

# CCIIDET THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE OF CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

cal-i-ber - noun degree of merit or excellence: quality: the high moral caliber of our alumni. Synonyms; worth, distinction.

CALIBER is published semiannually by the Office of Ministry Advancement for Christian Academy of Louisville Alumni. We feel that CAL Alumni exemplify several definitions of the word caliber through their degree of outstanding excellence and importance to their community, church and homes. Publication comments or suggestions can be directed to alumni@christianacademyschools.org.

The Christian Academy School System serves over 3,000 students and their families in preschool through 12th grade on four campuses in the Louisville-Southern Indiana area.

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While book knowledge is learned, your relationship with and faith in God is lived.

#### From the Superintendent

When the school began in 1976 with 120 students, who would have known that more than 30 years later we would have grown into the largest Christian school system in America, serving over 3,000 students and their families on four campuses.

Our first graduating class had 19 graduates. Now CAL has more than 1,500 alumni. You are a vital part of the legacy of Christian Academy of Louisville. We are grateful to you, and those who will come after you, for your leadership in your colleges, churches and communities as ambassadors for Christ.

In addition to the accomplishments of our alumni, it is with a grateful heart that we celebrate the accomplishments of our current students, both spiritually and academically.

Our missions program has been one of the most significant programs at CAL. Over the past five years, more than 500

students have participated in school-sponsored mission trips, from Appalachia to Africa. These students minister to our community, country and world through service and compassion. (See Missions story on page 15)

Academically, CAL continues to be in the top five schools in Louisville for ACT and SAT performance when compared to schools of similar or greater size. Last year's class received more than \$5 million in total scholarship awards.

Regardless of what our students achieve, we are always mindful that Christian Academy of Louisville was founded on the belief that Jesus Christ is the center of all that we do. You have our commitment that Jesus Christ will remain the center of all that we do as we continue to strive for excellence. It is our desire that the body of Christ will be edified and God will be glorified by our programs and our goals in the lives of our students and faculty - and in the lives of our alumni.



# David Patterson

David Patterson Christian Academy School System Superintendent



He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

# alumni **spotlight**

Jewel Graham, Class of 2001
College attended and degree earned:
Graduated honors cum laude from
Butler University with a BA Public and
Corporate Communications and a
Minor in Journalism: News Editorial.

#### Tell us about your new job.

I'm producing stories for the Christian Broadcasting Network's daily show, The 700 Club. I work 9-5 Monday through Friday except when I travel, which is about one week out of every month. When I go out on the road with a camera crew we shoot between three to five stories a week. I then come back to the office to post those stories, which means that I log the video, write the script and edit the piece. What a blessing this job is! Before, in sports broadcasting, I was working 12 hour shifts, 6 or 7 days a week. I loved the adrenaline of news. the thrill of doing a live show and being on air, but it's amazing what happens when you find what you truly are meant to do.

I now do several types of stories in the features department including testimonies, partner profile stories, medical miracles/healings and feature stories. I have interviewed a variety of people, from professional basketball players, a contestant on Fox's reality show, "The Toughest Cowboy," to the average Joe on the street, but my favorite feature piece is what's called "Church of the Week." This is where we recognize churches for outstanding programs or ministries. It's great to recognize the good that churches are doing in the community in the midst of all the negative news, and to counter the hypocrisy label with which the church is often stigmatized. (Jewell was recently in town to shoot a feature on Southeast Christian Church's "Help Build Hope II.")

photo courtesy of Tyler Michael Pelan



Jewel Graham, Class of 2001

## How did you get from college to your current position?

I went from college to a part-time summer job at ESPN radio in Louisville to a full-time sports broadcaster at WYMT-TV in eastern Kentucky and then to the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN). My mom encouraged me to apply for a position but I didn't think I had near the experience necessary to produce at the national level. But to appease her I sent a tape in March 2006. CBN opened a bureau in Nashville, TN and in September of 2007, they called me and offered me the job. I started in December! God is so good!

# Give me a quick history of your time at CAL – sports, extracurricular activities, etc.

I started at CAL in the second grade and graduated Valedictorian in 2001. I played softball and basketball and was the Senior Athlete of the Year. I was in Junior and Senior Beta and served as president of NHS, FCA and the freshman class. Interestingly, my junior year I started a class newsletter.

### Any special memories of CAL or CAL staff?

Actually, as I was packing to move, I came across my senior video and popped it in and was reminded of how much fun I had that year with the carnival and Valentine's Day balloon sales and an amazing trip to California. Junior year prom was great too; I went with a group of girls and I think we had more fun than anyone else there! Being the first girls' basketball team to advance in the All A Classic was quite a memory as well. But graduation tops it all. I was honored and thankful to be able to share my heart that night at the ceremony.

### In what areas did you feel that CAL prepared you for college?

AP Bible did a great job of providing me with the resources and foundation that I needed to begin learning how to stand up for my faith--great apologetics training. I don't go anywhere now without my "understanding the times" curriculum. I wrote some pretty intense papers in college so the tough grading and essays were important. The relationships that I built with faculty



I have a verse on top of my computer that reminds me every day that I'm working for the glory and approval of God and not for man.

members at CAL, and later at Butler, are what stuck with me the most though. It was great to be able to build relationships with my professors and see that they truly did care about my success in and outside of the classroom.

# What advice would you give parents regarding preparing and supporting students during high school, college and beyond?

Love them with everything you have. Support them in everything they do. There is nothing like knowing that your parents are behind you. Your kids will only be there for a short while and they might not appreciate what you do for them now, but when they get to college and they start hearing about other peoples' family lives and homes, they will realize how blessed they truly are to have sacrificial and godly parents. Create a warm, Christ-centered environment that will make them love coming home. Most importantly, instill in them a love for the Word of God and appreciation for the body of Christ. Encourage them to memorize Scripture and learn how to support their faith. A hard work ethic and a persevering attitude are important as life will throw many curve balls their way.

# Has your Christianity been validated or tested in college or in your job?

The quick answer is yes. But the real answer is a long story, one that has led me into a writing and speaking ministry, and one that I gladly share





in person. I had a life-defining experience as part of my collegiate career that tested my spiritual, emotional and academic fortitude. I was thrown into a firestorm and faced with a national lawsuit regarding religious freedom. On my way to meetings with administration, back to my dorm late at night or even while checking the threatening emails in my inbox, scripture came to mind. When I couldn't put one foot in front of the other, God spoke to me through His word. He got me up every morning and tucked me in bed at night. My parents had given me a valuable gift when they instilled the word of God in me.

# What can students do to make their faith their own and draw on it for strength?

Don't wish away your time, enjoy life, enjoy what you are doing but don't settle until you find exactly where the Lord wants you to be. Begin each day as if it were on purpose, pray before your feet hit the floor in the morning and never cease. Trust that He is in control in spite of your situation. God will never, NEVER, leave you nor forsake you. When you allow the Lord to work through you, you truly do experience a peace that passes all understanding and there is nothing like knowing that you are being obedient to the Lord.

### What would you say to our young alumni about media influence?

Think critically! If you blindly accept what someone says because he stands in front of the lecture hall or speaks in convocation or has

an impressive title, you could be led astray. Know what you believe and why you believe it. Analyze the material given to you and compare it to what you know as truth. The daily battle over our souls is a battle much higher than we are, it's one of spiritual forces and evil realms that has to be fought with scriptural weapons and heavenly powers. You will never win the war if you don't know your opponent's game plan.

#### **Pure Joy Ministries**

Pure Joy Ministries is dedicated to encouraging high school and college students to be bold in their faith. The ability to think critically and know what you believe and why you believe it is essential to spiritually surviving today's educational environment. Through national religious persecution, the Lord taught me to consider all my trials "pure joy" (James1:2) and now calls me to share the experiences I have had and the lessons learned. This is a message for all ages: youth, college students, parents and grandparents. No one is immune to the powers of darkness and we must prepare the next generation to successfully combat them by equipping them with the whole armor of God.

You can schedule Jewel to speak at your youth group, campus ministry, Sunday school or at your retreat, conference or spiritual emphasis week at purejoyministries@gmail.com or purejoyministries.blogspot.com.

"So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

I Corinthians 10:31

# CAL's first looking back to graduating class the class of 1982



#### 1982 - CAL'S First Graduating Class

It was the year of punk rock, shoulder pads, headbands, leg warmers, and designer jeans. Michael Jackson's "Thriller" sold 20 million albums to become the largest selling record ever. "Late Night with David Letterman" debuted. The Vietnam Memorial was erected in Washington, DC. The first artificial heart transplant took place. The Delorean Motor Company went bankrupt.

1982 was also the first year we were accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It was the first year that CAL had all twelve grades – every room was filled on campus. Additional buildings were constructed for the elementary grades. There were changes in academic curriculum and extracurricular offerings for the students. The first Senior trip was to Lake Barkley, near the Eddyville Prison, where the classmates went horseback riding, boating, skiing, had a bonfire, and apparently pulled a few pranks. It was also the year that the Junior Ring Ceremony tradition began.

At the graduation ceremony, Class President April Scarlott-Barger welcomed everyone and said: "They'll call my name in a few minutes and it'll all be over. But where am I going? We'll all take off in different directions and try to make it on our own. I wonder how long it will be before the memories that meant so much start to fade. I feel as if I'm leaving a part of me behind, but in a way, I guess everything is really just beginning."

This past summer nine classmates got together for their 25th reunion at Captain's Quarters. For many, it was hard to believe that 25 years had passed so quickly. The classmates had the opportunity to reminisce about their time at CAL and catch each other up on what's been going on lately in their lives.

#### What have the 1982 alumni been doing?

- Mark Borchert obtained masters degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Texas before completing his doctoral studies in communication at the University of Colorado. He is currently a professor at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, TN. He and his wife Diane have two daughters.
- Stephany (Brown) Meadows works at Southeast Christian Church and is married to Dennis.
- Classmates Darlene (Cartwright) and Jim Kutzner were married in 1986 and have a daughter Sarah who is in the 7th grade at CAL. Darlene works at CAL in the Admissions Department. Jim served in the US Army, retiring as a Major in the Army Nurse Corps. While on active duty, he participated in Desert Storm and spent six months overseas in Somalia.
- Jan Kuzuoka is employed with Godiva Chocolate as a representative and has her small aircraft pilots license. She also has two daughters.

- Adam Lee is the Manager at Austin's Restaurant in Louisville. He and his wife Laura have one son and twin daughers.
- Angela (Monin) Tamura works with the United States Postal Service in Louisville, Ky. She and her husband Jesse have one daughter and one son.
- Gregg Murphy is with Area Mortgage Bank, Regions Bank, in Louisville. He and his wife Daneen have two sons.
- Paul Phillips is employed with Ford Motor Company.
   He and his wife have a son and a daughter.
- Cary Rice graduated from Grace College with a degree in English Education and Journalism. He began working at Christian Academy in 1992 as an Honors/AP English teacher and director of Theatre Arts.
- April Scarlott-Barger graduated from Morehead State University in 1986 and worked in the graphic arts and communications field for 15 years. She and her husband, Kent, have been married since 2000 and in 2004 they adopted their daughter, Hayley Aleena, from the Ukraine. April is currently a stayat-home mom and Kent has his own machine tool and design business, J&J Tool Company, Inc. The Barger family resides in Louisville, KY.
- Kevin Schooling is currently a principal at Brook Elementary in Louisville. He and his wife Lisa have a daughter and two sons. He is the grandson of CAL's first superintendent, James E. Farmer.
- Jennifer (Schureck) Denny is married to Bill and they have a son and a daughter.
- John Mark Spradlin is a loan officer at Regions Bank in Louisville. He and his wife have a son and daughter.
- Doug White is a Funeral Director with O.D. White Funeral Home in Louisville.

#### **Our first graduating class**

Mark Borchert
Stephany Brown
Darlene Cartwright
Daniel Holloway
Jim Kutzner
Jan Kuzuoka
Adam Lee
Susan McIntyre
Angela Monin
April Scarlott

Gregg Murphy
Bill Palmer
Paul Phillips
Cary Rice
Kevin Schooling
Jennifer Schureck
Robert Spalding
John Mark Spradlin
Doug White

#### We missed you!

If you have any information on the following classmates, please email us at alumni@ christianacademyschools.org or log onto the Christian Academy website, www.christianacademyschools.org, select Rock Creek or English Station, select Alumni from top toolbar and complete an alumni update form.

Daniel Holloway Bill Palmer Susan McIntyre Robert Spalding



#### **CLASS OF 1992 REUNION**



"We met at Martini's restaurant for our 15 year reunion. For the first hour we all just talked and got caught up on 15 years of jobs, marriage, kids, church, and how CAL shaped our lives. It was very interesting to see who had married and how their faith had been played out through the foundation of their youth. We prayed before the meal and had a wonderful time comparing notes on how to raise children and how our perspectives had changed on many views of the world." *Jason Richardson* 

If you need help planning a CAL reunion,we can help. Contact the Alumni Office at CAL or at alumni@christianacademyschools.org.

# alumni spotlight

#### Michael Allen, Class of 1994

College attended and degree earned: B.A. in Chemistry, Bellarmine University, 1998. Ph.D. in Bioanalytical Chemistry, University of Kansas, 2004. Post-Doctoral Research Scientist, Louisiana State University, 2004-2005.

#### How did CAL impact your life?

When I attended CAL there were less than 500 students on one campus, which felt like a family. Obviously, there was a tremendous amount of book-learning; however, the small size of the school and the classes gave me a venue to cultivate skill sets that extend far beyond classroom knowledge. CAL provided a place for me to grow spiritually and personally. The ability to do so many different things, including playing sports competitively, being a part of the music program, and extracurricular clubs and organizations, contributed the most to my current ability and ambitions. Early opportunity and success at CAL paved the way for the success I enjoy and feel today.

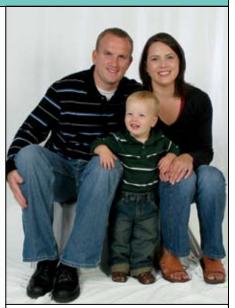
### How did CAL prepare you for your future?

CAL gave me a strong foundation to build my life. I was taught to look at problems, small or large, personal or professional, from every angle and use this perspective to find creative solutions. During the 12 years I attended CAL, several faculty and administrators helped me grow and develop into the person I am today. The list of names is far too long to list here, but many of the memories and lessons are still with me today. Mr. Tabb had enough faith and confidence in me to allow me to announce home basketball games, trying not to embarrass the school or myself. This gave me experience with public speaking and quick thinking on my feet. Mrs. Poulter taught me humility and organizational tools that I still use today. Each of these individuals, and many others, added to me as a person. Their belief in me and my abilities and, more importantly, the opportunities they gave me, allowed me to stretch and grow. I would not have the confidence or the skill set that I have today, were it not for these experiences and challenges.

Most importantly, the faculty at CAL emphasized that intellectual pursuits should be constantly accompanied by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. While book knowledge is learned, your relationship with and faith in God is lived. The most important thing I learned from CAL was how to live a Christian life, something I saw everyday from the faculty and staff. The example they provided illustrated how to survive and thrive in today's world. I did not recognize it at the time, but this is more difficult outside the campus of a private Christian school. The values of the world are rarely aligned with the values of the Christian faith. The tools and strategies I saw the faculty and staff display in the face of adversity and personal challenges was an asset I drew upon after leaving the campus.

#### What's next in your life?

I am looking forward to new challenges in my job and continuing to develop my career. I love coming home to my wife and son Charley (almost 2 years old). Watching my son grow and absorb the world around him is a wonderful gift. Our family always looks forward to trips back to Louisville to visit family and we hope, one day, to return to the area for good.



The Allen Family

#### **Current Occupation:**

I am currently a Product Specialist for Thermo Fisher Scientific working with UV-Visible spectrophotometers. As a product specialist, I am responsible for providing technical assistance in the development of new products, accessories and software.

#### **Outstanding Achievements:**

- Principal or co-author on 10 peerreviewed research publications in Analytical Chemistry, Journal of Physical Chemistry, Physiology, and Analytical Biochemistry
- · Patent application pending
- Academic Achievement Scholarship to Bellarmine University (4-year award based on academic achievements at CAL)
- Bailey-Phillips Fellowship to University of Kansas
- Proctor and Gamble Bioanalytical Chemistry Fellowship

# Alumni we want you!

How blessed we are to be a part of the growth and excitement at Christian Academy of Louisville. This past year we have seen tremendous growth in our spiritual development and our student involvement. We have record numbers of students participating in FCA and have increased the number of students attending mission trips.

As we begin 2008, we prayerfully ask the 1,500 alumni that have called Christian Academy of Louisville their school, to stay connected by updating your alumni profile, seeking an opportunity to serve as a class agent or as a member of the Alumni Advisory Board. Our alumni participation is vital in the development of our school, our witness to the student body, and in celebrating our Christian lives with each other and modeling the values we learned as students at Christian Academy of Louisville.

We are looking for alumni volunteers to serve in the following areas:

#### **ALUMNI CLASS AGENTS**

CAL Alumni Association is seeking class agents to serve as point of contacts and centers of influence for each of the graduating classes. Class agents will be our primary contact for submitting class notes, announcements, prayer requests, and acknowledgements of praise.

#### **ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD**

Christian Academy of Louisville and the CAL Alumni Association is actively seeking alumni to serve on the Alumni Advisory Board. This group will provide support in the development and planning of alumni events, and be instrumental in increasing communication and membership of the CAL Alumni Association.

If you have questions about the alumni department or serving in either area, please feel free to give me a call at 502-244-3225, or email me at bgray@christianacademyschools.org.

Alums – thank you for being a part of Christian Academy of Louisville. The legacy you leave is tremendous, but the legacy you can help us build is even greater. Each year, we grow our alumni base with a new graduating class ready to serve and be witnesses in their communities.

I look forward to the growth our Alumni Association is going to experience this year and being a part of the tradition that is Christian Academy of Louisville.

In His service

Bill Gray

Bill Gray
Director of Alumni

#### CAL ALUMNI IMPACT GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Congratulations to the following Christian Academy alumni who were elected to positions for the 2008 Student Government Association at Georgetown College. All three students are Biology majors.

**Andrea Chadwick**, PRESIDENT. (CAL class of 2005) Andrea is a Junior, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, and the daughter of Tony and Renita Chadwick.

**Andrew Jones**, SECRETARY. (CAL class of 2005), Andrew is a Sophomore, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and the son of David and Diane Jones.

**Lynnesy Rowland**, BELLE of the BLUE/HANGING OF THE GREEN CHAIR. (CAL class of 2005). Lynnesy is a Sophomore, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, the daughter of John and Marilynne Rowland, and also the President of the Sophomore class.

photo courtesy of Jessica Ehleben Shields



# news&notes

We would love to feature you and your accomplishments in this section of *Caliber*. If you would like to have the CAL Alumni Association publish alumni updates or class announcements, please send the info to CAL Alumni, 700 S. English Station Road, Louisville, KY, 40245, or email to alumni@christianacademylou.org.

#### 1982-1989



Tami (Wise) Justice (\*84)
Married to Bryan Justice and
has three children: Mikhail (19),
Jordan (15), and Dylan (15) and
resides in Lexington, Kentucky.
"As an educator for nearly twenty
years, I am presently employed
as the mentor and tutor for
the University of Kentucky's

men's basketball and football teams. My passions include serving at my church (Crossroads Christian), participating in my children's extracurricular activities, and relaxing during vacations."

#### Karyn (Brown) Rademaker (\*86)

Married to Michael Rademaker. Mom to David, 7, and Kyle, 17 months. Karyn and Michael are very active in their church and their son's school in Louisville.

#### Melissa Anne (Bootes) Fuerst ('86)

"I am a Mom of three: Emily, Allison and Joshua. We live in Charlotte, NC and life is great! I loved CAL so much and wish I lived closer to send my kids."

#### 1990 - 1999

#### Micki (McMakin) Sweatman ('92)

"I am a para pro at Woodward Academy. I have been married for 12 years to Derek Sweatman. Derek is pastor of Christian Church Buckhead. We have a 5-yearold boy named Alden. We live in Atlanta, GA."

#### Monica (Thompson) Cox ('95)

"I graduated from UK with a BSN in Nursing. Since then I have worked at UK Hospital, beginning in the Medical Intensive Care Unit, then Solid Organ Transplant Research for a year, then on to Liver and Kidney/ Pancreas Transplanation. I was recently named Patient Care Manager over Markey Cancer Center Outpatient Services. I manage seven different areas, from Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center to the Markey Hematology Program which does the Blood Marrow Transplants at UK. I was married seven years ago, and have a beautiful little boy. We live in Lexington, and are of course big UK fans, as well as Florida State fans. I feel that CAL really helped me get a great start on life. I was prepared for college, and life as well. The foundation of strength I was given and the opportunity to grow at CAL has helped me in multiple ways in my life."

#### Joshua Kolarcik ('95)



"I've spent the last eight years in the U.S. Air Force and the last five as a Special Tactics Officer in Air Force Special Operations Command. I'm currently a Captain and stationed at the 21st Special Tactics Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. I married my wife Brook

two years ago and we have a daughter Hannah who is 11 months old. I'm planning on getting out of the Air Force in November and going into the FBI as a Special Agent."



#### Kevin John Esposito ('97) Emily Anne Roberts ('97)

They married on June 4, 2005 at Southeast Christian Church. After high school, Kevin received his B.S. in Sports Administration from the University of Louisville. After five years as a Financial Advisor, Kevin found himself

called back to the University of Louisville, where he is currently employed by the Grants and Contracts office. Kevin also continues to volunteer at many of the university's sporting events, including men's football and men's & women's basketball games. Emily graduated from Bellarmine University with her B.A. degree in Biology. In December 2006, she completed her M.S. degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Louisville. Currently, she is a Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Louisville and is set to graduate with her Ph. D. in Pharmacology and Toxicology in May. Her research at the University's Birth Defects Center focuses on the consequences of maternal tobacco smoke exposure during fetal development.

#### Krishana Kraft ('97)

Graduated from Milligan College in 2001. Currently she is preparing for a full-time missionary position with GEM (Greater Europe Missions) in Vienna, Austria, focusing on ministry to teens. She previously worked as an associate editor for Focus on the Family's Brio, a magazine for teen girls. Visit her blog at tandemliving. blogspot.com

#### Heather Strickland ('97)

Completed an MBA in 2006 and resides in Delaware. Worked at UPS in various positions for five years where she currently is an Industrial Engineering Supervisor.

#### Tish (Bertoli) Webb ('98)

Graduated from Milligan with a BS in Biology in 2002, the first vet produced by Milligan. "I married Corey Webb, a classmate from Milligan. I completed my DVM at University of Tennessee in 2006 and am now practicing small animal medicine in Knoxville, TN."

#### 2000-2007

#### Paul Siems ('02)

Currently serving in the Air Force. Spent 7 months in Iraq where he accomplished many missions and earned many recognitions for his efforts there. Engaged to be married next fall.

#### Katie Aebersold ('03)

Graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts in French in August 2006 from the University of Louisville and is currently completing both a Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education (French) and a Master of Arts in French. She was inducted into Pi Delta Phi (International Honor Society) and Kappa Delta Pi (International Honor Society).

#### Brooke Pearson ('04)

Graduated from Azusa Pacific University, December 2007, B.A. in Communication Studies. While in college, "I studied for a semester at New College, Oxford University and subsequently traveled around Europe. I also taught English at a refugee camp on the border between Burma and Thailand. For three years I led a team of APU volunteers into the homeless district of Los Angeles, Skid Row, to do after-school tutoring and mentoring with the underprivileged children in that area."

# GOCARDINALS

#### Scott Beard ('07)

"Everyday, I wake up looking for opportunities to further my call and my efforts to lead a coalition of believers onto the battlefield of this campus, topple the false illusions, and spur a revolution for the hearts, minds, and souls of this community in the name of

the Lord. We do not fight fire with fire, rather we quench the blaze of misdirection with Living Water by sharing our deep-rooted testimonies, exemplifying the true love of God, and setting ourselves as leaders and examples in every aspect of life from athletics to academics. Every moment, we show the joy and the apparent craziness you can have when you are living for the Lord, and even though the enemy has crippled several charges in this newfound revolution for U of L, we are advancing, and we are being heard!"

#### **Rodman Tabb Endowment and Scholarship Fund**

We are pleased to announce that the first endowment in the history of CAL has been established in his memory with a \$30,000 gift in the Spring of 2007. Monies from this endowment will provide two \$5,000 scholarships to graduating seniors to use at the colleges of their choice. If you are interested in giving to this fund, please use the enclosed donation envelope.

#### Cheri Carman Sorley, Class of 1983



Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Cheri Carman Sorley, Class of 1983. Cheri unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2007. Cheri is survived by her sons, Sean and Matthew, who attend Christian Academy, her parents, James and Patricia Carman, her brother ,Jeff Carman, and sister, Julie Denton.

#### **Rodman Tabb**



Mr. Tabb passed away in August of 2006. Mr. Tabb served Christian Academy in a variety of capacities for over 11 years and was a friend to all. His presence continues to be missed today. Mr. Tabb is survived by his wife, Mrs. D.J. Tabb, and his son Andy, who is a 1997 CAL graduate. Andy lives in Nashville with Melissa, his wife, and they have a son, Drew, born Aug. 29, 2007, a day before the year anniversary of Rod's death.

# CICSS Of 2007



#### NATIONAL MERIT AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS

The class of 2007 had two National Merit finalists, one National Merit semifinalist, five National Merit commended students, five Governor's Scholars, and two students were accepted to the Governor's School for the Arts.

#### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The total scholarship award amount for the Class of 2007 was over \$5,073,000. Fifty-two percent of the Class of 2007 received college scholarships, and 91% received KEES scholarships.

#### **COLLEGE ATTENDANCE**

In the class of 2007, 92% attend a four-year college and seven percent attend a two-year college. Sixty-five percent attend instate four-year colleges.

#### **ACT/SAT SUMMARY for the Class of 2007**

- 97% took the ACT with an average of 25.1.
- 54% took the SAT with an average of 1787.2.
- 99% took one of the two tests.
- The top 25% of our students scored an average of 29.5 on the ACT.

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students have the opportunity to participate in choir, band, marching band, orchestra, yearbook, chess, speech, debate, drama, quick recall, art club, student council, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, class retreats, and other activities, including weekly chapel programs and mission trips. A student may be a member of either Beta Club or National Honor Society.

#### ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Fall sports include: cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, volleyball, football, and cheerleading. Winter sports include: basketball, swimming, and cheerleading. Spring sports include: baseball, softball, tennis, and track.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Daily Bible instruction & weekly chapel services
Mission trips to Honduras, Appalachia, Africa, Russia,
Brazil, Germany, France, Idaho, Gulf Coast
Governor's School for the Arts
Academic All-State Athletes

#### **HIGHLIGHTS** (continued)

Local, State and National Awards in Art

Computer and Media Labs

Foreign Language Programs

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

National Merit Scholars

Championship Sports Teams

Community Service Projects

Student Council

All State Choir, Band & Orchestra Members

Quad-State Choir

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Technology Emphasis/PowerSchool

Elementary, Middle School, & Health Room

Internships for seniors

Co-op program for seniors

### STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2007 WERE ACCEPTED BY THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES:

American University

Appalachian State University

Asbury College

Auburn University

Azusa Pacific University

**Ball State University** 

Bellarmine University

Belmont University

Bluegrass Community & Technical College

**Boston University** 

**Butler University** 

California Polytechnic State University

Campbellsville University

Case Western Reserve University

Cedarville University

Centre College

Cincinnati Christian University

Clemson University

College of Charleston

Concordia College

**DePauw University** 

Eastern Kentucky University

Florida College

Furman University

Georgetown College

George Washington University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Hanover College

Indiana University at Bloomington

Indiana University Southeast

Jefferson Community & Technical College

Johnson Bible College

Kentucky Wesleyan College

King College

Lee University

Lexington Community College



Lipscomb University

Miami University

Middle Tennessee State University

Midway College

Milligan College

Morehead State University

Murray State University

North Carolina State University

Northern Kentucky University

Oglethorpe University

Ozark Christian College

**Purdue University** 

Robert Morris College

Rose Hulman Institute of Technology

Samford University

Savannah College of Art & Design

Seattle Pacific University

St. Louis University

Sullivan University

**Taylor University** 

Thomas More College

Transylvania University

Trevecca Nazarene University

Union University

University of Alabama

University of Central Florida

University of Chicago

University of the Cumberlands

University of Dayton

University of Georgia

University of Kentucky

University of Louisville & Speed School

University of Richmond

University of Tennessee

University of Tennessee at Martin

Valparaiso University

Virginia Commonwealth University

Wake Forest University

Western Kentucky University

Wittenberg University

Wheaton College

Wofford College

**Xavier University** 

# what's happening today at CAL?

Get the latest information on all schools within the Christian Academy School System by visiting our website at www.christianacademyschools.org.

## athletics



Today, more than 600 students participate on 57 different middle and high school athletic teams at Christian Academy. In addition, more than 300 students in grades 2-5 participate in our intramural sports program.

#### **Fall Varsity Sports Report**

- Field Hockey is 17 10 making the State Elite 8 for the first time in school history.
- Volleyball finished 11 10
- Boys' Soccer finished 11 10 1, 1st in District, lost Regional 1st round.
- Girls' Soccer finished 12 9 1, 2nd in District, lost in Regional Final.
- Boys' Golf finished 2nd in Region, 5th in State.
- Girls' Golf finished 2nd in Region, 5th in State.
- Football finished 8 4, lost in 2nd round of playoffs.
- Boys' Cross Country won Regions, placed 2nd in the State Meet.
- Girls' Cross Country won Region, placed 9th in the State Meet.

#### For more sports information:

- Visit www.viewmyschedule.com to find the latest schedules for all of Christian Academy's middle and high school sports.
- Sign up to receive the Centurion ENews, a weekly CAL athletics publication. Simply email a request to athleticcouncil@insighttbb.com to get on the distribution list or visit the website at www.christianacademyschools.org.

## fine arts

- The CAL Marching Band with 47 wind and percussion
  - members and a ninemember color guard participated in their first competition and qualified for regionals in Class AA their first time on the field.
- The 2006-07 Honors
   Jazz Band was one of
   24 high school jazz
   bands nationwide
   invited to participate in
   the North Texas Jazz Festival in Dallas.
- Students have participated in Western Kentucky
  University's Honor Band, University of Louisville Honor
  Choir, Morehead University Tri-State Honors
  Orchestra, Quad State Choir, Louisville Youth Choir,
  Youth Orchestra, All State Choir, All State Orchestra,
  Music in the Parks Festival Band and Jazz Band.
- Many students participate in community service projects, taking their talents to nursing homes and retirement communities.
- Future plans for the music program include an elite, auditioned wind ensemble, auditioned symphonic orchestra and a music technology program. Taking into consideration duplication of some students in multiple classes, the CAL music program reaches at least 280 students.

# missions programs

"From our campus, into the community and around the world" is the mission statement for the missions program at CAL.

More than 500 students have participated in a school-sponsored mission trip through the CAL Missions Program over the last 10 years. For the 2007-2008 school year, there are nine trips planned and close to 150 students are expected to participate.

Since 2005, the Missions Program has been under the leadership of Gregg McMullen, Campus Minister. "The focus on having a missions program at CAL has made a significant impact on the entire campus from a spiritual dimension", said McMullen. "As Christ as the model in Mark 10:45a, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve," the underlying goal of the program is to provide opportunities for the student body to mature in Christ through service and we want to challenge our students to start in their own Jerusalem through campus ministry projects, student-led worship and FCA programs, and move forward through community ministries and mission trips."

The program is very successful and continues to improve through McMullen's leadership, but it is because of one man with a heart for the Lord (and CAL students), who started with a trip to Russia over 10 years ago and paved the way for this exciting CAL program. Bill McKinley, former Superintendent for the Christian Academy School System, had a desire to see students serve the Lord by sharing the gospel and serving others in need. McKinley organized the first school-sponsored mission trip in 1995 to Russia with 10 students. However, after offering the trip for a couple of years, McKinley wanted to do more. He implemented a missions program in 2001 because he wanted to help students develop a concern for other people and cultures and assume the responsibility each Christian has in world missions. "Missions is clearly the heart of God as evidenced in Jesus' teaching that we know as the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. By introducing students to world missions, we are fulfilling the command of God and it helps get our students outside their own lives to see the world and the needs of others to know Christ. Although it may not move a student to enter a full-time ministry position, it is our hope that they will be faithful supporters of missions through their own churches," said Mr. McKinley.

CAL students continue to take the gospel from Louisville to our community, over our state, through our country and across the world.

#### 2007-2008 Mission Trips

Kentucky Missions: Appalachia, Louisville

United States: Idaho, Mississippi, New Orleans, Chicago International: Russia, Honduras, Brazil, Africa, France, Germany

If you have a favorite memory, photo or story about life-changing missions experience, we would love to know about it. Please drop us an email at alumni@christianacademyschools.org and reference "missions" in the subject line.





# english station rock creek takes our miss semifinalists.

Ben Price, Principal Linda Rafla and Bryce Noblitt

Congratulations to Bryce Noblitt and Ben Price, who were named as two of the top semifinalists for Kentucky and of 16,000 students across the country to be named as semifinalists. More than 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the National Merit Program by taking the PSAT qualifying test last year. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of US high school seniors. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of total graduating seniors. To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. Finalists will be announced in the Spring of 2008.

### foundations &frameworks

The desire to provide a strong academic curriculum to help our students excel in all areas of learning has moved Christian Academy to adopt a new Foundations and Frameworks instructional reading program. This program is a K-8 program that will lay the essential groundwork to prepare our students to excel in high school, college and in their future vocations.

This program is designed to equip students to fully understand ideas conveyed in text, and thinking skills are explicitly taught and modeled. When students fail to think while reading, they do not fully comprehend the text. Instructional units devote adequate time and practice opportunities for students to truly master each comprehension skill through the use of complete works of literature that engage students and provide opportunities for in-depth comprehension. Visual or graphic tools are used to organize and connect the information from the text to help develop critical thinking skills. Vocabulary instruction emphasizes complete word understanding - definitional, contextual and conceptual. These techniques will help the students not only read and understand the information better, but it will help them be more effective in speaking and writing. Teachers use small groups to "know" their students and adjust instruction to meet the needs of individuals. This program was developed at Briarwood Christian School and has been used since 2001.

"CAL Rock Creek takes our mission statement seriously by developing students with hearts for God who are growing in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. The students, families and staff shine like stars in many ways,"says Principal Marilyn James.

#### **Special Programs**

Students and families recently participated in a special luncheon served at the Rock Creek "Good Manners Café." Students and parents dined in candlelight with white tablecloths on each table. We participated in quiet dinner conversation, practiced passing condiments and keeping our napkins on our laps. We have six teachers who are piloting a new approach to literature called Foundations and Frameworks. This reading program encourages students to make deep connections to literature and life. In addition, this year our students are encouraged to go through several activity stations that are aimed towards connecting the mind to movement activities called "Brainpower Stations." These stations work on balance and sensory motor activities so that we can proudly say we are teaching the whole child - body, mind and spirit.

#### **Technology**

We may be the "grandfather" of all the campuses but we have the latest technology designed to connect our students to the world. Each classroom is equipped with a plasma TV hooked up to the classroom computer so that virtual field trips are just a click away. Our students are now able to use power point and internet research for their class reports.

#### In the Community

Our students always aim to the highest achievements as evidenced in our Bible Bowl successes, Stanford 10 Test scores, music performances and community involvement. We look for ways to help others by giving to Wayside Christian Mission Project Warm and St. Balderick's in March. Authors Delia and Martin Wach are writing a book with the Rock Creek students about our involvement in St. Balderick's. We are proud of each of our students who participate in activities ranging from Stage One Theatre, The Nutcracker Ballet, competitive sports and showing milk cows at the Kentucky State Fair.

The Rock Creek Campus has close to 450 students in Preschool - 5th grade.

# >>system news



The Christian Academy School System serves over 3,000 students in preschool through 12th grade at four campuses in the Louisville-Southern Indiana area. Christian Academy School System was formed in the fall of 2000 with the creation of the Southwest Campus, located in Shively, and the addition of the Northside Campus, located in New Albany, Indiana. A third campus, Graceland Christian School, located in New Albany, Indiana, joined the school system in the fall of 2003. Christian Academy of Indiana opened in the fall of 2005, combining the Graceland and Northside campuses into a single school. In the fall of 2006, the Southwest Campus students, previously meeting in two local church buildings, consolidated into their new building.

#### **Southwest Campus**

The Southwest Campus now offers high school! We have our first freshman class, which brings our total student enrollment to 320 from preschool through 9th grades! We look forward to August of 2008 as our high school grows to include a sophomore class.

CAL-SW staff now employs approximately 37 teachers and we are thrilled to keep our small student/teacher ratio. As our enrollment has grown, our sports programs have grown as well and we can't wait to see what next fall holds for us. Our middle and high school sports teams purchased striking uniforms and have stepped up their league play.

Due to an overwhelming response to our fine arts events, we now offer a drama program, "Academy Players." Extracurricular classes in art and guitar continue as well as adding a pep band.

Another branch of the school that continues to grow and improve is outreach to the community. We are offering more ways for our students to be in service to our local community. God continues to bless His vision of CAL-Southwest and we are honored to make this a school that glorifies Him.

#### **Christian Academy of Indiana Campus**

There are a lot of exciting changes in the plans for Christian Academy of Indiana campus. The new "Treasure the Future" capital campaign kicked off in November with a dinner to raise funds for new academic programs, technology support, completion of athletic fields, academic support, Bible play land, and fine arts enhancements.

The dinner and program featured the high school jazz band, special music by elementary students and testimonies. Christian Academy of Indiana parents, grandparents, and friends rejoiced as \$1,420,644 was given in pledges and gifts – an amount which exceeded the goal for the evening.

Prayer was the key for this successful endeavor and faculty, parents, and friends are being encouraged to thank and praise the Lord for his faithfulness. CAI continues to make a difference by developing today's young people for a greater tomorrow.

# advancement <



#### **Sharing Your Resources**

Being good stewards of the money God has provided to us involves specific prayers as to which ministries God would lead us to give towards. We ask that you include Christian Academy as one of your specific ministries to include in your stewardship prayers. Donations through the years have varied widely with gifts from \$10 to gifts in six figures, but the one common factor has been God's leading through prayer. The various areas in which CAL has financial needs are listed. If God leads you to contribute, please complete the enclosed donor form and mail with your payment made payable to Christian Academy. We look forward to having you partner with us as we move forward with the CAL Alumni Association.

#### **Financial Tuition Assistance**

Nearly 22% (or approximately 4 children per classroom) of CAL students qualify and receive financial tuition assistance. Gifts to this fund will be used to assist those qualified applicants who might otherwise never be able to attend Christian Academy.

#### **Capital Campaign**

Fine Arts Classroom Facility \$3.4M - \$4.2M Athletic Facilities \$2.4M - \$3.0M

Athletic Complex

• Baseball and Softball Lights

Tennis Courts
 Track resurfacing
 Field Hockey and Soccer Lights
 COMPLETED
 COMPLETED

Playground Renovation/Expansion

Cafeteria Expansion and New CAL Entrance

\$1.0M - \$1.3M

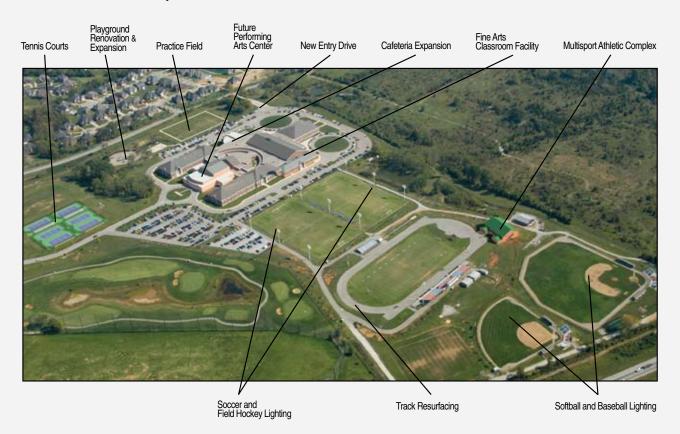
\$250,000

Campaign Total (next five years)

\$7.05M - \$8.75M

#### **Area of Greatest Need**

With a gift to this fund, the Superintendent and Administration will determine where your gift will make the greatest impact and match your gift with the appropriate program.



# alumni events

# homecoming

What a night to meet up with friends and watch a CAL football game – great weather, great food, and great alumni. More than 150 alumni came "home" for the event – the largest attendance for a homecoming event. It was great to see you!

For the first time in CAL history, homecoming was part of the football season and was preceded by a pre-game alumni meal. In addition, CAL had its first homecoming parade complete with floats, the court riding in convertibles and the marching band. Check out more photos at www.christianacademyschools. org/CALalumni.html.





# alumni night 2008

More than 75 alumni stopped by the gym in January to eat, chat, listen to the band, and cheer on the boys and girls basaketball teams.



MORE EVENTS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR 2008 AND WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP.

## facebook

Join the Christian Academy of Louisville Alumni group on Facebook to find classmates and check in on upcoming events. We look forward to keeping in touch with you.

#### **ATTENTION CLASS OF 1993 ALUMNI**

Plans are underway for a 15 year reunion this summer for the Class of 1993. To help with the planning process, please log onto the website at www.christianacademy schools.org/calalumni.html to update your current contact information or send an email to alumni@christianacademyschools.org.





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