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This issue of *Bridges* focuses on **HEALTH** and the **HEALING ARTS**.



from the **SUPERINTENDENT**



LM has produced an extraordinary number of medical personnel making a significant impact on the world. Although LM does not have a pre-med program or provide medical training, alumni in the healing arts say the school helped shape who they are today.

The next issue of *Bridges* will focus on alumni involved in MUSIC.

If you would like to be considered for a story, or if you would like to suggest someone to be featured, please email hillerg@lancastermennonite.org.

Bridges is the community magazine of Lancaster Mennonite School, sent to alumni, parents and friends. LM exists to transform students so they can change our world through Christlike love, peacemaking and service.

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Sowing Seeds of Promise

In this issue of *Bridges*, **Gerald Baer '72**, describes his path to medicine as unconventional, yet his description of high school life is not uncommon. Students may not always recognize their gifts and talents, but through continued nurturing, the seeds planted eventually fully mature. We hear repeatedly how LM teachers offer patience, unconditional support and enduring confidence in students.

Each student's journey is unique, and LM teachers recognize the individuality of God's design. Dr. Baer mentions teacher qualities that stood by him during his years at LMH: enthusiasm or passion for a subject, mediation of conflict, Anabaptist values and a sense of belonging or being special were identified as factors impacting his life for the long term, equipping him to lead as a physician.

Everyday conversations happen in classrooms between lab partners working on an experiment, when an AP Biology teacher asks an essential question, and when P.E. and health fitness exercise push students to new levels. Seeds are beginning to sprout.

Lancaster Mennonite continues to be safe and supportive while being academically excellent and spiritually relevant for students. Ultimately the seeds of promise mature with support from teachers and in God's own divine timing. What a privilege to journey together and hear from alumni using their God given talents to serve others!

Enjoy the Health edition of *Bridges*!

Pam Tieszen, Ed.D
LM Superintendent

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HEALTH Through ATHLETICS & PHYS. ED.

Considering the success of LM athletics over the past decades, it is surprising that sports were taboo on the Lancaster Campus until the 1970s. As more Mennonites moved off the farm, Mennonite youth needed a new outlet to burn youthful energy constructively, and they burned to participate in sports like public school students.

The desire for interscholastic sports had to overcome a myriad of objections. Church and school leaders were afraid that allowing LM students to interact with public schools might expose them to the very things LM was created to protect them from. Students might be exposed to profanity, immodest uniforms and the more subtle influences of pride and glory-seeking.

During the 1960s, student leaders consistently tried to convince school leaders to permit athletics, leading to official intramural sports – and some unofficial informal competitions with other schools. In 1969, a physical education teacher organized the school's first basketball team to "scrimmage" approved schools. That same year,

Larry Newswanger '58, the Alumni Association president, told the board of trustees that the alumni had "considerable interest" in constructing a gymnasium.

When the board of trustees approved the construction of a gymnasium in 1971, the enthusiasm and participation of the school body were overwhelming. Hundreds of students washed cars, sold baked goods, and did whatever they could to raise money. Under the slogan "Gimmee a Gymmie," students raised more than \$21,000 in two days of work, garnering local media attention and even congratulations from President Richard Nixon.

Joe Ranck '69, was among the first alumni who went on to play collegiate athletics and become a physical education teacher. Ranck recalled, "When I graduated in 1969 we were not allowed to have any interscholastic sports teams. But that didn't stop us from playing other schools or being involved in church leagues. Some of us were fortunate enough to go on to play in college despite the fact that we didn't have that opportunity in high school."

"Sue Rohrer (the girls physical education teacher) was a positive influence in our lives and was a great promoter of girls sports. I think she was a big factor in the development of interscholastic sports in the years following my graduation."

"As far as I know, **Chet Wenger '69** and I were the first LMH grads to major in physical education and teach physical education," Ranck said. Both men aspired to return to teach at LM. Wenger did, in fact, land the job of teaching P.E. at LMH, while Ranck taught in Canada for two years. When Ranck's visa expired and he needed to return home, teaching openings were scarce, so he went into the family business instead (Robert H. Ranck, Inc.).

"As I look back over almost 50 years, I acknowledge that some students were bitter over the lack of [athletic] opportunities," Ranck reported. "On the other hand, others used our high school days as a foundation for learning leadership, taking safe risks, growing their faith in God, and moving forward with the ability to overcome the many obstacles that life would present."



Fred Winey '90, M.Ed., serves as instructional area leader, P.E. and Health teacher and soccer coach at the Lancaster Campus. He holds a B.A. in Health and Physical Science from Messiah College and a master's degree in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University Irvine.

LMH Head Boys Soccer Coach

June 2007– present

- PIAA State Champions 2011
- PIAA State Finalist 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017
- PIAA State Semi-Finalist 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017
- PIAA District 3 Champions 2010, 2011, 2015, 2017
- PIAA District 3 Runner-Up 2013
- Lancaster-Lebanon League Champions 2012, 2013

Assistant Mens Soccer Coach Messiah College

Jan. 1997–June 2007

NCAA Division III National Champions 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006

LMH has become a factor in the national soccer community, being recognized on the NSCAA National Poll as one of the top boys soccer programs in the country. This should not come as a surprise to anyone familiar with the program's recent success on the pitch.

In the ten seasons since **Fred Winey '90** became the head soccer coach in 2007, the Blazers have won an L-L section title nine times, a pair of L-L crowns and four District Three Class AA titles. They also advanced to the PIAA Class AA semifinals five times, reached the Class AA state championship game four times and won the 2011 Class AA state title. This is just the tip of the iceberg for a program that has consistently developed players for success at the collegiate level.

Winning isn't easy in soccer-rich Pennsylvania, home to a plethora of high-profile high school programs. However, the LM program has grown and prospered under Winey's expert tutelage, earning a reputation as a hard-working group that plays the game the right way. And people have noticed. Winey has been named the PA Soccer Coach Association's State Coach of the Year three times, including this year's stellar season.

Although titles are often the highlight of coaching careers, Winey said his thrills come from achieving what seemed impossible, seeing athletes develop from role players to impact players, and even taking pride in watching students handle heart-breaking defeat with dignity and class. "I have been blessed with many great teams composed of hard-working individuals that were willing to trust me and each other, which allowed them to achieve great things," Winey said.

Winey attributes much of his success to his focus on communications and relationships. "People respond to people who are genuine, who listen and who try to understand them. For

me, it's the relationships that drew me to education, and it's the piece that I still value."

Winey's emphasis on relationships goes back to his own days as an LMH student and soccer player. "I had an affinity for athletics, so as I looked at career paths that I might pursue in college, I began to focus on education, having been influenced by many of the teachers that I had coming up through the LM system."

Ultimately, it was the opportunity to interact with students and have a positive influence in their lives that drew him toward education. "My teachers provided me with great role models for what being a quality educator should look like," Winey said. "They instilled character traits that helped me to succeed, and now I try to pass these lessons along to my students and athletes."

Winey chose to attend Messiah College, where he was an all-star for the Division 3 soccer powerhouse. "I feel that I was able to handle college well due to the rigor that my high school teachers required," Winey related. "Biology and Physics were two courses that particularly helped me navigate two of my more demanding college courses, Human Anatomy/Physiology and Kinesiology."

After graduating from Messiah, Winey started teaching as a long-term substitute in 2000 and then began full-time at the Kraybill Campus in 2001. In the 2007-2008 school year, he started coaching soccer for LMH, but taught another year at Kraybill before moving to the Lancaster Campus for the 2008-2009 school year.

"LM helped to develop my faith, my understanding of the world and friendships that would last a lifetime, regardless of where my next steps might take me," Winey said. "I felt prepared to follow wherever the Lord was going to lead me, which ended up being right back at Lancaster Mennonite."

GEOFF GROFF '78

Geoff Groff '78 (m. **Janet '79**) is one of the most respected basketball coaches in the Lancaster-Lebanon League, but don't ask him his win-loss record. "I don't think it is always fair for the coach or the players if you evaluate success solely on how many wins were achieved," Groff said. "Winning is what you're trying to do, but there has to be more of a takeaway than winning."

Groff takes a broad approach to coaching. "More time and energy is invested in leadership development," he said, "And although we continue to strive to be the team with the most points on the scoreboard, we recognize that winning is much more than having the highest score."

A 2014 LNP news article said, "Groff's club, like some of the other really good ones he has coached over the years, plays hard, plays together and represents itself (and the league) in the best possible fashion."

In talking about Groff's success, there is no magic sauce. "I don't think there are any secrets to success," Groff said. "Coaching is hard work, and you and your players need to invest the time." In an LNP interview, Groff told the Lancaster newspapers: "Our focus, rightly or wrongly, is that certain things are key, and we're going to do those key things the best we can." Another coach summed up Groff's approach this way: "There are no gimmicks, no tricks. It's, 'Here's what we do. Do it better than us, and you'll be fine. If you don't do it better than us, we're going to win.'"

One of Groff's favorite quotes is: "Success is a journey, not a destination." "We strive to have practices that are organized, fast-paced and competitive. We use a variety of activities to keep the points of emphasis fresh, and we shorten practices as we head into January."

Groff started high school at Pequea Valley, then transferred to LMH for

his junior and senior years, where he played soccer and basketball. "We were not in any official league, so there were no opportunities for individual honors or team championships," Groff recalled.

Groff played basketball and soccer at West Chester University where he majored in Health/Physical Education. After graduating in 1982, he was hired as a P.E. teacher, boys AD, and soccer and basketball coach at Lancaster Country Day School. He loved coaching and, after five years at LCD, returned to coach basketball at his alma mater, going 234-149 in 15 seasons and leading the Blazers to a District Three title in 1997 and the state semi-finals in 2002. In 2003 he stepped down so he could watch his own children (**Kristen '05, Alyssa '08, Elliot '10**) play sports: "After 15 years as head basketball coach, I decided to stop so I could watch my daughter Kristen play on the girls team," Groff related. "When the head position opened up in 2008 and Elliot was playing, I reapplied and thankfully was given another chance to coach basketball."

Now in his tenth year back as the head coach, Groff is again helping many more LMH boys maximize their potential.

Last year, the Blazers won the L-L League Section 3 title, played in the District 3 final, and made it all the way to the PIAA quarterfinals against much bigger teams. Named the section's Coach of the Year, he credits his players and assistants more than his own coaching abilities.

"I had good assistants," he said. "The players worked really hard. There are a lot of things that had to fall into place. You have to stay healthy to be successful, and we were very fortunate."



Geoff Groff '78, B.A., has taught physical education at the Lancaster Campus for 30 years and has coached varsity boys basketball for 25 of those years. He has also helped coach golf and girls soccer.



Nasser Salim '95 is in his first year as athletic director for Lancaster Mennonite School's Lancaster Campus, where he played basketball as a student. He went on to obtain a B.S. in Recreation and Leisure Management at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and has 15 years of experience working with students. Salim brings a passion for athletics and student success to the job of coordinating 18 varsity sports at the high school and middle school levels.



FACULTY focus

KAREN YODER GYGER



Karen Gyger teaches Health and Physical Education at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Gyger coached field hockey for 26 years (1981-1995, 2001-2008) and compiled a record of 280 wins, 75 losses and 28 ties. She has a B.A. in Health/Physical Education from Goshen College.

Karen Gyger is in her thirty-seventh year as a physical education teacher at LMH.

Gyger found that her own high school sports career (she played field hockey and basketball) was valuable and taught her much about life.

She chose to teach health and physical education because she enjoyed all types of sports and felt they built her self confidence.

"I enjoy connecting with students and seeing them realize that physical activity needs to be part of their everyday life," Gyger said.

Gyger spent 20 seasons as the Blazers' field hockey coach in two stints. She stepped away after the 1996 season, and then came back to coach four more seasons. She compiled a 198-65-26 record in her first go-round, including a pair of District 3 championships, a league title and two section championships. Gyger came

back in 2005. The team tied for the section title and advanced to Districts and States in 2005, won the section title and advanced to Districts and States in 2006, advanced to the District 3 final and to States in 2007, and won the section, league and district title in 2008.

"The highlight of my coaching career is winning a league and district championship in 2008," Gyger said. "But more important is being able to bring a team together for one goal and passion."

"It is always a challenge to bring a group of girls together from all walks of life and develop them into a successful team," Gyger reflected, "but the true satisfying area for me was watching these young ladies grow into women and learn many life lessons through field hockey that they carry with them today."



Eric Hollinger serves as the P.E. teacher and athletic director at the Hershey Campus as well as head varsity baseball coach for LMH. He has a B.A. in Health/P.E. from Lancaster Bible College.

ERIC HOLLINGER

Eric Hollinger remembers sitting in Chris Peterson's fifth-grade class at Locust Grove and thinking that he would like to be a teacher someday.

"Mr. Peterson made learning fun and had a passion for sports," Hollinger related. "That drew me to teaching, and it has been a great decision for me."

In college, Hollinger started out as an Elementary Education major, but switched to Health and Physical Education. "I grew up around athletics all my life and wanted to do something that involved those skills,"

Hollinger explained. He went on to obtain a B.A. in K-12 Health/Physical Education from Lancaster Bible College.

After graduating, he secured a long-term substitute position with Hinkletown Mennonite School. In 2012, he started teaching P.E. at the LM Hershey Campus and serving as athletic director there.

"I love working with students in the gym, teaching them ways to be active and stay healthy," Hollinger said. "A highlight is hearing how former students enjoyed P.E. and learned things that prepared them for college or other activities."

In the spring of 2012, Hollinger became the head JV baseball coach at Conestoga Valley High School and then moved to assistant varsity coach. He continued that position until 2015, when he became assistant varsity coach for LMH. He became head varsity coach in 2016.

TROY BOMBERGER

Troy Bomberger chose to teach health and physical education because it combines his love of athletics with the joy of working with children and teenagers. During high school, Bomberger was a three-sport athlete, playing soccer, basketball and baseball. He particularly excelled in soccer, being the captain of his high school team and then playing in Messiah College's highly-regarded soccer program. After getting his B.A. in Health and Physical Education from Messiah College, he went on to earn a master's degree in Health Education from Pennsylvania State University.

He began teaching at the New Danville Campus in 2000. For 14 years, he taught Health, Physical Education and Algebra while serving as athletic director and coaching the middle school boys and girls soccer teams and boys basketball teams. When New Danville Campus phased out its middle school, he coached the boys junior high soccer teams at the Lancaster Campus.

For the 2013-2014 school year, he taught P.E. at New Danville and served as athletic director for the Kraybill Campus. The following year, he fully transitioned to the Kraybill Campus,

where he currently serves as athletic director, teaches P.E. and Health, and is a sixth-grade homeroom teacher. He has also coached boys basketball and girls soccer at the Kraybill Campus.

Altogether, Bomberger has coached a combined 15 seasons of junior high or middle school soccer and basketball. A coaching highlight was when the 2015 Kraybill Campus girls soccer team won the Commonwealth Christian Athletic Conference championship.

Bomberger said, "Through my physical education classes, I aim to provide students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes that facilitate choosing physical activity after school, at home and in the community." Along with lessons and activities common to most physical education and health classes, he tries to promote good sportsmanship and Christian character, help students care for their bodies as God's creation and cultivate understanding and respect for differences among people in physical activity settings.



Troy Bomberger, M.Ed., serves as athletic director, P.E. and Health teacher and coach at the Kraybill Campus.



Candace Rosenberry has a B.A. in Health and Physical Education from Messiah College. She started teaching at the Kraybill Campus in 2008 and moved to the Locust Grove Campus in 2014.

CANDACE ROSENBERY

Candy Rosenberry has always enjoyed sports, whether playing them or simply watching them. She loved P.E. throughout her school years. Her middle school P.E. teacher especially stirred a passion in her to become a P.E. teacher, so she decided to get a B.A. in Health and Physical Education. A three-sport high school athlete, she chose to play field hockey at Messiah College.

"Each day in my classes, my goals are that everyone gets exercise, everyone has fun and everyone learns something," Rosenberry said. She never gets tired of seeing students master a skill or experience success for the first time while learning a skill. "The surprise and joy that is displayed on their faces never gets old," Rosenberry said.

A highlight of her career is praying with students in times of need. "This cannot be experienced in a public school setting and is an obvious asset to being an educator in a Christian school," said Rosenberry.

Rosenberry has also been active in coaching and officiating field hockey. She coached in the Ephrata Area School District and won the section title and Coach of the Year awards there prior to becoming the LMH head varsity coach from 2014 to 2017.



Featured ALUMNI

B.S. in Biology, Eastern Mennonite University, 1991

MD, The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, 1996

Resident, University Hospitals of Cleveland, 1996-1999

Clinical Fellow, Cardiology Fellowship Training Program, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, 1999-2005

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, 1999- 2004

Medical Director, University of Colorado at Boulder, Integrative Vascular Biology Laboratory, Department of Integrative Physiology

Graduate Faculty, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Integrative Physiology

Co-founder and PI, Pediatric Cardiovascular Research Laboratory (PCRL)

Associate Professor, Denver Health and University of Colorado at Denver Anschutz Medical Campus, Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology

Associate Professor Adjunct, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Integrative Physiology

Medical Director, CU Boulder Clinical Translational Research Center, Colorado Clinical Translational Sciences Institute

Interim Chief, Division of Cardiology, Denver Health Medical Center



BRIAN STAUFFER '87

Brian Stauffer '87 has a complicated work-life as he performs three major roles simultaneously in the field of medicine.

Dr. Stauffer is a clinical cardiologist at Denver Health Medical Center. He is also an associate professor in the Department of Medicine at both the University of Colorado's (CU) Anschutz Medical Campus and in the School of Medicine, and is on the faculty of the Department of Integrative Physiology at CU Boulder where he serves as the medical director for the Clinical Translational Research Center (CTRC).

Stauffer's hospital provides the largest amount of unreimbursed medical care in the state of Colorado, serving all patients regardless of the ability to pay. His division has 10 cardiologists and about 30 clinical support staff. "Taking care of an underserved population at Denver Health has a great number of challenges, but also provides a critical service to persons that have few other options for health care," Stauffer said.

As medical director of a research group in integrative physiology, Stauffer discovers how blood vessel health leads to cardiovascular diseases such as strokes and heart attacks. His team looks at changes in blood vessel health in the healthy aging process and in adults with high blood pressure, obesity or HIV. They then study how interventions such as exercise, vitamin C, sleep improvement or blood pressure

drugs prevent or reverse blood vessel abnormalities. "It is fun developing these projects," Stauffer said. "Being on the cutting edge of medical research means that I frequently know things before anyone else in the world."

Stauffer also co-directs a research group of about 20 people that studies how age influences the heart muscle response to heart failure. A current focus is developing new diagnostic testing and therapeutics to prevent the need for heart transplantation in children with heart failure.

"My time at LMH definitely started me down this path," Stauffer said. "I remember my introduction to the heart in Biology class. Dissecting pig hearts was incredibly interesting."

As an undergraduate, Stauffer started doing research with a cardiology lab at Hershey Medical Center that further developed his interest in the heart. He subsequently went to Hershey for medical school. During a fellowship year of research, his mentor's lab moved to CU Boulder. This led him to Colorado for his cardiology training after doing an internal medicine residency at University Hospitals/Case Western in Cleveland, OH.

"One of the best things about LMH was the friends that I made while there," Stauffer said. "My involvement in teams also provided a strong basis for my current approach to the various facets of my career."

LAURAELEN GOCHNAUER ASHCRAFT '08

How did your LMH experience influence your career path?

Every time the word **community** was said, there was a collective eye roll among LMH students. As a high school student, I grew tired of hearing the word; however, as I look back ten years later, the underlying foundation and emphasis of **community** during my time at LMH helped to guide me toward my current work and continues to be a key component of my professional and personal life. The emphasis on community, on bringing a group of diverse people together, finding their strengths and working toward a common goal is imperative to social work.

Did you feel well-prepared for further studies?

Writing is critical to my current work, and English courses with Mrs. Engle and journalism with Mr. Horst prepared me to enter college. I remember Mrs. Snell (now at Hershey Campus) teaching me how to write a five-paragraph essay, then later a research paper. Mrs. Snell helped me to tell the story the best I could with the existing resources.

What was one of your more memorable LMH experiences?

In October of my junior year, I was involved in a serious car accident. During this time, students, teachers and administrators supported our family as we navigated this challenging and unexpected barrier. The compassion, grace and understanding helped to promote my

recovery physically, emotionally and spiritually. That experience directed my passion for others, especially focusing on health.

My car accident and subsequent recovery gave me a personal connection to medicine and healthcare. I understand how important it is to patients, families and the community to ensure all people have access to healthcare services. The foundation of community, in part from my time at LMH, demonstrated the importance and need for social work. At the intersection of these two, I hope to use the social work perspective as a framework to better understand ways we can better provide healthcare services.

Before starting my Ph.D., I worked in Critical Care Medicine (ICUs) research in Health Policy and Management for three years. I worked with physicians, nurses, public health researchers and medical anthropologists to understand questions around improving care delivery in the Intensive Care Unit.

In my own work, I hope to use my social work perspective to bring together the expertise of clinical healthcare providers to address disparities in the healthcare system. Thinking critically about healthcare delivery and how disparities affect vulnerable populations is exhausting. Doing life together is difficult, but we are designed to exist in community.

What was your biggest take-away from LMH?

The incorporation of high academic standards, faith and community-focus helped me to develop a foundation for continued integration. My experience of community support, while also emphasizing academics, guides me to balance these critical components.



LauraEllen Gochnauer Ashcraft '08 does not directly provide healthcare, but works to improve healthcare delivery systems, especially to vulnerable populations, as she completes her Ph.D. in Social Work with a research focus in Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Pittsburgh. She majored in social work at Millersville University and earned her MSW at Pitt's School of Social Work.

PHOTO: Max Glider



Gerald Baer '72, is a family practitioner in Elizabethtown, PA. After undergraduate studies at Elizabethtown College, Dr. Baer graduated from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in 1988 and has been in practice for 30 years. He currently practices at Norlanco Family Medicine and is affiliated with Lancaster General Hospital.

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GERALD BAER '72

“I did not follow a traditional pathway into the medical profession. Indeed, my lack of discipline, coupled with poor study habits, gave my teachers, friends and parents little reason to encourage me to go to college when I graduated from LMH.”

“I attended the Kraybill Campus for grades 1-10 and went to LMH for grades 11-12. I graduated with an empty diploma because I needed to make up for incomplete classwork. Although I did not excel scholastically, I learned the values of service to others, stewardship of the earth and personal resources, the importance of belonging to a faith community, principles of living simply, and treating others fairly and with compassion. These values last a lifetime and are important in any profession.”

“My teachers demonstrated these principles in their daily work and lifestyles. My first grade teacher, Ella Mae Murphy, had a difficult life as a single mother of four, yet she made me feel as though I was the most important person in her life. She quoted the German philosopher Goethe, ‘Everything that happens to us leaves some trace behind; everything contributes imperceptibly to make us what we are.’”

“The enthusiasm of my LMH science teachers, **Leon Good '60** and **Charles Longenecker '50**, stimulated my love of science and natural history, even though that appreciation was dormant until I entered college at age 25.”

“Myron Dietz taught high school sociology so well that I tested out of college sociology 10 years later. However, his ability to mediate a conflict in my life elevated my opinion of this sincere and kind Anabaptist man.”

“**Daniel Wenger '56** taught world cultures as if he really cared about what happened in those far off countries. Rose Landis and I invited him to lead singing during our wedding ceremony in 1988.”

“Assistant principal **Ernest Hess '60** transported me to a local hospital when I suffered from a collapsed lung. Attending surgeon **Clarence Rutt '49** would become a physician mentor to me years later, and Dr. Hess remains a lifelong friend.”

“After I matured a bit and did manual labor for a number of years, Kraybill principal Ray Kratz encouraged me to go to college. Although college and medical school prepared me for the scientific aspect of my work as a family physician, my earlier home, church and Christian school training provided the guiding principles for life as a husband, father and physician. Frequently, I recalled the motto painted over the Kraybill Campus stage, ‘May my life be like the Master’s.’”

“The highlight of medical school was a four-week trip into the highlands of Kenya, where I was placed in charge of a 50-bed pediatric ward. In a few weeks, I performed 18 spinal lumbar punctures, did C-sections under the watchful eyes of older surgeons, and treated parasitic and other tropical diseases.”

“In private practice here in Lancaster County, I have documented more than 100,000 patient visits, yet each patient contact is unique. It is a privilege to have the trust of patients as I work with them to promote and achieve good health. I am indebted to the LM faculty for sowing seeds of promise in my life, even though I squandered some of that trust as a youth.”

“My message to current faculty and students is this: In the short term, it is sometimes difficult to see the fruit of Christian education in the lives of children and teenagers. I want to assure you that these students will eventually mature and lead productive lives. In time, these students may even return to express thanks for the sacrifices made on their behalf. I will always be grateful for my LM experiences.”

ERIC & ANNE MARIE BAER KEMP

"My exploration of music and science at LMH, and then my continued studies at EMU, helped to mold me into a 'singing nurse'", said **Anne Marie Baer Kemp '12**, who works as a registered nurse on an Internal Medicine unit at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. "I sing to my hospice patients, I carol during the holiday season, and I sing reassuring and comforting hymns of *Amazing Grace* and *It is Well with My Soul*, hoping that my voice can bring peace to others." To Kemp, nursing is not only science, but it is also "sacred and an art." "I care for broken bodies, spirits and minds," she said.

At LMH, she immersed herself in both academics and the arts. She fondly recalled her teachers' enthusiastic methods of teaching algebra and genuine interest in their students' well-being. She appreciated that music teacher Marcy Hostetler encouraged her to audition for county, regional and state choirs and to continue to use her talents. "Some of my fondest LMH memories took place on the

stage, whether it was singing in chapel, waltzing across the stage in a musical or singing in Campus Chorale," Kemp said. "I also met my husband, **Eric L. Kemp '11** in choir, and we married June 12, 2016." Eric is pursuing his doctorate in physical therapy at Drexel University and also has a passion for music and the healing arts.

Eric said, "My involvement in various sports such as basketball, golf, and baseball not only taught me how to be a team player and interact with my peers, but also the science behind how the body works." He added, "Involvement in LMH athletics allowed me to maximize my sports performance through training and proper nutrition, which are important elements of physical therapy." His most memorable LMH moment was playing in the District 3 basketball championship game in the HersheyPark arena, but he says LMH also prepared him well in the classroom. "Chemistry class with **Seth Buckwalter '97** allowed me to find my love for the sciences through laboratory and lecture studies."



Anne Marie Baer Kemp '12 is a registered nurse at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and her husband, **Eric Kemp '11**, is pursuing his doctorate in physical therapy at Drexel University. Photo by Olivia Rae Photography.

"The field of nursing is diverse and has allowed me to use my talents in numerous ways — talents that were fostered and encouraged by teachers and peers at LMH."

WINONA HOUSER '97

Winona Houser '97 graduated from LMH and entered Houghton College with the intention of following a premedical track. "I had a strong exposure to the sciences at LMH and felt that medicine might be a good fit for me," she said. "But I also remember deepening my understanding of other facets of knowledge through the mix of courses I took."

At Houghton, she ended up deviating from medicine and graduating with a B.A. in the humanities instead. She went to Arizona to work in elementary education on the Hopi Reservation through Mennonite Voluntary Service. Following several years in the high desert, she returned to Lancaster to work as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at Landis Homes while doing some soul-searching about future career goals.

"I decided to return to that initial notion of becoming a physician and completed my premedical coursework while working as a CNA," Dr. Houser related. Following medical school at Penn State, she moved to western North Carolina for residency training in family medicine at Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville. She recently started working as a primary care physician for the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority in Cherokee, NC.

"LMH prepared me well for this career in medicine, but LMH also fostered the values of service, curiosity and community. I ultimately chose to become a doctor with the intent of practicing primary care in an underserved population because I felt it would be a way to apply my talents in a meaningful way."



Winona Houser '97 is a primary care physician on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina.



Featured ALUMNI

LISA KING '04



Lisa King '04 earned a bachelor's degree in Nursing and a master's in Nursing Leadership and Management at Eastern Mennonite University, where she is currently an instructor in the nursing program.

A three-year field hockey starter and a member of Mennonite's PIAA Class AA silver-medal team in 2002, **Lisa King '04** was a consistent defender who could usually be counted on for a strong hit to clear the ball from the Blazers' defensive end.

In 2004, she entered the nursing program at Eastern Mennonite University. King returned to Lancaster after graduation, working as a nurse at Lancaster General Hospital and coaching field hockey at LMH. At Lancaster General, King was first a cardiac and vascular surgery nurse, serving in several leadership roles before moving to the labor and delivery wing. She participated in a nurse manager residency program, and later became the nurse manager of the cardiac arrhythmia and electrophysiology unit, overseeing 35 employees. Shortly before leaving

LGH, she supervised another 40 employees as an interim manager in the cardiothoracic surgery unit.

Despite leading teams of nurses and staff members, her goal was not to continue to move up the executive chain. "I am a nurse at heart," she said. "Relationships are important to me."

She eventually turned down a management position at the University of Virginia hospital, put her Lancaster house on the market, and moved to Harrisonburg in May 2015. Two weeks later, she was teaching summer courses at EMU and soon became a full-time member of the nursing department.

Making the transition to nursing educator was "a missional decision," said King. In part, her choice stemmed from the desire to "help create nurses that can be change agents in this challenging healthcare environment."



ERICA PETERSHEIM LEWIS '97

Erica Petersheim Lewis '97 is a professor of nursing at James Madison University where she teaches a bioethics curriculum to nursing and interdisciplinary students with a focus on ethical reasoning and, specifically, empathy.

"At LMH and EMU, I learned that a rich life is greater, more holistic, than living without disease," Lewis said. "This foundation serves me well as I teach student nurses how to empathize with unique individual patients to determine what wellness looks like for each person."

"Practically speaking, I learned critical thinking skills at LMH. This gave me a strong foundation for decision-making in nursing. My freshman science class at LMH inspired me to want to understand how things in the biological world work."



HEATHER GOCHBAUER '10

Now studying to be a physician at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, **Heather Gochbauer '10** felt that LMH prepared her academically for medical school, but most importantly, helped her to be an empathetic problem-solver who thinks creatively and communicates effectively. She also felt that LM's concept of community, which seemed to be over-emphasized while she was a student, shaped her passion for community health and helping the under-served.



RANDY LONGENECKER '71

Did your LMH experience influence you in any way to become a physician?

Like the scientists featured in the Winter 2017 issue of *Bridges*, I also had a wonderful experience in Biology with **Charlie Longenecker '50** as my teacher. And when asked to declare a major in college, Biology was a natural choice. It actually wasn't until Mennonite Voluntary Service between my sophomore and junior year, when I worked with a pediatrician in the hills of eastern Kentucky, that I really decided to pursue medicine. I believe what LMH contributed most to my becoming a physician was laying a solid academic, social and spiritual foundation — and providing the opportunity to see servant-leadership and service modeled. At LMH I came out of my shell as a shy nerd to take leadership roles on the yearbook staff and in student government.

Did you feel that LMH prepared you well for further studies?

Very well prepared and well rounded! In addition to Charlie Longenecker in biology, there were Stanley Kreider in math, Larry Hess in physics, Myron Dietz in sociology and religion, and Janet Gehman in English.

Looking back, what was the most important thing you learned at LMH?

I am called to serve in a way that optimally uses the gifts I've been given, and I will never go wrong following Christ's lead in everything I do.

What was one of your more memorable LMH experiences?

Dorm life was a very affirming, socially stretching and spiritually maturing part of my LMH experience. Roommates sharpened and shaped my perspective on the world and my place in it. But probably most memorable was singing in chapel. I still love singing and sing in an excellent choir here in Athens.

What did you like most about being a physician?

Attending more than 2,000 births! But I also deeply treasure the opportunity to bring hope and alleviate physical, emotional and spiritual suffering. I love teaching in medical school and residency, and now that I am retired from clinical practice as a rural family physician, I plan to devote the rest of my career to preparing the next generation!

Randall Longenecker '71 is Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean, Rural and Underserved Programs, at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In addition to serving in an executive role as assistant dean in a medical school, he has developed, and now directs, the RTT Collaborative, a nationwide cooperative of medical school and residency programs preparing physicians for practice in rural communities. He travels to small towns and communities across the US, sustaining existing programs and facilitating the development of new ones. He also travels internationally through Rural WONCA (a world organization of family doctors) to interact with rural medical educators around the world.



Featured ALUMNI

BOBBY LONGENECKER '07

Bobby Longenecker '07 may not be Lancaster County's best marathon runner, but he may be the best-known.

Although notoriety was certainly not his goal or his choice, **Bobby Longenecker '07** has made news on several fronts. In 2015 he was featured in Lancaster's daily newspaper for running – and winning – two back-to-back marathons: the Wisconsin Marathon on May 2 and the Kalamazoo Marathon on May 3 in neighboring Michigan. It wasn't a publicity stunt. With the events scheduled back-to-back, "it seemed to make sense to do two in a row," he said.

In November, Longenecker made news again by overcoming a serious illness to return to running form. His story was spotlighted in the newspaper and in an episode of the Inspirational Athletes podcast available on LancasterOnline.

Two years ago, Longenecker could barely walk, much less run, due to seronegative spondyloarthritis, a severe chronic inflammation of his joints. After a long struggle, medications are currently keeping the disease at bay, and he is running competitively again.

"Obstacles are a part of life," he said. "You can choose to approach them with either a positive attitude or a negative attitude."

Longenecker is no stranger to injury and adversity. Nagging injuries throughout high school kept him more closely in touch with physical therapy than he may have preferred. In fact, his own need for physical therapy as a high school cross country athlete inspired

him to pursue a career as a physical therapist. "When I was a freshman, I had an injury that required physical therapy," Longenecker related. "I really saw the benefits of the treatment I received and decided that I wanted to help people like I was helped."

When Longenecker was a senior at LMH, he tried the Harrisburg Marathon and felt he found his running niche. He then purposed to run marathons in all 50 states.

He chose to go to Pennsylvania State University for its excellent physical therapy program and earned a B.S. in Kinesiology, Movement Science. "I felt that LMH prepared me well for a rigorous program of study," he said. He especially enjoyed taking Anatomy with Cedric Steiner and fondly recalled how the LMH teacher would dissect road kill for the class.

While at Penn State, Longenecker worked in PSU's running gait analysis clinic and also developed a physical education course for marathon runners. He went on to obtain his doctorate in Physical Therapy from Drexel University and started work at Hartz Physical Therapy in Lititz.

Longenecker said running gait analysis is one of his concentrations as he helps runners with injuries "break down their form." He also enjoys treating athletic and orthopedic injuries, with an emphasis on lower extremities and overuse injuries.



ANGELA HILLER MYERS '96

Angela Hiller Myers '96 went to Eastern Mennonite University to major in social work. After working several years as a social worker and bearing three children, she studied the best methods of physical conditioning to get her body back in shape, eventually becoming a certified personal trainer and founder of one of Lancaster County's leading personal training facilities. She also evolved from a 5K runner to a nationally-competitive 400 meter sprinter and is the two-time national champion in the USA Track and Field Masters Outdoor Championship for the 35-39 age group.

MELINDA HOOVER '01

"As a student at LMH, I had no idea what I wanted to pursue as a career. However, I always had an interest in anatomy. Classes like Advanced Biology and Physics at LMH provided a great foundation for me to explore these topics through activities like frog dissection and building toothpick bridges."

"Along with academics, I appreciate how LMH shaped my worldview. I am thankful for teachers who not only provided a good educational experience, but also lived lives of service and simplicity. I'm also grateful for relationships with classmates who cared about the world, thought deeply, and motivated me to do the same. These factors influenced my decision to participate in a semester abroad in college."

"As I stood outside a small home in Nicaragua, watching four physically disabled children play, I had no idea that the experience would shape the course of my life forever. Only one of those children could walk because he had strengthened his legs through riding a bicycle. I thought that, if I only knew more about the conditions of those children, perhaps I could have helped the other three to learn how to walk. From that point forward, my

love for Spanish and my fascination with the human body began to weave together in ways that I never could have imagined."

"As I was deciding what career to pursue after college, the three things that I considered were physical therapy, counseling and something involving Spanish. (LMH also provided a great foundation for language study!) As my path bent toward physical therapy, I realized that it was a great way to weave all three of these interests. While studying at Arcadia University, and for a few years afterward, I went on five physical therapy trips to Zacapa, Guatemala, translating for students to provide therapy services. I am still excited each day when I have the opportunity to speak Spanish at my current job."

"Physical therapy is a great career. I love that I get to guide people through recovery to achieve their goals. I love that I am not tied to a desk. And I love that I continue to learn in this dynamic field, as our understanding of the factors that influence pain and optimize human movement continues to grow. I am grateful for the role that LMH played on my journey toward this rewarding career."

EMILY EBAUGH '11

After high school, **Emily Ebaugh '11** served as a short-term missionary in India with Eastern Mennonite Missions, then started working in a nursing home dining room. "Interacting with the residents awakened a desire in me to be more directly involved in their care," Ebaugh related, "so I soon became a Certified Nursing Assistant."

While working as an aide, she earned an Associate of Science in Nursing degree at Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences. She became a registered nurse in January 2016 and has since been working at Lancaster General Hospital. During her time at the hospital, she went back to college to

study for her BSN.

"The biology classes I took at LMH were very valuable experiences for me," Ebaugh said. "I enjoyed biology and all the hands-on activities the teachers included in their classes."

"The aspect of Christian love and service greatly impacted me throughout my years at LMH," Ebaugh continued. "Chapel services and the godly, caring manner in which my passionate teachers instructed and directed class discussions helped to shape my values and my worldview."

Ebaugh also volunteers as a firefighter/emergency medical technician.



Melinda J. Hoover '01 has been with CPRS Physical Therapy since 2016 and a professional since 2011. Hoover has a B.A. in Sport and Exercise Science from Messiah College and her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Arcadia University. Her brother, **J. Andrew Hoover '03**, is a family physician with Lancaster General Health.



Emily Ebaugh '11 took a path of service to becoming a registered nurse and will get her BSN this spring.



Featured ALUMNI

OLIVIA MAST DIMMIG '12



Olivia Mast Dimmig '12 graduated from Eastern Mennonite University with a BSN degree and started working as a public health nurse for the Chester County Health Department.

"I really enjoyed the science courses I took at LMH," **Olivia Mast Dimmig '12** said. "I had excellent science teachers and decided I wanted a career path that included more of that."

"Mrs. Engle and Mrs. **Jane Moyer '67** should be credited with my writing skills because I really enjoy writing and do grant writing as a part of my job," Dimmig added. "I graduated a semester early from EMU because of the AP credits I earned at LMH."

LMH also inspired her to work with diverse people and developed conversational fluency in Spanish, a skill that she uses daily as a public health nurse serving high-risk, low-

income first-time mothers.

One of her favorite LMH memories was a Spanish mini-course to Argentina. After the 2010 trip, Dimmig started dating classmate **Brent Dimmig '11**, whom she married in April 2016.

"LMH was a place where I always felt like people believed in me," Dimmig said. "This taught me to see the good in others as well, and to believe that everyone is capable of being and doing more."

"Feeling valued, affirmed and part of a community was life-giving and life-shaping for me," she continued, "and I hope to inspire these feelings in my patients."



WESTON & SARA POOLE SHERTZER '05

Weston Shertzer '05 is an anesthesiology resident physician for the Geisinger Health System. "LMH prepared me quite well for my education at Millersville University," Dr. Shertzer related. "I remember the transition to college level courses being relatively smooth, and I think much of that was because of the academic preparation I received at LMH." Shertzer went on to get a D.O. from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Some of his most memorable experiences at LMH were running on the cross-country and track teams, singing in Campus Chorale, writing for the school paper and being part of the Friday Morning Bible Study group. "Probably one of the most impactful parts of attending LMH were the lifelong friendships I made, including my lovely wife, **Sara Poole '05**, whom I met in Spanish class freshman year."

Sara received her RN and BSN from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL. For seven years, she worked for the UPenn and then Geisinger Hospice programs as a hospice nurse and nurse manager. She and Weston welcomed sons Roman and Monteo into their family in March 2017.



ROY WERT '55

Roy Wert '55 worked as an auto body mechanic for two years before pursuing the path to medical school. After an internship at Lancaster General Hospital, he and his wife (**Esther Sauder '56**) served under Eastern Mennonite Missions for three years at the Nazareth Hospital in Ethiopia where he developed an interest in orthopedic surgery. Upon returning from the mission field, he was an orthopedics resident at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. He then accepted a position at Robert Packer Hospital and later became chief of orthopedic surgery for Guthrie Health Care Systems in Sayre, PA, serving northern PA and southern NY. He enjoyed teaching orthopedics to medical students from the State University of New York and the former Hahnemann Medical School in Philadelphia. All eight of Roy and Esther's grandchildren are alumni or are presently attending LMH or the Kraybill Campus.



J. DANIEL HESS '98

Did your LM experience influence you to become a physician?

It was at LMH that my love for science and learning grew. The education and the reinforcement of my faith I received at LMH developed my interest in helping others through a career in medicine.

Did you feel well-prepared for further studies?

I felt very well prepared when I started my undergraduate studies at UMBC in 2000. I especially found biology and chemistry classes taught by Leon Good, **Charlie Longenecker '50** and Duane Evans to be engaging, challenging and a lot of fun.

What was one of your most memorable LM experiences?

I think my most memorable experience was the mini-course I participated in at the end of my senior year with a group of guys on a trip to Long Key in Florida. We spent time with a marine biology instructor at Goshen College's marine biology station learning about the

ecosystem there and snorkeling in the Gulf of Mexico, not to mention many adventures along the way.

What do you think was the most important thing you learned at LMH?

LMH fostered my love of learning, nurtured my faith and concern for those around us locally and globally. Furthermore, I made friends there that I have kept in touch with despite nearly 20 years and many miles of separation.

Have you used your medical skills for mission work?

In 2002-2003, I served with the MCC SALT Program in Swaziland (HIV and AIDS education program). I also worked at Macha Mission Hospital in Zambia in 2009 as a medical student and traveled to Gaborone, Botswana, in 2012 (with my wife, **Amy Hess '97**, and two young children) using elective time as a resident physician to work in Accident & Emergency at Princess Marina Hospital and the University of Botswana emergency medicine residency program.

J. Daniel Hess '98 with **Andrew Martin '09**, a first-year emergency medicine resident in the Virtual Education and Simulation Training (VEST) Center at Christiana Care Hospital.

J. Daniel Hess '98 Timeline:

1998: Worked on the home dairy farm in Lancaster with his father

and brother **David W. Hess '85**

1999: Volunteered at Mount Clare Christian School/Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church in Baltimore (brother **Dwayne Hess '87** helped start MCCS)

2000: Started undergrad at University of Maryland Baltimore County

2002-03: MCC SALT Program in Swaziland

2004: Graduated from UMBC with a B.S. in Biological Sciences and married **Amy Hess '97**

2009: Graduated from University of Maryland School of Medicine, started residency at Christiana Care Hospital in emergency medicine/internal medicine (EM/IM)

2014: Internal medicine chief resident

2015: Full-time clinical faculty in the emergency department and part-time with the CCHS internal medicine residency program.



Featured ALUMNI

NANCY ROHRER SAUDER '69



Nancy Rohrer Sauder '69 earned a registered nursing diploma from Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing and has a degree in health care management from Lebanon Valley College.

Working with people who had intellectual disabilities impacted her career and life.

In 1982, Friendship Community, a major faith-based provider of residential services for people with intellectual disabilities, decided to use a new source of federal funding to expand its county-funded network of community living arrangements. With the federal funds came new federal regulations that required the oversight of registered nurses.

Nancy Sauder '69 (m. **Clair Sauder '69**) was recruited to be Friendship Community's first official RN. In this capacity, she established policies and procedures for providing health-related services for the residents, trained non-medical staff to carefully administer medications in the community-based group homes, and supervised drop-in nurses.

Although her background was primarily in critical care nursing, she loved the environment of the group homes. "There was an ongoing tension as we strove to straddle the goals of maintaining a home-like environment and meeting what seemed to be excessive regulation by health agencies," Sauder related. "Were we a health agency or a home?"

Over the years, she developed a sex education curriculum for the residents and taught CPR classes for all staff. Eventually, she served as program director for the entire program.

While still at Friendship Community, Sauder began a 15-year term of service on the Board of Philhaven, a leading faith-based provider of behavioral health services. She later served on the board of the Share, an organization that provided support for bereaved parents after the death of a baby.

When not working, Sauder took extensive training in mediation and eventually established an independent mediation practice. She served on other church-related boards and committees, completed a degree in health care management, and served as chair of the local Bridge of Hope board while the organization established the national office of Bridge of Hope.

Sauder says, "I always felt that my foundational training as a nurse helped me to approach all the other activities through the lens of a nurse, recognizing people and organizations as multi-faceted, complex and precious in specific ways, never as simple or unimportant."



Elizabeth Evaritt Horst '05 joined Family First Health in 2017. She received her B.S. in Biology from York College of Pennsylvania and her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.
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ELIZABETH "BETSY" EVEARITT HORST '05

"More than influencing me in choosing a vocation, I feel LMH influenced me to a life of service," said **Elizabeth Evaritt Horst '05** (m. **Matthew Horst '03**). "Through my education and the friendships I built there, I felt a deep calling to serve those globally and locally."

She is now a physician at Family First Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center that primarily serves uninsured patients at six sites in York, Adams and Lancaster counties. "I don't need to take a mission trip to see different cultures," she said. "They walk into my exam room. I see immigrants, refugees and patients who are victims of domestic violence or homeless."

How well did LMH prepare her for her career academically? "College felt easy compared to my AP and Honors classes at LMH," she said. "None of these classes directly linked to my college or professional studies, but all enriched my life more broadly, and I value them all the more."

GEORGE B. STOLTZFUS '63

Starting as a factory worker, the former farm boy began a career of physical, spiritual and social healing.

George Stoltzfus '63 was not academically focused during his LMH years. He came to school assuming he would become a farmer. Following graduation, he took a factory job, but quickly became dissatisfied with the routine work and left after eight months.

"It is possible to postulate an influence of LMH," Dr. Stoltzfus said, "because I was during this time continuing to date my high school sweetheart (**Mae Mast '63**), and that relationship may have prompted me to move away from the factory and pursue higher education."

Stoltzfus' first move in the field of medicine was to become a respiratory therapist. He trained at the former St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster beginning a year and a half after graduating from LMH, finished the required training in the fall of 1965 and moved on to gain additional experience in pulmonary function in New Haven, Connecticut. During this time, he seriously began to consider going into medicine.

With that in mind, he returned to Lancaster where he could work part-time in the RT department at the hospital while attending Franklin & Marshall College. Because he took the general curriculum at LMH, Stoltzfus had no world languages and only algebra for math, yet F&M accepted him, he suspected, because of the overall reputation of LMH.

After getting a B.A. in Biology, Stoltzfus earned a Doctor of Medicine at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center of Pennsylvania State University. He did his residency at Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, PA.

For 11 years, he maintained a general practice in Friendsville, MD, as the only physician in a small

town of 500-600 persons. This experience fulfilled a dream of practicing in a rural, medically underserved community.

His career transitioned from clinical medicine to administrative work in the late 80s as he held positions such as chief of medical staff for Garrett County Memorial Hospital, primary physician/medical director for Goodwill Mennonite Home, and even deputy medical examiner for Garrett County.

During this time, he also began to get his feet wet in broader church leadership as he was chosen to serve as the first layperson moderator of the Allegheny Conference of the (Old) Mennonite Church. That role meant that he also served on the Mennonite Church General Board, representing Allegheny Conference.

For six years, he served as vice president of medical affairs for the Memorial Hospital and Medical Center of Cumberland, MD. In his sixth year of work as vice president of medical affairs, he responded to a prompting to enroll in Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. His intent was to work at the interface of medicine and health care ethics. He graduated from AMBS with an Master of Theological Studies in Christian Spirituality and Ethics in the spring of 1996.

Midway through his AMBS studies, he was invited to return to the General Board in a staff role as General Secretary. He was tasked with helping the leadership of the bi-national General Conference Mennonite Church integrate with the bi-national (Old) Mennonite Church. That assignment culminated in the decision by the combined delegates



at

Assembly

2001 to proceed with the legal formation of what would be known as Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada.

As Stoltzfus wound down his involvement with the denomination, he recalled his earlier interest in health care ethics. Conversations with a number of church-related entities led to the formation of the Anabaptist Center for Health Care Ethics (ACHE) for ethical consultation and resourcing.

Around this time, Stoltzfus had the opportunity to serve as executive director of Friendship Community, a faith-based program providing residential and social services to persons with developmental disabilities in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. In his words, "I went from ethics of the ethereal or academia to ethics on the ground."

At Friendship Community, he enjoyed watching persons with significant disabilities develop new skills. "Those years were a wonderful capstone to careers that chose me and which I might not have chosen for myself," Stoltzfus said. He retired in 2009.

In retirement, he is an active volunteer and serves as chair of the board of Philhaven Hospital, Mount Gretna, PA.



Featured ALUMNI



Jessica Rheinheimer '12 received her BSN from Eastern Mennonite University and currently works in the Penn State Cancer Institute at Heshey Medical Center. She was a speaker during LM's 75th Anniversary celebration.

JESSICA RHEINHEIMER '12

A standout athlete at LMH, **Jessica Rheinheimer '12** won numerous awards playing basketball at Eastern Mennonite University, most notably the Josten's Award as the top Division 3 women's basketball student-athlete in the country. She was also the NCAA Division III Academic All-American of the Year and Old Dominion Conference Player of the Year.

Rheinheimer graduated from EMU with a BSN degree, has a certificate in chemotherapy/biotherapy administration and is also certified in bone marrow transplants, working toward becoming an oncology certified nurse. "A large majority of the LMH friends I made on athletic teams are now in the healthcare field as well," Rheinheimer observed.

"LM had an impact on my career path because service and servant leadership

were taught to us from such a young age," Rheinheimer said. "I would probably still have become a nurse if I went to a public school, but my calling was definitely affirmed at LMH."

"I really enjoyed my chemistry classes with Mr. Evans, Advanced Bio with **Seth Buckwalter '97** and AP US history with Mrs. Wenger," Rheinheimer related. "They all challenged their students in ways that were fun and allowed us to learn without even realizing we were learning."

"What appeals to me the most about my field is the opportunity to shine a light for patients on their darkest days. In the oncology world, patients go through some of the hardest days of their lives, and I can walk with them throughout the process."



Carl Hoover '61 started a 44-year career in respiratory therapy through a 1-W service assignment.

CARL HOOVER '61

It all started in 1967 during the Vietnam War era. **Carl Hoover '61** was registered as 1-W, a registration granted to conscientious objectors in which they would perform community service for two years in lieu of serving in the military. "I was looking to serve in a meaningful way," Hoover recalled. "Being registered in the 1-W program not only provided an opportunity to serve people in a peaceful, life-giving way, but also to train and work in the field of inhalation therapy," Hoover said. "I think LM's emphasis on faith and service to others affirmed this for me. Our class motto was, 'Our Talents for Thy Task.'"

Hoover enrolled in the Winchester Memorial Hospital School of Inhalation Therapy in Winchester, VA. Following the completion of the 1-W program, he continued to work at Winchester Memorial Hospital until he completed the requirements to become a registered inhalation therapist.

When Hoover returned to Lancaster County in 1971, he found a job at the former St. Joseph Hospital, where he worked for more than 44 years, retiring in 2015. During this time, Hoover had the opportunity to teach respiratory therapy and related courses for approximately 25 years. "I'm grateful for the LM teachers who shaped and prepared me for this role," Hoover said. "The joy of teaching helped keep me in the profession of respiratory therapy so long."

Hoover also had a hand in preparing young people for service by serving on the LMH school board from 1987-1999.

Hoover related that relationships were an important part of his LMH experience. Along with forming several life-long friendships, he met **Janet Barge '61**, who became his wife six years following graduation.

JARED NISSLEY '03 • • • • •

"LM was a very important part of my journey," related **Jared Nissley '03**, a physician at Lancaster General Hospital. "I learned that God cares about our spiritual wellness and also our wellness as human beings. I also learned that Jesus wants his followers to work toward a world that reflects the values of his kingdom," Dr. Nissley said. "I eventually chose a career as a family doctor because I thought it was a way to live out those values."

Nissley wanted to be a loving presence for people in difficult circumstances. "Family medicine as a discipline advocates for the most vulnerable members of society, which I find especially Christ-like."

Nissley didn't decide to be a physician until after college, but he credits LM with writing skills that have served him well. "Looking back it seems that almost every year I had a teacher that helped me to be a better writer," Nissley said. "I took some demanding college courses, but those teachers who challenged me certainly helped me succeed."

"More important than anything I learned at LM were the friendships I developed there. The classmates that I met at Kraybill and LMH remain my closest and most trusted friends. The friends I found were the reason I looked forward to school each day."

Medicine has provided opportunities for Nissley to experience other cultures, both abroad and in Lancaster County as he works with a diverse population. "I would say that the joy I found in learning about other cultures back in high school is something I still enjoy today," Nissley said.

Nissley also enjoys caring for patients from the beginning to the end of their lives. "It is not unusual for me to counsel a pregnant woman about breastfeeding and then discuss end of life issues with the family of someone with Alzheimer's," Nissley said. "Most of all, I appreciate the privilege of being part of peoples' lives during some of their most joyful and difficult moments."



After graduating from LMH, **Jared Nissley '03** went into pre-med at Eastern University and then Penn State College of Medicine. He is currently a family doctor at Lancaster General Hospital.

HAROLD SHENK '58

Harold Shenk '58 was so influenced by his LM teachers that he went to college to become a secondary education teacher in a church-related school. However, during his first year of college, the dean told him to drop the idea of teaching because the country needed engineers rather than teachers. Discouraged from being a teacher and not wanting to be an engineer, Shenk simply dropped out of college.

Around that time, a number of LM alumni and their friends were going into the field of respiratory therapy, so Shenk asked Eastern Mennonite Missions about doing respiratory therapy as a Voluntary Service assignment. EMM was able to place him at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, where he trained under the direction of an anesthesiologist. He did supervised self-study in RT and took his exams for registry in 1966 before there were any formal college programs in Georgia. He later finished college at Georgia State University.

After two years of VS at Grady Memorial Hospital, he joined a group that provided RT at St. Joseph's, Dekalb General and Piedmont Hospitals for 23 years. He was active in founding the Georgia Society of Respiratory Therapy.

After 25 years in Atlanta, Shenk and his wife, Mary Grace, both earned master's degrees in church leadership from Eastern Mennonite Seminary and embarked on a long and fruitful second career of church ministry.



Harold Shenk '58 was a respiratory therapist for 25 years before going into church ministry.



Featured ALUMNI

RICHARD MARTIN '67

A conversation on the Choraleers tour bus set the course for Richard Martin's life.



Richard Martin '67 is semi-retired as a respiratory therapist after 45 years at Hershey Medical Center.

One year after graduating from LMH, **Richard Martin '67** was working as a carpenter and singing with the Choraleers, a select vocal group of LMH seniors and alumni who presented musical programs outside the official auspices of the school. "In those days, almost everyone from LMH was going into Voluntary Service after high school," Martin related, "and a lot of conversations revolved around service opportunities." His seatmate told Martin that his brother did "inhalation therapy" in VS and really enjoyed it.

At that particular time, Martin had just experienced several days of working outdoors in brutal cold, and an indoor climate-controlled job sounded very appealing. As soon as he could, he met with Leon Stauffer (m. **Nancy Shenk '62**), the Voluntary Service coordinator for Eastern Mennonite Missions, to see where he could serve as an inhalation therapist (now known

as respiratory therapy). When Stauffer said that someone was needed in Lakeland, Florida, the cold carpenter was more than eager to take the post.

At Lakeland General Hospital, Martin received on-the-job training that led to becoming a certified respiratory therapist while living with other volunteers in a "VS unit" and receiving an allowance of just \$15 per week. Martin served there without pay for two years. During that time, Stauffer sweetened his experience by assigning Martin's high school sweetheart, **Ann Gingrich '67**, to his unit. They eventually married, and Martin served in Lakeland for another year and a half before returning to Lancaster County to work at Hershey Medical Center where one of his fellow therapists was **George Stoltzfus '63** (m. **Mae Mast '63**), who eventually became a physician. After 45 years at Hershey, Martin is now semi-retired.



Lois Denlinger Clymer '67 is a retired nurse and personal care home administrator who is now a personal health coach.

LOIS DENLINGER CLYMER '67

Lois Clymer '67 (m. **James '65**) went into nurses training at Lancaster General Hospital after high school and then worked as a RN. "I was hoping to become a nursing home administrator, so I finished a degree in health care administration," Clymer said. "But along the way I got sidetracked by my accounting courses to become a CPA."

For 10 years she had her own accounting business doing monthly bookkeeping and taxes for small businesses. "I then realized that my nursing experience and my business experience had prepared me for a job in nursing administration," she said. For about 10 years until she retired, she was the administrator of Colonial Lodge, a personal care home in Denver, PA.

Now in her retirement, she has recently completed a course to become a health coach. "I look forward to helping others to manage and fulfill their health goals," she reported.

Looking back on her LM experience, Clymer said, "My courses at LMH prepared me well for my future studies." She particularly noted the enthusiastic biology classes of **Charlie Longenecker '50** as igniting a lifelong curiosity regarding the workings of the body. However, "My biggest take-away from LMH was a desire to serve God and my fellow man in whatever way he would lead me."

She is currently writing a short book called *Sacred Sky* that notes the wonders of the heavens, helps locate 24 constellations, and makes connections with stars and prophecy in the Bible.

GERALD MILLER '68

"I can't say that the LMH experience strongly influenced me to pursue a career in medicine, although it helped instill in me a desire to serve others and prepared me well for premedical studies at Eastern Mennonite University."

"My father was a Mennonite farmer who sold the small family farm and became a truck driver. During the 1960s it was becoming increasingly difficult for the small farm to support a family, so I did not see a future in farming. Instead, my family encouraged me to pursue further education as a way to get ahead. They respected the medical profession for its service to people as well as the challenges inherent in the work itself. I also had an older cousin who chose to become a doctor, and this influenced me as well."

"My first year of medical school was a trial for me. I very much was a country boy in a very secular urban institution that at times felt hostile toward people of faith. The contrast between EMU and medical school was

quite stark. However, through God's strength and direction, I persevered to complete medical school and pursue a career in family medicine. It has been rewarding to serve others."

"The teaching about service I received at LMH was further reinforced at EMU and did have an influence on my eventual decision to serve as a missionary physician in Peru from 1990-1993 as part of a new church planting work started by Eastern Mennonite Missions and Servants of Love among the Quechua people. My family and I (wife Doris with two sons Matt and Tim) lived in Cusco with a team of other EMM workers while I traveled to small clinics in the towns of Lucre, Huacarpay and San Jeronimo. It was exciting to be involved in a medical ministry that helped open those communities to establishing churches. Being able to help some of the poorest of the poor in Peru stands out for me in my career."



Gerald Miller '68 has just completed his first year of retirement after 40 years as a family physician. A graduate of Eastern Mennonite University's premedical program, he obtained his MD from the Drexel University College of Medicine and completed his residency at Williamsport Hospital Medical Center.

DAN BURKHART '85

While working in a retirement home prior to college, **Dan Burkhart '85** walked past the physical therapy clinic and knew immediately that this was the profession he was searching for: a combination of biology, physical activity, interaction with people and a practical focus on restoring people's mobility and function.

After graduating from Millersville University with an associate's degree in Gerontology and a bachelor's in Social Work, Burkhart attended Arcadia University to receive an M.S in Physical Therapy. "LMH provided a challenging academic experience which prepared me well for undergraduate and graduate studies," Burkhart said.

He worked at Lancaster General Hospital for two years, then moved to Affilia Home Health where he has worked in home care for the past 20 years.

According to Burkhart, "My passion for integrating my faith in my vocation was fostered and challenged at LMH."

"The variety of extracurricular activities available was formative: sports, touring choirs, the plays, student council, and the opportunity to develop deep lasting friendships with people who stimulated and challenged my faith has been priceless. Many of these friends remain my most valued relationships to this day. But the most valued experience has been meeting my wife (**Gina Oberholtzer '86**) at LMH!"

Aside from his wife, one of his biggest take-aways from LMH was faith formation. "The integration of my faith into my life and vocation; formal and informal Bible studies grounded me firmly in my trust in Christ," Burkhart said.



Dan Burkhart '85 has been a physical therapist for 20 years.



Featured ALUMNI

LYDIA RITTENHOUSE KAUFFMAN '12



Stephen Wehbe '88 received his MD from the University of Virginia School of Medicine and practices general medicine in the Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health system.



Sarah Grosh '06 is an RN who has served in Haiti, New York City and the Philippines. She returned to PA in 2015 after spending nine months working in an ebola treatment center in Sierra Leone, Africa, and currently works in the ICU at Memorial Hospital in York.



Michael Baer '08 obtained his MD from the University of Pennsylvania this spring and is a resident in the UPenn Medicine system.

Lydia Rittenhouse Kauffman '12 is in the process of getting her MD with a master's in Urban Bioethics at Temple University. "My master's curriculum focuses on evaluating social determinants of health and thinking about what can be done to lessen the health disparity gap," she reported.

"I knew I was interested in healthcare before I started my time at LMH," said Kauffman. "However, my LMH experience reinforced why I wanted to become a doctor; the focus on living like Christ is really important at LMH, especially when it comes to values like forgiveness and compassion."

"The science and mathematics curriculum prepared me for my college classes," Kauffman said. "AP Composition with Mrs. **Jane Moyer '67** was most helpful in getting A's on my college papers. I also took AP Calculus and, when I went to take Calculus II at Grove City College, I already had a good understanding of the the course." Rittenhouse said she made many lasting friendships at LMH, including her husband, **Andrew Kauffman '12**.



JANELLE NOLT '98

Janelle Nolt '98 is the head athletic trainer and a P.E. instructor for Dickinson College. In this role, she works with the team physicians to oversee sideline care for practices and games, injury evaluation and treatment, and safe return to play following an injury. She also teaches Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries and First Aid and CPR in the college's physical education department.

While at LMH, she played softball, basketball and field hockey. "While contemplating my future career path, I suffered an ankle injury during a varsity softball game and an AT ran onto the field and took care of me," she related. "That experience made an impact by introducing me to a career that could be the perfect fit."

She went on to get a B.A. in Athletic Training from Messiah College (where she captained the softball team) and an M.S. in Exercise Science and Health Promotion, Sport Psychology Concentration, from California University of PA. "At LMH, I enjoyed playing sports and learning about the human body," she said. "Athletic training allowed me to combine those two passions."



J. KENNETH NAFZIGER '68

J. Kenneth Nafziger '68 is a medical doctor who turned to pastoral ministry in mid-career. After earning his MD from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, he practiced family medicine in York County for 20 years before completing an M.Div. at Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA. He became the executive pastor of Timberline Church near Strasburg, PA, and also served at Evangelical Seminary where, among other responsibilities, he was Dean of Lifelong Learning and taught Bioethics. Currently in semi-retirement, he serves the seminary as director of the Center for Anabaptist Studies and in other administrative roles. Nafziger and his wife (**Phoebe Sauder '68**) live near Quarryville.



AARON GISH '10

Shadow Day at LMH influenced the career path of **Aaron Gish '10**. "Shadowing a physician and seeing how dynamic and exciting the medical field is convinced me to follow a premed track in college," Gish said. "LMH offered a wide variety of AP classes which helped prepare me for college."

Gish expressed high regard for his teachers, but he especially appreciated **Jane Moyer '67**. "She taught me how to write at a college level in AP English Language and Composition and gave me leadership experience in yearbook," Gish said.

Now in medical school at Temple University, Gish noted other memorable LMH experiences, notably fainting after dissecting a fetal pig in Cedric Steiner's Advanced Biology course. "Fortunately, I have since developed a stronger stomach," Gish quipped.



LOUISE BABIKOW '10

Louise Babikow '10 earned a BSN at Eastern Mennonite University and worked on the medical-surgical floor of Lancaster General Hospital while pursuing studies at the University of Pennsylvania to be a Nurse Practitioner. "It was in high school that I was able to articulate my desire to pursue a science-related career," Babikow said. "LMH also helped me develop compassion for others, which was both taught and demonstrated by faculty."

Babikow felt that LMH prepared her extremely well for college and graduate school. "My classes at LMH were challenging and stretching, but also encouraging and supportive," Babikow said.



MATT SAUDER '96

Through LM's rigorous academic program, **Matt Sauder '96** felt very well prepared for future studies. "Mr. Reinford's calculus class and biology with Mr. **Charlie Longenecker '50** particularly challenged me and prepared me to further my studies in college and beyond," he said.

"At LMH, I was encouraged to pursue a wide variety of interests," Sauder related. "I was given opportunities to play competitive chess and to pursue music through choir and musicals. At the same time, I was encouraged to pursue an academic track with multiple AP courses."

Sauder graduated from Eastern Mennonite University's pre-med program in 2000 and the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in 2005. He did his residency at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and had a fellowship at the University of Virginia Hospital. He is currently affiliated with Lancaster General Hospital where he specializes in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism.



Following nursing undergrad at Messiah College, **Monica Habecker Matus '02** worked as an intensive care nurse for five years before attending Virginia Commonwealth University where she received an M.S. in Nurse Anesthesia as well as a doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice. She is currently practicing as a nurse anesthetist in West Chester, PA.



Obitsu Kelifa '94 is a nurse practitioner at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center's Mount Joy location. She graduated from Millersville University with an MSN in 2009.

More Alumni in the HEALING ARTS

1960s

Linda Charles Byler '67 graduated from EMU in 1971 and worked as an RN at Shands Teaching Hospital, supervising a wing dedicated to corneal transplant care. After her husband, Philip, finished medical school, they set up Cornerstone Family Health in Williamsport, PA. In 2004, they went as medical missionaries to Uganda, then two years later they relocated to South Sudan to work with Africa Inland Mission for five years. They currently live in West Virginia.

Ellen Horst Helmuth '67. After graduating from LMH, she went to practical nursing school in Reading and worked two years in the pediatrics ward at a local hospital. In 1973, she went to Costa Rica to work as a public health nurse in a rural clinic. For the past 17 years she has worked as a school nurse.

Glenford Kauffman '67 (m. **Martha Weaver '66**) is a child and adolescent therapist in private practice who received the Central PA Medical Health Caregiver of the Year Award in 2015. He graduated from EMU with a degree in sociology, then studied counseling psychology at Butler University.

Marianne Musser Charles '67 (m. **Kenneth '65**) worked 19 years as a public school nurse and currently serves as a volunteer for Joni and Friends.

Doris Yoder '67 graduated from the Lancaster General School of Nursing and Goshen College and later from Penn as a nurse practitioner. In 30 years as an NP, she worked in the city, local family practices and college health. For the past 13 years, she has had a private practice specializing in continuance care for geriatric patients.

Dianna Caldwell Hart '67 is an RN in Church Creek, MD.

Anita Charles Ranck Kindy '67 is a retired nurse. After graduating from LMH, she went to the LGH School of Nursing in 1970. "I was pleased to realize my LMH science and physics teachers prepared me well!" After working 4.5 years at Lancaster General Hospital, then Philhaven, she worked 17 years in Radiology at Duke Medical Center.

Janice Stoltzfus Carper '67, graduated from the LGH School of Nursing and worked in pediatrics, surgery,

physician's office and nursing home settings. She is retired from pre-hospital testing at Wellspan Ephrata Community Hospital.

Yvonne Weaver '67 went to the LGH School of Nursing and worked as a nurse for 45 years, including 39 years on the medical-surgical floor of Hershey Medical Center.

Lois Eby White '67, Chambersburg, has an RN from Penn State and worked at a local hospital, then as a hospice nurse.

Mildred Horst Ranck '67 (m. **Kenneth '66**) started her nursing career in 1971 and retired in 2015. She worked at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, VA for 38 years.

Anita Kauffman High '67 retired after 47 years in nursing.

Rebecca Lehman Zook '67 worked as an RN at LGH for 45 years

Anna Mary Sauder '67 went to the Reading Hospital School of Nursing and worked as an RN at Ephrata Community Hospital, then at Dermatology Physicians in Lancaster.

Dr. Leon C. Eshleman '66 is retired from emergency medicine in Portland, Oregon, after 41 years of service. He graduated from the Oregon Health Services University with an MD in 1977.

1980s

Dr. Carlton Baer '82 went to medical school at the Medical College of Virginia. He practiced in rural West Virginia before becoming a missionary doctor, first serving in West Africa for three years, then with Liaoning International General Health Trainers (LIGHT) in China since early 2011.

Dr. Stephen Godshall '88 said, "My LMH experience gave me a solid foundation of didactic education, an introduction to leadership activities through student government and athletics, each of which was helpful in my becoming a physician and prepared me well for college and medical school." He was pre-med at Eastern Mennonite University and received his MD from Penn State. He is currently a physician/part owner of Rockingham Family Physicians, PC, in Harrisonburg, VA, and co-chair of the Valley Health Plan.

Dr. Joel S. Gish '81 is an emergency room physician at UPMC Pinnacle, Lititz, with an MD from Temple University.

1990s

Marlisa Thomas '94 (m. **Sheldon Wenger '93**) is a charge nurse at Philhaven.

2000s

Kelly Rohrer Smith '00 works as a registered nurse at Lancaster General Hospital

Dr. Joshua Gish '00 works as a trauma/critical care surgeon at Hershey Medical Center.

Dr. David Gish '02 has an MD from the Temple University School of Medicine and is currently a radiology resident in the University of Virginia medical system.

Annette Smucker '07 is a CRNA at Reading Hospital.

Dr. Catherine "Katie" Ruth '08 graduated from Temple University School of Medicine and was a resident physician at Oregon State Health University (OSHU). She is pursuing family medicine in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Nathan Gish '08 is a third-year medical student at Penn State.

Sara Foster Blass '06 is a physical therapist at Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital in Nashville, TN. She received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Tennessee State University.

2010s

Keri Weaver '11 is a registered nurse at LGH.

Valerie Heisey Steinweg '11 is a registered nurse for Pinnacle Health.

Eileen Barker '12 is a registered nurse at Duke University Hospital.

Danielle Campbell '12 is a nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

Caleb Gish '13 (**Chantel Wenger '13**) is an emergency room nurse at UPMC Pinnacle Lancaster.

These names were mentioned by featured alumni or otherwise submitted before *Bridges* went to press. We have since been made aware of numerous other alumni who could have been included.

[MARRIAGES]

Mackenzie (Crawford) HC'14 and Scott Adams, October 7, 2017

Madeline Ruth (Pickens) HC'13 and Jeremiah Frankland, September 10, 2017

[BIRTHS]

Bethany (Engle) '08 and Cal Napolitano, second child, a son, John Bence, Dec. 1, 2017.

Sarah Zullo HC'10, first child, a daughter, Ariella, Dec. 23, 2017

[DEATHS]

John L. Fisher '49, Lancaster, Nov. 8, 2017, bookkeeper

Warren G. Shenk '49, Mount Joy, Nov. 1, 2017, farmer and bus driver

Alverna Z. (Zimmerman) Mast '48, Parkesburg, Dec. 10, 2017

Grace (Kerr) Hall '51, Biglerville and Chambersburg, Nov. 25, 2017, retail sales and office management

Esther "Tess" (Weiser) Hamilton '51, Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 19, 2016, nurse

Lloyd G. Metzler '52, Mountville, Nov. 8, 2017, plumber

Arlene (Huber) Minnich '52, Columbia, Nov. 9, 2017, nurse

Harold E. Reed '52, Lititz, Dec. 13, 2017, missionary, minister, bishop and chaplain

Richard "Dick" Benner '57, Ruckersville, VA, Nov. 4, 2017, editor and publisher

Nancy E. (Hess) Stoltzfus '57, New Holland, Jan. 2, 2018, travel agent and tour guide

Barbara Ella Beiler '63, Mohnton, March 24, 2015, midwife.

Sue Ellen (Hess) Youmans '63, Lititz, Dec. 2, 2017, homemaker

Lois (Musser) Esch '72, Denver, PA, Dec. 8, 2017, homemaker

Lila S. Swearingen, '97, Lancaster, Dec. 16, 2017

Jamal Stokes '10, Philadelphia, Dec. 15, 2017

[ENGAGEMENTS]

Ellen Marie Hartshore '09, to Brandon James Miller. A June 2018 wedding is planned.

Louis Wenger '07 to Alyse Mikolas. Wenger is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and Marquette University School of Dentistry. They plan to be married Sept. 22, 2018.

ALUMNI Notes



ERNIE & LOIS HESS '60

After 48 different hiking trips over 17 years, **Ernie '60** and **Lois '60 Hess** reached their goal of hiking the entire Appalachian Trail by the time they were 75. In 2001 they began taking hiking forays of three to 18 days on sections of the trail. Four million steps and 2,190-miles later, they completed the final stretch.

Several years earlier, they had tackled the most difficult parts of the trail. In 2013, they trekked the rugged White Mountains of New Hampshire where Ernie slipped and suffered a severely fractured hip while hiking up Mount Hayes and needed to be rescued.

In 2016, they summited Mount Katahdin, celebrated the northern end of the trail, and then returned to complete Mount Hayes. At the beginning of 2017 – the year they both would turn 75 – 322 miles remained. They completed the stretch through Maine and most of Vermont in June and August.

Class of 1953 Reunion

Date: June 4, 2018

Time: Noon

Place: Landis Homes

Contact: Reba Hess at remehess@gmail.com or call 717-519-2653

Class of 1948 Reunion

Date: April 21, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: Landis Homes

Contact: Lois Garber 717-872-6298

Class of 1973 Reunion

Date: Oct. 6, 2018

Time: 4:30-5:30 appetizers; 5:30 dinner

Place: Keefer's Barn, 29 Engle Tollgate Road, Marietta

Contact: Cheryl (Rohrer) Hess hess197@gmail.com

Class of 1963 Reunion

Date: May 19, 2018

Place: Willow Valley Cultural Center

Time: Noon

Contact: MaryAnn Leaman 610-286-2112

Carissa Gehman '14 captured almost every possible honor while playing forward for Messiah College's field hockey team this season. On the path to being a First Team All-American, she was also a MAC Commonwealth First Team All-Star and Player of the Year, as well as a South Atlantic Region First Team All Star and Player of the Year. She scored a team-high 31 goals (seventh in nation), 73 points (sixth in nation) and 11 game-winning goals – all three marks are second all-time in a single season in Messiah history. Gehman's 104 career goals placed her second in Messiah's record book and tied for eighth in Division III history. Junior teammate **Shayna Landis '15** also had an outstanding season and was named Third Team All-American. **Emily Augsberger '14**, a hockey standout at Eastern Mennonite University, joined Gehman as a National Field Hockey Coaches Association Senior Game selection.





School News



Alarie Hurst '20 placed fifth at the District Orchestra Festival auditions and qualified for the PMEA Central Region Orchestra Festival on March 24. Hurst placed first in the violin section of the County Orchestra earlier this year.

LMH Music & Drama Production

"ACT, SING, DANCE!"
April 26-28
7 p.m.

The drama department is developing a unique "variety show" concept for a one-of-a-kind spring production that showcases fine acting and singing.

THIRTEEN IN HONORS BAND

LM was proud to have 13 students in the 2018 Lancaster-Lebanon MEA Honors Band from the Lancaster, Locust Grove and Kraybill campuses. Middle School students



in Honors Band were (l-r): **Colin Speitel '22** (clarinet), **Emma Wilson '23** (French horn), **Nicholas Rothwein '22** (trombone), **Sean Swartley '22** (trumpet), **Robert Ewing '22** (trumpet), **Owen Horvath '23** (bass clarinet), **Celeste Ortiz '22** (trumpet). High school participants were: **Rebecca Sauder '20** (flute), **Sota Masuda '19** (trombone), **Brendan Horst '19** (mallet percussion), **Anne Mowery '20** (French horn), **Toby Palmer '20** (French horn), **Emily Alderman '20** (clarinet).

DISTRICT & REGIONAL VOCAL HONORS



Of the 14 LMH students who participated in County Chorus this year (featured in the last issue of *Bridges*), four advanced to District Chorus and two made it into Regional Chorus: (l-r) **Kate Kindelberger '18**, **Ben Greenleaf '18**, **Ella Murray '20** and **Shawn Leiby '18** were in Districts; Murray and Leiby qualified for Regionals.

OZ IS A HIT

Director Dean Sauder broke some new ground with the recent LMH production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Perhaps the most striking feature was the Tin Man, played by **Joseph Jing '18**, speaking all his lines in Chinese. "We subtitled the entire show," said Sauder. "We worked a screen into the set." Along with allowing the audience to understand Jing's Chinese lines, the subtitling ensured that no one missed a single word of dialog from any cast member. This feature was especially appreciated by persons who find it difficult to hear all the lines at school musicals.

Another noteworthy feature was showing racial diversity among Tinman, Lion and Scarecrow.



Leads in the LMH presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* included (front, from left) **Javon Thomas '19** as Scarecrow, **Willa Beidler '19** as Dorothy, **Noah Schnabel '20** as Lion, and (back) **Joseph Jing '18** as Tin Man.

STUDENTS EARN SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS

Forty-two LM students recently received National Scholastic writing awards, including three Gold Key awards. At the high school level, **Eden Addisu '21** and **Tiffany Iraheta '21** both won Gold Keys for their short stories. **Isabella Astuto '21** collected two Silver Keys and two Honorable Mention recognitions for her work. At the middle school level, Locust Grove Campus student **Madeleine Gerz '22** won a Gold Key in the Flash Fiction category. The winners of Scholastic Gold Keys advance to national competition in New York.

LANCASTER CAMPUS

Gold Key Awards

Eden Addisu '21, Short Story
Tiffany Iraheta '21, Short Story

Silver Key Awards

Isabella Astuto '21, Flash Fiction
Isabella Astuto '21, Humor
Ashton Clatterbuck '19, Poetry
Kylie Dagit '21, Flash Fiction
Sydney Esch '18, Critical Essay
Doran Kennedy '21, Science Fiction
Courtney Lehman '21, Short Story

Rachel Mast '18, Personal Essay
Olivia Shumaker '21, Short Story
Braeden Stevens '21, Flash Fiction
Noelle Stringer '21, Short Story

Honorable Mention

Isabella Astuto '21, Personal Essay
Isabella Astuto '21, Poetry
Bethany Bronkema '18, Critical Essay
Carli Costello '18, Personal Essay
Robsan Dinka '21, Short Story
Megan Esch '21, Short Story
Zuriel Flores '21, Short Story
Jonathan Glick '21, Short Story
Jillian Hargraves '21, Short Story
Leilani Krady '21, Short Story
Joy Rutt '18, Personal Essay
Mikaela Zimmerman '20, Short Story

HERSHEY CAMPUS

Gold Key Awards

Joe Nichols '20, Science Fiction

Silver Key Awards

Ruthanna Eckert '19, Personal Essay
Bella Knudson '20, Personal Essay
Alia Shenk '19, Poetry

Honorable Mention

Micah Fredrick '21, Science Fiction
Ava Hatfield '20, Poetry
Bradleigh Kemp '19, Personal Essay
Olivia Morrison '21, Dramatic Script
Andrew Powell '20, Short Story
Alia Shenk '19, Poetry
Misha Patel '22, Journalism
Michael Rosenfeld '18, Poetry

OTHER WINNERS IN THE LM SYSTEM

Madeleine Gerz '22, Gold Key, Flash Fiction (Locust Grove)
Valerie Jacobs '22, Silver Key, Short Story (Locust Grove)
Olivia Paul '22, Silver Key, Short Story (Kraybill)
Abby Brubaker '23, Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction (Locust Grove)
Seth Forry '22, Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction (Locust Grove)
Clint Landis '22, Honorable Mention, Short Story (Locust Grove)
Hannah Whisman '22, Honorable Mention, Short Story (Locust Grove)
Maggie Will '23, Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir (Kraybill)

SIXTEEN WIN 22 LCYA AND SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Several LM students recently won awards in the National Scholastic Art competition and the Lancaster County Young Artists competition. The winners of Scholastic Gold Keys advance to national competition in New York. **Jia Li '19**, who won a Scholastics Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration, was also the American Visions Nominee, the "Best of Show" from all of the artwork entered in this year's Scholastic competition.

LANCASTER CAMPUS

Gold Awards

Jia Li '19, Scholastics, Drawing and Illustration
Rachel Mast '18, LYCA, Photography
Tiffany Iraheta '21, LYCA, Ceramics
Jia Li '19, LYCA, Drawing (2)

Silver Awards

Jerilyn Lapp '18, Scholastics, Drawing and Illustration
Noelle Stringer '21, Scholastics, Ceramics and Glass
Rachel Mast '18, Scholastics, Photography
Rachel Mast '18, LYCA, Photography
Noelle Stringer '21, LYCA, Ceramics

Honorable Mention

Xin He '19, LYCA, Photography
Leilani Krady '21, LYCA, Film Photography
Ellie Stillman '19, LYCA, Film Photography
Rachel Mast '18, Scholastics, Photography
Zekai Zhang '19, Scholastics, Photography

Jerilyn Lapp '18, LYCA, Drawing
Runqi Zhang '19, LYCA, Painting
Runqi Zhang '19, Scholastics, Painting

HERSHEY CAMPUS

Silver Awards

Eliza Noone '20, Scholastics, Photography

Honorable Mention

Sam Barna '20, Scholastics, Drawing and Illustration
Kaylin Berry '20, Scholastics, Drawing and Illustration
Sierra Phanara '20, LYCA, Photography

OTHER CAMPUSES

Madeleine Gerz '22, LYCA, Honorable Mention (Locust Grove)



School News



Dr. Tieszen, LM superintendent, discusses a systems project with LMMS student **Anthony Henson '23** at the "All Systems GO!" exhibition.

Project Based Learning at LMMS All Systems "GO!"

The second Expedition of the school year challenged LMMSConnect! students to understand "systems thinking" with the theme, "All Systems GO!" From coral reefs and trebuchets to go-carts, the immune system, Native American reservations, and the

inequities in the educational system, students showcased their learning and applied it to real world systems and problems plaguing these systems.

In "All Systems GO!" students learned to identify systems and approach

complex relationships more effectively. Building on themes of community, identity and collaboration, students shifted how they think, communicate, and act by asking deep, probing questions. As they identified problems within a system, students explored possible solutions and developed a project to demonstrate a solution.

Exhibitions are held each quarter to provide students with the opportunity to show an authentic audience what they have learned throughout the quarter. The next exhibition of the year will be held March 26 at 6:30 p.m. on the theme, "History Now!"



EIGHT RECEIVE FFA KEYSTONE DEGREES

LMH had eight Keystone Degree recipients and three FFA jacket winners at the PA Farm Show. To receive the Keystone Degree, FFA members needed to have a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) that showed at least 300 hours of work or \$1,000 earned. An SAE can be a

research project or entrepreneurship project such as raising an animal. They also performed at least 25 hours of community service, participated in 15 local, county, state and national activities, and demonstrated leadership skills.



FFA Keystone Degree recipients were (l-r) **David Lambert '18**, **Laura Jones '18**, **Anna Reyburn '18**, **Nicole Newswanger '18**, **Dominic Mattilio '18**, **Joel Ranck '18**, **Brett Diller '18** and **Chet Hoober '18**.



Nicole Newswanger '18 is the third child of Dwane and Karen Newswanger (above) to receive the Keystone Degree, so her parents received an honorary award. **Bethany Crain '21**, **Sheyenne King '21** and **Hannah Kirk '21** were awarded FFA jackets.

ROBOTICS AT HERSHEY CAMPUS

At the LM Hershey Campus, teacher Sue Eckert is constantly looking for ways to inspire her students. At the end of every school year, she surveys them to get ideas that will increase their joy of learning. Coding, or writing a computer program, is among the top picks of her Elementary Tech Lab students.

"My young students are most happy creating games that they can play, not just playing games that others have created," Eckert said. "K-12 coding resources are now available to help them learn computer science principles in non-threatening ways."

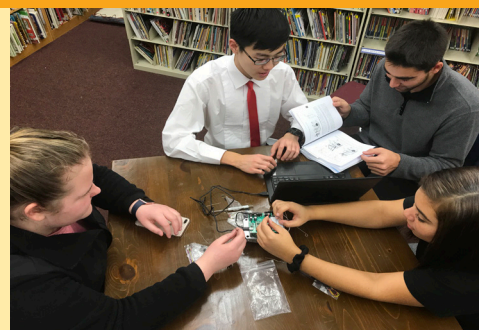
The idea of robotics arose naturally from the coding activities. "Robotics takes the object you program to move on the computer screen and puts it in your hands, opening up a new world of experimentation and problem-solving for you," explained Eckert.

To encourage personal ownership of a robotics project, Eckert asked the students in grades three through five to create slideshows about an educational robot of their choice. In this way, students presented their findings to each other and collaboratively analyzed

sixteen different options. "Inviting students to present their top picks for educational robots allowed them to share the process of decision making and to define their values and goals for integrating robotics into the curriculum," Eckert said. "This model of learner-driven education makes students observers, creators, and problem-solvers."

A robotics kit includes a physical robot, related accessories and the instruction guide. The robots have some built-in functions such as light and touch sensors, can respond to stimuli like hand clapping or speech, and produce sounds themselves. Their educational value is the way that students are able to use apps to communicate with and program the robots. "Robotics is an effective way to synthesize core subject content with creativity, collaboration, and applied problem solving," said Eckert.

The initial Robotics Club consisted of **Emma Sellers '20, Cara Higgins '19, Michael Rosenfeld '18, Alex Beck '19 and Jimmy He '18.**



Hershey Campus students work with their Parallax Boe Bot to compete in upcoming robotics competitions at Penn State.



ROBOTICS CLUB: Jiacheng (Jimmy) He '18, Emma Sellers '20, Cara Higgins '19, Michael Rosenfeld '18

First Annual "Every Child Deserves a Champion" 5K Trail Run/Walk

The First Annual "Every Child Deserves a Champion" 5K Trail Run/Walk will be held Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. on the Hershey Campus. A half-mile Kids' Fun Run will kick off at 11 a.m. The race will be run on the Hershey Campus's new cross-country course. Online registration for both events is available through Active.com.

Online registration closes May 12; however, participants can register the morning of the event. The cost for adults 19 and over is \$25. The cost for students and the Kids' Fun Run is \$20.

T-shirts are guaranteed to those registered by May 4.

A snack and water will be provided for all runners. Lunch may be purchased during online registration or at the race. A bake sale will also be held throughout the event. Registration and packet pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to scholarships for students who need learning support services, which is an extra cost above tuition.



5K logo designed by students receiving learning support at the Hershey Campus



School News

CAMPUS CHORALE PUBLIC CONCERT SCHEDULE

March 18, 4 p.m.

Akron Mennonite
Church

April 15, 10:30 a.m.

Conestoga Mennonite
Church

April 22, 9:30 a.m.

Community Mennonite
Church of Lancaster

May 3, 7 p.m.

LM Spring Choral
Festival

May 13, 9 a.m.

Elizabethtown
Mennonite Church

May 20, 6 p.m.

Stumptown Mennonite
Church



2017-18 CAMPUS CHORALE: (back row) Joy Rutt '18, Katherine Gish '18, Camryn Colucci '18, Emma Hurst '18, Kate Kindelberger '18, Molly King '18, Savannah Walter '18, Janya Stewart '18; (row 4) Elleah Stillman '19, Willa Beidler '19, Olivia Beiler '19, Mikayla Beers '19, Bethany Bronkema '18, Sydney Esch '18, Jerilyn Lapp '18, Jaleah Nisly '18, Marzani Hall '19; (row 3) Melissa Umble '19, Dulce Shenk '19, Maria Stoltzfus '19, Malise Landes '19, Cassidy Walker '19, Beth Schnabel '18, Rachel Mast '18, Micaela Nieves '18, Olivia Kim '18, Kathleen Calix-Alvarado '19, Shaolin Gardner '18; (row 2) Marcella Hostetler (director), Rodney Stoltzfus '19, Andrew Nell '18, Sangbin Lee '18, Nathan Landes '19, Harley Foster '18, Joseph Jing '18, Clayton Nafziger '19, Nardos Haile '19, Hannah Steckbeck '19; (front row) Ashton Clatterbuck '19, Javon Thomas '19, Paul Peachey '19, Nathan Yoder '19, Rein Wenger '18, Ben Greenleaf '18, Jackson Eby '18, Christian Cook '18. Not pictured: Shawn Leiby '18

BLAZER NATION HONORS PAST CHAMPS

At home basketball games this season, the Blazer Nation honored the 2008 District 3 girls champions and the 2003 boys section 3 champions.



2008 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS (l-r): Kelsey Gorman Heisey '08, Melissa Sauder Schlosser '08, Steph Rheinheimer '10, Sheri Gorman (coach), Danielle Zeamer '08, Sarah Mentzer '09, Katelyn Vanderhoff '09,



2003 SECTION CHAMPIONS (l-r): Parke Ranck (assistant coach), Clinton Simmons '03, Trevor Ranck '03, Jamie Yoder '06, Andy Bogedain '03, Jared Yoder '03.



SIGNING DAY: Several LM athletes signed agreements to compete at the college level. Pictured attending ceremonies are **Marissa Hooper '18** (Cedarville University soccer) and **Ashley King '18** (Marywood University lacrosse). Not pictured are **Shae Stoltzfus '18** (Messiah College soccer) and **Rachel Breslin '18** (EMU field hockey).



CHESS CHAMPIONS: Seated (l-r) are captains Haolun “Harry” Wu ’20, Katherine Gish ’18 and Ruiming “Rita” Zhang ’19; standing (l-r) are Xiaoyue “Serafina” Mei ’19, Connor Edie ’19, Ryan Dellinger ’19, Cedric Steiner (coach), Zheyu “Joe” Zhou ’18, Ethan Haas ’20, Ben Mast ’20 and Caleb Stoltzfus ’20. Not Pictured: Nick Sampsell ’19.

CHESS TEAM DEFENDS CHAMPIONSHIP

The LMH chess team won its second consecutive Lancaster Scholastic Chess League championship, going undefeated in the title match. The LMH team has more girls on it than the rest of the league combined, led by captain Katherine Gish ’18. “As far as competing in a sport that is mostly guys, I have learned to play the board, not the person,” she said.

BOYS B-BALL FOURTH IN DISTRICT 3

The LMH boys basketball team qualified for league, district and state playoffs this season. After losing its District 3-3A semifinal by a point, the Blazers again fell one point short in the consolation game. The Blazers entered the PIAA tournament as the fourth seed from District 3.



BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: (back, l-r) Geoffrey Groff ’78 (head coach), Trevor Marsh (coach), Ryan Lopez ’18, Cole Forte ’18, Roman Ali ’18, Joel Horst ’19, Ebba Dinka ’19, Seth Buckwalter ’97 (coach), Alex Ulloa (coach); (front row, l-r) Derrick Burnside ’19, Elijah Terry ’20, Elijah Bynum ’19, John Gillespie ’18, Carter Hurst ’18, Jimmy Holman ’19 (manager)

QUIZ BOWL FINISHES #4 of 24

The LM Quiz Bowl team finished fourth out of 24 schools in the league playoffs. Those competing in the playoffs included Toby Palmer ’20, Jacob Cairns ’19, Ben Jessep ’20 (Hershey) and Alex Beck ’19 (Hershey). Cairns was named a league all-star.

SPORTS Spotlight



FALL ALL-STARS

ALL STATE (pictured above)

- Boys Soccer – Ben Lefever ’19 (Also L-L League Section 3 Player of the Year)
- Girls Volleyball – Bryanna Miller ’19

L-L LEAGUE ALL STAR FIRST TEAM

- Cross Country – Logan Horst ’19, Abenezer Abebe ’18, Nathan Yoder ’19, Hannah Steckbeck ’19
- Boys Soccer – Ben Lefever ’19, Matthew Lynch ’18, Tyler Wagner ’19
- Girls Soccer – Marisa Hooper ’18, Shae Stoltzfus ’18
- Girls Volleyball – Janya Stewart ’18, Bryanna Miller ’19, Ashley King ’18
- Golf – Connor Edie ’19, Mesa Dula ’20

L-L LEAGUE ALL STAR SECOND TEAM

- Cross Country – Ashley Spangler ’18
- Boys Soccer – Brett Diller ’18, Shota Totani ’19
- Girls Soccer – Calla Ashley ’19
- Field Hockey – Rachel Breslin ’18, Cyleigh Hurst ’20, Megan Shirk ’20
- Girls Volleyball – Chloe King ’19

L-L LEAGUE ACADEMIC ALL STARS

- Field Hockey – Jaleah Nisly ’18, Mary Harnish ’18
- Boys Soccer – Max Brubaker ’18
- Cross Country – Rachel Mast ’18, Ashley Spangler ’18, Konrad Martin ’18, Joanna Ranck ’18, Leif Sundberg ’18, Joy Rutt ’18

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Golf – Jonathan Glick ’21
- Field Hockey – Marissa Braun ’18

L-L SECTION 3 COACH OF THE YEAR AND PA COACH OF THE YEAR (private school)

Soccer – Fred Winey ’90

L-L SECTION 3 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Field Hockey Team



Auctions to Benefit LM Students

Four LM campuses will hold annual benefit auctions to help keep tuition affordable and build a spirit of school community.

The Forty-Second Annual New Danville Benefit Auction will be held Friday, April 13. Food stands will open at 4:30 p.m., offering a wide variety of choices from ethnic foods to Hess's BBQ. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. and will feature gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, gift baskets, household items, toys, quilts, and special classroom projects.

The Locust Grove Benefit Auction and Chicken BBQ will be held Friday, April 20. Included in this year's event are a silent auction beginning at 5 p.m., a live auction starting at 6:30 p.m. and a chicken BBQ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other highlights include children's activities, milkshakes, baked goods and additional food stands. Featured auction items include tickets to local events and attractions, dining gift cards, household items, quilts and plants. Come for dinner and stay for the fun and fellowship!

The Hershey Campus Benefit Auction will be held Saturday, April 21, beginning at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and live auction preview. The silent auction opens at 8 a.m. A special children's auction, where the kids do the bidding, will open the live auction events at 9:30 a.m. Food stands, baked goods and children's activities will run all day. The live auction features a Gametruck, room painting, limo rides, Reading Phillies tickets, hotel stays (Marriott, Dover Downs and Sandy Cove), Hands on House, Hershey Fire Department ride to school on the fire truck, Day with a Park Ranger and Creation tickets.

The Kraybill Benefit Auction and Pig Roast on May 11 begins at 3:30 p.m., selling unique experiences, dining opportunities, a variety of plants, patio furniture, art and class projects. The famous all-you-can-eat pig roast runs from 4-7 p.m.

More information about these auctions can be found at www.lancastermennonite.org.



Last year's Afternoon Round Mens First Place Team (l-r): Clark Wenger, Jerry Wenger, Jack Hess, Deryl Denlinger

Golf Tournament Supports Student Scholarships

New this year, LM's 22nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Meadia Heights Golf Club, 402 Golf Road, Lancaster, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 (Rain date: May 10).

The morning shotgun begins at 7:30 a.m. and the afternoon round will begin at 1 p.m.

In addition to the meal, the \$95 golfer fee includes greens fees, cart and either breakfast before the morning round or a light lunch before the afternoon round. Golfers also have the opportunity to purchase mulligans.

Team, individual skill and door prizes will be awarded after each

round. Awards will be given to top men, senior men, senior women and mixed foursomes.

Anyone interested in participating in the tournament is encouraged to register as soon as possible. Sponsorships are still available. The registration deadline is April 25. To register, contact Keri Bloom at (717) 509-4459, ext. 1020, or email events@lancastermennonite.org with "Golf Tournament" in the subject line. All proceeds of the golf outing benefit student scholarships through LM's Annual Fund.

Alumni Survey

From the Alumni Association

Please return this survey in the enclosed self-addressed envelope so we may better serve you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Class Year: _____ Campus: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with your LM education?

☐ Very ☐ Generally ☐ Ambivalent ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Very Dissatisfied

2. Today, how connected do you feel to LM?

☐ Very ☐ Moderately ☐ Somewhat ☐ Not Connected

3. Are you regularly in touch with people you met at LM?

- ☐ Yes, with classmates/friends I met at LMS
☐ Yes, with teachers or staff
☐ Yes, with members of my team or club
☐ No

4. Do you have children? If so, what are their ages? (select all that apply)

☐ No children ☐ Birth-5 ☐ 6-11 ☐ 12-16 ☐ 17-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45

If you have young children, would you consider sending them to LM?

☐ Definitely ☐ Probably ☐ Maybe ☐ Probably NOT ☐ Definitely NOT

5. When you think about your connection to LM today, how important is each of the following to you?

	ESSENTIAL	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT APPLICABLE
Your class				
LM as a whole				
Spiritual Development				
Organizations/ Clubs				
Residence Hall Friendships				
High School Friendships				
Athletics				

6. What types of alumni events would you be interested in attending?

- ☐ Alumni Bus trip — Revisiting Your Senior Trip to Washington, DC
☐ Alumni Bus trip to Museum of the Bible
☐ Alumni Bus trip to: _____
☐ Alumni Job fair ☐ Athletic games ☐ Student Theater/Arts
☐ Keynote speaker ☐ Concert ☐ Business Networking Event
☐ Golf Tournament
☐ Family event
☐ Regional alumni gatherings (DC, Boston, FL, KS)
☐ Organized Alumni Community Service
 Other (please specify): _____

7. Would you have any interest in the following?

- ☐ Serving as a volunteer ☐ Serving as a committee member
☐ Blazer Nation Committee ☐ Golf Tournament Committee
☐ Homecoming Committee ☐ Alumni Association Board
☐ Executive Board Quarterly Board
☐ Not at this time
 Other: _____

8. In the past year, how often have you gotten news or information about LMS from each of these sources?

	VERY OFTEN	OFTEN	OCCASIONALLY	RARELY
Alumni Magazine				
Class Notes & Newsletters				
General Mailings				
LM Website				
Blogs				
Facebooks				
Instagram				
Twitter				

What is your preferred way of finding out more now? Select up to 3 of the above: a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

9. How can the Alumni Association better serve you?

10. What should be the priority of the Alumni Association?

11. The primary focus of future funds raised should go toward: (choose only one)

- ☐ Increasing the endowment ☐ Annual Fund (operating)
☐ Scholarships/student aid ☐ Athletics
☐ The Arts ☐ Capital projects/improvements
☐ Other (please specify): _____

12. Which of the following statements best describes your financial contributions to LM?

- ☐ I have financially supported the mission of LM and plan to increase my giving in the future
☐ I have financially supported the mission of LM and plan to continue giving at the same level in the future.
☐ I have financially supported the mission of LM but plan to give less or not at all in the future.
☐ I have not financially supported the mission of LM and do not plan to in the future.
☐ I have not financially supported the mission of LM but plan to in the future.

Comments: _____

13. Would you be interested in having someone follow up with you in regard to your survey answers?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No



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The pages of *Bridges* magazine are filled with stories of successful alumni who **flourished** at LM and who are making positive contributions to society.

- As a parent, will your child be one of them?
- As a donor, will you help make this possible for others?



All five campuses!

Sunday,
April 22,
1:00 p.m.

From PreK through grade 12, LM is a place where students are inspired to be the best they can be through an excellent, well-rounded educational experience in a nurturing Christian environment.

Meet administrators and teachers
and get a campus tour!

For more information about admissions at all campuses, please contact Christy Horst, director of admissions, at (717) 740-2428 or horstcl@lancastermennonite.org.

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Hershey Commencement May 31, 7 p.m.

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