

Alumni Newsletter

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Campus News

The commencement for the thirtyninth graduating class of Woodcrest Christian High School was held, like many before it, at Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside. And all of the normal elements were part of the picture for the eighty graduates. Seniors shared music and memories, awards were given out, pictures were shown, diplomas were given,



Valedictorians Kaitlyn San Diego & Justin Myhre hold plagues honoring their achievement.

and tassels turned. But with all the joy and celebration of a milestone reached, there was an undercurrent of sobriety as the graduates recognized that they walked across the stage minus one of their number. Christopher Adams had succumbed to his rhabdomyosarcoma in January, and a robe was placed on a seat in his memory. As God's people, we have the hope of seeing Chris again. Please pray for the family as they struggle with their grief.

When the year ended, a number of faculty decided to pursue new forms of ministry. After 20 years at WCS (and a number previous to that at RCDS), English teacher Mrs. Linda Musser opted to retire. The lure of grandkids was really strong. Another long timer with two stints on WCSS staff was Choral Director Mrs. Candy Fodera. In her most recent tenure she notched 11 years, but add seven years to that from



Mrs. Linda Musser taught at both of our campuses during the course of her career.

when she taught in the '90's. The choir has been spectacular under her leadership. Alumni will be interested to learn that she is being replaced by Ben Halsne (2007). After four

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Key Dates
Oct. 31 - 21st Annual Golf Tournament Dec. 1-3 20th Annual Lady Royals Invitational Dec. 8-10 20th Annual Woodcrest Invitational Jan. 21 - Homecoming

years teaching history, Miss Martha Lambert decided to try something new. She was joined by good buddies Miss Megan Prosper and Mrs. Mabel Beltran who each served three years. Miss Prosper taught art and introduced a ceramics class this year, but felt the urge to be a commercial artist, and Mrs. Beltran will have her first baby just about when school starts and wants to give the little one her primary attention. After three years at the helm of the High School, Principal Kevin Flye moved on to CBU to help supervise Title IX compliance. Finally, first year teachers Mr. Randy Whaley (History), Mr. Gabe Estrada (Bible), Miss Kelly Mahoney (MS English), and Miss Susie Hernandez (PE) sensed God's leading elsewhere. We are thankful for what each of these contributed to the lives of countless Woodcrest Christian students as well as what the short timers also passed on to their charges.

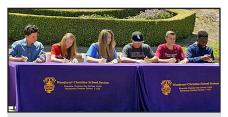
Sports

Athletics continued to flourish in the past school year, and Woodcrest Christian High school narrowly retained possession of the Ambassador Cup, given to the school whose combined record in the Ambassador League ranked the highest.

Fall

In the fall the girls' volleyball team picked up right where they had left off the previous year. After a solid performance in preseason matches, the girls ran through the Ambassador League without a defeat. Led by Tesa Oaks (Jr.), an impressive and powerful outside hitter, and Anna Stevenson (Sr.), a libero that seemed to dig everything, they moved into CIF playoffs. In that bigger pond, they knocked off Banning, Nipomo, and Hemet until they were swept by Templeton in the semi-finals. Coach Teri James had to be proud of their 22-6 season.

Turning to the boys' volleyball



Six WCHS seniors sign letters of intent to play sports at the college level.

team, they were back on top again. In his second year of leading the squad, coach Laird Musich ('01) led the boys volleyball team to an undefeated season. Though a couple matches were closer than they might have been, setter Cameron Albee (Jr.) and Pierce Chupek (Jr.) got the ball to Alex Wright (Jr.) and a series of other hitters and got the job done. In the post-season tournament, they put the dot on the exclamation point by sweeping La Sierra Academy in the finals. With no seniors on the team, the prospects for next year look promising. However, a big change is in store for them. Though Woodcrest Christian was one of the founding members of the Inland Coast League back in the late eighties, the decision was made to have them join the Ambassador League and play in the spring where boys volleyball normally occurs. To fill in a boys sport in the fall, the administration decided to begin a football program, and WCHS will be participating in six-man flag football with a number of local Adventist schools.

Cross Country began a whole new era as rookie head coach Eric Reynolds ('90) took over the squad from hall of famer Billy York. What Coach Reynolds saw from his runners was a work ethic that led to yet another league championship for both girls and boys. Then in CIF, the teams continued to improve through pre-lims, finals, and the state meet. In that Thankgiving weekend contest, the boys captured Fourth Place and the girls took home Sixth. On the boys' side Michael Conant (Sr.) initially led the way, but as injuries slowed him down, juniors Bryson Bradford and

JP Reynolds took over. For the girls, junior Marissa Thompson was clearly the standout, even though illness brought a sub-par performance at state. The task for Coach Reynolds in the 2016-17 campaign will be to develop supporting cast members behind these outstanding juniors.

The classic comment would be that it was a "rebuilding year," and with seniors departing and others not returning, the girls' tennis team was definitely young and short of experience. But the 2-10 record doesn't give the full picture because in almost every case, they markedly improved in the second round of league play. The most notable example is found in their matches against Linfield. In the first round, Linfield easily dismissed them 5-13, but when it came time to play again, the Lady Royals fought them to a 9-9 tie and only lost on a 69-71 game tally. One standout on the squad was Lauren Blount (Sr.) who garnered First Team All-League recognition. Coach Evan Perry has been investing time since the season concluded to continue the improvement process, and he is excited about the future.

Winter

As the weather turned (somewhat) cooler, the winter sports teams took their place. Out on the pitch, the **girls' soccer team** struggled. With a dearth of quality players, they ended the season with three losses and could only manage a 7-12-1 record (4-10 in league). Some consolation can be found in the fact that the team was very young and they should improve in time. One bright note came with the performance of Ariana Flores (Fr.) whose 22 goals led the team.

The **boys' soccer squad** looked much stronger. After winning the pre-season Linfield Tournament, they went on to take first place in Ambassador League play with a 12-0-2 mark. Garrett Perry (Jr.) was a key contributor with 16 goals for the season, but when he went down with

injuries, it really hampered the team. Mitchell Maberry (Sr.) helped as he put 13 into the net, but after defeating Crean Lutheran in a shootout to break a tie, they fell to Maranatha 0-1 in the next round.

Inside on the court, the boys' basketball team again seemed to have the better of it. Led by Alex Wright (Jr.) and Hezekiah Banks (Sr.), they made a strong showing in preseason tournaments, defeating Arlington and Corona in the Hillcrest Tournament with the identical score of 52-51. In the Ambassador League, they captured the title with a 13-1 record, the single loss to Aquinas avenged by a 72-20 win in the second round. Then, both games against Linfield were onepoint affairs, the second of which went into overtime. When it came time for CIF playoffs, they notched wins against the Academy of Careers and Exploration, de Toledo, and the Brentwood School before falling to eventual champion St. Joseph in the semi-finals, finishing with an excellent overall record of 26-2.

For the **girls' hoopsters**, McKenna Prater (Sr.) led the way, getting good support from Cassie Swanson (Jr.) and Taylor Olsen (So.) outside and Grace Williams (Sr.) and Allie Busbee (Jr.) inside. In league competition they broke even with a 7-7 record, but it was good enough to earn them a CIF playoff berth. Unfortunately, they lost 24-50 to Santa Clara in the first round. Coach Musich is already working with the girls in preparation for next season.



Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey hosted the boys hoopsters down at city hall.

Spring

Turning to spring sports, it was a flurry of activity.

The 2016 track & field team had ten notable performers who qualified for CIF, but with the entire team numbering only nineteen athletes, they lacked the depth to finish higher than fifth for the boys and sixth for the girls. Senior Ashley Williams took All-League honors for throws, and Melia Lawrence (So.) did the same for sprints. Always a strong point at Woodcrest, three WCHS distance runners made the All-League team: Wesley Milligan (Sr.), Bryson Bradford (Jr.) and JP Reynolds (Jr.). JP also earned the league's Track Athlete of the Year award. With boys' volleyball moving to the spring, finding a sufficient number of athletes will be an increasingly difficult chore for Coach Reynolds.

As Coach Ricards previewed the season for the WCHS golf team, he laid out three goals for them: 1. improve; 2. finish in third place; and demonstrate a good testimony and win the sportsmanship award. Then the players went out and accomplished each of these. Key contributors to this success were Nathan Thornton (So.) who made Second Team All-League and Alec Carlson (Sr.) who finished sixth in the league finals and earned First Team All-League honors. Alec also shot a par round against Ontario during the season and represented the Ambassador League in CIF for the third time. He'll be playing for Hope University next year.

In her second year leading the WCHS swim program, Coach Monica Scarano faced a real challenge: inexperience. Almost half the team was new, and many only swam during the season. But that didn't prevent some notable accomplishments. On the girls' side, Victoria Clemens (Sr.) completed a double-quadruple: she won the league championship in the 200 and 500 freestyle races—as she had

for the previous three seasons! In addition, all three of our girls' relay teams earned a spot in the CIF postseason. For the boys, two of their relay teams made it to CIF, one of them (the 400 freestyle relay) dropping 13 seconds from their previous best time in the league championships to qualify. The key performer for the boys was Mathias Scarano (So.) who broke the school record in the 500 freestyle and then went on to break it again in CIF prelims and again in the finals (where he finished in the top ten), ultimately shaving 14 seconds off the previous mark set seven years ago. Beside that, he captured the league title not only in that race but in the 200 freestyle.

The WCHS mountain biking squad has consistently made a strong showing since it was founded, but the 2016 season saw them riding to their first Division 2 Championship in the SoCal High School Cycling League. They followed that up by coming in sixth at the state meet. Sophomore Sam Ferris won his race by a fraction of a second, and other top finishers for the team included Jonathan Martinez (Sr.), Hayden Pettit (Sr.), and Megan Lansing (Fr.).

The 2016 campaign proved to be a tough one for the **softball team**. Battling a shortage of players and trying to cope with inexperience, they went 2-12 in league and 2-15 overall. One bright light for the team was pitcher Taylor Olsen (So.) who also produced some good firepower as a hitter, smashing several home runs during the season.

The WCHS baseballers brought the athletic year to a great conclusion with another CIF championship. (Is there something special about even numbered years?) They started the season impressively by winning the Chino Tournament, a first for the team. Though the headliners for the year were seniors Christian Hammar and Adam Zellers, it really was the younger players who attracted attention. Brandon Boissiere (So. - .427 avg.; 7-1 on the mound with



a .33 ERA), Gabriel Ramos (So. – 11-0 on the mound with a 1.00 ERA), Jordan Keller (Fr. - .455 avg.), and Wesley Scott (Fr. - .400 avg.) really shone. They stormed through league with an atypical loss to Aquinas. In CIF playoff competition, they had to comeback against Santa Inez on the road to win 7-4 in 11 innings, then beat Tahquitz 2-1 on a suicide squeeze before Boissiere struck out 10 batters in leading the team in an 11-0 rout of Cantwell Sacred Heart.

In most high schools, a key component in the athletic program is the cheer squad, but WCHS has been without cheerleaders for about a decade. BUT cheerleading will be returning. With middle school science teacher Mrs. Kim [Boykin] Swoboda (1993 - a former WCHS cheerleader herself) leading, tryouts were held, fundraising was performed, and the girls went to camp this month. Many are eager to see how our cheerleaders will help boost school spirit on campus.

Arts

When Encore!, a charter school focusing on the arts, opened in Riverside last fall, a number of WCS students moved to join that program, and many wondered how that would affect the drama program at WCS. But, this year's productions showed that there shouldn't have been any concern. New faces helped veteran WCS thespians maintain the tradition of magnificent productions on campus. The fall play was a



Middle school alto sax players contribute to the successful inaugural season of the WCS band.

zany comedy entitled The Secret Case of Sherlock Holmes in which Holmes and Watson (played by newcomers Devin Broderson (Jr.) and Logan Shaw (Jr.)) embark on their first case—an investigation for H. G. Wells-and get sucked into a cuckoo's nest of looney characters in the 21st century via Well's Time Machine. Then when the spring musical opened it was like TBT (throw-back Thursday) because it was a reprise of the first musical ever done on campus, Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music. Long-time drama members Bella Mangione (Jr.) and Macgregor Thomas (Jr.), as Maria and Captain Von Trapp got great musical support from others like Emily Suk, Kaitlyn San Diego, and Alyssa Kriehn. Day School students even helped with the parts of the younger children in the family. The production came as another in a line of successes for the team of Mrs. Teresa Bickett (Director) and Mrs. Candy Fodera (Musical Director).

The big news this year, however, was the reintroduction of the band program at the Middle School level, and Mr. Ken Rasner was hired to direct these aspiring musicians. His enthusiasm is contagious, and forty students signed up, many of whom had never played an instrument before. But under the skilled guidance of Mr. Rasner they developed quickly. In fact, in April they participated in an adjudicated

festival and were the only group to receive a "Superior" rating! The future looks amazing for instrumental music at Woodcrest Christian, particularly with the expansion to the high school this coming year!

Alumni News

A good number of alumni from the really early days were able to be part of the memorial service for Mrs. Shirley Lamy, wife of our former administrator, Lynn Lamy. After contracting cancer two years before, she died on April 24, 2016, but God allowed her to finish her life well. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Having come together at Mrs. Lamy's funeral, early alumni decided to get together at Matt Lamy's home. Above are five of the "Magnificent 7" from 1978, and below are five from the following year.





Former WCSS Administrator Lynn Lamy gets to pin the captain's badge on his son Dan.

Dan Lamy was recently promoted to the rank of Captain for the Hemet fire department. • Lori [LeBaron] Pinnell let me know that she will be moving to Kansas this month. She and her husband Bob have been married for 35 years and have five grandkids.

1984

Becky [Thorne] Turnage wrote about some changes for her family. After twelve years leading their church, The Way Christian Fellowship of Perris, that ministry was shut down, and her husband was hired by The Grove (formerly VCC) to continue ministry in Perris. "We continued our After School Bible Clubs and have 6 clubs at local schools," writes Becky. Besides that, they now have a building for their Outreach Center which they project will serve around 1,000 families this year with baby clothes, etc. They also took 48 children with incarcerated parents to Calicinto Ranch Camp, and distributed backpacks to needy kids. Pray for them as they minister locally.

1985

Big brother Greyson Gromis (2) now has a little sister, Elle Evelyn, born to **Troy Gromis** and his wife on March 4, 2016.
• **Michelle [Wright] Roche** dropped me a note saying that she now lives in Allen, Texas. With four kids and five grand babies, "I am truly blessed!!" she says. • **Karin [Carter] Hoggard** and her husband, Kevin, thought that after 25 years of marriage and raising kids they'd be empty-



Greyson Gromis seems fascinated by the new baby sister named Elle.

nesters. Their older daughter Kymberlin (23) is an RN, and her younger sister Kamri (20) is a junior in college studying education. But the couple now has guardianship of their six year old nephew and their "bonus daughters," two girls who have lived with them since they were in high school.



It's kids and grandkids galore for Michelle (Wright) Roche ('85) and her husband (center left).

1988

In a note from **Tricia [Hadley] Rupe** she updated me on her family. She and husband Jack have reached a quarter of a century together. Their oldest daughter Sarah (24) graduated in May of 2015 from CSU San Marcos business major and was married the next month. Twenty-two year

old Jalynn graduated from UC Davis in June of 2015 with a degree in exercise biology and is now working in physical therapy office in San Diego. Their son Jack (19) is a junior at UCSD where he pitches for their D2 baseball team. He's playing summer ball for the Steeplecats of the New England college league. • Other news for 1988 is rather somber. I received notices referring to the deaths of two members of this class. In Flippin, Arkansas, **Jenna Stewart-Hill** died on April 16, 2013, and then **Chris Conley** passed in Omaha, Nebraska on September 20, 2015. I'm sure both families would appreciate your prayers for God's comfort.

1991

After serving as vicar for three years, **Nathan Humphrey** was instituted as the XIV Rector of The Zabriskie Memorial Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Newport, Rhode Island on August 14.



In full ecclesiastical garb, Nathan Humphrey poses with fellow Episcopal clerics.

1992

Marie [McCrory] Nielsen celebrated her graduation this spring with a BA in History from Utah State University. . Tony Green is still in the St. Louis area working for a commercial real estate firm called Cushman & Wakefield. Married for twenty years, his oldest just graduated from high school and the youngest will be entering high school this fall. "Life's good," was his estimation. • Erin [Nolan] Stepien returned to get "more space" in Riverside after living in Orange County for a while. She and husband Corey will be celebrating their tenth anniversary this year and have three children: Claire (8), Olivia (6), and little Nolan (2).



Robed for graduation, Marie Nielsen holds her diploma in history from Utah State.



Fleeing the OC: Erin Stepien and her family are back in the Riverside area.

Hopefully everyone in the class has been contacted about their reunion this October. Part of that will be some time on campus on the 16th.

We have a new staffer at WCHS: **Khara** [Betz] **Dizmon** was hired as Communi-



As our new Director of Communications, Khara has already done wonders on campus.

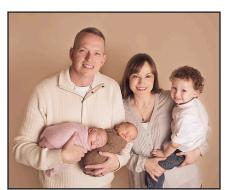
cations Director for the system to help us get the word out about the school system. One of the things she already has helped pioneer is a mobile app for WCSS mentioned on the first page. Check it out!

1998

Jennifer Villarreal married Travis Collier on April 30, 2016. • Britta [Oels] Hershman received a double blessing with the birth of twins last October first. Lena Emilia and Benjamin Douglas join older brother David in the family.



Jen Villarreal and Travis Collier celebrate their wedding on the last day of April.



Papa's got his hand's full with the twins, but then so does Britta with three-year-old David.

1999

Last March, **Marlies Nelson** earned a certificate in Education for the Gifted and Talented from UCR. • Also last year, **Andrew Ewing** completed his master's degree in coaching and athletic administration at Concordia with the idea of returning to coaching.

For the past six years he has been working at Loma Linda Behavioral Medicine Center with adolescent age patients. He let me know that he and his wife had their third, a boy, back in February of 2014. • "Last year was a busy year for us," expressed **Adrienne [Solo] Lamos**. Though she still worked part-time as a surgical nurse in lowa, she and her husband bought a steakhouse/diner in October. It seems to be going well so far. Then on November 9, Madelynn Kristine Lamos was born. She is healthy and happy, and "we are enjoying her so much!"



Madelynn Lamos is nearly ten months old now and she's grown alot.

2000

Daughter Caterra Maxine was born to **Adam Tyler** and his wife on January 11, 2016. That makes three for the Tylers. Adam also recently passed his real estate exam and is now a licensed real estate salesperson. • Just before he left for India with Sandals Church, **Justin Pardee** let me know about the new addition in his family; Cosette Prarie was born June 1, 2016, making four little ones in his family.



It looks like everybody wants to welcome Justin Pardee's new girl Cosette.

Ashton & Lauren Ellis added Catherine Jane to their family last September 6th. Catherine joins older siblings Charles (7), Teresa (6), James (4), and John (2). Then on May 11, 2016, Ashton defended his dissertation at Claremont Graduate University and three days later graduated with a PhD in Political Science. His dissertation studied the arguments for legalizing assisted suicide. Currently, he is working as the Western Region Planned Giving Officer for Hillsdale College. · Another family with a full quiver is Stephen Burdett after the birth of Audrey Louise on May 18, 2016. Katelyn (8), Sarah (6), William (4), and Benjamin (2) seem to be enjoying their new sister, and so do her California grandparents. Vanessa [Williams] Patman sent me a card with pictures of her new baby, Eland Thomas, born last August 17th. • With the birth of Remy in March, Venessa [Griffith] Johnson now has three. Besides caring for the newborn as well as Jerome (5) and Sabrina (3), Venessa is in her sixth year on staff at Rancho Verde High School, where she teaches Algebra and AP Statistics.



The entire Ellis clan—even little Catherine—helps "Dr. Daddy" celebrate his graduation.



In Cleburne, TX, the birth of Audrey makes it 3-2 girls in the Burdett household.



How can baby Eland win a dental tug-of-war with his mom Vanessa. He can't have many teeth yet.



Venessa Johnson's kids are Sabrina (I), Remy (c), and Jerome (r).

2002

Wedding bells rang on January 30, 2015 for **Aaron Chandler** and Anna Zagari.
• **Shaun Trafton** and his wife, Ashley, became the parents of Noah Lane Trafton



Aaron and Anna Chandler relax in the back of the limo after their wedding.

on the fifth of January this year. . Becky [Smith] Worthington and husband, Joseph, have been married since June of 2012. Then on April 30 of this year, they welcomed their first child, Josiah Cortez Worthington. Though a caesarian was required because he was breech, everything seems to be going well now. • Then on the ninth of May, 2016, Eden Joy was born to Rachel [Frost] Wilson. • It was just over a year ago that Marie Bourns married Tyler Hair in a ceremony at the Greysone Mansion, a beautiful old estate in Beverly Hills. Then on July 14, 2016, the actual due date given by the doctor, Eliza Jane joined them.



Newborn Noah doesn't seem too excited about posing with his dad Shaun.



Becky and Joseph Worthington show off their new little one, Josiah.



The Wilsons now number five with the addition of Eden who was born in May.



New parents Taylor and Marie [Bourns] Hair now have a new daughter, Eliza Jane.

After receiving a Bachelor's at Pepperdine and an MDiv. at Yale, **Cambry Pardee** earned a PhD from Loyola University in Chicago with a dissertation entitled "Scribal Harmonization in Greek Manuscripts of the Synoptic Gospels from the Second to the Fifth Centuries." He will be teaching at Pepperdine in the fall. • Lots of wedding news for this class. On February 28, 2015



Garbed in his doctoral robes, Cambry celebrates his degree with his wife and parents.

Amanda Lindquist married Bryce Wagner. Later that year the couple became parents with the birth of Kaleb Aaron Wagner on November 27, 2015. • It was all the way back on November 17, 2007 that Danielle Fitch married Brent Gudgel. • More recently Leigha Robson and Miguel Gutierez were married in 2014. Then, in 2015, Thomas Scharwark took Peggy Donna Tuesta as his wife on August 29th, and Melissa Pepper became Mrs. David McKissic on October 23rd. • It was a big baby for Brian & Heidi [Dirks] ('04) Uribe with the birth of Charlotte Marie Uribe on September 3, 2015. • Also adding to the family was Becca Stoddard Adams who gave birth to Titus Orion Adams on July 26, 2016. • After marrying Trevor Eberfulss, the former Nikki Russell gave birth to Rory Ann on January 27th.



Heidi Uribe let her daughter Eva hold her newborn sister Charlotte right after she was born.



It's two boys and one girls for Becca Adams and her husband.



With hands to her head, we can only guess what newborn Rory Eberfluss must be thinking.



Dr. Marci was joined by her parents for her graduation from her nurse practitioner program.

2004

I guess you could call her "Dr." now after Marci [Johnson] Wildeman graduated from the University of Wyoming as a doctorate-prepared family nurse practitioner. She thought that a move to Washington state might be likely in the future. • A number of babies have made their appearance for this class since the last newsletter. Riley Wayne was born to Racheal [Heagney] Houser and her husband on April 4, 2015. The Housers call Fayetteville, NC home now. · Little Sophie kept Amanda [Stevenson] Jewell up late: she didn't make her appearance until 12:32 am on September 10th, last year. • On October 23rd of the same year, Erin [Bernard] Osadchuk's son Andrew Michael was born, and early in the new year, on January 9th to be exact, Mike & Kathleen Warfel had a boy they named Kevin Timothy.



Racheal Houser's son Riley really gets into his cake.



Amanda Jewell's daughter Sophie is just about one year old.

Sorry to start with sad news, but I saw a report on Facebook that Chassidy Byers had died. Please pray for comfort for her family and friends. • On a brighter note, let me pass along that Jonathan Powell and Brooklyn Ragsdale ('06) were married on March 28, 2015. The couple just had their first baby, Daxon Pierce Powell, born on August 14, 2016. • After meeting in Ohio, Meryl Grandia and Chris Gasser were married there on July 19, 2015. Since that time they've moved to Portland, OR. • More recently, Nick Gonzales married Michaela on April 23, 2016. • The next weekend in Palm Springs, Ashley Bosch made Victor Wieland her husband on May 1. Ashley and Victor live in Washington, DC where she serves as a federal lobbyist, and he has an

IT consultancy. • Cameron and Andrea [Setzler] Macbeth now have a little guy: Gavin Andrew Macbeth was born last Oc-



Brooklyn [Ragsdale] Powell holds her son Daxon, born just this past month of August.



Meryl Grandia is now Mrs. Glasser after marrying Chris the summer of 2015.



Nick Gonzales dances with his new bride at their wedding last April.



May Day was special for Ashley Bosch as she married Victor Wieland.



Little Gavin looks really stylish with that hat. Andrea and Cameron's little guy will be one shortly.



Tyler and Kelli Topp began their family with a girl named Peyton.

tober 1st. He was a long one at 22 inches! · Tyler & Kelli [Hennessey] ('07) Topp started 2016 in grand fashion with birth of Peyton Grace on January 3rd. • Later that month Abby Norton's baby Juliette Guinevere Norton made her appearance on January 29, 2016. With Bethany (7), Scarlett (5), Luke (3), Juliette makes four for the Nortons. • Also having a baby was Erin [Montgomery] Jaeger whose Addison Grace was born April 14, 2016. "She is such a blessing and has brought so much joy to our lives!" writes mom. · Alicia [Kinney] Warren now has two boys: two-year-old Jaxson got a brother named Maveric on May 19, 2016. Alicia is working as a wedding coordinator, and the family makes Indio their home. "It's hot out here!!!" she says. • "It's a boy" read the announcement for the birth of Donald Lee Goins to Jacqueline [Lane] Goins on August 31, 2016.



That makes four for the Nortons after the birth of daughter Juliette.



What a tiny little bundle Addison is for Erin [Montgomery] and Chris Jaeger.



Red gingham seems to be "in" for Alicia [Kinney] Warren's boys.

2006

The class of 2006 held a reunion on June 4, 2016. From what I heard, 50 from the class made it, and there were a total of about 85 in attendance. That's great! Hopefully many of you were able to be a part of that event. Justin Davis earned his Master of Techonology Management degree from UC Santa Barbara this year. He remains in the Santa Barbara area working for Appfolio in nearby Goleta. • We've got plenty of wedding news for this class. On March 5th of this year, Katelyn Keseloff married Tyler Jernigan. • Then on May 17, 2016 Mel Noterman (Melissa Mendez) and Andrew Wagner were wed. • A couple weeks later, on June 5th, Daniel Munoz and Lindsey Christensen ('08) said their vows to each other. After honeymooning in Europe, the couple took up residence in Hawaii. • In



Justin Davis and his fellow graduates celebrate receiving their masters' hoods.

July, Aaron Ortiz married Gabby Tyrone Ortiz on the 25th of the month. • Just a few days later on July 28th, Mat Graham and Tawney Hamada opted to have a "destination wedding" with close family and friends: after saying their vows at the San Francisco city hall, they celebrated by cheering the Washington Nationals to victory over the Giants at AT&T park. "Our personalities, love for baseball, country music and overall desires in life couldn't have been more in alignment," writes Mat. • Just in time to include a mention in the newsletter, Ashleigh Pratt and Jonathan Moore were married just this past August 19th. • It was back on February 20, of 2015 that Brandon & Erica [Lopez] Berl welcomed Hudson into the world, and mom says, "he is such



It looks like Katelyn [Keseloff] Jernigan's wedding had a western theme.



Mel Noterman and her husband Andrew have been married almost four months now



The Munoz-Christensen wedding joined the classes of 2006 and 2008.



What a romantic pose for Aaron Ortiz and his wife Gabby.



City Hall actually provided a scenic venue for Mat and Tawney Graham.



Really new newlyweds: Ashleigh [Pratt] and Jonathan Moore have been married less than a month.



Since both Brandon and Erica were from the class of 2006, does that mean Hudson is too?

an awesome little guy." Erica also reported that they moved to Phoenix a year ago and just opened their second chiropractic office there. • On Labor Day last year (September 7), **Ashley [Williams] Hasemeyer**



Oran Hasemeyer looks like he's not sure he likes this whole idea of being born.

gave birth to Oran Ericson Clyde Hasemeyer. Besides working as a post-partum and ante-partum nurse at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, she and her husband own a business called Arcade Coffee Roasters. • "We just added baby girl #3!" writes Janelle [Steuber] Hobbs. Evangeline



It's all girls for Janelle [Steuber] Hobbs. The newest arrival, Evangeline, joined them in May.



Did little Kayley get her dark hair from her mom, Anida Mongkolnavin?



It looks like sweet dreams for Chelsea [Dirks] Royse's new baby Nora.

Grace Hobbs was born on May 12, 2016 and joins older sisters Anabelle (5) and Lucy (3). Janelle said that she has been working as an RN in Columbus, OH for the past five years. · Anida Mongkolnavin seems excited to be a mom. Her little one, Kayley Kyrie Castaneda, was born on May 22, 1016. • Chelsea Dirks married Kevin Royse on August 10, 2014 and the couple recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Nora Noelle, born on July 24th of this year. Adjusting to the sleep deprivation of a new mom she writes, "I've had my hands rather full!" • On August 20th of this year, Hannah Grace Kritzer made her appearance two months early, weighing only 3 1/2 pounds. She remains in the NICU, but mother Bethany [Johnson] Kritzer says, "What a gift of God's grace she has already been!"



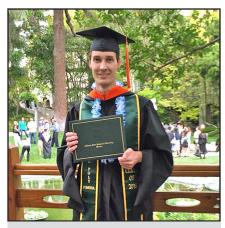
Bethany gets to hold her tiny (3 1/2 lb.) "early bird" Hannah. Hannah continues to gain weight.

2007

Last year this time, Kyle Matthews received his MS degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. • Another engineering grad was Travis Romeyn who earned an MS from Cal Poly, Pomona. His degree, however, was in Civil Engineering; in addition, he also qualified as licensed professional engineer in that field. • It's been over a year now, so I guess she's not technically a newlywed any more, but Priscilla Henry married Jay Arias on May 5, 2015. Starting in the fall, Priscilla will take over the Woodcrest Christian Middle School secretary spot vacated when Mrs. Lori Dubyak accepted a position at Cal Baptist. • In another 2015 wedding, Kayla Lewis married Kyle Welch on August 22nd.

Kayla and Kyle are expecting their first, a girl.

Moving to 2016, Midland, TX was the location for **Tyler Lillestol's** wedding to Sara Hone on March 18th. Tyler currently serves as an assistant groundskeeper for the AA affiliate of the Oakland A's, but will be taking



Diploma in hand, Travis Romeyn's orange hood shows him to be an engineering major.



Could someone please turn the ampersand around for Jay & Priscilla Arias?



Kayla and Kyle are beginning their second year of marriage together.

a position as assistant grounds superintendent for a big country club in the fall. • Another spring wedding was that of **Greg Hahn** as he and Jenessa Beauchamp were married on May 6th. • Finally, on June 11, 2016, **Michael Contreras** and Bree Harrison were wed. Michael serves as a data technician for customer support in the Office of the Registrar at CBU while his wife teaches girls' PE and helps out with some of the bus driving chores at WCS. • 2015 proved to be an interesting year on the family front for **Jena [Joslen] Owens** and her husband. They began the year by adopting 15 year old



Midland, Texas was the location for Tyler and Sara's wedding.



The Contreras connection on campus increases as Bree married Michael in June



At seven months of age, Adeline Owens just seems thrilled with life.



Tiffany loves Joseph Anthony Roquet: both the II and III

Chloe and ended it when Jena gave birth to a baby girl, Adeline, on December 29. • The newest mommy for the class of 2007 looks to be **Tiffany [Aragon] Roquet**. Her little one, Joseph Anthony Roquet III was born on July 15, 2016.

2008

Last June, **Danielle Schmidt** earned her Master's degree in Education and a teaching credential from UCR. She's already putting that to use at Rialto High School where she is teaching US History. • Also, I noticed



Laden with flowers, Danielle Schmidt looks forward to beginning her teaching career.

that **Brandon Fawson** just qualified as a registered pharmacist. There's lots of wedding news for this class. • Back on October 9 of last year, Travis and Samantha **Schwartz** were married, then just the next day the wedding for Taylor Rusich and Vincent Lomuscio took place. • The following month Katie Pershing and Andrew Nahab pledged their love to each other on November 22nd, and just before the end of the year First United Methodist Church in Riverside was the venue for the nuptials of Emily Binford and Matt Setlik. Emily is currently working on a Master's of Science specialization in teaching with a multiple subject credential at CBU, and her husband is working in corporate finance in Los Angeles. • In 2016, a whole host of additional



Recovered from the boating accident, Travis Schwartz married Samantha last October.



Another October wedding was that of Taylor Rusich and Vincent Lomuscio



Katie Pershing is now Mrs. Andrew Nahab, but continues teaching art at La Sierra University.

weddings took place. Taylor Kearns and James Proxmire said their vows on February 21st, and on March 26, 2016, Angela LaCavera and Ian Clazie were united in marriage. • Then on April 23, Megan Schilling took Justin Kunnari as her husband. On July 3rd, Dane and Sara Sommers said their vows to each other. • Two members of this class also added to their families. Julie [Varcie] Machen gave birth to Nolan James Machen last August 11th. Nolan was more than five weeks early, so made the NICU his home for twelve days, but now "he's a wonderful, healthy little guy." · Also making his appearance on the scene was Oliver Lutz born to April [Grube] **Lutz** on April 4th of this year.



With their mid-December wedding, Emily and Matt Setlik were able celebrate Christmas as Mr. & Mrs.



James and Taylor [Kearns] Proxmire. Taylor is now teaching at Calvary Murrieta.



The Mission Inn was the venue for the wedding of Angela LaCavera and lan Clazie.



A month after Easter, Megan and Justin Kunnari consecrated their new life together.



Julie [Varcie] Machen's boy Nolan is now one year old and looks to be doing well.



Oliver, son of April [Grub] Lutz, hadn't been born for very long when this picture was taken.

A couple of alumni from the class of 2009 made further progress in their education. This spring, Kimberly King earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Loma



Bedecked in her doctoral robes, Kim King is now putting her physical therapy training to use.



Erie Lee had double news, first her graduation from Eastman and then her marriage to John.



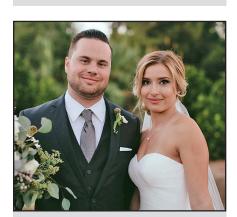
Linda University and later passed her licensing boards. She will be starting at West Coast Spine Physical Therapy this month.

· I also noticed that Christina Cao had

passed all her dental qualifying exams. Then cellist Erie Lee earned her Master of Music degree from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Following her graduation, Erie also got married to John Lee, a physician, on July 16th. The couple honeymooned in Bora Bora, and will be residing in Riverside until Erie determines where she wants to do her DMA. • An earlier wedding which I apparently missed was Jessica Miller to Alex Wright back on June 15, 2013. Last November was a busy one for 2009 weddings. The same day-November 7—saw two WCHS alumni take their vows: Steven Robillard married Alexandra (Lexie) Vukov and Kaitlin Swain married Jonathan Rizzi. • Then, two days later, Katy Thomson and Alex Henry Segura were united in marriage. • Later, on May 7,



It's not "news" anymore because Jessica Miller and Alex Wright were married three years ago.



Another wedding with a double WCHS connection was that of Steven and Lexie Robillard.



One of the flurry of weddings early last Novermber was that of Alex and Katy [Thomson] Segura.



Their future together stretches out before Jessica and Isy Nieves.

2016, **Jessica Probert** took Isy Nieves as her husband. Jessica is currently working as a speech therapist at Loma Linda Rehab.
• On a warm July 15th afternoon, Crestmore Manor was the venue for the wedding ceremony for **Tracy Pounders** and Jourdon Glasper. Gears and goggles were much in evidence at this steampunk-themed event.
• Probably the newest newlywed is **Raena Walker** who married Rickie Ohiri on August 13th.
• Trenton James Oxford, born June 12, 2016 makes three for **Kim [McCarty] Oxford** and her husband Mackenzie. Also welcoming the newborn were older brothers Josiah (3 1/2) and Nolan (1 1/2).



Tracy's wedding got going a bit late, but on a hot June afternoon, nobody seemed to mind.



Raena and Rickie Ohiri share a tender moment at their recent wedding.



The Oxford boys: Kim's older lads were joined by newcomer Trenton this past June.

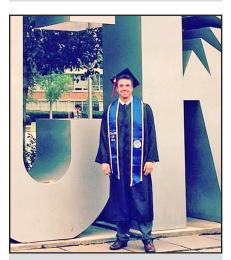
2010

This spring saw two from the class of 2010 earning their degrees. At Cal State San

Bernardino. Christina Noble received her Bachelor's in Liberal Studies and a Multiple Subject Credential, and at UCR, Matt Chabot earned his Bachelor's in Business Economics. Matt is currently working as a Financial Advisor at Northwestern Mutual in downtown LA. • Also locally, Lorin Solis completed her MS in Education from CBU and will be starting teaching in the fall. • Farther away, in Hawaii to be exact, Kayla Holguin received her Master's at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. • Finally, I also got word that Anant Randhawa is currently attending the medical school at UCLA. · In a wedding that I apparently missed, Heather Strebel married Matthew Wolf on September 14, 2014. • Then the first few



A Cal State San Bernardino graduate, Christina Noble seems headed to teaching.



Matt poses in front of the giant letters, showing his alma mater is UCR.



With a Masters' in Education, Lauren Solis (R) looks to be in the classroom this fall.



The leis seem even more appropriate for Holguin as she graduates just outside Honolulu.

months of 2016 saw a flurry of weddings for this class. On January 15, Craig Nelson took Kenzie Larsen as his wife. While Craig is finishing his degree at CSU San Bernardino, Kenzie is working as an accountant. • Then on February 21, Sean Matthews and Jaclyn Bentz were married. They have purchased a house in Temecula, though Sean works in Rancho Bernardo. His wife works with autistic kids while she completes her Master's in speech language pathology. The following weekend, Tifani Oaks became Mrs. Luke Silveria on February 26th. • March also could boast about a pair of weddings for this class. First of all David Showalter and Kristen Donehower were married on the fifth of the month, and



Craig gets a hug from his bride Kenzie after their wedding in January.



It looks like a rustic venue for the wedding of Sean and Jaclyn Matthews.



Tifani and her husband Luke now live in northern California.



David and Kristen Showalter are near DC; David is in his last year at Antonin Scalia Law School.



What a smile from the new bride Peyton Douglas, now Mrs. Keith Butsko.



Amber [Collier] Fry really seems to be enjoying motherhood with her boy Toby.



Married less than a month are Jonathan Sage and Katelyn Spurr.

later, on March 20th, **Payton Douglas** and Keith Butsko celebrated their wedding.
• Between these two weddings, **Amber** [Collier] Fry gave birth to her son Toby on March 11th. Just in time to make it into this newsletter, **Katelyn Spurr** married Jonathan Sage on August 28, 2016.

2011

Graduation news for this class begins with a couple nurses. **Kena Hintergardt-Soubirous** finished her BS in nursing at Loma Linda University School of Nursing and will be starting the RN residency program for the Pediatric ICU at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in September.

• Then **Allison Palenske** graduated from CBU's nursing program and will be working labor and delivery at Loma Linda



Kena Hintergardt proudly receives her diploma from Loma Linda.



Another nurse from WCHS, Allison Palenske will also work at Loma Linda's Childrens' Hospital.



All of the Ogilvie clan were there for Mitchell's graduation from CBU.



Entomology has really captured Jimmy Hepler's interest. He'll continue in that field at WSU.

University Children's Hospital. • Also locally, **Mitchell Ogilvie** graduated from CBU as did **Fletcher Perkins** whose degree was in journalism. • Then, over at UCR, **Jimmy Hepler** earned his BS in Entomology and Plant Biology, the double major taking an extra year. Over the last two years, he's been able to work in the ento-



The Guzman family came together for Gaby's graduation from St. John's University.



Reliever Caleb Dirks signed a baseball for his fans at the Tulsa Drillers stadium.



As a starter, Trevor Oaks is catching some eyes. How long before we see him in MLB?

mology research lab. Jimmy will be moving to Pullman, WA this summer to begin working on PhD in Entomology at Washington State. Most of his time in Washington will be spent in Wenatchee studying the landscape ecology of a new invasive tree fruit pest, the brown marmorated stink bug. • Finally, back in 2015 at St. John's University in New York, Gabi Guzman earned her degree in Government and Politics. She is now a development and research assistant at Cambridge in America focusing on alumni relations and fundraising. • A couple of baseballers from this class have been doing really well in the minors. Caleb Dirks is now with AA Mississippi Braves of the Southern League and has notched a 1-0 record with an ERA of 1.47 coming out of the bullpen. Then **Trevor Oaks** was moved up to AAA Oklahoma City of the Pacific Coast League. His record stands at 3-1, and he has an 3.91 ERA. • A number from this class have made the trip to the altar. Back on September 6, 2015, **Bob Binford** married Cassie Stanford. They make Kirkland, WA their home where Bob works as a financial analyst at Physio Control in Redmond, a company that makes defibrillators. His wife is a CPA. • Then Kayla Thompson and Ryan Taylor, both from this class, were married on November 22, 2015. Shortly after their wedding they moved to live in Australia. • An earlier wedding that slipped by was that of Andrew Retzer who took Taylor as his



After completing school, Bob & Cassie Binford are remaining in Washington to pursue their careers.



Both members of the class of 2011, Kayla Thompson and Ryan Taylor were married last November.



Newlyweds Austin and Ashley Hulen greet friends as they come back up the aisle.

bride on June 1, 2013. • Finally, on May 28, 2016, **Austin Hulen** married Ashley.

2012

As you would expect, graduation news from this class abounds. Back in December of last year, **Kayla Baker** was awarded her BA in English from CBU. • Also earning her degree from CBU were **Jillian Corbin** and **Courtney Bell**. A graduate of the nursing program there, Corbin recently passed her state boards and is now an RN in the Intensive Care Unit at Riverside County Medical Center. • Another local graduate is **Lisa Scholl** who was awarded a BS in Mathematics and Chemistry at UCR. She's now working as a Proposal Analyst at Northrop Grumman. • At Biola University, two WCHS alumni earned their degrees. For **Amber**



A sea of WCS faces congratulate graduates Jillian Corbin & Courtney Bell.



Christine Scholl helps her sister Lisa celebrate her graduation from UCR.



Amber White immediately put her degree in communication to work on the staff of Sandals Church.

White it was in Communication, and she's now on the administrative staff at Sandals Church. • For Megan Clark, her degree came in Biochemistry. • Then at Chapman University, Levi Johnston picked up a BS in Computer Science and minored in Mathematics. He now works as a software Engineer at a company called Acorns. • Moving eastward to Olivet Nazarene University, Aimee Gauss' degree was International Business with a double minor in Spanish and Marketing. She's anxiously waiting responses on several job possibilities in Ohio. · Other graduates include Blake Burns at CBU, Chris Blount, who earned a degree in Business Managment from Azusa Pacific, and Vinnie Castelluccio who received a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from CBU. Vinnie is now serving as an Engineering Analyst with NAVSEA at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Corona • Finally, in news from Boston, Laura Lynn



A biochem grad, Megan Clark poses with her mom, WCHS staffer Mrs. Erin Clark.



Levi Johnston earned his Computer Science degree from Chapman University.



What could make Aimee Gauss' graduation better than to have her sister Marisa there.



Blake Burns and Krissy Kendrick graduated from CBU together.



Just before her graduation from WCHS, Lauren Blount joined Chris for his APU commencement.

Sandoval completed her undergraduate work at Harvard University. Her goal is to go to law school, and she was accepted to all her top choices, including Stanford, Harvard, and Yale. She committed to Yale, but will be deferring enrollment to the fall of 2017. • The only wedding news for 2012 concerns **Tyler Peery** who married Kylie on August 22, 2015.



It wouldn't be too hard to guess that Vinnie Castellucio's college major had to do with computers.



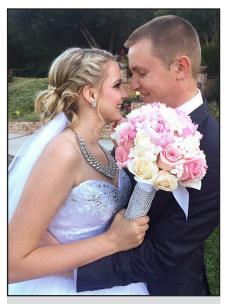
Laura Lynn's mom decks her with a lei before her graduation at Harvard.



Tyler and Kylie Peery just marked their first anniversary, traditionally, the "paper anniversary,"

2013

Chelsea Bachetti completed her studies at the Art Institute of California with an AS in Culinary Arts. • Paul Warburg had double news. Last November he graduated from Liberty University. He's continuing his education at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and hopes to graduate next December. Then on April 22, 2016, he married Vienna Lauren Hill in Fallbrook, CA. He had been dating Vienna since his senior year at Woodcrest. • Just a couple notes on two stellar athletes from this class. First of all, competing for Westmont College, Becky



Paul and Vienna cement their long-time romance with a wedding last April.



Heptathlete Becky Collier skims over the hurdle in the 100 meter event.



Hannah Seabert stopped 11 shots in the recent match against No. 3 Virginia.



Corbin and Vinny Schobel don't look like they need anyone to tap their glass with a spoon.

Collier took third in the pentathlon at the NAIA national indoor meet. Then, **Hannah Seabert** continues to draw rave attention for her play in the goalmouth for Pepperdine University. • In wedding news, **Corbyn Carter** and Vinny Schobel were married on November 14, 2015.

2014

Just one item for the class of 2014, **Michael Lee** married Celina Jolynn on November 4, 2015.

Odds and Ends!

Pictures just for fun.



Local pastor and former Bible WCS teacher, Mr. Harold Anderson, received his doctorate.



Woodcrest students and parents got the chance to experience the wonders of Europe in July.



Alumni choir members helped make the annual "Concert in the Park" a special one for departing choir director, Mrs. Candy Fodera.



Chris Rushton ('06) and his wife on the steps of their first home.



Life's joyful for Dr. & Mrs. Koning with girls like that!



Ben Blandin ('96) and his family.



Tim & Jena [Kelly] Lamb's ('86) twins graduated from high school and are headed to college.



Josh Dirks ('09) and his dad prove that police and fire can get along.



Chris & Ashley [Tucker] Branson ('05) just sent Madison off to Kindergarten.



Paul Hildebrandt ('84) got a chance to speak to attendees at PyCon (for for users of Python programming language) in Taiwan.

Intern Thomas Lane ('08) receives recognition from the Arizona state

legislature.



Jill O'Neill ('16): "Warrior of the Cycle."



2014 alum Christian Astran hasbecome part of the cheer squad at



Ashley [Compare] McFarland and her family. The smile still sparkles!