HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2015-2016 Annual Summary



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MISSION Statement

The mission of Heritage Christian School is to provide a Christcentered, quality education in order to prepare our children to serve Christ. We believe that we are called as Christian parents to provide for our children's education (Proverbs 22:5, "Train a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not turn from it") and, therefore, view our school as an extension of the Christian home.

VISION

Students at Heritage Christian School will acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a biblical worldview as evidenced by a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship and worship.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4

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From the Administrator



Mrs. Janeal Lischke Administrator

Mrs. Lischke attended college in the Chicago area and received her degree in education in 1988 as well as ACSI Educator Certification in 2000 and again in 2006 and she received her Principal Certification in 2011. She has been in involved in Christian Education for 26 years and has taught in a variety of grade levels from kindergarten through high school as well as served as teacher advisor, admissions coordinator, curriculum development coordinator, and administrative assistant to the principal of a large Christian school in California. She has been married to her husband Marc since 1987 and has three daughters: Anna, Catherine, and Stefanie.

Dear Friends of Heritage Christian School,

We thank God for His goodness to our school family at Heritage this year. We have seen God bless our school families as we continue to partner with them to provide a well-rounded and challenging educational experience for our students. God has provided the resources for Heritage to improve and grow academically through technology in our classrooms. We have also been able to add another computer lab for students to utilize in their educational pursuits as well as increase the technological programs in the lower elementary grades. Through God's blessings, we have been able to get maintenance done on our building with volunteers and help from businesses in the community. God has also provided us the funds, supplies, and man power through generous donations from our stakeholders in the community to make continuing improvements to the baseball field and the soccer field in order to prepare for future needs of Heritage students.

HCS students performed above the national average on the Iowa Basics for grades K-11 and our seniors averaged 24.3 on the ACT test for college-bound high school students. Heritage completed a second year with the National Honor Society and inducted 6 more students. Heritage students are taking college-preparatory academic instruction seriously as our junior and senior students have all taken college classes and most of them completed 12 hours each semester of 11th and 12th grade in order to advance their college careers. We also were able to offer Washburn Technology classes for several students to provide for the differing needs of our student body.

The fine arts programs, the competitive academic events, and athletic teams all had another successful year. Many of our students achieved superior ratings at the fine arts competition, ACSI Math Olympics and writing competitions, and our sports programs continued to be competitive. HCS continues to strive toward having all students press to reach their true potential in Jesus Christ in every aspect of their lives.

We were blessed to have over 200 grandparents and family members join us on campus for Grandparents' Day, and well over 300 were in attendance at the all-school Christmas program held at Northland Christian Church. This outpouring of support continues to help our school as we endeavor to provide each child with the best in character training and spiritual leadership.

Ultimately, we desire to see each student grow as the Lord Jesus Christ grew -intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. It was such an encouraging sight to see many of our students go on mission trips to Haiti and Guatemala, and our seniors raised money to go to New York and work with Street Life Ministries for a week last spring. Our students are also learning to work in our community assisting our neighbors with yard work, participating in work for the mission, and preparing gift boxes for children through Operation Christmas Child. All of our students were happy to be involved in mission activities throughout the year at area retirement homes, the police station, The Topeka Rescue Mission, churches, and needy family homes in the Topeka area. A Biblically integrated academic program is the primary focus of our school, but an important component of that program is community involvement which is an integral part of a well -rounded education for our students.

We can see God blessing Heritage Christian School through the lives of our students and the influence of our staff. His guidance for both the heart and the mind in the classrooms of HCS enables our students to excel and achieve with the very best. Teaching students to love God and love people is key to their educational journey. It is our prayer to instill in students' hearts Christlike character qualities and Christian principles as they honor God through their character, leadership, gifts, and service. Blessings,

Mrs. Janeal Lischke, Principal

School Profile

BY THE NUMBERS 2015-2016

162 Total Enrollment

97 Families

85 PK-5th Grade Students

77 6th-12th Grade Students

42 Churches Represented



MEMBER OF....





KANSAS CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Heritage Christian School (HCS) is an independent, private Christian school dedicated to serving the community of Topeka, Kansas, as well as the surrounding communities in Shawnee, Osage, and Jackson counties. The student body is comprised of students in preschool through twelfth grade. HCS's non-denominational status allows the entire Christian community to benefit from the Christian education it offers, hence 42 different churches were represented by the student body during the 2015-2016 school year. HCS is truly a community-based Christian institution with the expressed goal of educating and training the entire Body of Christ in the community.

HCS Enrollment by Grade, 2015-2016 School Year

Grade	Student Count	Grade	Student Count
K4/Preschool	17	6 th	9
K5	13	7 th	6
1 st	12	8 th	13
2^{nd}	15	9 th	13
3 rd	9	10 th	15
4 th	9	11 th	11
5 th	10	12 th	10
		TOTAL	162 students

SHAWNEE COUNTY ETHNIC POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

White, 85.5% Black or African American, 8.6% Asian, 1.3% American Indian, 1.2% 2 or more races, 2.5% Not Reporting, 3.6% Note: Hispanic or Latino origin represents 10.8% of the population which is included in each of the above racial distributions.

Source: 2010 Quick Facts, US Census Bureau.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ETHNIC POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

White, 88% Black or African American, 1.5% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 2% American Indian, 1% 2 or more races, 1.5% *Source: 2015 Self-Reported Enrollment Information*



Core Values

2015-2016 Theme: TRUST GOD

The theme for the 2015-2016 school year was "Trust God", based on Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

HCS faculty, staff, and student leaders were directed to help students trust God in the following ways:

- Allow the children to see their teachers and leaders trusting God.
- Point out people in the Bible who trusted God even when it didn't make sense.
- Explain that God is trustworthy because only God sees the big picture.
- Remind them that they can trust God because He loves them.



SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

We believe in the centrality and the authority of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We believe that the Bible is the authority for all issues of life, including education. We believe that the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible is essential to the proper growth and development of each individual student.





In accordance with our mission of preparing children to serve Christ, our educational approach is to teach children to think biblically in relation to all of life and to develop disciplined lives. We define success as the wise use of the talents and gifts God has given each student to serve Him and to further His kingdom.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1. We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
- 2. We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- 4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to lead a Godly life.
- 6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- 7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.* *This statement is the seven-point Statement of Faith of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Leadership

2015-2016 School Board

President: Robert Hughes

Vice-President: Kevin Stone

Treasurer: Robert Hughes

Secretary: Marty Flickinger

Members At Large: Melinda Cowin, Mike Claassen, Kenny Kessler, Mic Pfeifer

2015-2016 Administrative Staff

Principal: Janeal Lischke

Office Manager: Wendy Mingus

Admissions Coordinator: Traci Flickinger

IT Coordinator: Michelle Folster

2015-2016 PTF OFFICERS

President: Heidi Byrne Treasurer: Jamie Fowles

Secretary: Jill Strahm

Room Parent Coordinator: Maegan Leavendusky

Hospitality: Heather Davis, Jennifer Molliker

Board Representative: Kevin Stone

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Heritage Christian School is governed by a Board of Directors primarily made up of parents of HCS students. Other community stakeholders may also serve on the Board. Staggered three-year terms are served by Board members who are recommended by a nominating committee and voted on by the general parent body at a Parent Teacher Fellowship meeting. The Board meets monthly in open meetings and provides spiritual and financial guidance for the school.

ADMINISTRATION



The Principal, Mrs. Janeal Lischke, is the primary administrator of HCS. She is assisted by the Office Manager, Admissions Coordinator, and IT Coordinator.

Mrs. Lischke answers directly to the Board of Directors and is responsible for the hiring and firing of all other faculty and staff as well as the successful and efficient operation of the school. She also provides spiritual leadership and guidance to staff and students alike. This past year, in the midst of many difficulties experienced by HCS families, staff and students, Mrs. Lischke and the HCS Board set aside Thursday, February 18th, as a day of prayer and fasting for the entire school community.

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

Parents and teachers at HCS are required to participate in Parent Teacher Fellowship. This organization was established with a two-fold purpose: 1) to promote unity and fellowship within the body of HCS, and 2) to raise funds through various efforts for the school.

This year's PTF board had seven members (see column at left). General PTF meetings were held in September, February, and May. Major fundraising events included the HCS Carnival in September and the 5K/1 Mile Fun Run and Pancake Feed in April. The PTF also raised funds throughout the school year through the monthly "PTF Night Out" at various local restaurants. Additional funds were raised through AmazonSmile, Goodsearch and Goodshop, etc. This year PTF also raised funds through hosting HCS's first annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. Funds raised by the PTF during the 2015-2016 school year totaled over \$16,000.

Faculty and Staff

2015-2016 Staff Demographics

Administrative Staff	4
Auxiliary Staff	4
Full-Time Instructional Staff	13
Part-Time Instructional Staff	7
Total Instructional Staff	20
Percentage of Instructio Staff with State or ACSI Certification	nal 80
2015-2016	

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS

Goal #1: To assist students to identify and implement study skills (metacognitive skills) which will help them to achieve at a higher level.

Goal #2: To assist students in developing critical thinking skills, particularly in the areas of reading and math.

Goal #3: To ensure that students have the skills necessary to carry out our school's theme for the year, "Trust God".

Assignments

Heritage Christian School provides faculty and staff who are matched to teaching assignments with consideration given to their training, knowledge and expertise, as well as other areas of interest. Most staff members also have their children or grandchildren enrolled in HCS, giving them a personal vested interest in providing the absolute best education possible for all students at the school.

The 2015-2016 school year saw the addition of four new faculty members. The teaching staff was supported by the Principal, Office Manager, Admissions Coordinator, IT Coordinator, Librarian, Lunch Lady, Room Parents and a multitude of other parent and grandparent volunteers.



HCS Faculty join students in prayer at a weekly chapel service

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the 2015-2016 school year, teachers engaged in a variety of continuing education opportunities. During the summer of 2015 several teachers attended the KAIRS (Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools) K-12 Teachers Conference on Technology in Wichita and music teachers attended a choral reading and training session in Kansas City. In November the HCS faculty and staff attended the two-day ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) Conference in Wichita. In addition, the entire faculty met regularly throughout the school year for ongoing training, evaluation, and collaboration.

Financial Overview

2015-2016 Fundraisers

Monthly—PTF Night-Out events at local restaurants September—All-School Carnival November—Topeka Roadrunner game February—Daddy-Daughter Dance April—Annual 5K/One Mile Fun Run

2015-2016 INCOME

Tuition Income - \$703,411 Fundraising Income-\$20,000 Income from Gifts - \$6,000

Total Income - \$729,411

2015-2016 Expenses

ALLOCATION	<u>BUDGET</u>	ACTUAL
Curr/Tech/Tests/ Classroom Supp.	\$51300	\$43650
Utilities/Trash/ Telephone	\$52050	\$49745
Insurance	\$25000	\$23740
Cleaning/Maint./ Grounds/Repairs	\$20000	\$18700
Office/Postage/ Copiers	\$14100	\$13500
Miscellaneous	\$18900	\$11458
Payroll/Taxes	\$604004	\$550000
TOTAL	\$785354	\$710793

FINANCING OUR MINISTRY

Heritage Christian School is a non-profit organization which strives to provide the best Christian education possible at the lowest possible price. Though tuition provides most of the finances, fundraising events are an important aspect of offsetting costs and keeping tuition down. The board and administration have made it a priority to be good stewards of all resources—physical and monetary. This overview offers a brief glimpse of the financial picture for the 2015-2016 school year.



2015-2016 TUITION SCHEDULE

GRADE	6-12	1-5	K5	K4, Full Day	K4, 1/2 Day
1 st Child	\$5,372	\$4,641	\$4,560	\$4,428	\$2,536
2nd Child	\$5,050	\$4,363	\$4,286	\$4,160	N/A
Any Additional Child	\$4,403	\$3,806	\$3,740	\$3,630	N/A

Academics

MEASURING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

HCS measures academic achievement in a number of ways. Classroom assessments, including frequent informal formative assessments, provide measures of student success within curricular objectives throughout the year. Mid-term and final examinations provide data to teachers, students, and parents about overall course achievement. These data are used when making modifications to the curriculum and to teaching strategies. Data gathered from standardized tests are used to compare student achievement at HCS with student achievement in other educational settings, including Topeka schools and other schools across the nation. Heritage students in grades 8 through 11 take the PSAT tests, and high school students take the ACT test. Students in grades K5 through 11 take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). This is the fifth year students have taken this test. The graphs on this page show specific results of the ITBS taken in 2016.

Iowa Basics Standardized Testing



2016 HCS ELA (English Language Arts) Scores 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 HCS ELA Scores National Average 10 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade 9th Grade indergarten 2nd Grade **3rd Grade** 1st Grade 0th Grade 1th Grade



Academics

READING TEST RESULTS

The PSAT: PSAT score

reports show the mean, or average, scores earned by HCS students as compared to typical U.S. test-takers per grade. Unless the score is much lower than average, students are probably developing the kinds of reading, writing and language, and math skills they'll need in college.

The ACT: ACT results

reflect the extent to which high school seniors are prepared for college-level work. The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first-year college coursework. High ACT scores often result in academic scholarships to many fine universities.

ACT Research has shown that it is the rigor of coursework rather than simply the number of core courses—that has the greatest impact on ACT performance and college readiness. This finding is in keeping with HCS curriculum and the results achieved by HCS students on the ACT.

Mean Total Scores of PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT, 2015



Average ACT Scores, 2016 Graduates

Area Tested	Heritage Scores	State Scores
English	27.0	21.3
Mathematics	22.7	21.5
Reading	25.3	22.5
Science	22.3	21.8
Composite	24.3	21.9

Percent of ACT-Tested Students Ready for College-Level Coursework



Academics

2015-2016 ACSI REGIONAL MATH OLYMPICS

Qualifying students went to the Area Math Olympics to compete with students from other area schools. Here are the results:

Computation Category

3rd Grade, Lilly Branson-Good Rating
4th Grade, Tori Tucker-Excellent Rating
5th Grade Miranda Fiero-Excellent Rating

Reasoning Category

5th Grade, Isaac Schroeder-Excellent Rating 5th Grade, Isaac Calabrese-Excellent Rating 6th Grade, Kenny Paul Kessler-Excellent Rating

2015-2016 Shawnee County Scripps Spelling Bee

Adeline Stirtz represented HCS admirably at the Shawnee County Scripps Spelling Bee in February.

OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

ACSI CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVAL

HCS students participated in the ACSI Creative Writing festival in the spring of 2016, with the following results:

Elementary: Abby Vignery-Superior-District Regional Qualifier-Free Verse Poetry, Lily Madrigal-Excellent-Rhymed Poetry, Miranda Fiero-Excellent-Free Verse Poetry, Isaac Calabrese-Excellent-Free Verse Poetry

Junior High: Abeni Feuerbacher-Superior-District Regional Qualifier-Free Verse Poetry, Claire Donaldson-Superior-Rhymed Poetry

Senior High: McKenna Ward-Excellent-Essay, McKenna Folster-Superior-District Regional Qualifier-Essay, McKenna Folster-Excellent-Short Story, Eric Wineinger-Excellent-District Regional Qualifier-Rhymed Poetry, Lauren Wineinger-Excellent-District Regional Qualifier-Short Story

The following students received a Superior Rating. Their works will be published in the ACSI Creative Writing Regional Book, which will be placed in the HCS library for the enjoyment of future generations:

Eric Wineinger (Rhymed Poetry), McKenna Folster (Essay), and Abby Vignery (Poetry).

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

This year the National Honors Society inducted six new members: Colby Current, Jenna Eubanks, McKenna Folster, Nathaniel Kessler, Taylor Mingus, and Trevor Rand. This swelled the membership to fifteen before six of them graduated in May. The NHS painted the school's cafeteria this year, in addition



The National Honors Society with its new inductees.

to completing their individual service projects.

McKenna Folster is welcomed by Mrs. Deborah Erickson into the NHS.



Athletics

2015-2016 Competitive Sports

<u>Fall Sports</u>

Junior High Girls Volleyball High School Girls Volleyball Boys Soccer

<u>Winter Sports</u> Junior High and High School Boys and Girls Basketball Girls Cheerleading

Spring Sports Girls Soccer Boys Baseball







The most exciting aspect of HCS athletics in the 2015-2016 school year was the completion of a baseball field. It took four years to complete the diamond and lots of volunteer hours and donated materials. Donations of materials and/or labor were received from Midwest Laser Levelling, Kansas Sand and Concrete, Westar's Team. Schnacker Green Construction, Topeka Sod Farm, and Dean Andrews Asphalt and Construction.

Completion of the diamond meant Heritage Christian School was able to host its very first home baseball games. The team was comprised of Heritage students as well as students from two other private educational institutions in the Topeka area. The team took third place in the state tournament at the end of the season.







Fine Arts

2015-2016 CPLS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

HCS students made a terrific showing at the CPLS Fine Arts Festival in March. The highest rating possible was a "1", or "Superior". Results were as follows:

Dramatic Interpretation Kelly Brinckman- 1 Rating Lauren Wineinger- 1 Rating

<u>Instrumental Solo</u> Emili Folster- 1 Rating

Choir-1 Rating

Photography

Abeni Feuerbacher- 2 Rating Aubrey Flickinger- 2 Rating Emily Halstead- 2 Rating Katelynn Halstead- 1 Rating Kate Hinck- 2 Rating Kennedy Hinck- 2 Rating Emmitt Johns- 2 Rating Joeli Krantz- 1 Rating Painting Leah Jamison- 2 Rating Joeli Krantz- 3 Rating Gilian Morrison- 2 Rating Monochromatic Drawing Dajia Anderson- 3 Rating McKenna Folster- 3 Rating Leah Jamison- 2 Rating Mixed Media Leah Jamison-2 Rating



ART CLASSES

The secondary Art Department offered middle school and high school Art as well as Graphic Arts. HCS Art students were instrumental in creating the scenery and backdrops for the allschool Christmas program and the high school drama in the spring. Many students also entered their work in the CPLS Fine Arts Festival. The Graphic Arts class created the 2015-2016 yearbook, which gave the students an opportunity to practice

their photography skills.

DRAMA

Students of all ages had the opportunity to participate in dramatic



productions throughout the

2015-2016 school year. Mr. Kevin Stone once again directed students in Kindergarten through 5th grades in character-building skits they performed for elementary Chapels. He also wrote and directed the high school play entitled <u>All Flowers Are His</u> about the life and ministry of Amy Carmichael.

Music

The HCS Music Department underwent a dramatic change during the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Delbert Downs joined the faculty in January, bringing instrumental expertise to the department. He is working to establish a concert band and some small instrumental ensembles.



In February Mr. Downs took the HCS Choir on a field trip to perform singing Valentines. The group sang at many places in the community including the Topeka Rescue Mission, KS Judicial Center, Midland Hospice, Topeka Baptist Church, Landon Middle School, Luther Place, Sports Car Club of America, Ogden Publications, and the KS



Rehabilitation Hospital. The choir also participated in the CPLS Fine Arts Festival in March where they received a '1' (Superior) rating. HCS has been exceedingly blessed with the addition of Mr. Downs to our faculty.

Science & Technology

TECHNOLOGY BY THE NUMBERS 2015-2016

Computer Labs—2 Student Computers—31 InterWrite Boards—14 Projectors—14



High school students at work in the Computer Lab



Elementary students enjoy using the new InterWrite boards.

CHANGES & IMPROVEMENTS

Heritage Christian School was able to add a second computer lab during the 2015-2016 school year because of a generous donation. The new lab has twelve new computers and a printer, supplementing the nineteen computers and two printers in the original lab. HCS now has a computer lab in both the elementary and secondary wings of the building. The installation of smart boards in each classroom is an ongoing effort, as well as equipping each classroom with a projector and screen. Fourteen of our twenty classrooms are now equipped with InterWrite boards and projectors, and the rest are slated for boards in the near future. Additionally, HCS students are increasingly engaged online. Elementary students are improving their reading comprehension by using Raz-Kids, an online guided reading program with interactive ebooks, downloadable books, and reading quizzes. IXL, a popular subscription-based online learning site, is being used by elementary and junior high students alike to improve their basic math skills. High school students are learning computer programming and making use of the internet to engage in online college courses through Allen Community College.



In our Science Department funding was provided through another generous donation for the purchase of science lab stations, including tables and seating, which will be purchased in time for the 2016-2017 school year. HCS also changed to Bob Jones Science Curriculum in order to provide for more activities and to challenge critical thinking skills. Secondary students dissected a variety of fauna, built trebuchets, hover cars, and roller coasters, and completed individual experiments and reports for the annual Academic Fair/Science Fair.

Student Life

2015-2016 Student Activities

August

• Upper School Retreat

September

- All-School Carnival
- See You At the Pole

October

- STUCO Bonfire
- Fall Sports Banquet

November

- Roadrunners Hockey Game
- Junior High Drama

December

• STUCO Christmas Party

January

• Spirit Week, climaxing with "Bowling with Buddies"

February

- Snow Creek Ski Trip
- Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Winter Sports Banquet

April

- JH Etiquette Dinner
- High School Formal
- High School Drama May
- Spring Sports Banquet

Throughout the Year

- Dud's Days twice a month
- Buddy Lunch each quarter

BUDDIES MENTORING PROGRAM



The spring of 2016 wrapped up the second year of the HCS Buddies program, where younger students were once again paired with an older student "buddy" for the year. The "buddies" paired up for many activities including eating lunch together once each quarter, making cards for each other, going

on field trips, and working on mission projects.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The 2015-2016 Student Council played an important role in the life of the student body this

year. This group planned activities such as See You at the Pole and the annual bonfire, Christmas party, and Formal. They also sold candy-grams for Valentine's Day.



WORSHIP TEAM

The HCS Worship Team expanded their ministry to lead elementary chapels this year. The students were responsible for the lessons presented as well as the music. The Team also continued to lead worship for the secondary chapels, the secondary retreat, and See You at the Pole.

Missions & Service

FUNDING MISSIONS

Heritage raises funds for missions through bi-monthly "Duds' Days". Students are permitted to wear nonuniform clothing ("duds") to school but they must pay \$2.00 to participate. A typical Duds' Day brings in about \$200.00 for our mission causes, including supporting our Compassion Child and helping our high school seniors with their annual mission trip.

MISSION TRIPS

HCS students had several opportunities to go on shortterm mission trips during the 2015-2016 school year. In addition to the senior class mission trip to New York, some of our students traveled to Guatemala in February and others traveled to Haiti. While these trips were not "school" trips, Heritage Administration recognizes the educational and spiritual value of such experiences and encourages students to take advantage of such opportunities whenever they come up through their churches or other organizations.

MINISTERING TO OUR VETERANS AND COMMUNITY



The entire student body participated once again in the annual trip to the Veterans Administration Hospital on Veterans Day. Elementary classes and

the high school choir performed patriotic music and recitations, then split up to visit and perform again for non-mobile residents in various wards. The afternoon saw HCS students all over the



Topeka area serving in a variety of capacities, from helping out at the Rescue Mission to raking leaves in neighbors' yards.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each year Heritage Christian School joins hands with Samaritan's Purse and the larger Christian community to help provide shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This year HCS students and families contributed 65 shoeboxes to the cause.

SERVICE PROJECTS



Our 10th and 12th grade classes made regular visits to the Topeka Rescue Mission during the 2015-2016 school year as their mission project. Other classes helped with local ministries such as Harvesters. One elementary class made regular trips to visit first responders at the police and fire departments to bless them with homebaked goodies.

COMPASSION CHILD

HCS has sponsored a child through Compassion International for many years. This year, the school began sponsoring a second grade girl from the Philippines. The second grade class corresponded with her and prayed for her on an ongoing basis. The class will continue their correspondence with her as they, and she, advance through their school careers.

Class of 2016

2016 COLLEGE CREDIT HOURS BY GRADUATE



- 18 Credit Hours 1
- 48 Credit Hours 5
- 54 Credit Hours 1





Class of 2016 Co-Valedictorians McKenna Folster and Caleb Current

CLASS MOTTO

"What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." ~Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Caleb Hlark Current will be attending Dallas Bible College in the fall pursuing a Sports Management degree. Caleb was a Wendy's High School Heisman School winner, and he balanced sports year-round, a job, choir, StuCo and NHS. Caleb was also Valedictorian for the class of 2016. He graduated with 56 college credit hours.

Tatum Alarie Donaldson will be attending Kansas State University and Manhattan Christian College pursuing a degree in Bible Leadership and Intercultural Studies. Tatum received The Timothy Days scholarship for \$1,500, the KSU Achievement Award for \$5,500, the MCC Presidents Scholarship for \$14,000, the MCC Ministry Scholarship for \$2,500, and the Thunder Merit Scholarship for \$500. Tatum graduated with 48 college credit hours.



Courtney Leigh Doss will be attending Baptist Bible College pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She received the Pastoral Award for \$4,000 and the Early Deposit Award for \$1,000. Courtney graduated with 48 college credit hours.





Emili Ann Balin Folster will be attending

Washburn University pursuing an Elementary Education degree with a minor in music. She received a \$10,000 academic scholarship, a \$4,000 Alumni Scholarship and a \$2,400 music scholarship. Emili graduated with 48 college credit hours.

HICKenna Catherine Folster will be attending Washburn University in the fall pursuing a Criminal Justice degree. She received the Richey Scholarship for \$24,000, the Garvey scholarship for \$2,000 and the Valedictorian scholarship for \$4,000. She was Valedictorian for the class of 2016. McKenna graduated with 54 college credit hours.



Candyce Daomí Halstead will be attending Kansas State University and Manhattan Christian College

pursuing a degree in Bible Leadership and Social Work. She received a \$14,000 Presidential Scholarship, \$1,500 Thunder Scholarship, the Dorean Scholarship for \$1,000, the Timothy Days award of \$500 and a Ministry scholarship of \$500. Candyce will be playing volleyball at MCC. She graduated with 48 college credit hours.

Class of 2016

CLASS VERSE

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

Hebrews 10:23-24



NEW YORK CITY MISSION TRIP

The class of 2016 chose to travel to New York City for their Senior mission trip and join forces with Street Life Ministries in Queens. The students distributed food, toiletries, and clothing to homeless people in Thompson Square Park, helped with the after-school program at another park, and participated in the Prayer Post in Times Square. They also packed care packages, did some landscaping, and prepared meals on the Street Life Ministries campus. Of course, the class managed to fit in a little sight-seeing as well, including a trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

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Caleb Atalcom AtcElrop will be attending Washburn University to finish his Industrial Technology degree. Caleb attended Washburn Institute of Technology during his junior and senior years at HCS and received his Associates Degree the same week he graduated from HCS. He also graduated with 18 college credit hours from Allen Community College.





Samuel Thomas Miller will be attending

Washburn University to finish his Industrial Technology degree. Sam attended Washburn Institute of Technology during his junior and senior years at HCS. He received his Associates Degree just after high school graduation. He also graduated with 9 college credit hours from Allen Community College.



Taylor Micole Mingus will be attending Mid America Nazarene University pursuing a Psychology Degree. Taylor has received a \$40,000 academic scholarship. She is graduating with 48 college credit hours.

Eríc Jeffrey Whineinger will be attending Washburn Institute of Technology to finish his Advanced Systems Technology Degree. He also graduated with 9 college credit hours from Allen Community College.





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