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Royal Art Gallery:

Enjoy these outstanding art projects from our 3D Art students:

- 1) Try Again by Aidan Eck, Senior
- 2) Circus Elephant by Luke Perotta, Senior
- 3) Charcuterie Board by Maddy Pollock, Senior
- 4) The Hive by Courtney Bland, Junior



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President's Message

Stories are powerful and we all have a story to tell.

The story of this year.
The story of the last few “unprecedented” years.
The story of our lives...regardless what chapter we are in.

Our stories carry God's love and plan for our lives (even the parts with bumps and bruises). At the end of a year or a milestone, when we back up and look at the whole panorama of our lives – whether as individuals or as a school – we can usually understand the specific threads of our life's beautiful tapestry. We can't be too busy to look back then tell our stories and the lessons we were taught along the way!

What was God accomplishing through that part of our story? How was our own life assisted, improved, and shaped by this chapter of our story?

The stories God writes for us take us down various paths. No matter where you are on the journey, we can have full confidence there is a plan and a purpose to what we experience...because our story is His Story... and we want to point to His faithfulness and care in our lives as we have been given the call to co-author this majestic adventure. We unbelievably get to be a character in the greatest story ever told. It is what we were created for. So let's tell our stories!

As Psalm 102:18 instructs: “Let this be recorded for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord.” So we celebrate the stories of this year!

As we look back on the 2021-2022 school year in this edition of *The Trumpeter*, we want to tell some of our stories. While they involve many different people and many different activities, there is a common theme throughout: **God's faithfulness is unmistakable in this Community** as He works in and through us to impact our “stories” of *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ*.

All to Him I owe,


Jason Spodnik '88

“The stories God writes for us take us down various paths. No matter where you are on the journey, we can have full confidence there is a plan and a purpose to what we experience...”

As our recent graduates now venture down their own paths, we celebrate them, pray for them, and can't wait to hear how God continues to write each of their own unique stories. Congratulations, Class of 2022!



YEAR IN REVIEW

August 2021



HOUSE SYSTEM BIG REVEAL

This year, CVCA began an exciting new high school program. The CVCA House System is specifically designed to help students find a place of belonging, offer mentoring and leadership opportunities, and create school spirit. Students in grades 9-12 are divided into four houses: Douglass, Elliot, Lewis, and Tozer.

September 2021



NEW FAMILY TAILGATE

Each fall, families new to CVCA are invited to a tailgate event before a Royals football game. Parents have the opportunity to meet their students' new friends and their families; the CVCA staff and volunteers get to welcome new members of the CVCA community; and everyone enjoys a great meal and football game.

October 2021

HOMECOMING

After a year without Homecoming, it was great to have alumni and families back on campus for an evening of fun, food trucks, and football. For the first time, the CVCA Homecoming dance



was held on campus, and it was a huge success with students enjoying activities both inside and out.

November 2021



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Girls Cross Country team won its 21st consecutive PAC-7 Championship!



ROYAL THEATRE FALL PLAY

The Royal Theatre took on Shakespeare for the first time with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The students loved the challenge, and the audiences thoroughly enjoyed the production.



#(THANKS)GIVING TUESDAY

We celebrated #(Thanks)GivingTuesday with special activities for students such

as "Ugly Christmas Sweater Day" and House competitions. With a \$100,000 Matching Gift Challenge, more than \$250,000 was given by the school community, making this our biggest giving #GivingTuesday ever!

December 2021



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The CVCA vocal and instrumental ensembles delighted audiences and got everyone in the holiday mood with their annual Christmas concerts.

January 2022



ROYAL FOOLS SHOW

The popular Royal Fools improv group provided their fans with an evening of fun and laughter.



SKI CLUB

While others hunkered down inside, a brave group of students enjoyed the cold and snow. One of the school's longest running student clubs, Ski Club members head to local Boston Mills/Brandywine ski area every winter to hit slopes.

February 2022



WINTER SOCIAL

This popular student event was back again this year. Held at Todaro's Party Center, high school students enjoyed an evening of great food, games, dancing, prize drawings, and entertainment.

March 2022



23RD ANNUAL ROYAL EVENING

On Saturday, March 12, the Royals Fieldhouse was filled with over 550 guests for the Royal Evening. After last year's virtual event, the CVCA community was excited to be together again. It was a record-breaking event with the largest attendance to date and the highest amount raised for tuition assistance – \$330,000!



FIRST MTERM

Until 2022, this one week time of in-depth study has always been held in January (Jterm). The plan is now to alternate between January and March (Mterm). Students enjoyed a wide range of offerings, including trips to the Grand Canyon, Boston, the Florida Keys, and

Washington DC; local excursions to Columbus, Salt Fork Lodge, and Cleveland; courses such as Bullet Journaling, Lifeguarding, Coffee Exploration, and Meaningful Music; service opportunities such as the North Hill Project, crocheting for a crisis pregnancy center, and a mission trip to Los Angeles.



LIP SYNC BATTLE

One of the highlights of the House competitions this year was an epic Lip Sync Battle. Tozer won the competition with Grace Toner's Michael Jackson Remix.

April 2022



ROYAL THEATRE SPRING MUSICAL

The Royal Theatre again delighted audiences with the crowd favorite *Fiddler on the Roof*. The show highlighted the talent throughout our student body and presented the important message of God's steadfastness through uncertainty.

May 2022



JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

The Sheraton Suites hosted an elegant

masquerade-themed event for juniors and seniors that included dinner, dancing, entertainment, senior gifts, and more.



PORTFOLIO SHOW

Each year, the Art Department's Portfolio Show grows even more. This annual event is a spectacular presentation of the talent of our 2D, 3D, Graphic Design, and Photography students.



53RD COMMENCEMENT

The Class of 2022 Commencement ceremony was held at The Chapel in Green with 126 graduates receiving their diplomas and families and friends celebrating their achievements.

June 2022



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

After two years without a mission trip, the 2022 Junior Class was anxious to resume this longstanding tradition. Although the students did not head to the Dominican Republic as in years past, they did have the opportunity to serve and grow together while working with the Philadelphia Project.

CLASS OF 2022

The 53rd Graduating Class of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy



Emily Paige Adkins
Isabelle Lillie Ann Aiken
Drennan David Akins
Elizabeth Ann Albrecht
Dylan Michael Aldridge
Benjamin Joseph Alexler
Tatum Olivia Arico
Sarah Grace Avery
Penelope Iris Bacon
Seth Michael Bagwell
Kadin Michael Ballard
Samuel Thomas Beckett
Hadley Rose Began
Gabriel Michael Watson Bogue
Ariana Sheeleigh Bolling
Jacob John Boone
Cody R. Brantley
Joseph Paul Brenda
Ethan Brian Brewer
Olivia Ellen Brummert
Gabriel Allen Butler
Jonathan Lee Byerly
Elizabeth Marie Camera
Logan Curtis Campbell
Ay' Shawn Rapheal Canty
Keelan J. Chantry

Bryce D'ioe Clayton
Levi Gabriel Cory
Isabella Marie Costa
Samuel D. Cox
Ethan Ryan Crecco
Anthony Joseph Curcio
Madison Jane Custer
Brennan Albert Darr
Nathan David Daywalt
Cameron Joshua DeCarlo
Courtney Elizabeth DeCarlo
Jonathan Christian DeLucia
Eli James Diakandru
Julia Lee Dolan
Amy Joan Downing
Katherine Diane Downing
Ariel Lynn Durham
Aidan Paul Eck
Owen Richard Edwards
Peter Anthony Falcone
Lauren Ashley Frank
Nathaniel William Haver
Tyler Robert Hawes
Andrew James Hendrickx
Jack David Hernandez
Yachal Hope Huckby

Irene Jayapandian
Griffin Augustus Johnson
Joseph Ford Johnson
Michael N Johnson
Gavin Elijah Kastner
Wiriya Khem
Andrew Scott Kieta
Jackson Anthony Kipp
Dylan James Kowalski
Kaden Nathaniel Krosalak
Jack Tyler Lammlein
Carter Allen Lessing
Jordan Lewis
Hannah Catherine Lux
Calvin Marshall
Haley Genevieve Matson
Allison Marie McClintick
George Lawrence McWilliams
Katrine Louise Melika
Eh Lecho Mes
Jonathan Meybaum
Asia Elizabeth Monroe
Jena Ann Neumeyer
Rebecca Nguyen
Liam Joseph O'Keefe
Kate Christine Oyster

Matthew R. Pander
Carter Quinn Parmenter
Maxwell Vincent Pastoria
Jamya Lynn Peacock
Benjamin David Perelka
Luke Charles Perrotta
Rachel Audrey Petschke
Leah Pickering
Maryann R Pinney
Samantha J. Pixler
Nathan Scott Polidoro
Abigail Louise Pollock
Madeline Kay Pollock
Lauren Rose Reding
Cassandra Annette Reid
Matthew J. Reitingier
Brandon David Riley
Liza Ritha
Jake Edward Roberts
Blaise Lee Robinson
Caroline Marie Rusinoff
Jeffrey B. Saffles, II
Julia Grace Schaffner
Evan Jonathan Schmikla
Aneya Marie Schwartz
Caleb Robert Selby

Kayla Nicole Seymour
Brant Lee Simmons
Isaac Robert Simpson
Rebecca Madison Stahl
Sydney Grace Starcher-Burton
Lauren Elizabeth Stout
Ethan Thomas Stradtman
Kaitlyn Paige Stuver
Jackson Thomas Sullivan
Nicole Susa
Stephanie Faith Testa
Sarah Lynn Thelander
Hannah Van Drunen
David Addison Van Hala
Casey Mae Warren
Allison Nicolle Wesley
Annabelle Josephine Wilford
Brooklyn Faith Wirebaugh
Tyler Sidney Wise
Stephanie Joy Wodrich
Michael James Wood
Medora Marie Wychanko
Carson Christopher Young
Sheila Katherine Zimmerer

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2 (Class Verse)



Valedictorians

Cumulative GPA over 4.5

(above – left to right)

Brant Simmons
Rebecca Nguyen
Nathan Haver
Cameron DeCarlo

Salutatorians

Cumulative GPA over 4.25

Drennan Akins
AJ Curcio
Brennan Darr
Courtne DeCarlo
Lauren Frank
Irene Jayapandian
Katrine Melika
Jonathan Meybaum
Max Pastoria
Blaise Robinson
Sarah Thelander
David Van Hala
Brooklyn Wirebough
Medora Wychanko

12 Capstone Diploma Candidates

Royal Servant Awards

David Van Hala and Casey Warren

Akron Beacon Journal 2022 Star Student Nominees

Max Pastoria and Sarah Thelander



126

Graduates

\$12,837,300

awarded in college scholarships

National Merit Commended Students:

AJ Curcio
Cameron De Carlo
Nathan Haver
Sarah Thelander

44

Royal Scholars

4.0 or higher GPA for
entire high school career



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International Students
from Cambodia

2 Attending HBCUs

*Historically Black
Colleges/Universities*

1 enlisting
in the
Military

Athletics

14

student-athletes
committed to
college athletics

Fine Arts

1 attending
Savannah
College of Art &
Design

94%

attending
46 different
colleges

42%

attending
out-of-state
colleges

36%

attending
Christian colleges

58%

attending
Ohio colleges



Graduates most Popular Majors:

Accounting	Engineering
Business	Marketing
Data Analytics	Ministry Nursing
Economics	Pre-Med
Education	

Average EBRW SAT:	Average Math SAT:	Average ACT:
582	569	23.7

Colleges Attending:

Albion College	Malone University
Baldwin Wallace University	Marietta College
Belmont University	Miami University
Bowling Green State University	Oakwood University
Brown Aveda Institute	Ohio Christian University
Case Western Reserve University	Ohio University
Cedarville University	Sarah Lawrence College
Colorado Christian University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Cuyahoga Community College	Southeastern University
George Mason University	Stark State College
Gordon College	Taylor University
Grace College, Akron	Tennessee State University
Grace College	Texas A & M University, College Station
Grand Canyon University	The College of Wooster
Grand Valley State University	The Ohio State University
Grove City College	The Ohio State University, Newark
Heidelberg University	The University of Akron
High Point University	The University of Texas, Tyler
Hope College	Trine University
Indiana Wesleyan University	University of Cincinnati
Kent State University	University of Dayton
Kent State University, Stark	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Lee University	University of Mount Union
Liberty University	Walsh University
Lipscomb University	Wheaton College

A Changing Landscape

Campus Construction Update



“Construction, construction, everywhere” is an apt phrase to describe the enhancements taking place all around CVCA’s campus. As the *Finishing Excel Still More Campaign* moves forward along with several other capital projects, we’re excited when we consider the true blessing these improvements will be for our students and staff in our growing school. On-campus improvements include:

- The new **John F. Rasnick Center**, a two-story, 300-plus capacity, glass front addition with a dedicated outdoor space commemorating CVCA’s founders.
- Totally renovated and expanded **Anne Tell Chapel/Auditorium**.
- New 3,000 square-foot **Royals Strength and Conditioning Center** with easy access for outdoor workouts through

garage-style doors and custom Sorinex rack systems for workout stations.

- Expansion of CVCA’s **kitchen space** by 50% to provide efficient food service for students and staff to enjoy in three distinct dining areas within the school.

We praise the Lord for HIS provision for HIS school, and we’re profoundly grateful for the generosity of faithful friends who understand and support CVCA’s desire to see Christ-honoring excellence in all of the school’s programs.

If you have questions about how you can join us to support these initiatives, please contact John Harabedian at jharabedian@cvcaroyals.org or 330-929-0575, ext. 205.



Stewarding God's Space

Reaching the Community with our Resources by Kenzie Spodnik '19

CVCA occasionally rents our building space to the community. **Why do this?** It gives us the opportunity to graciously welcome guests into our school during off hours to allow them to catch a glimpse of what God is doing at CVCA.

Besides the financial benefits of sharing the space with others, we have already seen the Lord use our facilities to draw these visitors closer to Him. There are countless stories about parents and kids asking questions about the verses on the walls, or the posted phrases, or statements that point to Christ. We have seen our visitors feel compelled to ask what the difference at our school might be. This has resulted in open doors for wonderful Gospel-centered conversations.

Who do we rent to? We rent to ministry partners who can have an enhanced mission by using our space. These partners include local churches, youth groups, feeder schools, and clubs. We enjoy sharing our facilities as these partners use them to further impact their Kingdom mission. Along with ministry partners, we also allow local organizations who are focused on youth, but have limited space, to use our facilities to provide activities for their kids.

Was this the plan? The Royals Fieldhouse is a great place for outside organizations to rent. From the moment of the facility's inception, five main purposes were kept in mind when planning the space. Our commitment to the last point also includes other spaces such as the Gymnasium and Chapel/Auditorium space.

1. To provide space for practices and games as athletes train in and out of season.
2. To give an area for large school and community events, such as The Royal Evening, school assemblies, and more.
3. To allow for flexibility and space for both middle and high school PE programs.
4. To create an opportunity for the remodeling of the old gym to provide a modern space for the Fine Arts Department in creating a new choir room, band room, and two art classrooms.
5. To give room for the larger community to be invited in to use our space as a gathering point for church, ministry, or outside programs, allowing greater partnership and heightened awareness outside of the school.

The first four points have obviously been fulfilled, even more than we originally had foreseen! It has been an honor to also see how God is using His school to carry out the last purpose. Now, as the building expands and evolves, there are sure to be even more stories of His faithfulness. We can't wait to share them with you!

For more information on space rentals at CVCA, please contact Nick Thompson at nthompson@cvcaroyals.org.



A Unique Opportunity

One organization that uses CVCA's athletic facilities is **Empower Sports**. The collaboration is powerful as it connects current CVCA students, alumni, and a great community program.

CVCA alum, **Jack Thompson '11**, works with Empower Sports and shared how the connection benefits all involved:

"Empower Sports exists to enrich the lives of athletes living with disabilities through sports while promoting kindness, character, and tolerance. We brought CVCA and Empower together for the unique opportunity to see kids in our community living with disabilities and their typically developing peers interact and relate in an environment that is mutually beneficial. Through Empower's basketball, football, and softball programs we have seen 50+ CVCA students and many other volunteers help out in our programs.

It is amazing to see our Empower athletes grow in their social skills and athletic ability, and equally as awesome to see CVCA students grow a real heart for serving our friends."

In addition to his role as Program Director for Empower Sports, Jack serves as the Assistant CVCA Boys Soccer Coach and the Western Reserve Young Life Capernaum Director.

OPEN HOUSE 10.21.22



CVCA prepares students academically, socially, physically, and spiritually for college and beyond. Come meet our people, tour our campus, and learn what makes a CVCA education different. Find out more at cvcaroyals.org.



BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

After last year's virtual event, the CVCA community celebrated the in-person 2022 Royal Evening with record-breaking success.

March 12, 2022...Royals Fieldhouse. This was the largest attended Royal Evening to date – exceeding the pre-pandemic guest attendance of 390 in 2020 with over 550. Amazing fellowship among parents, alumni, teachers, staff, grandparents, sponsors, and friends in this large new venue was a true blessing that strengthened relationships, renewed connections, and created new friendships.

Thank you to the owners of Kingdom Title, Brian '98 and Alyssa '98 Moore, for their generous support as The Royal Evening Presenting Sponsor again this year! With an ever-increasing number of sponsors supporting the event, CVCA continues to provide an evening of celebration with 100% of **all giving and donations** going directly to students for tuition assistance. Thank you to all 33 sponsors for making the event successful!

With the overflowing generosity of our sponsors and guests both in-person and on-line, **the event raised a record-breaking \$330,000.** Your generosity greatly impacts tuition assistance, allowing at least 100 additional students to experience a Christ-centered, CVCA education. Thank you to everyone who gave, donated, attended, volunteered, and sponsored. The community of CVCA came together in a very heartfelt celebration for the benefit of students.

We are now eagerly planning the next Royal Evening. Save Saturday, March 11, 2023 and plan to join us in the CVCA Fieldhouse. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the Lord's faithfulness to His school for over 50 years!

Highlights of the 2022 Royal Evening included:

- A custom 2022 Corvette Stingray was on display, with big thanks to Don Sitts, to highlight a special live auction driving experience. Yes, we drove and parked a car in the Fieldhouse!
- Guests enjoyed a 24-foot over-the-top charcuterie table during the silent auction. Special thanks to Vaccaro's Catering (owned by a CVCA parent) and Aladdin's Eatery of Portage Trail (managed by a CVCA alum).
- The Royal Grounds coffee shop was hosted by SOBE student-led business Shya Coffee, providing coffee for sale to support Rwandan widows. Guests were able to select a special take-home mug to enjoy coffee during the evening.
- A stellar preview performance of the Spring Musical *Fiddler on the Roof* was provided by senior Jonathan Byerly.
- The famous annual tradition of the Cake Auction was back which included a winning cake being donated on the spot back to teachers at the event to enjoy for dessert.
- Among the auction items was a Gift Card Bonanza Card Pull provided by CVCA middle school parents!

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Great Evening
of Supporting
CVCA Students



569
Tickets Sold
(Most Attendees Ever)



194
Auction Items



6 Delicious Cakes



84
Student Volunteers
(Most Ever)



100+
Parent Volunteers
Helped Prepare for and
Served at the Event



\$330,000
Raised for Tuition Assistance
(Highest Ever)



92
Seats Donated for Faculty
and Staff to Attend with
their Spouses



33
Sponsors (Most Ever)



16
Parent-
Coordinated
Auction Gift
Packages
(Most Ever)





John Harabedian, Director of Development

THANK YOU!

Thank you, CVCA family, for your continued generous support of our mission and the critical role that each of you plays as the Lord blesses us through your faithful giving. It is evident that your hearts are with us as we look back over the year to see:

- Record #thanksGivingTuesday contributions in November
- Record attendance and giving at our Royal Evening event in March
- Record Campaign giving for the construction of the John F. Rasnick Center, which is beginning to change the look and landscape around campus

As the Lord has led in your giving, He is also leading more families and their students to CVCA. We have record numbers enrolled for the upcoming school year, with nearly 40% of these students receiving some form of tuition assistance through CVCA. Without your devoted financial support, many families could never consider CVCA as an option for their students.

Aware of the cultural changes that are taking place all around us, it is comforting to know that the truth of the Gospel is unchanging – the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is our prayer that these students, equipped with God's Word, would be a message of hope to a culture desperately searching for meaning and significance.

Know that your prayerful financial support undergirds all that we do as we seek to fulfill our mission of *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ*. Thanks for giving out of the overflow of your heart.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

A Culture of Generosity

The CVCA community is characterized by ever-growing amounts of generosity of time, talent, and treasure. The overflowing of giving from joyful hearts in so many ways impacts all current students.

Volunteers and mentors go above and beyond to further the mission of the school in a very hands-on way. Their gifts, time, and energy provide an unmatched student experience for all CVCA students. Thank you to all involved in Moms in Prayer, team power meals, sports live-streaming, mentoring in the Schools of Distinction, teacher appreciation meals, helping with the Royal Evening, decorating for Homecoming and Prom, and so many other ways.

With your generosity, the 2021-2022 Annual Giving and Endowment Giving totaled

\$1,051,042. This represents an ever-increasing amount given over the last few years! The direct impact of your giving is that MORE students are able to attend this school and have the Christ-honoring student experience available here. Your giving makes tuition assistance and scholarships for many students possible.



Those students receiving tuition assistance and scholarships through YOUR giving have teachers pouring into their lives in a personal way to help them navigate life biblically, an academic program that brings Christ into each subject, Chapel programs that honor and worship the Lord, athletic and extracurricular programs that are mentored by strong Christian leaders pointing them to Jesus, and more in order to be fully prepared to go out and impact our world for Christ. **Thank you for being a community of generosity!**

“My last of four children just graduated from CVCA. I am so grateful for the impact this school has had on each of their lives. I hope my contribution will allow for other families to experience and benefit from the amazing administration, staff, and Godly influence of CVCA.”

Lisa Costa, Parent of Alumni
from Classes '22, '17, '14, '12



Your generosity makes a difference in students lives!

Connecting People to the Mission and to One Another

The heart of the Development Team is community building at CVCA to connect current parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends to the mission and work of His school and to one another. The Development Office coordinates the charitable involvement of these groups with opportunities such as praying, volunteering, mentoring, sponsoring, and giving. It is exciting to see the Lord work in people's hearts as they give generously of their time, talent, and treasure.

CVCA Development Team:

John Harabedian – Director of Development
 Dr. Roger Taylor – Major Gifts Officer
 Jennifer Meybaum – Development Outreach
 Kristin Nichols – Special Events Coordinator
 Patti Zaubi – Donor Relations & Database Manager

The Development Team is ready to work with each CVCA family to determine how they can contribute to the mission of *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ*. **Learn more about how you can get involved at cvcaroyals.org/support.**

“I have enjoyed working with the Development Team in preparation for The Royal Evening. It's been a long time since I have volunteered anywhere, and even longer since I have worked closely with a group of people. I have loved every minute of it! I hope I don't wear out my welcome!

I also appreciate the Parent Connections events. Otherwise, I might not have had the encouragement to get involved. It took a lot of courage for me to even come to those.

I have been praying a lot these past few months for God to help me find where I belong. I think he has put the right people in my life at the right time to point me in the right direction. God is good!”

Robin Mutchie, Parent
 of CVCA 8th Grader

Thanks to generous friends of CVCA, 84 scholarships have been awarded for the 2022-2023 school year!

Scholarships play a key role in keeping a CVCA education accessible. Many gracious people have created and invested in these scholarships in order to serve students and help train and mentor the next generation of Christ-followers. If you would like to learn how you can establish an annual or endowed scholarship, please contact Dr. Roger Taylor in the Development Office at 330-929-0575, ext. 211.

2022-2023 CVCA Scholarships:

2 Thessalonians 3:7 Scholarship
 Adams Memorial Scholarship
 Ambassador for Christ Scholarship
 Apostle Paul Scholarship
 Allie Armstrong Memorial Scholarship
 Debbie Arnold Memorial Scholarship
 Don Bechtel Scholarship
 Beyerle Memorial Scholarship
 Blair Family Ministry Scholarship
 Audrey J. Bloom R.N., B.S.N. Medical Professions Scholarship
 Otto Bosshard Memorial Scholarship
 Brenda Burnham Unruh Memorial Scholarship
 Perry Carroscia Memorial CVCA Scholarship
 Paz Chu Memorial Scholarship
 Creative Writing Scholarship
 Forrest & Dorothy Crocker Founders Scholarship
 Richard P. DeBlander Memorial Scholarship
 Excellence in Christ Scholarship
 Excellence in Fine Arts Scholarship
 David and Lynette Flick Scholarship
 Gregory Gerycz 2 Chronicles 7:14 Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Kye Harris Memorial Scholarship
 Richard & Carol Heasley Lifetime Service Scholarship
 Hershman Family Scholarship
 Jay Jones Memorial Scholarship
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 Monteith Family Founders Scholarship
 Mindy Ormond Memorial Scholarship
 Natalie Pausch Memorial Scholarship
 Phillipians 4:19 Scholarship
 Psalm 118:23 Founders' Testimony Scholarship
 Psalm 121 Scholarship
 Richard L. Shellenberger Social Studies Excellence Scholarship
 Forrest Stein Memorial Scholarship
 Tammi Stewart Memorial Scholarship
 C. H. Tipton Memorial Scholarship

IRA Tax Advantages for Retirees

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable to a qualified charity, such as Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, according to the QCD provision of the Internal Revenue Code. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This may be a great opportunity for you to make your gift to CVCA tax-free. If you are at least 70 ½, you may qualify for a tax-free qualified charitable distribution.

Please check with your tax advisor to see if this is a good fit for your tax planning and charitable giving opportunities.

Thank you for considering a gift to impact Christian excellence at CVCA. For more information, contact John Harabedian, Director of Development, at jharabedian@cvcaroyals.org.

Every gift to CVCA helps prepare students to impact the world for Christ.



C7

21st Century Skills from a Biblical Perspective

CVCA is committed to *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ*. It is in light of this mission that CVCA seeks to continually improve in the preparation of students for college and career. In order to accomplish this goal, CVCA has committed to developing 21st century skills driven by a Biblical worldview, and has adopted the C7 framework:

Communication
Curiosity
Christ-Centered
Critical Thinking
Creativity
Collaboration
Compassion

In the first year of focusing on fostering and growing these skills and perspectives in our students, CVCA faculty completed a seven-part in-house workshop. Teachers rotated through these workshops over the course of the year where they learned about the value of the skill/perspective and collaborated on practical steps towards fostering them in their own classes. In subsequent years, CVCA faculty will continue to grow and adapt their classrooms so they continue to better foster and grow 21st century skills from a Biblical perspective.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Pathways FOR INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS

In the 2021-22 school year, CVCA launched a personalized professional development program designed to provide support and resources for teachers so they can innovate in their classrooms. In its pilot year, 12 CVCA teachers joined the program. Over the course of the year, these teachers set goals for innovating in their classroom and completed a minimum of three initiatives designed to help them meet that goal. In addition, the teachers met monthly to celebrate and collaborate on their innovative work. Through this rigorous, voluntary program, these 12 teachers earned the Pathways Tier 1 Innovative Educator certification and collectively increased the impact of teaching and learning at CVCA.

Our Pathways teachers also participated in coaching, connecting with a learning community, and much more. **The impressive results of the program's pilot year included:**

8

Teachers attended local and national **CONFERENCES** to gain knowledge and inspiration for their classes

5

Teachers **COLLABORATED** with another class at CVCA (and beyond) to implement cross-curricular lessons and projects impacting 9 different classes

3

Teachers attended local or online **WORKSHOPS** to grow in specific areas of teaching

4

Teachers **SHARED** their best practices with other colleagues at CVCA (and beyond) through videos and PD sessions

2

Teachers wrote and **WON GRANTS** totaling \$11,000 to invest in their classes

4

Teachers implemented **CURRICULUM** adjustments to provide more student-centered learning

2

Teachers took online **COURSES** that focused on their growth goals

6

Teachers conducted **ACTION RESEARCH** by implementing something **NEW** in their classes and measuring its impact

Next year, Tier 1 Innovative Educators can re-enroll in pursuit of more innovation and a Tier 2 certification, while new teachers can join the program to start their own Pathway. We look forward to a second year of Pathways and watching God continue to move in powerful ways at CVCA through our professional development programs.

Members of the 2021-2022 Pathways Team: Cailyn Chizmar, Jordan Fairfax, Megan Hapanowicz, Brianna Jones, Chrissy Kamp, Craig McSparran, Karin McSparran, Joy Meszaros, Maddie Prentis, David Ramey, Lisa Spodnik, Ami Wagner



CVCA teachers strive to help students discover their unique God-given gifts.



Congratulations Royal Scholars

CVCA's Royal Scholars are an impressive group of graduating seniors who have achieved a GPA of at least 4.0 through their entire high school careers. Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Royal Scholars:

Drennan Akins
Elizabeth Albrecht
Tatum Arico
Sarah Avery
Logan Campbell
Anthony Curcio
Brennan Darr
Cameron DeCarlo
Courtney DeCarlo
Julia Dolan
Peter Falcone
Lauren Frank
Nathan Haver

Andrew Hendrickx
Irene Jayapandian
Vidia Khem
Katrine Melika
Jonathan Meybaum
Rebecca Nguyen
Carter Parmenter
Maxwell Pastoria
Benjamin Perelka
Rachel Petschke
Sam Pixler
Abigail Pollock
Madeline Pollock

Lauren Reding
Cassandra Reid
Blaise Robinson
Kayla Seymour
Brant Simmons
Jackson Sullivan
Sarah Thelander
David VanHala
Brooklyn Wirebaugh
Tyler Wise
Medora Wychanko

AP Program Continues to Grow

In the 2021-22 school year, 153 CVCA students took a total of 305 Advanced Placement (AP) exams – the most in 5+ years. We are especially excited about this number as our focus for AP is accessibility. Students that take on the challenge of an AP course are accepting a more rigorous educational path that results in higher learning outcomes and is recognized and awarded in the admissions process, regardless of the final AP score.

We are committed to fully preparing our students for college and beyond.

70% of the CVCA student AP exams taken in 2021-22 received a 3 or higher, and 75% of our AP students received a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam. A score of 3 or higher generally means that the student has demonstrated mastery in a content area and the vast majority of universities will offer a college course credit as a recognition of this achievement.

19 AP courses were offered at CVCA in the 2021-22 school year:

AP Drawing
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Chinese
AP Computer Science
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP Latin
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Physics
AP Research
AP Seminar
AP Spanish Language
AP Statistics
AP US Government
AP US History

In 2022-23, we are adding our first 9th grade AP offering, AP Human Geography, to open up even more opportunities for learning and college credit.

CVCA Awarded Grants for Innovation in the Classroom

In June, the GAR Foundation announced \$350,000 in funding to 42 teams of educators through its annual Educator Initiative Grant (EIG) program. The EIG program offers grants to K-12 educators in Summit County's public and nonprofit private schools who present classroom innovations to support student success.

"We are so proud of the work teachers put into developing these concepts, especially with so much on their plates. The projects that came forward are truly cutting edge," said Lucille Esposito, EIG program manager for GAR Foundation.



CVCA Grant Winners:
Jordan Fairfax and Chrissy Kamp

CVCA was awarded grants for two programs:

- **Finding the Joy in Learning Again – \$2,650**
- **CVCA Virtual Reality Lab and Studio – \$9,500**



The Privilege of Guiding our Youngest Students

by Scott Iannetta, Middle School Principal

Most people would NOT say that middle school was one of the best times of their lives, but I love being a part of these important years for our students. It's the beginning of their CVCA journey and such a formational time – not just aca-

demically, but spiritually and socially as well. At CVCA, we have the privilege of coming alongside our youngest students in all of these areas, to encourage them and point them to Jesus as they begin to seek their place in our school, in the world, and in their spiritual journeys.

This is an exciting time for CVCA's middle school. We are growing in both

numbers and in programs. We are seeing students launched into high school well prepared for the vigors of a college-prep curriculum. And, we are watching these young men and women encounter God through Chapels, Connections, Bible classes, teachers, Mterm, and more. What an amazing opportunity and responsibility we have to be part of this time in their lives!

National Honors for Middle School Academic Challenge Team

In June, CVCA's middle school Academic Challenge students participated in a national online tournament run by a company called Questions Unlimited. The tournament is only open to schools that place in the top twenty percent at smaller tournaments, so just making it to the competition is already exciting.

A Team



However, our students did better than just making it. Two separate CVCA teams participated, and both teams made it past prelims and continued to advance in the finals, with the "A team" ending up in second place overall, losing a hard-fought match to the team that was the number-one seed going into finals.

Not only was this the best a CVCA team has ever done at this competition, but we learned it was also the best any Christian school has ever done! In this competition's forty years, it was the first time a Christian school has ever made it to the final round.

Congratulations to both the B team (Hudson Bazemore, Caroline Dressel, Cain Robinson, Ben Choi, Ellie Tartara, Avery Tausch, and captains Gannon Besso and Anna Muklewicz) and the A team (Madeline Currall, Jude Armstrong, Owen Lee, and captain Sarah Choi) on their great teamwork and great results!

B Team



Powerful Story Earns Writing Award

Caroline Dressel, CVCA 8th grader (2021-2022), won third place in the

34th Annual Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest (Division 1, 6th to 8 grade). The theme for this year's contest

was *Lessons of the Holocaust: Undeniable Stories of Survival*. Caroline's submission, "The Star that Reunited," is a story that beautifully describes the pain and need for forgiveness that the Holocaust can still invoke today – even for generations far removed from that time. Congratulations, Caroline, on your accomplishment, and thank you for using your talents to share such an important reminder.



CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
JUNIOR ROYALS CLUB

Students not yet old enough to attend CVCA can still be part of the Royal family. Students in grades 1-5 are invited to become a Junior Royal and enjoy some truly royal treatment!
cvcaroyals.org/junior-royals-club



The Impact of Middle School Mterm

by Maggie O'Keefe,
Faculty Fellows Scholar

Who would have thought elephants, an arcade, and paintball would all have something in common! Each of these and more were included in many middle schoolers' experiences this past March on Mterm. While the high school students chose from a variety of electives during this one-week period, each middle school class embarked on its own adventure.

The sixth grade class took local day trips to the zoo and Great Lakes Science Center on *Excelerate* where they learned about God's design. The seventh grade *Elevate* trip took them to Camp Carl where they enjoyed horseback riding and paintballing, and dove deep into learning about their identity in Christ. The eighth grade trip, *Prepare to Believe*, ventured further to the Ark and Creation Museum in Cincinnati to learn about the intricacies of God's creation while also enjoying mini golf and go-karting.

Each of these trips were vessels for the middle schoolers to understand on a deeper level who God is and how He meets each of them individually where they are. These experiences also became a bonding time for each grade to grow closer as a class. Because these trips happen later in the school year, students feel more established and comfortable with their peers and teachers which allows increased learning and vulnerability to take place outside of a classroom setting. Mterm is designed for growth sparked by new environments.

God did incredible things in the lives of our middle schoolers through this one week. But don't take our word for it – let's hear some Mterm stories from a few of our very own students:

Grace Kolb, 6th Grade: During Mterm I learned that God is a God of design. He is perfect. I was shown this by the zoo and the Science Center. Each animal has a different design and system of how their bodies operate. The Science Center showed me how cool God designed people to discover or invent these experiments (using their gift from God). I also learned that I really love elephants! To me, it is so cool how they were created.

Ethan Ferdig, 6th Grade: I learned about God and myself through the activities I did with my friends at the zoo and the Science Center. I learned that God doesn't want us to argue with our friends and always think that we are correct, but we should think of others' thoughts, too.

Juliette Govia, 7th Grade: Before *Elevate*, I was struggling with stress and anxiety. We learned about our purpose and identity. It was an amazing opportunity to renew my faith. I was able to talk to my friends and mentors about how I felt, and it was an amazing experience. It has helped me a lot with actually feeling connected to my friends instead of just hanging out for no good reason. I also gained knowledge about how God sees me as a person, and who He has made me to be. At the beginning, Mr. Churchill asked us to pray for one thing to happen in our lives spiritually. For me, it was to strengthen my friendships. During the experience, I had friendships stronger than I ever had before. *Elevate* was an answer to prayer.

What was the most impactful part for you?
Talking and praying with our mentors and cabin leaders after chapel. It was an amazing feeling to be prayed for and know that others care.

Zachary Flaker, 7th Grade: My Great Grandfather died a few weeks before *Elevate* started. Soon after that my Grandpa went into the hospital and had to have open heart surgery. I was so scared of losing my Grandpa, and it was affecting the way I treated the people around me. When I went to *Elevate*, I was surrounded by people who loved me. They made me feel so much better.

What was your favorite part of Elevate?
Chapel because it helped me really grow closer to God.

Samuel Mathena, 8th Grade: I was really impacted by the Ark and Creation Museum because I learned a lot more about the creation of the world. The Ark showed me how God gave Noah all of the directions and gave him the strength and power to do all of it.

"After going on Elevate, my faith in the Lord felt renewed. I have changed a lot, and I try to be a better person. I let myself be honest with my friends and I am more confident talking to them about our faith."
– Juliette Govia, 7th Grade



SOBE Success

Each Spring semester, students in CVCA's School of Business and Entrepreneurship work in teams to create business and marketing plans to be presented and judged by professionals at two showcase events. The junior and senior students spend months researching, preparing, and working with local businesses to fine-tune their campaigns. With intense hands-on experience, these projects have proven to be highly beneficial in helping students plan for college and beyond.

This project gave us
real work experience
with a real client.
Very authentic!
– Alan Jaypandian '23

Business Pitch Night by Courtney DeCarlo

As a part of the MyCloset team within the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, we had a lot of fun creating our business, learned a lot, and even considered starting up the business for ourselves! Our team consisted of seniors **Courtney DeCarlo, Flora Fossen, Joey Johnson, Wiriya Khem, and Lauren Reding.**



We started the year with a new teacher and a new class. We were almost instantly put into teams and started brainstorming ideas. Our idea was inspired by the high technology outfit sorter from the movie *Clueless*. Our thought was to create an app that would function similarly to the product in the movie. This proved to be a bit more difficult than we had anticipated because of all the details that had to be considered. After hours and hours of work, we were able to develop a realistic business plan and designs for our app. The most nerve-racking (but fun) part of the project was getting to share our information with the judges, our classmates, family, and friends.

Even with all the late nights and stress that this project brought, I would do it all again because the project showed me that I want to pursue business as my career. In fact, I was taught the finance side of business and loved it, helping me narrow down my major. This project taught me important skills such as teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and patience that are helpful not only in the business world, but also in everyday life.



Marketing Pitch Event by Cerena Dawson

We were so excited and blessed to hear our name called as the winning marketing pitch! Our project was to create an entire marketing plan for the local company of our choice and then pitch it to a panel of judges. We worked with DJ's Creative Images, a barber shop in Maple Heights that is a family-oriented and Christian-based business. Our team included juniors **Victoria Banks, Cerena Dawson, Alan Jaypandian, and Carter Lee.**



The assignment was to first learn what marketing our client already had in place, do a store visit, and analyze our business. With the help of Claritas database software, we identified our target market and brainstormed marketing materials with that target market in mind.

Our team came up with business cards, a holiday sale, and a logo and outdoor sign as our marketing materials. Mrs. Chamberlain then had each team present their plan to a practice panel of judges which was crucial for us. This ended up being the key to our success, as one of the judges suggested the terrific idea of a referral program. We happily integrated one, and we truly believe this addition won over the judges at Pitch Night.

This experience gave us the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with a real business and learn how to take and apply critiques from judges. The project developed our camaraderie and grew new relationships we never expected to have. Overall, it was a fantastic and beneficial experience for our team.





SOBE Juniors Work with National Ministries to Launch Exciting Partnership

Our SOBE juniors spent their spring semester partnering with Mobility Worldwide (mobilityworldwide.org) and BrightStart Learning (brightstartcambodia.org) on a variety of projects, including MWW's annual newsletter, publications for this year's Cruisin' the Chapel event at Christ Community Chapel, and creating the entire Marketing Launch Campaign for **Empower Together**.



Empower Together is a partnership project between Mobility Worldwide and BrightStart Learning. BrightStart has provided educational programs to disadvantaged students in Battambang, Cambodia for over ten years, and this venture will enable them to launch a vocational training program with a like-minded, committed partner. This project provides the means for Mobility Worldwide to expand their production and delivery of carts to leg-disabled people in Southeast Asia.

In May, an Evening of Celebration was held to officially launch the partnership project. Katelyn Wedding, Jack Flenniken, Leah Lytle, and Kaden Victor presented on behalf of SOBE and shared their experiences working with this collaboration.

The First Royal Cup House Winner is Announced!

2021-2022 was the inaugural year for our House System, where each high school student is a member of one of four houses, each named after a famous patron: Frederick **Douglass**, Elisabeth **Elliot**, C.S. **Lewis**, and A.W. **Tozer**. Throughout the entire school year, the four houses competed in a variety of events – all for the right to be the first to win the Royal Cup!

The competitions were vast and varied and included field games, a lip sync contest, pumpkin carving, an art show, attendance at athletic competitions, House GPA averages, finding hidden objects in the school, and teachers even had some points to award as they saw fit. After almost ten months of competing in almost fifty different events and accruing close to 7,000 points, **the winner was Lewis House!**

Congratulations to the heads of house, Ms. Wagner and Mrs. Meszaros and the entire Lewis House for being the first ever to win the Royal Cup! Thank you to all of our students and staff for a wonderful first year with our houses and all of their new traditions.



BE A PART OF THE EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT CVCA!

Are you looking for an easy, automatic way to give to CVCA and support the amazing programs you read about in The Trumpeter? You can set up a recurring gift, paid in monthly, quarterly, or annual installments, through our online giving form at cvcaroyals.org/giving. Payments can be made via ACH withdrawals from your checking account or credit card. Through recurring gifts you will provide much appreciated, consistent support to CVCA, and contributing manageable increments over the course of the year allows you to maximize the impact of your gift while fitting into your plan for giving! Set your recurring gift today at cvcaroyals.org/giving. For more information, contact Patti Zaubi on the Development Team at pzaubi@cvcaroyals.org or at 330-929-0575, ext. 331.

In his last year with The Royal Theatre, **Cameron Decarlo '22** played Mendel in the Spring production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Reflecting on the show and his Theatre experiences, Cameron shared:

Every school year, I look forward to The Royal Theatre's announcement of shows they will be performing that year. When I heard the Spring Musical would be *Fiddler on the Roof*, I was so excited to end my senior year with such an amazing show.

When the Musical cast list first came out, I noticed there were a lot of new names from younger grades. I wasn't sure what to expect from such a young and new cast, but I was confident the show would be a strong success as it is every year. One of the aspects of The Royal Theatre that I love the most is how the cast bond as a family, and this year was no exception. Even though the cast spanned from sixth to twelfth grade, we quickly connected and grew in our acting abilities and our relationships with each other.

Out of the eight shows I've been cast in at CVCA, never have I witnessed so much growth in a cast. *Fiddler on the Roof* required us to immerse ourselves not only in a different time period, but also in an entirely different and unique culture. Additionally, there were times when we studied challenging passages of Scripture from Hebrews during our devotionals. Our cast rose to any challenge together as a family. No matter how the school day went, I knew that I could come to rehearsal and work on a production that I loved and spend time with some of my closest friends. I can say with certainty that many of my best memories of high school were formed during the late nights of rehearsals or performances with my castmates.

Not only is the relationship between cast members excellent, but the crews and directors we are surrounded by are excellent. It would be entirely impossible to produce the final product without them. Whether it is the student volunteers or the adult directors, I've seen each and every one of them selflessly sacrifice their time for this production and others. The directors demonstrate such compassion and willingness to come alongside the cast members to help them grow on stage and off, and I truly believe this is one of the core factors that makes The Royal Theatre stand out from other high school theater programs.

I've been blessed to be part of this program for five years, and I know many others have been blessed by the experience of performing *Fiddler on the Roof*. I'm so grateful for how The Royal Theatre has impacted me and those around me. I know it will continue to be a blessing for many more years to come.



The Royal Theatre's Tradition of Excellence



The Joy of Serving



Summer Missions Trip Returns with a Trip to Philadelphia by Anna Khalil

The Philadelphia Project is one of the highlights of my summer. We each had the opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and with others, while also being able to work with the community of Philly. We were divided into different groups which partnered with organizations around Philadelphia to do service projects. My group was assigned to a house that had a bad foundation.

We started by working on cleaning out an empty lot next to the house to help create space. As our group worked to create an open space, it helped to draw out the community. While we worked, people began to see the impact and they were more willing to have conversations with us. Through this experience, God taught me how to have joy even while working and serving.

Another highlight was when we would have free time and could hang out with our classmates. It was super fun to play games and get to know my classmates better. It also was an opportunity to get to know my teachers more. The teachers were willing to do a lot for us like getting up at 5:30 every morning to run (as Dr. Koons could tell you). In the evenings we would have Club which was worship and then a sermon.

This experience made me more excited for Jesus' second coming because this trip just gave me a little glimpse into what a beautiful connection between us and God there is. I cannot wait for when the connection will be restored, and we will be forever with our God. This trip also taught me about God's restorative nature – how He takes things that are broken and beat down and turns them into beautiful things through His plan. I am very grateful for this opportunity and all the things it taught me.



HONORED ROYALS ATHLETES

Winter 2021-2022 Celebrated Royals

SENIOR ATHLETES

Boys Basketball:

Seth Bagwell
Cody Brantley
Brennan Darr

Bowling:

Penelope Bacon
Sam Cox
Calvin Marshall

Hockey:

Kadin Ballard
Jack Lammlein
Luke Perrotta

Swimming:

Emily Adkins
Hadley Began
Logan Campbell
Keelan Chantry
Jonathan DeLucia
Hannah Lux
Haley Matson
Abby Pollock

Jake Roberts
Becca Stahl
Stephanie Wodrich

Girls Basketball:

Liv Brummert

HONORED ATHLETES

State Qualifiers:

Kyle Snider – Wrestling
Braden Hahlen – Wrestling
Luke Slabaugh – Diving
Sam Smith – Diving

All-State 1st Team:

Darryn Peterson – Basketball

All-State 2nd Team:

Gia Casalinova – Basketball

District Qualifiers:

Swimming: Selah Gray,
Stephanie Wodrich, Catelyn Lieser,
Eva Parmenter, Haley Matson,
Logan Campbell, Ethan Campbell,
Lucas Mitchell, Keelan Chantry

Wrestling: Owen Nelson,
Braden Hahlen, Anthony Perez,
Niall Walker, Kyle Snider

All-District 1st Team:

Darryn Peterson – Basketball
Gia Casalinova – Basketball

All-District Honorable Mention:

Seth Bagwell – Basketball
Joi Williams – Basketball

All-Conference:

Principals' Athletic Conference
Wrestler of the Year – Kyle Snider

Coach of the Year – Dave Bergen,
Wrestling

All-Conference 1st Team:

Owen Nelson – Wrestling
Braden Hahlen – Wrestling
Anthony Perez – Wrestling
Kyle Snider – Wrestling
Seth Bagwell – Basketball
Brennan Darr – Basketball

Darryn Peterson – Basketball
Gia Casalinova – Basketball
Katelyn Harabedian – Basketball
Joi Williams – Basketball

All-Conference

Honorable Mention:

Jackson Shelby – Basketball
Kylie Bettinger – Basketball

Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League All-Blue North 1st Team:

Jack Lammlein

Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League All-Blue North Honorable Mention:

Luke Perrotta

Greater Summit County Bowling League 1st Team:

CJ Marshall

Spring 2022 Celebrated Royals

SENIOR ATHLETES

Baseball:

Owen Edwards
Peter Falcone
Andrew Hendrickx
Tyler Wise

Boys Lacrosse:

Kadin Ballard
Gabe Bogue
Nathan Daywalt
Eli Diakandru
Joe Johnson
Jack Lammlein
Carter Parmenter
Luke Perrotta
Caleb Selby
Brant Simmons

Girls Lacrosse:

Sarah Avery
Julia Dolan
Amy Downing
Katie Downing
Hannah Lux
Aneya Schvartz
Sydney Starcher-Burton

Softball:

Lizzy Camera
Courtney DeCarlo
Becca Stahl
Allison Wesley

Boys Tennis:

Dylan Aldridge
Jack Hernandez
Jonathan Meybaum
Liam O'Keefe
Ben Perelka
Ethan Stradtman
David Van Hala

Boys Track & Field:

Drennan Akins
Ethan Brewer
Shawn Canty
Ethan Crecco
Blaise Robinson
Jackson Sullivan

Girls Track and Field:

Ariel Durham
Sam Pixler
Hannah Van Drunen
Casey Warren

HONORED ATHLETES

State Qualifiers:

McKenzie Neal – Shot Put
Leo Smith – 4x800m
Jackson Sullivan – 4x800m
Drennan Akins – 4x800m, 1600m,
3200m
Gavin Johnson – 4x800m
Sam Pixler – Discus

All-American:

Caroline Gage – Lacrosse

All-State 1st Team:

Caroline Gage – Lacrosse
Trevor Vojtkofsky – Baseball

All-State 2nd Team:

Andrew Hendrickx – Baseball

Regional Qualifiers:

Track & Field: McKenzie Neal,
Drennan Akins, Sam Pixler,
Marissa Khalil, Gavin Johnson,
Anna Khalil, Ariel Durham,
Jayna Cooley, Ty Bova,
Hannah Van Drunen,
Jackson Sullivan, Ethan Crecco,

Madi Solomon, Sam Londrico,
Bria Bucciarelli, Amy Grace Beebe,
Bree Haver, Leo Smith

District Qualifiers:

Carson Reske – Tennis
David Van Hala – Tennis

All-District:

Andrew Hendrickx 1st Team,
Pitcher of the Year
Trevor Vojtkofsky 1st Team
Tyler Wise 2nd Team
Joey Lehner 2nd Team

All-Region:

OHSGLCA Region 5 Midfield
Player of the Year – Caroline Gage

All-Region 1st Team:

Caroline Gage – Lacrosse

All-Region 2nd Team:

Tyler Young – Lacrosse
Luke Perrotta – Lacrosse
Aneya Schvartz – Lacrosse
Eva Parmenter – Lacrosse
Julia Dolan – Lacrosse
Katie Downing – Lacrosse

All-Region Honorable Mention:

Lucas Mitchell – Lacrosse
Caleb Parambil – Lacrosse
Amy Downing – Lacrosse
Hannah Lux – Lacrosse

All-Conference:

Principals' Athletic Conference
Player of the Year – Andrew
Hendrickx, Baseball

Coach of the Year – Jason Herblet,
Baseball

Coach of the Year – Chip Johnson,
Girls Track & Field

All-Conference 1st Team:

Andrew Hendrickx – Baseball
Joey Lehner – Baseball
Trevor Vojtkofsky – Baseball
Tyler Wise – Baseball
Hannah Van Drunen – Track & Field
Marissa Khalil – Track & Field
Jayna Cooley – Track & Field
Ariel Durham – Track & Field
Drennan Akins – Track & Field
McKenzie Neal – Track & Field
Sam Pixler – Track & Field
Anna Khalil – Track & Field
Amy Grace Beebe – Track & Field
Josey Blackburn – Track & Field
Bree Haver – Track & Field
Casey Warren – Track & Field
Jackson Sullivan – Track & Field
Leo Smith – Track & Field
Anthony Ezzone – Track & Field
Gavin Johnson – Track & Field
Becca Stahl – Softball

All-Conference Honorable Mention:

Otto Rogers – Baseball
Jaden Johnson – Track & Field
Ty Bova – Track & Field
Jackson Sullivan – Track & Field
Gavin Johnson – Track & Field
Ethan Brewer – Track & Field
Hannah Van Drunen – Track & Field
Jayna Cooley – Track & Field
Harrison Kaselak – Track & Field
Ethan Crecco – Track & Field
McKenzie Neal – Track & Field
Emma Jones – Softball

2021-2022 YEAR-END ATHLETIC AWARDS

Congratulations to these outstanding Royal Athletes!

Principals' Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy

CVCA ran away with the PAC-7 All-Sports Trophy this year. The Royals amassed 75.5 points across 14 sports to finish 1st in the standings.

CVCA 75.5
Triway 56.5
Northwest 55.0
Tuslaw 54.5
Fairless 50.5
Manchester 44.5
Orrville 38.5

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award

Brant Simmons
Medora Wychanko

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Liv Brummert
Brennan Darr

OHSAA Courageous Student

Ethan Brewer

NFHS Award of Excellence

Caroline Rusinoff
Drennan Akins

Mighty Royal Award

Luke Coblenz
Karsten Houk
Morgan Joy
Lucas Mitchell
Luke Slabaugh

Royal Servant

David Van Hala
Casey Warren

Archie Griffin (Middle School)

Levi Best
Chloe Krosiak

Pursuing Victory Beyond Competition



I love my job at CVCA! I love the concept that God allows us to use something as simple as "sport" as a tool to point students towards a relationship with Jesus. I love the relationship between players and coaches. I believe there is something unique and mysterious about the power of a trusted coach speaking into the life of a young athlete. It can literally change the trajectory of a life! I love competition. I enjoy watching our kids compete and exemplify year in and year out how CVCA has some of the most accomplished and decorated student-athletes in the state of Ohio. I love watching student-athletes push themselves to

accomplish more than they thought possible.

More than any of these things, I absolutely love the stories that each season brings. Seeing how God brings a coaching staff together; hearing stories about how families choose to invest in Christian education and come to CVCA; and many other factors all come together to tell a story of the season.

Many would want to make the story about wins and losses; and, while the scoreboard matters, what is more important is how we use the story of each season to bring honor to the Lord. How we compete, how we handle adversity, and how we love our teammates all make up a wonderful story that can be told for years to come.

When we make the story about ourselves, we lose the opportunity to tell a better, grander story of who God is and what He has done for us. The ups, the downs, and the setbacks during a season all combine to craft a story that God uses in the lives of young people to draw them closer to Himself and to declare Psalm 115:1: *"Not to us, not to us, Lord, but to Your name be the glory."*

▼ If you attended a basketball game at CVCA this winter, you were treated to an exciting environment in addition to great play. The CVCA **Cheer Team** helped generate, promote, and maintain outstanding spirit all season long.



▲ Freshman **Darryn Peterson** was named 1st Team All-State by the OPSWA, the only freshman to receive All-State honors in all of Division II.

◀ An impressive **Boys Basketball** season ended with the team as District Runners-up. They also secured the Principals' Athletic Conference Title, their first since 2017.



WINTER SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



► Juniors **Luke Slabaugh** and **Sam Smith** both qualified for the OHSAA State Diving Championship. They are the first Royals to accomplish this feat. Luke finished 4th and Sam finished 9th.



◀◀ Junior **Gia Casalinova** was named 2nd Team All-State by the OPSWA. This is her third time receiving All-State honors.

◀ Another great season of **Girls Basketball** at CVCA saw the Lady Royals go toe-to-toe with a challenging slate of games. They have over 60 wins in the last three seasons combined.



▲ The CVCA **Swim Team** featured large numbers this winter. Eleven seniors led the way for the Royals. The team was able to send nine swimmers to the District Tournament across nine events.



▲ Juniors **Braden Hahlen** and **Kyle Snider** qualified for the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Kyle finished in 3rd place and is now a 3-time qualifier. This was Braden's 2nd trip to the State Tournament.

► The CVCA **Bowling Team** combined new faces with strong experience this season. The Royals placed 4th at the end of season conference tournament.



◀ The CVCA **Wrestling Team** claimed the 2022 PAC-7 Championship with a strong performance at the conference meet. It was the team's first conference title since 2013. The Royals also finished 3rd at the Sectional Tournament.

▼ The 2021-2022 CVCA **Hockey** season was highlighted by an exciting run at the Baron Cup. The underdog Royals knocked off Cleveland Heights and Chagrin Falls in thrilling fashion to reach the Finals.



SPRING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

ROYALS



▲ Freshman **McKenzie Neal** finished in 12th place overall in Shot Put at the OHSA State Championship.

► The CVCA **Boys 4x800m Relay Team** finished in 3rd place at the State Meet. The team of Leo Smith, Jackson Sullivan, Drennan Akins, and Gavin Johnson took 12 seconds off their Regional time.

►► Senior **Sam Pixler** capped off her career with a 10th place finish in Discus at the OHSA State Championship meet.



▲ **Boys Track & Field** went 5-1 in dual meets this season and finished 2nd in the PAC-7. Nineteen letter winners will return in 2023 and look to fill the void of a strong Royals Class of 2022.

◀ Senior **Drennan Akins** individually qualified for the State Meet in the 1600m and the 3200m. He finished 4th and 11th respectively.



◀ **Girls Track & Field** showed strength in many different events this spring. They finished in 1st place in the Principals' Athletic Conference and followed that up with a Runner-Up finish at the District Tournament.

▼ The CVCA **Boys Tennis Team** battled through poor weather this spring for another solid season. They were especially strong at home with an 8-4 record.



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through Competitive Excellence*



► Junior **Trevor Vojtkofsky** was named 1st team All-State by the OHSBCA. He is one of just two first team catchers in Division II.

►► Junior **Caroline Gage** was named an All-American by USA Lacrosse. She also received 1st team All-State honors from the OHSGLCA.



▲ The CVCA **Softball Girls Team** continued to improve and battled throughout a challenging season. With seven first-year letter winners, the Lady Royals are primed for success in years to come.

▼ **Boys Lacrosse** played their best in the home stretch of the season in 2022. They outscored their opponents 104-66 over the final nine games of the year.



▼ The **Girls Lacrosse Team** started the season on fire with seven straight victories. The highlight of the year, however, came in a huge 15-12 postseason tournament win over Revere to advance to the Regional Semifinals for the first time.



◀◀ Senior **Andrew Hendrickx** was named 2nd team All-State by the OHSBCA. He is one of seven All-state pitchers in Division II.

◀ The CVCA **Baseball Team** put together one of the best seasons the school has ever had. The Royals went 25-3 on the season and were ranked #2 in Division II for much of the Spring.

THE ECHOES

ALUMNI NEWS OF CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Class Notes

1977



Betsy (Smith) Thomas '77 is a registered nurse in the Henry Ford Health System in Michigan. She and her husband Dennis have four children: Kristen, Kevin, Kaitlyn, and Kirk.

1984



Dave Petno '84 writes: I have worked for USI Insurance in Cleveland since 2017. We recently hired fellow CVCA alum, **Patricia Hess '84**. We both graduated in 1984 and had not seen each other since. It was fun to re-connect. We both loved our days at CVCA. I have been in the insurance field for 20 years, and am currently a Partner/

Vice President in the Employee Benefit group. Patricia (now Persha Besenfelder) is an Account Manager for USI and has been in the field for 13 years.

1987



David Kucko '87 currently resides in Powder Springs, Georgia with his wife April. He is using his degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University while serving as the VP of Fixed-Base Operations at Hawthorne Global Aviation Services. Their sons are both in the military with Alex being a Warrant Officer and Black Hawk Pilot in the Army at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and David stationed overseas in the USAF.

1988

Todd Trimble '88 and his wife Stephanie live in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Todd works with Family First Life Insurance as an independent agent.



Class of 1992 Reunion – July 6, 2022

1992

Jane (Rockwood) Tougouma '92 organized the Class of 1992 reunion held on July 6 at Dante's DBA in Akron. Following the reunion, **Karen (Lauck) Gaskill '92** wrote: "Dear Classmates, I so enjoyed seeing each of you at our reunion. Perhaps it has taken me longer than most to grow up, but for some reason I finally felt mature enough to attend a reunion again – and I'm glad I did! Thank you for showing up and sharing your stories, for bragging about your kids (I wish I could meet them!) and, even more so, for sharing your pain. I was moved by your willingness to be vulnerable, and appreciate the way everyone responded with gentleness and sincerity. We have all been through hard things in the past thirty years, but beyond the pain, I heard strength and goodness. You are committed parents, faithful kids, and caring friends. And, thanks be to God, it seemed like all of us are still looking to our Good Shepherd. I pray none of us strays too far...or stops laughing. I so enjoyed the laughter – it took me back

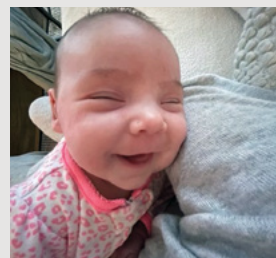
30 years! What a privilege it was to reconnect with you!

1997



Hannah Judkins '97 lives in Akron with her husband Phil and works as the Team Lead at Virtual Hold Technology. She has a BFA in Graphic Design, and uses those skills to gather information, compose contents, and publish them on the VHT website. Hannah is pictured with her nephew Noah, whom she hopes will be a Royal eventually!

2001



Ben Schreiber '01 and his wife Sara welcomed Andi

CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1972 will celebrate its 50th Reunion on Saturday September 3, 2022, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons (Library) at CVCA.

Questions? Please contact Cindy Condon with questions at 567-220-3710.

May Schreiber to the family on March 2, 2022. Ben is the Head Cheer Team Coach at The Ohio State University.



Gaby (Wong) Miller '01 writes: After music school and meeting my husband there, we married and moved to Columbus, Ohio where I taught music and was a freelance violinist for

ten years. After my daughter was born in 2015, I retired from teaching and have been a full time mom to my two kids since. Occasionally I still play with local orchestras, and I serve in my church's worship ministry. After my mom passed away from brain cancer a few years ago, I've looked at life differently and am more grateful than ever to be a mom and wife. My family is one of the most important things to me. I'm also grateful to have been raised by a godly woman and that my family was able to send me to CVCA to support and encourage my relationship

with Christ. I have no doubt that my faith has carried me through the past few years.

2003



Ryan Goimarac '03 writes: In 2017 I unexpectedly lost my job. I tried other jobs and lived in California for a year making shocks for off-road vehicles. In October 2019, I married Sarah. In

April, 2021 I became very ill and found out I had a rare congenital brain defect. I had brain surgery and am alive thanks to Jesus and my wife and family. I recently accepted a new job and shortly after found out we are expecting a child in November! God has taken us on an incredible journey, and we've experienced a lot of chaos, but the joy before us is exciting. Sarah is a well-established attorney for the US government, and I'm a car designer and freelance concept artist. The story isn't over, but this is a glimpse into the most recent chapters.

We recently connected with **Jodi (White) Matthews '86**, founder and staff mentor of Urban Vision in Akron. Jodi



and her husband Rodney live in the Elizabeth Park neighborhood of Akron and have three sons (two are CVCA alumni): Micah '14, Joseph, and Nathanael '19. We asked Jodi to catch us up on her ministry with Urban Vision:

Explain your work/calling: My calling is to love God, love others, and to do that here in our urban diverse community of North Hill. Our mission is to reach children and families for Christ one child and family at a time.

What inspires you about the work you do? The children, families, community, and interacting with such a diverse group of people all inspire me. I see glimpses of God in the faces of the children and families we walk alongside.

In what ways did CVCA set you up to thrive in your current situation? CVCA prepared me academically and gave me a foundation of God's Word, especially through the teachers who poured their hearts and lives into students. Teachers took time out to mentor me, taught me how to study God's Word and apply it to my life, and how to memorize it. Because they walked alongside me, I now want to walk alongside others. Mr. Bechtel's teachings have stayed with me all these years, and the way Mrs. Charlotte Andrews shared her heart for missions and Apologetics made me want to put it into practice. In short, CVCA gave me a vision for what I wanted to do in the future.

Have you won any awards or achievements in your field of work? I wrote and published a book, "A Call to the Edge," which details how Urban Vision started.

Do you work with other CVCA alumni in your current role? Yes, there are a lot of alumni connections at Urban Vision: Micah Matthews '14, Nathanael Matthews '19, Set Lay Moo Brow '19, and David Lewis '21. Other CVCA connections include: Psaw Brow, mother of Set Lay Moo Brow '19 and Heh Gay '21; Jeff Smith, father of Kyra '21 and Tanner '23; Regina Lewis, mother of David '21 and Jordan '22 and Jeremy Olson, spouse off Hannah (Lyons) Olson '12.

What do you miss most about CVCA? The interaction I had with the teachers was beyond student-teacher. They were mentors that led us and guided us. That's the secret of helping people grow in Christ – building relationships.

If you could give one piece of advice to current CVCA students, what would it be? Pursue the heart of God for yourself – not because you must, but because you want to. It is in His presence that we find wholeness of joy – not through checking the boxes, but by pursuing a relationship with God. Make that your main goal in life. *"Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all will be added to you."*

If you could hang out for 15 minutes with one CVCA staff member who would it be? Mr. Glenn – for his love for diversity, his heart for the students, and his determination to connect with the kids so that they can be part of the family at CVCA as opposed to being on the outside.

Alumni Spotlight

2006



John Muehleisen '06 and wife Jessica welcomed son Knox Davis on October 31, 2021. He is a happy member of the family and smiles all the time, especially when eating. John and Jessica reside in Cuyahoga Falls.

Mike Wilson '06 and his wife Val live in Newberg, Oregon where Mike works at George

Fox University as the Men's and Women's Cross Country Head Coach and Track and Field Assistant Coach. "I went into coaching because I am passionate about the sport and love working with athletes in their formative years," Mike says. "Watching them achieve things they didn't think possible and grow into better, more Christlike versions of themselves in the process... that's what this is all about. If they shine on the big stages in running, I'll be pumped. If they are better people ten, thirty, fifty years from now because they ran at George Fox, then we'll have served them well. I want to make sure we do both exceptionally well."

David Sundet '06 and his wife Lily live in South Dakota and are enjoying living where God has them! They request prayer for: contin-

Ryan Gates '97 has been married for 18.5 years to Jenn and has three children: Lincoln '26, Lydia '29, and Henry. Ryan recently shared this update with us:



Briefly explain your work/calling: Professionally I am the owner of Cuyahoga Falls Veterinary Clinic, Inc. At home I am trying to be the best husband I can and raise three kids to be good citizens. I also enjoy traveling and photography.

What most inspires you about the work you do? I love being self-employed and employing good people.

How did CVCA set you up to thrive in your current situation? CVCA reinforced what my parents taught me: leadership, responsibility, and pursuing excellence.

Do you work with any other CVCA alumni in your current role? Yes! **Shelby Hoffman '12** is an absolute winner, and she's Exhibit A for the success of CVCA's Schools of Distinction program. Shelby came to my clinic for Jterm many years ago, and now she's an associate veterinarian here.

What do you miss about CVCA? I don't appreciably miss high school or college. I always viewed them as stepping stones to my career goal. But I appreciate all that CVCA gave me: good friends, a positive high school culture, good teachers, and fun and fond memories.

If you could give one piece of advice or inspiration to current CVCA students, what would it be? Be a good friend to those around you, and prioritize making good memories – there are no do-overs.

If you could hang out with one CVCA staff member, who would it be? While I had lots of good teachers, Mr. Schellenberger and Mr. Schilling in particular encouraged talent development in me that has served me well to this day. I would ask them what they saw in me that prompted them to push me further.

Alumni Spotlight



ued protection as David works in a dangerous career environment; supernatural peace and strength for Lily as a young mother and so she doesn't worry as David works long hours and late nights on cases; and good health for their family as they have two young children in daycare.

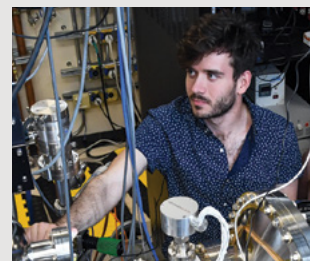
2009

Grace (Dworakowski) Myers '09 lives in Akron with her husband Bill and two children Otto (2) and Olive (11 months).



Joell (Maisano) '09 and her husband James Denison welcomed Siena Jovie on February 22, 2022.

2010



Jon McCandless '10 writes: The first few summers of college, I worked as an engineering intern at GM. After taking a course in semiconductor device physics, I decided to focus on a career in research. This led to summers in a lab researching materials for

sensing applications within harsh environments. After finishing my BS at Case, I moved to Dayton to work at the Air Force Research Laboratory where I could continue my research in preparation for grad school. After 18 months in Dayton, I moved to Ithaca, New York to start my PhD at Cornell where I am currently in my fifth year. I have had the opportunity to "get in on the ground floor" with Gallium oxide research, a new semiconductor showing great promise for next generation high power and high frequency switching applications. This has allowed me to work with many leading international scientists, for which I am grateful.

2012



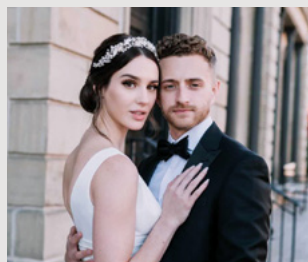
Mackenzie (Maresh) Bettinger '12 and her husband DJ welcomed daughter Quinn on May 6, 2022. Mackenzie is a nurse at Akron General, and DJ works at Kohmann Bosshard.

2013



Christine (Najjar) Hippli '13 and her husband Shane Hippli welcomed their first child, Paxton, on March 31, 2022. Christine is a Marketing Specialist at CVCA and

Shane works as a Category Manager at Carter Lumber.



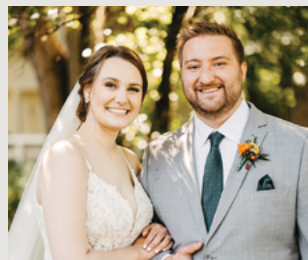
Eric Vlahos '13 and his wife, Lillianne were married on November 6, 2021 and live in Cuyahoga Falls. Eric is Vice President of Advantage Equipment in Akron.

2014



Cailyn (Rowan) '14 and **Aaron '14 Chizmar** welcomed Benjamin Jack Chizmar on May 13, 2022. Benjamin was quite large weighing 9 lbs, 5 oz and measuring 22 in long! Big brother Liam is especially enjoying the new little addition to the family.

2015



Grace (Lile) '15 and **Joey Perella '15** were married at Christ Community Chapel in Hudson on June 4, 2022. CVCA was well represented at the wedding with 29 alumni and former students in attendance. Alumni in the wedding were **Tommy**

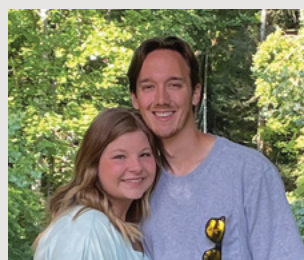
Lile '19, Logan Miller '15, and Sarah Tomich '17.

Grace works at John Carroll University as an Assistant Director of Enrollment and Joey is a Regional Account Manager for the Henkel Corporation. The couple lives in Rocky River, Ohio.

2016



Matthew Broadus '16 is currently working as an 8th grade history teacher at Covenant Day School. He and his wife Rachelle live in Matthews, North Carolina.



Allison (Miholer) Davis '16 and her husband Zachary live in Cuyahoga Falls.

Allison is a teacher at Young Explorers in Aurora and a cheerleading coach at CVCA. She writes: "We got married in 2020. These years have been such a blessing from God to learn how to grow and flourish within my own faith journey and the faith journey my husband and I have together."



Sienna (Drillien) '16 and **Matthew Piccioni '12** write: "After almost a year apart due to Matthew's military training and COVID, we were married on December 27, 2020 alongside our family and friends." Alumni in their wedding party were: **Dan Pastoria '11, Lauren (Piccioni) Pastoria '11, Christian Schmikla '12, Jordan Mancari '12, Mike Costa '12, Sachem Wilson '12, Ashley Tyna '14, Josiah Bogue '16, and Sara (Piccioni) Bogue '17.** Matthew is an Army Ranger in

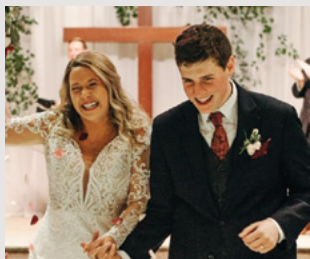


CVCA Alumni at the Lile-Perella Wedding:

Back Row: Tommy Lile '19, Aaron Tomich '14, Andy Dobben '15, Logan Miller '15, Caleb Rosati '15, Breeze Swift '16, Steven Chalet '15, Gabe Chambers '15, Matt Baldessari '14, Dave Smith '15; **Front Row:** Karen (Jones) Woodford '86, Kathy (Jones) Parker '86, Randy Tomich '84, Sarah Tomich '17, Anna (Jones) Lile '84, Grace (Lile) Perella '15, Joey Perella '15, Troy Atwood '15, Emily (Yuse) Atwood '15, Matthew Tomich '14, Evan Sheehan '14, Becca (Stover) Hoffman '10, Andy Hoffman '09

the 75th Ranger Regiment, and Sienna works as a Registered Nurse at a local hospital in Columbus, Georgia.

2018



Catie (Stanley) '18 and **John Paisley '18** were married on January 1, 2022 at Stow Presbyterian Church with an all-star lineup of CVCA alumni in their wedding party: **Tom Paisley '08**, Officiant; **Ben Paisley '13**, Best Man; **Molly (King) Paisley '15**; **Maggie O'Keefe '18**, Maid of Honor; **Ashten Yoder '18**; **Bayley McRitchie '18**;

Bryan Perelka '18; **Robert Stanley '16** (absent due to COVID); and **Bekah (Moore) Stanley '16** (absent due to COVID).

2021

Niko Andamasaris '21 began coaching CVCA Middle School Cross Country and Track this past year, and has this to say: "I cannot believe I am coaching at the same school where I went and ran



track for years! Especially doing it so soon in my first year of college. College has been a bit challenging starting out, and I've struggled to figure out what exactly I

want to do later in my life, but I know that God is always on my side and has a plan for me. I'm thankful for my family and friends that have been a part of my journey so far in my life. And I am very thankful for CVCA and everything they have done for me. I will never forget the memories I made, the teachers, and unforgettable experiences with friends. I pray and hope for many more in the future!"

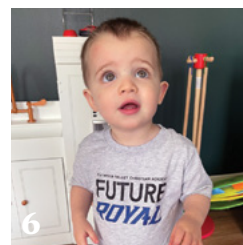


Each summer, many CVCA students and alumni work at Camp Carl. This summer was no exception with nearly 40 staff members representing CVCA!

Meet our Future Royals!

- 1) Kenna and **Alex Bartel '15** welcomed their daughter *Paisley* on 2/15/22
- 2) DJ and **Mackenzie (Maresh) Bettinger '12** welcomed their daughter *Quinn* on 5/6/22
- 3) Jacob and **Anginette (Fullerton) Piland '14** welcomed their son *Elliott* on 4/12/22
- 4) James and **Joell (Maisano) Denison '09** welcomed their daughter *Siena* on 2/22/22
- 5) **Tom '08** and **Fiona (Haggerty) Paisley '08** welcomed their son *Ezra* on 2/26/22
- 6) Wesley and **TJ Heginbotham '11** welcomed their son *Everett* on 10/10/20
- 7) John and **Morgan (Petrie) Merkel '14** welcomed their son *Clarke* on 5/3/19

Have you welcomed a new little one to your family? We would love to share in your joy! Tell us about your new addition at alumni@cvcaroyals.org and we'll include you in the next Echoes!





Alumni Inducted into CVCA Athletics Hall of Fame

In January, CVCA welcomed ten new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame. The Induction Class of 2022 was an impressive one to say the least! This group of Royals left a lasting impact on both their sport(s) and the CVCA community.

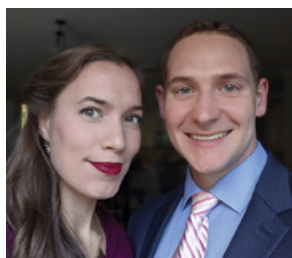
Congratulations to each of our inductees, their families, and coaches! We appreciate their commitment to God-honoring athletic excellence.

Alumni Spotlight

Left to Right:

- Sachem Wilson '12 – Soccer
- Jacob Forsythe '11 – Golf
- Katie (Cook) Austin '12 – Soccer
- Matt Mason '09 – Soccer
- Nathan Tomasello '13 – Wrestling
- Luke Sunde '13 – Hockey
- Matt Meadows '12 – Football & Wrestling
- Bob Peters '13 – Basketball
- Mark Sunde '13 – Hockey
- Renee (Ormond) Cornelius '12 – Swimming

We had the opportunity to chat with a couple of our Hall of Famers and find out what they've been up to...



JACOB FORSYTHE '11
CVCA Sport: Golf

Are you still playing/coaching your sport(s)?
Not much!

What are you up to these days? I am an orthopedic physical therapist in Charlotte, North Carolina. My wife, Liz, and I are expecting our first child later this spring!

What is your favorite memory from playing a CVCA sport? Qualifying for states as a team and playing the state tournament at The Ohio State University Scarlet Course in 2008.

If you could revisit your time here at CVCA, what would you do the same and what would you do differently? I loved my time at CVCA. I wouldn't change a thing.



MATT MEADOWS '12
CVCA Sport(s): Football and Wrestling

Are you still playing/coaching your sport(s)?
No, but maybe in the future!

What are you up to these days? I married my high school sweetheart, **Maria (Margarida) '12**, and we live in Medina. We just had our first child, Mia, a year ago. I work with my family at 1st Day School Supplies and 1st Place Spiritwear.

What is your favorite memory from playing a CVCA sport? My favorite memories were playing football and wrestling alongside my brothers, Pete and Michael. My junior year we got to play on the same football team and wrestle together. My highlight was when we played Timken and we all played offensive line next to each other. Michael played center, I was guard, and Pete was tackle.

If you could revisit your time at CVCA, what would you do the same and what would you do differently? Nothing! My time was great. I loved my experience there!

Royal Heritage Alumni

Eight graduates from the Class of 2022 have a parent who also graduated from CVCA. This special group of two-generation alumni now totals 293!



Emily with Christine (Stein) '88 and Phil '87 Adkins



Sarah with Mary (Koval) '89 Avery



Logan with Margaret (Baird) '91 Campbell



Aiden with Tracy (Bush) '89 Eck



Hannah with Michele (Wilcox) '85 Lux



Rachel with Julie (Vogel) '89 Petschke



Sydney Starcher-Burton with Kristin (Kapusinski) Burton '00



David with Amy (Gillespie) '95 Van Hala



We would love to hear from you!

Contact alumni@cvcaroyals.org with alumni news for The Echoes or to update your contact information. For Echoes submissions, please include your graduation year(s) and maiden names. Photos should be the highest resolution possible and submitted as email attachments or mailed as hard copies to CVCA. The Trumpeter reserves the right to edit alumni news for clarity, appropriateness, and space limitations.

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