



# ALL *in*

2018-2019 • ANNUAL REPORT







# ALL *in* ... All Lions

Over the last three annual reports, we've grown from *Becoming* to *Bold* to *All In*. While it seemed the natural progression, when we chose *All In* as our theme for 2018-2019 we could not have guessed what God had in store or how fitting the theme would prove. The last year has brimmed with *All In* moments:

- *In* the way our high school students serve and step outside their comfort zones to love their neighbors both locally and globally.
- *In* the voices of elementary students singing "Reckless Love" at the top of their lungs until the Performance Hall overflows with the melodies of their worship.
- *In* the middle school hallways where students post notes to one another, reminding classmates that they belong here, they belong together, and they belong — first and foremost — to God.
- *In* the way people have given sacrificially of their time, talents, and resources so that students and faculty alike are equipped to thrive, explore, learn, and pursue Christ in all things.

*All In* reflects both attitude and action. It is characterized by humility, by a spirit of hospitality and generosity, and by an infectious joy. *All In* invites us to be part of something bigger than ourselves and to rejoice in that.

We find the ultimate example of what it means to be *All In* in the person and work of our Savior. Jesus poured out His life for us; He held nothing back. In John 15, He calls us to follow in His footsteps, to lay down our lives for each other. It is our privilege and our calling to emulate this expression of love for one another. It is the defining feature of community bound together in Christ. We're *All In* because He is *All In*.

No matter who you are, where you've come from, or how long you've been a part of DMC, we are all Lions. It takes every one of us pouring into the lives of students and standing alongside one another. I hope you enjoy and are encouraged by stories and the examples of God's faithfulness to Des Moines Christian as you read through the pages of this Annual Report. Thank you for the role you play in the lives of our students, and thank you for being *All In*.



**Cade Lambert**  
Superintendent, Des Moines Christian School



The DMCS mission, to equip minds and nurture hearts to impact the world for Christ, is at the core of who we are as a school and a community. This vision for our students, families, alumni, faculty, and staff drives us. During the 2018-19 school year, our parents, students, and employees were asked to participate in an independent survey study done by Independent School Management (ISM). Survey results confirmed that our community is *All In* when it comes to this mission.

## STRENGTHS

### ISM Summary:

- A Christian emphasis and development of faith and character in students
- Excellent academics
- A positive, caring community where students are known
- A well-regarded reputation and graduate placement record
- An excellent campus and facilities
- A secure environment

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### Top Program Ratings by Parents:

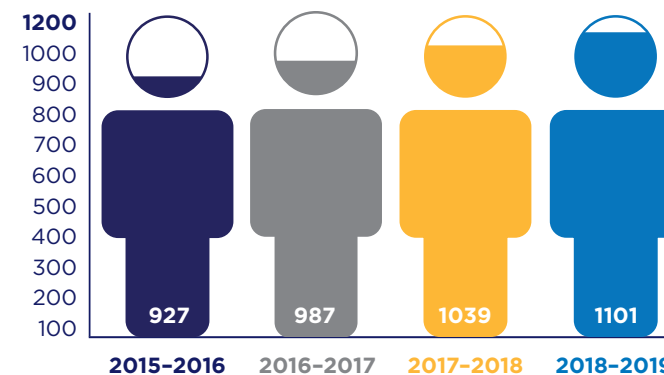
- Fine Arts
- Graduate Placement Record
- Academic Rigor
- Core Academics
- Leadership Opportunities
- Athletics

## STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

### Top Student Perspectives:

- Campus & Facilities
- Educational Technology
- Safety & Security
- Health Services
- College Placement
- School Spirit
- Character Emphasis

## ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL YEAR





# ALL *in* From the Beginning

Every day is full of adventure for the children in our early education program. Over 150 of our littlest Lions fill the classrooms, halls, and playgrounds with big smiles and even bigger energy. From outdoor explorations to learning the alphabet, our academic programs promote kindergarten readiness and a strong foundation for future learning in a creative, play-based environment. But our program is about so much more. Early education is only the beginning of the adventure.

Even as students engage the world with wonder and curiosity, they learn they are precious not only to their family and teachers but also to their Heavenly Father most of all. From one end of our campus to the other, children are surrounded by reminders and examples of God's love for them and His unique design for each of their lives.

## FAITH

No student is too young to be grounded in worship and Scripture. Each day the children fill their school with their singing voices and evident delight. Our teachers are privileged to guide students into a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. Our hope and prayer is that their faith may deepen and flourish throughout their years at DMC and beyond.

## FAMILY

We love to support and encourage the students and parents that call DMC home. That's why we're committed to creating a family environment from the beginning of the day all the way to the end. This year we hosted special family events to foster the community and friendships that make DMC a place to belong.

The family-favorite Parents Night Out provided extended childcare hours so parents could enjoy an evening away and know that their child was safe, loved, and having fun. The Fall Harvest Party filled the Performance Hall with friends old and new as students, siblings, and parents bonded over face painting, cookie decorating, and inflatables. Children celebrated the Christmas season with their performance of "Unto Us a Child is Born" for over 700 family and friends.

## FUN

Learning experiences in Early Education are as playful as they are purposeful. Children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive, and enthusiastic learners by actively exploring their environment. Our students enjoy many experiential activities such as connecting with firefighters, police officers, and nurses during their Community Helpers unit, practicing animal care for our pet study, and going on adventures to the pumpkin patch and the Science Center of Iowa.



**“ We love DMC!**  
*The facilities are terrific, and all the extra activities are fun, but it's the teachers and the administrators who clearly go above and beyond to make DMC great for kids and their families.*”

— Steve Randall & Stefanie Donnell-Randall,  
Ellie, 5th Grade; Emma, 2nd Grade;  
Hallie, Pre-K



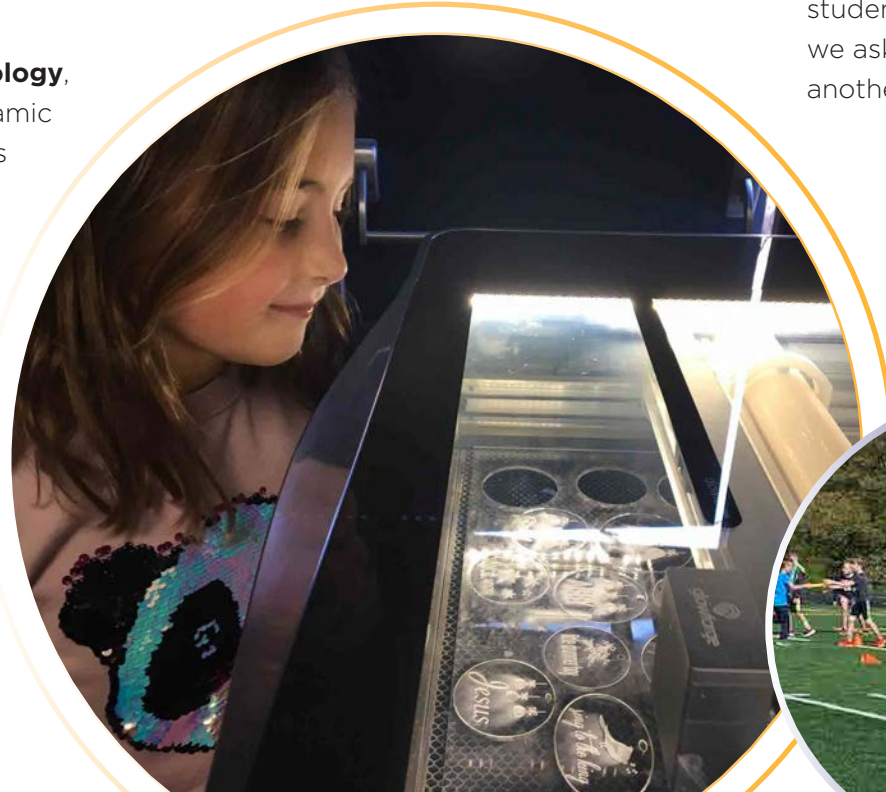


# ALL *in* Creative Learners

If you take a tour of DMC today, you may wish you could return to the classroom as an elementary student. You can sense the excitement in the halls as DMC teachers bring learning to life. **On a typical day in elementary you might:**

- Walk in the shoes of your favorite historical figure at the annual 3rd grade wax museum
- Practice creative problem solving with an invention for the 5th grade science fair
- Create your own video in front of our own green screen
- Experience project-based learning as you try your hand at challenges in building, robotics, 3D printing, design, sewing, or coding with a team of your peers
- Lead worship through music, skits, and prayer in our weekly chapel services
- And so much more!

Equipped with **industry-leading technology**, students from grades K-5 become dynamic problem solvers and creative thinkers as they explore God's creation, seek His truth, and grow in confidence of who God has made them to be. From college to career, elementary students are given the groundwork to discern and pursue the unique calling God has placed upon their lives.



**The Elementary Curriculum** prepares students for lifelong learning through a strong academic base while fostering spiritual and social growth in a loving, accepting environment. God's Word is the foundation of our curriculum; Scripture is integrated into each subject and activity so our students experience the transformational impact of the Word from the beginning of the school day to the end.

## Elementary Clubs

**Chess Club:** Nearly 60 students in grades 2-5 gathered before school each week for our elementary chess club. Students learned the rules of the game as well as the value of strategic play.

**Ukulele Club:** Learning to play the ukulele is an added bonus for students at DMC. Students use their newly developed musical skills to perform at chapel and special school events.

**Worship Choir/Worship Band:** Students grow as musicians and artists during their time in elementary school. Our elementary worship choir and worship band lead the entire school in praising the Lord during weekly chapel gatherings. Students eagerly join this team as they sing for the Lord!

## 2018-2019 Theme Verse

The **elementary-wide theme verse** provides a backdrop for chapels and conversations throughout the year, uniting students, teachers, and administrators to God's Word as we ask how God wants us to live in relationship with one another and with Him.

*“Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”*

— Micah 6:8





# ALL *in* For Adventure



## 5th Grade Adventure

The capstone experience offers students a fun and celebratory way to say goodbye to elementary and look forward to middle school. The annual trip to Twin Lakes Bible Camp in Manson, Iowa, is packed with activities such as archery, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, crafts, basketball, team-building activities, and more. Students also take the opportunity to give back to the camp through a clean-up service project. The getaway encourages students to reflect on their elementary years, strengthen friendships, and build class unity in an outdoor learning environment. From fireside chats to chapel worship to solitary time spent in prayer and Bible study, students' experience refreshment in their faith and are reminded of Christ's love for them.



## 5th Grade at DMC

As they approach the conclusion of their elementary experience, **DMC fifth graders take ownership of the elementary community** as they serve their fellow students, develop into confident leaders, and cultivate the creative thinking of lifelong learners.

### Service-Leadership Roles

- Student Council
- Chapel Worship Team
- Chapel Skit Team
- Video Production Team
- Chapel Tech Team
- Recess Helpers
- Lunchroom Assistants

### Electives

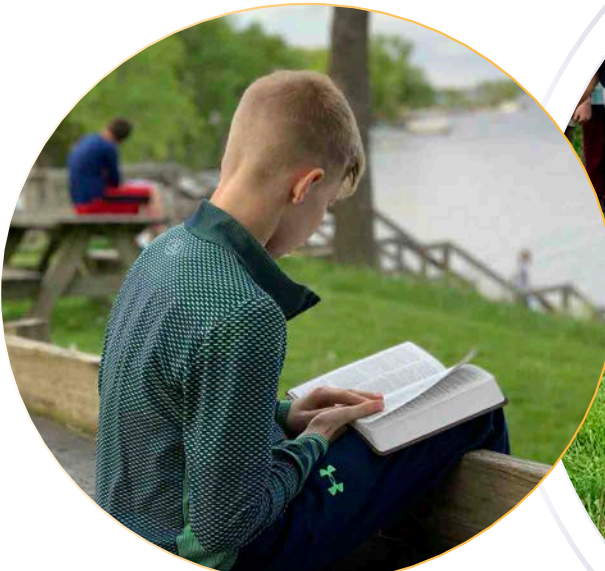
The 5th Grade Elective program **encourages curiosity and collaboration** while offering students an introduction to the many possibilities ahead as they continue their education. This year, students learned to create and print designs with the Glowforge, sew and embroider pajama bottoms, practice artistic face painting, and design video games. They went fishing, built wooden tool boxes, tackled an advanced Arduino coding course, developed an eye for photography, and wrote and rehearsed skits performed during the 5th Grade Overnight Adventure.

### Catching Up With 5th Grade

Fifth grade students used the elementary school's digital media lab to write, edit, and produce a bi-weekly update about happenings around DMC. Students learn video editing while they practice interviewing techniques and key communication skills.

### Activities

- Archery
- Bible Study/Time with God
- Team-Building Activities
- Friendship Bracelets
- Basketball
- Skits
- Speakers
- S'mores
- Campfire
- Worship Time
- Canoeing and Kayaking





# ALL *in* At The Manger

The elementary music program encourages students to explore God's creation through music. Whether developing an understanding of notes and rhythms, singing in the worship choir and playing in the chapel band, or experimenting with instruments such as xylophones, ukuleles, recorders, and bucket drums, students are given the opportunities and experiences to nurture a lifelong appreciation for music and a passion for worship through song.

**2,000**  
PARENTS,  
GRANDPARENTS,  
AND FRIENDS  
IN THE AUDIENCE

Each year our students share their emerging musical talents as we celebrate the Christmas season and the arrival of our Savior. The annual elementary Christmas program is a beloved tradition among students, faculty, and families. In December, students performed "Tales from the Manger," a unique presentation of the Christmas story told from the animals' point of view.





# ALL *in* Together

*“You belong to God. You belong here. We belong together.”*

From classroom questions to social interactions, 6th-8th grade students are learning about their identity as students, artists, thinkers, athletes, friends, family, and, most of all, as children of God.

At DMC Middle School, it's the same story for our department as we completed our second year as a unique middle school community.

That's why our theme for 2018-2019 school year was all about belonging.

Our sense of belonging shapes who we are becoming. Our vision is to create a culture and community where every student and staff member knows that they belong, allowing them to thrive and grow more fully into the person God has created each of us to be.

## You Belong to God

### Service

Spiritual growth is often expressed through service as transformation overflows into action. As our middle schoolers mature in their faith, they serve one another and make a difference throughout the community. They take part in the annual Spiritual Emphasis Service Day and complete their own service hours each semester, dispersing throughout the city to fill a need and love their neighbors. Students take ownership of their school through hospitality and chapel teams. This year, the Middle School stepped up to lead students from elementary through high school in the annual Operation Christmas Child drive and collected over 200 boxes.

### Bible Studies

Each week, students in every middle grade level took time to gather and share in the study of Scripture. They met early in the morning before school or during their lunch break. These Bible studies were student initiated and student led, with assistance from Middle School Guidance Counselor Mrs. Oakes. From books of the Bible to Bible study strategies, students are learning to love the Word of God and mature in their emerging faith.



## You Belong Here

### Passion Groups

Passion Groups invited students to gather in a small group setting based on a particular interest area. Groups met throughout the year to discuss their shared interest and consider how they might pursue their passions together. Passion groups included focuses on cooking and baking, service, arts and crafts, outdoor adventure, a book club, worship team, sports, knowledge bowl, board games, and more.

### Career Fair

The Middle School Career Fair provided students facetime with several talented speakers in a variety of professions, including Engineering, Human Resources, Technology, Marketing, Advertising, Communications, Physical Therapy, Medicine, Law and Politics, Financial Planning, Athletics, Entrepreneurship, and Veterinary Medicine. Students learned not only about potential career paths but also about envisioning work as an overflow of worship.

### Student Council

As they gain hands-on experience, create a culture of belonging, and practice creative problem-solving, Student Council members are equipped with the training and encouragement to become the Christ-centered leaders who make an impact at school, at home, in the community, and around the world. This year, our team of student leaders planned the first Middle School variety show, threw a fall party for students, helped organize weekly chapel services, and served as advocates for shaping the future of DMC Middle School.





# ALL *in* For Exploration

## We Belong Together

### 8th Grade Retreat

For the first annual 8th grade retreat, students were challenged to engage a complete stranger — someone they met at Jordan Creek or in the East Village — in a worldview conversation. Students stepped out of their comfort zones, demonstrated confidence in their identity in Christ, and gracefully entered into meaningful interactions. The experience was rounded out with a session on Biblical worldview in politics and times of fellowship and communal worship. The capstone experience launches students into high school energized by the work God is doing in and through them.

### NYC/DC Trip

Eighth graders took their civics lessons on the road for a spring break journey through the landmarks and roots of our country. Whether taking a night tour of significant memorials in Washington D.C., witnessing the arrival of the presidential motorcade at the White House, walking in the footsteps of immigrants at Ellis Island, or catching a nighttime view of New York City from the Empire State Building, the Class of 2023 interacted with the nation's past and present as they looked forward to stepping into their futures as students and citizens.



## Middle School Activities

Extracurriculars enrich the Middle School community and encourage students to try new things, share their interests with others, and develop their leadership abilities.

The 2018–2019 school year was a year of firsts. With a variety of new clubs and activities from arts to athletics and everything in between, our students competed, created, and collaborated in Knowledge Bowl, Mock Trial, Chess Club, Comic Club, Rubik's Cube Club, junior high athletics, show choir, an art show, and more.

### Destination Excellence

Despite challenging winter weather conditions throughout the season, the show choir sang and danced with enthusiasm and joy. The competition season was highlighted by a Best Vocals victory over multiple 4A schools at the Johnston Snowzam Exhibition.

### Art Show

Art students presented "In the Middle of a Masterpiece," DMC Middle School's first art show. The showcase featured over 200 pieces of original artwork from 6th–8th grade students alongside live student demonstrations and collaborative artwork created by students in 6th and 8th grades, respectively.

### FIRST LEGO® League

The DMC FIRST LEGO® League took their problem-solving skills and robotics expertise all the way to the state competition at Iowa State University. The team was awarded third place for their performance in the robotics competition.



## Athletics

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAMS DOMINATED THE GRIDIRON WITH THE 8TH GRADE TEAM POSTING A 2ND CONSECUTIVE UNDEFEATED SEASON AND OUTSCORING SEASON OPPONENTS 204-14.

## Art Show

SAM SMITH AWARDED "BEST IN SHOW"

## Show Choir

CHARLIE OLSON AND SAMI WEBSTER WERE BEST MALE AND FEMALE VOCALISTS AT THE NORTH POLK COMET SENSATION.





# ALL *in* Purpose

## On Purpose for a Purpose

At Des Moines Christian School we believe we were created on purpose for a purpose. As a high school community, we daily seek to discern and pursue that purpose as we learn, create, and mature into the people God has made us to be. An integrated biblical worldview education illuminates students' understanding and prompts transformational conversations. With Christ at the center of each day, each subject, and each interaction, our learning is placed in context of God's ultimate purpose for His creation and His people. Whether in the classroom, around the halls, on the Performance Hall stage, or in the athletic arena, students are equipped with the confidence in their faith, their identity, and their giftings to thrive as they enter into college, career, and calling in a complex world.

## Flexible Schedule

Our flexible schedule model, which debuted this school year, equips students and faculty to make the most of valuable learning time. Greater independence provides students with key college and career readiness skills and increased flexibility creates margin for one-on-one and small group learning. Students receive both the resources and the enrichment they need to succeed. Throughout the year, students grew to take greater ownership of their learning and created a community of committed, ambitious learners.

“Classes like World History with Mrs. Hunt and English 10 with Mrs. Shields have been my favorite because we're able to have fun and yet still learn a lot. Our teachers allow us to do creative activities that challenge and engage us, such as the time we wrote and filmed a music video to compare the perspectives of Greek mythology with modern and biblical worldviews.”

— Mio Legaspi ('21) Show Choir, Theatre, Victory Chamber Choir



## Experiential Learning

Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Some of the most impactful learning experiences happen in the conversations, interactions, and experiences that take place outside the traditional classroom. This year, students participated in a stock market challenge, managed food trucks for a day, visited with professionals at UnityPoint Health and the Polk County Courthouse, were commissioned to create artwork for Willis Auto Campus, and more.

## The Junior Achievement 30-Day Stock Market Challenge

simulated the risks and rewards of investment as Economics students, sponsored by Foster Group, monitored markets and developed their investment strategy. At the end of the challenge, students concluded with \$934.82 of their \$1K investment and donated the money to a local charity.

## Dual Credit Courses

### Students can earn up to 32 credit hours

An ever-expanding catalog of on-campus dual credit courses gives DMC high schoolers a head start toward post-secondary education. With increased academic rigor, the specialized instruction of DMC teachers, and the added benefit of saving students both time and money in college, dual credit offers something for everyone.

- AP Calculus
- Composition I
- Composition II
- Creative Writing
- Contemporary Literature
- Drawing
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
- Statistics

## 2018 ACT Composite Scores

25.3  
DMC

21.8  
State of Iowa

20.9  
National

## 32+ on ACT

Congratulations to the students who scored a 32 or greater on the ACT:

### Seniors

Ethan Lindsey  
Lydia Samuelson  
Blake Schmitz

### Juniors

Ella Fadden  
Isabella Main  
Jacob Martin  
Cody Smith

### Sophomores

Alexander Hilgersen  
Nic Rhoads

“What I found interesting about the stock market was how much impact it had on everyone around the world. I feel like I'm more likely to invest since I know what it's about and I've learned so much about it. It has made me more intelligent in knowing what to invest in and what not to invest in. It was a great learning experience!”

— Kelsey Klein ('20) Mission Trip

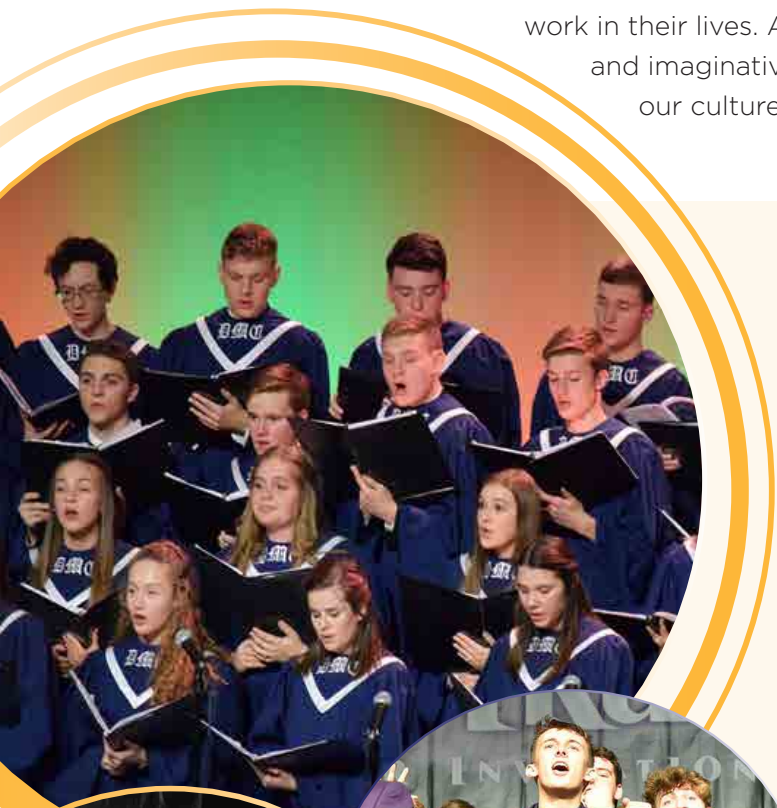




# ALL *in* Artists

## Fine Arts

Participation in the arts challenges students to use their hearts, minds, bodies, and souls to creatively express themselves, glorify their Creator, and demonstrate His work in their lives. As Christians and artists, we are becoming confident and imaginative performers, creators, and leaders ready to impact our culture for Christ.



## Fine Arts Honors & Awards

### Concert Choir

State Large Group Contest - Superior Rating

### Concert Choir

**State Solo and Ensemble Contest, Individual Superior Rating**

- Alex Mona
- Chloe Crandell
- Christian Grensteiner
- Ella Fadden
- Grace Oliver
- Jonah Mudlaff
- Maria Casady
- Mio Legaspi
- Sophie Murphy

### Concert Choir

**State Solo and Ensemble Contest, Individual Excellent Rating**

- Halley Blades
- Kyle Kloppe
- Patrick Carter

### Victory Honor Choir

- Blake Schmitz - National Choral Award
- Blake Schmitz - Iowa All State Chorus
- Maddie Willits - National Choral Award



“ At DMC, each student has the ability to make the high school experience their own. Through a wide variety of classes, sports, and fine arts opportunities, each student can pick and choose to create the best DMC experience for them. No two are exactly alike, but that’s how we’re being prepared for the specific path we will take after high school.”

— Max Olsen ('21) Drama, Football, Mission Trip, Show Choir, StuCo



## Concert Band

Division I - State Contest

## Jazz Band

- 1st Place - Jack Oatts Jazz Festival
- 1st Place - Simpson College Jazz Festival
- 3rd Place - Hoover JazzFest
- 5th Place - SCIBA Jazz Band Festival
- Best Trumpet Section - Jack Oatts Jazz Festival
- Best Trombone Section - Jack Oatts Jazz Festival
- Best Rhythm Section - Jack Oatts Jazz Festival

## Marching Band

- Division II - State Marching Contest
- 4th Place - Urbandale Marching Invitational





# ALL *in* On Stage

## Theatre

Featuring 40 cast, 23 crew, and 164 costumes, the DMC musical theatre performance of “The Wizard of Oz” was our largest production to date.

The Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards recognized our students with the following awards:

- **Outstanding Performance in a Principal Role:** Mio Legaspi as Lion/Zeke
- **Triple Threat Award nominee:** Mio Legaspi as Lion/Zeke
- **Special Recognition for a Performance in a Principal Role:** Amanda Mona as Hunk/Scarecrow
- **Special Recognition for a Performance in a Principal Role:** Ella Fadden as Almira Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West
- **Special Recognition for a Performance in a Principal Role:** Elyse Hall as Auntie Em/Glinda
- **Distinguished Scene:** Munchkinland
- Max Olsen chosen as one of four **Assistant Stage Managers for the IHSMTA Showcase**



# ALL *in* Memories

## Student Life

Student life at DMC is about being part of something bigger than ourselves. As a Christ-centered community, we treasure a culture in which students find a place to belong, the environment to flourish, and the relationships and memories they'll carry for a lifetime.

With plenty of ways to get involved and try new things, there's something for everyone. Students are inspired to explore, challenged to grow, and equipped to make a difference. Best of all, we're doing it together.

## Spiritual Formation

Spiritual formation is distinctive of the DMC experience. It happens every day as students and staff alike pursue growth and faith with intentionality. Each fall, Spiritual Emphasis Week is a time to take a break from the routine and focus on how we are growing in our faith, learning from community leaders and mentors along the way. Likewise, the spring Worldview Week equips students with the confidence to apply their faith to the world around them. This year, our Worldview Week keynote speaker was apologist Tim Barnett from Stand to Reason.

## Student Life & Activities

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| ■ Advisory              | ■ Football               | ■ Spiritual Emphasis Week    |
| ■ Advisory Assistant    | ■ Golf                   | ■ Student Council            |
| ■ Art Show              | ■ Homecoming             | ■ Theatre                    |
| ■ Baseball              | ■ Jazz Band              | ■ Track & Field              |
| ■ Basketball            | ■ Job Shadowing          | ■ Victory Honor Choir        |
| ■ Chapel                | ■ Knowledge Bowl         | ■ Visual Art                 |
| ■ Cheerleading          | ■ Marching Band          | ■ Volleyball                 |
| ■ Chess Club            | ■ Mission Trips          | ■ Worldview Week             |
| ■ Color Guard           | ■ National Honor Society | ■ Worship Team               |
| ■ Community Service     | ■ Prom                   | ■ Winter/Spring Spirit Weeks |
| ■ Concert Band          | ■ Senior Trip            | ■ Yearbook                   |
| ■ Concert Choir         | ■ Show Choir             |                              |
| ■ Cross Country         | ■ Soccer                 |                              |
| ■ Food Truck Experience | ■ Softball               |                              |

“ I learned that I'm not my grades, I'm not my successes, and I'm not my failures. I'm a child of God, and I'm treasured and cherished. DMC was so crucial in this learning process because I was constantly reminded of the truth about who I really am. ”

— Sarah Veurink ('20) Cheer, Mission Trip, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, Show Choir, StuCo





**High Honor Roll 3.5+**

**9th Grade**

Isaac Bailey  
Ashlyn Bakke  
Micah Brandenburg  
Joseph Brehm  
Maria Casady  
Emma Cross  
Oliver Dirx  
Aiden Dovic

Luke Durick  
Ethan Elbert  
Brody Everitt  
Elizabeth Friedrichsen  
Joslyn Helgens  
Carson Houg  
Emma Isenhardt  
Ella Johnson

Luke Juffer  
Olivia Kennedy  
Regan Kloppe  
McKayla Kurtz  
Alexandra Lundberg  
Elise Main  
Addison Mars  
Ashley Neu

Rebekah Picray  
Alicia Pieper  
Caleb Platt  
Alexander Quist  
Jacob Rosno  
Amelia Samuelson  
Joshua Shank  
Samuel Steensen

Oliver Sterk  
Sophia Stineman  
Sydnee Theis  
Keeli Tysdal  
Chase VanDerPol  
Jacob Weissenburger  
Ean Wetzel  
Adam Witty

**10th Grade**

Claire Boley  
Alexandra Bryant  
Christian Castile  
Wesley Caves  
Bryan Chen  
Campbell Christy  
Chloe Crandell  
Clayton Denton  
Alysen Dexter  
Bennett Dirx  
Joshua Duff  
Emily Dykema

Kolton Evans  
Mallory Fynaardt  
Elijah Hess  
Alexander Hilgerson  
Elijah Hummel  
Andrew Johnson  
Margaret Lankford  
Kaelyn Lawrence  
Emilio Legaspi  
Audrey Linebach  
Olivia Matthes  
Megan Miller

Nicole Mona  
Alexander Mona  
Nathaniel Moser  
Kathryn Muller  
Sophie Murphy  
Andrew Johnson  
Alex Niemann  
Rachel Norris  
Grace Oliver  
John Olsen  
Cora Olson  
Hannah Overholt

Garrett Penland  
Kacey Pierce  
Moriah Prewitt  
Paige Ransdell  
Nicholas Rhoads  
Hailey Riemenschneider  
Rachel Roggenburg  
Kennedy Roose  
Olivia Saxton  
Gabrielle Seniva  
Colby Shelton

Jack Shisler  
Vivienne Skinner  
Jayden Swaim  
Eva Thomas  
Elise Thorson  
Emily Turnquist  
Ashley VanHeukelom  
Grant Veenstra  
Gabriel VerSteege  
Joel Whitmore  
Emma Wilson  
Jaxon Withers

**11th Grade**

Bella Anderson  
Cooper Best  
Halley Blades  
Isabella Blomberg  
Kole Bradley  
Patrick Carter  
Brett Crandell  
Dillon Davis  
Zachary Dueker  
Emma Durick  
Megan Eddy  
Gabriella Evans

Ella Fadden  
Callie Fish  
Jacob Fopma  
Noah Fopma  
Ingrid Godsey  
Kyle Goranson  
Christian Grensteiner  
Joshua Grensteiner  
Kiran Greteman  
Elyse Hall  
Harang Jang  
Jessica Jean

Maren Judisch  
Seth Juhl  
Caitlin Kellner  
Joseph Kim  
Ashley Kimani  
Kelsey Klein  
Kyle Kloppe  
Abigail Kropf  
Benjamin Leusink  
Minao Little  
Zachary Long  
Luke Lounsbury

Isabella Main  
Jacob Martin  
Isabella McDonald  
Hannah Nielson  
Crystal Njoroge  
Katherine Osborn  
Cole Phillips  
Delaney Phillips  
Samantha Reed  
Megan Riddle  
Ellie Schlapkohl  
Cody Smith

Cecelia Sturdivant  
Elaina Towers  
Rose VanderLinden  
Chase VanDike  
Eden VanSoelen  
Sarah Veurink  
Kendall Webster  
Thomas Weissenburger  
Payton Wubben

**12th Grade**

Frankie Accurso  
McCall Baker  
Alayna Bakke  
Emilie Bannor  
Liliana Boley  
Harrison Brockman  
Duncan Caves  
Makayla Chambers  
Parker Champion  
Grant Christy  
Stephen Cooper  
Lydia Dewitt

Nicholas Fejfar  
Sullivan Fitzgerald  
Andrew Fox  
Lydia Fynaardt  
Justin Groen  
Carter Henderson  
Jeffrey Herbers  
Matthew Horstman  
Olivia Johnson  
Nathaniel Juffer  
Lilliana Kinley  
Emma Kolb

Matthew Larsen  
Kaili Lawson  
Luke Lehmann  
Ethan Lindsey  
Danny Mabe  
Braden Mars  
Micah Mayse  
Camille McKeever  
Madeline Miller  
Amanda Mona  
Jonah Mudlaff  
Brooke Mumford

Logan Murphy  
Jacob Neu  
Elizabeth Olson  
Hannah Pithan  
Miah Potratz  
Hadley Rains  
Samuel Rasmussen  
Alexandra Reeder  
Lauren Rush  
Lydia Samuelson  
Blake Schmitz  
Bennet Schuiteman

Brett Shelton  
Isaac Stephens  
Jessica Stoecker  
Alexis Tonnemacher  
Emma Veenstra  
Tessa VerSteege  
Luke Weaver  
Madeline Willits  
Kennady Withers

**Honor Roll 3.0-3.49**

**9th Grade**

Lucas Bickel  
Anna Cook  
Olivia Fox  
Jacob Fynaardt

Caleb Jaeger  
Nathan Koestner  
AJ Lux  
Miles Maltby

Eli Miller  
Izabelle Osborne  
Emmett Schelhaas  
Lindsay Stephens

Cortland Strait  
Jack Swafford  
Hallie Vallejo

Jacqueline Willits  
Kaden Wolfswinkel

**10th Grade**

Tristan Brown  
Spencer Christensen  
Samuel Conrad

Timothy Darla  
Danielle Fejfar  
Caden Flug

Luke Lundberg  
Nicole Mona  
Kadin Nesbit

Sophie Newberry  
Bryson Nicolet  
Colby Shelton

**11th Grade**

Isaac Bailey  
Brady Hewitt  
Daniel Min

Cade Thiner  
Cayden Tysdal  
Jackson Waring

**12th Grade**

Noah Berry  
Mason Hunt  
Adeline Linebach

Calvin Matthes  
Jaron Mumm  
Alora Towers

Danilo Vallejo  
Matthew Wynne

**National Honor Society**

**11th Grade**

Bella Anderson  
Halley Blades  
Isabella Blomberg  
Brett Crandell  
Emma Durick  
Megan Eddy  
Gabriella Evans  
Ella Fadden

Jacob Fopma  
Noah Fopma  
Ingrid Godsey  
Christian Grensteiner  
Kiran Greteman  
Elyse Hall  
Harang Jang  
Maren Judisch

Caitlin Kellner  
Ashley Kimani  
Kyle Kloppe  
Abigail Kropf  
Benjamin Leusink  
Luke Lounsbury  
Isabella Main  
Jacob Martin

Isabella McDonald  
Hannah Nielson  
Mwihaki Njoroge  
Katherine Osborn  
Cole Phillips  
Delaney Phillips  
Hadley Rains  
Megan Riddle

Ellie Schlapkohl  
Cody Smith  
Rose Vanderlinden  
Eden VanSoelen  
Sarah Veurink  
Tommy Weissenburger  
Payton Wubben

**12th Grade**

Emma Kolb  
Miah Potratz  
Frankie Accurso  
Alayne Bakke  
Liliana Boley  
Harrison Brockman  
Grant Christy

Nicholas Fejfar  
Andrew Fox  
Justin Groen  
Jeffrey Herbers  
Lilliana Kinley  
Kaili Lawson  
Luke Lehmann

Ethan Lindsey  
Danny Mabe  
Madeline Miller  
Amanda Mona  
Brooke Mumford  
Jacob Neu  
Elizabeth Olson

Hannah Pithan  
Lauren Rush  
Lydia Samuelson  
Blake Schmitz  
Bennet Schuiteman  
Brett Shelton  
Isaac Stephens

Alexis Tonnemacher  
Emma Veenstra  
Tessa VerSteege  
Madeline Willits  
Kennady Withers

**2018-19 Student Council**





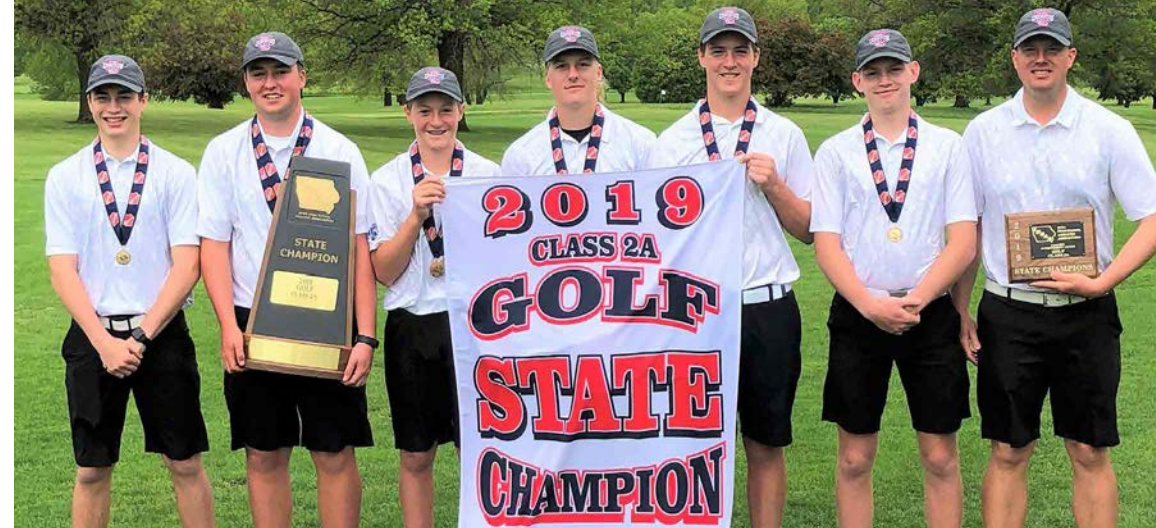


# ALL *in* For an Audience of One

**DMC Athletics** cultivates a community of student-athletes and coaches who are united in vision and purpose, committed to excellence, and driven to glorify our Creator as we represent our faith and our school around the state. We believe athletics are much bigger than a game. They're about shaping courageous, resilient, and confident young men and women through mentorship, training, and competition. Student-athletes apply the experiences and lessons gained in competition to their walk of faith and future callings to impact the world for Christ.

## Lion Family

From home football games at Lions Field to the state basketball tournament at Wells Fargo Arena, Lions fans flooded stadiums with blue and white whatever the weather, location, or event. During the 2018-2019 athletic seasons, we gathered to support the athletes on the field, court, track, and diamond.



## Lions Make History

Just 11 years since their varsity competition debut, Boys Golf made history in May by bringing home the first **DMC Athletics State Championship**. The squad, led by **WCAC Coach of the Year Philip Conover**, dominated the greens this season, winning every meet but one, claiming back-to-back conference championships, and breaking three school records along the way.

<p><b>2009</b> PROGRAM BEGAN</p>	<p>STATE APPEARANCES <b>6 in 11 years</b></p>
<p><b>7 IN 11 YEARS</b> CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>	<p><b>2019</b> State Champions</p>

## State Appearances

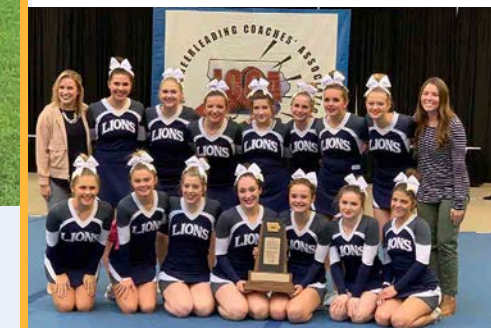
An additional five DMC teams and five individual athletes earned the opportunity to compete at their state tournaments. Girls and boys basketball both reached their state tournaments, for the first time enjoying this dual achievement. The girls reached the semifinal game, adding another chapter to the DMC record books.

### TEAM

- Competition Cheer
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Golf
- Boys Track
  - Shuttle Hurdle Relay,
  - 4 x 100, Distance Medley
- Boys Cross Country

### INDIVIDUAL

- Alayna Bakke** ('19) - Track
- CeCe Sturdivant** ('20) - Golf
- Carson Houg** ('22) - Track
- Jacob Fopma** ('20) - Track
- Justin Groen** ('19) - Track





# ALL *in* For Victory



## Coach of the Year

- Philip Conover** – Boys Golf, WCAC
- Jason Van Mersbergen** – Boys Basketball, District
- Matt Waring** – Football, District
- Brian Spanhut** – Volleyball, WCAC
- Brad Johnson** – Girls Basketball, WCAC

## School Records Breaking Performances

### INDIVIDUAL

#### Basketball

- Career Assists, **Emma Veenstra** ('19) – 350
- Season Assists, **Emma Veenstra** ('19) – 123
- 3 Point FG – Season, **Miah Potratz** ('19) – 59

#### Football

- PAT's in a Season, **Tommy Weissenburger** ('20) – 42

#### Golf

- Low 9 hole Score, **Matt Wynne** ('19) – 33

#### Girls' Soccer

- Career Goals, **Alex Reeder** ('19) – 37

#### Volleyball

- Career Assists, **Alayna Bakke** ('19) – 2781
- Season Assists, **Alayna Bakke** ('19) – 822
- Career Digs, **Emma Veenstra** ('19) – 965

#### Softball

- .400 Hitters Club
- Alayna Bakke** ('19) – .456
- Emma Veenstra** ('19) – .427
- Emily Turnquist** ('21) – .418

- Career RBIs, **Emma Veenstra** ('19) – 139

#### Track

- 110 High Hurdles, **Justin Groen** ('19) – 15.10

#### Baseball

- Single season pitching win, **Brett Shelton** ('19) – 9
- Lowest ERA in a single season, **Brett Shelton** ('19) – .6
- Career record for walks, **Andrew Fox** ('19) – 86

#### TEAM

- Most Wins in Season, Girls Basketball – 23
- Team Low 9 Hole Score, Boys Golf – 138
- Most Points in Season, Football – 397
- Most Wins in Season, Baseball – 26
- 4x110 Meter Shuttle Hurdles, Boys Track – 59.91
- 1600 Meter Medley relay, Boys Track – 3.38.84



## College Signings

DMC student-athletes are taking their talents to the next level.

- McCall Baker** – Volleyball, Southeastern University (FL)
- Alayna Bakke** – Softball/Volleyball, Northwestern College (IA)
- Makayla Chambers** – Volleyball, Mount Saint Joseph University (OH)
- Emma Veenstra** – Softball/Basketball, Dordt University (IA)
- Frankie Accurso** – Baseball, Grand View University (IA)
- Grant Christy** – Baseball, Northwestern College (IA)
- Luke Lehman** – Baseball, Briar Cliff University (IA)
- Danny Mabe** – Football, Mount Saint Joseph University (OH)
- Matt Horstman** – Track, Northwestern College (IA)
- Bennett Schuiteman** – Track, Northwestern College (IA)
- Brett Shelton** – Baseball, Northwestern College (IA)
- Matt Wynne** – Golf, Northwestern College (IA)



## Conference, District and State Recognition

- Alayna Bakke** ('19) – VB, Track
- McCall Baker** ('19) – VB
- Trey Castile** ('20) – Track
- Duncan Caves** ('19) – FB
- Alysen Dexter** ('21) – VB
- Bennett Dirkx** ('21) – FB
- Noah Fopma** ('20) – XC
- Andrew Fox** ('19) – Track
- Justin Groen** ('19) – FB, Track
- Jeff Herbers** ('19) – FB, Track
- Matt Horstman** ('19) – Track
- Carson Houg** ('22) – XC
- Curran Ingram** ('20) – BB
- Nate Juffer** ('19) – Golf
- Seth Juhl** ('20) – FB, BB
- Caitlin Kellner** ('20) – VB
- Ashley Kimani** ('20) – Golf

- Kaili Lawson** ('19) – VB, BB
- Luke Lounsbury** ('20) – XC, Track
- Danny Mabe** ('19) – FB
- Braden Mars** ('19) – FB, Track
- Jacob Martin** ('20) – FB, Track
- Megan Miller** ('21) – BB
- Kate Muller** ('21) – BB
- Miah Potratz** ('19) – BB
- Moriah Prewitt** ('21) – BB
- Owen Quinlan** ('20) – Track
- Megan Riddle** ('20) – VB
- Bennett Schuiteman** ('19) – Track
- Isaac Stephens** ('19) – FB
- Cece Sturdivant** ('20) – Golf
- Cade Thiner** ('20) – FB
- Chase Van Dike** ('20) – FB
- Emma Veenstra** ('19) – BB
- Jackson Waring** ('20) – FB, BB, Track
- Tommy Weissenburger** ('20) – Golf
- Jake Weissenburger** ('22) – Golf
- Mason Wolfswinkel** ('20) – FB
- Matt Wynne** ('19) – Golf

## Conference Champions

- Girls Basketball
- Volleyball
- Boys Golf



“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

— Galatians 2:20

# We're ALL *in*

Impacting the World for Christ

Service opportunities are an important component of the DMC student experience. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their faith and grow in Christian maturity as they share the Gospel and demonstrate the love of Christ through servant-hearted leadership. Servant-hearted leaders give generously of their time and talents within their relationships, churches, and communities, serving with passion, care, and empathy.

These service days — whether at home or abroad — are transformative experiences that shape a student's life and faith and help them discover their place and passion in kingdom-centered service.

## Local Service Locations

Each year, our students have opportunities to make a difference in the community. High school and middle school students, alongside their teachers, mobilize across the greater Des Moines area for two days each fall to partner with local organizations. This fall, 39 advisory groups chose to serve at 24 locations:

- Agape Pregnancy Center
- Back Yard Bible Club
- Cici's Pizza
- City of Polk City
- Encore Thrift Shop
- Faith Baptist Bible College
- Freedom for Youth
- Hope Ministries
- JOPPA
- Joshua Christian Academy
- Many Hands for Haiti
- McKee Elementary
- Meredith Drive Reformed Church
- New Life Center
- Operation Christmas Child
- Soteria Church
- Special Olympics of Iowa
- The Friendship Center
- The Mission Church
- Urbandale Little League
- Urbandale Walking Trails
- Valley Church
- Veterans Hospital
- Wildwood Hills Ranch

“I knew that God had been preparing me for this trip the second that I stepped on the plane. I knew that in the midst of chaos, I had to rely on God to guide me through this trip. I had so many amazing experiences throughout the week and I could see God revealing Himself to me in ways that I never imagined.”

— Liliana Boley '19

## International Service

In February, 87 DMC high school students and chaperones traveled to Honduras and to the Dominican Republic. During their one-week service trip, students served a full day at each ministry providing medical care, doing construction, and tutoring students.

### Team Dominican Republic

**60+ students**  
DISCIPLINED IN AFTERNOON  
INTERACTIVE CAMP

**INSTALLED A SOLAR DISHWASHER**  
IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN THAT  
SERVES 600 MEALS A DAY

**150 STUDENTS RECEIVED**  
**1:1 tutoring in English**

**300 students**  
AT THE SCHOOL IN D.R.  
(PRE-SCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

**CONSTRUCTION FULLY COMPLETED**  
IN ONE CLASSROOM  
TO BE IN USED IN  
FALL 2019, AND  
A SECOND  
CLASSROOM  
STARTED

### Team Honduras

**SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH**  
**328**  
Children

**152 Dental**  
PATIENTS SEEN

**839 Medical**  
PATIENTS SEEN

**19 PEOPLE**  
ACCEPTED  
CHRIST

**23 people**  
RECOMMITTED THEIR  
LIFE TO CHRIST

**184 OPTICAL**  
PATIENTS SEEN



# ALL *in* Spirit

## Coming Home

Each school year the entire DMC family, past and present, is invited to come home, gather together, and celebrate their Lion spirit during Homecoming Week. Parents, grandparents, staff, alumni, alumni parents, and friends are present at events all week remembering their own high school years and helping current students make new memories.

With activities organized by our high school student council, DMC students enjoyed dress-up days, game night under the stars, intramurals, and decorating the school with our theme of "Happily Ever After."

Fans filled the bleachers in the gym and at Lions Field to watch our athletes compete in junior high, junior varsity, and varsity ball games. On Friday afternoon the entire school motivated the varsity football team at a parade and pep assembly. As the sun set, the Lions took the football field before a crowd of over 1,500 people, the marching band filled the neighborhood with music, the cheerleaders lead our fans with cheers, and parents dressed in game day navy blue and white bibs joyfully belted the school fight song from the bleachers. At half-time, our king and queen were crowned and the evening ended with a 48-14 victory over Centerville.

This festive week ended with almost 300 high school students dancing the night away in the Performance Hall at the first student fellowship of the year.



Several of our varsity football players could not resist lining up for the dance.





# ALL *in* Graduates

**100%**  
OF THE CLASS OF 2019  
TOOK AT LEAST ONE  
DUAL CREDIT COURSE

**84%**  
OF THE CLASS OF 2019  
PARTICIPATED IN FINE ARTS  
DURING THEIR  
HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

**71%**  
OF THE CLASS OF 2019  
PARTICIPATED IN ATHLETICS  
DURING THEIR  
HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

THE CLASS OF 2019  
IS OUR LARGEST  
GRADUATING CLASS WITH  
**69**  
alumni



**Lifers** are the 22 individuals, or 32% of this class, who completed all 13 years of their education at Des Moines Christian School.

**BACK ROW**  
(L-R) Ethan Lindsey, Matt Horstman, Landon Wright, Jeffrey Herbers, Danny Mabe, Carter Henderson

**MIDDLE ROW**  
(L-R) Duncan Caves, Parker Champion, Nick Fejfar, Micah Mayse, Jonah Mudlaff, Sully Fitzgerald, Harrison Brockman, Luke Weaver

**FRONT ROW**  
(L-R) Emma Veenstra, Maddie Willits, Brooke Mumford, Adeline Linebach, Sophia Miller, Amanda Mona, Tessa Ver Steeg, McCall Baker



“Des Moines Christian School, thank you for teaching me and my peers to rely on an all-powerful, always-present, all-knowing God.”

— Lexie Tonnemacher, Salutatorian



“Our parents gave us our bow, our teachers gave us the arrows, our friends gave us encouragement, and the Lord provided the target. Class of 2019, you have everything you need now, so lift your bow, knock your arrow, and aim!”

— Lydia Samuelson, Valedictorian

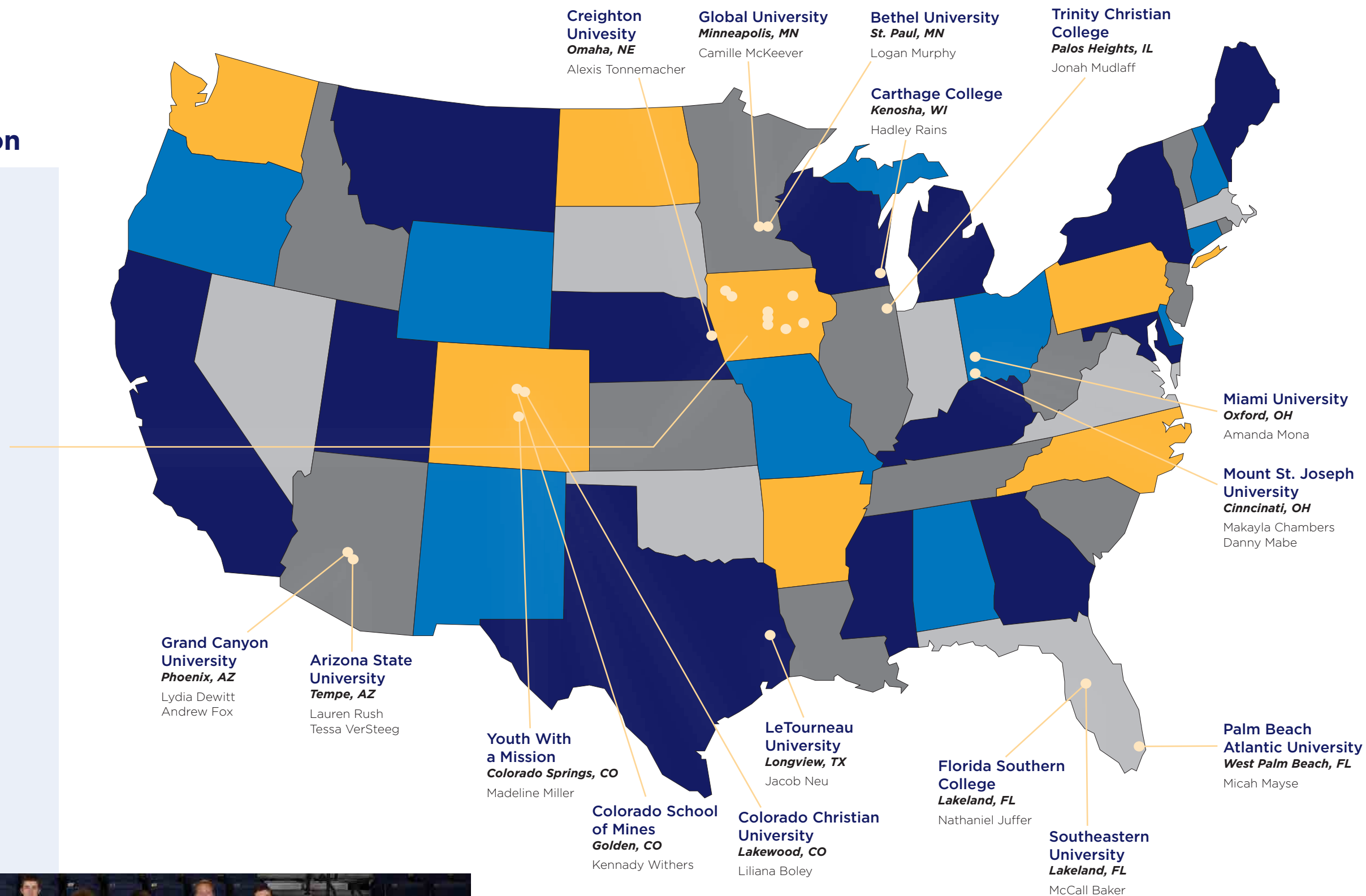


# ALL *in* Across the Nation

## Iowa Colleges and Universities

- Briar Cliff University**  
*Sioux City, IA*  
Luke Lehmann
- Central College**  
*Pella, IA*  
Jeffrey Herbers  
Brooke Mumford
- DMAAC**  
*Ankeny, IA*  
Noah Berry  
Harrison Brockman  
Matthew Larsen  
Adeline Linebach  
Braden Mars  
Jessica Stoecker  
Alora Towers  
Danny Vallejo  
Elijah Vredenburg  
Luke Weaver
- Dordt University**  
*Sioux Center, IA*  
Justin Groen  
Emma Veenstra
- Drake University**  
*Des Moines, IA*  
Blake Schmitz  
Lydia Fynaardt
- Faith Baptist Bible College**  
*Ankeny, IA*  
Carter Henderson
- Grandview University**  
*Des Moines, IA*  
Frankie Accurso  
Miah Potratz

- Northwestern College**  
*Orange City, IA*  
Alayna Bakke  
Grant Christy  
Matthew Horstman  
Bennet Schuiteman  
Brett Shelton  
Matthew Wynne
- Iowa State University**  
*Ames, IA*  
Parker Champion  
Stephen Cooper  
Nicholas Fejfar  
Sullivan Fitzgerald  
Mason Hunt  
Lilliana Kinley  
Emma Kolb  
Kaili Lawson  
Ethan Lindsey  
Calvin Matthes  
Jaron Mumm  
Hannah Pithan  
Lydia Samuelson  
Madeline Willits  
Landon Wright
- University of Iowa**  
*Iowa City, IA*  
Emilie Bannor  
Samuel Rasmussen
- University of Northern Iowa**  
*Cedar Falls, IA*  
Sam Heffron  
Elizabeth Olson  
Alexandra Reeder



## The Class of 2019 was also accepted at the following colleges and universities

- Allen Nursing College, Waterloo, IA
- Biola University, La Mirada, CA
- Bradley University, Peoria, IL
- Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH
- Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Concordia University, Seward, NE
- De Paul University, Chicago, IL
- Harding University, Searcy, AR
- John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR
- Loyola University, Chicago, IL
- Luther College, Decorah, IA
- Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines, IA
- Midland College, Midland, TX
- Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO
- Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO
- Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO
- San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
- St Johns University, Queens, NY
- St Louis University, St. Louis, MO
- St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN
- Suffolk University, Boston, MA
- Taylor University, Upland, IN
- University of Arkansas at Monticello, Monticello, AR
- University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO
- University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
- Wartburg College, Waverly, IA



# ALL *in* Lions for Life

## Kelly (Kehoe) Schifsky ('04)

Although Kelly (Kehoe) Schifsky couldn't have imagined the course her post-grad path would take when she was a student in the halls of DMC's Franklin location, looking back she recognizes a familiar theme. To use the lyrics of her favorite Hillsong chorus, "all my life you have been faithful."

When she began her post-secondary education at Trinity International University in Chicago, Kelly delayed picking a major as long as she could. She wanted to explore and discover. But a professor recognized in her the confidence, curiosity, and determination that made her a perfect fit for a medical career. A series of conversations was enough to confirm what God had begun to work in Kelly's heart. After graduating from medical school at Des Moines University and completing her residency in Iowa, Kelly now serves as a Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

*"My life is an example of God's faithfulness," Kelly observes, pointing to examples of the relationships and opportunities that make up her story. She demonstrates an openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit and a deep trust in God's calling on her life.*

Even in high school, Kelly was never one to shy away from a challenge. Both athletics and arts were featured heavily in Kelly's DMC experience. From the basketball court to the show choir stage, Kelly took advantage of the opportunities DMC had to offer. She played soccer, basketball, and softball, and also performed in choir, show choir, and Victory. She even created her own opportunities.

At the time, there was no soccer team for the Lady Lions so Kelly played most of her high school soccer career at a local public high school. But when that option came to an end, Kelly wasn't ready to be finished with the game.

"I wanted to spend my senior year playing for my school," Kelly explained, so she made her case to the only soccer team that wore a Lions jersey. The boys soccer team listened to her proposal and voted for her to join them that season on the field.

The sense of connection which Kelly came to value so deeply wasn't just something she felt on her teams. It was there in the classroom, the cafeteria, and the hallways. According to Kelly, the Class of 2004 was characterized by close community and tight-knit friendships. "We shared an all in it together vibe," she observed. What advice would Kelly give to a DMC student 15 years later? Get involved and find your people. Activities, as much as academics, prepared her for her future vocation, and the godly friendships she carries with her today form a community she can call family.



Tim and Kelly have two children — Graham and Isla.

## James Laugerman ('07)

During high school, James Laugerman ('07) was a member of the basketball team that earned an appearance at the 2007 State Tournament; and, as a trombonist in Jazz Band, he was part of a state-honored ensemble. He remembers how his science teacher didn't just ask students to memorize the periodic table but challenged them to hide the Word of God in their hearts. His high school years were marked by a broad range of experiences, whether at school or at work, that shaped and equipped him to learn to see the big picture and relate to those with different backgrounds and experiences, skills that have served him well.

Like any other young graduate, James had ideas about his future when he left DMC after spending his PreK through 12th grade years as a Lion. A dozen years later, however, James' life looks much different, and his path is marked by a sense of God's purpose. With his sights set on an engineering degree, James made his way to Iowa State University. Yet when he discovered early on that engineering was not the right place for him, James began to explore. His studies and his natural curiosity led him to pursue a variety of interests, from communications to political science, but all along he was resistant each time someone brought up the idea of music and/or full-time ministry as a career.

Not long after his arrival in Ames, James was introduced to The Salt Co, a campus ministry based out of Cornerstone Church of Ames. It was a turning point in his life. During his junior year, his church announced plans for a church plant in proximity to the University of Iowa. James recognized the call he'd been waiting for. He arranged to finish his degree remotely and made the move to plant Veritas Church.

*"Faith was a part of my life, but that was the first time I stepped out in a way that didn't make sense outside of Christianity," he explained. "I wanted to take my faith seriously. I wanted to get involved and be a leader in the church, serving however I could."*

That desire to serve planted James just where God wanted to use him — both in ministry and in music. An internship turned into a full-time job. Before he knew it, James was leading worship both at Veritas in Iowa City and a satellite location in Cedar Rapids.

While in Iowa City, James became involved with Americorps. His work with convicts created opportunities to talk about life, faith, and family. As James learned their stories, God ignited his heart for disadvantaged and marginalized people. He started to ask how the church could meet both the spiritual and physical needs he was encountering.

In 2018 God brought James' passions together. An opportunity arose to join another Salt Network church plant, this time at the corner of Cottage Grove Ave. and 24th St in Des Moines. Uniquely situated in a strategic location for ministry — a diverse neighborhood within walking distance to Drake University — the newly founded Cottage Grove Church brought the church planting movement that had so impacted James back to the city where he grew up. James was inspired to help capture the church's big picture vision through music and worship arts. A year into the role, James now spends his Sundays playing keyboard at Cottage Grove, leading the way into a multi-cultural worship experience which seeks to reflect the vibrancy and diversity of the Body of Christ.

James and Deanna have three children — Maely, Joelyn, and Nigel







# ALL *in* Lifelong Learners



Des Moines Christian's teachers live out our mission as role models for students, as they work alongside one another and as they serve the broader DMC community. This year we launched our **Teacher of the Year Award**. Teachers were invited to nominate a peer who is committed to community, a passionate apprentice of Christ, a lifelong learner, an active partner with parents, and a dynamic classroom teacher. We are pleased to introduce to you our first recipients of the DMC Teacher of the Year awards.

**Dean Delzell**  
*High School Teacher of the Year*

**Dean Delzell** earned his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Simpson College. He later earned his Masters in Science Education from the University of Iowa. Dean has taught for 22 years, serving for nine years as Chemistry and Physics instructor for DMC High School.



*“Dean is a servant-hearted man who takes time to point his students and fellow staff toward Christ. He cultivates strong relationships with his students, balancing work and fun, and pushing students towards academic and personal excellence. He is always willing to help solve a problem or brainstorm ideas to improve things. He is a lifelong learner who wants to continue to grow both as a Christian and as a scientist.”*

— Kari Strief,  
High School Science Teacher



**Tina Brightman**  
*Early Education Teacher of the Year*

**Tina Brightman** has been teaching early learners for twelve years with nine of those years at Des Moines Christian. Tina is a dynamic early educator who has taught every age group from ages two through five throughout her time at DMC. She currently teaches the 4 and 5-year-old classroom.



*“Tina strives hard every day to promote our mission with her students. She thinks outside of the box to come up with creative ways to engage her students. She is patient, caring, and sensitive. She genuinely cares about her students, their parents, and her co-workers. She maintains a heart for God with her job and with her family and balances both with wisdom and energy.”*

— Angel Lewis,  
Early Education Lead Teacher

*“Vickie is the most genuine Christ-follower and humble educator I have ever met. She patiently meets the needs of her students, often on her knees to see them eye to eye. She is a passionate apprentice of Christ. Her perspective is always seen through the Kingdom lens, and her gentle spirit brings peace to those around her. She talks about the Lord all the time, and her first answer to any problem is to pray. Her students are wonderful disciples as they follow in her footsteps of prayer and joy. She has remained persistent in her desire to learn about new technology and put new ideas to work in her classroom. She makes learning fun. Miss Greiman always has a sparkle in her eye and everyone wants to do their best under her instruction.”*

— Danielle Boley,  
Elementary Music Teacher

**Vickie Greiman**  
*Elementary Teacher of the Year*

**Vickie Greiman** earned her Bachelor's degree in Child Development from Iowa State University. Vickie spent the first 24 years of her education career teaching 4 and 5-year-old preschool. She then joined DMC and, as of the 2018-2019 school year, has completed her 20th year teaching kindergarten.



**Roxanne Wilson**  
*Middle School Teacher of the Year*

**Roxanne Wilson** earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. The 2018-2019 school year marks Roxanne's 31st year at Des Moines Christian out of her 41-year teaching career. Throughout her time at DMC, she has taught various grade levels, most recently teaching 6th grade Science and Bible.

*“Roxanne approaches teaching and loving students with a long-range vision. She is equipping students not only with knowledge for today but also with the abilities to impact the world around them for Christ in the future. Above all else, she loves. She has helped create a loving community in the Middle School. She stops students in the hallway to ask about their day, to encourage, and to sometimes redirect. No matter the circumstance, she is here for her students. She has also been an exceptional team teacher. Roxanne is an incredible asset to the Middle School.”*

— Julie Pickard, Middle School Art Teacher







# ALL *in* Gathering, Getting Involved, and Giving

This fall we introduced the **Lion Fund**. Our brand new annual giving campaign directly touches the lives of students and teachers on a daily basis. It serves as the mainstay of the school's fundraising efforts and is supported each year by parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, staff, and businesses. **As a family of funds, the Lion Fund invites you to direct your generosity to the area that matters most to you. [dmcs.org/support](http://dmcs.org/support)**

- Scholarships
- Fine Arts
- Athletics
- Professional Development
- Technology and Innovation
- Greatest Need

This one fund contributes to all this ...

<b>211</b> employees	<b>1,101</b> STUDENTS	<b>167,000</b> SQUARE FOOT FACILITY	<b>28</b> acre campus
<b>62</b> Teachers	<b>15</b> SPORTS TEAMS	<b>\$404,000</b> IN LION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>27</b> student activities

# ALL *in* At the 2018 Golf Classic

The annual **Golf Classic** is a great way to kick off the school year. Whether you are an avid golfer or play occasionally, the best-ball format welcomes all ages and all levels of play. The Golf Classic is one of two charitable events that promotes community and advances our mission through the **Lion Fund**. Thank you to Scheels who sponsored the 2018 Golf Classic by providing each golfer with a DMC golf shirt.

<b>31</b> parents	<b>30</b> staff/spouses
<b>29</b> friends	<b>4</b> Alumni
<b>4</b> Students	<b>4</b> Grandparents
<b>3</b> Board Members	<b>2</b> Alumni Parents
<b>107 Total Golfers</b>	





# ALL *in* The Spirit of Giving

The 2019 True-Blue Gala was a sold-out event with over 300 guests gathering to celebrate our year theme, **ALL IN**. As our largest charitable event of the year, the generosity of gala attendees and ambassador campaign donors impacts not only the mission of the school but also the lives of children as they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

DMC's first ever ambassador fundraising drive brought fresh energy and momentum to our pre-gala festivities. Five couples who embody the ALL IN spirit rallied friends of DMC from across the community, and even the country, to raise \$100,095 during March.



Total Raised:  
**\$405,000**

“These verses from Chronicles were my prayer for the gala — that an atmosphere of overwhelming thankfulness would be in this place and that we would respond to God’s faithfulness and provision with an attitude of abundant generosity.”

— Cade Lambert, Superintendent

“The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”

— 1 Chronicles 29:9



“The teachers and faculty at DMC prepared me by giving me an environment where my creativity was fostered, my critical-thinking was sharpened, and leadership skills were encouraged.”

— Micah Veldkamp



During a live, onstage interview with fifth grader **Lucy Durick**, alumnus and featured guest **Micah Veldkamp** ('13) shared his reflections on how his years spent at DMC prepared him for college and career and impacted his faith. A graduate of Calvin College with a degree in communications and graphic design, Micah now works as a designer for **boldSOCKS**, a one-of-a-kind sockwear company committed to social impact by providing clean water for communities in Rwanda.

becoming the young men and women who are ready to make a difference through faithful service wherever God leads and however He equips them.

Alongside Micah and Lucy's story, a set of "Days of the Week" socks designed by Micah resonated with gala attendees in the live auction. Now Micah's handiwork is giving back to the school that shaped him and impacting the lives of future alumni.

While Micah couldn't have imagined where his career might lead when he was a student, his time at DMC equipped him to pursue his passions and find his purpose after graduation.

“DMC taught me that my faith couldn't just be this abstract, philosophical thing that I only thought about in church or Bible class. Our faith needs to fully saturate our lives — we should be reflecting God's light no matter what we're doing.”

— Micah Veldkamp

Even as students like Micah and Lucy are hard at work in the classroom, the vision for their DMC education is ultimately about a transformational experience that will impact their lives for years to come. It's about





# ALL *in* For Our Mission



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**Volunteers play an important part in the DMC educational experience.** Each year, hundreds of parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents and friends serve in a variety of capacities. Your skills and resources impact the DMC experience in remarkable ways.

**Thank you to the alumni, parents, grandparents, alumni parents and friends** who volunteered for the following activities in 2018-2019:

Athletic Concessions  
Book Fair  
College and Career Readiness  
Business Partners  
DMC Dollars  
Elementary Classroom Helpers  
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Elementary Special Events  
Facilities  
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Football Chain Gang  
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Illumination Show Choir Competition  
Jazz Night  
Junior Achievement  
Library Helpers  
Math Challenge Group  
Math Olympics  
Middle School Chapel Speakers

Middle School Track Meet  
Mission Trip Chaperones  
Mission Trip Pancake Breakfast  
Photographers  
Prom Chaperones  
School Board Members  
Show Choir Chaperones  
Teacher Appreciation Brunch  
The True-Blue Gala  
The Wizard of Oz Spring Musical  
Volunteer Coaches

Our 200+ employees were asked to nominate an individual who is making a significant impact at DMC through their gift of time. **We are pleased to present Tawnya Willits and Lori Martin as our 2018-2019 volunteers of the year.**



**Tawnya Willits** has spent countless hours using her organizational and seamstress skills to provide uniforms and costumes for our fine arts programs. She is joyful about the work she does and always welcomes volunteers to help, regardless of their skill level. Tawnya is often found encouraging kids and staff with a smile on her face, claiming that it is her joy to bless our students and make sure they look and feel great. Every fine arts group that goes into the community looks sharp and feels confident because of this incredible woman of God!

**Tawnya Willits and her husband Paul are the parents of Madeline ('19) and Jaqueline ('22).**



**Lori Martin** spends countless hours making sure our home athletic events are ready to serve meals and snacks to our fans and visitors. She manages menus, inventory, and equipment for three concession kitchens. She trains many volunteers who also love to give of their time to our athletic programs. Her joyful attitude and willingness to serve and stay on top of so many details is truly remarkable! Volunteer labor maximizes the profits from concessions, which are used to purchase uniforms for our middle school and high school athletes.

**Lori Martin and her husband Brian are the parents of Jacob ('20) and Tyler ('23).**

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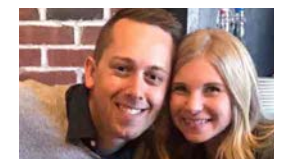
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## Operating Income by Funding Source

Tuition and Fees	\$9,146,202
Contribution Revenue	\$541,483
Food Service	\$248,682
Other Revenue	\$236,643
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$10,173,010</b>

## Operating Expenses by Category

Employee Wages & Benefits	\$6,565,604
Program & Support Services	\$1,214,329
Equipment & Facilities	\$762,036
Debt Services	\$626,749
Capital Expenditures	\$391,589
Professional Development	\$45,939
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,606,245</b>

Deposit into Reserves/  
Future Capital **\$566,765**

## Tuition Assistance

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Dollars Awarded	\$435,100	\$480,211	\$576,481
Students Assisted	134	150	184

## Alumni Employees

### Classes of 2010-2019

- Hannah Benninghoven ('18) Summer Camp Counselor
- Dylan Blackford ('18) Summer Camp Counselor
- Aaron Bopp ('18) IT Assistant
- Megan Brightman ('18), Early Education Substitute
- Ben Burkett ('13) Wellness Center Supervisor
- Emily Darnielle ('10) Early Education Substitute
- Emma Davis ('18) Summer Camp Counselor
- Sarah Dean ('12) Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- Sean Eikenberry ('10) Assistant Football & Basketball Coach
- Elizabeth (Blackford) Hart ('15) Summer Camp Counselor
- Abigail Herman ('18) Early Education Substitute
- Brooke Mumford ('19) Early Education Associate
- Shannon Oostenink ('17) Summer Camp Counselor
- Andrew Reaman ('15) Summer Camp Counselor
- Alex Reeder ('19) Early Education Associate
- Harrison Roose ('18) Summer Camp Counselor
- Ashley Stevens ('15) Summer Camp Counselor

### Classes of 2000-2009

- Elizabeth Darnielle ('08) Early Education Associate
- Annie (Stevens) Gallaher ('09) High School Teacher
- Amanda (Nikkel) Springer ('07) Varsity Softball Coach
- Michael Wilson ('01) K-12 Technology Coach

### Classes of 1990-1999

- Alana (Berglund) Gentosi ('98), Substitute Teacher
- Dustin Mars ('94), Assistant Track Coach
- Rachelle (Rafferty) Mayse ('93), Elementary Associate Teacher



## Employee Engagement\*

**97%**  
EXPRESS ENJOYMENT  
AND SATISFACTION IN  
THEIR WORK AT DMC

**94%**  
perceive that the school  
is delivering on its mission

**98%**  
agree that they  
understand the  
DMC mission and  
culture and feel  
comfortable in  
their role of  
carrying it out

\* Results from an independent survey done by Independent School Management in November 2018.

## Employee Service Awards

### 5-year anniversary

- Stacey Bailey
- Brad Johnson
- Tara Kelly
- Angela Leusink
- Angel Lewis
- Cheryl Long
- Michael Reeder
- Jane Schockemoehl
- Amanda Springer
- Jason Van Mersbergen

### 10-year anniversary

- Jennifer Cappel
- Elizabeth Darnielle
- Matt Fynaardt
- Angela Veenstra

### 15-year anniversary

- Craig Carlson

### 20-year anniversary

- Vickie Greiman

### 25-year anniversary

- Roxanne Wilson

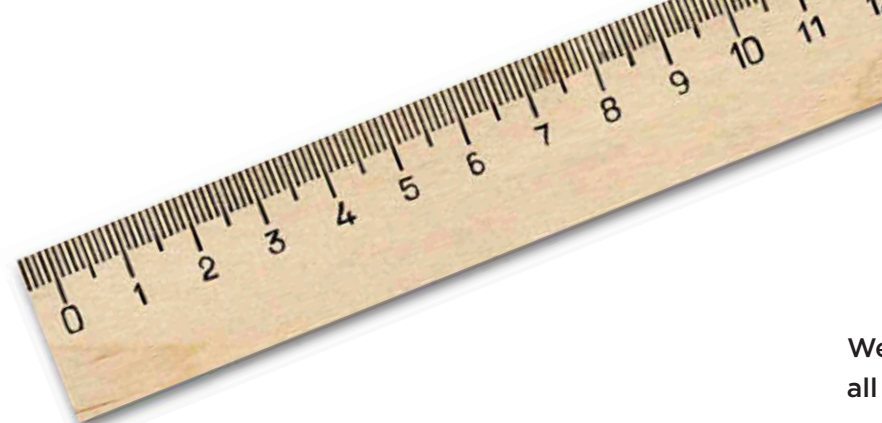
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FULL-TIME — 116  
PART-TIME — 95  
**TOTAL 211**





# ALL *in* ... Since 1948



In 1948, Harry S. Truman was the President of the United States, Robert Donald Blue was the governor of Iowa, the population of Des Moines was just over 160,000 people, and, in a church basement located at Beaver and Adams Ave, Des Moines Christian School held its very first classes.



A year before, in June of 1947, a group of parents shared a desire and a vision to bring Christian education to Des Moines, Iowa. Contributing personal financial resources and volunteer labor, they established the school we know and love today with a first-year enrollment of 14 students and one teacher, Ms. Ruth Norquist.

Seventy years and countless stories of God's faithfulness and provision later, that same vision to equip the minds and nurture the hearts of children to impact the world for Christ continues to thrive in the Des Moines community.

From 1948 to today, from 14 students to 1,100, we have and continue to be **All In** — today, tomorrow, and for the next 70 years and more.

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and thank all who have invested in our mission for the past 70 years.

FROM 1987-2019  
WE HAVE EQUIPPED  
**1,340**  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES  
TO IMPACT THE WORLD  
FOR CHRIST.

- To our **teachers**, we thank you for preparing students to live for Christ and pursue His calling and purpose for their lives.
- To our **parents and alumni parents**, we thank you for allowing us to be your partner in education and for praying for your child's teachers and coaches. We thank you for the investment and commitment you make each year.
- To each **person who has donated their time, talents, and financial resources**, we thank you for enriching the student experience and sharing a passion for service, generosity, and transformation.
- To our **grandparents**, we thank you for gathering with us for concerts, competitions, and celebrations. Your presence in the lives of your grandchildren is priceless.
- To **all who have served as DMC School Board Members**, we thank you for your vision and your commitment to steward Christian education for future generations of students.
- To our **alumni** — where you go, we go. We pray for you as you impact our city, our state, our country, and our world.



**OPERATING EXPENSES**    \$   \$   \$   \$

The operating expenses of the Des Moines Christian School from June 11, 1958 through June 10, 1959 were as follows:

Books	2269.08
Bus	132.57
Depreciation on building and equipment	2120.34
Insurance	439.54
Interest	192.12
Miscellaneous	319.69
School Supplies	109.89
Office Supplies	48.23
Promotion	18832.10
School Stores	61.30
Salaries (Teachers & Janitors)	810.08
Special Assessments	61.30
Utilities	810.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30324.35</b>

