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## MISSION: America

### Securing the Land!

Dear Friend of Dayspring,

The timeline of Dayspring Christian Academy began twenty-one years ago with a kindergarten program on East Vine Street in Lancaster City. As the school grew, we constantly needed more space and moved from place to place: the Teamster's Union Hall, the old Thomas Mifflin School on Pearl Street, and Burle Business Park. Throughout these years of growth and development, the Lord was preparing Dayspring

## Learn To Be a Servant of All

Seven grades. Seven bags. Seven or more families to be encouraged in a time of distress. So envisioned the Dayspring contingency to ACSI's Middle School Leadership Conference last fall, where the focus on Jesus as a servant-leader resonated in the hearts of DCA's eleven delegates.

At the conference, students were challenged to plan and lead a service project that involved other students. Dayspring's Middle School leadership group decided to support the Voice of the Martyrs **actionPACK** program, whereby they would encourage their peers to fill special preprinted vacuum bags with specific items, such as clothes, soap, sheets, etc., for Pakastani believers who have been separated from their families, homes, and jobs because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Each of Dayspring's seven Upper School homerooms subsequently agreed to sponsor one **actionPACK**. They gathered the suggested items, and many classes included notes of prayerful support and Scripture verses. In February the Middle School Leadership group mailed seven overflowing bags to the VOM distribution center in order to bring relief and hope to those who are "persecuted for righteousness' sake" (Matthew 5:10). These young people are learning through experience that being a leader really means serving others (Mark 10:43-44).

## It's Time to Secure the Land!

to be ready for this moment in time. We now stand at the threshold of the long-awaited dream to create an educational campus that will be the focal point of a multigenerational outreach to our community and our nation called "**Mission: America.**"

As a Principle Approach® demonstration school for the Foundation for American Christian Education, Dayspring will continue to teach the rising generation to reason from biblical principles in every subject and every area of life.

But education isn't just for children! We must also equip young adults to "stand before kings" with their skill and understanding (Proverbs 22:29). In our day, this means becoming leaders of influence in government, law, education, and public policy by thinking and acting in a consistently Christian manner.

Furthermore, we must restore our fading national memory to young and old alike by rehearsing the story of God's hand in America's history.

Dayspring is more than just a school. It is a beacon of Truth lighting the way back to the biblical foundation upon which America was built; it is a vanguard that is turning back the tide of secularism that is flooding our nation. Dayspring's Remember, America radio program, *Thanksgiving Exposed: The Real Pilgrim Story*, and the annual Patriots Celebration are all evidence of a passion to reclaim America's Christian heritage and to restore a biblical view of life and learning to a decaying culture.

The book of Zechariah relays the story of the Jews returning from captivity to a pagan and corrupt land. Just as they had to get past their small beginnings in order to bring about the purposes of God, so we must take the next step in fulfilling the vision and mission of Dayspring Christian Academy for the sake of our families and nation. The Lord has opened the door for us to purchase forty-four acres of beautiful land in Lancaster County. This land provides abundant space on which to build the facilities for a state-of-the-art school and the far-reaching vision of "**Mission: America.**"

How can you be involved in this momentous occasion? Please call me to discuss your ideas. Also, join us in prayer that the land approval process will go smoothly.

For the glory of God,  
Michael R. Myers, M. A. Ed., Headmaster

"Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; and you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets in which to dwell." Isaiah 58:12



# CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Dayspring Christian Academy is proud to introduce the senior class of 2008. In many ways, these young men and women exemplify the ongoing mission of the school: they acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of life, demonstrate a Biblical worldview, display excellence in Christian character and scholarship, and have hearts to restore America to her Christian purpose.



**Maria Elizabeth Hurley**  
*I Corinthians 13: 4-8*

**Parents** Larry & Donna

**Church**  
The Lord's House of Prayer

**Home** Lancaster, PA

**Years at DCA** 12 years

**Future Plans**

College - undecided

Maria has been at Dayspring all but two years of her entire schooling career. She is a quiet steady student who enjoys a good laugh with her classmates. Her sweet nature welcomes good friendships. Maria is still considering how God is going to use her gifts for the future.

**"Friends are the only family you can choose, so choose wisely."**



**Hannah Marie Jackson**  
*Psalms 27:4*

**Parents** David & Jeanne

**Church**  
Immanuel Free Reformed Church

**Home** Lancaster, PA

**Years at DCA** 2 years

**Future Plans**

Study the viola at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music along with Greek at the Lancaster Center for Classical Studies with hopes of transferring to Patrick Henry College.

It has been our pleasure to have Hannah continue the last two years of her education at Dayspring. Hannah is a very studious and honorable young woman. Her heart's desire is to serve God with her whole being. We look forward to God using her musical and other talents to serve Him in the future.

**"Love and honor your parents."**

**National Merit Scholarship Finalist**



**Christopher Lewis-James Major**  
*Romans 5:2*

**Parents** William & Diane

**Church**  
Life Community Church

**Home** Strasburg, PA

**Years at DCA** 3 years

**Future Plans**

Harrisburg Area Community College, then transfer to Drexel University

Chris has brought much to the life of Dayspring the last three years. He is a solid athlete and has also added much in the area of technical support to our sound room. Showing strong biblical understanding, he is a godly young man who always has a smile and a kind word for everyone.

**"I want to show my appreciation and thanks to my parents, to whom I owe so much."**



**Michael Gerard McMullen**  
*Psalms 33:4-5*

**Parents** Gerard & Bethany

**Church**  
Mt. Vernon Mennonite Church

**Home** Willow Street, PA

**Years at DCA** 10 years

**Future Plans**

Harrisburg Area Community College – Computer Information Sciences

Michael is a fine young man that truly enjoys a deep conversation. His philosophical nature and unique way of looking at life have added much to yearbook and the intellectual life at Dayspring. He is interested in computers which he plans to use to further God's kingdom in the future.

**"Don't just pretend to listen."**



**Michael Charles McNulty II**  
*Proverbs 15:1*

**Parents** Baron & Rene' Geib & Michael & Amy McNulty, Sr.

**Church**  
Carpenter Community Church

**Home** Willow Street, PA

**Years at DCA** 10 years

**Future Plans**

Millersville University – Graphic Design

It has been a pleasure to see Michael grow up during his ten years at Dayspring. Michael is a mature young man who loves a good debate, has great biblical insight, and seeks to use his many talents to glorify His heavenly father. It has been a pleasure watching Michael's acting ability in use locally and nationally.

**"Thank you to the teachers who really made me think about things."**



**Lauren Marie Miller**  
*Galatians 2:20*

**Parents** Tracy & Brenda

**Church**  
Faith Bible Fellowship Church

**Home** Lancaster, PA

**Years at DCA** 10 years

**Future Plans**

Lancaster Bible College – Elementary Education

Lauren is a quiet gentle blessing. In fact, one of her strengths is her depth of character. Lauren is a solid athlete, strong academic student, and a true joy to be around. Her smile is readily available as is her ministry to everyone she meets.

**"Thank you to my family who have always been guiding me and encouraging me every step of the way."**



**John Jeremy Nelson**  
*Hebrews 12:2-3*

**Parents** John & Ruth

**Church**  
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church

**Home** New Providence, PA

**Years at DCA** 4 years

**Future Plans**

Harrisburg Area Community College, then transfer to Harvard University or University of North Carolina – Biology

John is very intellectual young man whose viewpoints add much to enliven class discussions. John's heart is to succeed and use his impending medical training to serve the hurting of the world.

**"Thanks to my mom and dad for the support and encouragement they have been along the way."**

**National Merit Scholarship Finalist**



**Jonathan David Porter**  
*Matthew 26:49*

**Parents** James & Paulajane

**Church**  
Ephrata Reformed Presbyterian Church

**Home** Lititz, PA

**Years at DCA** 10 years

**Future Plans**

Still unfolding

Jonathan has been a true leader as captain of his soccer team. He is a likeable and thoughtful young man and is a quiet, gentle leader. Jonathan gives all for the Lord and the team, and his musical talents have added much to the worship ministry of the school.

**"Thank you to my mom and dad for loving me and looking out for my best."**



**S. Michael Schmucker**  
*I Peter 4:7-11*

**Parents** Steven & Leslie

**Church**  
Victory Church

**Home** Lancaster, PA

**Years at DCA** 8 years

**Future Plans**

Ithaca College – Communications

Michael's vision has been to change the culture of the school in a positive way. He leaves a great legacy through his role in student government and his passion to make a difference. Michael has all the qualities of a promising Christian leader!

**"Thanks to everyone for making my high school experience truly great!"**

# RS...THE CLASS OF 2008!



**Robyn Marie Sears**  
*John 13:34-35*

**Parents** Russell & Carol

**Church**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Home** Lititz, PA

**Years at DCA** 6 years

**Future Plans**

Harrisburg Area Community College or Lancaster General School of Nursing – Nursing

Robyn has grown in perspective since she came to Dayspring six years ago. She has a strong mind, keen intellect, and loves to use her humor to catch people off guard. Robyn has recently entered Leadership Trek and is continuing to grow in the skills she is learning in this program.

"Thank you to everyone that has ever been kind to me, even if you didn't realize the effect it had."

**National Merit Scholarship  
Commended Student**



**Matthew Dwayne Shultz**  
*Proverbs 13:18*

**Parents** Nelson & Tonia

**Church**  
Lancaster County Bible Church

**Home** Millersville, PA

**Years at DCA** 5 years

**Future Plans**

Air Force – Medical Services

Matt demonstrates solid Christian character at every opportunity. He is prudent, contemplative, focused, and genuine. His love of God, his country, and his school has been evident in Matt's service to Dayspring. He is not only an amazing runner, but he also displays a heart of kindness and compassion.

"Thanks to several teachers for holding me accountable in my spiritual walk."



**Bradley John Shuman**  
*Psalms 118:6-10*

**Parents** John & Terry

**Church**  
The Lords House of Prayer

**Home** Willow Street, PA

**Years at DCA** Preschool + 13 years

**Future Plans**

Harrisburg Area Community College then transfer to Drexel University – Mechanical Engineering

Bradley has spent his entire school career at Dayspring. We have seen him grow from a timid Developmental Kindergartner, to a fine, strong senior. Brad likes a good joke but knows when it is time to be serious. He has a heart for serving God and for missions work. Brad has also contributed to the life of the school through athletics.

"Work hard and it will payoff!"



**Spencer Patrick Simmons**  
*Matthew 17:20*

**Parents** Lee & Rita

**Church**  
Faith Bible Fellowship Church

**Home** Millersville, PA

**Years at DCA** 4 years

**Future Plans**

Millersville University – Business

Spencer has brought much to Dayspring's High School. He is a fine athlete and scholar and truly has a gift of humor: "A cheerful heart doeth good like a medicine." We will miss his quick wit, steadfastness of character, and keen swing on the golf course.

"Enjoy life. Find a way to make each class fun."



**Alison Bree Stauffer**  
*II Corinthians 3:18*

**Parents** David & Mary

**Church**  
New Hope Christian Fellowship

**Home** Millersville, PA

**Years at DCA** 13 years

**Future Plans**

Messiah College – Elementary Education

Alison has truly distinguished herself at Dayspring Christian Academy. Her academic scholarship, athletic ability, and pure character are honorable and noteworthy. Alison's godly attitude, oratory skills, and steady temperament will be great assets in her pursuit of God's calling.

"Thank you to all of my friends for helping me make it through with a smile on my face."



**Chaucelynd Michelle Stillman**  
*Deuteronomy 31:6*

**Parents** Michael & Michelle

**Church**  
Lancaster County Bible Church

**Home** Lancaster, PA

**Years at DCA** 9 years

**Future Plans**

Berklee College of Music – Song Writing

Chaucee is a gifted young lady who enjoys using her talents at the radio station, in worship, on video, and for our dramatic productions. She is an organized, focused student who wants to use her musical talents to serve her God in the future.

"Thank you to my teachers for all the memories and making my classes interesting. Thanks, Mom and Dad for being you."



**Matthew Robert Varga**  
*Psalms 139:4, 11, 12*

**Parents** Robert and Sonya

**Church**  
Grace Baptist Church of Millersville

**Home** Lancaster, PA

**Years at DCA** 7 years

**Future Plans**

Millersville University – Communications

Matthew is a young man of many talents. His love of athletics and ability to play a variety of sports have added much to the athletic program at Dayspring. He is a focused young man who is engaging in conversation and will use those gifts in the field of communications.

"Thank you to my parents for being patient with me through the toils and troubles of the teenage life."

**National Merit Scholarship  
Finalist**



**Donald-Craig Wellington Whitaker III**  
*Psalms 18:2*

**Parents** Donald & Kathy

**Church**  
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church

**Home** Quarryville, PA

**Years at DCA** 14 years

**Future Plans**

Millersville University – Pre-Med./Biology

After spending his entire school career at Dayspring, Donald's wit and quick smile have become his hallmark. He has a very sharp mind which he wants to use to serve God as a physician.

"Apply yourself while you still can and keep things fun."

We celebrate them,  
their families, and  
their churches and we  
pray that the Lord will  
continue to use them  
for His glory and the  
advancement of the  
Christian faith!



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from any student because of race,  
nationality, or ethnic origin.

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1:00 PM Scramble

\$85 per golfer – sponsorships available

Tanglewood Golf Course

Dinner to follow

Chance to win a Mercedes at our hole-in-one contest

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email [lurech@dayspringchristian.com](mailto:lurech@dayspringchristian.com)



## Dayspring Students Inducted into the National Honor Society

Creating enthusiasm for scholarship...stimulating a desire to render service...promoting leadership...developing character in students. These four pillars represent the purpose of the National Honor Society and are the criteria used for membership selection.

On Monday, February 25, Dayspring held a prestigious ceremony to induct fifteen students into our new National Honor Society chapter. Each member of the Faculty Council lit a candle then discussed one of the four areas of the N.H.S.

emblem, and Headmaster Michael Myers spoke about the vision for inaugurating a N.H.S. chapter at Dayspring. This was a momentous occasion for Dayspring as we move forward in excellence and provide opportunities for our students to be recognized.

One by one, each candidate came forward to receive a membership card. After the entire group recited the N.H.S. pledge "to be a seeker of Truth", Mrs. Carol Bower, the chapter adviser, welcomed our first students into the National Honor Society.

Inductees are: Rebecca Susan Brandt, Eric Gregory Pettis and Logan Blake Simmons (Class of 2010); Stephen James Bates, Robert Joseph Brown, Lauren Paige Cranmer, Cara Lyn Dochat, Carley Hope Evangelista, and Ruth Elyse Sneller (Class of 2009); Lauren Marie Miller, Jonathan David Porter, Stuart Michael Schmucker, Spencer Patrick Simmons, Alison Bree Stauffer and Donald-Craig Wellington Whitaker III (Class of 2008).

