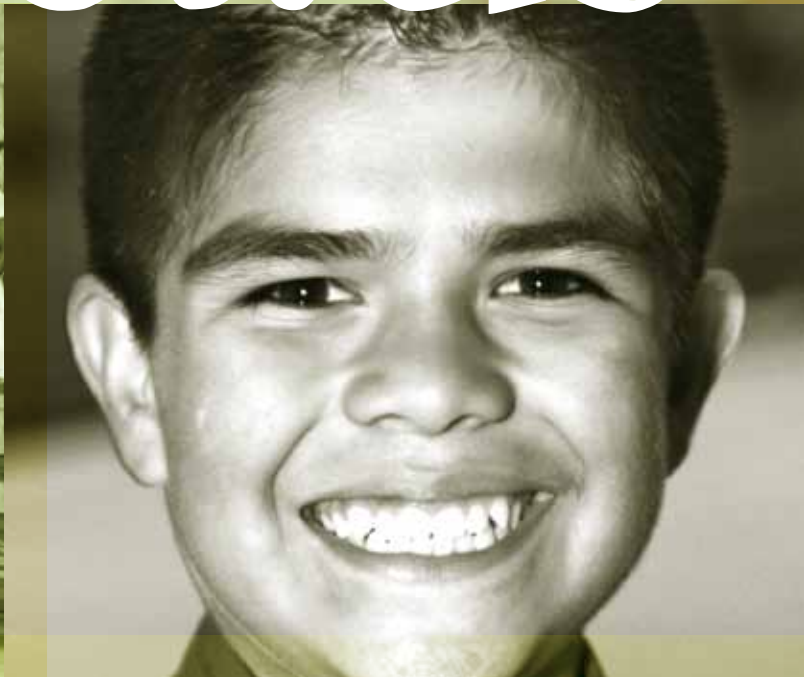


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ON STABLE GROUND

This month I had the privilege of watching my daughter Jeannie graduate from Arrowhead Christian Academy. Including preschool, she has completed 15 years in Christian education. This is exactly what happened for her older sister, Sarah. It is exactly what will happen, Lord willing, with her younger sister Meg who will enter the eighth grade at Redlands Christian School this fall. While there has been a significant cost, it has been worth every penny. As I look back on the past three years I realize what a blessing the teachers have been at both campuses for my girls. Every time I have the opportunity, I will continue to thank those people who are giving their lives away in service to Jesus Christ in our Christian schools.

As our culture becomes more and more secular, we see increasingly aggressive attacks from secularists and atheists who seek to eradicate the opportunity to follow Christ. A Christian school can center education on God and his teachings. Deuteronomy 6 addresses the importance of permeating our family life with God's word.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

This is a great reminder that I need to continue to give the Word of God to my children at every opportunity. School takes a great deal of the life of our young people. As a parent, I am blessed to entrust my children's lives to an education based on a Christian worldview. My goal is to guide my children to be Christ followers. By relying on my church and my school, I know that I have an excellent opportunity to be successful. The result of having my children in Christian education is that they have come to know God in a very special way. The church and school have guided my children closer to the Savior. The partnership between families, churches and Christian schools is making a difference for eternity.

It is important for us to understand the significance of Christian institutions such as Arrowhead Christian Academy and Redlands Christian School. As our society changes, I realize more and more the value of a Christian education. In 20 years when our children are seeking an education that brings their children closer to God, it will be a blessing to have schools like these.

*Nick Sweeney
Superintendent*



GETTING OR GIVING

Sometimes families with strained relationships end up in my office. In most cases, the strain developed because both parties are more focused on what they are "getting" than what they are "giving" to the relationship.

Scripture speaks often about the need to put giving above getting. The benefits of giving are illustrated in the statements below.

- If you give to your family relationships, you will gain unity, purpose, and wholeness.
- If you give to your school, your student's class, your student's teacher, consistently you will help create a much better school.
- If you give to each other, you often create friendships that last a lifetime.
- If you give to your church and its many worthwhile endeavors, you will build the Kingdom of God.
- If you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures, and you never worry about who gets the credit, you will gain happiness, satisfaction, and purpose.

I challenge every reader to deeply consider all the aspects of giving. I am more than convinced that we could change this world for the better if we could turn our hearts from getting to giving. That would be a priceless legacy!

*Ray Leenstra
RCS Administrator*

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BOARD UPDATE

Another school year is complete, and as a Board member/parent I am thankful for the faculty and staff at RCS/ACA who make these years beneficial for our children.

During a policy committee meeting in May, the Board spent a good part of an hour discussing why parents send their children to Christian schools. The committee chair sent three questions to the Board to contemplate and reevaluate what we want to accomplish through Christian education. First, why does RCS/ACA exist? Second, why did you choose RCS/ACA for your child? Third, what results were/are you looking for? These are powerful questions which all of us need to be able to answer. Past generations have explored these questions, and as we move forward we must consider what our constituency expects and deserves.

At our annual strategic planning meeting in July, we will set the vision for the next year and years to come. We have several decisions to make with regard to building a complete Pre-K-12 system on one square block in Redlands. The renderings are complete, but several issues need to be considered. Should we build a separate middle school first? Should we make improvements to the high school facilities first? When the buildings are ready, should we move Pre-K-8th grade to the new campus all at once? These and other questions will be discussed. All options have varying price tags that need to be evaluated.

Please keep the board in prayer as we continue to plan for future generations.



*Matt Thalmayer
Board of Trustees President*

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“IMAGINE” BECOMES REALITY

We've met the first deadline, and we're on our way

Looking back 12 months, planning for the 2009-2010 academic year was more than challenging. At times it seemed impossible. The reasons? 1: The economy. 2: The economy. 3: The economy. Uncertainty prevailed and impacted real-life decisions and priorities forcing all of our constituent families to reevaluate. How do you plan for the first day of school with so many in limbo? We did the best we could, just as our families did. And we adjusted. Enrollment at RCS and ACA was down some to start the new school year. So we adjusted.

How do you plan for fundraising? Those all important additional funds that are required to support tuition assistance programs, co-curricular programs, and classroom/building enhancements? Now, with enrollment a little bit off, all of our fundraising initiatives take on mega-importance. The news reports tell us that contributions at churches, social agencies, and schools are all way down; that endowment funds in some cases have been cut in half but are starting to recover.

We have an incredible community that believes in Christian education and generously supports Redlands Christian School and Arrowhead Christian Academy. While some were forced to cut back, others stepped up their giving in spite of the current economic crisis. That's how the Christian Community was designed to work.

The 2009-2010 school year was a phenomenal one. Here are just some of the fund raising results: The 21st Annual Golf Classic raised \$92,310 – more than budgeted. • The Partners Fund Drive (for financial aid) for both campuses raised more than \$140,000. • The new Cirque du ACA (ACA Campus) raised \$83,000 on a goal of \$85,000. • The 57th Annual Holland Festival (RCS Campus) raised more than \$80,000 on a goal of \$75,000. • Our endowment funds have recovered to 95% of their original value before the economy collapsed. • We raised \$1.3 million in cash and pledges, and another \$1.3 million in “Friends and Family Loans” to purchase an adjacent 5 acres of land for future development.

A full curriculum of all the basics and electives (including physical education, art, vocal and instrumental music, and team sports) are still intact. We have not cut back on our kids.

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness. God bless us all as we continue together in His work for His children.

Ron Cook
Director of Development

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Student returns to ACA after three days in public school

Olivia Ruiz sat on the football steps, awaiting the start of the JV football game as she reflected on her return to ACA.

“I knew we couldn't afford to go here all through middle school,” she said. “I was trying to convince myself [returning to ACA] would work out, but I knew it wasn't a possibility. I thought I would be fine and that I could deal with [going to Yucaipa High]. After experiencing it, I knew I couldn't do it. There were so many classes. So many people. It was awful.

“In the three days I was there, I made a handful of friends, but they were people that I already knew. At lunch and between classes we hardly talked. It wasn't like how we talk here at ACA. Here we go up to each other and ask each other how we're doing and stuff. At YHS it was all about the groups and gossip.”

Her mother saw that the new school was not working out for Olivia, and that she couldn't be away from ACA any longer, so they

made some changes.

“I got to come back to ACA because we got scholarships. My mom owns a shop that deals with newborn babies and their mothers, and she's going to have to close that down and take up extra shifts at the hospital. She's an NICU nurse.

“God has helped with so much – especially with finances. I loved coming back to ACA and Bible classes. I love praying at the beginning of all my classes. I'm excited to be back with my friends, too. Here people are understanding and care for me a lot.

“I missed the pep rallies, football games and activities. I missed school spirit and our school colors. We have so much spirit here. There was none at YHS.”

She jumped up to celebrate a touchdown, then sat back down with a smile.

“I love ACA.”

Megan Reade
originally published in 2010 *Wings*



Madelyn Leonard steadies herself as Jennifer Thalmyer paints a rainbow on her cheek. Resisting the urge to touch the paint was an ever harder for the 2-year-old than sitting still.

PAINTED RAINBOWS AND DEEP-FRIED GOODNESS

My daughter is 2. This is her second Holland Festival, but it's the first time she can participate in the festivities. We left the house in a hurry without eating breakfast. The solution? *Oliebollen*. Janine Nielsen had the first batch ready to go, so I bought Madelyn her first bag of Dutch doughnuts. This was the only day of the year that she got to eat deep fried dough balls for breakfast. It was easy to convince her that oliebollen is “nutritious” since they have little raisins inside.

“Raisins are fruit, Maddie,” I said. “And fruit is good for you.”

The sticky powdered sugar melted in her hands and all over her face. She didn't mind. After her first bite she danced, reached into the bag and grabbed a second ball with her other hand.

While Maddie covered herself in oliebollen, the bands played on the main stage. My wife, Jill, directs the middle school bands at RCS, so Maddie was excited to see her in action. (But not so excited that she forgot to keep an iron grip on her breakfast.) Jill and I agree that Maddie will play in the band when she's old enough. We disagree, however, on what instrument. Jill would like her to play the flute or french horn – “instruments of great intelligence,” she says. Maddie likes playing the drums like her dad, which Jill describes as “an instrument of cave people and rugby fans.”

Fifty-seventh annual Holland Festival delights kids of all ages May 1 at Redlands Christian School



Left: Isabella Figueroa performs with the fifth-grade band during the 57th annual Holland Festival May 1 on the RCS Campus. **Right:** Marianne Berry mans the ticket booth for games and activities. Tickets were sold in bundles to keep families busy throughout the day. The festival raised more than \$80,000, exceeding its budgeted goal by \$5,000. Proceeds from games, food sales, live and silent auctions went to support RCS programs.

After listening to several performances, I took Maddie over to the bounce houses and games. First, she tried her hand at fishing for prizes. She fished out a paper bag full of prizes much to her delight. Then she asked for another oliebollen.

“Pleeeeeease, Dad?” she begged in her most polite voice.

The white paper bag was soaked through with grease. It no longer felt like paper – more like a Sham Wow – and I could see right through it. (“Raisins,” I thought to myself. “There are raisins in these, and raisins are nutritious.”) I gave her another oliebollen. She stuffed the entire ball into her mouth, sucked off all of the sugar, and put it back in my hand as she ran toward the face-painting booth.

Maddie sat very still as Jennifer Thalmyer painted a rainbow on her cheek. Maddie looked in the mirror and reached up to touch her face.

“Don't touch it, Maddie,” Thalmyer said. She looked again in the mirror and reached one finger toward her cheek. “Maddie, you'll ruin your rainbow,” Thalmyer warned.

We walked toward the bounce houses while Maddie wiped face paint from her fingers onto her shorts. The day ended with Maddie slumped on the bleachers in an oliebollen-induced stupor as Doug Jorritsma and Gordon Barents auctioned off everything but the light fixtures.

Mark Leonard
Director of Communications



YEAR-END REFLECTIONS

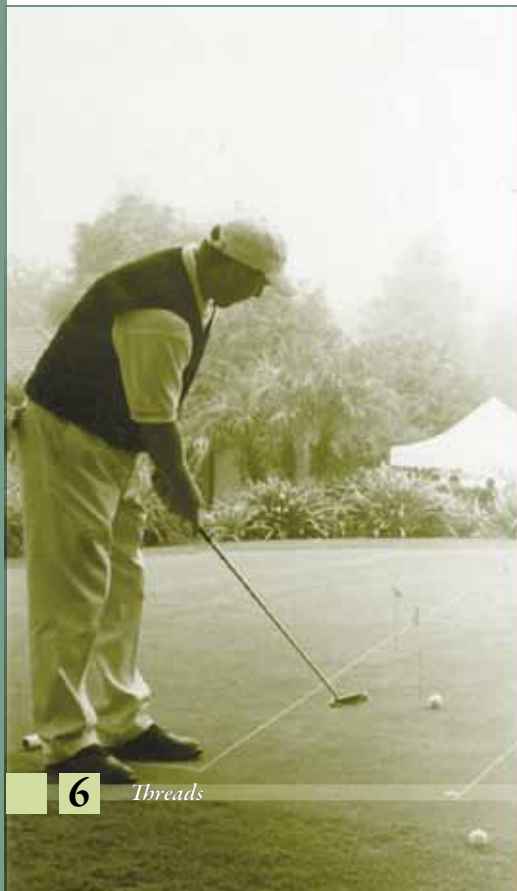
The end of a school year always brings mixed emotions. On one hand the students and teachers are excited about the upcoming vacation from school work and look forward to spending time away with family and friends. On the other hand it brings an element of sadness as one realizes the classes that have been together for 10 months will not be exactly the same the following year. The amazing part of it all is that each year God strategically places each set of students with their teacher for His purpose in their lives at that particular time.

As I reflect back on the last year I think of the school theme: "Get into SHAPE. Do it Right" Deut. 6:5 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength." We emphasized the keeping in shape of our minds – bodies – spirits. Our school strives to educate the "whole" child in seeking to provide well-rounded development. This is patterned after Christ himself according to Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

One of the areas we emphasized during our spiritual emphasis week was that we are uniquely shaped by God. We took the word SHAPE and produced an acronym to help the students remember the following truths: S – spiritual gifts, H – heart or what we are passionate about, A – special abilities and skills that help us use our spiritual gifts, P – personalities or how we are wired to serve, and finally E – example of all this in Christ. Eph. 2:10 says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

It is my prayer as we anticipate another school year that we will continue to get into shape with our minds, bodies and spirits, so that we can use our SHAPE to honor God in our lives and model this to all the students who pass through our doors.

*Kathy Barr
RCS Elementary School Principal*



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GOLF CLASSIC
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010

Don't miss this exciting day! Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to supplement our financial assistance program and to upgrade the Redlands Christian facilities. All money goes to our children's education. Registration: \$200 for individuals and \$800 for foursomes. Many levels of sponsorship are also available. Registration opens Monday, August 16, 2010. Register early - tournament fills quickly! For information, contact Ron Cook at 909.648.3230

FOURTH-GRADE WAX MUSEUM



Fourth Grade is a place where learning is reinforced and solidified by interactive experiences. There are many traditions that have been continued for years: making California mission replicas, building the transcontinental railroad, and creating the living wax museum, to name a few.

The living wax museum takes place in May following a three-week study of biographies. Fourth-grade teacher Melissa Lemm and I have noticed that students come to school the first day knowing who they want to be for the wax museum, before they even know what a biography is.

Before spring break each student goes out to local libraries or logs on to Amazon.com in search of biographies. Depending on their personality, they choose inventors, artists, animal or civil rights activists, athletes, musicians, actors, or presidents. Their biographies must be within their reading level, a minimum of 100 pages, and of course must meet our approval.

No matter whom they pick, during the two weeks of class reading time, you can hear a pin drop as the students read and take notes. Often a hand will go up, and in wide-eyed amazement I'll listen to a student ask, "Did you know Jerry Rice was poor growing up?" or "Did you know Helen Keller made up her own alphabet using bumps?" It always brings a smile to my face.

After reading their biographies, taking diligent notes, and writing their book reports, the students finally get to the Living Wax Museum part of the project. They write a speech, create a presentation filled with movements and sound effects, and dress up to become the person they read about. The day of the Living Wax Museum is quite an event. Parents bring in 15-20 EZ-Ups which sprinkle the

It is my passion to see connections being made in young hearts and minds.

field. Students create signs to tell who they are. Surfboards, paintings, magician's shackles, and soccer balls are set up on the field. Then the students, dressed in gowns, uniforms, spurs, and wielding swords, top hats, or helmets, take their places. Then comes my favorite moment: Mrs. Lemm and I shout, "FREEZE!" and nearly 50 fourth-graders freeze like statues. Not a muscle moves or an eye blinks. It is simply amazing.

It is my passion to see connections being made in young hearts and minds. Our Living Wax Museum project makes a difference in young people's lives. They read about a real person who overcame trials to make a difference in the world. The students learn that in order to make a difference, there are struggles and challenges that will make them stronger, better people. They step outside of themselves and for an afternoon become a famous or infamous person who made an impact on the world.

Some of my most vivid Living Wax Museum memories: • Tony Forfa was a NASCAR driver and brought in a real-gas powered dune buggy which he drove in circles. • Lee Barents designed and created his own NASCAR. • Spencer Thalmayer (Travis Prastana) brought in his motorcycle. • Tony Klester (Robert E. Lee) brought in his 14-hands tall real live horse which he rode during his speech. • Jake Trapp (Einstein) had an amazing speech that began with semi-spitting at his audience. • Miranda Brown (Thomas Edison) was holding her kite by its string and fainted from sun stroke after which we never did without EZ-ups. • Drew Smith (Thomas Edison) and Andrew Kjellberg (Daniel Boone) delivered fantastic speeches this year. • Rio Gifford (Ivan Petrof) shouted with all his might while giving his speech about the Russian explorer. • Jack Johnston (Johnny Cash) brought in his guitar and played for us.

All of this year's speeches and a link to the *Redlands Daily Facts* article can be found on the RCS website on the elementary page.

*Rachel Treur
RCS Fourth-Grade Teacher*





POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Last week, I attended three graduation ceremonies between the two campuses (RCS middle school, ACA middle school and high school). As the names were read and the graduates walked across the stage in recognition of their academic accomplishments, I was reminded of the many day-to-day interactions I have had with them. These students have given me so much joy, humor, and a little grief, and they have taught me many lessons throughout the years. Most of the students brought a smile to my face or caused me to chuckle as they received their diplomas.

There was the student who broke a toilet while we were in Washington D.C. We laughed about it after my initial anger wore off. There were those students who taunted me every time the Lakers won, but were nowhere to be found when they lost. (They know I like two teams: the Detroit Pistons and anyone who plays the Lakers.) There were the high school graduates who started in my wife's first, first-grade class at RCS whom I watched grow into mature, young adults. I was proud to see boys in my small groups walk across the stage. These young men came together regularly to eat donuts, talk, encourage and pray for one another. I was blessed to see the students who overcame learning disabilities fulfill their academic requirements. They taught me what it means to persevere through tough times.

At Redlands Christian School and Arrowhead Christian Academy we have exceptional students and families. The graduating classes have uniquely gifted and talented students, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with them.

Mark Witoliet
ACA/RCS Middle School Principal



WHAT I'LL MISS ABOUT RCS

- Phil Leyden:** the teachers
- Kevin Rosendale:** fellowship and worship
- Cassidy Mulder:** the teachers and environment
- Haley Tate:** the community and awesome teachers
- Katelyn Moore:** the teachers and my friends
- Janelle Nichols:** the close bonds we shared
- Kelton Murphy:** closeness between teachers and students
- Trina Sittisuphachoke:** learning about God
- Riley Phillips:** Activities that other schools don't have like Holland Festival and Fall Festival
- Brooke Sebek:** supportive teachers who are there when we need them
- Makayla Marvin:** the teachers because they actually care
- Alex Verhoeven:** great friends and teachers
- Elysse Strum:** Bible class
- Chris Pavlov:** Bible class and the teachers
- Teddi Wright:** teachers and friends
- Jake Trapp:** teachers and friends
- Zach Smith:** the community
- Andrew Sedra:** teachers to pray with who will be there for you
- Matthew Clark:** friends
- Cory Wong:** friends and teachers
- Rachael Miles:** teachers and the Christian community
- Kody Whitaker:** friends and teachers
- Brenna Richards:** my friends, my teachers, and hot lunch
- Camila Roach:** all of the teachers telling me to be quiet in class
- Joanne Nguyen:** friends and small groups
- Hayley Park:** teachers who genuinely care; friends I've been with since Kindergarten
- Jake Hooker:** good friends
- Brittini Coffeen:** intramurals, the D.C. trip, and friends
- Sean Péna:** intramurals and awesome teachers
- Alyssa Curti:** friends and teachers
- Lindsay Hopkins:** the biggest and best family I've ever had
- Dillon Turner:** science and history classes
- Chrissy Lowe:** my friends, teachers, and wonderful times
- Drew Knight:** Bible class and the teachers
- Cierra Stewart:** the family-like community and all the fun activities we do
- Joshua Sheble:** awesome teachers and exploratories
- Libby Nicolay:** the closeness of everyone, tight community
- Jimmy Valencia:** learning about God and the close community of friends
- Natalie Bennett:** my friends and how welcoming the teachers are
- Abby Lentz:** teachers we know and love
- Bryce Wickersham:** Friendship Games and sports
- Caleb Wilson:** my friends and teachers
- Nelson Yanes:** friends
- Andrew Partida:** friends and teachers
- Anna Koning:** the fellowship of friends and teachers I've known all my life
- Julianna Christensen:** the family feel
- Clark Grissom:** art and small groups because I had a bomb leader
- Lauren Olson:** the great tight-knit community



ACA Promotion was held at Trinity Church on June 11. Fifty-one students move up to high school including valedictorians Anastasia Ibrahim, Naomi Quinonez, Riley van Velthuyzen and salutatorian Tabitha Durr. **Right:** John Mumford gloats over his graduation gift. Flowers, balloons and lots of candy filled the venue following the ceremony.



Left: Marissa Raymundo poses with her graduation puppy before making her way to the cookies and punch following the ceremony. **Right:** Gabriel Portillo grins after receiving his promotion certificate. The event featured speaker Julie Phillips who spoke on the significance of carrying the Christian name beyond middle school into the world.



The graduating classes have uniquely gifted and talented students, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with them.

Mark Witoliet

EIGHTH-GRADERS MOVE UP

“Be a legend!”

With these words, RCS graduation speaker James Verhoeven sent the eighth-grade graduates off with inspiring stories of legends from American history as well as Redlands Christian School history. He reminded the graduates that God has a plan for each of them, citing the class verse Jeremiah 29:11.

Salutatorian and Citizenship Award winner Anna Koning provided a humorous retrospective of the class of 2010's years together. Abby Lentz and Brooke Sebek teamed up as valedictorians and challenged the class to remember the importance of attitude as they head to high school.

The occasion was marked with laughter as the graduates joyfully start a new chapter of their lives. Of course there were some tears for students and parents as they leave the community that has been like a home to them.

Congratulations to the Class of 2010. We'll miss you!

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Reflections on growing in faith at ACA

Holding the daisy chain, I smiled at seniors walking onto the stage of the Redlands Bowl. A few days earlier, graduating senior Lauren Kennedy had hugged me and said, "It's going to be you someday." Part of me can't wait to cross the stage, but I also want to savor the time I have left. I asked my cousin Janise Marvin about how it feels to be graduating, and what she will miss the most about ACA.

"I'll miss walking into the yearbook room and thinking 'this is my family,'" she said. "I'll miss sitting in Bible class and feeling like I know everyone well enough to share anything I need to. It's weird knowing that I'm never going to see some of these people again."

Goodbyes were inevitable. Graduates flung their decorated caps in the air, and I felt mixed emotions as I hugged and congratulated them. They left with diplomas in hand, moving on to the next phase of their lives. For Janise, reality hadn't quite sunk in.

"The whole night was a blur," she said. "It just doesn't seem real. I still feel like I go to ACA."



Cousins Janise Marvin and Miranda Brown share in the graduation ceremony on June 12 at the Redlands Bowl. Brown was on the sophomore daisy chain. Graduate Marvin, who attended RCS/ACA from K-12, accepted an academic scholarship to attend Pepperdine University this fall.

As the crowd dwindled, I saw someone sweeping up the wilted daisies. It reminded me of the seniors' class verse: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." Janise and the other seniors can't stay, and I'll be gone sooner than I know it, but I have to hold on to what matters.

"ACA is a great environment to grow your faith," Janise said. "Take advantage of that."

I won't be perfect, but if I take this advice to heart, I can walk out of high school with something everlasting.

*Miranda Brown
ACA Junior, Wings 2011 Staff*

SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

Boys' Volleyball: (see article opposite page)

Baseball and Tennis: each made it to first round of CIF playoffs.

Track and Field: Six individuals advanced to CIF prelims.

Eagles athletes earned 23 first or second team all-league honors, including three MVPs: Will Quanstrom (volleyball), Rayna Casarez (track and field) and David Proctor (tennis). Mike Allen and Willie Guida were each awarded Coach of the Year for boys' volleyball and boys' tennis.

SENIOR HONORS

Valedictorian: Tim Hooyenga

Salutatorian: Sharon Durant

Faculty Award of Excellence: Jenna Geers

Sterling Eagle: Kimberly Carter

Music: Jared Arceo, Gerald Oh, Ben Michaels, Michael Klein, Victoria Weiss

Art: Chaz Lopez

Wings Editorial Leadership: Jenna Geers, Janise Marvin

Christian Citizenship: Kyle Ferrao, Alexis Guzman

Spiritual Life Leadership: Kimberly Carter, Michael Klein

ACA Awards of Distinction:

Fine Arts: Michael Klein

Liberal Arts: Tim Hooyenga

Science and Math: Jenna Geers

ACA Boosters Scholarships:

Fine Arts: Chaz Lopez, Morgan Hydingier

Athletics: Kyle Smith, Alexandria Harris

ACA Servant Scholarship: Joe Shaw

ACAF Community Scholarship: Kimberly Carter

Bo Bowen Memorial Scholarship: Sharon Durant, Michael Keirns

RESA Delegates: Jared Arceo, Peter Burgess, Hayden Ryder,

Adam Schwartzman, Jesse Sparks

Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club Scholarship: Joe Shaw

Arrowhead Credit Union Scholarships: Tim Hooyenga, Josh Poole

Sandra Gronck Drama Scholarships: Ben Michaels, Mitchell Prins

Robert Byrd Scholarships: Sharon Durant, Tim Hooyenga



William Quanstrom leads the Eagles in the CIF semifinals against St. Margaret's May 22. The Eagles lost 1-3 but still qualified for state playoffs. Overall season record: 23-7. Quanstrom will continue playing at Cal State Long Beach in the fall where he will study electrical engineering. Photo: Steve Huddleston, Classic Image Photography

MIRACLE RUN

Boys' volleyball breaks ACA records

"Everyone doubted us all year," Ryan Reeves said. "We'd been the underdogs in almost every game because we were a bunch of soccer and basketball guys who were made into volleyball players, except for William [Quanstrom]. He was the only one of us who practiced volleyball regularly or played club. We surprised a lot of people."

The Eagles surpassed expectations, winning Christian league for the eighth year in a row. But their "miracle run" didn't stop there. They made it to CIF playoffs (ranking 4th) and eventually advanced to CIF Division 5 semifinals.

Fans came in droves to support the team in their semi final game against St. Margaret's on May 22. The team lost the match 1-3 but still qualified for state playoffs. They won the first round of playoffs 3-0 and advanced to semifinals.

"It was a huge adrenaline flow," Reeves said. "It was all everyone was talking about at school and in the newspapers, so we wanted to win it badly."

"It was surreal," Quanstrom said. "I didn't think we could make it through the season and get that far."

The team lost in the semifinal round against Laguna Beach 0-3.

"It feels good being a part of a team that made history," Reeves said.

*Cameron Wilson
ACA Senior, Wings 2011 Editor in Chief*

WHAT I'LL MISS ABOUT ACA

- Timothy Hooyenga:** conversations with [Steve] Smith
- Jordan Rector:** sports
- Peter Burgess:** baseball
- Spencer Summers:** [Terri] Harris
- Chloe Tokar:** yearbook
- Josh Poole:** teachers
- Alexandria Leal:** my friends
- Cody Thomas:** chapel
- Scott Shearer:** short Fridays
- Kyle Saunders:** [Greg] Wojczynski
- Steven Keil:** weight lifting
- Emily Perry:** the special connection with my teachers
- Jordan Martinez:** friends and teachers
- Maci Schlichter:** math class with [Terri] Harris
- Taylor Locke:** teachers and Christian perspectives
- Jenna Avila:** how close everyone is
- Ronnie Gomez:** small community
- Kayla Lotos:** love from teachers
- Chelsea Thompson:** [Scott] Blakey
- Selina Palmer:** teachers and the Christian environment
- Heidi Lee:** [Scott] Blakey
- Dylan Sellars:** [Greg] Treur
- Michael Keirns:** Bible class
- Ashleigh Raquiza:** friends
- Kyle Smith:** Bible class
- Erin Huntsman:** teachers
- Caitlin Callahan:** watching the plays
- Lauren Kennedy:** the yearbook room (my second home)
- Christine Lopez:** fun events
- Sharon Durant:** softball, cross country, and Bible class
- Becca Shoup:** teachers who care
- Rachel Nydam:** loving teachers
- Janise Marvin:** faculty relationships
- Alex Harris:** soccer
- Nathan Peters:** Christian educational environment
- Michael Klein:** the choir community
- Julianna Marabella:** friends
- Dylan Bergkamp:** [Scott] Blakey's class
- Victoria Weiss:** choir
- Stephanie Kohorst:** volleyball
- Chaz Lopez:** friends and the small family atmosphere
- Jenna Geers:** Kaz
- Jonathan Hrovat:** choir and jazz band
- Rayna Casarez:** all of my friends
- Adam Schwartzman:** IHOP after football games
- Luke Spoelstra:** basketball and volleyball
- Kyle Yaross:** baseball, football and my friends
- Kyle Ferrao:** Bible class and my classmates
- Jared Arceo:** sports, teachers and friends
- Jackie Gerth:** [Scott] Blakey
- Meghan DeVore:** yearbook and teachers who care
- Robby Elwell:** friends and Bible class
- Devian Crane:** football
- Carissa Constantine:** [Lori] Breckley, and [Julie] Frey
- Allison Anthony:** sports and friends
- Jessica Torrez:** softball and amazing teachers
- Ben Michaels:** music and Kaz
- Gerald Oh:** lunch time and [David] Han
- Joe Shaw:** our yearbook and our teachers
- Joshua Phillips:** volleyball and friends
- Mitchel Wiseman:** [Greg] Treur and soccer
- Paul Glaviano:** chapel, teachers and friends
- Alex Hu:** yearbook, friends and teachers
- Daniel Hur:** my host family
- Kim Carter:** the family-like community and my teachers

FROM KOREA WITH LOVE

As a rule, parents love their children. They're supposed to. They're programmed to. Every generation of parents works and often sacrifices to make things better or easier for the next generation. The philosophy is universal, timeless, and unmistakably evident at ACA and RCS. Take the Kim family, for example.

Wonjung Kang [Kim] lives in Yucaipa. Her husband lives in South Korea. She misses him. It's not easy to live separated by the Pacific ocean, but they chose this lifestyle to give their children something that is not offered in Korea: a Christian education.

YeSun is Wonjung's oldest child. She came to the U.S. alone

men and women, he was a trailblazer. He believed that his daughters as well as his sons should be educated. He taught them to play the piano, and he sent them to school. Wonjung earned a college degree, which was nearly unheard of in the village where the family lived. Her father could see social change on the horizon and wanted his children – all of them – to be ready for it. He worked hard to educate his children and remained firm when people criticized him for sending his daughters to school.

As parents, we should all do this for our children. We should work for them and obsess over them. We should sacri-

This is what we do for our children. We work for them, we obsess about them, and we sacrifice for them. Our parents taught us by example to do this, and we hope to teach our children to do the same.

when she was 14 and lived with a host family while she went to ACA. After one year, she knew that she wanted to complete her high school education there. YeSun loves art and writing. She fell in love with art history and learned everything she could from art teacher Becky Light. After graduating in 2008, YeSun finished her second year at UC Riverside and hopes to transfer to UCLA or USC in the fall. She is excited about her future and is grateful for the sacrifices her parents have made to make this future possible.

Wonjung is proud of her children. She believes that giving them a Christian education provides a solid foundation for them and is worth the sacrifices that she and her husband have made. The drive to do whatever it takes to give them opportunities that were not available to her came from her father.

Imagine being persecuted because you are educated. Dictatorships do this because a naive population is easier to keep under thumb. Academics, intellectuals, and the well-read are threats to governments seeking absolute power. Wonjung's father was an educated man in North Korea. In the early part of the 20th century, educated people with a working-class background were rare in Korea because it was difficult to get an education after World War II. But through his schooling he managed to climb his way into a small middle class. Then Kim Il-Sung came to power in the northern half of a divided Korea. He was father to the now ruling Kim Jong-Il. Kim Il-Sung quickly began to solidify his power by chasing out those who opposed him. This included many who had an education and many who had accepted Jesus Christ as the one true authority in their life. Wonjung's father was forced to flee across the border to South Korea.

There, he married, and he and his wife raised seven children—five girls, and two boys. In a culture dominated by strict roles for

rice for them. Our parents taught us by example to do this, and we should teach our children to do the same.

YeSun talks about someday having a career as a museum curator, or art historian. Her younger sister, Ye Jin (now in ninth grade) was recognized as one of ACA's most talented middle school



Wonjung chats with David Han, director of the International Student Program at ACA.

artists. She wants to be a math professor. If her grandfather were alive today, YeSun says that he would be very proud of his daughter and his grandchildren.

Wonjung talks to her husband every day with an ocean between them. The family is all together for two months in the summer and two weeks at Christmas. Wonjung and her husband have sacrificed much to give their children something important and valuable – love without conditions. It is how her father in Korea loved her and how our Father in heaven loves us.

Mark Leonard
Director of Communications

GOODBYE TO ...



Thom Doney served as ACA's high school principal for the 2009-2010 school year. His disciplined approach to managing the high school allowed the faculty to maintain their focus on teaching and gave students a positive environment for spiritual and educational growth. Doney is retiring from education to pursue a personal business venture in the Huntington Beach.



Brooke Estes taught sixth grade math and science at RCS for the past two years. She also headed the annual sixth-grade science trip to Catalina and served as the faculty sponsor of the middle school ski club. A Biola graduate, Brooke hopes to move into an extended ministry with her local church. Brooke will be missed for the love kindness she showed every student who came to her classroom.



Jeff Hartog served the students and families of RCS for 11 years teaching sixth grade, seventh/eighth-grade math, coaching basketball and baseball, and performing in the faculty band and choir every Christmas. Jeff was a piper when it came to his influence on young students. His energy and passion for kids made him a beloved and valuable member of the RCS team. He was married this past spring and will continue teaching in his home state of New Mexico.



Colleen Langley started teaching at ACA in 2001 where she fell hopelessly in love with her students. She taught English, Bible, and drama – her three great loves – and served as a middle school counselor during her last two school years. Colleen was a practical joker, both giving and taking when it came to livening up the faculty and staff. In August, she will marry Eddie Chao. They will make their home in Redlands.



Jean Mattson served at RCS for over 25 years teaching second grade and fifth grade and working in the gifted education program. Her love of books introduced students to a variety of literary works and inspired them to produce a volume of student-written stories each year. Jean's gift of humor steered her students toward a positive outlook on life. Our prayers are with Jean and her husband, Stan, as they begin the C.S. Lewis College in Northfield Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts.



Kara Niewenhuis taught music at RCS for five years. She taught K-8 music and directed the middle school choirs. During her tenure, Kara added choir to the curriculum in grades 3-5 and doubled the size of the middle school choir. Her ensembles were consistently recognized for their superior performances at festivals. She and her husband were blessed with a baby boy this year earlier this year. Her legacy of musical excellence will be treasured.



Joel Poortenga taught Spanish at ACA for three years. He held his students to high standards while ensuring that humor and fun were part of his classroom strategy. Hailing from the East Coast, he is returning there with his wife and three children. He will continue teaching missionary students online and will take part in the construction of a bed and breakfast in North Carolina.

2010 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

ACA RCS

20+ YEARS

- Shirley Byma
- Karen Koning
- Ray Leenstra
- Fran Miersma

15 YEARS

- Kathy Barr
- Becky Light

10 YEARS

- Cyndi Aldaco
- Margaret Keirns
- Gwen Leenstra
- Chuck Self
- Steve Smith
- Ruth Verhoef
- Matt Wiers

5 YEARS

- Shannon Causey
- Matt De Boer
- Becky Knight
- Quentin Leenstra
- Chris McDonal
- Kara Niewenhuis
- Sarah Slayman
- Becky Trapp
- Nate Triemstra
- Jani Van Gorp

RCS events

AUG. 16–20

Teacher In-Service

AUG. 24

First Day of School

SEPT. 1

New Parent Orientation

7-8 p.m.

SEPT. 3

In-Service Day (no school)

SEPT. 6

Labor Day (holiday)

SEPT. 9-10

Middle School Retreat

SEPT. 13

Back to School Night

SEPT. 22

See You at the Pole

SEPT. 25

Pancake Breakfast

Sixth-Grade Car Wash

OCT. 13-15

Sixth-Grade Science Camp

OCT. 25

Golf Tournament (no school)

ACA events

JULY 12

Summer School Second Term

AUG. 9-13

Drum Line Camp

AUG. 14

Work Day and ACAF BBQ

AUG. 16-20

Football Camp

Teacher In-Service

AUG. 19

New Student Orientation

5-8 p.m.

(MS at 5 p.m.; Everyone at 6:30 p.m.)

AUG. 23

First Day of School

SEPT. 6

Labor Day (holiday)

SEPT. 14

Senior Parent Night

7 p.m. – MS Gym

SEPT. 20

HS Open House

SEPT. 22

See You at the Pole

College Application Essay Workshop

SEPT. 24

Family Night

First Home Football Game

SEPT. 27

MS Open House

SEPT. 29–OCT. 1

Seventh-Grade Science Camp

OCT. 6

College Fair

OCT. 16

ACAF e-waste drive

OCT. 22

Homecoming Football Game

OCT. 23

Homecoming Dance

OCT. 25

RCS Golf Tournament (no school)

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MIND WRITER

BRANDON BARR (ACA 2000) RELEASES NEWEST NOVEL "AMERICAN MIDNIGHT" TO OFFER FICTION WITH A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

The summer of 2010 marked my 10-year class reunion. That means 10 years ago I was an ACA senior. I was the shy, quiet guy. The guy who desperately wanted a girlfriend but wasn't outgoing enough to attract one (the awful hair-cut didn't help). I respected my teachers, received average grades, and was seen as the "nice guy." The friends I had there are still my closest friends to this day. To paraphrase Charles Dickens: "They were the best of times, and they were the worst of times."

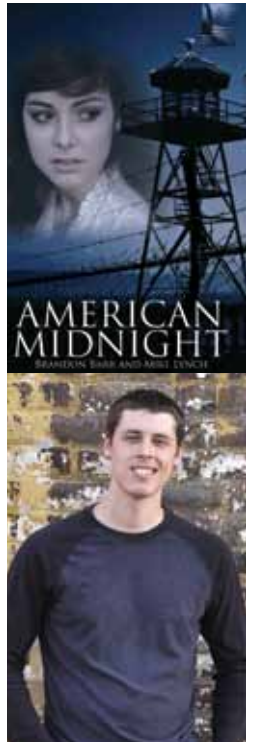
It is amazing to look back and see how much I've grown since then. I thank Jesus Christ first and foremost. As I have endeavored to know God more deeply over the past 10 years—through struggles and doubts and many trials—I can look back and see his faithful hand in my life. I can look at the lives of my friends who made Christ the Lord of their lives and at those who decided to follow the broad road of the world instead.

Those friends whose lives are devoted to God are pillars of strength in my life. Jeff Harry, once wild and random (who on one occasion climbed the ACA telephone pole next to the baseball field during a break between classes) is now a pastor and is focused on spreading the gospel to Muslims in Kosovo. Chris Fik, who terrorized teachers and acquired more than a few detentions and suspensions, is now a pastor and

for those in Christian schools to learn from teachers who love God and bring a Christian worldview into the classroom. These are things that our American youth culture are taught not to appreciate. School is supposed to be – at best – a means to an end. This is sad. Christians are called to excel in all areas of life. We should be hungry for truth and knowledge. I wish I had recognized that in high school.

But God was still gracious. He woke me up in college, and I learned to value education. Since then I've come to fully understand that I can honor and glorify God with every passion, talent and strength that he's given me. I'm currently pursuing a career as a writer. With every book, I hope to influence our culture for the Kingdom of God. Right now it's the secular realm dominating the bookshelves, the movie theaters, and the arts in general. It's my hope that I can influence the culture for Christ by writing novels that touch people's hearts while holding to the Truth of a Christian worldview. My newest novel is *American Midnight*. It's about a girl who has lost her faith but is about to come face to face with God again when her Christian family falls under persecution in America. Full of terrorist plots and secret agendas, *American Midnight* is a suspenseful drama that I hope resonates with readers.

Just like in the novel, I see our modern day



Brandon Barr is the author of *American Midnight*, published by Silver Leaf Books. You can find out more about him at www.brandonbarr.com. Adam Kazmierski (ACA 2004) did the cover art.

More than ever, young Christians desperately need to know what they believe and to value their educations

serving God at his church youth group. Raymond Morehouse, Daniel Meers, Steve Martinez and Nick Goltry – all ACA guys I'm proud to call friends.

When I give advice to high school students, I tell them to get the most out of school. Sure, some of them look at me in that "oh shut-up" kind of way. But I don't care. I'm being honest. I wish I had appreciated learning sooner and enjoyed school. God wants us to love him with our minds. What a great opportunity

relativistic culture on a collision course with Christian believers who hold to scripture as the ultimate source of right and wrong. More than ever, young Christians desperately need to know what they believe and to value their education. They need to understand their minds are a battle ground, and if they aren't prepared to think critically, they'll quickly find themselves in lockstep with the philosophy of the world ... and they won't even know it.

*Brandon Barr
ACA Class of 2000*



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