



HAYWOOD CHRISTIAN
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HCA School Report

January 31st, 2017

Dear HCA Family,

The intent of this report is to inform all HCA stakeholders of progress being made in three major areas of our school. Recently, we sent out a parent survey to offer you an opportunity to share your input about our school and to also encourage our staff on things that we are doing well. This report will also respond to the major themes that resulted from this survey.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The core of a healthy educational program is maintaining the right balance between academics, athletics, and the arts within the context of Christian philosophy. HCA focuses on preparing students for post-secondary study by providing all the courses necessary for graduation and matriculation in a NC four-year college or university. Athletics and drama productions provide avenues to hone skills, develop team players, and showcase talents and abilities for the glory of the Lord. Evidence of our success is the vast number of our graduates who have pursued advanced degrees and joined the workforce as Christian influencers in the fields of art, medicine, aviation, solar energy, ministry, military, business, to name a few.

Students may opt to take high school Literature, History, and Science courses at honors or standard levels. Advanced classes in calculus, anatomy & physiology, AP US History, AP Language and Composition, and AP Literature and Composition are available to students who desire college rigor in HCA coursework. In addition, a number of our 11th and 12th grade students dual enroll at HCC. HCA's 2016 AP Literature and Composition class had a 100% pass rate on the standardized exam.

Graduates from 2007-2016 have attended:

Anderson University	Liberty University
Asbury University	Lenior-Rhyne University
Asheville-Buncombe Technical College	Montreat College
Charleston Southern University	Pepperdine University
Covenant College	Piedmont International University
East Carolina University	Southwestern Community College
East Tennessee State University	UNC - Asheville
Embry-Riddle University	UNC - Charlotte
Haywood Community College	Western Carolina University
Le Tourneau University	UNC - Wilmington
Lee University	

As a small school, choices must be made to best utilize the resources of time and staffing. Limited electives may be expanded with dual enrollment in the Junior and Senior years. An accelerated high school model, soon to be announced, would allow a significant number of high school classes to be completed in the Freshman and Sophomore years and in the context of a Biblical worldview, providing sizeable blocks of time for dual enrollment the following years after a firm Christian philosophical foundation has been laid. This model will offer college while enjoying the high school experience – athletics, fine arts, events!

Mrs. Harris, HCA's Director of Student Services, works closely with high school students facilitating setting up accounts with CFNC and College Board, registering for ACT, SAT testing, college selection and application, and finding scholarships. Interest and skill inventories are used to help direct students in the areas of their giftings. A College and Career counselor from HCC partners with HCA to give students instruction in transitioning strategies and program selections.

As the quest for a consolidated campus becomes a reality in the near future, attention to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) initiatives are on the horizon. Until then, the administration and staff daily commit to giving students the best possible educational experience based on a foundation of biblical truth, faithfully stewarding the resources available each day.

Mary Bane, Director of Instruction

Kelli Herbert, Head of School

FINANCIAL REPORT

As HCA's new Board Treasurer, there are many things that I would like to share with you so that you may join me in praise and thanksgiving for God's provision for our school. HCA is in a financially stable position having successfully

completed the first half of the school year completely on budget. In addition, HCA's recent Match Campaign raised more than enough funds to pay off all outstanding debts except the mortgage. Recognizing that our greatest revenue potential comes from increased enrollment, we have invested more time and energy in marketing and development by contracting with Jason and Sarah Speier. The Speiers are increasing the school's visibility in the community by sharing the unique qualities of a Christian education through social media outlets. Strides are also being made to capture data more efficiently for the purposes of growth and retention as well as the expansion of scholarship development for future students. The Lord continues to confirm in us the need for a Christian school option in our community as we have seen an increase in enrollment in January of four new students joining us second semester! In addition, we have had 39 new inquiries about the fall school year of 2017/2018. Never before in the school's history have we seen this level of interest in the month of January! In addition to this, for the first time ever, our pre-school has a waiting list for the next school year. Also, administration was recently contacted and informed that international students are requesting to attend HCA, an already approved school, when we feel ready to open this door. Praise the Lord! It is a very exciting time to be a part of Haywood Christian Academy as we see God's hand at work. We invite you to enter into a season of prayer with us as we seek the Lord for our future.

Michael Jones, Haywood Christian Academy Board Treasurer

FACILITIES REPORT

There has never been as much unity and coordinated purpose in the Board of Directors in the 5 years I have served at HCA as there is right now. We have been diligently seeking the LORD's will for the future of Haywood Christian Academy, and God has been speaking to our hearts as we have waited on Him. In response to a recommendation from the academic committee, at a recent meeting the board made a decision to continue to offer pre-k through twelfth grades rather than contract down to pre-K through 8th grade. We feel strongly that there is an ongoing need for rigorous education through the 12th grade with the backbone of a Christian worldview here in Haywood County.

This decision was a springboard that allowed us to move forward with another decision which is to **no longer** pursue the senior school campus as our long-term home. There was complete unity on this resolution which required much prayer, fasting, discussion and evaluation of many factors. It has become clear that the senior school property will not meet our needs for a consolidated campus.

The board, under the guidance of the facilities committee which includes individuals with expertise in finance, construction and architecture, is currently evaluating alternate sites for Haywood Christian Academy's long term home. The dream that God has given us is for a brand new facility on an approximately 10 acre parcel of land. There is a donor who has expressed a desire to assist HCA financially with the beginning steps of this process.

Our deep desire as a board is to hear the LORD's direction and to obey Him with regard to HCA. We do not want to move out ahead of Him in this process and so we do not have a timeline, however we believe that He wants us to ask for His provision as we are following His lead. Our **dream** would be to acquire a parcel of land within the next 6 months. We cannot accomplish that without God but we do believe that is where He is leading us. We anticipate that the 2017-2018 school year will be on 2 separate campuses as it is currently. We are waiting on God to see what He plans for 2018-2019, but whatever it is, we know it is good!

We want to be a part of building God's Kingdom here in Haywood County and are willing and ready to be led by His Spirit to do so. There's a palpable feeling of excitement and joy at our board meetings as we are doing all we can to honor our LORD.

We know that God will take faith even as small as a mustard seed and grow it into whatever reality will bring people to Him. Join us as we seek His direction and wait on Him with anticipation!

Seeking glory for God!

Kristen Stevens

Chairperson, Haywood Christian Academy Board of Directors

WHY EDUCATE BIBLICALLY?

I would encourage you to make Glen Shultz' blog on Kingdom Education a part of your weekly reading!

In a recent blog post, "*It Starts with the Home*", Shultz reminds us that the world has a way of convincing us to chase around things that do not hold eternal value, even when it comes to our reasons for why we want to offer our children a "good" education. Most parents desire two main things: their children to get into "good" colleges and then to get "good" jobs so that they can lead successful lives. These are not bad desires, but there is something vital that is missing from these goals.

We have a wonderful opportunity to educate students' minds and hearts while teaching a God-centered worldview but more importantly than that, we are instructed to do so in God's Holy Word. In Romans 12:2, God's word instructs us to "renew our minds" so that we will not be "conformed to this world."

In our world today, students are offered a plethora of worldly views called secularism. We are inundated with it on every turn and as social media explodes it is very difficult to sift through it all. This is why choosing Christian education is more important than ever! HCA comes alongside the biblical worldview teachings at home and that of the local church by providing an excellent education based on the foundation of biblical truths. This means that ALL disciplines of study are examined in the light of the TRUTH from God's Word. HCA students are learning the same standards and objectives as the public school but in addition, they are being taught how to **discern truth** as they study the theories of evolution, historical trends of our nation, and secular literature and themes of egocentrism. You simply should not have one without the other.

Haywood Christian Academy is a God-inspired treasure in WNC and we feel that God is going to rain down His blessings on our school so that more and more students can benefit from being educated with a Christ-centered worldview.

Thank you, HCA families, for recognizing and supporting this important and impactful ministry!

PRAYER AND FASTING

HCA's Board of Directors and members of school administration would like to invite you to take part in a "Season of Clear Focus". This will consist of a twenty day commitment to prayer and fasting for the future of our school. We are planning to kick-off this event with a praise and prayer celebration in the senior school chapel on the evening of February 23rd, and we desire for our entire school family to share in this special time with us. More details will be emailed out soon!

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Earnestly Seeking Him,

Kelli Herbert

Head of School