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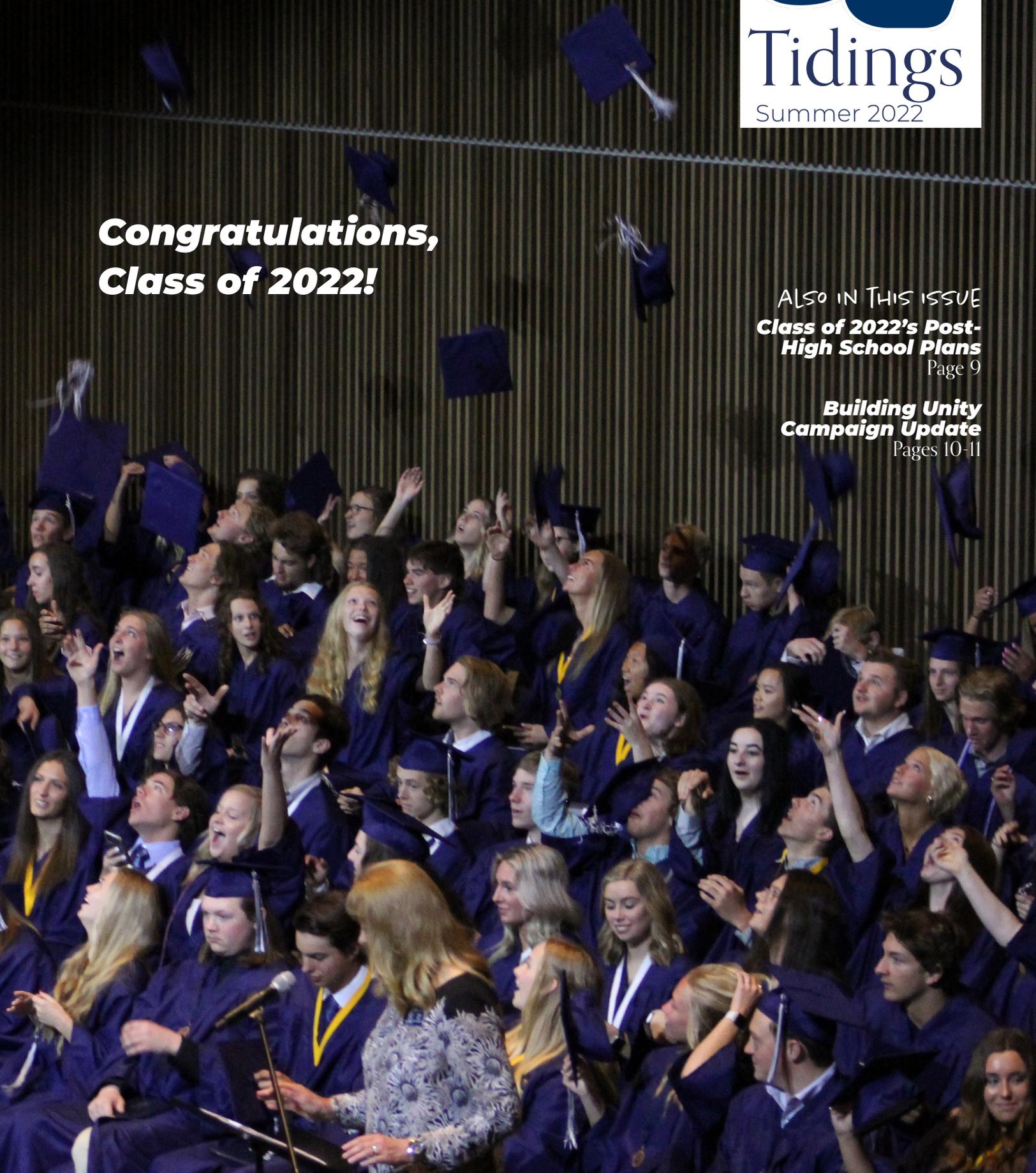
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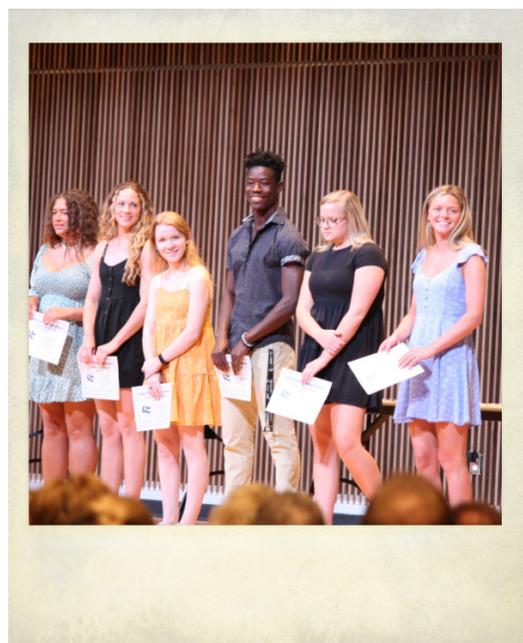
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Through the Generations with Mr. Bruce Hulst *Retired Educator/Administrator*

Bruce Hulst grew up on a family farm south of Holland, MI. He graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1959, Calvin College (University) in 1963, and the University of Utah in 1967.

After Bruce had been teaching for a few years, he stopped thinking of teaching as something he was merely trying out and began thinking of it as a calling—something that had meaning, purpose, challenge, and reward. That was the moment Bruce decided that being an educator/administrator was going to be his life's work, and to devote himself to Christian Education.

“Christian Education is

where God placed me,” said Bruce. “Of all the many ways available to serve God, I was channeled into the niche of Christian Education. It came in what seemed to be the natural course of life.”

When asked what Bruce found to be some of the greatest challenges in Christian Education, he responded, “In a broad sense, it was living as a member of the Christian community while also being an employee of that community. That is, how to participate in the community life as an individual without undermining the school in some way. Professionally, it was the challenge of staying current (one gets behind

so subtly) and being fully present for students, parents, and colleagues.”

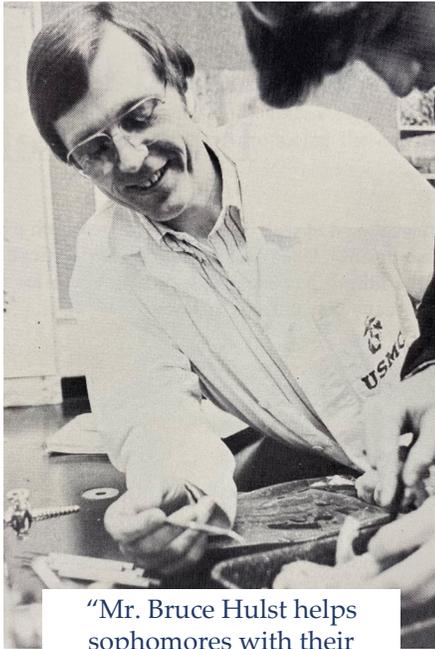
And the greatest blessings in Christian Education? In being fully part of the Christian school community, Bruce finds an ability to explore his and others' individual differences. According to Bruce, working together as Christian teachers and administrators, they can share their deep commitments to our Lord, His church, His people, and what it means to live for Him.

“I treasure the privilege of teaching the community's young people within those bonds of shared faith and encouraging them to walk with the Lord,” said Bruce. “The big bonus to all of that is meeting and sharing a bit of life with so many great people, both students, parents, and colleagues.”

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**Mr. Bruce Hulst
1983**





"Mr. Bruce Hulst helps sophomores with their attempts to examine a fetal pig" Photo and caption taken from Unity's 1984 Yearbook.

Bruce has seen some changes in Christian education over the years. According to Bruce, "Christian" is evaluated in two ways: how one lives (behavior); and, what one believes.

"The two are inseparable, but the emphasis changes," said Bruce. "When I started in teaching, there was a greater emphasis on rules of behavior, such as Sunday activities, movies, dancing, etc. Today, I perceive that faith formation receives the greater emphasis. It is the acts of service to others that both grow out of and shape faith."

In commenting on how the cost of Christian Education in terms of percentage of income has changed in the last 50 years, Bruce said, "I think it has but I am not current with the data. What impresses me the most is the increase in quality. When I look back on the system as it

was in the 1960s and compare it to today, I am amazed at the increase in educational expertise, services provided, and quality of facilities. A very good education just kept getting better."

Over the years, Bruce has seen changes in the ways that Christian Education was made affordable during his time at Unity. When Bruce started in Christian education, the Christian Reformed Church founded Christian schools that had a pronounced parochial flavor. Church congregations served as primary financial supports and did that in various ways both direct (by explicitly providing money) and indirect (through fundraising promotions, community events, etc.). As the community changed over the years—due to multiple interacting social and economic factors—the schools had to assume more direct responsibility for their own finances. That has resulted in more reliance on tuition but also in the schools developing fundraising offices, more community events built around the school, and unique relationships with donors.

Reflecting on some of the biggest changes Bruce has seen in kids during his time at Unity, he said, "Kids will always be kids. They are exploring, testing, searching, connecting, discovering themselves, trying out roles and options. They are warm, wonderful, aggravating, fun, moody, empathetic, sensitive, callous, energetic, and ready to fix the world—to make it what they believe it should

be. They are also influenced by (as is everyone else) what is happening in that world. If it is a time of high social anxiety, they reflect and feel that anxiety. If there are contentious issues they feel, they reflect the tension. If there is a lot of questioning and rebelling, they will also question and rebel. They are very good at reflecting their (and their parents') world. It was my special privilege to participate in the lives of teen students, and they were wonderful. Thanks, kids!"

For Bruce, Christian Education is still the best choice for Christian parents. Why? "Because..." said Bruce, "There is no better way to meet all the deep hopes and desires parents have for their children, and for their education. In our Christian school community at Unity, faith and values are shared, and all involved seek what is best for the kids. It is a rich, supportive, diverse, committed, and full community effort."

In encouraging parents, Bruce gave these words of advice: "Parenthood is a wonderful circumstance. Love your children, support, discipline, and guide; treasure their growth and development, make full use of your community resources, and supports. Savor and enjoy having your children in your house and in your lives."

In addition, he added, "Thanks for the privilege of teaching in your Christian School... and, specifically thank you, Unity Christian High School Community!" •



photo screenshot taken from video linked at the end of this article.

Heart to Heart with Mr. Dan Landstra *Finishing Well... It's a Process!*

A **Unity** sophomore walked up to me and asked, *"Was that a real picture, Mr. Landstra?"*

Then, following right behind him, a friend chimed in, *"It was a real picture! I saw a video of the race!"*

"I saw it too!" added another student. *"After the guy did that, he laid on the ground for a long time."*

"I believe it. That must have really hurt!" the first student responded.

I nodded in agreement with these boys and added, *"Guys, that is not the way you want to finish a race!"*

"No doubt!" one of them exclaimed.

We had just finished chapel on Monday, May 9. It was the final week of school for our senior class. And after four years and over 500 chapels, the seniors had less than a handful of opportunities to gather with the Unity student community for worship.

On this first day of the last week for seniors, our chapel planning team wanted to focus attention on finishing well. The

picture displayed on the two large screens in the front of the worship center was of two college sprinters attempting to win a very close race.

In a last-ditch effort to eke out a "too-close-to-call" race, one of the sprinters decided to do his best impression of Superman. Right before the finish line, with the crowd cheering him on, he threw his hands forward, leapt with all his might, and dove across the finish line completely parallel to the ground. The image on the screens captured the sprinter literally flying across the finish.

The aftermath of the finish was predictable. The sprinter landed in a heap, bounced off the ground while skidding to a stop, and finally ended up on his back in significant pain.

As a track coach, I can report no track coach at any level would advise a runner to finish a race in this way. And although the sprinter in the video won his race, experts agree he would have won by more had he stayed on his feet!

The end of a school year, especially for seniors, can feel very much like the end of this race. After twelve years, the finish line is in sight. Many complete the journey feeling strong and confident, pushing

forward to what comes next in life. Others complete the journey very uncertain, hoping and praying, like the sprinter, just to make it to cross the finish.

Each spring, as the school year draws to a close, our focus quite naturally shifts toward finishing, and for good reason. The school calendar is unique in that each year the work for students comes to a definitive end. Once the school year is completed, all the students move on to what comes next.

But what about the journey to get to the finish? Students (especially seniors at the end of their final year) need to more clearly understand the *process* which brought them to the completion of this part of their journey. This understanding requires intentional reflection on their journey of faith and life that took place during the high school years.

Near the end of each semester, I ask Seniors to reflect on their journey of faith by journaling on how being immersed in a Christian high school has assisted them toward a greater understanding of the infusion of faith in *all* areas of life.

For some seniors, the journey has been difficult, and their responses reflect the challenges

they faced, the perceptions they have, and the impact people have on them.

One senior wrote: *"I wish I was in a better place in my faith. I'm not there yet and I don't know when I will be. It's not because of Unity. There is a lot going on in my life outside of school, but I can't say going to Unity made the rest of my life any easier or better."*

Another added: *"I had a really hard time with some of my classmates. It is hard for me to see how some people call themselves Christian at our school when they treat others the way they do."*

Still another wrote: *"I like Unity and the teachers I had were great. Would I send my own kids to a Christian school? I can't say for sure because it seems like a lot of money for Bible class and chapel."*

It is disheartening to know some students leave Unity with an experience which falls short of their expectations and doesn't match what we hope for them.

However, these responses also provide an opportunity. They motivate us to find new ways to listen, learn, and connect with students who do not experience the same sense of belonging as many of their peers. It also allows us to recognize areas of school life where the infusion of faith can be more fully realized by our students.

For other seniors, their "finish line" reflections express gratitude for the experience of a faith-infused education. One member of the Unity class of 2022 wrote:

"I am incredibly thankful for Christian schooling. I know I so often take it for granted, but looking at the big picture, I know

my faith life wouldn't even be close to what it is now without the education I got. Because of Christian schooling, I learned how God shows up in every aspect of my life. I saw Him through the complexities of language and number patterns. I saw Him through the intricate details of science and how nature actually proves His existence. I saw him through the creativity of music and art. Yes, public education would have taught me all those subjects well, but I would have lacked the connection between everyday life and my faith life. Christian education infused the basic parts of my day with a Christ-like mindset – something that I'll be able to take with me for the rest of my life. I don't think my walk with the Lord would be nearly as important to me as it is without the Christian mentoring and Christ-like examples of teachers and staff. I really learned how to practice my faith 24/7 instead of keeping both parts of my life separate."

We are thankful when students recognize God calling them to see evidence of Him in all areas of life. It is inspiring to see young Christian men and women who so clearly want to be faithfully different from popular culture, and who understand ultimate Truth must be defined through the lens of scripture.

However, for many graduating seniors their "finish line" reflections are not like those already mentioned. Their thoughts about the intersection of faith and life near the conclusion of high school fall somewhere in the middle. These seniors, while clearly not disillusioned or hopeless in their journey of faith at Unity, are also unable to claim with confidence the Christ-following commitment some of their classmates are able to articulate.

Later in the day after our "Finishing Well" chapel, Anna (not her real name) stopped by my classroom to talk. Anna and I had our first conversation about life and faith during her sophomore year. Anna was insightful and was not afraid to ask hard questions about faith and her relationship with Christ.

Anna sat down in the chair she always chose—by the window near my desk. She looked at me with all the intensity her blue eyes could muster. Anna wasn't much for small talk, so she started right in.

"I'm having some trouble with what you said this morning in chapel, Mr. Landstra"

I grew used to our conversations beginning with direct statements, so I took a moment to reflect on the source of Anna's concern. Then I asked her, *"What seems to be the trouble?"*

Anna slouched in the chair with her arms crossed, nonverbally expressing her frustration, and exclaimed *"I'm not finishing well at all!"*

Somewhat perplexed I asked, *"What do you mean by that, Anna?"*

Anna sat back upright, extended one hand in my direction and said, *"You told the seniors we have been given the tools we need to leave high school and put our faith into practice in whatever comes next. You said the choice was ours. You talked about finishing well by using what has been offered for the journey."*

Anna paused, waiting for a response.

"Yes, I said all of that." I replied. "But, Anna, you still haven't told me what the problem is!"

Anna sighed deeply and responded, "The problem is, I don't feel like I'm finishing well at all! I'm leaving Unity in just a few more days and I am not sure I'm ready for what is next. You say we have all the tools, but to be honest I have a hard time knowing what tools to use, and when to use them."

I nodded in understanding of Anna's concern. "Ok, Anna," I said, "Let's get back to the basics."

Anna shot me a quizzical look—obviously not expecting this response. "What do you mean?" she asked.

"The basics," I said. "Truthfully answer these questions with a 'yes' or 'no', ok?"

Anna furrowed her brow, then mumbled. "I guess so."

I began rattling off a series of very brief questions:

"Do you believe the Bible is true?"

"Do you believe Jesus is real, lived on earth without sin, and died on the cross?"

"Do you believe Jesus was resurrected from the dead and is alive now?"

"Do you believe you can be saved if you ask God to forgive your sins and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior?"

"Do you believe Jesus is coming again to make all things new?"

To each question, Anna nodded with confidence and said, "Yes!"

After the last question I paused, allowing Anna to reflect on the questions and her answers. After a few moments of silence, I asked, "Why do you think I

asked you those questions?"

A slight smile revealed Anna knew the intent of the questions. "To show me I have the tools" she replied.

"Exactly!" I said enthusiastically.

Anna lifted her hands up in frustration. "It's just that it seems so hard sometimes."

She made two fists then began raising one finger at a time, ticking off each item she brought up:

- "Decisions about how to handle different situations with friends."
- "Trying to be a Christian in a work environment where I feel all alone."
- "Figuring out church where it seems so many things are not going well."
- "Living in a world where I am told everything is ok, when I know it can't be."
- "Boyfriends!"
- "College and how I am going to handle a brand new and very different environment."
- "Family issues..."

Anna paused. "I think you get the point," she said, looking intently at me.

"I do," I replied. "But having the tools doesn't mean you are ready to build a house."

"What?" Anna replied.

"Anna, you are a Christian. You just confessed that a minute ago. But there is a difference between becoming a Christian and being one. The first is an event, the second is a process. The first one is relatively simple. The second one can be incredibly challenging."

I paused. As Anna sat in silence, I continued. "When we

talk about you having the tools to finish well, it simply means you are equipped for the next part of the journey. It certainly does not mean you have everything figured out or that your life of faith will be simple. I expect it won't be at all."

I pointed at my heart, then at Anna's and continued "But because you have the Holy Spirit in your heart, He will guide you if you seek Him in how best to use those tools throughout your life... That is why I asked you those questions. You have the tools and I know you will learn more throughout your journey through life how best to use them!"

I pointed to the Bible on my desk. "That is why I specifically referred to the passage from II Timothy 3 today in chapel."

I quickly flipped to the bookmarked page and read verses 14-15 to Anna...

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

I took a moment to let Anna consider God's Word, then said, "Those are the tools you have been given, Anna!"

Anna nodded and smiled. "I think I understand what you mean Mr. Landstra. I really hadn't thought about it that way" She paused briefly again, "But it just seems really hard sometimes, don't you think?"

I nodded enthusiastically. "It's really hard... for everyone who is trying to be faithful. That is one of the main reasons we chose the text for your senior class this year. We know you are growing up in a time where it could be more challenging

than ever to live faithfully different from the world.”

“I know” Anna replied. “I heard it so much this year I don’t think I will ever forget it... ‘Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds’.”

“Yes!” I replied. “There is an army of saints spurring you on!”

I turned to my computer. “Let me have you watch this video from chapel today one more time Anna. But this time I want you to visualize it in a different way. Instead of the runner representing you and your classmates finishing high school, think of the runner as if they were approaching heaven at the end of their life.”

Anna was a runner, so I believed she could relate to the video from the perspective of an athlete. Before playing the video, I said, “Anna, I’m a runner just like you. Having done many endurance events, this video makes me think of more than just finishing a hard race. In my mind, I see a parallel to our entrance into heaven - with all the people we

loved and who loved us lining the course to eternity.”

We watched a brief video of the last finisher in an Ironman triathlon. After nearly eighteen hours of struggle and effort, she approached the finish just before midnight to a huge crowd of supporters cheering wildly in support of the completion of such a long and challenging event.

As Anna and I watched the video, I noticed tears welling up in her eyes. I believe she saw a version of herself in the runner – facing difficulty, trials, and the struggle to keep going. But she also saw a spectacular finish, one that may have given her a glimpse of the ultimate finish, one that all Christians anticipate!

As I closed the video and turned to Anna, I said, “You are finishing this part of your journey, Anna. And I believe you are finishing well. But this is just one of many more journeys and finishes you will experience throughout your life. You have

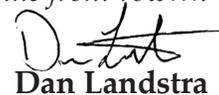
the tools! It won’t be easy, but the Lord will be with you wherever you go!”

Anna nodded, stood up and said, “Got it, Mr. Landstra.” Six days later Anna and her classmates walked across the stage at graduation to receive their diplomas, and officially ended this part of their journey. Each of the 161 graduates finished well – but as each of them knows, the race is not completed. There will be many more opportunities to finish well.

Our prayer is for each of our students to run the race with perseverance, to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, and to finish well, anticipating the day when, after their work on earth is done, the Lord says to them, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Lord Jesus, may it be so!

From the front row....



Dan Landstra

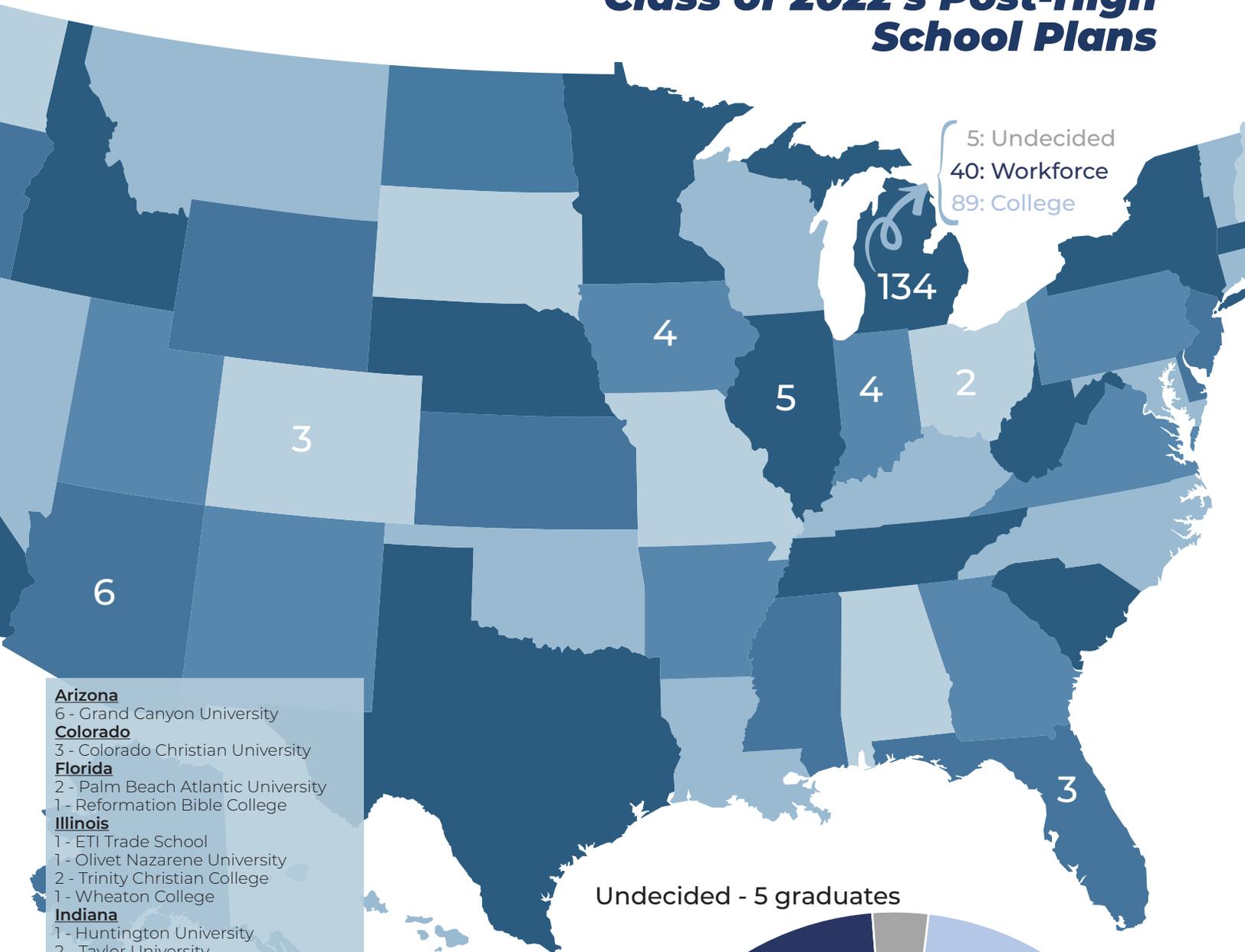
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Hurdler Infinite Tucker dives over finishing line to win race
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Inspiring Ironman Triathlon Finish
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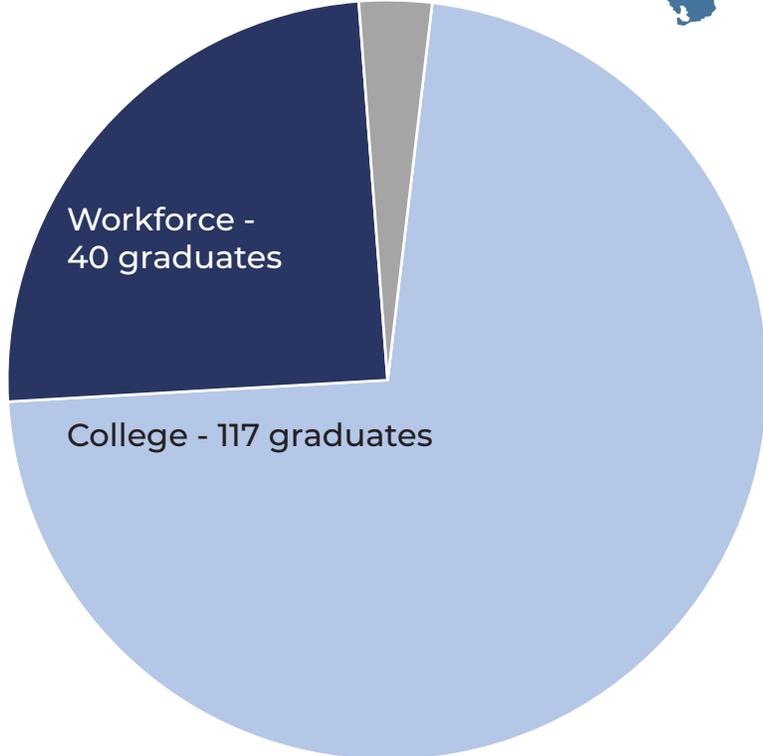


Class of 2022's Post-High School Plans



- Arizona**
6 - Grand Canyon University
- Colorado**
3 - Colorado Christian University
- Florida**
2 - Palm Beach Atlantic University
1 - Reformation Bible College
- Illinois**
1 - ETI Trade School
1 - Olivet Nazarene University
2 - Trinity Christian College
1 - Wheaton College
- Indiana**
1 - Huntington University
2 - Taylor University
1 - Trine University
- Iowa**
4 - Dordt University
- Michigan**
1 - Aquinas Coll./Univ. of Detroit Mercy
1 - Ashland University
21 - Calvin University
13 - Cornerstone University
3 - Davenport University
1 - Douglas J Aveda Institute
4 - Ferris State University
2 - Grace Christian University
12 - Grand Rapids Community College
13 - Grand Valley State University
1 - Hillsdale College
2 - Hope College
1 - Kuyper College
5 - Michigan State University
1 - Michigan Technological University
1 - Northwestern Michigan College
1 - Olivet College
1 - Saginaw Valley State University
2 - Spring Arbor University
1 - The Salon Professional Academy
2 - University of Michigan
- Ohio**
1 - Bowling Green University
1 - Cedarville University

Undecided - 5 graduates



Building Unity Campaign

with Mr. Jerry DeGroot
Principal/CEO

God has richly blessed the Unity Christian School community since its beginning in 1953. The families supporting Christian education have remained faithful and committed to providing a biblical based, faith infused education to develop and lead the next generation. God is actively involved in the lives of young people at Unity where countless opportunities are available for students to see how they can take part in growing His kingdom! We are blessed!

The 2022/23 school year represents the 8th year at our campus on 48th Avenue. The school facilities have served many students and supported the comprehensive programs offered. Laying the groundwork for the future is important and we are called to be visionaries as we explore where God is leading. Charting the past and recognizing what the future presents is an ongoing process for Unity's leadership. The enrollment chart included provides a snapshot of what Christian schools in our area

are experiencing. The growth in Christian education is certainly encouraging as the desire for children to hear the story of Jesus Christ is resonating in our community.

This thriving future for Christian education while exciting does present challenges. Fulfilling our commitment to excellence in all areas of education and enhancing the experiences of our students is guiding these decisions. We are investigating the future needs in our facilities that will support the trends for increased enrollment and provide the needed facility improvements to continue the excellence in education.

Eastern Ottawa Christian Schools Growth

School	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Total Students 2021/22
Allendale	59	42	40	31	29	23	29	23	25					301
Borculo	24	29	24	29	26	24	22	17	25					221
Hudsonville	98	111	89	103	92	82	95	79	91					840
Jenison	41	45	33	38	37	31	27	33	24					309
Lamont	13	15	13	10	10	9	6	7	5					88
South Olive	10	10	16	5	6	7	4	9	0					67
Unity										186	147	147	164	644
Total	245	252	215	216	200	177	183	168	170	186	147	147	164	2,470

Predicted Future Enrollment

2021/22 Enrollment
2022/23 Predicted Enrollment
2023/24 Predicted Enrollment
2024/25 Predicted Enrollment

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Total
2021/22 Enrollment	186	147	147	164	644
EOCS 8 th Grade Total: 170	186	147	147		650
EOCS 7 th Grade Total: 168	186	170	147		671
EOCS 6 th Grade Total: 183	186	168	170	186	707

Through prayerful reliance on God and strategic decision making the ongoing school expansion project has been moving forward. Investigating the financial strength in our community has forged many meetings to create awareness, answer questions and gain clarity on financial support. Since January of this year over \$5 million has been committed to this project which has been a key marker as the Trustees at Unity are committed to investing further in an expansion project to help us accurately plan for our future.

As the proposed facility enhancements are further explored the broader community will be engaged

as to the next steps, timetable, costs, and ways to become involved. The goal is to accurately achieve a plan that will support current and future students, provide space for growing programs, and to carefully utilize space across curriculums.

We look forward to the fall when more detailed plans for the building expansion can be provided to increase clarity in scope and cost for this project. We are currently requesting your prayers as the path for this necessary expansion is determined. We invite all inquiries regarding this project and wish to engage everyone in our community.

For more information regarding Unity's expansion, further clarification, or determining how you can be involved, please contact:

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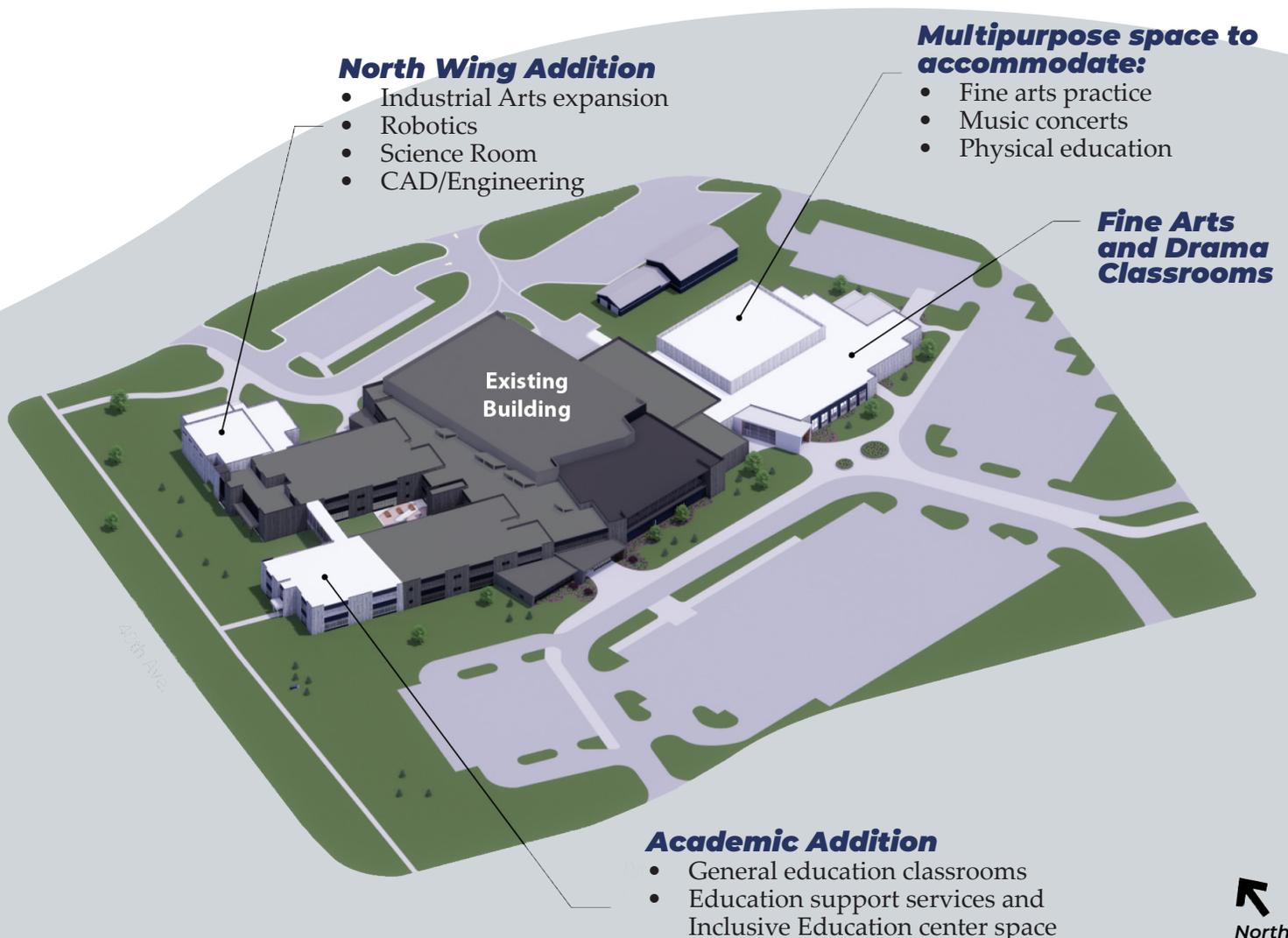
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Celebration Banquet 2022

On Monday, April 25, we held our annual Celebration Banquet. This year's theme was "Encourage One Another." Our guests were treated to dinner from The Trestle Stop and dessert from Leesa's Cupcakes. Our guest speaker this year was Mrs. Terri DeBoer and she encouraged our guests to find and purpose in the ever-changing seasons of life.



Thanks to the support of our Banquet Sponsors, this event would not have been made possible as a "free" event and fundraiser.

THIS YEAR'S BANQUET
RAISED \$136,800
FOR THE EDUCATION
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TUITION ASSISTANCE.

Please take time to thank and support the businesses and individuals listed here who made this evening possible!

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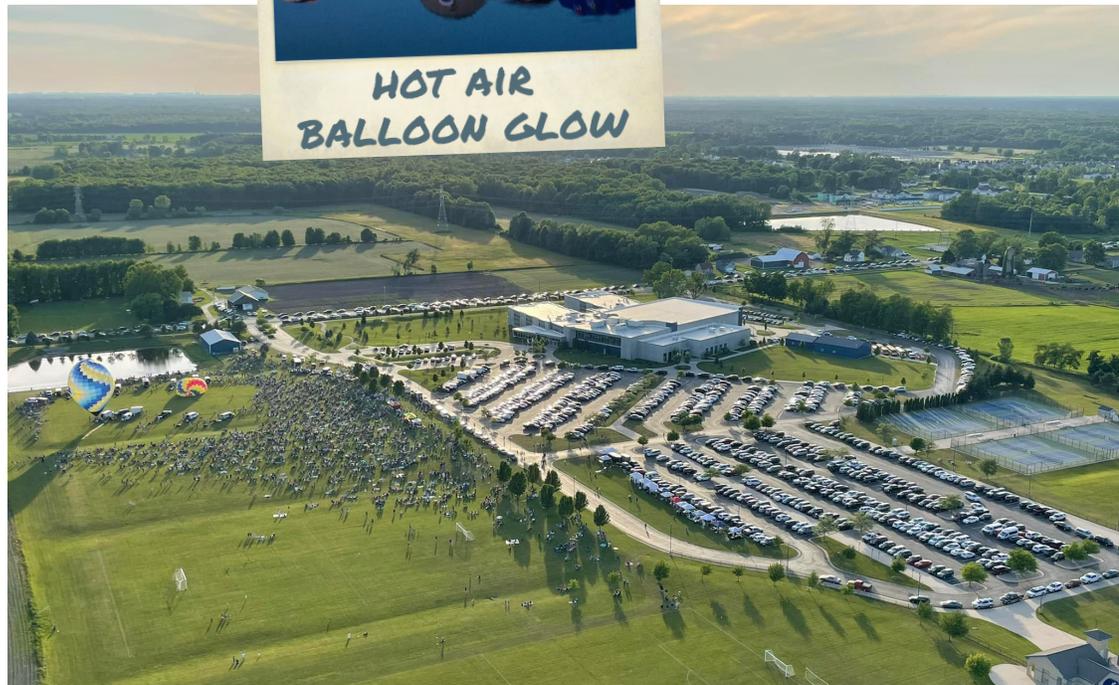
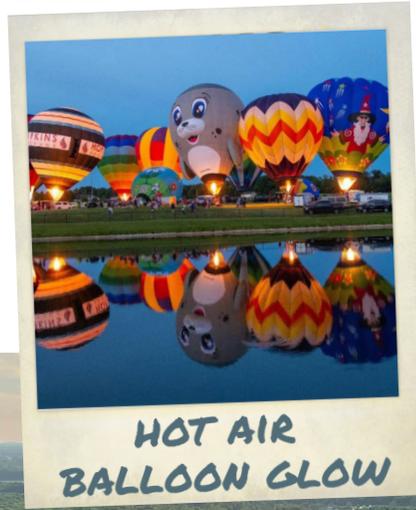
Hudsonville Balloon Days 2022

Unity Christian hosted the second annual Hudsonville Balloon Days June 17-18!

The winds were too high on Friday to do any launching, but guests still enjoyed coming out to enjoy Hark Up!, the vendors at our Craft Show, and the Food Trucks!

Saturday was beautiful, and allowed for the balloons to launch throughout the day and an evening Hot Air Balloon Glow!

Thank you to all of the UC supporters and volunteers who helped this event run smoothly!



Alumni News



For alumni information updates, please use the QR code to the left, our website -- connect -- alumni, email us at development@unitychristian.org, or call our Development Office at (616) 662-4011.

THE CLASS OF 1957

celebrated their 65th year reunion at Unity Christian earlier this June!



congrats, grads!

reVive would like to say a special congratulations to 3 Unity Graduates: **Janae DeLong, Anna Terpstra,** and **Mallory Vostad.**

These ladies have not only worked hard this year to complete their academic career at Unity, but they have also made time for volunteering at reVive. Throughout the year, they have faithfully cashiered or volunteered in the store. And their friendliness to shoppers, their helpfulness to other volunteers, and their servant hearts have not gone unnoticed!

Congratulations, ladies, on a job well done – at Unity and at reVive, too! We know God has big plans for each of your futures and we're so grateful to have been a part of your high school experience!



Janae DeLong



Anna Terpstra



Mallory Vostad

Freely you have received, freely you give.

At reVive, Bibles are free. We're always happy to see God's Word go home with someone and don't feel the need to charge for that.

One day, a gentleman in his late 80s or maybe even 90s approached one of the managers asking for a Bible that had footnotes. Thinking that shouldn't be too hard to find, the manager checked the shelf but didn't find one that included footnotes, so she thought she'd also look in the back room for him. After pawing through 5 boxes of sorted books, she finally found one and brought it out to the waiting customer. When she told him it was free, he started crying. He was so thankful and felt so blessed that he couldn't stop thanking her and thanking reVive.

It was a very special moment, and she was so grateful that she could bless this gentleman. It was also a good reminder for all of us to treasure the priceless yet free gift of God's Word - and to share it with someone every chance we get!



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Go, Team!

reViVe is also grateful to all the UC coaches and sports teams that spent a few hours volunteering in the store this year! We welcomed Unity's Boys JV Tennis, Girls Freshman Volleyball, Girls JV Volleyball, Boys Varsity Football, Boys JV Basketball, Girls Varsity Basketball, Girls Varsity Tennis, and Boys JV Baseball – 8 teams in all!

You helped us complete so many tasks – from the big projects that take many hands to the little jobs that never seem to get done until we have a crew like you – and proved once again that it really does take a “team” to get it all done!

Thank you for taking the time to bless us in the middle of your busy athletic seasons. We really appreciate it and hope you enjoyed your time here as much as we enjoyed having you!



Boys' JV Baseball



Girls' JV Volleyball



Girls' Varsity Basketball

Shopping Hours

M,W,F: 10 am – 5 pm, T, Th: 10 am – 7 pm

Sat: 10 am – 3 pm

Donation Hours

M-F: 10 am - 4 pm, Sat: 10 am - 12 pm



UC Inclusive Education Volunteers

Every volunteer at reViVe is important. Each fills his or her own niche. Each blesses the store in different ways with the unique gifts they bring. But there are a few specific volunteers that we'd like to recognize.

Every Tuesday and Thursday for this past school year, Unity students from the Inclusive Education program have taken time out of their academic day to work at reViVe.

They corral the hangers, get the mail, hang clothing, put out puzzles, climb ladders, restock shelves, and so much more!

They come with great attitudes that encourage us and willing hands that help us. And we are so grateful for them!

Jayden, Debra, Maddie, Mallory, and Shania, we

appreciate all you have done for reViVe this year! **May God bless you just as you blessed us!**



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