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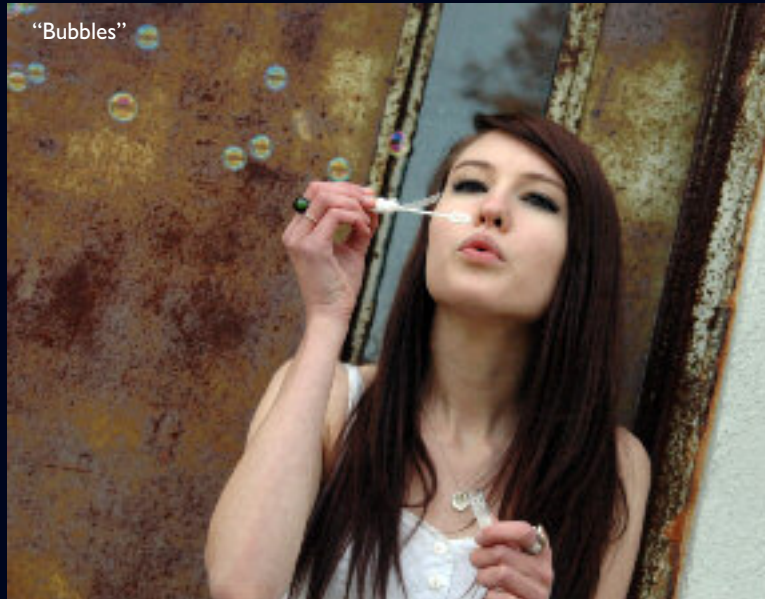
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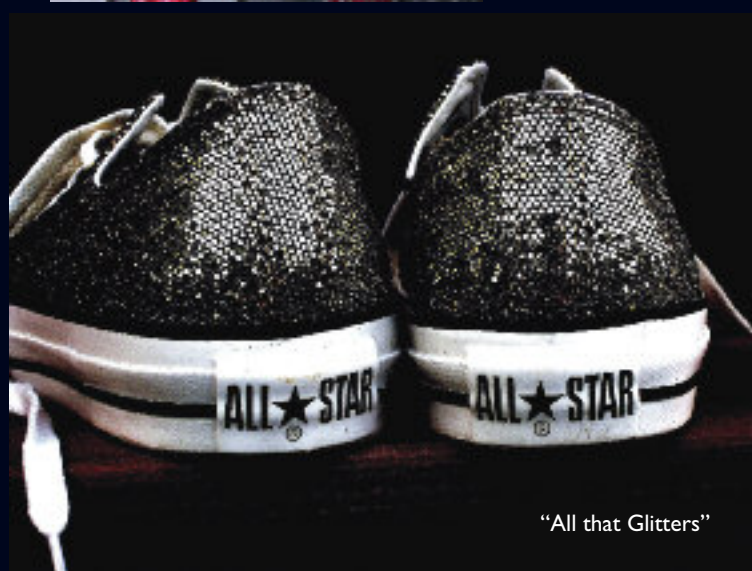


Congratulations to the following students who placed in the 2010 Yearbook Photo Contest. All winners will have the opportunity to submit their entries in the Josten's Wolfe Camera National Contest.

FIRST PLACE: Alexandra Patterson for "Bubbles"

SECOND PLACE: Olivia Strohm for "All That Glitters"

HONORABLE MENTION: Shelby Murphy, Jackie Stofsick, Margaret Burton, Shelby Sangdohl and Millie King



"All that Glitters"



"Veiled Thought"



"Bubble Mouth"



"My Dominican"



Better than we look?

Several months ago, I was talking with some friends of the academy about CVCA's vision for transformation and the exciting new programs at the heart of that vision. During the question-and-answer portion of the meeting, a gentleman surprised me by asking, "You know what CVCA's problem is, don't you?" When I asked what our problem was, he said... *"You're so much better than you look."*

Knowing that we're blessed to have a 70-acre, strategically-located campus and a program that for over forty years has drawn students from all over northeast Ohio, I took his comment as a compliment and a challenge. As a compliment, this gentleman's statement acknowledged that CVCA is blessed with incredible people – great students, committed faculty and staff, and involved families. He was equally aware of CVCA's vision for transformation and the exciting new programs (Connections, Schools of Distinction, J-term) at the heart of that vision.

“GOD knows our needs, His resources are inexhaustible, and His timing is perfect.”

The implied challenge of his “you're so much better than you look” comment was that there is room for improvement in the area of facilities. In his mind, there is a bit of a “disconnect” between the quality and reputation of CVCA's offering and the physical plant (building) which houses it. I'm certain this gentleman is grateful (as we all are) for the many ways God has provided for CVCA, yet at the same time he was acknowledging (as we all should) that the school faces very real space limitations.

We possess the firsthand knowledge that CVCA cannot continue to operate efficiently and effectively in only 55% of the recommended space for a school with a student population of 850; this knowledge informs our planning for physical plant expansion. But we need to understand clearly that our transformational

vision (along with the exciting programs at the heart of it) is the primary driving force. Quality people (faculty, staff, and students) and programs require suitable spaces in which to operate.

In the coming months, we look forward to sharing details of CVCA's master site plan and contemplated physical plant expansion. You will want to stay tuned, and you will want to be involved. Until then, may we ask you to pray that God would be at work in this community to bless what we believe is a Godly vision? God knows our needs, His resources are inexhaustible, and His timing is perfect. Yet he calls on us to call on Him to provide (once again) for His school. Thanks so much for your partnership in the vital mission of *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ*.

Roger Taylor, Ph.D.
President

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CVCA Students, Staff, and Families Give Over \$18,000 to HAITI RELIEF

by David McMullen '04

I had the privilege of traveling with a group of doctors and nurses to Haiti two-and-a-half weeks after the earthquake. The trip (an organizational miracle itself) was put together by a CVCA alum living in Port-au-Prince – who contacted a CVCA alum who's an ER doctor here – who contacted a CVCA alum looking for a place to donate resources. The body of Christ is an amazing thing in action.

Our group spent eight days in Haiti.

For half the time, we worked in a hospital and ran field clinics in the tent cities of Port-au-Prince; for the other half, we traveled to a city called Jeremie, which has seen approximately 20-25 thousand internally displaced people.

During our time at both locations, the doctors and nurses did all sorts of procedures, from setting fractures and cleaning wounds to helping dehydrated babies and performing surgeries. The medical needs in a disaster situation like Haiti's seem to change by

the day as different stages in the aftermath unfold. The constant is people in need; the need will just continue to take different form.

One man we met in the hospital in Jeremie had been injured in the earthquake when his foot was crushed by rubble. After the earthquake, he managed to get out of Port-

au-Prince with his son and make his way to this hospital, which is either a 12-hour ferry ride or 14-hour drive from the capital. Until we arrived, there were no doctors to care for his foot at the hospital, but like everyone else there, he waited (for three weeks) and hoped for someone to help. When our surgeons brought him into the operating room, it became apparent they would have to amputate his leg below the knee because of infection. When the doctors finished the procedure, they found the man's son to give him the terri-

ble news that his dad had lost a portion of his leg. Instead of the sadness or frustration we all expected, the man's son just thanked the doctors for saving his dad's life and



David McMullen '04 enjoyed his time with the local children in Haiti.

finally stopping the pain. In situations like this throughout the trip, we were continually stunned by the gratitude of everyone the doctors and nurses touched.

In many ways, media sources have done a great job of showing the magnitude of devastation in and around the city, as well as the impact the earthquake is having across Haiti. What most around the world miss, though, is the way people are experiencing God and His love every day in Haiti. I still don't know why something like an earthquake happens where, when, and to whom it does; but Jesus is working all over the place amidst the chaos, and He is using His resources from around the globe and in Haiti to care for people He desperately loves.

Students, their families, faculty, staff, and friends of CVCA raised over \$18,000 to send two medical teams to Haiti after the January 12 earthquake.



The first medical team included: Jason Kolb, MD ER doctor; Mark Meyer, MD FP; Duane Donovan, MD vascular surgeon; Arthur Dalton, MD general surgeon; Nadja Anne Barnett, CNA; Carlton Barnett, paramedic and fire fighter; Jim Willoughby, RN; and David McMullen, Representative of trip sponsor Cleveland Research

In February, current CVCA parents, Sue Meyer and Shelley Carroscia led a second medical team to Haiti.



CEABLE'S STORY

Contentment in Tragedy

by Art McMahon '95

So much of Haiti in the news has been negative; yet I want to share about a special family here in Port au Prince. I think it is easy to look at the big picture and miss the beautiful puzzle pieces that are here. I want people to know through this story that there are wonderful people in Haiti.

For the past two years, a security guard has worked at my house. His name is Ceable (Say-OB). He always has a smile on his face and without fail greets me as "Mister Art." I have told him numerous times I am just Art, but he calls me "Mister Art" each time I come through the gate. I can honestly say I have never seen Ceable without his Bible close by him. He studies the Word of God without fail. Seeing him reminds me of how important it is for me to put God first.

In the earthquake, Ceable and his wife lost their house. They lived in a small home in an area of Port au Prince called Carfour. This area was hit hard, and most houses were damaged beyond repair. Ceable and his wife have four beautiful children. The day after the earthquake, with his material possessions in ruin, Ceable showed up for work, greeted me as "Mister Art," and had his Bible under his arm. I asked him if his family was okay, and he said, "Everything is fine Mister Art, because my children and wife are fine. God looked out for us, and I praise His name." Not one time did he mention that his house was destroyed and all his earthly possessions gone. I found out five days later that his family was sleeping in the street with others from his neighborhood. He

never brought up his hardships, and his wonderful personality never changed.

I invited Ceable and his family to live in the room behind my apartment. I am ashamed to say it, but it is really nothing more than a 12-by-15-foot concrete block room. There is a toilet nearby, and they have access to our water source. There are now eight people living in the room, including Ceable's family and other relatives. Ceable's children play in the little space behind my apartment. They always smile and greet me with "bon jour" or "bon swa, Art" (good morning/good afternoon). They smile and live together in a small place and never ask for anything. Each night, two of the adults sleep outside on small mats and cardboard because there is not enough space in the room. I noticed the other day they did not have pillows or even sheets. I went into my apartment where I had more than I needed of each and gave them some bed sheets and pillows. They were so grateful for the gift that was no sacrifice for me.

The most humbling part for me has been in the early evenings passing the family. Each night, they pray together, read their Bibles, and sing. The singing is beautiful, and I don't think they ever tire of praising God. The fact that they have no certainty of where they will be the next month or year – living now in a very small room – does not stop them from praising God for who He is.

As I was resting in my bed last night, I



Art McMahon (front right) with members of the relief team.

cried over the difference between this family and my own situation. I was going to sleep in a bed, in an apartment, with food and entertainment (television). I know if I need anything, I can get it. It is easy to trust in "self" when I have so much. It hit me as I thought about this humble family...they "have it!" Most likely, they will never have \$1,000 to their name, they have no idea who was in the Super Bowl or what a 401K program is, but they have so much more than people the world considers successful. I know heroes come in all forms. Ceable will never know the huge example he has been to me. He truly is a living example of contentment and fulfillment, which come from a relationship with Jesus Christ and have nothing to do with worldly possessions.

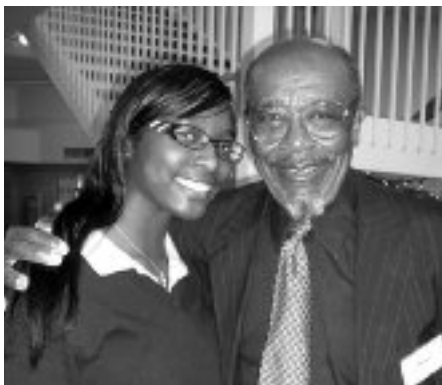
Art McMahon is a 1995 graduate of CVCA. He has been teaching and coaching at Quisqueya Christian School, in Port au Prince, Haiti. Although the recent earthquake made it necessary to temporarily close the school, Art has stayed in Haiti to help in any way with the relief work.

He sent the following story to his parents with the request that it be shared with others. There are beautiful, Christian Haitians who continue to serve the Lord even in difficult circumstances.

Students Learn from Civil Rights Leader Dr. John Perkins Visits CVCA

by Ramara Walker '10

Pastor, community leader, civil rights leader, and motivational speaker are all titles that describe Dr. John Perkins, but



Ramara Walker '10 with Dr. Perkins

the most important title this man of God could ever own is a follower of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On March 11, 2010, CVCA was blessed with the opportunity to hear a word from Dr. John Perkins about his testimony, his point of reconciliation, and healing regarding past events that plagued his life.

The central part of his message encouraged the students to implement

their privilege to learn and grow spiritually within the CVCA community. Dr. John Perkins also expounded on his "Four P's to Success": Find your **purpose** in life, develop a **passion** for that specific purpose, direct that passion toward the enhancement of **people**, and live in such a way that all your accomplishments give God **praise**.

The mission statement at CVCA is "Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ," and this year our banner in chapel is "Crazy Love." By God's providence, Dr.

John Perkins touched on both of these principles. His life verse is Galatians 2:20, which states, "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved

me and gave Himself for me." Through the education based on the authority of the Word of God and the lessons taught by Dr. John Perkins, I believe CVCA has the capability to develop servants who are on fire for Christ. Thank you, Dr. John Perkins, on behalf of the CVCA community, for sharing personal insight and a message that I'm sure has changed the perspective of many at CVCA, including mine.



Learning to Seek God's Heart 2010 Moody Founder's Week

by Anna Lewison '10

"Seeking God's Heart" was the theme of Moody Founder's Week this year. It changed all of us in numerous ways. With the different perspectives of each speaker, we grew to understand the meaning of those words. One night Dr. Joe Stowell spoke on identity, who we are as Christians and what our role is as follow-

ers of Christ. He made an analogy to becoming fishers of men, in which we must let go of our nets. These nets represent things that inhibit us to follow Jesus. Christ tells us that when we hold onto our nets we go nowhere, but when we have no nets, we can go everywhere. Matthew 4:19-20 states "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Throughout the week, we continued to learn how to seek God's heart and become more like him by being followers of Christ. A special aspect of the trip was when we gathered as a group and discussed the true meaning of "seeking God's heart." Moody Founder's Week helped us grow closer to one another and grow stronger as Christians.



Linda Staker, Pete Staker, MBI President Paul Nyquist, and Jeff Staker





CVCA's new iPod Touch carts are a valuable asset in CVCA's ongoing effort to provide the best education possible for our students.

Technology Upgrade for CVCA

The iPod Touch Brings New Resources to the Classroom

Last spring, CVCA purchased a classroom set of iPod Touch computing devices to assess their use in the classroom. The trial went well, and based on the educational possibilities of the devices, the school bought three more classroom carts, bringing us to a total of four carts (112 Touches) that teachers may check out for use in their classes.

The Touch is a versatile device that can access the internet, has access to over 150,000 applications through Apple's online store, and has excellent video and audio capabilities. With just a little preparation, the Touch can be used in many different ways to allow students to learn at their own pace, or to have individualized learning experiences. Some of the ways that CVCA teachers have been using the iPod Touches include:

- Listening to foreign language tests so that students can take the test at their own pace.
- Simulations in economics class where the students run a lemonade stand in order to teach them how to make business decisions.
- Hands-on activities in history class where the students have to navigate the Oregon Trail successfully, including figuring out what supplies to buy.
- Watching sermons in Bible class.
- Having the students do group activities in which one student watches video, another explores music and speeches, and another looks at photographs, and they use what they have learned to create a group report.
- Using online maps to teach about maps.
- Using online resources for research in English and biology classes.
- Using music theory applications in music classes.



The response from both students and teachers using the Touch has been positive. Students are generally excited to be using the technology in class, and teachers appreciate how the device can help students focus and stay on task. The iPod Touch carts are a valuable asset in CVCA's ongoing effort to provide the best education possible for our students.



CVCA's FBLA Ranks First in State!

Congratulations to CVCA's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America! During the State Leadership Conference in Dublin on March 11 and 12, CVCA received the Gold Seal Chapter of Merit Award, the top award given to the top chapter throughout the state. This is the third consecutive year CVCA has received this honor. Also, special congratulations to Mark Richard for winning the Eleanor Gallagher Award.



TICKETS REQUIRED for Commencement 2010!

The 2010 commencement exercises will be held at The Chapel in Green on **SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 6**. Following last year's commencement exercises at The Chapel's Green Campus with an overflow crowd present, we determined to ensure there will be adequate seating available for the families of graduates as well as the many friends of CVCA who annually join us for this evening of celebration and thanksgiving. To meet that challenge, tickets will be required for the 2010 commencement exercises.

Tickets will be provided for the families of the members of the Class of 2010. A limited number of tickets will also be available for friends of CVCA who wish to attend this year's commencement exercises. Send your request to Mrs. Jeanie Micale at jmicale@cvcaroyals.org. Please provide Mrs. Micale with your name and the number of tickets you are requesting (maximum of two). As we determine the number of tickets available, requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified the week of May 3 if we are able to honor your request.

Check Out New Programs Online

Information about all of CVCA's new and exciting 2010-2011 programs is now available online at www.cvcaroyals.org.

Booklets cataloging the new J-term offerings were sent home with students in March. Please note there is a special section pertaining to the junior high J-term program.



NEW CVCA CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, Davis Eye Center, and Bosshard Investment Management Company invite you to participate in the first annual CVCA Charity Golf Classic. Each team will compete in their choice of either a Four-Person Scramble or Four-Person Best Ball tournament format competition. A golf sponsorship includes the greens fee, cart, use of locker room, driving range, lunch, dinner, and on-course beverages. (Soft spikes only. Collared shirts required.)

All proceeds will benefit the CVCA Financial Aid Fund. By supporting the golf outing, you are helping CVCA provide need-based financial aid for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. We were blessed to be able to award over \$800,000 of need-based aid for the current 2009-2010 school year.

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- Business name and logo on signage on the practice putting green
- Business name and logo on signage at the tee box of one hole
- One complimentary foursome of players
- Recognition in the printed program
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Royals Hockey Team Skates to Record-Setting Season

– Coach Fairchild

It was a season of firsts for the Royals hockey team. The boys compiled an 11-1 league record (17-10-1 overall) and their first Division Championship while qualifying for the school's first appearance in the prestigious Baron's Cup Tournament. Along the way, the Royals managed to go undefeated and bring home CVCA's first tournament title at the Brooklyn Christmas Tournament. The very young Royals team also advanced to the second round of District Tournament. But the team's number-one priority was to live out the team verse, Romans 12:1: "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship."

The Royals hockey team was led by junior captain **Jon Lile** and sophomore assistant captain **Mark Brower**. Servant leadership was the theme for our captains this year, and they did an exemplary job leading the youngest team in the entire Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League, made up of six freshmen, six sophomores, and three juniors (no seniors). The Royals were blessed with an abundance of talented young players this season. Freshmen brothers **Luke and Mark Sunde** and sophomore **Mark Brower** led the offense. Luke was the leading scorer in the entire Blue League, setting new CVCA records for goals and total points in a season. Mark Sunde finished third in the league in scoring and set a new CVCA record for assists in a season. Mark Brower finished fourth in the league in scoring. Luke Sunde was named First Team All-League and First Team All-Division, and Mark Sunde was named Second Team All-Division.

Sophomore **Will Hess**, freshman **Will Anderson**, and freshman **Zach Longo** were also major contributors, each averaging better than a point per game this season. Sophomore forwards **Jesse Canzurlo** and **John Wilson** produced strong seasons, and freshman **Aaron Corpora** showed great improvement in his first season of hockey. Junior **John Fisher**, named All-Division Second Team, led the Royals defense. Junior **Stephen Harris** and sophomore

Jon Hart brought a physical presence to the team and, along with Jon Lile, formed the defensive core.

Anchoring the team, goaltenders **Jesse Hill** (sophomore) and **Jonah Savitt** (freshman), both new to the position, showed steady improvement throughout the season.

The team's most memorable moment came after a hard-fought, one-goal victory.



ry. The previous season, a CVCA player, during the handshake, had offered to pray with one of the opposing players. His invitation was not just declined but mocked. This season, the Royals began to leave the ice after a very physical game when several of the opposing players approached and asked if CVCA's players would pray with them! It was a beautiful sight of God being glorified! This is what Royals hockey is all about!



Mark Sunde '13

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Royals Wrestlers Thrive in an Outstanding Season

– Coach Lorence

The CVCA wrestling team had an outstanding year, finishing as Division III state runner-up at the state wrestling tournament at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus. CVCA entered the season with one of the toughest schedules in the state, taking on nationally-ranked Lakewood St. Edward and the grueling Walsh Ironman Tournament in just the first two weeks of competition. Throughout the season, senior captains **Zak Vargo** and **Brandon Sommers** led the Royals as the team dominated the competition at the PAC Duals

and League Tournament, and finished near the top of the leader board at every other tournament this season. The Royals also finished 11-1 in dual meet competition, including a dominating 54-13 win over Walsh Jesuit in early January.

The Royals went on to place five wrestlers at the OHSAA State Tournament in early March. Along the way, CVCA crowned its 13th state wrestling champion, freshman **Nathan Tomasello** at 103 lbs. Junior **Alex Utley** added to his already impressive resume; Alex was last year's state

runner-up, finished third as a freshman, and was a two-time Top Gun Champion. This year, Alex finished as state runner-up at the 171 lbs. weight class. Senior **Zak Vargo**, at 135 lbs., finished in



Alex Utley '11

Nathan Tomasello '13

third place for the second year in a row. Senior **Brandon Sommers** became a three-time state placer with fifth place at 145 lbs. Finally, sophomore **Matt Meadows** finished eighth at 160 lbs.

Congratulations to all of the CVCA wrestlers, coaches, and parents on a great year! Praise God for the amazing opportunity to glorify Him through this sport. Thank you to all of the wrestlers, coaches, parents, alumni, family, and friends that make up the CVCA wrestling family. Above all, glory be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Boys' Basketball Team Strives to Grow and Honor the Lord

– Coach Peters

The boys' basketball team finished the year with a record of 10-12. The Royals started the season with an inexperienced crew, having graduated eight seniors from a talented 2008-09 team, and underwent a great deal of positive growth as players and men throughout the year. The team focused on "Destination Living," a platform that the Royals used to work through not only the basketball season, but their daily lives as well. In basketball, the young men are confronted with choices in regards to work ethic, competitiveness, and performance that will lead them to or away from their desired destination. In their lives away from basketball, whether through academic studies, spiritual growth, or social decisions, their choices will lead them to a destination as well, and the hope is that their hearts have been

moved to pursue living their daily lives to honor God in all they do.

The Royals were led in scoring and rebounding by senior **Xavier Douglas**, who averaged 12.5 points per game and 8.5 rebounds, including 11 double-doubles. Other seniors who contributed considerably included **Alex Mosteller**, **Greg Kutchin**, **Chad Lyon**, and **Jon Tedeschi**. Juniors **Drew Peterson** and **TJ Heginbotham** played significant minutes and showed great improvement throughout the year, while freshmen **Bob Peters** and **Caleb Kleibsheidel** both saw significant minutes and progressed during the season as well. **Xavier Douglas** was named to the PAC First Team All-Conference and the NE Inland All-District team. As the Royals look forward to next season, their goal remains to grow as men who



Xavier Douglas '10

live for God, whether glorifying Him through basketball or life decisions.

Lady Royals Produce Another Successful Season – Coach Stalnaker

The 2009-2010 girls' basketball team completed another impressive season, finishing 14-7 and 10-4 in the PAC conference (a third-place finish). Playing for the first time at the Division II state level, the Lady Royals were voted third seed at the Uniontown Division II State Tournament.

Throughout the year, the Lady Royals played unselfish basketball, outscoring their opponents by an average of 9.6 points per game. Their stingy defense limited their opponents to 41.5 points per game. This type of team play was made possible by the leadership of senior co-captains **Turea Moore** and **Breanna Hopkins**, both four-year letter winners.

Several of the Lady Royals received post-season honors – Turea Moore, Honorable Mention Tri-County (Summit, Portage, Medina); junior **Eleni Miller**, First Team PAC, Honorable Mention Tri-County; junior **Katie Defer**, First Team PAC, Honorable Mention Tri-County; sophomore **Cassie Wilson**, Honorable Mention PAC. Many other players added to the depth of the team and made significant contributions this year, including juniors **Justine Miller**, **Nicole Massa**, **Emily Glenn**, and **Lisa Worthey**; and freshmen **Megan Foley** and **Khrystian McCalister**. Congratulations to all the Lady Royals for making this another outstanding basketball season!



Eleni Miller '11

Swim Team Continues to Grow and Excel – Coach Rios '89

Finishing their fourth year as a team, CVCA swimmers, led by captains **John MacMillan** and **Erin Vlahos**, raised the bar of excellence and again showed that CVCA has a presence in the swimming world.

For the first time, the boys' team had relays! The team of **William VanBuskirk**,

Coach Rios shared, "The fun personality, enthusiasm, and hard work by our boys intensified our excitement for the boys' team. I anticipate seeing this group of young men jumpstart this growing program to a larger competitive force in the pool.

Some of our freshmen have demonstrated our goal of 'doing hard things' perfectly by coming out for the team even though they are new to the sport. They have stuck with a challenging program, and I love the picture that presents to their teammates and all watching."

The girls continued the Royals'

finishing 14th in the 50-freestyle and 12th in the 100-freestyle. The girls' 400-freestyle relay (**Kaitlin Amicone**, **Laura Nice**, **Sarah Wright**, and **Kelly Ormond**) took 16th place in the state, while the 200-freestyle relay (Amicone, Nice, **Renee Ormond**, and **Kelly Ormond**) finished seventh and received a medal on the awards podium, another first for the team. The girls' team finished by placing 20th in the state.

The year ends with our first group of seniors to come all the way through the swim program: **John MacMillan**, **Andrea Nykamp**, **Laura Nice**, and **Erin Vlahos**. Seniors **Katie Good** and **Sarah Williams** will also graduate this year. Though the Royals will miss their leadership, the tradition these seniors established of glorifying God through their talents will remain the foundation of the swim program.

Bringing another year to a close, the Royals persevered to deeper levels of friendship, accomplishment, and challenges. The lesson the team repeated this year, "Every action, no matter how small, is defining our future," will carry this group to the next season of victory and glory to the King. Each of us echoes the team chant, "All for Him."



Christian Hanz, **Eric Vlahos**, and **John MacMillan** made such an impressive combination that their 200-freestyle and 200-medley relays qualified to the District level. Senior **John MacMillan** again advanced to the State level in the 100-backstroke, where he finished 17th.

winning tradition by finishing second at Sectionals for the second year in a row. Over half of the team moved on to the District level, and six of those went to the State Meet where almost all CVCA swimmers advanced to the finals. **Kelly Ormond** competed at States in all four of her events,

A Celebration OF ROYAL SERVICE

CVCA says good-bye and thank you to long-time faculty and staff members.

Six highly-respected and well-loved servants are leaving CVCA with a total of close to 250 years in education, 184 of those years spent serving the Lord and students at CVCA. Most have been here long enough to teach many children of former students. They have influenced thousands of lives for the Lord Jesus Christ and will be missed!

Mrs. Linda Bailey retires after teaching 24 years at CVCA. Most years were spent teaching Junior High English; she also served for many years as Yearbook Advisor. Countless junior high students have appreciated her diligence in preparing them for CVCA's high school English curriculum. Mrs. Bailey, and husband

David, a former CVCA board member, are the parents of Heather Rios '89, CVCA's current swim coach, and Jenna '93. The Baileys have five grandchildren.

Miss Ethel Mae Haslett, called Em by her colleagues, leaves CVCA after serving the Lord here for 36 years. She came to CVCA in the fall of 1972 and, other than an interruption of two years with another ministry, she has taught English during her entire tenure. Among her many interests at CVCA was a long-term advisorship of the Ski Club. Retiring as English Department head, she has taught literally thousands of CVCA students over the years, preparing them for the rigors of college English.

Mr. Jerry Hershman is leaving CVCA after serving for 16 years in the role of Academic Dean. Prior to joining the CVCA staff, Mr. Hershman was a teacher and an administrator in the Akron Public School system for 32 years. For 14 of those years Mr. Hershman also served as an adjunct math professor at The University of Akron. As Academic Dean, Mr. Hershman was involved in a wide range of responsibilities in admissions, curriculum, academic counseling, and oversight and administration of entrance testing as well as the state-mandated testing program. He and his wife Jan are the parents of two CVCA graduates, Wes '90 and Sarah Sell '95 and are the recent grandparents of Brooklyn.



MRS. LINDA BAILEY
Jr. High English • 24 years at CVCA



MISS ETHEL MAE HASLETT
Sr. High English • 36 years at CVCA



MR. JERRY HERSHMAN
Academic Dean • 16 years at CVCA

Dr. Richard Luker leaves CVCA with 31 years of service. He began his CVCA teaching career in 1974. In 1984, after serving as a faculty member and an administrator at CVCA, he served as Headmaster at a Christian school in Georgia, which was followed by brief stints in administration at Malone College and as an adjunct professor at The University of Akron. Dr. Luker returned to CVCA in 1988 and to the classroom which he loved most, teaching Bible, Biology, Medical Biology, AP Biology, and chairing CVCA's Science Department. He and wife Vicky are the parents of Missy Riederer '95, Matt, and Marc and the grandparents of five.

Mrs. Nancy McMahon's

entire professional career has been spent in service to CVCA. After joining the faculty in 1971, Mrs. McMahon taught in the areas of Science, Bible, Health, and Physical Education. The largest portion of Mrs. McMahon's CVCA tenure has been spent in the Guidance Office where she has served as Director since 1986. Nancy has faithfully served the Lord at CVCA for 39 years! Her husband Art also served several stints teaching and coaching at CVCA. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon are the parents of two CVCA graduates, Wendy

Ridenour '90 and Artie '95, and have two grandchildren.

After 38 years at CVCA, **Mr. Richard Shellenberger**, classroom teacher, guidance counselor, and chess club coach is also leaving. Prior to coming to CVCA in 1972, Mr. Shellenberger taught in public school systems in Ft. Wayne, Indiana for two years and Scottsbluff, Nebraska for eleven years. If you have counted, he has served a total of 51 years in education. He has most recently taught American History and Climatology and has spent countless hours each summer laboring over class scheduling so that students might enjoy as many of their requested class selections as possible. Mr. Shellenberger's leadership of CVCA's Chess Club is well-known in the Akron area and throughout the state of Ohio. Several of his teams have also successfully competed nationally. He and his wife Kayla are the parents of five children: Kim Gahring '79, Jill Bennett '82, Tonya Yoder, Logan '87, and Ryan '89; and the grandparents of 15. The Shellenbergers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their entire family present during the summer of 2009.

All current and former students, parents of students, board members and colleagues are encouraged to write notes of appreciation and remembrance to each honoree. CVCA is accepting letters of appreciation/congratulations/specific memories until **April 30, 2010**. In addition, if your career choice has been influenced by one of these staff members, we would appreciate hearing from you. These notes will be compiled into notebooks and presented to each one at a **dinner in their honor on Wednesday, May 19, 2010**. Please send them to CVCA, Attn. Mrs. Linda Allen, 4687 Wyoga Lake Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44224 or via email lallen@cvcroyals.org.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to CVCA in honor of one of these honorees may do so. (Honorees will be notified of your gift.) Please make checks payable to CVCA.

Adults who would like to attend the dinner may do so by contacting Linda Allen, 330-929-0575, ext. 210 or visit the CVCA website at www.cvcroyals.org for further information.

We hope all of you will take the time to write a note (gratitude, nostalgic, humorous) to these honorees.



DR. RICHARD LUKER
Science Department • 31 years at CVCA



MRS. NANCY MCMAHON
Teacher, Guidance Office • 39 years at CVCA



MR. RICHARD SHELLENBERGER
Teacher, Guidance, Chess • 38 years at CVCA

Royal Theatre Strikes Gold with TREASURE ISLAND

This past fall, The Royal Theatre entertained audiences with Robert Louis Stevenson's classic pirate tale, *Treasure Island*. The ensemble was led by seniors **Tim Ross** and **A. J. Grimm** as Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver, respectively and junior **Lauren O'Brien** as Lady Trelawney.

This imaginative production supported a cast of 27 students who all spent most of the show on stage. "The challenge with a production like this one is how to keep the show moving forward with all of your actors out there the whole time," noted director Brandon Davies. The show was a success thanks to the hard work of the wonderful crew who worked behind the scenes to make the world of *Treasure Island* come alive.

Congratulations cast and crew on wonderful evening of theatre!



Students bring hidden treasure, frightful pirates, and serious adventure to the Royal Theatre.



Well Shiver Me Timbers!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Junior High one-act play *The Pirate Princess*! This January, the Royal Theatre continued their commitment to cultivating Christian artists by holding a two-week intensive performance workshop. During the first two weeks back from Christmas Break, a group of fifteen Junior High students mounted all aspects of the comedic pirate show, including acting, tech, set, stage management, and costuming. They were assisted by a group of high school students who willingly served behind the scenes. The final performance was a wonderful celebration of everyone's combined efforts and the Lord's blessing on their time together!



CVCA's Youngest Theatre Members Tackle Production and Performance in The Pirate Princess.



CVCA Handbells and Choir PERFORM AT DISNEY

On March 8, CVCA's Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Royal Ringers left for Orlando, Florida, for their spring tour. All three groups were fully prepared to be ministers of the Gospel through music, and to represent CVCA with excellence.

First, the groups ministered in the Orlando area at the Good Samaritan Society retirement community, and later at The Palms Park Place nursing home. The students finished the first day with a

very rainy evening at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

On Thursday, the students rose early in order to give a concert at Heritage Christian School. This opportunity provided a positive experience for CVCA performers, allowing them to minister to students their own age in a school setting similar to CVCA. Next, the students prepared for the most public performance of the trip in Downtown Disney.

Because the rain had continued from the night before, students were concerned about the performance at Disney's outdoor venue. However, as soon as the Royal Ringers began their walk to the Waterside Stage, the rain stopped long enough for both



groups to perform to an enthusiastic and encouraging reception from the audience. At the end of the afternoon, representatives from Disney commented on the polite behavior of CVCA students and on the quality of their performances. **In a variety of small ways during this tour, God used CVCA's students to minister to the hearts of many people.**

The handbells and choirs will be performing selections from their Disney performance at their spring concerts on May 6 and 13.



Prehistory, Pirates, and Popcorn A Night at the Movies with the CVCA Orchestra

by Meredith Riordan

"An orchestra concert? On March 4? But that's not Christmas, or the end of the year. How thoroughly unprecedented!" I thought.

The program looked promising: movie music from some of the most popular films of the past thirty years; attendees were encouraged to bring popcorn. The orchestra members' costumes set a festive mood from the start. Because of the preponderance of pirates, I initially thought the students were all seafaring swashbucklers, but then, getting glimpses of Indiana Jones here and Princess Leia there, I realized that multiple movies were represented. As a nod to *Jurassic Park*, one girl had put a rubber dinosaur mask atop the scroll of her double bass. Director Erik Sundet got a particularly enthusiastic response for conducting the *Star Wars* piece as Darth Vader, even down to using a

light saber instead of a baton. The music itself was a delight, from the chilling beauty of the *Schindler's List* selection to the up-tempo works from different action movies, the driving beats of which made my pulse quicken with a desire to join the adventure.

I hope this first CVCA concert of its kind will not be the last – this "thoroughly unprecedented" event was also thoroughly enjoyable.



All's Well that Ends Well for the TALKING ROYALS

After a season of fighting rain, sleet, and snow, the Talking Royals' year came to a successful conclusion at the 83rd annual Ohio High School Speech League Tournament at John Carroll University. To reach the state tournament, the following students led the Royals to a fourth-place finish at the qualifying tournament:

- Duo Interpretation: Team of **Clara King** and **Hannah Ross** (District champions)
- Humorous Interpretation: **Christian Corpora** and **Rachel Criswell** (First alternate)
- Impromptu Speaking: **Sarah Baldessari** (District champ)
- Prose and Poetry: **Victoria Benyo** (District champ)
- Original Oratory: **Beth Emerson** (First alternate)
- Student Congress: **Annie Cho**, **Jennah Romansky**, and **Jake Thompson**
- United States Extemporaneous Speaking: **Sam Hill**, **Luke Pasicznyk** (Second alternate), and **Ben Pykare** (District champ)

Before going to the state tournament, the team first competed at the Eastern Ohio National Forensics League

Tournament at GlenOak High School. After sending five students to the national tournament last year, the team fell just short with Christian Corpora (in Humorous Interpretation) and **Emily Baumhoer** (in Original Oratory) finishing as semifinalists. With a fourth-place finish in United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Ben Pykare became the first alternate to the national tournament in Kansas City this summer.

At the state tournament, CVCA competed against students from schools of every size. Leading the team to a 21st-place finish out of over 80 teams were sophomore Ben Pykare and senior Victoria Benyo. Ben had an outstanding year, placing in every tournament in which he competed. He finished as a semifinalist, just missing the final round of competition. Victoria finished her career as the most successful competitor in Prose and Poetry for the Talking Royals. A three-time Akron District Champ and a



Victoria Benyo '10, State Champ and Ben Pykare '12, State Semi-finalist

four-time qualifier to the state tournament, Victoria competed against 54 other people in Prose and Poetry, the largest individual event at the state tournament. After four preliminary rounds of competition, she dominated her opponents in the final three rounds to become only the second team member in school history to be crowned state champion – a fitting climax to a career of long, snowy bus rides to be the best in the state of Ohio!



ECHOES

News from CVCA Alumni

Congratulations & Celebrations!

Engagements:

Cathy Obendorf '87 to Mark Cagwin; wedding June 19, 2010.

Breanne Dalton '07 to Alex Huguenard; wedding May 29, 2010.

Weddings:

9/26/09 **Jaime Vincent '97** to Thomas Prenatt

8/8/08 **Jessica Chafins '00** to Michael Harrah

1/2/10 **Nathan Hudson '01** to Robin Laney

12/19/09 **Rebecca Shockey '03** to Stephen Barker

12/24/09 **Josh Brown '04** to Sarah Sherick

10/3/09 **Andrew Hudson '04** to Kendall Harkcom

6/14/08 **Holly Potesta '04** to **Jim Diakandru '04**

8/1/09 **Zach Bohler '05** to Kelsey Tunney

Births:

John Schofield '89 and Sherry: daughter, *Rachel Lynn*, November 4, 2009.

Sonjia (Warner) Menches '94 and Tim: son, *Timothy Francis, Jr. (TJ)*, February 20, 2009.

Gregory Koelln '95 and Dana: son, Alexander "Xander" Sage, December 14, 2009.

Elisabeth (Batchelder) Akers '96 and Matt: daughter, *Eleanor Elisabeth*, March 2, 2010.

D. J. Murvine '99 and Beth: daughter, *Sydney Grace*, January 12, 2010.

Tim Bechtel '00 and Emily: daughter, *Norah Jean*, October 25, 2009.

Joy (Hyde) Blough '00 and Keith: son, *Lucas Alan*, September 6, 2009.

Andrew Belleman '02 and Tiffany: son, *Wesley Ryan*, November 11, 2009.

Christy (Hoffman) Howard '02 and Joshua: daughter, *Calli Kay*, August 25, 2009.



In Memoriam:

Gloria Flosdorf passed away on November 21, 2009. CVCA librarian from August 1985 to June 2000, Gloria battled lung cancer for several months prior to her home-going. Condolences go to her husband, Elvin

Scheaffer, and son, David Flosdorf '89. A memorial service to celebrate her life and legacy was held on Saturday, December 12, 2009.

CLASS NOTES:

1970s

Teresa (Judy) Zachary '75, when reporting her recent move to San Diego, shared: "We've moved again...the life of the military. My husband, Stephen, is assigned as chaplain aboard the USS Pearl Harbor in San Diego. Our daughter, Sarah, will graduate from Liberty University in May with an English degree and plans to join us here. Our oldest son, Phillip, and his wife Megan and two-year-old daughter, Taeya, live in Colorado. Our middle son, Timothy, who has Down syndrome and autism, graduated from high school last year, and we are eager to see what type of programs are available for him here. God is always faithful to provide wherever the military moves us, and we so enjoy reading of his faithfulness to fellow alumni."

Jennifer (Amico) Stonestreet '78 and her husband, Mitch, have moved from Canton, Ohio, to Naples, Florida. Contact Jennifer at jen.stonestreet@gmail.com.

1980s

Gary Bowman '80 writes: "After following my passion for pastoring pastors within the Evangelical Association since 2002, the Father has opened a door to serve with PastorCare. Visit our website at www.pastorcare.org. Yes, there is caring, grace-filled support for pastors and their families beyond denominational connection! Feel free to connect with us."

Tom Hawkins '80 and his wife, Bev, have transitioned back to the States from their ministry with C&MA in France. Their daughter, Jesse, will graduate from Taylor University in May, Josh is a freshman at North Park



University in Chicago, and Caleb is a high school sophomore. Now living in Perrysburg, Ohio, Tom and Bev are pursuing acceptance with Greater Europe Mission with hopes of returning to ministry in France. Contact Tom at hawkinsinparis@free.fr.

Jeff Rowan '87, a design engineer for John Deere, recently moved from Iowa and built a home on ten acres near Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Jeff and his wife are the parents of seven children who are all home-schooled.

1990s

Wendy (McMahon) Ridenour '90 and husband, Troy, were involved in a serious motorcycle accident in October 2009.

Thankfully, their lives were spared, though several surgeries along with months of physical therapy have followed. Wendy was able to spend Christmas at home with her family before returning for additional therapy to Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Nikki Rowan (Class of 1990 member), involved in a serious automobile accident before her senior year, continues to be cared for at her parents' home. Nikki's mom shared, "Nikki is a joy and a blessing." Though she is a non-verbal quadriplegic, she is "very aware and healthy." They are

thankful that the same caregiver has been able to provide daily assistance for the past 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Rowan may be contacted at 330-633-9224.

Sara Bickerstaff, (Class of 1992 member) living in Bellevue, Washington, is the director of student services at Northwest University. She writes: "Last summer I completed my master's in counseling psychology with an emphasis in international care and community development. I am interested in working with victims of trauma and abuse who are suffering from grief and loss. My family still lives in the Seattle area. Though I didn't graduate from CVCA because we moved, I still consider it my alma mater!"

Jodi (Woodell) Pamic '92 and her husband, Tony, live in Gilbert, South Carolina, with their children, Braydon (nine) and Makenna (eight). Jodi received her B.S.N. at Kent State University and is an RN at Palmetto Health Hospitals in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Sonja (Warner) Menches '94



writes: "My husband, Tim, and I are happy to announce the birth of our first child on

February 20, 2009. Timothy Francis Menches, Jr. (TJ) is such a joy and treasure! We enjoy every moment with him!"

Gregory Koelln '95 and wife



Dana welcomed their son, Alexander (Xander) Sage Koelln, born December

14, 2009. He joins big sister, Lily Jade (age two).

Jaime (Vincent) Prenatt '97 writes: "I was married on September 26, 2009 to Thomas



Prenatt, a senior financial analyst for Summa. We were married at Akron Springfield Assembly of God and the reception was held at Silver Lake Country Club. Nicole Daymut, who also attended CVCA, was my maid of honor. We have since bought a house in Cuyahoga Falls and are enjoying our life together. The Lord has blessed my work in real estate, and I am very grateful for it. It brings so much joy to my heart to help first-time buyers

Attention, Alumni from the 70s and 80s The Pedersons Celebrate Fifty Years Together

Richard Pederson, taught chemistry, physics, physical science and Bible to CVCA students throughout the 1970s and 80s. Mr. Pederson now serves as a lay assistant pastor at Lake Park Alliance Church and a chaplain at the Washburn County jail in Wisconsin. He and his wife Marge will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7, 2010. They would be honored by your attendance or recognition of this important event. They would also enjoy having you stop in for a visit any time this summer. Please inquire about specific details by contacting the Pedersons at 715-822-2485 or email them at d_pederson@hotmail.com. Notes and letters can be mailed to 266 25-24th Ave., Hwy 48, Cumberland, WI 54829.



find their dream home or help sellers having a hard time in this market." Jaime's new website is www.jprenatt.cutlerhomes.com.

D. J. Murvine '99 writes: "Beth and I are living in Valparaiso, Indiana where I work for a multi-site church as the youth pastor. Beth is a grant writer for Kids Alive International. Our daughters are fairly new additions to our lives as Jady is two and Sydney was born January 12, 2010."

2000s

Joy (Hyde) Blough '00 writes: "I was married on September 27,

2008, to Keith Blough. We met at our job and started dating. Soon after we got married, I found out I was pregnant, which was a surprise but a complete blessing. Our son Lucas Alan was born on September 6, 2009. We moved to Toledo before he was born, and I am currently staying at home and enjoying being a full-time wife and mom."

Jessica (Chafins) '00 and Michael Harrah were married on August 8, 2008 and are expecting their first child in May 2010. Jessica has an associate's in hospitality management and culinary arts and is working on a B.S.N. at The University of Akron.

Hannah (Carr) Crossin '01

writes: "I must start by saying that I have been truly blessed! This past July, I married William Crossin, and we now reside in



Canal Winchester, Ohio. It is so nice to be only a few miles from my parents (George and Debbie Carr), my brother (Jared), his

Alumni Meet Halfway Around the World

Aimee Hughes '01 writes: "In October 2009, I received a call from my mom telling me about a mission's trip opportunity sponsored by WCRF, to work with Love and Hope Children's Home in El Salvador delivering backpacks to needy children. My mom told me the trip perfectly coordinated with my Christmas break (I teach at an international Christian school in Seoul, South Korea). She asked if I would like the two of us to go. Without hesitation, I said, 'Yes!'"



Love and Hope Children's Home was established by a close friend of mine, **Rachel Sanson '01**. When we were students at CVCA, Rachel would talk about starting a children's home in El Salvador. We all knew she would end up there one day. Seeing God work through her was an amazing opportunity. I wish all my classmates could see what God is doing in Rachel because she was faithful to the vision He placed upon her heart. To see the 28 precious children at Love and Hope surrounded with the love and hope found in Christ was a beautiful experience. May we all cling to and run after the vision that God has placed on all of our hearts."

wife, and their adorable son (Wesley). I teach first grade at Bloom Carroll Primary School in Carroll, Ohio. I have my hands full with 28 students, but love making an impact in their lives. I hope to bring my husband to an alumni event soon.”

Nathan Hudson '01 was married to Robin Laney on January 2,



2010 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Nate is a graduate student at the University of North Carolina –

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

FBLA Alum Enjoys Entrepreneurial Success

Brandon Fabris '06 will graduate this spring from The University of Akron with a major in finance and a minor in entrepreneurship. As a freshman and sophomore college student, he successfully operated two e-commerce businesses and has also had success buying and renovating homes in the west Akron area. The home he currently lives in won first place in a Sherwin Williams home improvement contest for northern Ohio.

As a senior, Brandon was selected with 26 other College of Business Administration classmates to spend a day with Warren Buffett, the second richest man in the world. The University of Akron was among a select group of universities invited to send students to meet with the billionaire investor at his global headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. In November 2009, the students spent two hours in a question-and-answer session with Buffett, toured several of his businesses, and enjoyed lunch with him. He graciously took pictures with every student.



Along with his CVCA economics classmate, baseball teammate, and fellow FBLA member **Drew Salyer '06**, Brandon entered The University of Akron's Undergraduate Business Plan Competition with the plan for their company, Brute Athletics Inc., and won the 2009 competition! Most recently, they took first place at the Westfield Business Plan Competition and were featured in *Craigslist Business Magazine*. Brute Athletics is an athletic apparel, equipment, and supplemental company specializing in launching new innovative products in the athletic industry.



Editor's note: Special thanks to Brute Athletics for a generous donation to the CVCA Auction.

Chapel Hill and is working on his Ph.D. in BioPhysics. The wedding was attended by many of Nathan's classmates from CVCA, including Jon Davis, Adam Wolfe, Sherif Mansour, Josh Rast, and Jeremy Coffey.

Andrew Belleman '02 and wife, Tiffany, welcomed their son, Wesley Ryan, on November 11,



2009. Wesley is the first grandchild of Andrew's father, CVCA alum Ben Belleman '75.

Christy (Hoffman) Howard '02 is a graduate of Baptist Bible College with

a degree in early childhood and elementary education. Living in Kettering, Ohio,

Christy is a stay-at-home mom after she and her husband, Josh, welcomed daughter Calli Kay on August 25, 2009.



Rebecca Shockey '03 married Stephen Barker on December 19, 2009 in Rock Hill, South



Carolina. Rebecca received an M.A. in English from Winthrop University and is an adjunct instructor at Central Piedmont Community College. She writes: "Stephen and I are living in Rock Hill while Stephen completes his master's degree. He has applied to ten different Ph.D. programs, so we have no idea where we will be in six months! I suppose that's somewhat exciting though. We

look forward to pursuing our goals and our new life together!"

Class reunion coordinator, **David McMullen '04** reports: "The **Class of 2004** held its five-year reunion on December 19, at the Winking Lizard in Peninsula. For everyone able to make it through the snow, the night was a great chance to reconnect with old friends, meet spouses, and share stories. It was fun to hear about the exciting changes in our lives over the last five short years and see the lasting impact CVCA has had on everyone."

Josh Brown '04 married Sarah Sherick on December 24, 2009 in



Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Josh and Sarah met while teaching at Alliance Academy International in Quito, Ecuador where they have returned to finish the school year. Sarah is a Bible teacher and Josh teaches pre-calculus, geometry, and Algebra I classes, as well as serving as junior class advisor. Check their blog address at joshandsarabrown.wordpress.com.

Andrew Hudson '04 married Kendall Harkcom on October 3, 2009 at Hudson Community Chapel. Fellow CVCA graduate and current faculty member L.T. Newland '04 served as best



man. Andrew is a management trainee at Liberty Bank in Beachwood, Ohio. His wife, Kendall, is a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic in the Bone Marrow Transplant Program.

Zach Bohler '05 graduated from Wheaton College in May 2009, married Kelsey Tunney on August 1, 2009, and moved to Roseburg, Oregon where he and his wife took positions at Umpqua Valley Christian School. Zach teaches Bible and serves as athletic director and Kelsey teaches high school English. They are thrilled to announce they are expecting their first child in August of 2010.

Chelsea DiPaolo '05, a 2009 graduate of the University of Toledo with a dual degree in communications and Spanish, last summer embarked on a mission experience with Adventures in



Missions. The World Race is an 11-month journey to 11 countries with opportunities to minister in each location. Her team has traveled to Ireland, Romania, Albania, Israel, Turkey, and Uganda and has been involved in one-on-one evangelism, open-air crusades, prayer ministry at hospitals, children's ministry, and sharing and singing at church services. Pray for Chelsea and follow her trip by visiting Chelsea's blog at chelseadipaolo.theworldrace.org.

Stacie Johnson '05 writes: The last year has been full of ups and downs, but God has opened doors I would not have imagined. I live in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, a very small town, and work as a paramedic in Elizabeth Township. I love what I do and am glad God has opened this door for me. My future goals include finishing my nursing degree, but I believe God had me become a paramedic for a reason, so I'm excited to see what He has in store.

Congratulations to **Davina Romansky '05** who has received a full tuition scholarship for the graduate program at Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, California, beginning April 2010. Davina's jewelry has won numerous awards and has been exhibited nationally at several galleries. She is a 2009 honors graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. *Editor's note: CVCA is grateful to Davina for her generous contributions to the CVCA auctions.*

Lauren Woodruff '05, a 2009 graduate of Moody Bible Institute with a B.A. in Ethnomusicology, writes: "I work for Moody in the Music Department. My job includes arranging and communicating with churches that host our four music groups on both a winter (four-day) and spring (two-week) tour. I also coordinate tick-

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Alum Honored for Servant Leadership

Michael Wilson '06, a senior at Eastern University near Philadelphia, was awarded the 2009 Barnabas Servant Leadership Award at Eastern's fall convocation. This award is given annually to two incoming seniors who have demonstrated outstanding servant leadership on campus and in the community. Mike was chosen for his work with Run4Kenya, a group that he and several friends started two years ago to raise awareness and funds for a non-profit NGO (non-governmental organization) in Nakuru, Kenya – Word Ablaze Ministries that aids Kenyan refugees and orphans. Since Mike participated on the cross country team both at CVCA and Eastern, it's no surprise that his fundraising for Run4Kenya is connected with the Philadelphia Marathon. Small businesses and individuals sponsored runners as they trained and ran. Over the past two years, Run4Kenya has raised nearly \$9,000 and has expanded to work with another NGO – Back on my Feet, a ministry working with the homeless population of Philadelphia.



Though Mike has dealt with an injury that kept him from running for the past two seasons, he has worked as an assistant coach for the Eastern cross country team and will assist varsity distance runners at Conestoga High School this spring.

Mike will graduate in May 2010 with a B.A. in Biblical studies and minors in anthropology and sociology. He is interested in teaching at an international school in downtown Moscow.

Editor's note: Mike is a CVCA Royal Heritage alum, the son of CVCA alumni Pat '78 and Rae Jean (Gordon '80) Wilson.

et and merchandise sales for our annual Messiah and Candlelight Carols performances. I have also continued my role as secretary at Forest Park Baptist Church (west suburb of Chicago), begun a women's ministry, and become more involved in the church's music ministry."

Breanne Dalton '07, a junior nursing major at Samford University, was engaged to Alex Huguenard on October 3, 2009 and is planning a May 29, 2010, wedding.

Kelsey Schuenger '09 is participating in a six-month mission trip with Operation Mobilization to Pretoria, South Africa. Accepted to Malone University as a nursing

and missions major, Malone administrators felt so strongly about Kelsey taking advantage of this opportunity that they granted the first-ever deferment of her scholarship awarded by the school. The intensive training program, working with full-time missionaries

and an international team, will help prepare her for a career in medical missions as a family nurse practitioner. Kelsey will begin her freshman year in the fall of 2010 after returning from South Africa in July.



2010 CLASS REUNIONS

YEAR	REUNION	DATE	COORDINATOR
1970	40-year		Needed
1975	35-year	TBA	Tim '75 and Kim (Spiegel) '75 Habeck
1980	30-year	TBA	Xander Ormond '80
1985	25-year	TBA	Amy (Rybka) McDougald
1990	20-year	Sept. 4, 2010	Chris Baldwin '90
1995	15-year	TBA	Nicole (Bauer) Thorn '95
2000	10-year	Labor Day Weekend	Kate (Brott) Adams '00
2005	5-year		Needed

If you are willing to help coordinate your reunion, please contact Mary Taylor, alumni relations coordinator, at alumni@cvcaroyals.org. Class lists and helps are available to coordinators through the Alumni Office.

CVCA Athletes Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

On January 2, 2010, coaches, family members, and friends attended a dinner and induction ceremony to honor **Carrie Lawver '02**, **Matt Smilek '03**, and **Harvey Yergin '03** for their athletic achievements while students at CVCA.



2009-2010 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Carrie (Lawver) Kane '02 honored for Cross Country and Track
Cross Country:

- Member of State qualifying team in 2001 with a 5th place team finish and again in 2000 with a 6th place team finish
- Member of 6th and 9th place Regional team in 1998 and 1999

Track:

- 800 – 4th best time
- 1600 – 4th and 5th best time
- 3200 – 4th best time

Relays:

- 1600 – 3rd best time
- 3200-1st, 2nd, 3rd best time
- 6400 – 2nd, 3rd, 4th best time
- Dist. Med – 2nd, 3rd best time

Matt Smilek '03 honored for Wrestling

Other than Harry Lester, Matt Smilek was the only wrestler to place at the state tournament all four years of high school.

- 2000 State 3rd place, District Champ (103 lbs)
- 2001 State 6th place (119 lbs)
- 2002 State 2nd place (130 lbs)
- 2003 State champ Div III (152 lbs)
- 2002, 2003 Top Gun Champ
- 2nd-149 wins in career

Harvey Yergin '03 honored for Baseball

- 1st, 2nd – Games Pitched/Season – 14, 13
- 1st – Innings Pitched/Season 70.7
- 1st, 2nd – Strikeouts/Season – 118, 74
- 1st, 2nd – ERA/Season 1.36, 1.58
- 1st – Winning % /Season 1.0, 2 seasons
- 1st, 2nd Wins/Season – 9, 8
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd – Strikeouts/Game – 14, 13 (twice), 12 (twice)
- 1st – Strikeouts/Career – 244
- 3rd – Winning %/Career – .800
- 1st – Wins/Career – 20

Check out www.cvcroyals.org! The website contains information about CVCA's athletics, school news, and calendars. Use the website to also update your contact information and to send news for future issues of The Trumpeter.

We would appreciate information on alumni whose stories should be shared with the CVCA community. Please contact alumni@cvcroyals.org with suggestions for future issues.

Alumni Athletes Compete at National Level

Erin Rhodes '06 completed an outstanding cross country career with Messiah College. Her work at the MAC Championship and the NCAA Midwest Regional qualified her to compete at the NCAA National Championships in Cleveland on November 21, 2009, where she finished 152nd out of 280 runners.



Brothers **Nick '07** and **Danny '08 Thompson** each scored a goal for Messiah College to secure a 2-0 win in the 2009 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer National Championship. Along with fellow CVCA alum and Messiah teammate, **Keaton Kasiguran '07**, they celebrated this



Messiah College teammates Logan, Danny, and Nick Thompson with parents, Rick and Chrisi, and grandparents, Bill and Barbara Parkhurst, after the win in San Antonio.

momentous victory that resulted in back-to-back titles and the seventh national title in the last ten seasons for the Messiah College Falcons. Nick also earned the National Soccer Coaches' Association of American/ Adidas (NSCAA) First Team All-Mid-Atlantic Region honor.

Former CVCA teammates **Ben Zemanski '06** and **Ben Speas '09** both started on the 2009 University of Akron men's soccer team that was runner-up for the Division I NCAA College Cup. This hard-fought national championship match was decided by penalty kicks after two overtimes.

Ben Speas, a freshman recruit who started 11 of 25 games with two goals and three assists for his first year, was a top contributor throughout the season.

Ben Zemanski, a 25-game starter his senior year, was the co-captain for The University of Akron Zips with two goals and four assists for the season. Ben was named an Academic All-



Ben Speas '09



Ben Zemanski '06

American, carrying a 3.51 GPA with his major in mechanical engineering. In December, he was drafted 47th overall in the Major League Soccer SuperDraft by Chivas USA, a franchise located in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson, California. Ben is excited to realize a long-time dream to play professionally and has reported for practice and pre-season scrimmages with Chivas USA in California.

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From Physics to Manzini — Jim Zidan '86

Can a calling from God remain on someone's heart for over twenty years?

Could God really bring a physics teacher from Swaziland to Cuyahoga Falls to encourage a student to take his family to Manzini? I thank God for the many fine people I met while a student at CVCA. I am grateful for the education, but have been more greatly impacted by the people. I will never forget the impact God made on my life through people like Rae Drae, Dick Shellenberger, and Rick Bonar. I thank God for teachers like Charlotte Andrews, John Billow, and Ben Belleman, and a maintenance staff member named Lorena and another named Dave Kenyon. But it was through Bruce and Carol Britten that God began to speak to me about something that He wanted me to do – something I would need over twenty years to do.

Bruce Britten brought his family home from the mission field on furlough and taught physics. While he explained the principles and mathematical laws of our physical universe, he talked about his passion for God

and his heart for the lost. With eyes full of tears, he challenged us to consider the call to take the gospel to the “ends of the earth.” Many times I carried my lunch to his lab to eat, talk, and pray with him. Many more times I gathered with other students at his home near Chapel Hill

to eat popcorn, drink Kool-Aid, and talk and pray about world missions. Something about this man would impact me for the rest of my life. Did God want me to follow Him to a faraway place? I had never heard of Swaziland before. Why would God want me there?

Over the last two decades, I have tried several times to make a trip to Africa. Each time, circumstances prevented our family from going. Finally, two years ago, I gathered my resources and made a trip by myself. I stayed with the Brittens for one full month. I saw God at work there, and the Lord was able to use my training and gifts to help bless the people and churches of Africa. Once again, with tears in his eyes, Bruce invited me to come and help. I returned to the States, to my church, with a stronger burden and desire to return to this far place and join the important tasks of training African pastors and caring for orphaned children. Once again, I would ask myself, my wife, family, and now my church if God wanted us to go

to Swaziland. This time, the answer was yes.

Many questions crossed our minds while preparing to go to Swaziland. What will happen to our home? What will happen to our church? How will our children be educated? How will we raise the money to make this trip? This time, we have told God WE WILL GO unless He stops us. Our church is praying for us. We have decided to leave this summer and work in Swaziland for one year. Please pray for us, friends and fellow alumni.

It was at CVCA that I received this call to go, and have realized it is never too late to answer God's call. We are excited that God has made CVCA a bastion of missionary fervor. The promises in God's Word are true; He is still calling us to forsake all and follow Him. Our school is about preparing the next generation of people who will change the world for Christ. Let us not be satisfied to make our way in this world, but to lay our lives down showing the world the Way.

We will need much financial help and prayer support to make this trip. Learn more by receiving our emails and letters and by visiting our Facebook page (Lori Rogers and Jim Zidan) for blogs and links to additional information. Until we leave the country we can be reached at: Jim and Lori Zidan, 218 Crestwood Dr., Tullahoma, TN 37388, email: zidsouth@bellsouth.net.

Editor's note: The Zidans plan to leave for Africa on July 26, 2010, and return June 27, 2011. They will serve through TEAMServe with financial support handled through TEAM. Checks should be made payable to TEAM and sent to TEAMServe, PO Box 969, Wheaton, IL 60187. Note the Zidans name on the check memo along with their account number #010823.

Over forty CVCA graduates are serving in full-time missions. The Alumni Office appreciates receiving their prayer letters to share with the SCRAM group and faculty. If you are in full-time ministry, please add the CVCA Alumni Office to your prayer letter mailing list, and if you are available to visit SCRAM, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@cvcaroyals.org.

Alumni Share their Ministries with CVCA Students

CVCA was privileged to host **Jodi (White) Matthews '86**, founder and executive director of Urban Vision, as chapel speaker for the annual Alumni Chapel on January 7, 2010. Jodi's powerful challenge, along with several poignant examples of her ministry with urban Akron young people, provided the students with an illustration of how God can use them now and in the future as they endeavor to serve Him.

This fall, the student group SCRAM (Students Concerned Radically About Missions) hosted **Shelley Grimm '93** (on furlough from Nicaragua), **Renee (Bisheimer) Bergevin '95** (on furlough from Mongolia), and **Sarah Lallathin '97** (serving with Campus Crusade – Global Short Film Network). We appreciate our alumni taking time to share with current students.





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**The Royal Theatre Presents
CVCA's Spring Musical
April 23, 24, 30 and May 1**

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 23-24 Spring Musical "Annie"
- 28 Awards/Leadership Assemblies
- 30 Spring Musical "Annie"

MAY

- 1 Spring Musical "Annie"
- 6 Orchestra/Handbell Concert
- 7 Teacher In-Service – No School
- 7 Jr./Sr. Banquet and After Party
- 11 Band Concert
- 12 Jog for Others
- 13 Choir Concert
- 20 Jr. High Sports Awards
- 24-27 Senior Trip
- 31 Memorial Day – No School

JUNE

- 4 Last Day of School
- 6 Commencement
- 7 Sr. High Sports Awards
- 14 CVCA Golf Classic

AUGUST

- 13 New Student Orientation
- 16 First Day of School
- 18-20 JumpStart

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Jr. and Sr. High Open House
- 6 Labor Day – No School
- 17 Grandparents' Day



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