



# 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



# From Our Executive Director

What an interesting year our 2020/2021 school year proved to be! Navigating the quickly changing government and social climate reinforced why we are so thankful to be a Christian, Classical, University-model School. Being grounded in God's word gives us the wisdom to separate the signal from the noise. Our scripture theme for the year was "Stand Fast." And indeed, I think we did.

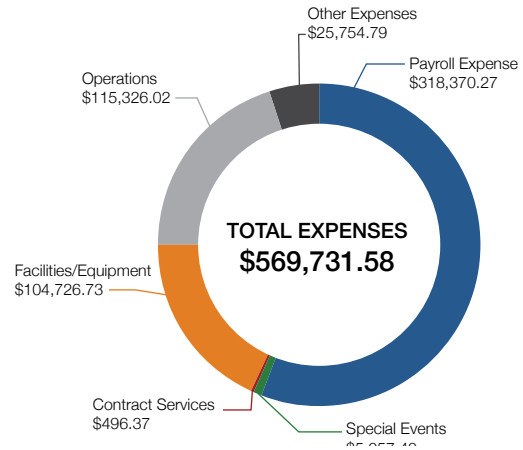
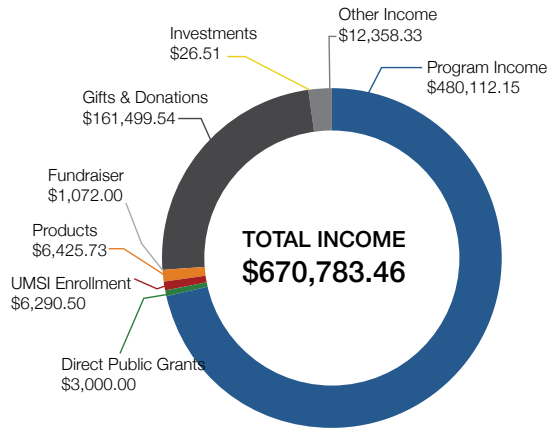
It was a year of transition and blessing. We bid farewell to some long-time staff and welcomed new staff.

Since the beginning of "The Garden School," it was a long-time vision to have a community and flower garden. The three large planters in front of the school are a realization of this vision, yielding a bountiful harvest of vegetables and colorful flowers. We pray that our school will continue to be a beautiful place to learn for many years to come.

Even with the necessity of canceling our much-loved fall play and Christmas program, we were able to gather at our Annual Fall Festival and have some good, old-fashioned fun. Our first House Competition and Pie Fest allowed us to laugh and enjoy the grammar class' yummy pies. The house competitions (that later included the March Madness quiz bowl) and field day have made many great memories for our students. Nightingale House won the first House Cup! A big shout out to Mrs. Whittington and Mrs. Norton for making the house system a great addition to our LCA school culture.

Through God's amazing Providence we are now owners of our own facility. Many Christian schools across our country have had to shut down because their churches have lost the vision and no longer want to house them. My colleagues are amazed when I tell them that New Hope Church gave us the Red Building. What a testimony to God's graciousness and the faithfulness of the New Hope congregation in supporting Christian education!

Let's continue to celebrate God's provision and grace as we move ahead into the next season of our school.





## 2021 Graduates

Caleb Bartlett, Jacey Fritzlan, Noah Hefferon, Laney Kirkpatrick, Josie Koschak, Noah Opstein, Hailey Simms, Ashlyn Teague, Luke Tornare

# Previous Graduate Spotlights

## **Nathan Bleakley, 2019**

A sophomore at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Dean's scholarship, Nathan was elected in the top 100 out of 5,000 applicants for an engineering internship with GE's 3D printing department.

## **Ashley Doose, 2020**

New business owner and entrepreneur at Ramblin' Rose Ranch Equine Boarding.

## **Carys Walter, 2020**

A junior at The King's College in New York City, Carys was nominated and accepted to attend the National Conservatism Conference. She was also nominated for an internship in the Political Studies Program and seminars at Foundations of Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C

## **Janaea Fulk, 2019**

A sophomore at Colorado Christian University studying philosophy and theology. Recently landed a leading role in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

### **Colleges attended by graduates:**

Arizona State University, Cedarville University, College of the Ozarks, Colorado Christian University, Colorado Mesa University, Colorado Mountain College, CU Boulder, Concordia College, Denver University, Denver Institute of Art, Earlham College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Hastings College, Kilgore College, Kings College, Liberty University, Loras College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, New Saint Andrews, Pratt Institute, Rherma Bible Institute, Rocky Mountain College, Seattle Pacific University, St. Olaf College, Thomas Edison State University, Suzhou University, Western Colorado University, Xian Jiaotong Liverpool University

### **Vocational schools attended by graduates:**

IntelliTec College, Lincoln College of Technology, The Salon Professional Academy, The University of Iowa

### **Mentor programs attended by graduates:**

JB Jenkins Writer's Guild, Dream Center Leadership School, YWAM

## Staff Highlight: Mrs. Jo Hendrickson



If you've taken an introductory tour of our school and enrolled, you've probably met with Jo's infectious enthusiasm for LCA and classical education. All three of her children attended LCA and two are alumni. Through the years, Jo has reclaimed her own education by reading and learning alongside her children. She has inspired us all to continue our love of life-long learning.

Few people could cover the role of Assistant Head of School, Dean of Student Support, math teacher, girl's devotional leader, play producer and back stage manager with such grace. Years ago, Mrs. Hendrickson even directed our annual school plays, Joseph, Hamlet and Newsies, three of our all-time favorites. She has worked hard over the years to help us create a school where we all love to work. She is truly a woman of many talents.

We say that the most important qualifications for our staff members is to love Jesus, love the students, and love learning. Mrs. Hendrickson truly embodies these qualities. Thank you, Mrs. Hendrickson for 20 years of dedicated service!







## Student Stats



122

Students in 2020-2021



84%

Students retention



100%

Graduation rate

## Annual Events

Parenting with Partners Conference

Fall Festival

Spring Concert

Graduation

Projects & Potluck

# Arrowsmith at LCA

The Arrowsmith Program had nine full time students and five students in Symbol Recognition during the math hour. Some of these students were strictly virtual and lived in Texas. The growth of the program made it necessary to hire an assistant. Laurel Morely has been a great addition to the program and connects well with the students. She displays the perfect mix of firmness and compassion towards the students.

Three students graduated out of the program in May. One of those students also graduated high school and is now working full time at a daycare in Carbondale. The other student is finishing up her senior year as well as taking college courses at the same time. A virtual student who completed her programs returned to regular academics through her homeschool environment. These former Arrowsmith students and parents are very satisfied with their outcomes and the potential for their futures. One of the 5 symbol recognition students completed his program in a single year and has returned to his grade level in mathematics. His parents and students are very happy with the results.

The future goal of the Arrowsmith Program at LCA is to reach younger students before they hit middle school and high school to avoid the painful social, depression, and anxiety issues that many of these students have as they enter their teen years because of their learning struggles.





## Board of Directors

President: Deric Walter  
Vice President: Chad Paulson  
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# Extra-Curricular Activities and Awards



## Service Learning

Seven of our parents, students and staff spent a week visiting the Campo Real school in a colonia outside of Oaxaca, Mexico, in February. The team visited the sites that were built by the LCA team in June of 2020, worked on admin materials for Seeds of Hope, Intl. to get it up and running, and attended the first service for the New Bilingual church we started in Oaxaca Ciudad with Pastor Bonifacio.

In June, a second team of 19 people went back and built furniture for the cafeteria, shared art projects with the children and started a storage building.






## Future Cities

Our Future Cities group took two teams to the Colorado Regional competition. Team “Prostasia” placed 2nd and team “Selene” placed 3rd. Team Selene also received the following special awards: Bentley Systems Best Use of Sustainable Products, AiChE Helium Recovery Potential on the Moon, Gates Foundation Best Use of Innovative Materials, and Board of Directors’ Best Written Essay.

Cole Paulson, Kaylyn Talbott, Jayla Millard, Reagan Thompson, Troy Higen, Wesley Wiethoff, Evelyn Morton, Danny Bower, Preston Lake, Elijah Henry, Calvin Cannon, Luke Malone, Dorothy Bleakley (Instructor) Nathan Bleakley (Mentor)



## Colorado 4H

Name / Project	County Award(s)	State Award
 <p><b>Alyssa Meraz</b> Fashion, Scrapbooking, &amp; Rockets</p>	<p>Grand Champion, Reserve Champion (Fashion) - Champion (Scrapbooking) - Reserve Champion (Rockets)</p>	<p>Champion &amp; Reserve Champion (Fashion)</p>
 <p><b>Hailey Meraz</b> Cooking, Quilting*, &amp; Rockets</p>	<p>Overall Grand Champion (Cooking &amp; Quilting - 3rd (Rockets)</p>	<p>Reserve Champion (Cooking), 7th (Quilting)</p>
 <p><b>Cole Paulson</b> Shooting Sports: .22 Hunt / Scope, Shotgun Skeet / Trap</p>	<p>Overall Grand Champion, Champion, 1st &amp; 3rd (.22) - 4th &amp; 10th shotgun</p>	<p>Qualified for State team .22 Hunt, .22 Scope, &amp; Shotgun Skeet</p>
 <p><b>Lauryn Paulson</b> Cake Decorating</p>	<p>1st, Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Grand Champion</p>	<p>5th</p>
 <p><b>Ruby Walker</b> Shooting Sports: 5-Stand, Shotgun Skeet / Trap</p>	<p>1st (trap &amp; skeet), 4th (Sporting Clays)</p>	<p>Qualified for State team, 5-stand, Shotgun Skeet, &amp; Shotgun Trap, 9th (Trap)</p>

\* Was asked to present at the Anvil Point Quilters Guild

## **Gymkhana/Rodeo:**

**Jacey Fritzlan** - 2021 Trent Goscha Award recipient. Three junior rodeo champion awards, including the Carbondale Rodeo.

**Ruby Walker** - Three all around Champion awards at three Gymkhana series, including the Plateau Valley Gymkhana. Champion in barrels/poles at the Rodeo Bible Camp. Placed in the top four in each event at the Junior Rodeo.



## **Public High School/ Middle School Sports & Club Sports**

**Basketball:** Fil Meraz, Reagan Thompson

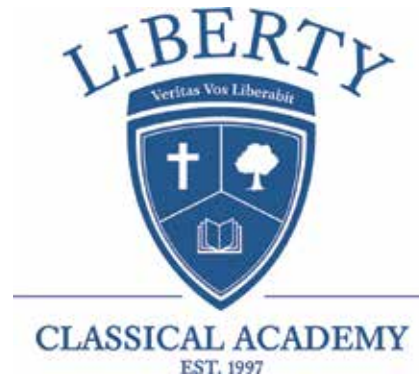
**Soccer:** Fil Meraz, Ezra Williams, Zion Williams

**Cross Country / Track:** Fil Meraz

**Volleyball:** Lydia Dye, Grace Miller, Emma Opstein

**Tennis:** Grace Malone





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