

# LIONS SHARE

LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2021-2022





Legacy Christian Academy  
exists to **equip the mind and disciple the heart** of each student for **Christ-like living**.

Legacy Christian Academy  
fulfills its mission through focusing on our  
**5 Core Values:**



Christ  
Centered



Academically  
Excellent



Student  
Focused



Strong  
Relationships



Partnering  
with Parents

LEGACY'S LEADERSHIP



**BACK ROW:** MR. JOEL NYDAM, PreK-4 Principal | MR. JAKE MULVIHILL, Head of School | MR. NATHAN BELLEFEUILLE, Athletic Director | MR. DENNIS ZWIRCHITZ, Advancement Director | MR. ROBERT LYNN ATKINSON, 7-12 Principal

**FRONT ROW:** MRS. LIBBY MANION, 5-8 Principal | MRS. LYNDA DOMINO, Admissions & Family Relations Director | MRS. SARAH KLAWITER, Director of Operations



# Letter from Legacy's HEAD OF SCHOOL



The 2021-2022 school year was a year of strategy and strengthening for Legacy Christian Academy.

We announced our new **5-Year Strategic Plan, Courageous Faith: Magnifying God's Sovereignty**, and took the first steps toward implementing that plan. Much of last year laid the groundwork for

our current **Ascending Together Campaign** and moved our mission forward while **staying true to Christ and His Word**.

Last year began the diligent research to implement another layer to our school safety. This year we are proud to be the first school in Minnesota to install the **ASR Alert System** in every room of our school. Last year we outlined a plan to further **establish a unique middle school identity**. We started the 2022-23 school year with our new Middle School Principal, Libby Manion. Last year we budgeted for **Student Life Coordinators at every division level** to focus

on leadership development and spiritual formation. This year we welcomed two additional staff into our building to guide and nurture our children in Christ's love and wisdom.

Each of these initiatives, and many others, that we prepared for and achieved has strengthened us as a school and community. It was a **year of maturing** and taking **bold steps of faith** in our strategic plan. We continue to see God's faithfulness as we educate our students with truth rather than lies, support our families, and guide students in Christ-like character so that they are prepared for lives of maximum Kingdom impact. I hope you enjoy seeing how God is at work in the lives of our students and our community in our Annual Report. Thank you for being a part of Legacy's **continued journey**.

JAKE MULVIHILL, Head of School

## 2022-23 FACULTY & STAFF AT-A-GLANCE

52%

Full-Time Faculty with Master's Degree

15:1

Faculty to Student Ratio (*Full-Time & Part-Time*)

840

Total Years of Instructional Experience

16.15

Average Years of Instructional Experience

75

Full-Time Faculty & Staff

26

Part-Time Faculty & Staff



### SERVICE AWARDS

YEARS

35

Tirzah Gerber

30

Patti Bollinger

25

Darla Behrens

15

Teri Pierro, Ben McGowan

10

Chris Schomburg,  
Paul Lindgren

5

Nathan Bellefeuille, Carissa  
Christenson, Tiffany Kubly





# GET TO KNOW

## LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



### ENROLLMENT 2022-23

**785** STUDENTS

**100**  
PreK

**269**  
Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup>

**201**  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**215**  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

### AVG. CLASS SIZE

**10** PreK

**23** Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup>

**24** 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**21** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>



### COMMUNITY

**36**

Cities  
Represented

**113**

Churches  
Represented

### ADVANCEMENT

**108** MEMBERS OF THE  
INVESTORS CIRCLE

**1088** Total Gifts Given

**\$801,166** Total Annual Giving (2021- 2022)

**436** Mane Event Participants

**144** 2022 Spring Golf Scramble Participants

**514** 2022 Gala Attendees





## ACADEMICS

31

COLLEGE CREDITS  
OFFERED ON CAMPUS

29.5 Average ACT Score  
for Top 25%

140 Different Colleges LCA  
Grads Have Attended

67 High School Courses  
Offered at LCA

33 Electives Offered



## WHERE DO OUR GRADUATES GO?

90%  
College

10%  
Missions, Military,  
Work, Gap Year

## EXTRACURRICULARS

39 High School Activities | 18 Middle School Activities

73% Participation in Grades 9-12 | 82% in Grades 5-8

75 Athletic Conference Championships

33 MSHSL State Tournament Appearances

6 MSHSL Team State Championships | 3 Individual Championships

76 All-State Athletes

12 Band & Choir All-State Awards

32 Performances (Drama & Music) Per Year

26 Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Awards







## CORE VALUE | Christ Centered

### A DEVOTION TO DISCIPLESHIP

**A**t the outset of the 2021-2022 school year, Todd Kardell faced the unique challenge of fulfilling the role of Student Life Coordinator for elementary, middle, and high school. Recognizing the trajectory of growth in Legacy's future and acknowledging the mounting pressures for students today, the leadership team outlined a clear step in the 5-year Strategic Plan: Courageous Faith that supported the Christ-Centered core value - hire more Student Life Coordinators.

Joining Todd Kardell this year are two new faces: Josh Smith as the Middle School Student Life Coordinator and Allyson Mancuso as the Elementary Student Life Coordinator. With this role at every division, spiritual growth is specialized for each developmental stage of students from PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade. These leaders are commissioned to focus on the faith development of Legacy students

*"We know that the Holy Spirit is going to work, and we want to be faithful in what he calls us to. But we recognize that if there is more we can do, we want to make sure that can happen. Now we can with three Student Life Coordinators."*

TODD KARDELL  
High School Student Life Coordinator

and to be intentional about providing opportunities and personal support that promotes spiritual growth and faithfulness in all aspects of life.

As these positions continue to seek God's continual leading at Legacy, by His grace they are excited to pursue increased opportunities for students to lead, serve, identify their calling, and to be ministers of the gospel to each other and to the world around them.



Middle School Discipleship girls serve at Feed My Starving Children.



Students pray together during See You At the Pole.



## LOVING LIKE CHRIST ON THE GOLF COURSE

Legacy's own Boyd Huppert Land of 10,000 Stories tale began on the Girls State Tournament golf course in 2021. Emily Brandt, class of '24 and a freshman at the time, was experiencing uncanny failure on hole 14, scoring one over the par 5 hole's number – a 15. Each time she swung, the ball sailed into the water. Even Emily herself would admit that she had never played this poorly before, and at the State Tournament even.

However, with each swing, God was moving mightily. Because of her playing, Emily landed the earliest tee off of the State Tournament morning, which at the time seemed unfortunate, but as Emily played the round, a crowd began to gather, not around Emily, but around a man who was in tears watching Emily play.

Justin Holtan found himself at the State Tournament that his daughter would have qualified for if she had not tragically died in a collision with a

semi truck just five months prior. His daughter Macy Jo had been sixteen at the time, and like Emily she was an excellent student and had participated in golf and performing arts. Not only were their interests similar, but to Justin they looked the same.

Emily had the same golf clubs, mannerisms, head cover, and glasses as Macy Jo. When Justin met Emily and the Brandt family, he explained the similarities and his captivation with her identical swing. When he had seen Emily during the practice round the day before, he thought, "That's my daughter." It took his breath away. The Brandts then gathered around Justin, hugging and crying, and then they prayed together.

Since then, the families have stayed in touch, and when Emily made it to the State Tournament in 2022, Justin was there to cheer her on again. It was such a blessing for him to follow her round and walk the final holes with

her. And when Emily was announced as the Individual State Champion, Justin couldn't have been more proud.

God moves in remarkable ways. Emily's dad, Jeremy, reflects, "After we met Justin back in 2021, it was so clear why Emily had scored a 15. God had a plan. Any other score, and she would have played in a different group that day, and Justin never would've gotten to watch her play." But instead, the Brandt family was able to minister and share the love of Christ on the golf course.

*"When we compete at a State tournament where people can see the gifts that we have from Christ, people are really impacted by us."*

EMILY BRANDT '24



Justin holds a photo of Macy Jo while taking a photo with Emily.







## CORE VALUE | Academically Excellent

### LEGACY'S ROBOTICS TEAM LEVELS UP TO WORLDS

For many members of the LCA Robotics team, 8516 Wired Up, they had no idea what they were getting into when they competed at the 10,000 Lakes Regional at Williams Arena for their first-ever competition. At Regionals, 65 teams were split into randomly selected Alliances, made up of three school teams and their robots, for six rounds of qualifying matches, which included not only the technical components of robotics but demonstrating the business components of their project as well. At the end of the qualifying matches, teams competed in a playoff round where the top-ranked teams picked two other teams to join their Alliance.

Team Wired Up was chosen by the #1 seed in the last round of the draft for their robot's excellent climbing abilities. The newly-formed Alliance competed in the final round of the event and won the 10,000 Lakes Regional. With this

*"My biggest takeaway from Houston is that it pushed me outside my comfort zone, from meeting with other teams to discuss strategy to speaking in front of judges. Robotics has taught me valuable life skills that can be applied in the future."*

ANNA STROMBURG '24

win, Legacy qualified for the FIRST Worlds Competition in Houston, Texas.

At Worlds, there were over 500 teams competing from around the world. Out of the 500 teams, only six first-year rookie teams competed in the event, one of which was Legacy. In a pool of 75 teams, Team Wired Up competed and finished the event ranked 35. Their high ranking in the pool earned them the Highest Seeded Rookie Team Award – an impressive feat for a small Christian school from Andover, Minnesota.



Elementary students learn the basics of voting through a fun class project.



## NEW W.I.N. PROGRAM LIVES UP TO ITS ACRONYM

**L**ast year, the elementary initiated W.I.N. Time, which stands for What I Need. The goal of this new program is to take literacy and mathematical concepts and use data to place students where their needs will best be met to remediate, support, or extend their learning.

W.I.N time occurs every Tuesday to Thursday throughout the day for each 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade level, with an optional Friday W.I.N. time depending on what students need. During this time, all students from one grade level are intentionally dispersed between classroom teachers and academic specialists to address a specific concept. The time may be used to reteach with one specialist, to tackle a concept in a new way with a classroom teacher, or to link more than one concept together with another teacher. Students love this instruction time with different teachers, and many appreciate the additional movement

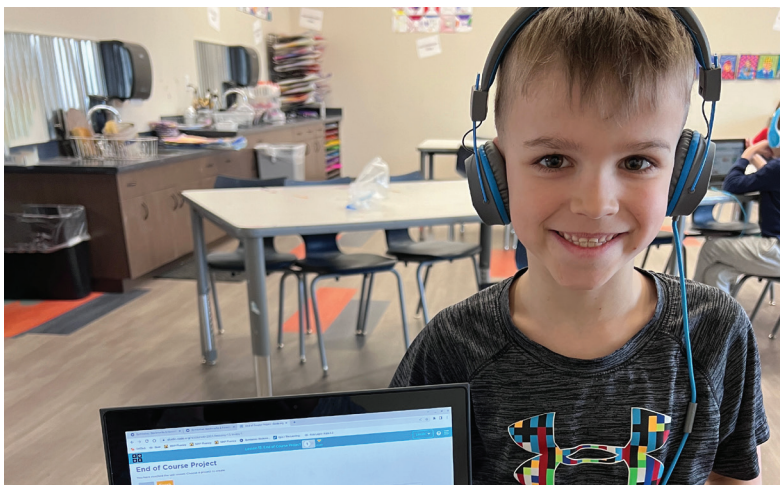
that comes with traveling to a new area of the building for their W.I.N. Time.

In order to provide an exceptional student W.I.N. Time, the elementary schedule was slightly restructured to generate a twenty-five minute meeting time for grade-level teachers at the start of the year. These teachers now have a common time in their schedule where they can gather, discuss teacher observations, assess student data that is tracked routinely, and plan what that W.I.N. time will look like for each student throughout the week. This time has also encouraged collegial questioning and collaboration among elementary teachers.

This program has truly focused the elementary on improving each student while also maximizing each teacher's skills and gifts. It's a win-win for everybody!

*"Though we are growing as a school, we are still small enough that we can specialize in helping each student and really focus on accomplishing the mission of our school daily by meeting the needs of every student. W.I.N. Time allows us to do just that."*

TIFFANY KUBLY  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher



1<sup>st</sup> Grade student is the first student ever at Legacy to complete the entire code.org unit, which is a coding/programming website.







## CORE VALUE | Student Focused

### SECURITY IS TOP PRIORITY AT LEGACY

**L**egacy Christian Academy partnered with Convergent to install the ASR Alert Systems to deploy a solution that supports the safety of our students and staff through a state-of-the-art emergency response technology.

ASR Alert Systems is a patented, cutting-edge critical incident response technology, specializing in the field of alert notifications to law enforcement and first responders. The system is designed to allow communication directly with law enforcement with the press of a button, reducing response times for better crisis management in the event of a violent incident.

Timing and accurate information are key elements in a critical incident. Law enforcement must be able to quickly obtain real-time information to interact with its school partners ensuring they successfully navigate a situation. With the ASR Alert Systems in place, Legacy Christian Academy,

*“Safety and security continue to be top priorities at Legacy Christian Academy, and because of this commitment, we are the first Minnesota school to install the ASR Alert System. It will put everyone, including first responders, on the same page in a matter of seconds.”*

JAKE MULVIHILL  
Head of School

law enforcement, and dispatch can work as one to make this happen.

The successful deployment of the ASR Threat Alert System solution gives students and staff the ability to summon help in an emergency with the simple push of a button. By integrating this technology with current response policies and procedures, Legacy is able to react immediately and effectively should a crisis strike.



An ASR Police button is installed in every single classroom at Legacy.



## BEAUTIFUL PREK REMODEL STARTED WITH AN IDEA

In the spring of 2021, Lynda Domino, the current Admissions and Family Relations Director, met with designer Mark Yeager to envision what the PreK area could look like if remodeled. The designated PreK space was quite dated at the time with wall paneling and flooring from the 70s. It looked dark and dreary, and it definitely did not feel as inviting as Lynda Domino desired for the PreK students at Legacy. The PreK space was in desperate need of a remodel.

In addition, the leadership team wanted the entire PreK program to be housed in one area rather than across the whole campus. Placing the entire program at the bottom of the main office stairs made the space accessible for everyone and near the previously constructed Playhouse room built by Mark Domino, so with a vision and dream, Lynda Domino applied for a few grants and sought donated labor. Mark Domino then set to the construction

plans for the new remodel, and after a summer of hard work, the space was opened for PreK students fall of 2021.

Each designed room was carefully imagined to feel inviting and fun for children, regardless of the room they were assigned to at the start of the year. And with such vibrant spaces it is hard to choose a favorite: Town, Ocean, Jungle, Playhouse – each room is unique and special for the students that learn in these beautiful spaces every single day.

*“We play in the kitchen [under the ark]. We play Family. I’m the puppy.”*

*“I’m the sister.”*

*“And I’m the daddy.”*

TATUM SKOG, OLIVIA DAY,  
AND BOWEN WESTPHAL  
PreK Students

Town Room »  
Before



« Rendering of  
Town Room



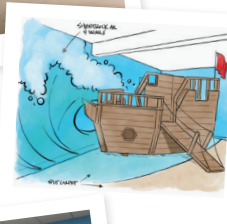
Town Room »  
After



« Ocean Room  
Before



Rendering of »  
Ocean Room



« Ocean Room  
After



The Baron and Baroness in LCA's Spring Musical,  
Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang



5<sup>th</sup> Grade students rock climb on the annual  
Deep Portage trip.





## CORE VALUE | Strong Relationships

### COFFEE AND COMMUNITY

The 2021-2022 school year brought new excitement to Legacy with the grand opening of the Legacy Christian Academy Café. The LCA Café holds a crucial job as the new focal point for building community among classmates and bringing together both faculty and students. The LCA Café brought new excitement to Legacy Christian Academy by being a safe environment where students can get to know each other along with creating relationships between students and faculty. Overall, the LCA Café is not only a place to stop and have a great cup of coffee, but also a place where encouraging community and long-lasting friendships can be built. In the end, the LCA Café has surpassed all hopes and goals and has become exactly what it was created to become.

-Written by Olivia Friesen '23



*"What I love the most are the conversations, community, and relationships we have built with students over a coffee drink."*

TONI JOHNSON  
Café Manager



The LCA Café welcomes volunteer baristas from student TAs to parents to serve the Legacy community.





## MIDDLE SCHOOL ANTICIPATES NEW LEADER

Creating a clear, unified middle school identity is a priority outlined in the 5-year Strategic Plan: Courageous Faith, and the new Middle School Principal, Libby Manion, helps make that a reality for Legacy!

This is a significant change for middle school. Until 2022, the middle school division was separated between 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade under the leadership of the elementary principal and high school principal. Now, these students have one leader and one vision.

With a clearly defined middle school, the leadership team is now able to focus specifically on the developmental needs of middle school students from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. These students need to know their identity in Christ, which is built on Biblical truth. They must have opportunities to explore passions,

experience failure, and develop grit as well. Finally, these students need to be exposed to multi-modal types of learning so that they know how to learn.

In this new role, Libby Manion believes it is pivotal for a middle school principal



Libby Manion

to be present in classrooms, the lunch room, and as visible as possible so that students know that they are being led. So that they can say, "Someone is leading us."

This additional position not only allows the elementary and high school principals to give focused attention to one area but also allows Legacy to maximize administrators' God-given skills in the areas that they are gifted and have a passion for leading. And Libby Manion is no exception.

*"I love her personality, how she listens, and she is different from every other principal I have had."*

LORELAI FLERMOEN '27



Student Ambassadors greet new families at the annual New Family BBQ.







## CORE VALUE | Partnering with Parents

### WEDNESDAY CHAPELS

*“Attending Wednesday Chapels is important to me because I can hear first hand what my kids are learning so that we can talk about it at home.”*

KELLIE HALLSTROM  
Parent

The heartbeat of Legacy shines on a Wednesday morning. All students PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade cycle through the Meadow Creek Worship Center to gather as a community, participate in worship, and hear a Biblically grounded message from a speaker. Every LCA chapel is open for parents and families to join in this special time, and remarkably, between 30 and 50 parents join on a weekly basis. This unique opportunity to partner with parents allows families to feel connected with the school and hear what their kids are learning. In an ever shifting culture, it is invaluable for children to see their parents worship the Lord, and Wednesday Chapels give parents that opportunity to worship alongside their children.



Elementary chapel offers a song of praise to the Lord.



## LAUNCHING LEGACY'S APP FOR FAMILIES

At the start of the 2021-2022 school year, Legacy launched the Legacy FACTS Family App so that parents and students can have the most important Legacy information at their fingertips. The Legacy App gives parents and students mobile access to the things that matter most: Checking the day's events, adding funds for lunch, reporting an absence, registering for extra-curriculars, checking student schedules and grades, even reporting suspicious on-campus behavior (CHIRP-360).

After downloading the app through the app store, parents and students can sync their FACTS accounts to access the FACTS Family Directory, a student's schedule, and the gradebook. Because of this mobile accessibility, communication with

families became more direct and convenient. Families also have access to other important resources like the lunch menu, Legacy Apparel store, athletics webpage, financial accounts, and Legacy's website. Filling out forms simplified through the app as well. Whether it is a volunteer form or registering for an event like the Mane Event or the Golf Scramble, the app streamlines the experience for Legacy families.



At the heart of the app is a desire to continue to improve channels of communication with the families that attend Legacy. The app allows faculty and staff to communicate clearly and immediately, thus partnering with parents and students on a unique, technological platform.

*"The Legacy App has been amazing. I love being able to easily see the lunch menu and also keep updated on grades. It's really helped us stay informed on all things Legacy!"*

JESSICA RYLANDER  
Parent



Jungle themed Teacher Appreciation Week  
organized by the LPA



# STRATEGIC PLAN

Legacy embarked on a new 5-year Strategic Plan: Courageous Faith in 2021. The Strategic Plan focuses on six initiatives: grow in spiritual formation, deepen our academic roots, wise stewardship for multi-generational change, missional growth and stability, master site plan with phased

expansions, and middle school identity. These initiatives have become a roadmap to guide Legacy in courageous faith. However, as in any journey, there are checkpoints where we must stop to celebrate what God has already done before looking forward and preparing for the next steps.



## GROW IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- ☒ Student Life Coordinators hired in every division
- ☐ Create new Legacy Period/Leadership Affinity Group program
- ☐ Research Senior missions trip options
- ☐ Research and identify a spiritual assessment tool to gather data around our desired spiritual outcomes in our Profile of a Graduate

**COMPLETE!**



## DEEPEN OUR ACADEMIC ROOTS

- ☒ Expanded the Innovation Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- ☐ Enhance our math academic intervention program for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade



## WISE STEWARDSHIP FOR MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHANGE

- ☒ Updated all cameras within the school and installed ASR police response buttons in every room
- ☒ Director of Operations and Marketing now two separate roles
- ☐ Finalize a professional growth, conversation, and compensation model for staff salaries and benefits
- ☐ Train and implement professional learning communities among faculty and staff



Science Lab



Innovation Lab





## MISSIONAL GROWTH AND STABILITY

- ☒ Created a comprehensive philanthropy plan
- ☒ Launched the Legacy Mobile App
- ☒ Opened the LCA Café
- ☐ Incrementally increase enrollment size to 950 students with the New Academic Building



## MASTER SITE PLAN WITH PHASED EXPANSIONS

- ☒ Worked with Meadow Creek Church to get Phase 1, the New Academic Building, approved for expansion
- ☒ Designed and funded new playground
- ☐ Raise \$10.5M in the Ascending Together Campaign



## MIDDLE SCHOOL IDENTITY

- ☒ Middle School Principal hired
- ☐ Create dedicated middle school space with the New Academic Building



New Classroom



Commons Area



# Letter from the CHAIRMAN

Dear Legacy Families:

What a year it has been as God continues to show His favor on our school!

The Legacy school board is so proud of how our administration, faculty, and staff executed the first year of our new five-year strategic plan in 2021-22! You will see the achievements and God's blessings scattered throughout this year's annual report.

Enrollment continues to grow along with our waiting pools at most grade levels and while that is a blessing and a tremendous opportunity to help us meet the goals of our strategic plan and enhance student experiences, the Board wants you to know that we are committed to vigorously protecting what makes our school so wonderful...accomplishing our mission for students, preserving and defending a Biblical worldview, and maintaining our strong community feel for families.

And as God leads us, we are humbled by the greatness of His plans and His provision through our amazing community at Legacy. We are so excited to be heading into our Ascending Together comprehensive campaign which will raise funds for three priority areas: A new 29,000 square foot education wing that will be home for our middle school division; the Endowment, which will be used to ensure Christian education at Legacy continues to be accessible to all families God leads to our doorstep; and the Legacy Fund, which is used to enhance current student experiences here at Legacy. Make sure to keep up on all these incredible blessings and see how you can participate at [ascendingtogether.lcamn.org](https://ascendingtogether.lcamn.org)!

Thank you for your partnership in helping us equip the mind and disciple the heart of each student for Christ-like living!

In His Service,

BRIAN BOVEE, School Board Chair

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School Board Chair



JEN NISKA  
Board Vice Chair



SCOTT COLESTOCK  
School Board Treasurer



PAULA HEPPNER  
School Board Secretary



ALAN PUE  
School Board Member



BEN MINKS  
School Board Member



PEGGY SCOTT  
School Board Member



EVAN SCHIEBOUT  
School Board Member



JAKE MULVIHILL  
Head of School



THE NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING will be situated on the West side of our current facility.



# Alumni Highlight: A LEGACY THROUGH THE YEARS



In 1962, Larry and Arlyce Morrell founded a trucking company with strong Christian values and would then raise six children with the same principles guiding their everyday lives. At the time, Arlyce saw the necessity for Christian education and diligently prayed for an opportunity to send their children to a Christian school. Meadow Creek Christian School was a clear answer to prayer. She said, "When I drove onto that property, it seemed as though I was on hallowed ground."

Since that initial prayer, the legacy of the Morrell family has continued throughout the history of MCCA and into Legacy Christian Academy. Of the six siblings, three married MCCA alumni. Arlyce and Larry Morrell would also watch four of twenty-three grandchildren graduate from MCCA, and two grandchildren would marry alumni. And now, five great-grandchildren attend Legacy Christian Academy as well.

Trent Morrell, one of the six original siblings and a current owner of Morrell Transfer, recalls the guidance of John Delich, Mike Mignard, and Brian Budish during his time at MCCA. They taught the importance of a genuine faith, exemplary work ethic, and excellence.

These values instilled in the Morrell family are evident in their family-owned business as well. Trent writes, "My father, Larry V. Morrell, founded this trucking company with the belief that Christian values would be an essential cornerstone." A company shaped by Christian values has done everything for the Morrell company. Because God is our provider and sustainer, the Morrell family looks to Him for direction, guidance, and wisdom. With a legacy of Christ-centered business ethics, reliable service, and an excellent return on investment for their customers, it is no surprise countless companies throughout the United States rely on Morrell to transport their products year after year.

A recent family photo of the original Morrell family with Larry and Arlyce at the center.



Tami '81



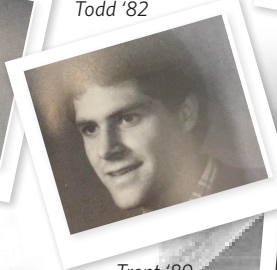
Todd '82



Terry '85



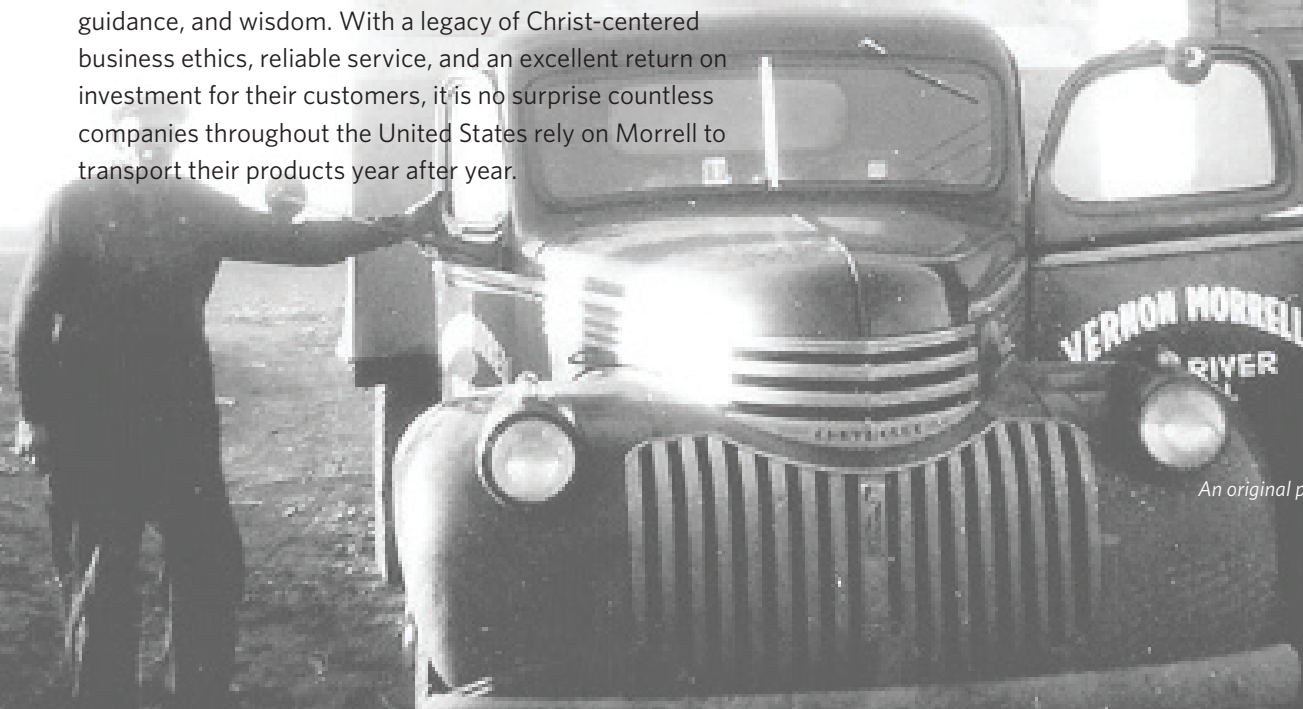
Troy '87



Trent '89



Tracie '92

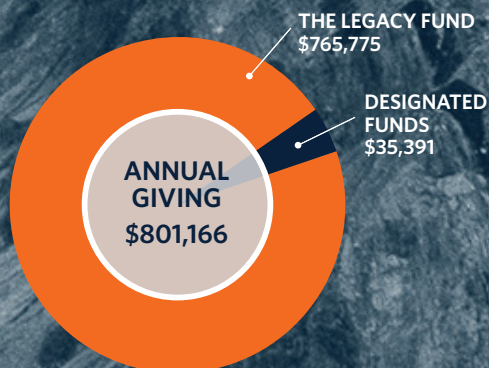
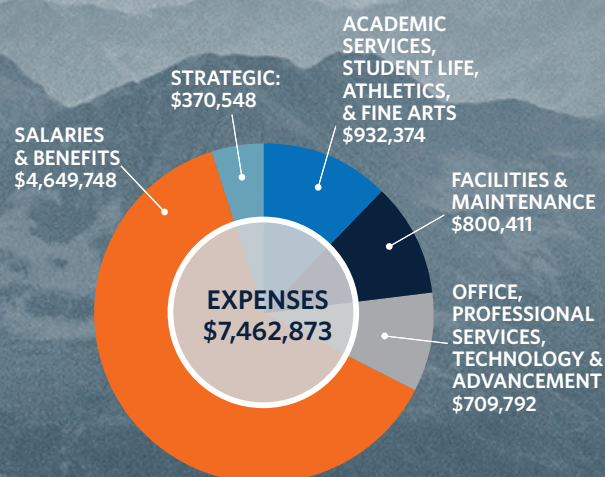
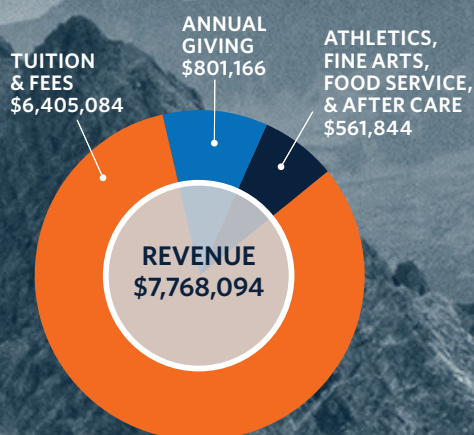


An original photo of the Morrell trucking company in Elk River, MN.



## THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Because of you, Legacy has far surpassed our 2021-22 goals in gifts beyond all that we could have hoped or imagined! The launch of the annual Legacy Fund was a huge success! Your gifts elevated, expanded, and enhanced student experiences far beyond what tuition alone can provide. Thank you for impacting the life of a child and advancing the mission of Legacy Christian Academy.





# Launching the LEGACY FUND

**A**t the outset of the 2021-2022 school year, the Advancement Department launched the Legacy Fund as a direct way to elevate, expand, and enhance current student experiences. Tuition covers 100% of operational expenses as well as all student field trips and camps like Deep Portage, Camp Shamineau, and even the future international senior missions trip. The Legacy Fund focuses on additional innovation, infrastructure, and scholarship investments for Legacy students.

In order to systematize asks, all fundraising now channels through the Advancement Department for the benefit of Legacy Christian Academy and is limited to only 2 asks in the year – the fall Legacy Fund ask and the spring Gala. With only two predictable asks during the year, the hope is that the

Legacy community feels honored and confident in their charitable giving and donors are able to see the direct ways their gifts have impacted the community.

*Under this new model, the Legacy community generously gave to the Legacy Fund, far exceeding the goal of only \$450,000 and instead gave a grand total of \$765,774.65! What a blessing for our students.*

At the heart of this reframing, Legacy's administration is committed to financial stewardship, developing a philanthropic culture, and sound fundraising practices while still cultivating student hearts of servanthood and leadership, encouraging the generosity of our donors, and providing an exceptional student experience at Legacy.

GOAL \$450,000

\$765,775

FUNDS RECEIVED!

## 2021-22 Legacy Fund Purchases

- ✗ Piloting a drone building and racing program
- ✗ Middle school student shed prototype design and build
- ✗ Resident Chromebooks for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
- ✗ Cordless microphones for Drama
- ✗ New playground
- ✗ Outfitting the middle school science lab
- ✗ Camp Learn-A-Lot
- ✗ Master Site Plan
- ✗ Choir chairs
- ✗ Enhancing the student experience in athletics
- ✗ Funding the expansion of the academic intervention program
- ✗ Scholarships - making a Legacy education possible for others
- ✗ Establishing an Endowment

**PURCHASED!**





# CLASS OF 2022



**31** Graduates

**39%** Originals (attending K-12)

**26%** Served on missions trips

**6,000+** hours serving or mentoring

**17** Graduated with honors (GPA of 3.5+)

**13** National Honors Society Members

**\$1.7** Million offered in post-graduation scholarships

**478** College credits earned in onsite PSEO

**90%** Extracurricular participation

**8** All Conference/All Conference Honorable Mention awards

**2** All-State recipients

**6** Conference Championships

**3** State Tournament appearances



*“Legacy taught me wisdom and kindness, not to mention all the subjects in class. The gifts this school helped me develop go far beyond the classroom.”*

RAYMOND HOFFMAN '22



# MANE MOMENTS



1. Legacy opens its doors with a new PreK remodel!
2. The annual orange carpet is rolled out for our traditional Back-2-School celebration for the 2021-22 school year.
3. The long-anticipated LCA Café finally opens for the first time to the community!
4. Mane Event 2021 welcomes 436 registered participants to its starting line for a record breaking attendance.
5. Legacy hires a Strength and Conditioning Coach, George Obitz, to further elevate our state-of-the-art weight lifting facility.
6. Varsity Volleyball advances to the Class A State Tournament at the Excel Energy Center and wins the Class A Consolation Championship against Breckenridge taking 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.
7. The Drama Department hosts mystery dessert theater performances of *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie for the first time in LCA's history.
8. The yearbook staff earns Honors as Belfour National Sample Book. The 2020-21 yearbook has been showcased as an example in schools across the nation.
9. Annual slime sale is a success once again! 500 Packets of slime are sold in just 45 minutes.
10. K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students crush their reading goal with over 270,000 minutes collectively read!
11. Mrs. Janna Hub is a Minndependent STEM/Innovation Grant recipient for \$5,000.
12. A new March Math Madness tradition begins! Activities include math problem tickets, estimation stations, and math fact brackets. In total, 1,914 daily March Math Madness tickets are compiled!
13. After winning Regionals, the LCA Robotics team heads to Worlds in Texas.
14. Top Secret Prom theme closes out the 2021-22 school year.
15. Impressive Art Show features student artwork from every single art student PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
16. Girls Golf named Class A State Champions and Emily Brandt '24 is named Individual Champion.





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## Profile of a GRADUATE



Our Profile of a Legacy Graduate explains our desired student outcomes and as a result impacts the way we teach our classes, invest in our students, and make decisions. Legacy recognizes that achieving these outcomes in the lives of LCA students is impossible without the commitment of the students and the help of the Holy Spirit. Legacy will partner with parents; create an academically excellent, Christ-centered environment; provide opportunities for growth; and plant the seeds for God to transform and work in the lives of our students.