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June 2006

Accreditation: "Outstanding"

In mid-April a Committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and the National Christian School Association (NCSA) completed their five year visit and study of WCS. Their subsequent report gave the Administration reason to be proud. WCS met every accreditation Standard and was described as "exemplary" for the level of effectiveness for "continuous improvement;" and for "providing quality assurance" in the learning process. The Committee recommended that WCS continue "accredited" with a "clear" status. The accrediting agencies offer no higher measurement of quality.

In the Committee's summary report, they stated; "We have found Westbury Christian School to be an outstanding school led by a committed board, skilled administrators, competent teachers and staff, with supportive parents and community that collectively encourage and support student success. It is evident throughout the school that instructional improvement that results in improving student achievement is the highest priority."

Executive Administrator, Robert O. McCloy responded; "I cannot tell you what this accomplishment



The accreditation committee interviewed several faculty members.

means to so many. God has blessed us and we have continued to work hard in the face of obstacles that have proven to be blessings in disguise! Our Board is not the richest, our parents are not the most affluent, our faculty and administration is not the most seasoned; but our people are the finest, hardest working, most committed Christians I have ever worked with. Because of them and the grace of God, WCS exists as a quality place for kids to grow up."

Coca-Cola Essay Contest



Alan Pearson, Lindsey Calder, Mrs. Pam Ellis and Clayton Kline at the Share the Dream reception.

WCS students have competed successfully for several years in the **Coca-Cola Share the Dream Essay Contest**. Twenty-three finalists were selected from over 2,500 submissions, and three were from WCS - Alan Pearson (junior), Lindsay Calder (senior) and Clayton Kline (sophomore) were finalist qualifiers.

All finalists and their families were honored at a reception hosted at Minute Maid Park. The Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company presented each finalist with a framed award certificate, a \$500 college scholarship, a \$50 Kroger gift card and four tickets to a Houston Astros game. Mrs. Pam Ellis, WCS English teacher, said the WCS winners' papers were "very thought-provoking, well-written and, in one case, entertaining."



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National Honor Society Induction

Twenty-three new members were recently inducted into the **Rowland Laxson Chapter** of the National Honor Society (NHS). Those inducted include: Ope



Amosu, Joseph Apenteng, Suphanut Chansangavej, Hoang Dao, Jay Gilbert, Emily Harper, Patrick Jefferson, Campbell Jernigan, Ryan Keenan, Katie Keese, Matthew Keus, Russell Leonard, Alyssa Leyva, Joshua Miller, Ariana Ochoa, Krystal Onwumere, Thinh Quach, Kristin Robinson, Delisa Somoye, Gina Teague, Rachelle Wang,

Jazmine Washington and Ijeoma Waturuocha. The NHS recognizes students who attain at least a 3.5 GPA and who demonstrate the hallmarks of character, scholarship, citizenship, leadership and service. NHS's objective is to encourage its members and other students to aspire to excel daily in these virtues.

Science Olympiad

Twenty-one WCS students participated in the Annual Regional Science Olympiad held at Blinn College in Bryan, Texas. Twelve high schools and eight middle schools competed in events ranging from Rocketry, Robotics, and Wheeled Vehicles to Health Science, Chemistry, Forestry and Physics. WCS students placed high in several events. Ealing Tuan and Christina Curtis (6th grade) placed third in Science & Fitness; Jonathan Lim and Andrew Smith (6th) placed fourth in Awesome Aquifer; Ronnie Lane and Derek Boykins (8th) placed fourth in Wheeled Vehicle; and finally, Andy Fitzpatrick and Young Moon (8th) placed fourth in Reptiles & Amphibians and third place in Road Scholar.



Andrew Smith & Jonathan Lim with medals.

Next year, this event will be treated as a major challenge by the WCS Science Department. Faculty and students are already in preparation and will attempt to dominate the individual events.

2005-06 Wildcat Sports Recap

With the support of the WCS Athletic Association, our Wildcat sports teams under the leadership of outstanding coaches had a very successful year of competition.

- Football:** 6 W – 5 L District Playoffs
- Cross Country:** Team Qualified for State Meet
- Girl's Basketball:** 30 W – 9 L State Final Four
- Boy's Basketball:** 29 W – 7 L State Champions (14th)
- Girl's Soccer:** 9 W – 7 L District Playoffs
- Swimming:** Five Swimmers Qualified for State Meet
- Golf:** Team Qualified for Regional Meet
- Girl's Softball:** 11 W – 9 L State Final Four
- Tennis:** Four players Qualified for State Meet
- Girl's Track:** Runner-Up State Champions
- Boy's Track:** 3rd Place State Meet

Several graduates have been offered athletic scholarships to continue their education at the college level. Among those were Ope Amosu, Christina Ray, James Ewing, Amber Glenn, Michael Francois, Shanna Rutherford, George Russell, Brandon Greene, Harold Gordon and Correy Washington. These fine athletes join a host of WCS athletic alumni who proudly represent the Navy and Gold at colleges and universities across the United States. **Go Cats!**

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Upper & Lower School Teacher of the Year

WCS is blessed with outstanding Christian teachers in every position. Before making the presentations of "The Teacher of the Year" award, Executive Administrator Robert McCloy stated; *"I would feel comfortable making this award to everyone on our faculty!"*

Mrs. Joy Lacey was selected as the Lower School "Teacher of the Year." Mrs. Lacey is a veteran teacher at WCS with seventeen years of service, most of that time spent teaching third and fourth grades. Her given name "Joy" is indicative of the response her students and their parents have to her teaching. Mrs. Lacey really cares that her students grasp their lessons. She is consistently firm, yet a

loving teacher who is a role model for other teachers. "Joy" is truly committed to Christian education and WCS in particular. Mrs. Lacey is a graduate of Harding University, Searcy, AR.

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The Upper School "Teacher of the Year" was Mr. Nathan Lang. Mr. Lang as a second year teacher at WCS has won the respect of administration, faculty and students for his passion for teaching Chemistry. Mr. Lang's recognition goes beyond his work at WCS! He has been selected to be a counselor/teacher in the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars Program at the Johnson Space Center this summer. This is an outstanding honor and one that is well deserved. Mr. Lang and his wife Stephanie have two children and are both graduates of Harding University.



Mrs. Joy Lacey with her family present receives Lower School Teacher of the Year award from Mr. McCloy.



Mr. Nathan Lang, Upper School Science Teacher, accepts US Teacher of the Year award from Mr. McCloy.



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Alumni Notes

Class of 1988

John Lasater lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas with his wife Kara and four children. He works at DaySpring Cards designing greeting cards and also creates fine art paintings. His website is www.lasaterart.com. Contact John at johnl@dayspring.com.

Class of 1989

David Carter and wife, Courtney, have a baby girl Kennedy Grace Carter. David is president of Carter Capital Management, a financial planning firm in Houston, does expert witness consulting and is involved in real estate development. He and his wife met floating down the Guadeloupe River. Contact David at davidcarter@cartercapital.com.

Class of 1991

Robin (Aaron) Fugiel is a stay at home mom with her three children, Ashley 5, Amy 2 and Alex 7 months. Her new address is 1739 J Street Unit B, Grand Forks AFB, ND 58204 and her email address is Rmpfugiel@aol.com.

Mike Purvey can be reached at mptallwood@swbell.net.

Class of 1992

Leanne LaRocca would like to hear from her classmates at DRF4211@cs.com.

Class of 1996

Jason Campbell organized a WCS reunion for the class of '96. The event was held at WCS on June 2nd and 3rd. Jason is the head basketball coach at San Marcus Baptist Academy. Please contact him at coach_jcampbell@yahoo.com.

Class of 1997

Tran Nguyen graduated magna cum laude from Houston Baptist University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-medicine and Christianity. He received his Masters of Science in Health Administration in 2003. He currently attends medical school at Flinders University in South Australia, which is his home. Tran's email address is trantrnguyen@msn.com.

Class of 2000

David Balch graduated from Baylor University with a BA in American Studies in May 2005. He is married to Emily Shroff of Houston and currently teaches 3rd grade at South Waco Elementary. He is planning to lead a group of 10 college students from Baylor to Beirut, Lebanon on a mission trip this summer for one month. He traveled to Sri Lanka in January 2005 to help with tsunami relief and initiated a wristband campaign that raised over \$20,000 for a village his church is rebuilding in Sri Lanka. Feel free to contact him at David_Balch@baylor.edu and lives at 3123 Lasker, Waco, TX 76707.

Christine (McLendon) Vogler graduated from Texas A&M in May 2004 and married the same month. She is an Agricultural Science Teacher at Lexington High School in Lexington Texas and resides at 1707 CR 364, Caldwell, TX 77836. Her email is voglerc@lexington.isd.tenet.edu.

Thank you for sending alumni information. Our readers enjoy hearing from former students. Please continue to send updates to Janice Pearson at: jpearson@westburychristian.org

In Memory Of

Billie G. Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Weller
Arthur P. Bell
Mr. & Mrs. William Rabren
Mrs. Hilyer
Mr. & Mrs. William Rabren
Robert E. Megill
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Weller
Larry Nash
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Weller
Myrtle L. Oates
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Weller
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Dr. J B "Bill" Richardson
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Weller
Frank Richardson
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WCS Largest Graduating Class 2005-2006



WCS Senior Class 2005-06 (alphabetical presentation): Opeyemi Amosu, Nana Apenteng, Ashley Barrett, Lawrence Battle, Kevin Beard, Wendell Briggs, Michael Budno, Todd Burnett, Lindsey Calder, Jiaqi Chen, William Crouch, Allen Daniels, Hoang Dao, Paola Estrada, James Ewing, Brian Fagbemi, Katie Felts, Michael Francois, Jasper Garrett, Monice Garrett, Monica George, Amber Glenn, Herald Gordon, Brandon Greene, Jordan Hall, Meggan Hill, Brittany Hubbard, Nabeel Hussain, Patrick Jefferson, Campbell Jernigan, Min Kim, Christopher King, Aldrin Leyva, Liandi Li, Yu-Chia Lin, Bernadette Lockhart, Viridiana Maldonado, Daniel Mansour, Jeffrey Martin, Benedicte Matuszczak, Delfim Mawete, Beverly McDonald, Jonathan Miller, Jennifer Mills, Brittany Mitchell, Kelly Okorocho, Olanrewaju Oyekanmi, Alexander Paredes, Christina Ray, Blaire Robertson, George Russell, Shanna Rutherford, Simon Sanjoh, Marshall Scheirman, Nahum Shibeshi, Brandon Smith, Timothy Smith, Aaron Stinnett, Kayla Stroh, Samuel Waltemeyer, Correy Washington, Tyrone Willis, Daniel Wilson, Dong Yoo

Art Students Sweep

Mr. Robert McCloy, WCS head of school often says, *"Karen Keese is the best Art teacher in the state of Texas."* Proof of his statement is the consistent recognition Mrs. Keese's students receive for their work. Recently they entered a "logo" contest offered by Brays Oaks Management District. Art students from several local schools were invited to make submissions of which five would be chosen to be used in the organization's

new logo. WCS students made a complete sweep of all five! Each student received a \$50.00 cash award for their effort, plus their art work will be used in the final logo when it is completed by a professional artist. Congratulations go to Sydney Parker (8th), Samaria Mouton (10th), Hutch Hagendorf, Rachel Luquette, and Andrew Fitzpatrick all 7th graders.



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Around Campus

World Fair: Mrs. Bontrager's sixth grade students held their first World Fair at WCS. The students set up booths to display items and artifacts from the country they studied. Some booths offered a taste of an ethnic food item. According to Mrs. Bontrager, "The goal of the overall unit was to help students learn about the history, culture, and economy of countries around the world."



TAPPS Solo: Jay Gilbert (10th) received a Division One rating for his tuba solo at the State TAPPS Solo and Ensemble Competition in Abilene recently. This is the highest rating awarded and the first time in WCS history an instrumental soloist achieved this honor.

Jog: The annual Jog-a-thon was a great success. Students from all grades participated and they raised over \$24,000. Only one jogger lost their lunch! Everyone except this 3rd grader had a fun time. Corey Garza (2nd) was the top fund raiser this year with \$1050! The money will be used to buy new cafeteria tables and to lay sod in the courtyard.



TV Star? William Crouch (12th) was recently cast in a TV commercial with Houston Rockets basketball star Yao Ming! The only catch is the commercial will only air in China! William who stands 6'9" commented, "That guy is BIG!"

More Art: Samaria Mouton (10th) was selected as a "Gold Medal" winner for her art work submitted to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) School Art Program. This is a spectacular award considering there were over 300,000 art submissions to HLSR this year.



Honduras Coin Campaign: It is early to determine the final collection for this year, but according to Mr. Steve Hawley, WCS Bible teacher, our students are once

again very benevolent in helping the needy of the world. Students have faithfully donated their change. We believe that over \$10,000 will be raised to help orphans in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This marks the ninth year WCS students have surpassed their goal in this good work!



Interact Club: Approximately 25 students were active this school year in the Interact Club (IC), the high school affiliate of Rotary International. The IC participates in a variety of projects consisting of local, national, and international involvement. Every meeting starts with the pledge, prayer and the reciting of the Rotarian Four Way Test of the things members think, say and do!

WCS Student Honored as "Top Teen"



Mrs. Barbara Smith of Top Ladies, Mrs. Janet Willis, Tyrone Willis and Mr. Robert McCloy, WCS Executive Administrator.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. honored WCS senior **Tyrone Willis** by donating a park bench to the school for his work in a local chapter of Top Teens of America. Top Ladies and Top Teens are national community service organizations who encourage and direct activities for teens who are actively involved in the community. Tyrone has accumulated enumerable hours of community service during his high school career thus leading to this honor. The park bench will be placed in the Upper School "Partain Library."