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Terra Firma, solid ground, represents a metaphor for the vision and mission of Providence. We seek to teach and train young men and women to reach their highest potential in truth and character, to cultivate minds "well-made" not simply "well-filled." From this solid foundation, rooted in Scripture, students prepare to go forth in service to God and man.

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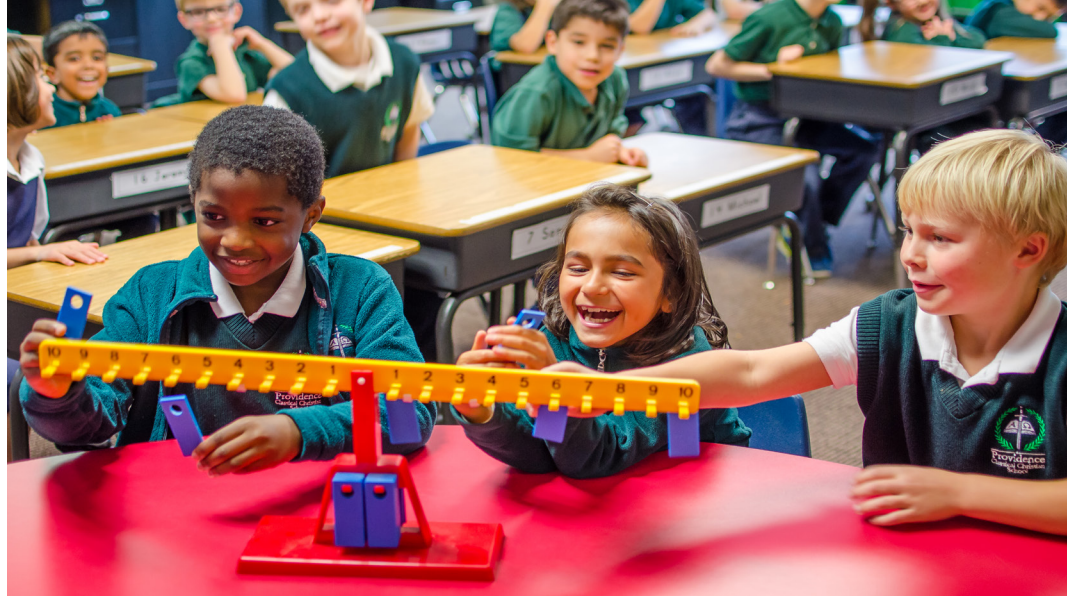
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A Different Kind of School

Classical: Liberal arts curriculum taught according to a child's developmental stages; high academic expectations

Christian: An emphasis on the truth of Scripture in all subjects: encouraging students to think and act biblically

Culture: Partnering with Christian families with a focus on discipleship



Above: First grade students Jola Ajeyori, Emma Badillo, and Roman Young enjoy spending time learning about weights and measures.



Left: A mixed-age group of guys dog-piles a fellow student at a secondary BASIC, L to R: Toby Jorgensen 8, Jeffrey Evans 7, Isaiah Jenkins 8, Ethan Smith 7 along with 10th graders John Baron and Bradley Johnson laugh with unsuspecting victim: Preston Robertstad 9.

Cover: Juniors and Seniors on the Grand Tour in front of the Acropolis.

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From the Editor:

Journalism has become quite the hot-topic with our recent election cycle. Many questions have come to the forefront, such as: What is legitimate journalism? What is the job and purpose of the journalist? How does this fit into the role of a Christian in society? The American Press Institute says that the purpose is "to provide people with verified information they can use to make better decisions, and its practices, the most important of which is a systematic process – a discipline of verification – that journalists use to find *not just the facts, but also the 'truth about the facts.'*" Furthermore, the API states that the value of news is "to empower the informed." Like most gifts put in the hands of a secular culture, it will either be rejected outright or mangled in the opening process. God gifted man with a desire to seek Him, truth, and wisdom. At Providence we seek to embrace this gift by training our truth-seekers to be, in the words of *World Magazine*, "trusted voices that rise above the cacophony of the public square with disciplined, discerning journalism that seeks and speaks truth regardless of the cost." I count it a privilege to be a part of the community of Christian journalists and training-up truth-seekers.

~ Stephanie Robertstad, Editor

From the Headmaster

Commencement Address 2017

Six years ago at the Lynnwood building, I was alerted to a developing problem in the boys' restroom. The 6th grade boys had been warned not to climb the partitions in the stalls, but on this particular day Joe served as the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back, and while clinging to the partition, he unhinged it from the wall. Joe was summoned to my office for a conversation.

The conversation wasn't really a conversation at all, in large part because Joe was weeping so uncontrollably that my sole task became convincing him that everything was going to be okay. Joe finally settled down, he and Rick came in later to repair the partition, and all was made well.

The fact that Jackson was present in the 6th grade was actually no guarantee. Such would not have been the case had we employed a zero-tolerance weapons policy. Early in his kindergarten year, Mrs. Hummel noticed Jackson wielding a small knife, using it to sharpen his pencil as his shavings fell into his pencil box. In many schools this is a one-way ticket out. But when your dad had once been rumored to have "guns" in his car on campus, the administration at the time thought it prudent to simply remind Jackson that such devices were best left at home.

These five individuals, by their own testimony, have learned much over the years. It's true that they were, at times, unruly and elicited warranted concerns from their teachers. "Annoying par-

asites" may be hyperbolic, but they did wonderfully embody the word, Sophomore, which - for those who aren't familiar with the term, literally means "wise fool." In fact, many years ago, I mentioned at commencement that the seniors you see up front are not the same people they were in middle school. I hear a collective amen



Above: Headmaster Ryan Evans gives his commencement speech to the graduates of 2017.

from all of the parents in the room. Rustin and Elaine Haft have mentioned this to me several times over the years, taking comfort in the fact that the Spirit would be efficacious in Lauren's life. And it most definitely has.

It's a great reminder that the sophomore year is akin to a half-time score: the game is not over yet. You meet in the locker room, process the

pep talk, and strategize for the second half. Sophomores don't graduate from high school for the same reason a basketball game doesn't end at half-time. Precious time is still left on the clock, and the character and virtue of the team is manifested in the second half, often in small ways that shape and cultivate the mind and heart to bring forth changes faithful parents longingly pray for. And the most compelling confirmation, I might add, that the value of a classical, Christian education comes to fruition exponentially in the last two rhetoric years.

In his book, *The Benedict Option*, author Rod Dreher reminds his readers that we are living in a post-Christian culture and encourages us as Christians that we must be vigilant in cultivating our affections. Dreher writes, "Ordering one's actions is really about training one's heart to love onto desire the right things, the things that are real, without having to think about it. It is acquiring virtue as a habit." It is our hope that in partnership with parents, we've helped work toward that goal.

These once-sophomores are now graduating seniors and have accomplished much to confirm the Spirit's work in their lives: resilience and joy during injury, leadership on the volleyball court and soccer field; service in myriad school activities; character and faculty awards. These things weren't on the horizon during the sophomore year - perhaps not even in the realm of planetary possibility - but they are real accomplishments, and we also praise God for his grace, and give Him all the glory.

Ryan Evans,
Headmaster

Calendar of Events, Snapshot:

(please see school calendar for full list)

- Grand Tour.....June 14-26
- House Council team-building.....August/September, TBD
- Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.....August, TBD
- Ice Cream social.....Tuesday, September 5
- First Day of school.....Wednesday, September 6
- All-school Potluck dinner.....Friday, September 8
- Secondary Retreat.....September 18-21
- Golf Marathon.....Friday, September 22

Right: Juniors Lindsey Litalien and Holly Evans perch on a rooftop in Athens, Greece while on Grand Tour.



FUNDRAISING

Jog-A-Thon

Run, walk, soar... Every fall, grammar students run with endurance to raise money for student tuition, while secondary students wear costumes and design wheelbarrows to create a fun experience for the runners. Everyone works together to raise money and build relationships. The Jog-A-Thon motto verse is Isaiah 40:31:

“BUT THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES, THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.”

Right: Sophia Sykes 3, Jacob Haikel 3, and Samuel Landsberger 3 race around the track.

Far Right: Ben Smith 1 and Hollie French 9 spur each other to finish strong.



Golf Marathon



Above: Jackson Morris 12 and Joe Moisant 12 take shelter from the rain in the golf cart!

Twenty-seven dedicated golfers endured the pouring rain yet enjoyed the 2017 annual Golf Marathon on October 14.

“EACH FALL, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS, SENIORS, AND TEACHERS RAISE A MINIMUM OF \$1,000 PER PERSON (\$250 FOR PROVIDENCE SENIORS) AND THEN PLAY A DAY OF GOLF TRYING TO COMPLETE AS MANY HOLES AS POSSIBLE IN A LIMITED TIME.”

~CORY MARSHALL

Providence invites you to join golfers of all skill levels for a fun day of golfing, building community, and supporting the school. Look for the opportunity to sign-up in the fall.



Above: Seniors golf on the green.

Auction



Above: Teachers Mattie Butaud and Stephanie Robertstad enjoy a fun evening in costume at the "A Grand Masquerade" themed auction.

Right: Parents and guests enjoy fine dining and fellowship at the Auction.

"THE ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION IS AN EVENING TO REJOICE WITH EACH OTHER OVER WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN, THROUGH, AND FOR OUR SCHOOL, AS WELL AS RAISE MONEY TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION AS A SCHOOL."

~CORY MARSHALL

Families and friends dress up for the annual Providence auction and arrive to enjoy a nice dinner seated at a table with other enthusiastic buyers. Each year the auctioner engages all the participants, helping Providence to raise \$130,000



this year. Providence is grateful to once again feature John Curley, the pre-eminent auctioneer of the Northwest. This fun evening, hosted by Mrs. Marshall along with the juniors and seniors, raises money for student scholarships.

WHAT'S NEW

Journalism



This year Mrs. Robertstad started a new journalism elective! This program was a year-long elective in which high school students write articles for local newspapers, the school website and blog, and the *Terra Firma* school magazine. This magazine comes out twice a year, updating Providence families on current school events. The students write an article and design pages to promote the school with creativity. Mrs. Robertstad and senior Bailey Robertstad edit the magazine and send it to be printed and published.



Above: Jenna Jenkins 9 and Ashley Dougherty 9 collaborate on a spread.



Above: Abbey Langub 10, Analia Johnson 9, and Justin Hatcher 11 focus on the design and writing of the *Terra Firma*.

Student Band



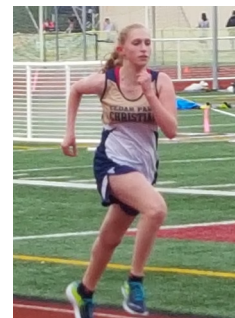
Above: Emberlee Wisler 6 and Karissa Johnson 6 play their flutes.

Sounds of flutes, clarinets, trumpets, and trombones blend together in harmony as young musicians watch the conducting cues of Mrs. Salzman. In 2015, music teacher Jodi Salzman started a band program from students in grades four through six. This year she has extended it to two separate bands. She teaches a beginner's band class for grades four and five and an advanced band for grades six and seven for the students who participated in band the year before. Mrs. Salzman has a master's degree in clarinet and many years of experience playing and teaching band.

Cedar Park Sports



In the 2016-2017 school year, Providence offered opportunities for high school students to participate in new sports in conjunction with Cedar Park. Jeanine Brokaw, Hollie and Katie French, and Angela Wesel completed a successful season of soccer. Jeannine Brokaw also played softball while Cienna Dumaoal Analia Johnson participated in track and field. Playing sports with Cedar Park has been an adventure and Providence hopes to continue collaborating in the future.



Above: Analia Johnson 9 runs with endurance.



Above: Jeannine Brokaw 11 catches the ball on her knee to bring it down on the pitch.

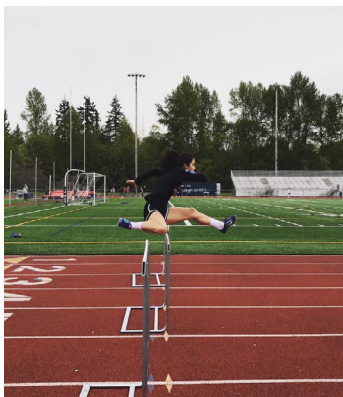
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STUDENT

Student Spotlight: the Dumaal family

Talented both in the classroom and on the athletic field, Cienna Dumaal has caught the attention of scouts in both endeavours. Cienna is one of few students nationwide selected to attend a special journalism camp at George Mason University this summer to hone her skills. She says, "I'D LIKE TO PURSUE JOURNALISM AS A CAREER BECAUSE I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT SHARING TRUTH AND BECAUSE I WANT PEOPLE TO SEE WONDER IN THE EVERYDAY WORLD." In track, she has made a name for herself in events such as hurdles and the pole vault with the Providence/Cedar Park collaboration team. Cienna's dream is to pursue track in college, and she is already looking at the University of Oregon as a potential option. Though she is still weighing pivotal factors, Cienna says, "I'M OPEN TO DEDICATING THE TIME AND EFFORT TO TRACK. I LOVE IT, SO NO MATTER WHAT, I'LL ALWAYS BE RUNNING. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WHETHER IT'S COMPETITIVE AND AT WHAT LEVEL." In the meantime, she is excited to finish her final two years at Providence.

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Imagine having appeared on national television programs, walked runways, and acted in public service announcements to raise awareness for children being bullied in school - and being only thirteen. In addition to his schoolwork and other extracurricular activities such as track and field, Marc, as he likes to be called, performs onstage and on camera. A trip in 2011 to IPOP (International Presentation of Performers) changed his life. IPOP is where he was introduced to his Seattle agency and where began his five-year performing career. Since then, Marc has thrived in several areas of the performing arts, such as voiceover, theatre, musical theatre, dance, and screen acting. His favorite performance to date was a community musical production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Marc is in the eighth grade at Providence and looks forward to continuing both his performing and academic careers. [The photo to the left is a previous professional headshot from his portfolio].

by Analia Johnson 9

by Bailey Robertstad 12

DRAMA UPDATE

by Cienna Dumaal 10

After a break from comedic productions, the Providence drama department brought humor back with a bang for this spring's play, Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*. High school students performed this delightful story of a matchmaker who loves the man for whom she is trying to find a match. But why teach drama at a classical Christian school? I took to the hallways to find out, asking this year's drama participants this same question. Justin Hatcher 11 answered that "DRAMA GIVES STUDENTS AN AREA TO THRIVE OUTSIDE OF ACADEMIA." Holly Evans 11 believes that "ACTING COMPOUNDS THE OTHER SKILLS PROVIDENCE TEACHES ITS STUDENTS, SUCH AS MEMORIZATION AND PRESENTATION, WHILE ALSO BUILDING COMMUNITY." From another thespian: "DRAMA IS AN OPPURTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH THE ARTS," says Analia Johnson 9. So which one of these answers is the right answer then? All of them! The beautiful thing about the arts is that there are truly no wrong answers, and while Providence strives to guide its students toward the One Truth in all things, it is freeing and good to allow them to engage in such a creative and wholesome activity.



The Drama department, including Molly Jorgensen 11, Lauren Haft 12, Justin Hatcher 11, and Olivia Hatcher 11, presents *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder directed by Mrs. Robin Hilt.

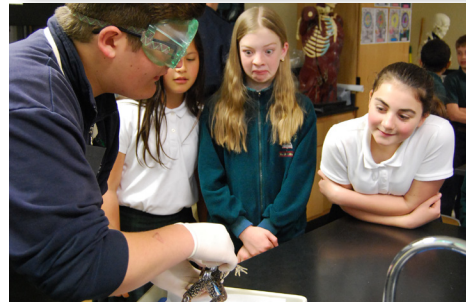
CORNER

Living Conduits: students, science, and sharing

The love of science stems from personal experiences with the joy and wonder of God's creation. To marvel at the physics of a lever or rocket is to know God's immense power and glory. To grasp hands with one's neighbor as an electrical charge zips between the living conduits - the human bodies - is to revel in God's creation.

Students in high school lab sciences, including Biology and Physics, apply their observation and analysis skills to the inner workings of electrical currents or living bodies. They then share these experiences with younger students in specially coordinated events throughout the year.

The 10th grade Biology class students, under the direction of Mrs. Christy Wu, gain a greater appreciation for the intricacy of creation by studying the inner workings of living creatures. The Biology students share this with the 5th grade students in a group dissection event. Mrs. Cynthia Plante thoroughly prepares her 5th graders, but dissecting animals always proves to be an eye-opening experience!



Under the direction of Mr. Nate Morris, the Physics class leads Mrs. Sheri Johnson's 3rd grade students in a variety of engaging electrical experiments.

From the simplicity of static electricity between a balloon and a willing student's head of hair, to the wonder of strong magnets, the younger students learn about electricity with the Senior Physics class and enjoy - or maybe cringe at - becoming living conduits for electric currents.

During such group experiments, the older students enjoy using rhetoric skills to share their knowledge and love of science with a younger Providence generation.

Top: Seniors Jackson Morris, Joe Moisant, and Lauren Haft demonstrate electrical currents to Joseph Brooks and Caitlin Gross 3.

Middle: Bradley Johnson 10 shows the external features of the frog to Hannah Wu 5, Emmy Weiseth 5, and Sadie Mabry-Crissman 5.

Bottom: Noelle Paek 5 and Emmy Weiseth 5 are led by Jade Dellamore 10 in a frog dissection.

by Mrs. Stephanie Robertstad

SPORTS RECAP

by Cienna Dumaoal 10

Soccer: The HS boys soccer team finished a strong season as Co-Champions of the league with a 13-1 record. Their final game was in the state quarterfinals. The team anticipates a bright future in the hands of veteran players and up-and-coming freshman athletes, even after the graduation of star senior players.

Volleyball: The young women on the HS volleyball team went into the district playoffs first in their division. They placed second at districts after losing to Mount Vernon Christian in the final and went on to play two games at tri-districts. Though they did not advance to State this year, the girls enjoyed being leaders in a competitive league.

Basketball: The HS basketball team recalls this past season as a learning experience that opened new doors for them to work hard and bond between grades. They advanced in playoffs after another team in the league forfeited their spot. The team is only losing one senior and looks forward to improving together as a cohesive unit.



Celebrating a point, the girls on the volleyball team embrace each other as the bench players and Coach Elliott cheer from the sidelines.

Class of 2017

The Senior Class



Seniors leading games at Fall Retreat. Each year, the senior class is tasked with leading a game at the secondary Fall Retreat - their last one as Providence students.

Lauren Haft



Lauren started at Providence in 3rd grade. She was a great asset in volleyball, making the All-District team Senior year, and she joined the first Providence high school girls' basketball team. Lauren loves nature and takes every opportunity to hike with friends, explore new places, and jump out of airplanes. She was selected to receive the Drama and Character Awards her senior year. Lauren will attend Colorado Christian University in the fall to major in elementary education.

Reyna Lacalli



Reyna joined Providence sophomore year from Roosevelt High School. She was a freshman starter for her 3A high school basketball team, and when she transferred to Providence, she picked up volleyball right away. Junior year she also helped start the first Providence high school girls' basketball team. For her three years at Providence, she has blessed the school with her contagious smile and great attitude. This fall Reyna plans to attend Seattle Pacific University, majoring in Business Administration.

Joseph Moisant



Joe has attended Providence since kindergarten. He is the youngest of six Providence graduates. Though Joe's greatest passion lies in soccer, which he has played his entire life - leading to his hard-won spot on the All-State team multiple years in a row, he loves playing other sports including basketball, volleyball, golf, ping-pong, etc. Joe is a fun, hard-working guy and a humble leader on-and-off the field. He will be taking his talents to The Master's University in California to play soccer this upcoming year and majoring in business.

Jackson Morris



Jackson was the student body president this year. He has attended Providence since kindergarten and is the youngest in a family of four other Providence alumni. He has played soccer and lacrosse since kindergarten and picked up basketball in his middle school days. Outside of school, he loves hanging out with friends and family. He is a great leader and always maintains a positive attitude. This fall, he will be majoring in business at the University of Idaho and playing lacrosse with his brother, Matthew.

Bailey Robertstad



Bailey joined Providence her sophomore year after moving from Dallas, Texas. She danced with a ballet company for thirteen years, making apprentice to the company, then joined the Providence volleyball team, earning All-District her senior year. Through her hard work and dedication to academics at Providence, she earned Valedictorian for the Class of 2017. She participated in and eventually led Student Ministries for her last two years at Providence and hopes to continue her service to the world by majoring in Global Business and minoring in French as an Honors student at George Fox University in Oregon.

Graduation



The graduates pose with the junior class for the last time.



Turning the tassels, the seniors participate in the longstanding tradition.



Nate Morris gives the commencement speech with commorative items, such as: carrots, apples, and "healthy" crackers!



Lauren Haft fittingly gives a humorous salutorian speech.



Bailey Robertstad gives her classmates a stirring message in her valedictorian speech.

COMMENCEMENT SPEECH, EXCERPT - MR. NATE MORRIS: "I am a strong believer that our students blossom brightly during their last two years of high school. It happens over and over again. The years of memorizing in grammar school, the years of logic during the middle school, and the years of rhetoric all seem to come together in a symbiotic way. All those juices finally mix and blend together to create the best in these young men and women. They are kind and respectful, wise and discerning, confident yet humble, gracious and graceful in public and in private. Something happens those final two years at Providence that does not happen at other places – secular high schools, running start, or in other programs. They are ready to face a world that is almost totally un-Christian. They are ready to swim against the current of our times; to face the onslaught of secularism and humanism; to stand against these and other religions and all sorts of wrong-headed thinking."

SALUTATORIAN SPEECH, EXCERPT - LAUREN HAFT: "One thing Providence does sincerely well is community. Within that, it provides you great opportunities. I mean let's be honest, where else would a 5'1", uncoordinated me, play on a varsity basketball team. It just wasn't going to happen, but because I went to Providence, I got to experience things like that and realize that they were not, in fact, my calling alongside truly wonderful people."

VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH, EXCERPT - BAILEY ROBERTSTAD: "Graduates, every one of you has taught me lessons about life, God, and friendship. When it comes right down to it, there's no one I'd rather have next to me right now than you four. While we are now drawn to different paths, we have been changed and shaped by each other. However, we still have so much more to learn and grow. So remember that there is something bigger than you, don't be afraid of change, always take advantage of the opportunities and people God places before you, learn from your mistakes, and don't try to change the world all at once, but be influential in your unique way."

Senior Thesis Abstracts

Haft:

Because of the fundamental biological differences between boys and girls, single sex schools are the best ways to ensure that students flourish both academically and socially. Single sex schools should, therefore, be adopted as the standard for public education.

Lacalli:

Americans are trending toward increasing lack of empathy which ought to concern us all due to the level of increasing social isolation, racial tensions, and crime.

Moisant:

Rather than going against the grain and clinging to the solid academic standards such as reading and writing, which subsequently produce critical thinking, non-fundamentalist Christian schools are following the path of public schools and sliding down the slippery slope of academic standards.

Morris:

In order for the United States government to prevent terrorism, systems must be willing to forgo the expectations of the citizens' privacy.

Robertstad:

God designed man to live in and appreciate beauty, but today, communities are suffering from a lack of it. Beauty is not a savior, but restoring beauty is an essential element to transforming communities around the world.



Senior Joe Moisant presents his thesis in front of an audience.

Page by Michael Howard

Awards & Honor Roll

Secondary T3 Honor Roll

Summa Cum Laude 3.9-4.0 GPA

Brooke Miller, Ethan Smith, Paige Johnson, Rebecca Arneson, Nathan Paek(7); Anabelle Shen(8); Analia Johnson, Angela Wessel, Benjamin Brokaw, Hollie French(9); Cienna Dumaol(10); Holly Evans, Katie French, Jeannine Brokaw(11)

Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.89 GPA

Jackson Baron, Marc Dumaol, Sawyer Grant(7); Ashley Dougherty(9); Landon Butaud, Michael Howard, Olivia Hatcher(11); Lauren Haft(12); Bailey Robertstad (12)

Principal's List 3.30-3.69 GPA

Aidan Ely, Josh Wheeler, Rhys Mabry-Crissman(7); Joshua Plante, Naomi Walter(8), Chloe Stricker, Claire Lyshol, Jackson Letsche, Preston Robertstad(9); Abbey Langub, Madi Marshall, Samry Besrat(10); Molly Jorgensen, Lindsey Litalien(11); Jackson Morris, Joseph Moisant, Reyna Lacalli (12)

Spelling Bee

All students in grades 1-6 practice and participate in a class-wide spelling bee, with winners moving on to a grammar-wide spelling bee and then to competitions with students from other schools. Students are given practice words appropriate for their grade and are encouraged to study words from the next grade level if they master their own. After a lengthy and competitive Spelling Bee competition, Providence is proud to announce the top two finishers: Gabriella Nursalim 6 and Micah Willett 4. Congratulations! Gabriella Nursalim represented Providence at the Regional Spelling Bee on March 19th. Gabriella correctly spelled "gondola" to move out of the preliminary round before being eliminated.

Secondary Awards

Faculty Award

Grades 7-8: Paige Johnson (7)
Grades 9-10: Analia Johnson (9)
Grades 11-12: Joseph Moisant (12)

Character Award

Landon Butaud (11), Justin Hatcher (11), Molly Jorgensen (11), Lauren Haft (12), Joseph Moisant (12)

Speech and Debate Award

Landon Butaud (11)

Yearbook Award

Bailey Robertstad (12)

Cliff Gillies Athletic Award

Jackson Morris (12) and Reyna Lacalli (12)

Athlete of the Year

Joseph Moisant (12)

Drama Award

Lauren Haft (12) and Justin Hatcher (11)



Left: Spelling Bee winners Gabriella Nursalim 6 and Micah Willett 4.

Below: Grades 4-6 Speech Meet "Superior" rated students.



Grammar T3 Honor Roll & Awards

A Honor Roll

Hayley Belle, Noah Brooks, Sean Nursalim, Von Sandeno(3); Hannah Beaver, Katie Brooks, Braeden Culk, Aaron Langub, Maddie Smith, Micah Willett(4); Reagan Grant, Josiah Hansen, Luke Marshall, Noelle Paek(5); Emily Brooks, Kalinn Hilt, Karissa Johnson, Owen Ordonez, Benjamin Wu(6)

A/B Honor Roll

Brooke Byrum, Conlan Dougherty, Caitlin Gross, Jacob Haikel, Samuel Landsberger, Grace Lipsey, Cecilia Owen(3); Kendall Backholm, Alex Bravo-Jump, Sophie Day, Sofia Ness, Olene Ordonez(4); Evan Graham, Sadie Mabry-Crissman, Joshua Roughton(5); Savannah Backholm, Timmy Jorgensen, Madeleine Ness, Richie Weaver(6)

Fruit of the Spirit Award

Pre-K: Jack Hansen
K: Elly Wilson
1st: Clara Day
2nd: Ben Smith
3rd: Wren Mabry-Crissman
4th: Natalee Jorgensen
5th: Josiah Hansen
6th: Delina Besrat

Speech Meet

Providence welcomed students from Cornerstone Academy in Monroe to compete with Providence students in grades 1-6 who earned a superior rating at the March 30th speech meet. Congratulations to the following students who participated in the competition: 1st grade – Emma Badillo, Clara Day, Isaiah Willett; 2nd grade – Ava Crabbe, Lilly Gross; 3rd grade – Hayley Bell, Noah Brooks, Caitlyn Gross, Grace Lipsey, Von Sandeno, Sean Nursalim; 4th grade – Katie Brooks, Natalee Jorgensen, Aaron Langub, Sofia Ness; 5th grade – Evan Graham, Josiah Hansen, Luke Marshall, Noelle Paek; 6th grade – Gabriella Nursalim, Hannah Salzman. Von Sandeno 3 placed first overall in the interschool competition with a nearly perfect score.

A L U M N I



Krystal and Gregg Kniss '07 welcomed baby *Amelia Phoenix Kniss* on June 16th. (Photo on left). **Sarah (Sakai) '08** and **Jake Clausen** will be working with CRU at the University of Oregon in the fall. **Hayley Schaefer '08** graduated with master's degree from Arizona

State University.

Kristina and Tyler Hatcher '09 welcomed baby *Miriam Istra Hatcher* on May 11th. (Below Left: Baby Miriam; Below Right: Hatcher family).

Beau Butaud '12 graduated from UW's MPA program and is pursuing his CPA.

Harrison Hummel '12 graduated from the Texas Christian University Nursing program and works in the Seattle area.

Marissa Black '13 graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a BA in Journalism.

Chad Hummel '13 graduated from Texas Christian University with a business degree and currently works for Amazon.

Bryce Hummel '13 graduated from Biola University in California with a business degree and works in the Seattle area.

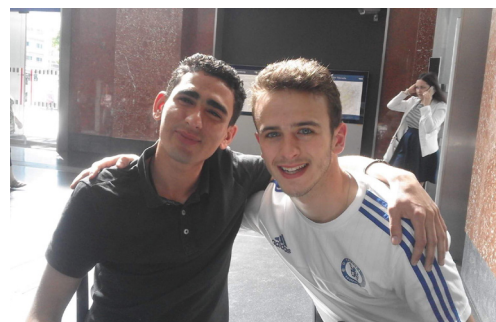
Christopher Young '14 currently attends Gonzaga University. "I STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE AND AM CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE IGNATIAN ORDER OF SPOKANE WHICH IS A SECT OF THE JESUIT ORDER AND SEEKS TO CULTIVATE YOUNG ACADEMICS INTO ROLES OF SOCIAL LEADERSHIP."



Send your news and photos to stephanierobertstad@pccs.org.



Annelise Su '15 is participating in a study abroad program this summer. "I AM SPENDING A MONTH LIVING IN THE HEART OF PRAGUE STUDYING THE HISTORY, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE OF CENTRAL EUROPE. I WILL ALSO BE VISITING POLAND AND THE BALTIC COUNTRIES TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE AREA AS A WHOLE."



Cole Butaud '15 is participating in missions work this summer in Vienna, Austria. "I AM ASSISTING DANNY AND REBAKAH PANTON. MY JOB HAS BEEN TO CONNECT WITH REFUGEES, THROUGH SOCCER, OR WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM AND TO USE THESE RELATIONSHIPS AS A PLATFORM TO SHARE THE GOSPEL."

Alumni Spotlight: Tyler Hatcher '09 by Abbey Langub 10

"THIS IS HOW GOD SANCTIFIES AND GROWS US: HE GIVES YOU SOMETHING SMALL, BUT BIG ENOUGH THAT YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT. THEN, HE GIVES YOU THE GRACE TO SEE IT THROUGH. AND THEN, JUST WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED, HE GIVES YOU SOMETHING BIGGER," Tyler Hatcher stated after being asked how Providence prepared him for his different roles in life.

Tyler graduated with a B.A. in Liberal Arts and Culture from New Saint Andrews College in 2013, and in the same year, he married his lovely wife Kristina.

While in school, Tyler worked as a barista at a coffee shop then later decided to take a web development internship at a local economic modeling company. This internship led to him accepting a job in web development software engineering at the same company, EMSI.

After one year of full time work, Tyler dropped from a full time job in software engineering to a three-fourths time job in order to attend Greyfriar's Hall, a three-year, ministerial training hall which is a ministry of Christ Church in Moscow. Halfway through his second year at Greyfriar's, Tyler quit his job at EMSI to become a part-time evangelist and pastoral intern at Trinity Reformed Church in Moscow. He has been working there since January 2015.

After eight years in Moscow, Tyler accepted a new role that has brought him and his family back over the Cascades and into Washington. He will start working after a June 24th move as an associate pastor at Trinity Church where his father, Providence board chairman Dave Hatcher, is head pastor.

Tyler believes that his time at Providence impacted how he sees God and revealed who He is. Tyler explains, "AT PROVIDENCE, I WAS GIVEN TOOLS FOR LEARNING AND AN APPRECIATION FOR HARD WORK AND BUSYNESS BEYOND WHAT I THOUGHT I COULD HANDLE. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, MY EYES WERE OPENED TO THE FACT THAT JESUS WAS OVER ALL OF IT, AND THAT IT WAS ALL TO BE USED FOR HIS GLORY. AT NSA, THE TOOLS WERE SHARPENED, MY WORKLOAD WAS PUSHED TO NEW BREAKING POINTS, AND MY VIEW OF WHO GOD IS, AND HOW EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS HAPPENS FOR HIM, EXPLODED. WITH MY FAMILY, MY WORK, MY STUDIES AT GREYFRIAR'S, THIS TRAJECTORY HAS BEEN MAINTAINED."

The Providence community welcomes Tyler Hatcher back to Washington and prays that his ministry here will be fruitful.

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Top left: The future senior class gathers together with a laugh wearing their first business casual dress, which is a senior class privilege.

Top right: Young students await the launch of the rockets designed by 9th grade science students under the guidance of Mr. Morris.

Middle left: Fizzle and pop! Third graders enjoy a Pop Rock candy treat after the study of volcanoes with Mrs. Sheri Johnson.

Middle right: The 6th graders are ready for the sweater ceremony, in which the newly graduated grammar students put on the blue secondary sweater, conducted by teacher, Miss Mattie Butaud.

Bottom: The Class of 2017 graduates celebrate with alumni from graduating classes from 2011 to 2016 at the commencement reception.

*Flower image from "Obfuscata" website.