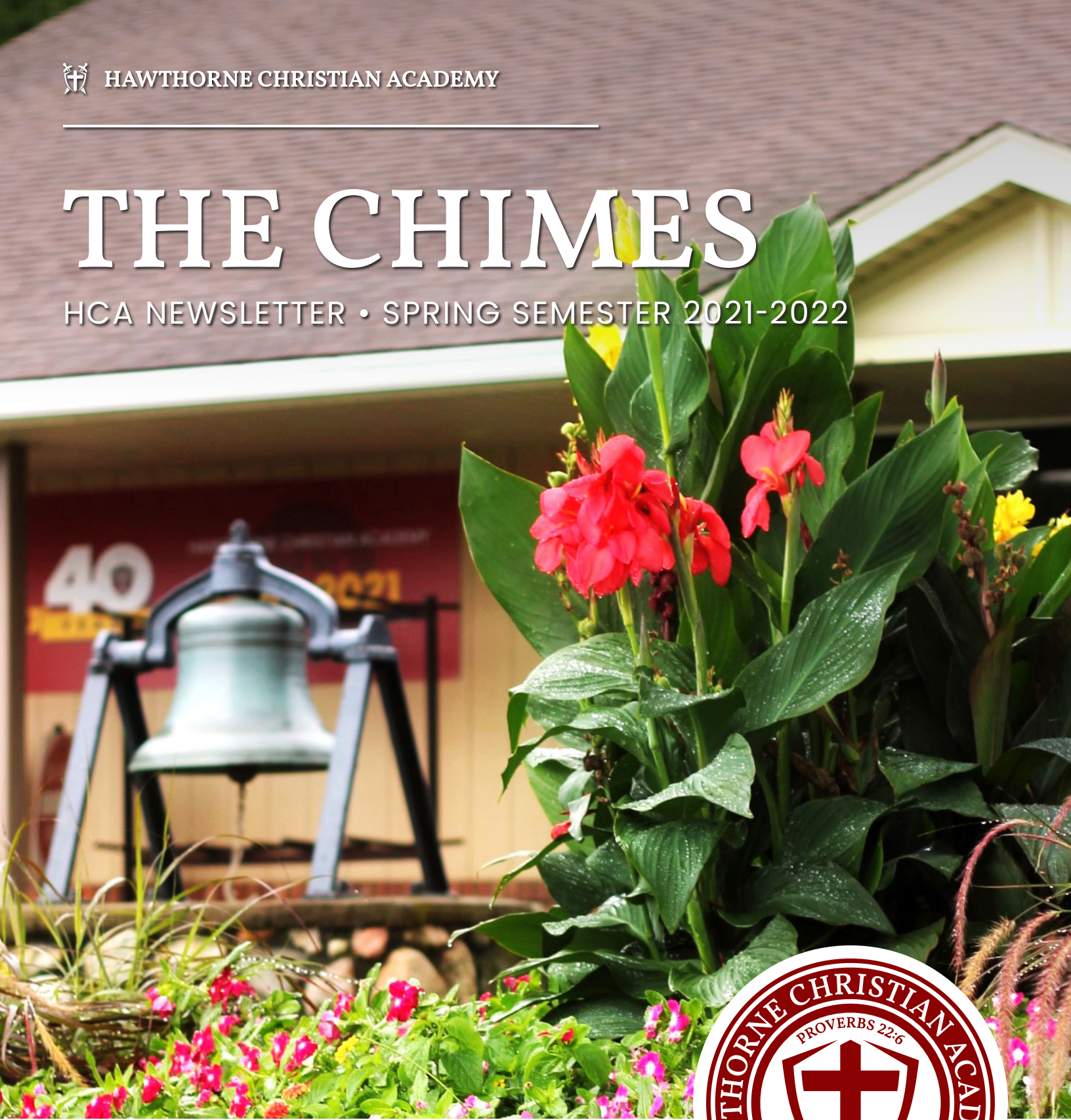


# THE CHIMES

HCA NEWSLETTER • SPRING SEMESTER 2021-2022



## Celebrating the Spring Semester!

The spring of 2022 was filled with beautiful community events! Our annual 8th and 12th-grade graduation ceremonies brought the 2021-2022 school year to a close.

The HCA Graduating Class of 2022 is featured on pages 8-9.



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Hawthorne Christian Academy is committed to inspire and equip students to **grow** in spiritual maturity, to **achieve** academic excellence, and to **impact** the world for Christ.



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# A Word In Season

FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



TODD MITCHELL  
Head of School

## Know Jesus, Know Truth!

“What is truth?” retorted Pilate (John 18:38). Since long before the days of Pilate, people have questioned, challenged, scoffed at, and, at times, truly inquired, seeking the truth about truth. The wisdom of the world offers many ideas about truth. Some ascribe to the idea of post truth (subjective appeals to emotion over facts), others lean toward pragmatism (outcomes determine truth), others define truth as consensus (majority/popularity determines truth), and still others are cynical, like Pilate, simply justifying themselves by insinuating that truth is unknowable.

Praise God that we are certain that absolute truth exists and that God is the author of it. In fact, Pilate’s comment in John 18 was in response to Jesus, who said, “the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**So what is Truth?** The Word of God tells us.

The Bible is Truth: “Sanctify them by the truth; **your word is truth**” (John 17:17).

God is Truth: “Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD **God of truth**” (Psalm 31:5).

The Spirit is Truth: “But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will guide you in the truth” (John 16:13).

Jesus is Truth: “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and **the truth** and the life” (John 14:6).

In his article, “What is Truth?” John MacArthur summarizes all these by defining truth as, “That which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God.” Or, more succinctly, “Truth is the self-expression of God.”

So, “What is Truth?” There is no more important question because the answer will determine what one believes and how one lives. It will determine who one serves and whether one will be a slave to sin or live in the freedom of forgiveness. And, most importantly, it determines where one will spend eternity. God is so gracious that He not only tells us what truth is, but also how to acquire it. In John 8:31-32 Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

The Bible is truth. Truth is acquired by being Jesus’ disciple. By this truth alone, are we set free from the condemnation of sin and the lies of the evil one. Here at HCA, we strive to teach, defend, and live by the truth, that we may abide in Christ and glorify Him in our ministry and in our lives. Please pray that God will guide us as we inspire and equip our students to “**Know Jesus, Know Truth.**”

## HCA Leadership Team



KEN BURRES  
Director of Technology &  
Virtual Instruction



JENNIFER EELMAN  
Upper School Principal



TODD MITCHELL  
Head of School



TINA TATUM  
Director of Admissions &  
Marketing (Chimes Editor)



DEBORAH FUCCI  
Director of Guidance



MARCIA RAINEY  
Lower School Principal



TYLER VAN DYK  
Director of Athletics

# Student Spotlight

## ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Lower School Highlights



MARCIA RAINEY  
Lower School Principal

#### Lower School Students Beautify the Campus

What beautiful flowers and foliage now adorn the HCA campus! Under the supervision of Mr. Lewis, HGC's Director of Maintenance, 1st-5th grade students got their hands in the soil as they planted Cana Lilies, Impatiens, Celosia, and other annuals then stepped back to see the beauty of God's creation in the flower beds around the HCA campus.

#### Sidewalk Chalk Thanksgiving Prayers

How fun it was to journal and draw prayers of thanksgiving with sidewalk chalk during one of our last chapels of the year. We had many pictures drawn of our HCA families and words of gratitude to God for making HCA, rainbows, ice cream, and our pets as well as thanks to Jesus with crosses representing His work of salvation on our behalf.

### Spiritual Emphasis Days

One of the blessings of walking with a person in a deep relationship over time is growth. We grow in our understanding of ourselves and of one another, and we become rooted as the relationship endures both the challenges that life brings and the blessings of walking together over time. Yet, in many ways we have jettisoned the time-tested reality of steadfast commitment and self-sacrifice for fads or formulas. While conferences and youth groups can be helpful, real life has a way of challenging the assumption that we can mature in our thinking and living overnight. The Scriptures paint a different picture. Deuteronomy 6 commands us: "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them...when you lie down and when you get up." No shortcuts here. Spiritual maturity takes time. It takes effort. It is difficult at times. It involves constant repentance and dying to self. But it is worth it,

### AP Chemistry Lessons

The students in our AP Chemistry class researched and presented chemical reaction demonstrations to Lower School students in grades 4 and 5.

Our 4th and 5th-graders learned how to make an old penny shiny again, how to use carbon dioxide gas in various ways to inflate a balloon and then to make salt and pepper stick to the balloon with static electricity, how to make a bubbly volcano erupt out of a ziploc bag, and how to change the color of a solution from orange to white to black with a series of chemical reactions.

By the end of the presentations, many Lower School students were excited about taking Mrs. Alektiar's Chemistry class in high school!



because its end result is a harvest of righteousness and a peace that the world cannot bring. True life is only found in being united to the One who is the very Author of life. To this end, HCA is instituting quarterly spiritual emphasis days to encourage students to learn and love meaningful study of God's Word. Please pray for our entire community, that we commit to the work, knowing that the Hand of our God will be with us. This He promises as we seek Him.



MICHAEL LAMITOLA  
HCA Chaplain • MS/HS Bible & History Teacher

# Annual Banquet & Auction

## WORSHIP HIS NAME!

### A Night of Worship

HCA's theme for the 2021-2022 school year, "Worship His Name," was the perfect focus for the evening. When we intentionally make it all about Him and exalt His Name, our joy is complete. The Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes welcomed over 220 guests on March 31, 2022, for HCA's annual Banquet. The beautiful setting, appetizing menu, and competitive silent and live auction did not disappoint.

It was an honor to welcome the HCA Distinguished Alumni Award and the HCA Building Foundations for Life Award back to the evening's program. This year's recipient of The Distinguished Alumni Award was Jacob Minnema ('04). Jake earned an MA degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in Christian Leadership. He has been serving as Pastor of Youth Ministries at Hawthorne Gospel Church and he was officially ordained in January of 2022.



ELLEN PELLICCIO  
Development Coordinator

The HCA Building Foundations for Life was awarded by Todd Mitchell to Morgan and Judith Storms for their many and varied contributions to HCA, from serving on the Academy Committee to beautifying the grounds and much more. Tammy Butler presented an award to Andrew Guerci on behalf of his grandparents, Kenneth and Nancy Koeller, for his years of support for tuition aid through The Betty Sue Koeller Tuition Aid Scholarship Fund. And finally, Ellen Pelliccio introduced Dr. Robert A. Kayal, the evening's guest speaker. Dr. Kayal opened the Word of God to unpack "Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How" we worship His Name. It was the perfect culmination of a year blessed by God.

Thank you to all who participated as sponsors, guests, volunteers, donors, and auction bidders. With your help, we raised over \$130,000 for the HCA Tuition Aid Fund!

### Thank You, 2022 Banquet Sponsors!

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# Jog-A-Thon 2022

HCA ON THE RUN



## Run, Defenders, Run!

Jog-a-Thon is back! One of our most cherished traditions at HCA has returned to the spring, and our amazing PTF and parent volunteers reminded us why our students and families all love this community-building day so dearly.

Each spring, the HCA Jog-A-Thon promises students and families an exciting day of fun, food, and fundraising. Year-after-year, students in Preschool through twelfth grade come together to run laps in support of their school, building camaraderie and Defender spirit. It is a day we excitedly look forward to each year.

The day began with cloudy skies and rain showers, but that didn't stop the HCA Community from making the most of the day. Our parent volunteers and faculty got creative,

creating indoor fun for our students as they ran laps around our gyms to raise money for their school. Our high schoolers even elected to take a few drizzly laps outside on the turf!

After their run, students cooled off with some ice pops and enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch, made with love by our parents, PTF reps, and volunteers. It was a busy day full of fun and laughter! HCA and the PTF are extremely grateful to all sponsors and volunteers. Together, we raised more than \$20,000, and HCA is truly blessed and thankful. Praise God for all who partner with HCA to support our mission.



BECKY VANDERBECK  
Advancement Events Coordinator

# Gallery Walk & Conservatory

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITS & INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL



## Art Exhibits



BECKY VANDERBECK  
Advancement Events Coordinator

### Lower School Project Fair

Lower School students welcomed their families into their classrooms to showcase their creations from the entire school year. The hallways were decorated with student class projects, as well as a plethora of artwork created in Mrs. Philipp and Miss Westerman's art classes. The evening was truly a fun family night!

### Middle & High School Gallery Walk

HCA middle and high school student-artists showcased their artistic masterpieces at our annual Gallery Walk on May 31, 2022. Students, faculty, and families were excited to have this event in a new space this year, the HGC Fireside Room of the new Fellowship Hall. Upon arrival, guests were greeted by hand-passed hors d'oeuvres, delivered with love by student ambassadors. As they enjoyed their scrumptious morsels, guests toured the beautiful student gallery, and visited with friends at high top tables set up in the event room with formal floor-length linens and beautiful spring-bloomed centerpieces. As guests circulated, the hard work and beauty behind each piece of art was evident. Senior artists, Kylie Johannesen and Zach Altuna, were featured with Capstone exhibits for their final year of exhibition in this wonderful showcase. Many thanks to our phenomenal art teacher, Elizabeth Westerman, for her hard work on this event and for teaching our students with such skill, love, and attentiveness. And all praises to our gracious Lord for gifting His children with good gifts (James 1:17)!

## 🎵 Conservatory Recital

On the evening of May 31, the HCA Instrumental Program filled the HGC Sanctuary with the most wonderful sounds of music in the year-end Instrumental Conservatory. The program consisted of 4th-6th grade ensemble performances, entertaining and accomplished solos, duets, and trios, and exciting performances by the HCA Advanced Band and the Middle School and High School Concert Band.

The Conservatory presents the perfect opportunity for parents to hear the labors of their children's hard work, but also to recognize the skill development and maturity in sound from our more experienced students as the night progresses. This "showcase" of skill gives our younger families a glimpse of their bright futures in the HCA Instrumental Program. Most importantly, the Conservatory highlights gifts given by our awesome God, and we give Him the glory for it all!



JOHN PETERSON  
4th-12th Grade Instrumental Teacher

## STEM Market

HCA 5th-graders spent the year learning about inventing products, marketing, and selling at fair market value. At this year's STEM Market, students showcased a variety of items, such as toys, artwork, signs, flashlights, jewelry, stress balls, and much more. The students sold most of their items, supported well by the HCA community. Most of the students made a profit, and many even generously donated their earnings to charities.



KIM BURES  
LS STEM & GATES Teacher

# The HCA Graduating Class of 2022

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



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**Row 1:**

**Mia Chandy** \*\*+ .....Wheaton College  
**Mariline Barbara Tyler** .....Cedarville University  
**Charity Walker** \*\*+ .....Liberty University

**Row 2:**

**Grace Yang** \*\*+ .....Northeastern University  
**Kylie Johannesen** \*+ .....Cedarville University  
**Kayla Oh** \*\*+ .....New York University  
**Hannah Maloney** \* .....Liberty University  
**Eden Koppental** .....Liberty University  
**Cana Koppental** \*\*+ .....Liberty University

**Row 3:**

**Olivia Wollemborg** .....Montclair State University  
**Anya Veinberg** \*\* .....Liberty University

**Myles Barclay** .....Liberty University  
**Zachary Altuna** \*\*+ .....Stevens Institute of Tech.  
**Clayton Tyler** .....Liberty University  
**Victoria Basmadjian** .....Pace University  
**Rhiannon Atekpe** \*\*+ ...Stevens Institute of Tech.

**Row 4:**

**Brendan Faasse** .....Liberty University  
**Dennis DeAngelis** .....The College of New Jersey  
**Ty Higby** .....Liberty University  
**Benjamin Mastin** .....Liberty University  
**Jordan Hoogerhyde** \*+ .....Montclair State Univ.  
**Eithan Sered** .....Cairn University

*\*Honors, \*\*High Honors, +NHS*

## Valedictorian & Salutatorian

**Valedictorian: Kayla Oh**

In her valedictory address, Kayla Oh expressed her gratitude for the many giftings and abilities of her classmates, their shared experiences, the influences of their teachers, and how all of these things have resulted in joyful memories.

Kayla also shared her personal realization of how striving for academic excellence had become an idol in her life, defining her and taking precedence over her relationship with the Lord. She concluded that nothing is worth attaining or having if it does not serve our true purpose of honoring God and seeking the true good of others.



KAYLA OH  
**2022 Valedictorian**



INGRID NAWYN  
**Guidance Assistant & Registrar**

**Salutatorian: Rhiannon Atekpe**

Having learned many valuable academic and spiritual lessons at HCA, Salutatorian Rhiannon Atekpe addressed her classmates, providing some humorous, as well as some more serious, recollections about her time at HCA. She shared specifically that God can use failure to lead to success, that things are not always as they seem, and that ultimately God (and not we) is in control of our lives.

Rhiannon summed everything up by acknowledging that God's perfect will always comes to pass regardless of what we think, feel, or plan, and that God never changes.



RHIANNON EFA ATEKPE  
**2022 Salutatorian**

## 2022 Scholarships & Awards

PTF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE

**Academic Excellence Scholarship**

Kayla Oh & Rhiannon Atekpe

**All-Around Excellence Scholarship**

Kylie Johannesen

FAITHFUL SCHOLAR AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Brendan Faasse, Cana Koppental, Eden Koppental

JACOB EGEDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Anya Veinberg

WELLSPRINGS COUNCELING SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Wollemborg & Mariline Tyler

BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

**Athletic Booster Club Scholarship**

Ty Higby & Charity Walker

**Music Booster Club Scholarship**

Kayla Oh

RONNIE & RENEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Anya Veinberg

ACOSTA HISPANIC GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Victoria Basmadjian

ROD INNIS "WALK IN TRUTH" SCHOLARSHIP

Anya Veinberg

# HCA Class of 2026

HIGH SCHOOL, HERE WE COME!

## Graduation Testimony

A moving testimony was given by HCA middle school graduate, Tahlia Capone, who shared how a recent difficult and dark time in her life challenged her relationship with Christ. Specifically, it prompted her faith to feel real and more personal. In addition, a short term mission trip to Kentucky allowed her to “gain a new confidence in her faith and start to understand God’s love and compassion for His people” as well as taught her to selflessly serve. She expressed gratitude to the HCA community for providing a safe place that teaches students a godly perspective on life and all of its challenges.

### Reflecting on her testimony, Tahlia shared:

“Even though I was confused and felt broken, my faith finally started to feel real. The support of HCA and all the staff, teachers and students was such a blessing. Being able to go to school and talk to people who I could trust and who wanted the best for me was so refreshing, and I realized that even though I was searching for God, He never left my side. My blurry life was starting to become clear again. I gained a new confidence in my faith and started to understand God’s love and compassion for His people... HCA planted all these seeds and really opened my eyes to persevering through everything life brings. This school is a school that is safe, wholesome, and most importantly a place that teaches kids a godly perspective on life and all of its challenges. The people at HCA have shown such dedication for all the kids here, through their actions and prayers for us. Being a part of the HCA Family is something you can’t put a price on, and something that I will always be grateful for.”



INGRID NAWYN  
Guidance Assistant & Registrar



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## Headed to High School

These thirty-six HCA middle school graduates are now high school freshmen! During their graduation ceremony, Valedictorian Sarina Kioumji and Salutatorian Jordan Ng addressed their classmates and teachers, reflecting back on middle school and excitedly looking forward to high school. We are excited for all that lies ahead for HCA’s new freshman class. **HCA’s class of 2026 8th-grade graduates were:**

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Noah David Abramson       | Luke Youngmin Jin       |
| Elias Franklin Atekpe     | Noah Youngwoo Jin       |
| Noah Christian Ayaz       | Aubrie Jenna Johannesen |
| Lila Sora Bae             | Rivington Douglas Jones |
| Rebeka Catherine Barragan | Shannon Isabella Kayal  |
| Matthew Robert Bavagnoli  | Sarina Kioumji          |
| Kara Hope Bysterbusch     | Jacob Joobin Lee        |
| Tahlia Joy Capone         | Elias Lopez             |
| Ethan Jae Yoon Cha        | Mia Francis Lynch       |
| Amaya Angel Faasse        | Kemora Khajada Murray   |
| Gabriel Iudici Flax       | Jordan Noelle Ng        |
| Sophia Guingon            | Colby Engle Oostdyk     |
| Chloe Michelle Hanikeh    | Harve Jace Pierre       |
| Luke Isaac Hanna          | Leila Noelle Schuk      |
| Samuel David Harris       | Olivia Dyne Sheen       |
| Emma Rose Hartung         | Josiah Wheeland         |
| Alexander Hwang           | Adrie You               |
| Aryah Gabrielle Jenne     | Jonah Yu                |

# Music Notes

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

## Spring Semester Music Events



ANNE PAYNTER  
Middle & High School Music Teacher

### 13th Annual Dessert Theatre: "Brewed Awakening"

On March 4-5, Chorale presented its 13th annual Dessert Theatre, "Brewed Awakening." This production featured musical favorites performed by the students and a professional band, with a student-written script, and sets designed by the HCA Art Department. The plot centered on a local coffee-shop, The Daily Grind, and the community’s efforts to save it. Audience members were treated to desserts donated by local bakeries and served by the cast.

### Honors Voice Class: Final Juries

Students in the Honors Voice Class presented their final jury performances on June 3. Throughout the semester, each student prepares five standard repertoire selections, and then performs the songs for a panel of adjudicators (opera singers, coaches, and college faculty) who provide feedback and constructive criticism. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to prepare for college auditions!



## 2022 Music Competitions

In April, the Servants of the King traveled to San Diego to compete in the prestigious WorldStrides Heritage Festival Competition. This trip was a unique opportunity to broaden our students’ horizons and give them an opportunity to proclaim the Gospel message to students and professional musicians from across the country and world. Servants of the King competed as a Mixed Concert Choir and as Men’s and Women’s Ensembles. All three groups received not only Gold Medals, but also an Adjudicator Award (a score over 95 and a judge’s nomination). The Women’s Ensemble won “Best Overall Choir” and the HCA Music Department won “Best Overall Choral Program.” Senior Kayla Oh and Junior Luke Mitchell each won “Outstanding Soloist” awards. Students also participated in a masterclass session at Point Loma Nazarene University,

did some local sightseeing, and spent Sunday morning ministering to residents at Point Loma Estates Senior Living and Memory Care Center. The students sang classical music, sacred songs, and show tunes for the residents, and spent some very special time interacting with them.

On the first two Saturdays in May, Middle School Chorus, Chorale, Servants of the King, Allegro Handbells, and Prelude Handbells each competed in the Music in the Parks Festival in Jackson, NJ. Every group won top honors, and 8th-grader Sophia Guingon and Senior Kayla Oh won “Outstanding Soloist” awards. The students had a wonderful time singing God’s praises and riding roller coasters in the rain!

# Academy Athletics

GO DEFENDERS!

## Winter & Spring 2022 Defender Athletics



TYLER VAN DYK  
Director of Athletics

### Winter Awards

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Ty Higby (12)**  
Honorable Mention All League

**Brett Littel (11)**  
Honorable Mention All County

**Joel Walker (10)**  
2nd Team All League  
Honorable Mention All County

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Hannah Maloney (12)**  
Honorable Mention All League  
Honorable Mention All County

**Christine Williams (10)**  
Honorable Mention All County

#### HS BOWLING

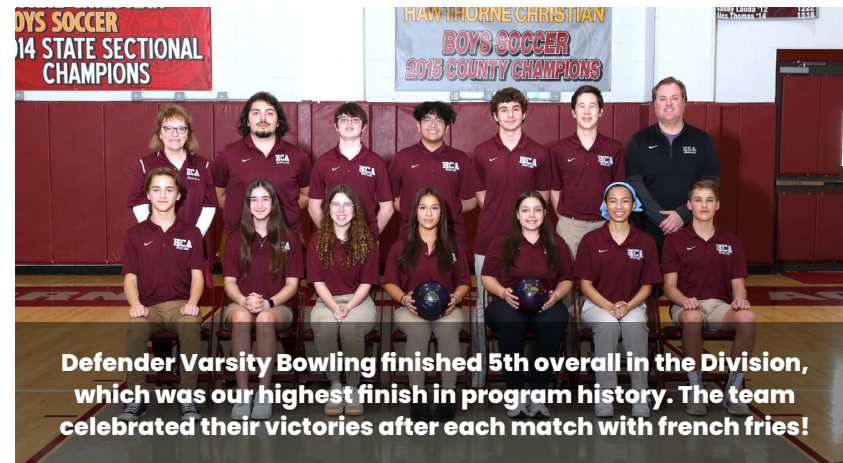
**Joey Betz (9)**  
2nd Team All League  
Honorable Mention All County

**Brendan Faasse (12)**  
Honorable Mention All League

**Matthew Mitchell (9)**  
1st Team All League  
Honorable Mention All County

This season, the Defender Varsity bowling team finished in the top half of the league and recorded the 3rd highest game overall in the league.

**Congratulations, Defenders!**



Defender Varsity Bowling finished 5th overall in the Division, which was our highest finish in program history. The team celebrated their victories after each match with french fries!



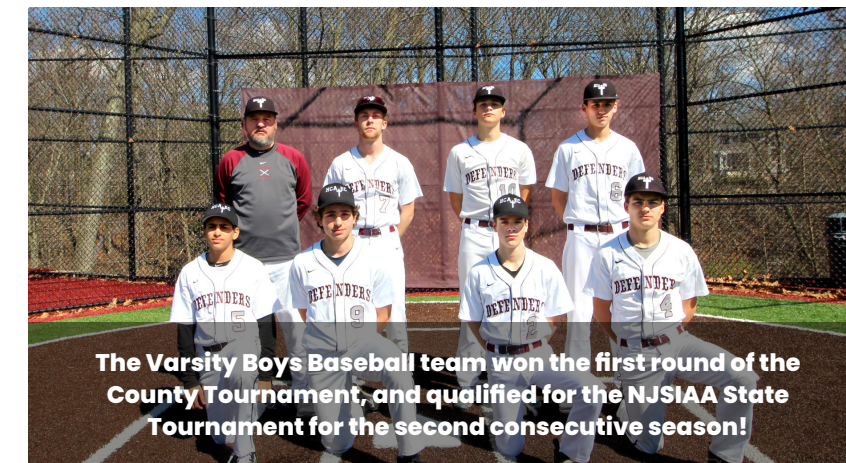
Sacrificing for each other and holding each other accountable, Varsity Boys Basketball pushed through adversity, gave God their best, and finished the season very strong.



Varsity Girls Basketball faced tough opponents this season, but they stayed positive, focused on their goals each game, did the best they could, and had good attitudes regardless of the score.

## Annual Sports Banquet Awards

**NJIC Sportsmanship Award:** Grace Yang & Zachary Altuna  
**PCCA Student-Athlete of the Year:** Charity Walker & Brendan Faasse  
**HCA Defender Athletes of the Year:** Hannah Maloney & Ty Higby  
**HCA Athletic Booster Club Scholarship:** Charity Walker & Ty Higby



The Varsity Boys Baseball team won the first round of the County Tournament, and qualified for the NJSIAA State Tournament for the second consecutive season!



Five Lady Defenders joined the Eagles-Defenders Varsity Softball team co-op this year. Our softball girls had a strong season and won the first round of the County Tournament.



Defender Varsity Track & Field has grown in strength and numbers! Many members of this strong, diversely-talented group qualified for League and State Championships this year.

## Spring Awards

#### BOYS BASEBALL

**Joey Betz (9)**  
2nd Team All League

**Ty Higby (12)**  
2nd Team All League

**Joel Walker (10)**  
Honorable Mention All County

#### GIRLS SOFTBALL

**Alina Ellis (9)**  
2nd Team All League  
Honorable Mention All County

#### HS TRACK & FIELD

**Jessica Gessner (10)**  
Honorable Mention All League

**Ava Higby (9)**  
Honorable Mention All League

**AJ Mark (11)**  
2nd Team All League  
Honorable Mention All County

**Sean McHugh (10)**  
2nd Team All League

**Joanna Meharg (11)**  
Honorable Mention All League

**Kate Murtagh (11)**  
Honorable Mention All League  
Honorable Mention All County

**Colby Parker (11)**  
2nd Team All League

**Hugh Ryan (9)**  
2nd Team All League

**Robert Taylor (9)**  
2nd Team All League

**Charity Walker (12)**  
Honorable Mention All League  
Honorable Mention All County

**Elijah Warren (11)**  
Honorable Mention All County

# Faculty Commencement

HONORING OUR RETIREES

## Upper School Retiree



### Mrs. Jeanne Lewis

MS MATHEMATICS TEACHER

**Time at HCA:** 16 Years

**Classes Taught:** Algebra 1 (8), Pre-Algebra 8, Pre-Algebra 7, Math 7, English 7, English Ext.

From the minute Jeanne Lewis joined the HCA faculty, we knew she was special. She quickly displayed her excellent and professional teaching, held her students accountable in love and God's grace, peppered her lessons with fun and engaging stories, taught her students life lessons, encouraged them to be their best in Christ, and loved her coworkers with the deep, true, brotherly-love of Jesus.

Everyday, Jeanne loved on our children, teaching them to be responsible for their own learning, and holding them

accountable to work their hardest for God's glory. Jeanne's high academic and behavioral standards challenged her students, yet they knew how much she loved them.

In more recent years, students would often share their appreciation for Mrs. Lewis's high expectations of them, knowing that she had faith in their best efforts. They would even make it known that their math homework was always completed before all other assignments each night, because they knew "Mrs. Lewis would not let them slack!"

We will all deeply miss seeing Jeanne Lewis everyday, laughing together, and praying with her, but we know that wherever she goes, she will spread the love of Jesus to whomever she meets. We pray God's grace and mercy be with her and her family in this new chapter.



ROSANNA BRASCA

MS Learning Center Coordinator

## Lower School Retiree



### Mrs. Susan Ranieri

LS LEARNING CENTER TEACHER

**Time at HCA:** 16 Years

**Classes Taught:** Lower School Learning Center / Resource Room (Grades 1-5)

It was with mixed feelings that Susan Ranieri announced her formal retirement after 16 years of service at HCA. In light of that announcement, a celebration was held in May, as Faculty, Staff, and Academy Committee members shared memories, prayer, fellowship, and (of course) food! Susan blessed all by sharing her testimony - one that gives glory to God and has helped her encourage her students.

As the Lower School Learning Center Teacher, Susan has impacted many lives, students and parents alike. Her

dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed as Susan worked with her students one-on-one to meet each student at their point of need. Mrs. Ranieri also brought fun into the learning process on a weekly basis with "Fun Fridays," doing something special to end each week.

Co-workers will certainly remember all of the creativity and ingenuity Susan displayed at various faculty celebrations throughout the year that led us to consider if she was pursuing a new career as an event planner! In actuality, Mrs. Ranieri plans on spending her retirement enjoying more time with her children and grandchildren.

As Mrs. Ranieri formally said her farewell at HCA's year-end luncheon, she expressed how difficult it was saying goodbye to her HCA Family, but expressed, "It's time."



WENDY LITTEL

Lower School Teacher (Grade 2)

# Alumni News

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Amanda (Berliner) Bernard ('08)** and her husband, Chris, welcomed a third child, Chloe Love, on October 22, 2021.



**Kali Burres ('19)** married Brandon Cheeley on December 30, 2021, at Green Pond Bible Chapel. The couple met when they were 10 and 12 years old! They currently live in Newtown, PA.



**Lindsay (McDermott) Clowers ('13)** and her husband, Shawn, announced their second child, McKenna Noelle, on June 14.



**Chad De Boer ('92)** and his family relocated to North Carolina in the fall of 2021. Chad felt called to work with Samaritan's Purse, where he is now a Donation and Data Processor.



**Elizabeth Dulin ('13)** married Victor Durriel Harris on April 29, 2022, in Colorado Springs, CO. The couple resides in Germany.



**Stacy Falconieri ('07)** and Victor Thomas celebrated their wedding on May 28, 2022. The Thomas family lives in Waco, TX, near Baylor University where Stacy works in athletics.



**Carrie (McGann) Harvell ('08)** and her husband, Max, welcomed their first child, Calista Mae, on April 18, 2022.



**Katlyn Kayal ('14)** married William Coggins on May 6th, 2022, at the Park Chateau in East Brunswick, NJ. The Coggins met at Liberty University and currently live in Franklin Lakes, NJ.



**Tyler Van Dyk ('00)** and Liz Radis united in marriage on May 14, 2022 at The Tides Estate in North Haledon, NJ.





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