

THE LION'S TALE



PERIODIC ACCOLADES & ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM WESTMINSTER ACADEMY

Dear WA Family,

There is an old Chinese proverb that says, "If you want to know about the water, don't ask a fish." This represents part of our challenge, taking what we know and experience every day at Westminster Academy and sharing that with members of our community. Those of us who work here get to see firsthand how God is working in the lives of our students. We often share these stories through the weekly eNews and on social media but realize that those can often get lost in the busyness of everyday life.

As a result, we've been looking at ways we can improve our communication and better share this journey with you. One way is this new publication called *The Lion's Tale*. We anticipate producing this periodically as a way to highlight the Westminster Academy experience as God continues to be at work here.

It is our hope that this update will help connect you with what happens on campus and that you will feel at home.

Blessings,



Joel T. Satterly
Headmaster

Stay Connected

With so many exciting things happening at WA, it can be challenging to keep up with everything. Below we have listed the tools we use to communicate what's happening in our school community. We encourage you to stay connected in as many ways as you can.

eNews

The eNews is delivered to your inbox weekly. If you're not receiving the eNews, please sign up at wa.edu/signup.

Facebook

Our Facebook posts contain a summary of articles linking back to our website as well as to other posts. Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/wa.lions.

Twitter

Articles on our website are also posted on Twitter. In addition to articles, we will also send out certain athletic event scores, shout-outs, photos, quick announcements, and reminders. Follow us at twitter.com/wacad or by using our Twitter handle, @wacad.

Instagram

We use Instagram to post photos, shout-outs, reminders, and share the memorable moments experienced throughout the WA community. Follow us on Instagram at instagram.com/wacad or by using our Instagram account, @wacad.

New To Our Team



Mary Lou Capan

Director of Curriculum and Instruction



Tony DeMare

Athletic Director



Tommy Lewis

Head Varsity Football Coach

Athletic Achievements

State Championships

Men's Cross Country—Class 1A State Champions

Jessica Nava—State Champion and Record Holder in 100m Butterfly and State Champion in 100m Backstroke

Men's Basketball—Class 4A State Champions



Individual Accomplishments

Sun Sentinel Swimming & Diving Swimmer of the Year—**Jessica Nava**

Sun Sentinel Basketball Player of the Year—**Paul Atkinson**

Sun Sentinel All-County Basketball First Team—**Zachary Scott**

Sun Sentinel All-County Soccer First Team—**Patrick Sastre**

Sun Sentinel All-County Cross Country First Team—**Jasmine Hincapie**

Sun Sentinel All-County Volleyball First Team—**Jenna Boland**

Sun Sentinel Basketball Coach of the Year—**Ehren Wallhoff**

*** THE *** NEXT LEVEL



The following students have signed or committed to play at the next level: 1. **Paul Atkinson**, Yale University for Basketball 2. **Philip Barbar**, Wheaton College for Football 3. **Jenna Boland**, Stetson University for Volleyball 4. **Caroline Elgut**, Franklin and Marshall for Volleyball 5. **Erika Hall**, Gordon College for Soccer 6. **Luke Hunter**, Covenant College for Soccer 7. **Gabriella Kalb**, College of Holy Cross for Volleyball 8. **Gillianna Kalb**, University at Albany for Volleyball 9. **Jake Sasser**, Rhodes College for Football 10. **Patrick Sastre**, Gardner Webb University for Soccer and Track and Field 11. **Jason Strong**, Northeastern for Basketball

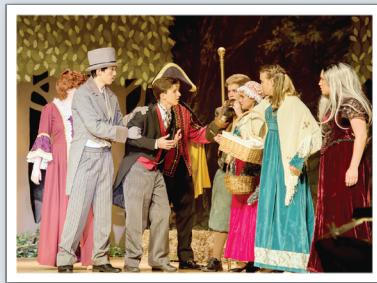
Annual Dinner Auction

Our annual dinner auction, *Derby Day at WA*, presented by Freeman Orthodontics, was a huge success raising gross proceeds of over \$150,000. About 250 guests enjoyed southern fare, bid on exciting items and gave generously to support our school. A portion of the evening was dedicated to honoring Dr. Ken Wackes and naming him Headmaster Emeritus, in appreciation for his 32 years of faithful service. All proceeds from the auction have been designated for renovating the Dr. Kenneth P. Wackes Media Center.



Arts

WA senior, **Gabriela Peña**, has been accepted into the Ringling College of Art + Design as the top applicant in the Department of Illustration. Gabriela's work has won several awards in various art exhibits including Best in Show at the Broward Art Guild Youth Art Competition and Exhibit, Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Key Award, Judge's Recognition Award, and People's Online Choice at the ArtBravo, a Juried Art show at Artserve.



Congratulations to the cast, crew, and countless volunteers that contributed to the success of this year's school play, *Into The Woods*, presented by License to Chill/Rheem Pro Partner.



Academics

Early College Acceptances

Yale

MIT

Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Northeastern University



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of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL



Robotics

Team 744 Shark Attack Wins Smoky Mountain Regional

Westminster Academy's High School Robotics Team, FRC Team 744 Shark Attack, traveled to the Smoky Mountain Regional Robotics Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, held at University of Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena.

Our team survey function was at a new level with students surveying each team's matches and now entering the data on iPads. The data was immediately used to create strategies to win our next matches. Our programming crew was able

to perfect the best autonomous routine at the competition. Our drivers and pit crew worked tirelessly to earn one of the highest records in gear placement at the competition.

The team was on the fifth seed alliance for the elimination rounds and came back to win the competition and the Judges' Award. The win in Knoxville qualified the team for the World Championship in Houston, Texas, in April.



Helping Others

Lauderdale Lakes Alzheimer's Care Center

The Westminster Academy National Honor Society has had a special relationship with the Lauderdale Lakes Alzheimer's Care Center. Throughout the years our students have visited the center to spend time with the seniors. National Honor Society members sing hymns and create crafts with the residents.

On Friday, March 24, the Westminster Academy National Honor Society sponsored a walk resulting in over \$5,700 raised to benefit the center.



The Westminster Academy National Honor Society will be recognized at the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission meeting in April.



Vision Of Hope Ministries

This year Westminster Academy has partnered with Vision of Hope Ministries in support of College Susan Schuenke in Cap Haitien, Haiti. College Susan Schuenke is a day school that seeks to minister to the educational, spiritual, and physical needs of the students who attend. Their desire is to train up young leaders that they might work for the development of Haiti one day as adults, breaking the cycle of poverty they live in and making a lasting positive impact on their nation.

Our hope is that each grade at Westminster Academy, (K-12), will donate the funds needed to cover the annual tuition for a Haitian child to attend College Susan Schuenke. The annual tuition cost for each child is \$375 per year.



We are looking forward to partnering with Vision of Hope Ministries and for our students to step up and support students their own age at College Susan Schuenke, a like-minded, Christian school in Haiti. We believe this is a great discipleship opportunity for our students.

WA students have volunteered
14,225.2 hours this school year as of April 5, 2017! That's about 1 year, 32 weeks, 3 days, 11 hours, and 12 minutes!

Please note that all information provided is as of April 5, 2017. We look forward to sharing more in *The PawPrint* next fall.



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