if she would bring me a fork.

Returning stateside after those 10 days I found myself struggling to recognize where I was in my pictures. I’d try to fill in details when describing the scenes, but did not truly understand the significance in any of them.

Since that trip, I have continued to cultivate this interest in Korea, which was firmly rooted in me by the beautiful countryside and the friendly people I met. I devoured numerous books on the history of the country, and eventually enrolled in a Korean language school in my home state of New Hampshire. Because of my decision to delve into the Korean culture and language, I now often find myself in situations which would have been unimaginable to me a few years ago—eating out with a friend whose mother chooses to speak to me primarily in Korean, or belting out a few K-pop ballads with my friends at our favorite Korean karaoke.

Recently, I looked again at my pictures of South Korea. I felt as if I were seeing them for the first time, and I realized that while in Korea I was like the man whose nearsightedness prevented him from truly seeing the countries he visited; it was only after understanding the culture of Korea that I could really experience my trip. This summer after my LCA graduation I am planning to return to Seoul—and I’ll be bringing that old album of pictures with me. I hope to revisit the scenes in them so that with my growing understanding of the Korean culture I can experience them again, and for the first time.

About Our Student Author

Stephen Johnson ’11 still keeps in touch with his eighth-grade friend Gi-Moon and is looking forward to seeing him this summer in Seoul. While in South Korea for six weeks, Stephen will be working as a teacher’s assistant at an SAT preparatory academy and traveling through the countryside and islands.

Although his family lives in another state, Stephen is able to attend Lexington Christian Academy through LCA’s Home Stay Program. He lives near campus with an LCA-connected Christian family who is also hosting another Home Stay student, Stephen’s good friend Park Chan-Woo ’12. Chan-Woo is a Seoul native with whom Stephen will be traveling this summer.

Stephen’s family has a long legacy with LCA—his father, Dr. David Johnson, is Class of 1976, and his grandfather, Philip Johnson, served as an LCA Trustee for 22 years. Other Johnson family alumni include Cynthia Johnson ’73 McDonough, Peter Johnson ’74 (and his children, Andy ’01 and Laura ’03), and Kristin Johnson ’79 Martin.

Next year at university, Stephen will be pursuing a major in international relations and linguistics. He is already dreaming about studying abroad for a full year—China this time, to learn Mandarin.
Welcome, New Trustees

It is a privilege to introduce newly appointed members to the LCA Board of Trustees. We thank God for these three godly individuals who join the rest of our Board in giving of their time and talents to continue the legacy of excellence at LCA.

Meet Our Newest Faculty and Staff

Melissa Albright, excited to join the World Languages Department this year as a French teacher. She has taught in many different types of educational settings, including public schools in North Carolina, private language schools in Chicago and Boston, and a private university in France. She enjoys sharing her love of France and the French language and culture with others.

Melissa Christmas ’96 has returned to LCA as a para-professional and coach. Melissa holds a B.A. in special education and has been teaching and coaching since 2001. She took a five-year hiatus to change her Army Reserve status to Active Duty, serving in New Hampshire as an Army Reserve career counselor from October 2005 until September 2010. Melissa is currently working on an M.Ed. in school counseling from Liberty University. She is a youth leader at International Family Church in North Reading, MA, where she leads the youth praise and worship band.

Although new to LCA as director of auxiliary programs, Scott Stevens ’87 is no stranger to the Academy. In addition to being an alumnus, Scott has worked at LCA in a variety of coaching roles over the past 18 years, including Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Soccer, and Girls Soccer (a program he started at LCA in 1993). In addition to his coaching, Scott has also worked at LCA’s Meadow Breeze Day Camp for 19 summers. As director of auxiliary programs, Scott oversees LCA’s After Class Enrichment (ACE) program, Interim, facility rentals, and LCA Summer Experience, which includes Meadow Breeze Day Camp, Lions Sports Camps, and the new Summer Academy. Scott also serves as a health and physical education teacher and head varsity boys soccer coach. Scott says he is excited about the opportunity to serve full-time at LCA and feels as if he has returned home to a place that has been a blessing in his life.

Celebrating 5 Years of Service to the Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Chair James (Jim) Bolton ’72 celebrates five years of Board service and is in his second term as chair. Jim is a graduate of Northeastern University (B.A.) and Suffolk Law School (J.D.). After serving as an associate and then partner in a small general practice law firm, Jim established his own firm in 1997. He and his wife, Paula, are parents of two LCA alumni, Bekah ’06 and Josh ’08, as well as current student Hannah ’14. Jim and Paula started and continue to lead a Homebuilders’ Ministry at Marsh Corner Community Church in Methuen, MA, where Jim previously served on and chaired the Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons. Jim also previously chaired the Merrimack Valley YMCA Board of Directors, and currently serves on their Board of Trustees, on the Board of Christian Film Festivals of America, and on the Board of McNutt Ministries, Inc.

Celebrating 25 Years of Service to the Board of Trustees

A legacy of leadership is represented by Wallace (Wally) Wadman’s 25 years of service on the Board of Trustees. Wally was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1985 and served as chair of the Board from 1995–2007. At the conclusion of Wally’s term as chair, a grant was established that reflects Wally’s passion for athletics: the “Wallace W. Wadman Grant for Christian Athletic Leadership Training.” For the past two years, these grant funds have provided scholarship opportunities for LCA students to attend Fellowship of Christian Athletes camps. Professionally, Wally is chair of Constitution Research and Management. Wally and his wife, Florence, are parents of three boys: Scott, Greer ’87, and John ’89. They currently worship at Grace Chapel in Lexington.
Faculty Appointments

Jim Feenstra, former math faculty, has transitioned into the role of academic technology coordinator—and the LCA Championship Team ZeroBotX advisor (see page 2). He is instructing teachers in the varied uses of technology in the classroom, including the 1:1 Laptop Program for grades 8 and 9. Jim’s contagious love for technology and its application in the classroom made him an excellent candidate for this role. Jim and his wife, Wendy, are the parents of Jaclyn ’13 and Michelle ’14.

Kathy Walker, former Academy Fund director, is now serving as admissions associate. Kathy has long demonstrated her commitment to LCA students and families in her various roles at the Academy and will bring her warmth, expertise, and knowledge to the key role of admissions associate. Kathy and her husband, Bob, are the parents of Justin ’07, Ashley ’08, and Eric ’12.

National Merit Scholarship Program Recognizes 7 LCA Seniors

LCA is proud to recognize seven seniors who earned the distinction of being named National Merit Semifinalists or Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists Lydia Marie XinZhen Brown ’11 and Tyler Kehne ’11 were invited to apply for Finalist standing; results will be announced in February.

Commended Students David Deluca ’11, Emily Hoffman ’11, Luca Politi ’11, Collin Urbani ’11, and Margaret Wiryaman ’11 were recognized through Letters of Commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Foundation for their outstanding academic promise. “It is with a sense of gratitude and pride that we recognize these outstanding seniors,” states Head of School Mark Davis. “I am personally proud of Lydia, Tyler, David, Emily, Luca, Collin, and Margaret for this scholarly achievement, as well as for the manner in which they have honored God and their parents, teachers, and peers during their tenure at LCA.”

Advising Program

Mentoring Matters

A Commitment to Connecting Students with Role Models

by James Talkington, Director of Student Life and English Teacher

Two years ago LCA faculty dedicated time to more clearly define the mission of the Faculty Advisory Program. With faculty input in hand, a committee met to draft the following Advisory Program Mission Statement:

The Advisory Program at Lexington Christian Academy strives to support students in their academic endeavors, encourage them in Christ-like living, and promote a school culture where all members of the community are honored and valued because they are made in the image of God.

Another result of this review was renaming the Faculty Advisory Program—often abbreviated as “FA” program—to Advisory Program to recognize that many non-faculty staff and administrators also serve our student body as advisors. This year, non-faculty advisors include Mark Davis P ’10 (head of school), Shelley Reese Cornish (director of development), Steve King (athletic director), and Mac Porter P x’11, ’15 (accountant).

A grant from the Tyndale Foundation made it possible to develop a curriculum for the Advisory Program based on the program’s mission statement. Working as a faculty committee, Irene Campbell, Brendan Cooney, Lori Macdonald, David Pothier, John Sharon P ’15, ’17, Donna Williams, and I sought to sustain the informal relationships that have been a strength of our Advisory program with a curriculum that would aid advisors as they guide their advisees both during group sessions and through individual conferences.

In late June we met on campus in the Phillips Library for two days and developed grade-appropriate topics and guiding questions. The Middle School curriculum centers on questions such as: Who am I? Where do I fit in? How have I changed? Upper School topics include: Time Management, Being Part of a Welcoming Community, and Making Right Choices.

Throughout July and August we wrote group activities and developed curriculum maps for each grade to aid advisors in making the group Advisory times meaningful and purposeful. We also developed materials to help each advisee set his or her own personal and academic goals. Each year students will work on making goals that are SMART: Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Relevant, and Time-Oriented. This September each advisor started the year with the new curriculum in hand. As this year progresses we will continue to look closely at how well the new curriculum is meeting the needs of our students.

My greatest reward from being part of this process was uncovering a file of curricula from the Christian High School (as LCA was originally named) Counseling Program. While the name of the program has changed, and some of the topics (e.g., “the problems of a student’s allowance”) are no longer particularly relevant today, I was reminded that building strong mentoring relationships between adults called to a vocation in Christian education and their students is just as important as it ever was. Those who labored in the early years of our Academy’s history prayerfully invested in the lives of our students. And it is only because of the continuing investment of faculty, staff, students, parents, and donors that we are able to keep this program strong and relevant today.

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Scene Around Campus

Celebrating Milestone Years of Service

We thank God for the dedicated contributions of the following faculty, staff, and trustees as they celebrate milestone years of service to LCA:

Celebrating 5 Years of Service
Keith Borgen, Director of Information Technology
Kate Caley P ’08, Director of College Advising
John Falkenstrom P ’09, ’12, Asst. Facilities Manager
Steve Schmidt P ’08, ’13, ’16, Dining Room Manager

Celebrating 10 Years of Service
David Jackson, Division Head/History Teacher
Debbie Sawchuk P ’02, ’05, Registrar

Celebrating 15 Years of Service
Brendan Cooney, Math Teacher

Celebrating 20 Years of Service
David Allen, Facilities Manager, started at LCA in 1990 as assistant business manager. In 1995, he began splitting his time between finances and facility. Then, in 1997, he transitioned to our full-time facilities manager. Thank you, Dave, for all you do to keep LCA looking great!

Celebrating 30 Years of Service
Dr. Kim Winsor, Associate Head of School, arrived at LCA in 1980 to serve as librarian, but her love of teaching prompted her to quickly add an English class to her responsibilities. Over the past 30 years, Kim has brought much to LCA, including teaching every one of the grade levels; creating a developmental reading program for the Middle School; serving as director of special education; serving as Middle School coordinator; and transitioning to the role of academic director prior to her appointment as associate head of school. Kim earned her Ed.D. in 2004 from Boston University.

Advanced Senior Research

Seeing Things

An Alumna Studies Optical Illusions and Sees How She Can Make a Difference

Emily Swanson ’10 hadn’t thought much about the topic of optical illusions until she attended the U. S. Air Force Academy’s 2009 Summer Seminar and took a course in biopsychology. “The course was specifically about optical illusions, and it was very interesting to see how illusions affect reality,” Emily shares. “I wanted to know, on a biological and psychological level, why this happened.”

When Emily returned to her senior year at LCA, she applied for the year-long Advanced Senior Research Program and was accepted. Her topic was “Biopsychology: The Eyes, the Brain, and Optical Illusions.” Now a freshman at Quinnipiac University, Emily admits she wasn’t sure of the extent to which her senior research project would affect her in college. “I assumed it would be interesting, but not necessarily applicable to my intention to study English here at Quinnipiac,” she shares. “However, in my English honors course this fall we are investigating consciousness and identity. What I studied through the Advanced Senior Research program at LCA has really helped me gain a better understanding of consciousness and reality. I have been able to make many connections between my college studies and my Advanced Senior Research project.”

“My passion for understanding God’s good creation through my research has led me to switch my major to behavioral neuroscience, a field that endeavors to explain the biological and social foundations of behavior,” Emily says. “I am really excited about this major because neuroscience is a rapidly expanding field. I am planning to pursue a double degree in Spanish and behavioral neuroscience with a minor in chemistry so that I might be able to go to medical school and join the Air Force as a doctor researching the effects of PTSD on soldiers.”

As she faces her future with increasing clarity, Emily is grateful for each teacher she had during her four years at LCA. “Mr. Alexander was a fabulous teacher and Advanced Senior Research program director. I am so glad that I also had him for a Bible instructor and a mentor. Everything he taught me has been very beneficial,” Emily says. “All of my teachers at LCA were fantastic, preparing me for writing at the college level and igniting my passion!”

Teachers like Jeremy Alexander are thrilled with Emily’s experiences. “I view my role as an opportunity to mentor students into full participation in the academic world of knowledge,” Jeremy says. “Advanced Senior Research gives students a place where they can pursue what they’re curious about and challenges them to pursue that curiosity in an organized and methodical manner. One of my greatest enjoyments with the program is that I get to learn from the students. What they study and present is constantly exciting.”

LCA Summer Experience 2011

Registration Begins Early February for All Summer Programs

Meadow Breeze Day Camp
For Ages 5–15

Lion Sports Camps
Middle School and High School Students

LCA Summer Academy
Middle School and High School Students

NEW

All programs are open to the general public. See lca.edu!
Spanish teacher Karen Bengtson and her husband, Dale, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. Karen and Dale are the parents of two alumni, Shauna ’91 and Ryan ’95.

Latin teacher Dr. Graeme Bird’s Multitextuality in the Homeric Iliad. The Evidence of the Ptolemaic Papyri is being distributed by Harvard University Press. In his book, Graeme examines a small group of early papyrus manuscripts of Homer’s Iliad, known as the Ptolemaic papyri, which, although fragmentary, are the oldest surviving physical evidence of the text of the Iliad, dating from the third to the first centuries BCE.

In addition to being a recently published author, Graeme kept busy this fall conducting and arranging the Christian musical Song in the Wind at the Emerson Umbrella for the Arts in Concord. The musical celebrated the 375th birthday of Concord and depicted some of the early interactions between English settlers and the praying Indians.

Academic technology coordinator and math teacher Jim Feenstra P ’13, ’14, along with physics teacher Carol Caravana P ’07, ’10, attended the Advanced Placement Summer Institute at Saint Joseph’s College in Maine this past July. Jim completed the workshop in AP Statistics while Carol completed the AP Physics workshop. These workshops were conducted by College Board certified AP consultants.

On October 7, LCA division head and history teacher David Jackson traveled to Newburg, OR, to attend the Conference on Faith and History. In David’s words, “The trip was a success on all points. In all, I heard over 21 presentations, either the readings of scholarly papers, plenary addresses, or pedagogical discussions, and was co-moderator of one discussion about general history curricula. I acquired some interesting reading and was able to make some specific offers on behalf of LCA and our Cultivating Inquiry program to partner with the Conference of Faith and History and Gordon College to make our next meeting in 2012 a success.” This professional development opportunity for David was funded by the Sam and June Schultz Grant, which expands the integration of faith and learning.

In 2006, chemistry teacher and alumnus Henry (Jake) Hoffman ’64, P ’08, ’11 received the prestigious honor of being awarded the Dr. J. Barry and Rev. Delianne Koops Endowed Faculty Chair for a five-year term. This appointment made it possible for Jake to attend the 21st Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) in August held in Denton, TX. The BCCE is a national meeting sponsored by the Division of Chemical Education (DivCHED) of the American Chemical Society (ACS), and is designed for those who teach chemistry at all levels and provides opportunities for interacting with like-minded colleagues in both formal and informal settings. Jake enthusiastically shared his excitement for the opportunity to participate in the largest gathering of chemical educators in the world and is looking forward to further engaging his students through implementing the many valuable teaching strategies demonstrated at the conference.

LCA division head and biology teacher Alan Kalf had the opportunity to travel to Honduras this summer through the Agricultural School of El Hogar in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The mission of El Hogar Projects is to provide a loving home and education in a Christian environment for abandoned, orphaned, and poor children, enabling them to fulfill their ultimate potential as productive human beings in Honduras. The trip served as a mission opportunity as well as a learning opportunity for Alan as he works toward his El Hogar master of science in science education (MSSE) though Montana State University.

Library Librarian Leslie Schoenherr attended the Massachusetts School Library Association Conference. She has served on the Conference committee for several years and oversees the Trading Post, a place for school librarians to post working-smarter ideas to share with colleagues.

Congratulations to Associate Head of School Dr. Kim Winsor whose article “Strategic Reading in the Secondary School” was published in the May 2010 edition of Independent Teacher, an online journal for independent school educators. The article focuses on how to help students engage with texts. Students must be active readers in order to recall and apply the ideas in their reading. Without these meta-cognitive skills students may “do the reading” and continue to fail the reading quiz.

The Edward and Jennie VanderBrug Grant from LCA to attend the College Board AP Summer Institute in Seoul, South Korea, last July. The Institute addressed Advanced Placement courses in English. After her days at the conference, Karen spent her evenings with the families of LCA’s Korean students. “Spending time with our students’ mothers enabled me to hear firsthand how they appreciate the opportunity for their child to come to America and have the ‘whole person’ educated,” Karen explains. “At LCA, unlike at schools in Korea, you have time outside of academics to pursue sports and music. Our Home Stay Program families like the fact that LCA is in the Boston area and has a strong academic reputation, but also the Christian component, so they are assured their child will be educated holistically with good values and character.” Karen has enjoyed infusing what she learned into her classes this year; as it applies to all her students, not just those in Advanced Placement. “To love them is to educate them,” she says.

English teacher Lori Macdonald traveled to Indiana University for the “Teaching East Asian Literature in the High School” Conference last summer. This learning opportunity was made possible through grants from the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University and from LCA’s Lawrence-Swallow Grant for Professional Development. Lori was joined by 20 teachers from around the nation for a week of stimulating history lectures, literature discussions, and curriculum instruction, all centered on writings from China, Japan, and Korea. Conference attendees had opportunity to try cultural activities such as ikebana, Japanese flower arranging, and tai chi chuan, a Chinese martial art. Upon returning to campus, Lori began adding some of this wonderful reading to her World Literature curriculum and has enjoyed teaching it this fall.
From the Athletic Director

It has been another great fall season for LCA Athletics. Our teams got off to a good start in the preseason and remained competitive as they battled Eastern Independent League (EIL) and non-conference opponents. It was a pleasure, too, to see the LCA Homecoming games played this year after being rained out for two straight years! We also had a great experience with the Varsity Field Hockey team hosting a “Play 4 the Cure” event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Congratulations to the following student-athletes who were recognized by the EIL for their outstanding fall seasons:

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LCA Hosts NEPSTA Division-V Championships

A highlight of the Fall season was LCA’s hosting of the 66th annual New England Preparatory School Track & Field Association (NEPSTA) Division-V Cross Country Championships at Great Brook State Park, Carlisle, MA. The event drew over 30 teams with almost 400 runners competing! A special recognition is deserved for former LCA Cross Country Coach Gretchen Schimelpfenig who was the event coordinator.

“Coach Schim” spent countless hours preparing for the Championships. LCA was represented in a great light once again, and Coach Schim was at the forefront of the many volunteers and community members who made the day so special and who made sure God was glorified through our efforts.

Winter Seasons Are Underway!

The winter seasons have arrived for the Lions, with high expectations. The Varsity Wrestling team is looking to capture its 6th straight Eastern Independent League Championship following last year’s 5th straight undefeated season in EIL competition.

The Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams, too, are looking to make noise in the EIL. Both teams are led by a balanced group of veterans and newcomers looking to build on last year. Don’t miss seeing the teams in action. (See schedules at lca.edu/athletics.)

A great opportunity to swing by and see the Lions compete will be January 28, 2011, when LCA hosts The Battle of Lexington-Concord. This year marks the seventh installment of the “The Battle,” and LCA (6-0 in the annual competition) will look to continue its dominance by preserving ownership of the prized colonial red drum. Be sure to check the schedule and come by to support the teams!
Scene Around Campus

From soccer fields to the basketball court, from the cross country paths to the softball diamond, fans are noticing more familiar faces as LCA alumni are returning to lead the teams they once represented with their own sweat and stamina.

It is great to see LCA players of past years come back and now coach our teams. Not only do they know the Academy well, but they also have a great impact on the student-athletes because they can speak to what it means to step out on the fields of play with “Lexington Christian” across their jerseys.

“It’s an honor because of all that I received when I played here,” says Middle School Boys Basketball Coach Mo Christmas ’92. “It’s because of the investments that were made in me that I’m honored to give back as a coach.”

It says a lot about the experiences of our student-athletes that they would want to come back someday and coach. I trust that we have current student-athletes who will one day return to make a difference in the lives of our future students. It’s a cycle by which LCA is very blessed.

by Steve King, Athletic Director

Alumni Coaches Bring Experience & Leadership

Some LCA alumni now carry whistles on the sidelines. From left, Ryan Patrie, Jessica Kanach, David Reid, John Vining, Melissa Christmas, Deborah (Gabrielse) Cioffi, Scott Stevens, and Rachel Nelson.

Girls Varsity Soccer Seniors (from left to right): Tori Duttweiler, Courtney Fagura, Marley Vazquez, Stephanie Greyniche, Brittany Hagopian, and Lillian Shin celebrate on the team’s Senior Day in November.

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Tyler Kehne ’11 (far left) leads LCA at the start of a home race. Tyler was the team’s leading runner this past fall, and set a career personal record time of 18:46 at the Eastern Independent League Championships in November.

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Being Changed
LCA Upper School Theatre Presents
Metamorphoses

Metamorphoses, Mary Zimmerman’s theatrical adaptation of Ovid’s Greek myths, debuted on Broadway nine years ago to critical acclaim. The play has since become a modern classic, performed increasingly in professional and regional theatres, colleges, and, in some cases, high schools—most recently here at Lexington Christian Academy. On November 17–20, the Upper School Theatre presented this ambitious production, which, as written, takes place in and around a pool of water.

Why bother with real water? Is it worth the logistical hassles? With 10 actors playing over 70 characters, the number of quick costume changes out of soggy togas would require hours of careful planning between Arts Division Head and Theatre Director Andy Macdonald and Costume Designer Claire Brosius P ’04, ’08. Andy’s answer is that water is simply too powerful and visceral a symbol to pass up. “It can mean life, death, grief, joy, danger, healing, fragility, power; and the list goes on,” he explains.

In Metamorphoses, water claims the life of a loved one, transforms an old woman into a little girl, provides a mirror for Narcissus, and restores a daughter to her father. It is a raging sea stirred into a whirlpool by Poseidon’s trident, and it is the river Styx crossed by Orpheus on his journey to Hades. In one of the play’s many contemporary twists, Phaeton lies on a yellow raft telling his therapist about his tragic misadventure with his dad Apollo’s “car.”

It helps that Set Designer and Art Teacher Chip Vander Brug P ’13, ’14 is always up for a new challenge. Andy explains that he and Chip share the same approach to theatrical design—start from scratch with each production rather than put up “color by numbers” sets, and create a design that will serve the story most powerfully, putting the relationship between the actors and audience at the center of the experience.

“The cast of Metamorphoses was introduced to some particularly difficult challenges, beyond the obvious challenge of performing portions of the play knee-deep in water,” Andy shares. “As these are Greek myths, many of the characters deal with extraordinary circumstances and wild emotions. For this reason, we offered a discussion time with the audience, cast, crew, and director following the evening performances.”

What motivates these student-actors to commit themselves to such demanding work? Andy says, “When actors take the stage, they hope to entertain the audience. But when actors who really understand the purpose of theatre (including our actors) take the stage, the hope is that they might activate genuine changes within the members of the audience—personal transformations, or ‘metamorphoses.’ And as Ovid acknowledges at the very beginning of Metamorphoses, when a story is told fully and truthfully, the storytellers themselves are changed in the process.”

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Christmas Concert at Cary Hall in Lexington

The 65th Annual Christmas Concert was held at Cary Hall in downtown Lexington. Parents and guests from the community were treated to a fun and festive evening which showcased the caliber of our Arts program, and, most importantly celebrated the birth of the Savior of the world. Pictured here, Mary Bulger P ’12, ’15 directs the Chamber Singers in a rendition of “Good King Kong Looked Out” by P. D. Q. Bach, which was performed vocally and with kazoo instrumentation.
“Rumors of Glory”
Arts @ LCA

by Andy Macdonald
Arts Division Head and Theatre Director

At LCA, creating art isn’t merely about some abstract notion of self expression. While all art is in some way a revelation of the artist, we also hope that our work can be a mirror to the audience, a window to the world, and even, to borrow a phrase from songwriter Bruce Cockburn, a “rumor of glory.” Is this concept of art-making too lofty for Middle and Upper School students to understand? Not at LCA.

Come look at their artwork, hear them sing and play music, watch them act on stage, and you will find that LCA student-artists are eager to create art that not only reveals their talents, but that also points to larger realities, stimulating healthy dialogue within their community.

Three years ago, the Visual Arts, Music, and Theatre departments joined together to create the Arts Division. Since then, the Arts faculty have been developing a plan to enrich our already vibrant programs and spread the word about the passion and creativity of LCA Arts students.

As a result, the Arts Division is looking to make our students’ voices (both literal and metaphorical) heard, and are pursuing this goal in three ways:

First, we are finding opportunities to practice art as service, just as the Visual Art department did in December by partnering with HOW (Helping Our World) to present the Empty Bowls Project, a dinner event at which ceramic bowls were sold and filled with homemade soup to raise money for the Rebuild Africa Project.

Secondly, we are reaching out to other artists, arts organizations, and schools in our area, looking to establish fruitful relationships outside our walls. The Music Department’s participation in Northeast District and All-State competitions and the Theatre Department’s involvement in the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild Festival provide just two examples of our efforts in this area.

Our third project has been to organize and mobilize FAN, the parent “Fine Arts Network.” In October, the Arts Division held its first-ever Parent Arts Forum, and FAN was born. The Upper School Theatre production of Metamorphoses in November and the 65th annual Christmas concert in December created multiple opportunities for parents to get involved in everything from set construction to publicity to meal preparation. As the spring Arts events approach, we are excited to watch our students continue to create compelling art for a growing community.

Empty Bowls
Having Dinner in Lexington,
Making a Difference in Liberia

On Friday, December 10, LCA’s Art Department and Helping Our World (HOW) Club hosted an Empty Bowls fundraising dinner—part of an international grassroots effort by artists who are committed to fighting against hunger and food scarcity, raising over $3,000 to benefit Rebuild Africa.

For $10, guests at the LCA event received a handmade ceramic bowl glazed by LCA students as well as a delicious bowl of soup prepared by alumni parent and registrar Deb Sawchuk P’02, ’05, and current parents Susan Watts P’10, ’10, ’12 and Lynn Wilson P’09, ’12.

Rebuild Africa, a Christian development organization, founded and run by current parent Bill Massaquoi P’11, in partnership with advisors and contributors from around the world, has a mission to empower and support the residents of post-conflict countries in Africa. Seeking to rebuild lives and communities in a sustainable way, Rebuild Africa’s initial focus is on the country of Liberia. Visit rebuildafrica.org and emptybowls.net for more information.
Homecoming & Reunion Weekend Celebrates LCA Legacy

A beautiful New England fall day set the stage for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2010 as LCA welcomed a record number of alumni, alumni parents, current families, and guests to campus, including members of the Class of 1960, celebrating their 50th Reunion, and members of the Class of 1975 who reconnected for their 35th Reunion.

The weekend kicked off with a Chili Cook-off featuring homemade chili prepared by LCA dads followed by the annual Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday night. The Rally featured introductions of the fall teams, their captains and coaches, and entertaining skill competitions. The evening culminated with a Battle of the Bands. A student panel of judges gave feedback to the four bands: a faculty/staff band, parent band, alumni band, and student band. The Battle was emceed by Ted Wheatley P ’04, ’06, ’08, ’11, ’14 and Mike Stevens ’87, P ’15 who opened the event with an original and humorous rap song!

On Saturday, LCA Lions hosted the Bancroft Bulldogs for 11 athletic events on Ware Field outside the Miles M. Strodel Gymnasium. Guests were welcomed by volunteers who helped provide a complimentary BBQ, a Fall Festival with games for children, a warm welcome at our Registration Table and Hospitality Center, a terrific Silent Auction to benefit the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., a Dessert Reception with faculty, staff, and classmates, and a day full of fun and excitement.

The weekend culminated with a new tradition at LCA—the Homecoming Banquet. Combining the Distinguished Alumni Awards recognition and Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, this special gala dinner at the Burlington Marriott Hotel celebrated the vibrant mission, history, and future vision of Lexington Christian Academy (known previously as Christian High School).

Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Grace Strodel

Added to the list of Distinguished Alumni Awards was the Lifetime Achievement Award and this year’s recipient was Grace Strodel in honor of the 62 years she has invested into LCA.

As alumna Betty (Joy) Fagerstrom ’50, P ’71, ’72 shared during the program, “In my estimation there is no one who has earned and deserves this award more than you do. Thank you for your years of service to our Lord and to our alma mater.”

Jean (Copeland) Taber ’55 was returning from her Class’ 55th Reunion and could not be present at the Homecoming Banquet. In a letter from her read by Bob Strodel, Jean wrote about Grace, “You helped develop a confidence in me to grow and blossom in a way that reached beyond what I ever dreamed possible.”

Grace and Miles Strodel’s impact is still felt by students and young alumni today by way of the scholarship that bears their name. Sophia Kon ’09, recipient of the Class of 1953 Scholarship in honor of Grace and Miles Strodel, gave testimony of what it meant for her to be a recipient of that scholarship and how it enabled her to complete her education at LCA. Giving a wonderful history of all that Grace accomplished at LCA was Associate Head of School Dr. Kim Winsor.

Before Grace received her award, Chairman of the Board Jim Bolton ’72, P ’06, ’08, ’14 conferred an honorary LCA diploma on Grace. Head of School Mark Davis P ’10 presented Grace with the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award and Grace shared her gratitude with the audience.
Homecoming

Grace Strodel Honored for Athletic Legacy

Following the Hall of Fame inductions, a final honor was bestowed on Grace Strodel. In 1949, just a year after starting her career at CHS, Grace founded the Leaders’ Club for girls who were interested in studying the rules of games such as basketball, volleyball, tennis, softball, and also the leadership of physical education classes. This club was a foundation for the future additions of girls’ sports at Christian High School, which would come to be named Lexington Christian Academy.

Grace Strodel was by all measures a coach and mentor to the thousands of girls who passed through the hallways during her time. The impact she had on the sports programs, primarily those for girls, is evident throughout the history the Academy. In honor of the coaching legacy that Grace played such a significant role in building at LCA, Athletic Director Steve King announced that the Athletic Department’s annual Girls Coaches Award will be renamed the Grace Strodel Coaches Award for Girls.

The entire 2010 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend celebrated and reinforced all God has done in and through the many students, faculty, staff, and parents who have been part of the Christian High School and Lexington Christian Academy community over the years.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees: George Durward ’51 & Reg Henley ’69

LCA’s Athletic Hall of Fame, created in 2005, recognizes the outstanding accomplishments, efforts, and abilities of student-athletes, coaches, and boosters from throughout the history of Christian High School and LCA. Miles Strodel was the inaugural member and a plaque commemorating his induction in 2005 was delivered to the Strodel family, who were in attendance for the evening’s ceremonies.

George Durward ’51, a well-loved classmate, tremendous athlete, and caring young man, was the first inductee of the evening. George left an enduring mark on the students, faculty, and community members who had the privilege of knowing him before he passed away. In 1950 Christian High School established the George Durward Memorial Award in his memory. David Folsom ’57, a close family friend of the Durward family, received the plaque in honor of George’s induction into the Hall of Fame.

Reg Henley ’69, a recipient of the George Durward Memorial Award for Boys, was honored as the evening’s second inductee. A three-year member of the Varsity Basketball and Varsity Baseball teams and captain of both teams during his senior year. Reg was also a member of the Chorale and yearbook staff and served as senior class president.

After graduating from Virginia Union University, Coach Reg returned to the Boston area and started coaching at Middlesex Community College and then Haverhill High School, before joining former classmate Paul Rouse ’68 as a basketball coach at LCA. Coach Reg served as an assistant basketball coach, and even as a Junior Varsity head coach, under three separate coaches: Paul Rouse, Josh McPherson ’77, and Steve Heintz, before retiring from coaching in 2003.

Before Coach Reg accepted the award and addressed the crowd, Scott Stevens ’87 and Edson Cardoso ’01 spoke on behalf of Coach Reg as former players, colleagues, and life-long friends.

Thanking all those who had made it possible for him to attend LCA, including his coach and mentor, Miles Strodel, and his parents, who both worked multiple jobs to make his attendance at LCA possible, Coach Reg challenged those in attendance to overcome obstacles in their lives, alluding to one of the most cherished lessons he learned early on from Miles Strodel—“nothing beats failure but a try.”
2010–2011
LCA Theme

The Prefect Board reflects on LCA’S theme for the year:

Collin Urbani ‘11
Winchester, MA
Chorale Prefect

Being the “Hands and Feet of Christ” means carrying out God’s will faithfully. If I will my hand to throw a baseball, my hand doesn’t question me or hesitate; it obeys me immediately. In the same way, I want to be eager to carry out God’s will at LCA with complete faith in His instruction.

Robyn Gonnerman ‘11
Woburn, MA
Peer Issues Group Prefect

Being the “Hands and Feet of Christ” goes way beyond doing good things because Jesus tells us to do good things. It encompasses Jesus’ motive for doing those good things—His love for people. Without Christ’s heart for people, we can’t really be His hands and feet. Without Christ’s heart, we are merely going through the motions and putting on a performance. I know God does exceedingly over and above what we can ask or think, according to the power that is at work within us (Eph. 3:20), and I am earnestly expecting that this year.

David DeLuca ‘11
Burlington, MA
Fine Arts Prefect

At LCA, being the “Hands and Feet of Christ” in the arts means being a Christian artist. Being a Christian artist means not being proud of your own abilities or jealous of someone else’s. It means giving credit to God and not to yourself. It means treating your fellow artists with respect.

As Christian artists, we can: be the hands of Christ painting, drawing, sculpting, and cutting glass. Be the feet of Christ dancing, or entering and exiting the stage. Be the voice of Christ singing in a way that creates wonder of the Creator. Use art to show people how Jesus has entered, and changed, our lives.

Tori Duttweiler ‘11
Lowell, MA
National Honor Society Prefect

We are how our classmates experience Christ in a real and tangible way. Maybe it’s helping out an underclassman or classmate who’s struggling to grasp the mysteries of mathematical formulas even if we’d rather be talking with friends. Maybe it’s how we study individually and appreciate and take advantage of this school in which God’s purposefully placed us, relying on Him to help us work to the best of our ability in all our academic subjects. When we try to exemplify Christ in all we do, we will be a living example of Christ’s hands and feet to our world.

Caleb McKenney ‘11
Wilmington, MA
At-Large Prefect

As a Prefect Board, we try to be the “Hands and Feet of Christ” in the way we help the student body and in the way we plan our activities. I have seen the hands and feet of Christ in the way students help each other study and in our desire to serve our neighbors and our world. Being the hands and feet of Christ is important because it is what we are called to be as a Christian community. It is a part of our calling to be “Christ-like.”

1 John 3:16–20 (NIV)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay our material possessions and see a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

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What does it mean to be the “Hands and Feet of Christ”?

Jun Kim '11
South Korea
Helping Our World (HOW) Prefect

I believe that as Christians it is both our honor and duty to live like Jesus. Being the “Hands and Feet of Christ” is an excellent way to follow the life and words of Jesus. In Matthew 20, we see that as Jesus served others, we as Christians have to serve others. I work with students who literally want to be the “Hands and Feet of Christ” as they organize and plan activities to help people in our community and people around the world—the winter coat drive, Operation Christmas Child, leaf raking, and the Empty Bowl Project for Rebuild Africa are just a few examples.

Karolline Braga '11
Somerville, MA
Athletics Prefect

Being the “Hands and Feet of Christ” at LCA through athletics is more than being good at sports. It might be staying after practice a couple of times a week to help out a struggling teammate who would really appreciate a hand. It might be having the courage to take a stand for what is right even when it doesn’t seem like the popular thing to do. It means putting our all into competing for Christ and honoring His name. It means having pride in our faith and living for Christ alone.

Kristina Woolf '11
Melrose, MA
Activities Prefect

LCA’s community has many examples of being the “Hands and Feet of Christ”. Both the students and adults see the importance in doing little deeds such as holding doors for one another or saying “hi” to someone in the hallway you don’t know. My goal is to unite LCA through socials that are both fun and safe! The theme this year is important to our school because it reminds us that we can be instruments of Christ.

Jong Massaquoi '11
Liberia
Chaplain

I am dedicated to helping our community be Christ’s hands and feet. I try to be God’s hands and feet to my peers and to the faculty and staff. My devotions on Monday mornings at our All-School Assemblies are centered on this theme. I strive to lead not only by what I say in my devotions but also by my actions.

Stephen Johnson '11
Concord, NH
Multicultural Prefect

Being the “Hands and Feet of Christ” means welcoming every student—understanding that your classmates have different experiences than you and that you can learn from them. A good example is how the new Chinese and Korean students became quickly integrated this year. The FLAVA (Friends Learning About Various Areas) group works to showcase international views while encouraging friendship and community. We have a responsibility to hear every student’s voice and to represent and respect the experiences of every student.

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A Story of God’s People Fulfilling His Purpose

Kim A. Winsor, Ed.D., Associate Head of School

When we hear the name of a treasured school, we often think of its location, the campus, or a place we particularly loved. The true story of a school is not really about the buildings or the campus; it’s about the people. Lexington Christian Academy has a rich history that is told through 65 years of people committed to students and to Christian education. As director of education for the New England Association [of evangelicals], Elizabeth Evans met with a group of church leaders, most notably, Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, and T. Leonard Lewis, president of Gordon College, located on the Fenway at the time. Miss Evans recognized a need for a Christian high school in Boston; therefore, she and this group of church leaders from the Greater Boston area met believing God had called them to start a school. They enthusiastically began to plan for the opening of Boston Christian High School.

The first challenge was a location, and one was found—over a bowling alley. Since the new school had no reserve funds, a generous Board member signed the lease personally. School leaders negotiated for a separate entrance so the students would not have to enter through the bowling alley. Boston Christian High School (BCHS) opened its doors at 255 Huntington Avenue in September 1946. The facility was limited, but creative teachers who were excited about teaching students from a Christian perspective eagerly solved the problems that existed. In time, BCHS outgrew the building and moved to 20 Garden Street in Cambridge. The new location was formerly the Browne and Nichols School, and offered the advantage of science labs in the basement and the ability to teach physical education classes at the local YMCA (just a quick subway ride away) and a nearby church. On October 3, 1949, Boston Christian High's name was changed to Christian High School (CHS).

Because of the lack of reserve funds and the inability to borrow money, Board members could often be observed doing yard work and maintenance on the property. Parents helped with painting and much-needed repairs. When the furnace needed to be fixed, Board members took out personal loans so the students and staff had sufficient heat. As the school continued to grow and mature under the leadership of Miles Strodel, Raymond Martin P ’76, ’83 became the assistant headmaster and together they led the community through a move from Cambridge to Lexingt.
For the first time, on January 9, 1969, Christian High School was accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (now New England Association of Schools and Colleges). Later that year, on August 10, 1969, the name of the school was changed to Lexington Christian Academy. This fall, LCA completed its fourth self study for re-accreditation (these are required once every 10 years).

The next major milestone in LCA’s history was in the late 1970s when the mortgage was burned under the headmastership of Arthur W. Hill. This was followed by a million dollar gift to the endowment. We praise God for these significant events in the history of LCA! In the 1980s, Kenneth McCowan P ’75, a beloved Bible and U. S. history teacher, retired. The Kenneth A. McCowan Bible Award was established in Ken’s honor and is presented each spring at Class Day.

The early 1990s saw the development of the Mission Statement (still used today) and Vision 2000, which was the long-range plan for the Academy. These two documents helped to shape the curriculum and programs of the school, moving us into the 21st-century. Ray Martin continued as a beloved teacher and assistant headmaster until his retirement. Many remember the way he would organize the school class schedule with a board of multicolored tags.

The 1990s were a decade of significant growth for LCA. Under the leadership of Dr. J. Barry Koops P ’92, ’95, the Academy embarked on a transition to a more academically challenging curriculum that would position students for admission to more selective colleges and universities. The upgrades to the Ware Athletic Fields, completion of the Phillips Library and classroom wings, addition of the Activity Center, and the newly renovated Miles M. Strodel Gymnasium and science labs all helped the Academy take huge steps forward.

As we move into 2011 under the leadership of Head of School Mark R. Davis P ’10, we are confident God will continue to send faculty and staff who love students and love the classes they teach at LCA. In His wisdom, God will also allow challenges to remind us of His faithfulness as we work together to continue the mission of excellence in a demanding academic environment that encourages students to explore life’s most essential questions and to put their faith and learning into action.

**Q:** What made CHS so special that so many were deeply devoted to it?

**A:** Faculty members who invested tirelessly in their students.

- Grace Pierson loved her students and had a passion for teaching.
- Belle Strickland inspired students to love U. S. History.
- James Gilbert was known for his servant heart.
- Miles and Grace Strodel taught and coached and always had room for students at their dinner table.
- Ken McCowan was known for teaching Bible and World History, and is remembered fondly for always having time to listen.

The legacy of these fine educators, and so many others, continues to touch students today, and awards that honor them are presented on Class Day each spring.

**:: SHARE YOUR STORY ::**

Who were the people who made your Boston Christian High School, Christian High School, or Lexington Christian Academy experience so memorable? Which teachers and coaches influenced your life for eternity? Please write to us at alumni@lca.edu and share your story. ::

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Grace Pierson  
Belle Strickland  
James Gilbert  
Ken McCowan
Commencement 2010

LCA’s 61st Commencement ceremonies took place in the Miles M. Strodel Gymnasium on June 12. The newest alumni class was joined by their families and loved ones as well as a very special group of alumni. This year marked the 60th Reunion for LCA’s first graduating class—the Class of 1950. Honored guests also included members of the Class of 1960.

Head of School Mark Davis P ’10 and Associate Head of School Dr. Kim Winsor were pleased to announce Roman Madaus as Valedictorian and Rachel Durning as Salutatorian of the Class of 2010. Both Roman and Rachel also have the distinction of being named National Merit Finalists.

The Class of 2010 was yet another fine example of an assembly of educated young men and women poised and ready for what their futures hold. As classmate Sylvia Wright shared in her Senior Testimony that morning, “You are the most welcoming, fun-loving, crazy, and diverse group of people that I know. God has gifted you with such a variety of talents and passions—I am excited to see how He will use your lives to change the world.”

The Commencement Address was offered by Dr. Gordon VanderBrug P ’86, ’92, ’97, trustee emeritus, Board member for nearly 30 years (chair for 10 years), and co-founder of iBasis. Gordon delivered a captivating speech challenging the graduates to remember two key concepts: (1) You will never come back the same, and (2) Keep yourself in the love of God. Each graduate was given a card designed by Art Teacher Chip Vander Brug, highlighting the two points in the Address.

A jubilant reception followed the Commencement ceremony and, later, a 60th Reunion Luncheon was shared by our honored guests and their families.
Congratulations to the Class of 2010 for their acceptances into the following colleges and universities!

Assumption College*
Azusa Pacific University
Babson College*
Baldwin-Wallace College*
Bentley University*
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brevard College
Bryant University
Calvin College
Catholic University of America
Colby-Sawyer College
College of Charleston
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado College
Connecticut College
Covenant College
Curry College
Drexel University
Eastern Nazarene College
Eastern University
Elon University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-AZ*
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Endicott College
Fairfield University*
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University*
Geneva College*
George Fox University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College*
Gordon College*
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hope College
Ithaca College*
James Madison University*
Juniata College
Lasell College
Lawrence University
Liberty University*
Lynn University
Manhattanville College
Marist College*
Marymount Manhattan College
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Memmack College
Messiah College*
Miami University, Oxford
Montana State University
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
Nazareth College of Rochester
New York University*
Newbury College
Nichols College
Northeastern University*
Pace University, New York City
Palm Beach Atlantic University*
Parsons, The New School for Design*
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Philadelphia Biblical University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University*
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*The Class of 2010 has matriculated to these institutions.
Greetings from the Alumni Office!

Many thanks to all who stay in touch with LCA by sending your terrific Class Notes! If you haven’t sent one in, please email or mail us a note. We love hearing about the transitions, changes, and blessings in your life!

Once a month we send out an LCA alumni eNewsletter to keep you in touch with campus happenings. If you don’t already receive it, please send your primary email address to me at alumni@lca.edu.

I hope you will join me in congratulating LCA’s former director of alumni, Adrienne Cook, who is now director of alumni and parent relations at Gordon College, her alma mater. She has been a blessing to me personally and professionally and will be dearly missed by her colleagues and the CHS/LCA alumni she has represented so well.

Enjoy these Class Notes. We’re all looking forward to hearing from you!

Shelley Reese Cornish
Director of Development

1950

Betty (Joy) Fagerstrom, P ’71, ’72 was asked to help honor Grace Strodel at LCA’s first Homecoming Banquet on October 2. Grace received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Betty was one of four presenters sharing appreciation for the impact Grace has made on the lives of CHS and LCA students and alumni over the past 62 years (See related story on page 12.)

60th Reunion • Class of 1950

by Betty (Joy) Fagerstrom, Class Representative

Commencement 2010 was more than a graduation celebration this year—Lexington Christian Academy also had the privilege of hosting the 60th Reunion for the Class of 1950! The two-day event began with a sumptuous buffet luncheon at Georgette (McMurray) Sampson’s home in Lexington, near the Academy. The classmates gathered early in the afternoon, getting reacquainted and reminiscing. Director of Alumni Relations Adrienne Cook and Director of Development Shelley Reese Cornish were also there. All six of the alumni present had been there on the very first day of school on September 12, 1946.

Those able to attend were Channing and Sandy Burns from Zellwood, FL; Jack and Barbara (Babcock) Ferguson (and son, Brad Causey) from Nashville, TN; Norm and Jean (Rodway) Harper from Fayetteville, PA; Carol (Mathisen) Simpson (and daughter, Kara Beth from Alaska) from Rapid City, SD; Jack and Georgette (McMurray) Sampson from Lexington, MA; and Ernie and Betty (Joy) Fagerstrom (and daughter, Janet ’72) from Fort Meade, FL.

After checking into the various places they were staying, the group had a wonderful dinner at The Dandelion Green in Burlington. “I felt like I was 15 years old again as we caught up on what we’d all been up to since we last met,” shares Class Representative Betty (Joy) Fagerstrom. Back at the hotel where some were staying, they gathered in a private library and Betty gave everyone an update from their classmates’ returned questionnaires.

After breakfast on Saturday, the group headed to campus for LCA’s Commencement ceremony. “We were ushered into the Miles M. Strodel Gymnasium to a reserved seating area,” Betty explains. “After the graduates’ processional, Head of School Mark Davis invited the Class of 1950 graduates to stand and be recognized. Barbara (Babcock) Ferguson was introduced as the very first graduate. It was an outstanding ceremony. There were 54 graduates as compared with our 28. We sat with the Class of 1950 “roll call,” as well as some pieces from the school’s very first Lantern Yearbook—the dedication to Mrs. Grace Strodel and “Our Class” and “The Lantern,” poems by Betty (Mortenson) Hale, Dawn (Howard) Hall had sent two poems to Betty, “Narrow Road” and “How Beautiful Thou Art,” that she shared with the group.

Knowing what an integral role the lantern plays in representing the mission of LCA, Betty made lantern-styled nightlights for everyone there as a reminder of this milestone Reunion. In addition, each alumnus/present received a silver picture frame with the inscription, “CHS Class of 1950, June 2010” as a gift from the Alumni Office.

Betty sums it up by saying, “It was an outstanding time of reunion, refreshment, revival, and recollections. I know many of you had other family obligations, but I want you to know you were really missed. Please do keep in touch. We have a close bond that ties us together.”
1951
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Even though retired, Chuck and Pearl (Luke) Hershelman are still “doing the work” of the SIM Group through the vehicle insurance program for the missionaries and projects in Africa. On September 21, they flew to Jos, Nigeria, to take part in the SIM Group Board Meeting.

1953
Judith (Daman) Ryder was back home in Bolton, MA, this past August at her family homestead for a reunion. Her sister, Linda (Daman ’60) Clapp, and brother, Steve Daman ’68, were there, too. Judith tells us, “We have a very funny family and had a fabulous time with up to 18 family members there for five days. It was fascinating to watch the cousins get reaquainted now that they are young adults, to share their lives and see what God is doing. He has been so gracious to our family.”

1954
David Crook had another show of his photographs, entitled The Colors of Tucson, at “Focused on You” in Scarborough, ME. David showed some of his work at a local bank branch and has also been commissioned to decorate an upscale inn on The Cabot Trail in Cape Breton, NS.

Continuing to give classes in childbirth preparation, Nancy (Westmorland) Sabean and her husband, Robert, are celebrating their 45th year as missionaries in Costa Rica. Even though Nancy is suffering from back problems, she still enjoys helping women adjust to motherhood and leading a women’s Bible study on Thursdays in their home.

1956
Reunion Reminder: Class of 1956
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Don and Pat (Smith) Cole continue to enjoy an active retirement in sunny California. They lead a weekly small group, plus head up a telephone prayer ministry for their church. They support their church’s missions project, having completed a missionary prayer digest and birthday/anniversary calendar. Their second granddaughter has just begun her first semester at Wheaton College and their eldest granddaughter started her third year abroad at Stirling College in Scotland. In June, the Coles completed a 3,400-mile road trip visiting relatives and several CHS alumni along the East Coast.

1959
Paul Hubley P ’82, ’83, ’86 retired from Converge for the Northeast Baptist Conference where he has been Executive Minister and a pastor to pastors for the past 13 years. On September 18, a retirement celebration was held for him in Connecticut. Paul’s sister, Miriam (Hubley ’61) Hayes, and her husband, Fred, attended the party along with their sister, Martha (Hubley ’65) Connard, and her husband, Bruce. Both couples traveled a distance to surprise their brother and his wife, Lois (Nelson) Hubley, Paul and Lois’ son, Paul ’82, and granddaughter, Amanda, also joined in the celebration.

1961
Reunion Reminder: Class of 1961
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In May, Carol (Mitchell x’60) Long, Barbara (Mitchell ’58) Bieren, Helen (Grondal ’57) Gilliatt, and Miriam (Hubley ’61) Hayes met at Helen’s home in Shelby, NC, for a wonderful “Southern” CHS mini-reunion. The ladies enjoyed lunch together served by their gracious host.

Rev. Dr. Richard Kirk retired as a full-time pastor at the end of 2007. He then served as an interim pastor at Tab Community Church in Big Flats, NY, and is currently ministering at First Baptist Church in Corning, NY. Dick and his wife, Ginny, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in November. They have three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

55th Reunion • Class of 1955
by Jean (Copeland) Taber, Class Representative

The Class of 1955 held a wonderful 55th Reunion celebration in Lancaster, PA, the last week of September 2010. The spirit of friendship has followed our class with many additional mini reunions over the years. Those who were not able to attend this Reunion were remembered and very much missed.

Our special events in Lancaster included attending the outstanding performance of Joseph at Sight & Sound Theatre. Another memorable evening included an authentic dinner with an Amish family on their beautiful farm. This was a delightful and meaningful experience for all of us. Buggy rides, shopping, dining out, and walking around the various Amish villages added much fun to our trip.

At the Hershey Farm Inn where we stayed, we had a laughing good time watching a DVD taken at our 50th Reunion. This was indeed a reminder of the wonderful patterns our class has had over the many years of shared faith, fellowship, memories, blessings, and friendships. This Reunion was no exception. We spent many sessions sharing again! We left our time together with each of us feeling very grateful for our years at CHS.

Those attending the Reunion: Jim and Merlyn (Hewitt ’54) Rutherford; Roy and Carol Johnston; Stan and Marge (52) Smith; Ray and Janice (Hayes) Biggar; Corinne (Marvin) Crowell; Jean (Copeland) Taber; Jane (Sworn) Fortier; and Carmen (MacLaughlin) Driscoll.
1966

Reunion Reminder: Class of 1966
Your milestone 45th Reunion is this year! If you’d like to help coordinate a planning committee for your class, please contact the Alumni Office at 781.862.7850 x149, or email alumni@lca.edu.

1970

“We miss New England but love living in the South!” says Chris (Knapp) Adams. “I am an operating room nurse and live in Franklin, TN. My wonderful husband, Roger, and I have been married for 36 years and we have three grown children. With eight grandchildren, we have kids that live all over the world, including one in Afghanistan.”

Deborah Lawrence-Swallow’s mother, Geri, passed away on October 7. Deborah’s brother, David Lawrence ’76, shares, “Many people in Chorale or New Life Singers in 1976 knew our mother, Geri. She opened our home many a time for these groups, as well as for the graduation pool party.” The service for Mrs. Lawrence was held at Trinitarian Congregational Church in Wayland, MA, where she attended for many years. Former music faculty Rosemarie Manganello played the organ at the service.

1971

Reunion Reminder: Class of 1971
Your milestone 40th Reunion is this year! If you’d like to help coordinate a planning committee for your class, please contact the Alumni Office at 781.862.7850 x149, or email alumni@lca.edu.

Ministering at a church in nearby Newton, MA, Dan Olinger stopped by to visit LCA in early October. Former director of Alumni Relations Adrienne Cook shares, “During the tour I was giving Dan, he noticed the photographs of all the former headmasters in the Phillips Library. He remembers Ray Martin having a definite impact on his life and I was able to introduce him to Phyllis Martin, Ray’s wife and LCA’s assistant librarian. Moments like these remind me of the amazing legacy we have here—and of all the wonderful administrators, faculty, and staff members who have passed through these halls.”

Dan took a team of Bob Jones University students to Zambia and Kenya for eight weeks this past summer to help support medical, orphanage, school, camp, and church efforts.

1973

Last fall, Diane Kilgore returned to her college alma mater, Boston University. Enhancing her class was an internship at WBZ-TV. “They welcomed me as a non-traditional intern,” Diane shares. “I was assigned to work in the newsroom and loved it! When my class and the internship ended, I was allowed to make a ‘pitch.’ I told them I wanted to contribute to the WBZ web edition of the news and be a designated reporter for ‘Boomer’-related issues.” While she waits for the news station to decide on her suggestion, Diane has been publishing her own web version of Boomer news. She reports that it’s only available on facebook and that it is fun and relevant—at least to Boomers. If you’d like to contact Diane, her email is dianekil@cs.com.

1976

Reunion Reminder: Class of 1976
Your milestone 35th Reunion is this year! If you’d like to help coordinate a planning committee for your class, please contact the Alumni Office at 781.862.7850 x149, or email alumni@lca.edu.

David Lawrence wanted to let his friends know of his mother’s passing on October 7. “Many people in Chorale or New Life Singers in 1976 knew my mother, Geri. She opened our home many a time for these groups, as well as for the graduation pool party,” David says. The service for Mrs. Lawrence was held at Trinitarian Congregational Church in Wayland, where she attended many years. Former music faculty Rosemarie Manganello played the organ at the service. “My mom loved LCA and said the years I attended were some of the best years of her life. She will be missed terribly,” David shares.

1979

Kristin (Johnson) Martin came by campus in June while she was on vacation and wanted to walk around the building with her two daughters. The school year had just ended, but she was able to connect with French teacher Donna Williams.

If you’re ever in the area, please stop in as we’d love to give you a tour!
Colonel Jeffrey Plotner retired from the U. S. Army on June 1 after 27 years of service as a military intelligence officer. During his career, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, the 10th Special Forces Group, the Army Intelligence and Security Command, and the Defense Intelligence Agency. He also served with the Special Operations Command in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Afghanistan. For his final assignment, Jeff served as the Chief of the Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence Division at the United States European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Jeff and his wife, Elizabeth, remain in Stuttgart, where he works for Lockheed Martin at the United States Africa Command, and she is the tours manager for the U. S. O. Their son, Sean, is a senior at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and their daughter, Chelsea, and their son, Ian, a senior and freshman respectively, are studying at Florida State University.

1981
Reunion Reminder: Class of 1981
Your milestone 30th Reunion is this year! If you’d like to help coordinate a planning committee for your class, please contact LCA Reunion Representative Shelley Reese Cornish at 781.862.7850 x122, or email her at shelley.cornish@lca.edu.

1985
Liz Benstead was recently awarded the 2010 Massachusetts Middle Level Adviser of the Year for Student Councils (MASC), and she is also the 2010 New England Regional Winner for Adviser of the Year from the National Association of Student Councils. Liz has been teaching middle school for 16 years at Blanchard Middle School in Westford, MA. She is in the process of adopting a child from the Department of Social Services.

1986
Reunion Reminder: Class of 1986
Your milestone 25th Reunion is this year! If you’d like to help coordinate a planning committee for your class, please contact LCA Reunion Representative Shelley Reese Cornish at 781.862.7850 x122, or email her at shelley.cornish@lca.edu.

1987
Don Borenstein serves as president of the Andover Soccer Association in Andover, MA, an organization that fields over 1,600 youth ages 7 to 17 each season. “Andover Soccer Association is one of the largest youth soccer organizations in the state. I also coach my sons, ages 8 and 12, and look forward to coaching my daughter, age 5, in a few years. I’m ‘channeling my inner Coach Slighter’ whenever possible,” Don says. He is also still playing himself; this year in the Over the Hill Soccer League’s over-40 division. He would love to hear if other alumni are still involved in soccer. Email the Alumni Office (alumni@lca.edu) and let us know!

Andrew Giordano recently performed in a promotional event for The Broadway National Tour of the Broadway show Rock of Ages. This fall he took part in a “flash mob”—a large group of people assembling in a public place to do a surprise performance. Then, at the end, they disperse back into the crowd. Andrew participated in one outside Faneuil Hall at Quincy Market that Channel 7 recorded. Andrew shares, “This was a really fun one that surprised the crowd. They loved it.

Andrew continues to work as an actor and singer in New York City, Massachusetts, and regionally around the country. In addition to his acting work, he performs in his three tenors act, Tenors Undercover, a surprise show at corporate events, special events, and private parties nationally and internationally. He also produces musical theatre audition classes for actors that are taught by the casting directors of most of the Broadway shows in NYC. Andrew is also a licensed Zumba instructor in NYC and in MA. For information about his classes, email him at AndrewGiordano@aol.com.

1989
Brian Callahan writes to let us know that with their growing family, he and his wife, Erin, moved to their new home in Newburyport, MA, at the end of September. Their daughter, Nora Kathleen Callahan, was born on January 10, joining big brother, Declan, who turned four this past June. “I’m still running my graphic/web design business, Helium Design (heliumdesign.com) from home, and managed to get a new local client only two weeks after we moved in. Erin is now an assistant publisher at her company, HCPro, which will be moving to Danvers this winter, making a much easier commute for her. We still see Eric Larson at least once a week, despite the distance between our homes.

35th Reunion • Class of 1975
From Kansas, David Mcowan spearheaded his Class’s 35th Reunion this year. Held over Homecoming Weekend, David and his wife, Venessa (Ellis ’77), hosted the Class of 1975 throughout the day on campus and at the Homecoming Banquet. David had many photos and pieces of memorabilia for his classmates to enjoy. Everyone had a wonderful time reconnecting with each other during the afternoon reunion at the Academy.

In the evening, David and Venessa hosted a table of their classmates at the Homecoming Banquet. After Mark Davis’ welcome, David brought a greeting from his father, former faculty Ken Mcowan, and then led the opening prayer for the evening. Once the meal was served, the classmates appreciated having the time together to visit and catch up even more. “In our conversation at the Banquet, we were each reminded of and talked about how blessed we were to have had the opportunity to attend LCA. Following the Banquet some of us continued visiting into the evening. We all had a great time being back at LCA together,” David reports.

From l to r: Kurt Bringerud, Graf Hilgenhurst, Keith Bugbee, Mark Roberts, Betty Lou (Proudman) Sime, Valerie (Raffi) Dagley, Jane (Fillmore) Bugbee, David McCowan, Venessa (Ellis) McCowan

Reunion Reminder: Class of 1991
Your milestone 20th Reunion is this year! If you’d like to help coordinate a planning committee for your class, please contact LCA Reunion Representative Shelley Reese Cornish at 781.862.7850 x122, or email her at shelley.cornish@lca.edu.

In 2008, Josef Sorett received his Ph.D. from Harvard University—the same year he and his wife, Ayanna, welcomed the arrival of their son, Jacob Patrick. In the fall of 2009, Josef began teaching at Columbia University in the Department of Religion and the Institute for Research in African-American Studies.

Kristina Hughes emailed the Alumni Office letting us know that she appreciates receiving the updates in the Alumni eNewsletters. She also gave an update on what she’s currently involved in: “I’ve been cast as a series regular for the show The Resolve and, as of Episode 4, I am now on board as a producer! Also of note, I’ve been speaking on several panels on the importance of social media, building a fan base, self and project promotion, etc.” She hopes to stop by LCA the next time she is in the area!
1992

Jeanne (Koops) Elson’s father and former Headmaster Dr. J. Barry Koops P’92, ’95 is proud to introduce to the LCA community his grandson Elliot Willem Koops Elson. Elliot was born on June 30, 2010, to happy parents Mark and Jeanne (Koops) Elson, and joins siblings Anders and Otto.

1994

Daya Fields wed Gowshihan Srijahan at the Four Seasons Hotel and Resort in Manhattan, NY, on June 27. Daya and Gowshihan met while they were pursuing their master’s in business administration at MIT’s Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, MA. Gowshihan, who is a British citizen, is originally from Sri Lanka. He has lived across the globe—in Nigeria for 13 years, London for 15 years, and the U.S. for the last four years. Daya and Gowshihan honeymooned at the Valentin Imperial Maya in beautiful Riviera Maya, and work and live in New York City. Amy Richardson was Daya’s maid of honor.

William and Shannon Logan announce the birth of their daughter, Hanna Rose Logan, on April 26. She was 7 lbs. 13 oz.

1995

Heather (MacAdam) Garwood writes, “God has been so good to put my family in a position of ministry at City of Refuge, a home for crisis pregnancy teens out in Gardnerville, NV. My husband and I are relief parents who help support the girls and counsel them in their choice of adoption or choice to parent. We live out here on the property with five horses and five black labs in the Pine Nut Mountains. It is a great place for our children (Simon, 5; Sarah, 3; and Micah, 1) to play on the 40 acres.”

Heather’s husband, Phil, is in his eighth year as a high school Bible teacher at Sierra Lutheran High School and he has had the privilege of being a staff member since the school opened. They went from a building that had no windows to their new campus with views of the Sierra Nevadas in each classroom! Heather shares, “I also have the joy of working with Arbonne International, a Swiss-based company that formulates natural skin care, cosmetics, and nutritional. I am enjoying keeping up with old classmates through Facebook. I am sure Homecoming was a wonderful, celebratory event and I hated to miss it. I am very thankful to LCA for the friendships I made there and how God’s word was not only taught, but lived out in the lives of the teachers.”

1996

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Heather (Johnson) Vataha shares, “Last summer my husband, Collin, and I moved from Massachusetts to Huntington Beach, California. On August 13 of this year we welcomed our first child, a little girl we named Laila Courtney, and then celebrated our 6th wedding anniversary the next day. We are beyond blessed with a happy and healthy baby and a fun life living across the street from the beach!”

2001

Reunion Reminder: Class of 2001

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2002

Avery Griffin was hired as a full time member of The Saint Thomas Choir, on Fifth Ave in Manhattan. Besides offering a full annual concert series with orchestra, the Choir of fourteen men and eighteen boys sings at five weekly principal worship services of the Church, preparing an astounding four hundred pieces of sacred music a year. The Saint Thomas Choir was the first American group invited to be the choir-in-residence at King’s College.
Avery also performs and composes modern music with “Notorious” the ensemble in residence of the Boston Microrental Society, and “Room Full of Teeth” directed by Brad Wells. During 2010, Avery performed with the Mark Morris dancers to a full house in the Bolshoi Ballet and Opera Theater in Moscow, Russia and at the Lincoln Center in New York. Avery was also selected to perform in the 2011 Carmel Bach Festival in Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA.

Kristina Martin and Charles Lock were married in a garden ceremony at Elm Bank in Wellesley, MA, on September 10. Alumni at the wedding included her parents, Jane (Ward ’77) and Stephen Johnson ’76, David and Jeanne Johnson ’76, Ruth Pickering ’77, Bruce and Cheryl Ward ’79, Melody (Martin ’79) Fottler, Sherry (Martin ’82) Murphy, and Gary and Diane (Poirier) Quinn. Grandparents of the bride, Ed and former staff member Connie Ward, and assistant librarian, Phillis Martin, were also there to join in the celebration. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, Kristy and Charles are living in Billerica, MA, where they recently purchased a home.

2003
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Janae Detwiler graduated from Seattle Pacific University in May 2010. She is currently in the midst of a year-long term of service through the Mennonite Central Committee’s SALT (Serving and Learning Together) Program. “My placement is in Bethlehem, Palestine, and I am working as the Program Assistant for an organization called the Shepherd Society, whose mission is to lend encouragement, aid, and development opportunities to struggling Palestinian families. In the picture, I am at Ajlun Castle in northern Jordan in September 2010,” explains Janae.
In Memoriam

Bruce Cecere ’70, P’02 Bruce Cecere ’70 died September 29, 2010, surrounded by his family at his home in Chelmsford, MA, after a long battle with brain cancer. Bruce and his wife, Laurel (Barnes ’70) Cecere, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 28.

After his LCA graduation, Bruce earned his bachelor of science in business administration from Lowell Technical College. He worked as an independent insurance agent and was employed by Gleason Insurance of Tewksbury and MetLife of Lynnfield. In his early years, he worked at Textron in Wilmington.

Bruce was an active member of the Grace Community Church in Chelmsford, where he served as church elder, Sunday school teacher, and care pastor. He enjoyed spending time with his family and loved his Lord. He had many hobbies, including guitar, keyboard, Bible study, golf, and riflery. He was a member of the Lowell Sportsman Club.

In addition to his wife, Bruce is survived by his mother, Sue Cecere; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Julie Cecere of Weston; a daughter, Amanda Cecere of Chelmsford; a brother and his wife, Edward and Donna Cecere ’63 of Westford; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank A. Barnes and Emma Jean Hebb-Barnes of Beckley, WV; a sister-in-law, Marilyn A. Barnes ’68 of Worcester; a niece, Sheri Flanagan; and two nephews, Michael Cecere ’86 and Shawn Cecere ’89.

Bruce was predeceased by his son, Daniel F. Cecere x’02, who died October 26, 2006.

Priscilla (Beck ’60) Peterson On Thursday, June 17, 2010, Priscilla (Beck ’60) Peterson passed away at age 68. Raised in Kingsport, TN, Millerton, NY, and Boston, MA, Priscilla completed her nurse’s training in 1962 at Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA, and continued her education at Southeast Bible College in Birmingham, AL, receiving a bachelor of arts in education in 1966. She and her late husband, Roy, met in Boston while Priscilla worked as a nurse. Once they settled in Ann Arbor, MI, in 1975, they raised their three children; Eric, Stefan, and Ingrid.

Priscilla practiced nursing at several area hospitals, doctors’ offices, nursing homes, and summer camps. She also worked in education as a teacher’s aide for developmentally delayed preschoolers, and taught creative writing in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. She served on the board for Michigan Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities.

As a long-time member of the University Reformed Church, Priscilla served as elder and editor for her church’s newsletter. During the late 1980s she published Hearth and Cistern, a newsletter for Christian single parents. As a member of Huron Hills Baptist Church’s Singleship Fellowship, she built many lifelong friendships. In her later years, she became involved in Elderwise and In Good Company book clubs.

Priscilla is preceded in death by her father, Rev. Frank Beck; her mother, Hannah Beck; her husband, Roy Peterson; and her father-in-law, Vincent Peterson. Priscilla is survived by her children, Eric, Stefan, and Ingrid; as well as her siblings, John, Ruth, and James Beck; and her sister-in-law, Michiko. She will be missed by family and friends.

Share Your Memories of Rev. Ken McCowan P’75

On November 8, beloved former faculty member Rev. Ken McCowan went home to be with the Lord. Since May, Ken had been living in Kansas with his son, David ’75, and his family. David shared, “I miss him deeply, but am so thankful he is with Jesus, mom, my sister, and her son, and all those in the Scripture whom he preached about for over 60 years. What a scene that must be in heaven!”

A tribute to Ken is being prepared for the Spring/Summer issue of The Academy Lantern, and we invite you to share your memories of Ken with us (and his family). Email your note to alumni@lca.edu and we will collect all of the notes and pass them along to the McCowans. (Notes already sent to our Alumni Office for the memorial service will be included in the tribute.)

Ariane Adams (former admissions associate and coach) and her husband, Dr. Tom Adams (Interim guest lecturer), welcomed a baby boy, Kai Lucas (7 lbs., 3 oz.) on August 31. The Adams relocated to Canada this fall after Tom accepted a position as assistant professor of chemical engineering at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Gregg Meserole (former director of student life) and his wife, Katherine, welcomed their second grandchild on June 7. Lucy Ann Louise Meserole was born to Jeremy and Kim (Veenstra) Meserole, former geography teacher and coach. Big brother, Jack Jeremiah, is happy to welcome his new baby sister to the family.

Rachel Paczkowski (former music teacher) and her husband, Craig (former coach), welcomed Anna Grace Paczkowski into their family on April 19. Their son, James, who is two years old, is a helpful big brother. Rachel enjoys being at home with the kids and encourages her budding musicians by singing often at home and playing her trombone for them.

Follow us to learn more!
:: DO YOU REMEMBER? ::

There are some terrific photographs in the CHS/LCA Lantern yearbook. The only drawback is that many do not have captions! Can you help us identify who is in the picture and tell us the story behind the photo? Email alumni@lca.edu with your stories!

2011 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

Please Join us!

**January 22**
Admissions Academy Preview

**January 28**
Battle of Lexington and Concord
Athletic Games at LCA

**February 10–12**
Rhinoceros

**March 5**
Alumni Day

**March 21–25**
Interim

**April 19–21**
Founders’ Week

**April 19**
Upper School Spring Concert

**April 20**
Middle School Spring Concert

**May 5–7**
The Rebel Alliance

**May 6**
Grandparents’ Day

**May 20**
ArtsFest

**June 9**
Class Day

**June 10**
Scholarship Appreciation Reception

**June 11**
Commencement

For more information about these and other LCA events: 781.862.7850.
At the Intersection of Christian Faith and the Global Marketplace

Q & A with Mark Swallow ’92

Not only do we have students traveling from overseas to attend LCA, but we have a number of LCA alumni who have left the States to live and work abroad. For this edition of the Academy Lantern, we interviewed Mark Swallow ’92 who has been living in Hong Kong since 1998.

Academy Lantern (AL): Mark, thanks for being willing to share about your experience living and working abroad. Before deciding to make the move overseas had you traveled internationally? Did you ever imagine having a career oversees?

Mark Swallow ’92 (MS): I traveled a few times—to Mexico, Greece, and Turkey, but no, I never imagined I would live overseas or travel widely. I came to Hong Kong in 1998 to continue my work with a real estate investment company that I was working for in the Boston area. I’ve lived here for 12 years now and have traveled to China and other parts of the world extensively in those years.

AL: What has living overseas been like?

MS: Living in Hong Kong has been a great joy and wonderful experience. It is home to me now, and when people ask where I am from, I intuitively respond, “Hong Kong.” The city is full of life, with a tantalizing mix of cultures, languages, foods, and social and business life. Its proximity to Mainland China, North and Southeast Asia, as well as Central Asia and even the Middle East, allows me to travel much of the world rather easily. The biggest highlights in Hong Kong are the people. They are smart, hard working and have a love for food, culture, history, and travel.

AL: Have you learned to communicate in Chinese?

MS: I only speak a little Cantonese and some Mandarin. I am not fluent in the language.

AL: What do you miss about living in the States? Any plans to return?

MS: Family and football! I always say if it were not for my family and my love of the Patriots, I would not need to visit the States.

AL: And, the obvious question we love asking our alumni—would you share how LCA helped prepare you for the life you’ve led so far?

MS: LCA prepared me in the following ways: It gave me confidence. When I came to LCA for Middle School, I was not a very confident young man. Throughout my six years at the Academy, I grew in confidence, which has been a significant help to me ever since. I remember entering Mrs. Stafford’s seventh grade algebra class feeling like a moron, and then when I left, I felt like a success! LCA developed my passions. It is where I developed my love for reading, writing, and sports (I watch more of it now than actually participating), and also for acting. All of these passions have been a resource to me while living overseas and doing the work I do now.

It taught me to serve. LCA is where I really learned how to love and serve other people, including people of other cultures and backgrounds.

AL: Your work seeks to integrate global business and Christian faith. Can you tell us more about why and how your company, Basiliea Limited, does this?

MS: I have always been interested in the intersection of Christian faith with the global marketplace. But what has been particularly intriguing is how Muslim and Buddhist peoples respond positively to the Gospel when Christians tie business and mission together. My company is focused on developing Christian professionals to start, or expand, existing small businesses that will serve literally millions of these peoples who are, sadly.

Mark is currently the managing director of Basiliea Limited, an investment business focusing on the integration of business and Christian mission in China and Central Asia. In the Greek New Testament, the word basiliea is used by Jesus to mean “Kingdom of God.”
= the difference 1 person can make

#1 1st Place in MIT/NASA International Space Station Competition! See page 2.

65 years of excellence Since 1946, Lexington Christian Academy has stayed true to its mission to educate young men and women in the arts and sciences in the context of a complete commitment to the historic Christian faith. See page 16.

10 Prefects Elected student body leaders at LCA are called Prefects and represent different areas of student life: activities, athletics, chapel, chorus, fine arts, community service, multiculturalism, National Honor Society, Peer Issues Group, and more at large number. See pages 14-15.

20 Advanced Senior Research Presentations Since the inception of the Advanced Senior Research Program in 2008, twenty students have conducted intensive research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. This program values independent research as well as the communal aspect of learning in which students share their knowledge with their class and everyone at LCA community. See page 6.

100% college acceptances Each member of the Class of 2010 was accepted to a four-year college or university. See page 19.

2 National Merit Semi Finalists (so far) in the Class of 2011 Each year, approximately 10% of our seniors quality as Finalists or Commended Students in the Duke academic scholarship. See page 5.

38% diversity in our student body

1 John 3:16–20 Theme Verses for the Year Illustrating how we are called to be the Hands and Feet of Christ. See pages 14–15.

10/80 10 students play 80 roles in the fall Theatre production of Metamorphosis. See page 10.

270 Empty Bowls It takes roughly 90 seconds to draw each bowl on the pottery wheel in our art studio. 2 minutes to trim, 1 week to dry. 7 hours to bisque fire, 5 minutes to glaze, and another 7 hours to glaze fire. The bowls are sold for $10 each at The Empty Bowls Soup Supper sponsored by the Art Department and Helping Our World Club. Proceeds benefit people in need around the world. See page 11.

178 Students involved in Middle School or Upper School athletics. See pages 8–9.

438 fans of the LCA facebook page. See page 26.

13 Varsity team sports See pages 8–9.

$10,000 allocated each year for faculty professional development LCA teachers are lifelong learners. They attend conferences and workshops that keep them informed about research in the arts and sciences of teaching as well as recent developments in their field. LCA faculty teach and read a variety of journals on a regular basis. Lifelong learning helps keep our curriculum aligned with the expectations of colleges and current with research in each field.

Will you be 1 in 600 in $600,000 in 100? It all adds up! Everyone brings us closer to our Academy Fund goal.
Please notify LCA at alumni@lca.edu if your phone number or email address has changed so that we can better keep in touch with you.

What Does It Mean to Be the “Hands and Feet of Christ”? (pages 14–15)