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**SEEK JESUS**  
*Wholeheartedly*

**LIVE**  
*Compassionately*

**BUILD**  
*Bridges of Peace*

**CULTIVATE**  
*Global Citizens*

**NURTURE**  
*Curiosity & Creativity*

**EMPOWER**  
*Lifelong Learning*

# CHANGE THE WORLD

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**ABOUT THE COVER: A COLLAGE MADE UP OF LANCASTER MENNONITE ALUMNI, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS, FEATURED IN THIS EDITION OF BRIDGES, WHOSE GOAL IS TO LIVE COMPASSIONATELY.**



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# LIVE COMPASSIONATELY



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: EMBODYING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF COMPASSION

### POSITIVES AS A RESULT OF UNIFICATION

LM is in a growth mindset, with a focus on strategic innovation and engagement in priority areas. A few years ago, we announced one of LM's most daring ideas yet: to become a unified campus in one location. As a result, the 2022-2023 school year is the first year in which all of LM's grade levels from PreK-12th grade are together on one campus. We've had strong retention, and it's been wonderful to have everyone on one campus so we can embrace the opportunities for peer mentorship, increased collaboration between teachers in different grade levels, and make use of the fantastic facilities on our 95-acre campus.



*LM Senior, Abby Brubaker, served as a Peer Mentor in Sra. Dawn Kaczor's 2nd grade Spanish Immersion class.*



*Cast of the Winter Musical Annie included Elementary, Middle School, and High School students, an opportunity made possible by the campus unification.*

LM remains committed to our core values, a spirit of togetherness, and serving our PreK-12th grade students in a place where students know they are loved by God and our community of faculty, staff and students.

### LIVING COMPASSIONATELY

In this edition of *Bridges*, we are continuing our series featuring one of our six core values, **this time spotlighting the core value of Living Compassionately**. Jesus is our ultimate example of how to live, and we see him modeling compassion in both his

words and actions throughout his ministry. He explicitly names the compassion he feels for those following him in Matthew 15:32 (NIV). "Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.'"

LM is a Christ-centered educational institution that is dedicated to teaching and helping students to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Together faculty, staff and students are seeking to actively show Christ's love and kindness towards everyone with our words and actions by living compassionately.

We are excited to share stories about alumni that embody and live out this value in their careers and personal lives as they too change the world through Christ-like love, peacemaking, and service, which are long-standing distinctives of Lancaster Mennonite School.

God is working in many wonderful ways! Some have a candy factory in their hands, others firewood, but in innovative ways we use what is in front of us in our local and global community, and we're excited to be a part of equipping students for serving God's kingdom now and in the future. Enjoy the stories of how the LM community is Living Compassionately near and far.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael Badriaki,  
Superintendent



# EDITORIAL

BY: MELINDA STEVENS, ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL COORDINATOR & GALEN SAUDER, ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING TEACHER

## MELINDA STEVENS, ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL COORDINATOR

To me, living compassionately in the school setting is seeing every individual - whether it be a student or a teacher - for who they are and accepting them no matter what. It means taking the time to show others that they matter to me and that I recognize and value their place in this world.

At LM, Living Compassionately means living as Jesus did. Being a teacher means we are called to a higher standard of living and to teach our children the core values of Christ and the love of God.

Having those values tied into our school's curriculum is vital to our students' faith formation.

Every day, students are immersed in quality education by teachers who compassionately seek to make the world a more loving place to learn about Jesus. The way the teachers design lessons and integrate God's love in those lessons is commendable and shows the students how living compassionately is important.

The students live out core values by caring for the community, caring for nature, caring for friends, and caring for the world. From raising money to send to other countries for clean water to bringing in pajamas for children in their community, the students are given many opportunities to embody LM's core values.

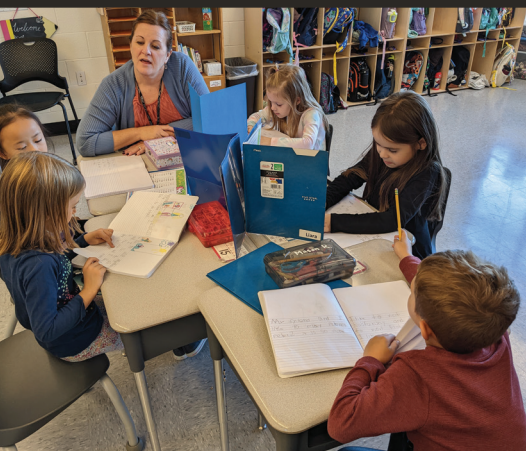


PHOTO: MELINDA STEVENS WORKING WITH STUDENTS IN CLASS

One of the fabulous things that the teachers at LM do is make learning an experience the students won't forget. It is this type of experiential learning that the students carry with them all of their lives and what helps shape them for their future.

## GALEN SAUDER, ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING TEACHER

Living compassionately is reflected in the way we work with others and care for the world around us. Throughout the New Testament, Jesus repeatedly teaches us to love one another. It is the witness of the followers of Jesus that this path has been life changing in a way that is not fake. Compassion expressed is God working in the hearts of God's followers to lift up, heal, protect and continue the ministry of Jesus.

Living Compassionately comes naturally to many students. It's the outside forces and inward needs that can often dampen the tendency to care and live with compassion towards others. This is where education and experiences can help clear away the debris that might cause students to begin

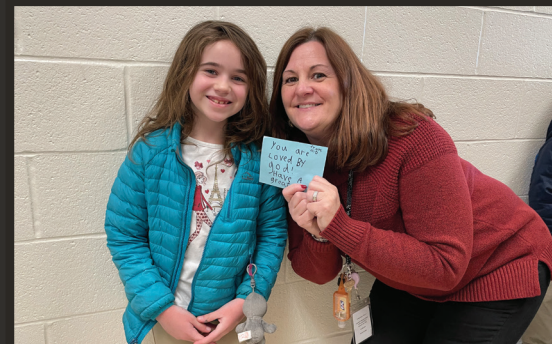


PHOTO: MELINDA STEVENS RECEIVING A CARD FROM STUDENT

PHOTO: GALEN SAUDER WITH 2ND GRADE STUDENTS EXPLORING NATURE ON OUR 95-ACRE CAMPUS







looking out for themselves by excluding or even oppressing others. Reinforcing compassionate living through personal story, biblical accounts of the life of Jesus, and demonstrated examples in the classroom is important. These examples set a priority to act right towards others by understanding your calling in this world.

Students at LM are exposed to different cultures within the curriculum as well as through their relationships within our diverse student body. They are encouraged to approach these differences with respect, curiosity, and kindness that leads to a deeper understanding of others and their circumstances.

#### IN ACTION:

- 1. Learning** - In Individual & Family Studies Class, High School students prepare a budget for their own imagined future life. The class looks at poverty and how a good budget cannot prevent the unpredictability of poverty. This understanding of the complications of life and the fluctuating economy helps students to understand that not all poverty can be prevented with good money management and strict budgeting. Students watch a PBS video that follows a family for a few years as they struggle to overcome poverty. Learning about a life with few safety nets builds care and compassion in students towards those who lack opportunities.
- 2. Animal Care** - Students develop respect and a caring attitude toward animals as they care for the chickens and rabbits here on campus.
- 3. Garden/Greenhouse** - Students care for plants on campus. The cultivation of soil, planting of seed, fertilizing and weeding all require a sense of caring for something that is outside of yourself.



LM provides opportunities to serve outside organizations through Senior Service Day, World Changers Week, end of year Mini Courses and experiences, as well as service requirements for National Honor Society members. Students with experience in service are more likely to select service again because they have become familiar with the experience and the expectations.



PHOTO: GALEN SAUDER INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO BABY CHICKENS

I believe when students understand the motivation to live compassionately comes from their compassionate Creator, they have already achieved the rationale and only need to put compassion into action.

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- Galen Sauder

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# COMPASSIONATE PHYSICIAN: DANIEL D. MAST '77, DO, FACP

## 2022 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

BY: AUBREY KREIDER, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

**D**AN MAST '77 recalls how, as a child, he would play with a doctor's bag and instruments, "practicing on unwitting family pets and usually willing family members. I had been enamored with captivating stories of family members who had served medically in underserved international settings. So proclaiming to folks I wanted to be a 'missionary doctor' seemed natural."

As a teen attending LMH, he became interested in biology. "Mr. Charlie Longenecker's class fascinated me as I discovered the diversity of life growing around me, as did his energetic engagement with students." In addition, he enjoyed interactive classes, like drama with Rosie Brenneman or Myrna Smucker, and speech class with Barb Smucker. Although he confesses he was more interested in social activities, developing friendships and having fun, he greatly appreciated the teachers and their modeling of humor, grace, and compassion. He recalls, "Teachers walked alongside me through confusing teen years with a caring nurture and seemed to see the good in me despite glaring omissions. I will always remain grateful."

Shortly after graduating from high school he shares, "I felt jolts of personal pain, experiencing a coworker/friend paralyzed and then

another friend die in a crash, both LMH friends."

"I had previously been focusing on myself and my interests when this rocked my

world. I began Hesston College with a renewed faith-based calling and passion to serve others through medicine."

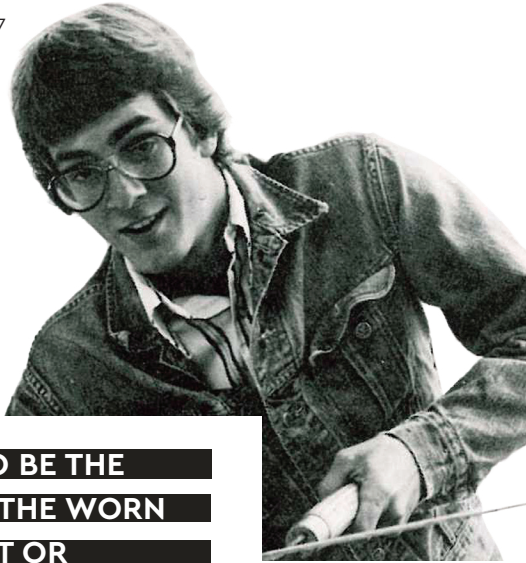
His medical career has been diverse, including practicing on an American Indian reservation in Arizona, group practice, Hospice, wound management, private solo practice, and now working with often underserved individuals in a federally qualified health center, Union Community Care, in Lancaster, PA. He shares, "I came to understand that compassionate care is never all about the physical complaint, but soul work is always a part of the mix. The intertwining of body, mind, and spirit. Social and environmental determinants of health also continue to need systemic effort, and through involvement with Landis Communities, Union Community Care, Parish Resource Center, and my faith community, I hope to improve equity and wholeness in our community."



PHOTO: THE MAST FAMILY, PROVIDED BY THE MASTS



PHOTO: DAN MAST, SENIOR YEAR 1977



**"I HAVE FOUND MEDICAL PRACTICE TO BE THE HUMBLING SACRED SPACE OF SEEING THE WORN FACE OF JESUS EVIDENT IN THE ADDICT OR IMMIGRANT'S FACE."**

-DAN MAST '77

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAN MAST

Dan's medical efforts and commitment to compassionate care for all were not made alone. Cindy Swartley Mast was his loyal and caring spouse and partner at home and in their practice settings. He remembers her as "unwavering in her kindness and respect for the marginalized and maligned, she was a model for passionate compassion. As an Eastern Mennonite College and University of Pennsylvania nursing grad, she embodied a rare combination of tenacious inquisitiveness and wise graciousness. Recognizing the positive impact LM had on the rest of our family's faith formation, she served LM as a board member for 17 years before her passing in 2021."

Together, Dan and Cindy shared a passion to facilitate healing through medical disciplines. He shares, "I regularly interact with LMH alumni of all ages as patients, classmates, and parents of current students. With many others, we share a faith mission to care for others as we would like to be cared



PHOTO: DAN MAST IN HIS ELEMENT, PROVIDED BY DAN MAST

for, and encourage one another in this common pursuit. It is truly a sacred space to intervene in circumstances where loss of limb or life seem possible, and then return wholeness within a person, and for their loved ones. I have found medical practice to be the humbling sacred space of seeing the worn face of Jesus evident in the addict or immigrant's face. But for the grace of God."



PHOTO: DAN '77 AND CINDY MAST, PROVIDED BY DAN MAST



# 2022 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

## BUSINESS OWNERS & SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS: JENNIE (WEAVER) '95 & JONATHAN '93 GROFF

BY: AUBREY KREIDER, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

In 2010, **JENNIE (WEAVER) '95 AND JONATHAN GROFF '93** joined ownership of Stroopies, Inc., a social enterprise business that exists to provide meaningful employment for resettled refugee women while making delicious Stroopies (stroopwafel cookies). In 2016, they opened the Sweet Shoppe in downtown Lancaster, PA where they offer the unique combination of Jonathan's family business, Groff's Candies, local ice cream, and freshly made Stroopies.

What makes the Lancaster Sweet Shoppe sweet is not only their delicious sweet treats, but the purpose behind why the business exists. Jennie shares, "From the founding of Stroopies in 2008, we felt stirred to live out what worship to God and love for neighbor looks like outside the walls of a church. Stroopies was launched with that heart. Currently, women resettled in Lancaster from Syria, Sudan, Congo, Nepal, Burma, and Eritrea make approximately 15,000 Stroopies a week that are sold in Lancaster and all across the U.S."

PHOTO PROVIDED BY  
JENNIE & JONATHAN  
GROFF; JENNIE,  
JONATHAN, AND  
STAFF AT ESL CLASS  
AT STROOPIES, INC.



"During the workday, we aim to create a safe environment for the women to know their value and to have renewed hope as they start their lives over in a new place."

In addition, during the paid work day, they have an ESL (English as a Second Language) class that helps prepare the women to grow up into management at Stroopies, or to launch into other careers.

"Jonathan and I are convinced that the private sector is a beautiful place for seeds of the Kingdom of God to germinate and grow, and for compassion and resources to be shared. Meaningful work brings dignity, and a social enterprise provides a way for the work to be sustainable," says Jennie.

They both have fond memories of Lancaster Mennonite being a safe place to learn and grow, which was truly a privilege. For Jonathan, he remembers a teacher that challenged him and some of his friends to think not only about themselves, but to care for others. The teacher's encouragement planted seeds that are still bearing fruit in his life.

“ Not everyone has a candy factory in their hands...but we did! ”

Jennie fondly remembers LMH chapels, hearing stories of people doing big and small things to serve with Christ's love. These stories left an impact on her to find a way to tangibly show Christ's kindness to others. Jonathan recalls how God stirred his spirit as he'd commute from Millersville through Lancaster City on Manor Street to LMH. He noticed people of different cultures sitting on their porches in this neighborhood, as well as many condemned houses. In 1998, when an opportunity arose to purchase a condemned house on the corner of Manor St. and W Filbert St. he jumped on it. Jennie joined him in this neighborhood when they married in 2000. They've raised their family in the Cabbage Hill neighborhood for 23 years, and added the Stroopies Distribution Center to this neighborhood in 2022.

"In 2008, when resettled refugee families started pouring into our Lancaster City neighborhood, we felt truly privileged to be able to welcome these new neighbors from around the world! We saw early on that it was fairly easy for the kids to jump in and learn English and start over. It was harder for the moms; they felt more isolated in their homes, and it was harder for them to learn a new language. The idea of Stroopies was birthed in the hearts of two of our friends from our house church. They had Dutch friends who helped them with an authentic stroopwafel recipe, and in 2008 Stroopies launched. In 2010, Jonathan and I joined the company, and we were able to sublease space from Groff's Candies (where Jonathan grew up) as a place to develop the business. Not everyone has a candy factory in their hands...but we did!" Jennie reflects.

Jennie says, "We are convinced that, if God can use something simple like a Stroopie to make a difference, He can use whatever is offered. We encourage others to dream outside the box. Consider what you already have in your hands that you can build with and find people to do it together with. I want to be a lifelong learner of 'living compassionately,' and to stay close to the best teacher, in Jesus, that I could ever have."





# FANNING THE FLAME OF EMPATHY

BY: JON HEINLY '03, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT



**STEVE "TIGER" WARFEL '80** recalls learning about compassion from his parents, who hosted out-of-state students in their home while he was a student at LMH. Later in life, Steve had the opportunity to travel and was hosted by others, including on three trips to Nepal. Steve remembers the generosity and compassion he experienced in impoverished and remote communities in Nepal, despite the fact that he was a visitor who did not speak the language.

In 2009, a friend told Steve about refugees from Nepal living in Lancaster City who needed work. Like his parents and Nepali hosts, Steve responded with compassion, "I rented land at Millersville International House (now Immerse) and let Bhutanese-Nepali families have gardens. I worked up the ground and brought manure there, they planted what they wanted and took care of it how they wanted to." Since then, he developed

a close relationship with the Bhutanese-Nepali community in Lancaster who he supports in many ways, like connecting them with employers and teaching them to drive. He provides work doing

things like picking strawberries or making Christmas wreaths that doesn't require them to know English. And he sells firewood along Millstream Road behind Lancaster Mennonite to aid refugee families.

Steve says school was not "his cup of tea," but God has used his compassion and skill with his hands to open doors for him to be a different kind of teacher. He asked some Burmese people how they had learned English so well without having time for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, and they replied, "Tiger, you talked with us while we worked together; you visited with us as you played with our children."

Reflecting on this journey, Steve notes that "God has grown the firewood business." And he says, "Some of us are like Zacchaeus, we learn better up a tree."



STEVE COLLECTING FIREWOOD WITH STUDENTS



STEVE WITH BHUTANESE-NEPALI FAMILIES & FRIENDS

# AN UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO SERVING OTHERS



BY: BEKAH THRUSH '17, ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATE

"From a young age, I knew my life work would be spent serving others," says **MONIQUA (CASTANEDA) ACOSTA '94**. As the Director of Volunteer Services at Landis Homes Retirement Community, she has the privilege of not only serving others, but of facilitating service by connecting individuals interested in volunteering with the needs of Landis Homes.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY MONIQUA ACOSTA

She is also part of the organization's ongoing work with diversity, equity, and inclusion which "requires a great deal of compassion and vulnerability to discuss authentically." She is proud to be part of an organization that takes this process seriously, prioritizes transparency, and honors the feelings of all involved.



MONIQUA AT LEADINGAGE NATIONAL EVENT, CENTERED AROUND LEADERS OF COLOR, FROM THEIR GATHERING IN DENVER, CO.

Acosta has great memories of her time at Lancaster Mennonite, saying that she was "truly blessed" to connect with teachers like Mrs. Sheri Wenger. In Wenger's class she learned the "triumphs and tragedies of history, and how each...of us are connected and contribute to the success of others."

At LM, she also had the opportunity to learn more about the world outside of her Lancaster County experiences. She encourages current students to take advantage of the opportunities they're given and the "rich perspectives provided" throughout their education.

For Acosta, Living Compassionately starts with challenging yourself to think bigger and deeper. She says that "by being curious and allowing yourself to grow through life experiences, you are...finding what brings you joy in life and only then can you be truly compassionate."

She also believes that having a heart of compassion for others is essential for connection with God. She says, that when "we understand the sacrifice our Creator made for us, this should mean we are able to demonstrate compassion and empathy towards others, even at a cost."



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MONIQUA ACOSTA



## LIVING COMPASSIONATELY TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE

BY: BEKAH THRUSH '17, ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATE

**SIWEI ZHU '16** is a registered dietitian and a Graduate Student in Epidemiology at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "Public health scientists work together to improve the lives of people around the world and reflect the core value of living compassionately."

Though she pursued epidemiology largely because of research work done in a college lab course, she credits volunteer opportunities at Lancaster Mennonite in creating a spirit of "servant leadership" in her that influences her work today. "This type of leadership focuses on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong." Zhu plans to use her career in public health to serve her community.

While at LM, she was also inspired by several art classes taught by Mrs. Kathy Ciaccia. Her "guidance and kind words have empowered me not only in performing art, but also in

all other

aspects of life." Zhu says painting and sketching are still hobbies that bring her peace and confidence. In addition to her work and graduate studies, she is a co-founder of Selene Health, a women's wellness start-up created to fill a gap in women's healthcare. Their team provides "personalized health and wellness products and service" to underserved women in their community.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY SIWEI ZHU

To Zhu, teaching compassion is important because, "It encourages students to think beyond themselves and to be aware of the feelings and needs of others." She says that, "When you achieve something that makes you proud, share your experience to help those who are in need." That is how any person, in any career, can emulate living compassionately.



PHOTO: SIWEI ZHU STANDING BY ART PIECE

PHOTO PROVIDED BY SIWEI ZHU

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SIWEI ZHU '16

## FROM HOOP DREAMS TO DREAMS OF HOPE

BY: LUIS TORRES, ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATE

**TERRENCE ROSARIO '06** aspired to be an NBA star. It was his only goal. While he still enjoys basketball and watches his son play, but today, his goal is empathy.

"Being able to see from another person's perspective, to put myself in that person's shoes and to help them in whatever way I can," is how Terrence describes his role at JusticeWorks YouthCare.

Working with court mandated youth, Terrence provides them with counseling and equips them with tools to build better futures. Showing empathy is how Terrence has been able to guide families to overcome unhealthy life choices.

"It's how Jesus lived; with compassion. He constantly moved to help people experience God's love and forgiveness. God used LM to plant the seed. I didn't realize it at the time; God really started working on my heart there," said Terrence.

Upon reflecting on his time at LM, Terrence shares, "I'm grateful for the many that encouraged me to build a relationship with God." The biggest influence was Ms. Jan McDowell. He said, "Her guidance, love and support for me encouraged me to believe I can have an impact on youth one day. She planted the seed."

Not playing in the NBA but accomplishing another impressive goal, Terrence graduated from Lancaster Bible College with a degree in Pastoral Ministry. He's been a Youth Pastor and has even coached a Jr. High Boys basketball team, but his greatest role is that of a father.

As he thinks back on the seed that was planted at LM, Terrence shares, "Be grateful for where God has you, and grow wherever you're planted."

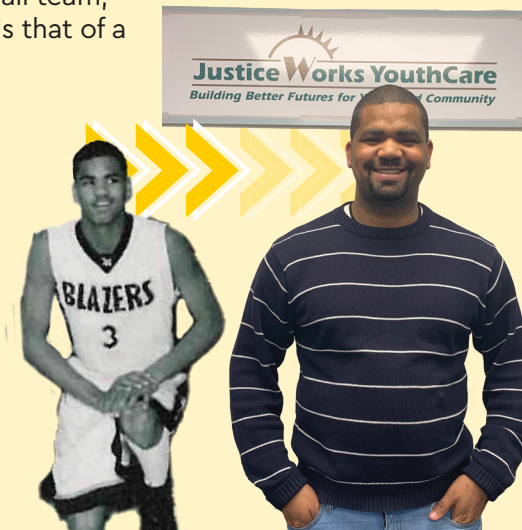


PHOTO PROVIDED BY TERRENCE ROSARIO

# SERVING OTHERS THROUGH LAW SCHOOL

BY: AUBREY KREIDER, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

**CRYSTAL ZOOK '06** is pursuing a law degree with a focus in civil rights and immigration law at Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law. She reflects on what has brought her to this point saying, "getting my law degree was never part of my life plan." But her life experiences of living overseas in Haiti, Bangladesh, Laos and Guatemala, as well as living and working as a caseworker and Substance Prevention Coordinator among immigrant and refugee communities here in Lancaster played a huge role in her goal of practicing law.

"It's always been important to me to be present and provide support for people going through personal struggles, crises, or major transitions. Law school has provided me with practical opportunities to help others through my internships and projects, and I look forward to doing more of that when I'm done with school and in my clerkship."

Crystal's varied cross-cultural experiences connect her to immigrants and asylum seekers who are living in new and unfamiliar experiences, and leads her to compassion. She desires to use her training to address the harm caused by our systems and to work at reducing that as much as possible.

In her time at LM, Crystal valued opportunities to try new things and develop a variety of skills and talents - something that often led her to connect with people outside of her normal circle. This included participating in choir and as a photographer for the *Millstream* student newspaper. She also really appreciated her High School history and sociology classes with teachers Mr. Tim Yoder and Mrs. Sheri Wenger.

Crystal connects with the circumstances and struggles of those around her and offers her talents in service of her neighbor. She reflects that by living compassionately, "you can make an impact in any community you are living in."

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MARTHA BYNUM



MARTHA BYNUM & FAMILY



PHOTO PROVIDED BY CRYSTAL ZOOK

# COMPASSION IS MEETING STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE

BY: LUIS TORRES, ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATE

**MARTHA (SALIM) BYNUM '85** is an educator. She started her career in the Bronx and has been teaching in Lancaster for over 24 years, currently teaching 6th Grade at Reynolds Middle School.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARTHA BYNUM

"I realize the hours I spend with students are only a part of their lives. Some students come from very complicated home situations. The challenge is to meet students where they are, discover what they need, try to meet those needs, and educate them. It's a constant balancing act between pushing students academically and supporting them emotionally."

Martha attended Locust Grove, and says, "I was fortunate enough to have Grace Yoder as my teacher. She made me feel special and brought excitement to the classroom. She helped foster my love of reading, and my love of teaching reading."

Influential to Martha at LMH was Dr. Elias George. "It was not easy to be one of the few students of color. He was one of the first teachers I had who looked like me, had an accent that I was familiar with, and shared similar cultural ideas. He encouraged debate as part of learning, stretched me academically. He was a role model for me."

Martha equips and prepares students for their next phase in life and shared, "This is a time in my life where I run into former students. Students I once had frequently come up to me for a hug; they fondly remember time spent in my classes. This brings me joy as a teacher."

This quote from Maya Angelou serves as a reminder of her desire to live compassionately, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



# LIVE COMPASSIONATELY IN ACTION

## VARSITY BOYS SOCCER RED CARD CANCER

The Lancaster Mennonite Boys Varsity Soccer team joined with area L-L League teams wearing shirts in support of the Red Card Cancer initiative. L-L League schools and families donated to support the cause, and teams wore the shirts during warm-ups all week to do the same.

Lancaster Mennonite joined the initiative in honor of late LM alumnus, **NATHAN LONGENECKER '20**, a former boys soccer player who passed away over a year ago following a courageous eight-month journey with brain cancer. His brother, Jesse, a junior, is on the LMH team. They

are also participating for LM Teacher and Boys Soccer Goalie Coach, Jim Amstutz' brother, Pete, who recently passed away from Stage 4 glioblastoma brain cancer.



## COACH, RYAN GEHMAN STORY

**RYAN GEHMAN '11**, LM graduate and current LMH Cross Country coach, shared with Lancaster Newspaper how his love of running has helped him overcome a variety of obstacles, including an autism diagnosis, "It's freedom of movement, peace, alone time, quiet and rhythmic...I love the road. I love the trails. I love anything in between. That has given me freedom; it has given me confidence."

He hopes his story serves as inspiration to others like him at a younger age, encourages parents of children with autism, and that others will give children with autism a chance. "Give them the option for recovery," he said. "It's the least we can do. That provides hope. And hope is powerful," he shares in the LNP story.



## MS SEWING CLASS FOR PREKINDERGARTEN (PREK) KIDS

Mrs. Monica Marcincoski's Middle School Sewing class investigated how their sewing skills could be used to encourage our PreK students to read. They interviewed elementary teachers and students for their input and brainstormed project ideas in small groups. Each student created their own project and presented them to Mrs. Gail Lanas' PreK class. Now these PreK students get to enjoy the pillows the Middle School students made for them every day!



## BIRTHDAY PRAYER

4th grade teacher, Mrs. Denise Bender, prays for each student in her class on their birthday, and when she came back from being sick over her birthday, her students asked to do a prayer for her. Every single one of them prayed out loud for her!



## NATURE WALKS AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING WITH MR. GALEN SAUDER

Nature walks with Mr. Galen Sauder, Experiential Learning Teacher, are very popular with our Elementary students. They love getting to explore our beautiful campus and learn about the incredible nature we have right in our classroom's backyard! Each day during recess, Mr. Sauder takes a group of interested Elementary students on an outdoor exploration. One day, 3rd grade boys joined him to explore and learn about flowers in bloom, trees

dropping their leaves and nuts, groundhogs, and the stream running through our campus.

Another day Ms. Sophie Dodge's class went on a walk that included the Mill Stream, pond, garden, greenhouse, and a special area called "The Cove."

After their walk they gathered as a class under a beautiful tree to reflect on what they were grateful for in God's creation.

# AT LANCASTER MENNONITE



## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

It was so exciting to see our students' artwork displayed at Tanger Outlets in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

In addition, Dr. Michael Badriaki, had the honor of attending Crispus Attucks Community Center's 35th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast in Lancaster and delivering the benediction to those in attendance.

The event challenged attendees to ask, "And How Are The Children Now?" which is a traditional greeting passed by the Masaai Tribe in Kenya. Dr. Badriaki closed the event by sharing the second part of the greeting in his benediction - the traditional response of the Masaai tribe, "The children are well."



## ELEMENTARY PAJAMA DRIVE

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season, Elementary students showed their gratitude and generosity by collecting pajamas for kids in our local community. They collected 90 pairs of pajamas that were donated to partner organizations at COBYS, Clare House, Milagro House, Water Street, and Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County. What a joy to see students of all ages show compassion to others!



## MS SERVICE CLUB

This year, Middle School students have the option to participate in Service Club! Mr. Galen Sauder, Experiential Learning Teacher, organizes the club, and they help with a variety of projects around campus. Recently, they painted picnic tables for our Elementary students. It's so exciting to see the ways all our students can interact on our unified campus!



## HS GLOBAL STUDIES

In Mr. Michael George's High School Global Studies class students designed and created their own "Human World" board games to help them review for a Human Geography test. This activity helped the students to learn and practice vocabulary terms such as population density, ethnic group, language family, population pyramid, democracy, and more!



## HS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS

In Environmental Science High School students took a day and worked on calculating their carbon footprint. They looked at how much they actually consume and talked about what they can personally do to consume less and help share more resources with those around them. They also looked at how to be wiser consumers by buying and using local foods and products and building the community around them.



## SENIOR SERVICE DAY

One day each school year, LM seniors are given the day off from classes to go out and serve in the community. Eight organizations were supported by LM students for the day including Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resource Center, Woodcrest Retreat, Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM), Friendship Community, Clare House, Mennonite Life, Mennonite Disaster Service, and Community Action Partnership (CAP). We're so proud of our senior class for stepping up and being World Changers.





# LIVE COMPASSIONATELY IN ACTION

## ORIGINAL CLASS OF SPANISH IMMERSION STUDENTS GRADUATING

Lancaster Mennonite's Spanish Immersion program began 12 years ago with a pilot class of first graders. These students spent their days in the immersion model with teachers who used the entire school day to instruct them in another language so that students would become bilingual in Spanish and English.

The program has changed and been strengthened over time, including now having High School immersion students taking AP Spanish classes to continue their Spanish experience. By the time they complete the immersion program, students reach native-like proficiency in Spanish, while developing increased cultural awareness.

This spring, six students from the original first grade class are preparing to graduate from LM. It's an exciting accomplishment for this growing program! We caught up with each of them to hear their takeaways and memories from Spanish Immersion. Visit our website to see the full story.



## FALL PLAY RECAP

LMH presented *The House at Pooh Corner* as our fall play for 2022. The show was chosen as a result of the unification of all grades PreK-12 on campus. The production was one that appealed to both children and children at heart.

The story was told through the imagination of six year old Christopher Robin (Julia Fisher '23). It was a beautiful morning in the 100 Acre Woods with beloved characters Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo, Tigger, Owl, Rabbit, and their friends.

Our student cast and crew did a wonderful job bringing this play to life. Bravo everyone!



**SPRING SHOWCASE, APRIL 20-23**



## PASTORS' DAY

In October, we celebrated Pastors' Day at Lancaster Mennonite! Pastors from our students' churches came to visit and see what the day of an LM student is like. We were so excited to have our first ever PreK through 12th grade combined chapel led by Jon Carlson, Pastor at Forest Hills Mennonite Church, with worship led by teachers and fourth grade students. After the service, pastors enjoyed lunch with their students and had a chance to visit classrooms as well.



## SENIOR CAPSTONES

Kingdom Living is a practical theology course for LM seniors. Students engage through Bible studies, reflective essays, and a semester-long Capstone Project. This experiential learning project helps students explore their gifts, abilities and interests in a 20-hour setting in the local community. A few students share their learnings and experiences from this year.



**ABBY CHAPMAN '23**

Abby volunteered at Clare House every Monday to use her gifts of encouragement and showing mercy. She babysat, cleaned, and volunteered at a gift fair they hosted. Through this experience she learned how to better care for others and found a deeper gratitude for the things she has.



**ANAYA HUBBARD '23**

Anaya was the Assistant Middle School Girls Volleyball coach at LM for her Capstone. She also volunteered in the Elementary After School Program. Through these mentorship opportunities she realized how much students can change when someone shows faith in them.



**SAVIER SUMRALL '23**

Savier had experience volunteering at Jalmodovar, an alumni-owned business that creates unique artistic bags and jackets, and as a basketball coach at Reynolds Middle School to use his gifts of art and service. He was also involved in the running of a business and providing leadership to youth in our area. He learned the importance of meaningful connections and how to create positive space and energy for kids, which helps to inform his decisions in the future to pursue art and coaching.



# LANCASTER MENNONITE STUDENT AWARDS

## ACADEMICS

### The President's Volunteer Service Award:

Jungi (Jacob) Park '25



PHOTO OF JUNGJ (JACOB) PARK

## ART

Julia E. Fisher '24 **Won 5 awards!**  
**2 Scholastic Honorable Mentions in Photography, 1 Scholastic Silver Key Award in Painting, 1 Lancaster County Young Artists (LCYA) Honorable Mention in Photography, 1 LCYA Gold Award in Photography**

### LCYA Honorable Mention in Photography:

Tobias Reiff '23



PHOTO OF TOBIAS REIFF & JULIA FISHER

## MUSIC

### All-National Honors Modern Band Ensemble:

Robert Ross '23, and PA Music Educators Association Modern Band Teacher Trainer Mr. Nathan Sheffer



PHOTO OF ROBERT ROSS AND MR. NATHAN SHEFFER

**LLMEA Choral Festival participants:**  
 Nathan Bowman '24, Caleb Metzler '23, Eli Heinsey '25, and Olivia Eichler '23

### PMEA District, Regional, and All-State Choral Festival:

Nathan Bowman '24



PHOTO OF NATHAN BOWMAN

**Pennsylvania Music Educators: Association District 7 Band** - Jared Bowman '25, Owen Horvath '23, River Olmsted '24, Claire Thomas '24



PHOTO OF DISTRICT 7 BAND

### Lancaster Lebanon Music Educators Association County Honors Band

Middle School Students: Jack Irons '27, Lukas Kehler '27, Sophie Rothwein '27, Daniel Thomas '27, Haoxiang Wang '27, Caden Weire '27



PHOTO OF MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS BAND

High School Students: Caroline Clement '26, Andrew Dewan '23, Ezra Kauffman '26, Olivia Zook '26

## WRITING

### Scholastic Regional Gold Key Winner:

Kay Beidler '25

## ATHLETICS

### GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Qualified for district playoffs



PHOTO OF GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

### All Star honors

**1st Team All Stars** - Ellie Lefever '23, midfielder, Rachel Lane '23, forward, Hailey Nelson '23, forward, Charlize Ganse '24, defender  
**2nd Team All Stars** - Samiya Krady '24, defender, Lauren Thurber '23, defender/midfielder

### BOYS SOCCER TEAM



PHOTOS OF MEMBERS OF BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Qualified for district quarter finals  
**All Star honors**

**1st Team All Stars** - Zach Coryell '23, David Lapp '23, David Shell '23  
**2nd Team All Stars** - Myles Halvorson '24, Jesse Longenecker '24

### GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Qualified for district quarter finals



PHOTO OF GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

### All Star honors

Received Team Sportsmanship Award

**All-League** - Ava Brubacker '23  
**1st Team All Stars** - Ava Brubaker '23 & Section MVP; Maggie Will '23, Ava Buckwalter '23, Darah Kraenbring '25, Liliana Greer '24  
**2nd Team All Stars** - Adelyn King '25, Charlotte Buckwalter '25  
**Section Coach of the Year** - Coach Sean Boer  
**Academic All-Stars** - Maggie Will '23

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Qualified for district playoffs



PHOTO OF GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

### All Star honors

**Section MVP & First team All Star:** Julia Fisher '23,  
**First Team and Academic All Star:** Daniella Stringer '23

### CROSS COUNTRY

**League All-stars** - Claire Thomas '24 and Ethan Kanagy '23  
**League Scholar-Athletes** - Ethan Kanagy '23, Caleb Metzler '23, Claire Hurst '24, Amanda Yoder '23 and Savier Sumrall '23



PHOTO OF ETHAN KANAGY PHOTO OF CLAIRE THOMAS

**Claire Thomas '24** - Qualified for State Championships, placed 2nd in

District meet with a time of 20:47, placed 34th in the State, 4th place in Ben Blosser Invitational

**Ethan Kanagy '23** - Qualified for State Championships, placed 12th in Districts

### GOLF

**Ian Kennett '24** - qualified for the State Finals Golf Tournament. 42nd in state! 3rd in Class AA League tournament.



PHOTO OF IAN KENNETT

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Qualified for state playoffs, District Champion runner's up

### All Star honors

**1st team All-Star** - Jayla Rivera '23



PHOTO OF GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

### BOYS BASKETBALL

District Champions (3x in a row)  
**State Champions!**

### All Star honors

**Co-Player of the Year** - David Weaver '23

**1st Team All Stars** - Savier Sumrall '23, David Weaver '23

**2nd Team All Stars** - Myles Halvorsen '24, Chase Hurst '26



PHOTO OF BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

**Honorable Mention** - Camden Hurst '23

**Best High School Basketball Teams in the State - Honorable Mention** - Lancaster Mennonite

## QUIZ BOWL

Ended the year in 7th place; came in 10th in final tournament; Invited to the Quiz Bowl Championship in Illinois



PHOTO OF QUIZ BOWL TEAM

**Ranked 7th in the LL League during the regular season and received LL All-Star Recognition:** Henry Martin '23  
**Finished in 9th place individually in the playoff tournament:** Sim Spurrier '25

## FFA

### Keystone Degree Recipients:

Davin Esbenshade '23, Owen Horvath '23, Broden King '23, Addison Large '23, and Adam Pabee '23



PHOTO OF FFA KEYSTONE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

## PARADISE ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

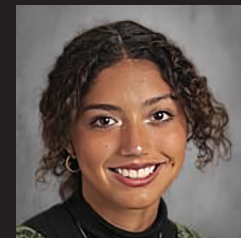
Students were recommended by the school's guidance department, principal or faculty on the basis of significant achievement, as well as good character and citizenship.



CLAIRE THOMAS '24  
DECEMBER



NATHAN BOWMAN '24  
JANUARY



GILANY MARRERO '24  
MARCH



NOAH NIEHANS '24  
APRIL

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ethan Kanagy '23 and Ellis Weaver-Kreider '23 - have been named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Letters of Commendation from Lancaster Mennonite School and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, were presented to these scholastically talented seniors.



*We just can't fit it all!*

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ON INSTAGRAM: @LMBLAZERS**



## LM UNIFIES STUDENTS, SELLS NEW DANVILLE CAMPUS, AND RENEWS SCHOOL FACILITIES & CURRICULUM

Lancaster Mennonite School sold our former New Danville Campus property located at 393 Long Lane, across from Cherry Hill Orchards to Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning on Friday, October 21, 2022.

The Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning are subsidiaries of Milton Hershey School and are for children from birth to age five and provide weekday care and education for early childhood learning. Their program covers all the costs for those that qualify.

LM Board Chair, Kathy Beiler says, "The shared values and goals of Lancaster Mennonite and the Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning are a perfect fit and synergy. We could not be happier for this great organization to purchase the New Danville campus property and to continue the legacy of teaching children in this location. We wish them all the best."

Lancaster Mennonite (LM) unified all students from the former Locust Grove and New Danville campuses to the Lincoln Highway campus for the 2022-23 school year, starting in August 2022.

LM's unification has allowed the school to update and expand facilities and hone in on key curriculum priorities of faith formation, fine arts, STEAM (science, technology, engineering,

art and math), outdoor learning, and world languages. Unification has also allowed for collaborative learning opportunities across grade-levels that fully utilizes and effectively stewards the resources of the 95-acre Lincoln Hwy campus. Upgrading and renewing the well loved and beautiful campus will allow us to serve the needs of students at every age in a united LM community, and provide new spaces such as a new elementary MakerSpace and art room, new Middle School Design Lab, new High School science labs, new media centers, and classroom upgrades which are designed to support new curriculum initiatives that help students grow in their understanding of the world and discover their purpose in it.



# RENOVATION UPDATES

## ELEMENTARY MAKERSPACE & ART CLASSROOM

We were excited to welcome students to this new MakerSpace and Art classroom (formerly System Office offices) for the first time this fall. In this room, Elementary students are using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) to solve problems together and be creative!

### The benefits of MakerSpace:

- Develops creativity, innovation, and resilience in problem solving
- Builds confidence
- Promotes collaboration and teamwork
- Prepares students for careers in a changing world



## STRATEGIC PLANNING & ACTION

We are a community that dares to pray, love and hope. We are also a community that commits to strategic action. With the collaborative input of numerous stakeholders, the unified school at the Elementary, Middle, and High school levels continues to offer incredible opportunities for students and families. To support LM's growth, innovation, and improvement efforts, we are thrilled to share that, on January 28th, the Board held a retreat to launch LM's strategic planning process by focusing on and dedicating time to strategic thinking and governance around six system-wide priorities. The board approved the system's guidelines of Six Strategic Priorities undergirded by LM's core values.

Accordingly, LM is completing reaccreditation, a process happening in tandem with our strategic planning process. We believe that we are well-positioned to make our priorities a reality.

### What are our priorities?

Based on LM's core values, our strategic plan priorities are:

- A Culture of Success
- Use of Data
- High Expectations
- Program Review
- Growth
- Stakeholder Engagement

## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



### Michael Wilson

*Stated Clerk of Donegal Presbytery*

*Adjunct Faculty and Director of Presbyterian Studies, Lancaster Theological Seminary*

Michael has his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Dickinson College, Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, Master of Theology and Missiology from Columbia Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry and Missional Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. in Missional Ecclesiology from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He has two children, one LM alumni and the other will be graduating from LM this year. His wife, Tricia, and their family attend First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

By Lorri Hengst, LM CFO

Lancaster Mennonite School successfully unified all students from PreK-12th grade onto one campus at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to enriching academic programming and deepening community relationships at LM, the unification of our campuses provides more efficient use of LM's financial resources and strengthens the school's financial position. The sale of the Locust Grove and New Danville campuses provided the cash flow required to begin the facility improvements necessitated by the unification.

While the endowment funds have decreased in value due to low performance in the market during the last year, our financial advisors are hopeful for a rebound in the months ahead. Tuition remains our largest source of revenue while program expenses tied directly to student instruction and development remain our largest expense.

If you are interested in more detail, please contact Lorri Hengst, [hengstlk@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:hengstlk@lancastermennonite.org) for the full financial report or to answer any questions.

## REVENUE & EXPENSES

**\$12,742,833**

**2021-2022 REVENUE**



- **CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS**  
\$19,081
- **CLASS/LAB FEES**  
\$37,847
- **STATE FUNDS (ACT 90/195)**  
\$103,685
- **FUNDRAISING REVENUE**  
\$188,233
- **EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT (EITC)**  
\$610,377
- **GIFTS**  
\$1,044,147
- **GRANTS**  
\$1,122,804
- **PROGRAM REVENUE**  
\$1,162,968
- **OTHER SOURCES**  
\$1,760,306
- **TUITION & FEES**  
\$6,693,385

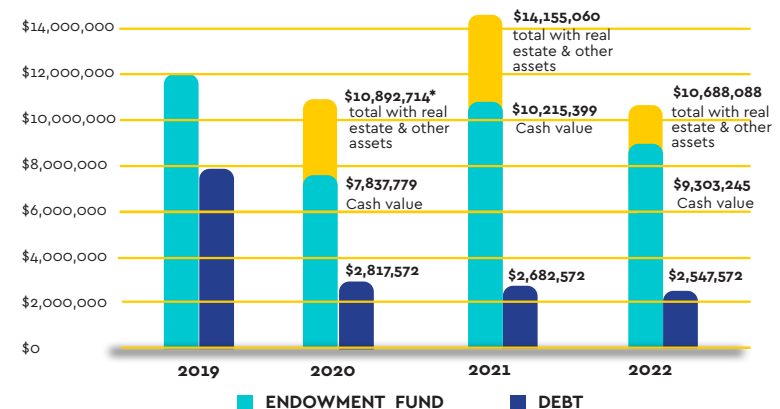
**\$11,937,800**

**2021-22 EXPENSES**



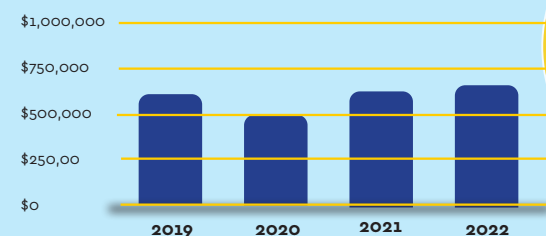
- **FUNDRAISING & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
\$630,112
- **MANAGEMENT & GENERAL**  
\$2,194,840
- **PROGRAM**  
\$9,112,848

## ENDOWMENT AND DEBT



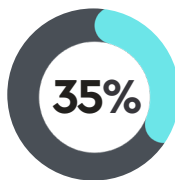
\* The endowment value is reported differently starting with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 due to recommended changes by our accountants after working through our financial review process.

## EITC & SPE CONTRIBUTIONS



\$602,656 - 2019  
\$500,001 - 2020  
\$600,810 - 2021  
\$610,377 - 2022

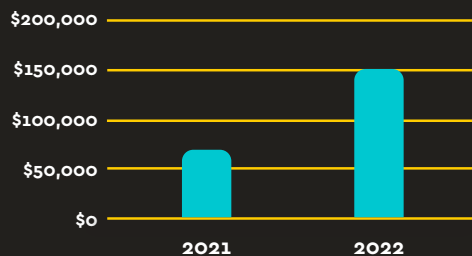
The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Special Purpose Entities (SPE) are state programs that allow eligible businesses or individuals to receive up to a 90% tax credit on contributions to a qualifying organization, such as LM. It is used to support LM students and families through need-based tuition aid.



## FINANCIAL AID

35% of our students were awarded need-based financial aid in the '22-'23 school year.

## GRANTS RECEIVED

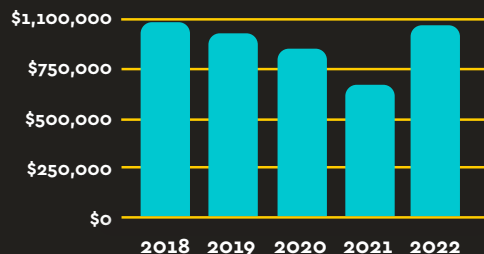


### Private foundation grants

2021-2022 \$64,750  
2022-2023 \$150,000 (to date)

- Ferree Foundation, Paul W. and Judy S. Ware
- High Foundation
- Lancaster County STEM Alliance (The Steinman Foundation)
- National Christian Foundation

## GIFTS



2022 - \$1,044,147  
2021 - \$724,793  
2020 - \$883,820  
2019 - \$1,010,178  
2018 - \$1,054,996

## ENROLLMENT

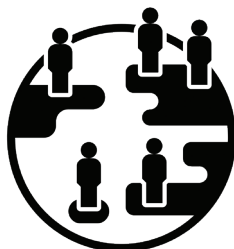
YEAR	ENROLLMENT
2020-21	669
2021-22	691
2022-23	606

\* Increase in inquiries and applications for next school year!

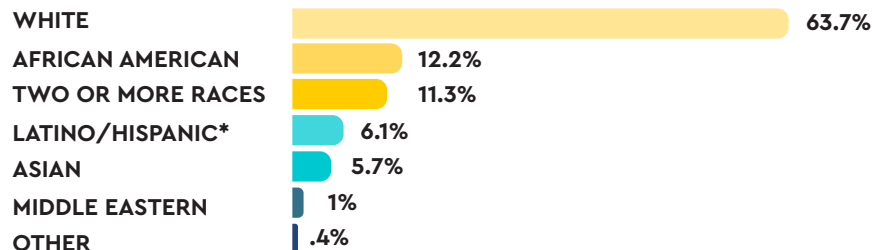
## ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

School Year	Inquiries Before March 1	Total Inquiries	Applications Received (by March 1)
2021-22	158	399	72
2022-23	135	348	55
2023-24	194	TBD	74

## OUR STUDENTS: SNAPSHOT



## DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS 2021-22:



\*Latino/Hispanic includes students in multiple other ethnicity categories

23 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS;  
7 COUNTRIES



182 CHURCHES REPRESENTED;  
22+ DENOMINATIONS





# UPCOMING EVENTS

[lancastermennonite.org/events](http://lancastermennonite.org/events)

Spring Celebration: Auction & BBQ - Apr 28, 2023

Benefit Golf Tournament - May 10, 2023

Commencement & Graduation - June 3, 2023

Summer Open House - July 18, 2023

Fall Festival & Homecoming - Oct 7, 2023

Join us for our annual Spring Celebration on our unified campus with a chicken BBQ, auction, bake sale, and kids activities! **Pre-registration for BBQ meals will close on April 14th.**



## EVENT GALLERY: FALL 2022

Thank you for a wonderful Homecoming and Fall Festival weekend! Our biggest highlights were the standout alumni and student music performances, BBQ meal and food trucks, athletic events, renovated campus tours, carnival games, kids activities, reminiscing, and making new memories together!

We also want to give a **BIG thanks to the sponsors and MANY dedicated volunteers, faculty and staff** that helped make this a successful event. Your support of Christ-centered, high quality education that develops world changing students means everything to us at LM. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**

– Jon Heinly, Director of Advancement





Thank **YOU** for your generous support of Lancaster Mennonite during the ExtraGive – in visiting us at Gallery on Market to celebrate our student artists and musicians, by volunteering in the snow, and through your prayers and financial support! **Wow, with your online and offline gifts we EXCEEDED our giving goal to provide Christ-centered, world changing education to more students!**



## ALUMNI NEWS

### REUNIONS

**CLASS OF 1960:** May 13th at LM, 11:30am, Contact: Ben Beiler at (610) 574-2030

**CLASS OF 1963'S 60TH REUNION:** Saturday, September 30, 2023, 11:30 AM at Landis Homes Community Room, RSVP to Nelson Martin at nelsonwmartin@gmail.com or 717-203-8587

**CLASS OF 1973'S 50TH REUNION:** March 25 at 5pm at the Silk Mill in New Holland, Contact: Cheryl Hess at (717) 653-5359

**CLASS OF 1978'S 45TH REUNION:** October 21st at 4:30 PM at the Intercourse Fire Hall (10 N Hollander Rd, Intercourse, PA 17534). Dinner at 6 PM, RSVP by 10/1 to Cynthia Mast (610-620-5919), Steve Charles (717-875-9808), Leon Yoder (717-587-8348), or Brenda Hollinger-Plowman (717-324-6466)

## DEATHS

Donald H. Frank '53, Lancaster, PA, February 23, 2023  
 Jean (Kraybill) Shenk '50, Lititz, PA, February 19, 2023  
 David W. Shenk '55, Lititz, PA, January 31, 2023  
 Ellen Ruth (Hershey) Neff '51, Paradise, PA, January 28, 2023  
 Ruth Ann (Breneman) Heisey '63, Lititz, PA, January 23, 2023  
 Joann H. (Bucher) Zimmerman '53, Mount Joy, PA, December 23, 2022  
 Robert B. Wenger '53, Green Bay, WI, December 19, 2022  
 Elvin H. Peifer '63, Mechanicsburg, PA, December 9, 2022  
 Naomi Doris Bechtold '53, Manheim, PA, December 4, 2022  
 Douglas R. Smoker '86, Conestoga, PA, November 26, 2022  
 Lois K. (Harnly) Keller '70, Lititz, PA, November 1, 2022  
 G. Evan Harnish '54, Leola, PA, October 28, 2022  
 Esther M. (Fisher) Leichty '46, Wayland, IA, October 26, 2022  
 Phyllis (Byler) Maust '73, Grantsville, MD, October 12, 2022  
 Ira B. Landis '48, Manheim, PA, October 4, 2022  
 Elizabeth (Garmen) Nissley '61, Lancaster, PA, September 25, 2022  
 Larry L. Stoltzfus '83, Ephrata, PA, September 22, 2022  
 Elaine (Beiler) Stoltzfus '59, Kidron, OH, September 22, 2022  
 J. Merle Herr '50, Broadway, VA, September 8, 2022  
 Nelson R. Sauder '66, Akron, PA, September 6, 2022  
 Mary E. (Zeager) Sweikert '63, Leola, PA, August 26, 2022  
 Dortha E. (Wise) Neil '63, Chambersburg, PA, August 8, 2022  
 Merle G. Stoltzfus '46, Elverson, PA, August 1, 2022  
 Eileen M. Charles '65, Leola, PA, July 26, 2022  
 Lydia "Anne" (Sauder) Siegrist '51, Jasper, NY, May, 1, 2022  
 Marlin L. Kauffman '59, Calhoun, GA, May 1, 2022  
 Oliver S. Mast '49, Mohnton, PA, April 20, 2022 \*\*Corrected from Fall Edition of Bridges  
 Arthur C. Wise '53, Sarasota, FL, January 8, 2022  
 Norma I. (Groff) Gehman '62, Ephrata, PA, October 31, 2021  
 Hiram Robert Hershey '48, Harleysville, PA, September 13, 2020  
 Nevin A. Beachy '50, Fort Smith, AR, January 13, 2020

## MARRIAGES

Melissa K. Umble '19 and Tim Parker, January 15, 2023  
 Lauren E. Lanas '15 and Grant Zimmerman, January 7, 2023  
 Stephanie Palazzo '10 and Thomas E. Knickman, September 30, 2022  
 Cassidy King '17 and Grant Harding, August 6, 2022  
 P. Christian Cook II '18 and Makayla Myers '18, June 11, 2022  
 Geena K. Taylor 'HC '19 and Sean Cleveland, May 21, 2022

## BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS

David '03 and Rebecca Witmer, Ariel Wren, adopted on March 8, 2023  
 Anny (Smucker) '04 and Buddy Rill, Brooks Scott, February 20, 2023  
 Andre '13 and Carrie Groff, Theo Allan, January 29, 2023  
 David '06 and Laura High, Atlee Abilene, January 13, 2023  
 Daniel '11 and Kristen Baker, Benjamin Daniel, December 7, 2022  
 Kaley (King) HC '12 and John Nemmers, Knox Keller, October 4, 2022  
 Kristen (Groff) '05 and Alex Martin, William Theoden, September 10, 2022  
 Ezra '17 and Kendall Buckwalter, Shiloh James, August 16, 2022  
 Cameron HC '09 and Hannah Seavers, Carter, July 16, 2022  
 Zachary '11 and Meghan '11 (Brady) Zook, Ezra Klay, June 25, 2022  
 Josue Morales Jr. '15 and Madeleiny Ramirez '15, Audrey, May 24, 2022  
 Hans Weaver '09 and Vanessa Hofer, Theodora "Thea" Ellen, May 4, 2022





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*Celebration*

APRIL 28TH, 2023






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# LANCASTER MENNONITE YOUTH ATHLETICS

**Lancaster Mennonite Youth Athletics (LMYA)**  
was formerly Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO). It is a program of Lancaster Mennonite School for students in **K-6th Grade**. We serve congregations, children and families by providing recreational and competitive team athletic activities within the Christian community, keeping Christ and the Church at the center of life.  
**Sports include: Basketball, Soccer, Field Hockey, and Softball**



SCAN ME