



United Christian Academy

YEAR 2010-2011 IN REVIEW

Head of School - Dr. Richard E. O'Hara



Sixteen years ago a group of pastors from the Newport/Derby area had a dream. That dream was to establish a Christian High School that would serve the spiritual needs of both the Roman Catholic and Protestant communities in our area. The school would be a place of academic excellence, vibrant spirituality and Christian cooperation across denominational lines. It was a bold dream, a unique dream, a dream born of the Holy Spirit. Out of that dream, United Christian Academy was born!

Today, United Christian Academy is a K-12 Christian School of over 100 students. True to our founding vision, the school remains a place of academic excellence, vibrant spirituality and Christian coopera-

tion. It is a place where Roman Catholic and Protestant students and teachers can work and study together under the Lordship of Christ, striving to build a presence of God's Kingdom in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Students today come not only from Newport and Derby, but from all of the surrounding towns and villages. Our Vermont students come to us from as far away as Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury, Lowell, Troy, Barton, Westfield and Willoughby. International students come from all around the world to study here as well. In the hallways of UCA you may see young people from the US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Viet Nam, South Korea, China, Japan, Germany, Indonesia and Turkey.

The "little Christian school on the border of the US and Canada" now has an international ministry and influence that could not have been dreamed of just sixteen years ago. Once housed in rented facilities in a church, UCA owns (with

no mortgage) the former Newport High School and has balanced its budget and ended each of the last six years in the black. Truly God has blessed us and we remain thankful that he is still "able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think..." Ephesians 3:20 NASB.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the pages of this newsletter and that you will consider supporting this most worthwhile ministry with your prayers and financial gifts.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Five national Merit Semi-Finalists in the last eight years
- ◆ Three National Merit Finalists in the last eight years
- ◆ Certified to give prestigious RPI scholarship (\$15,000) yearly
- ◆ SAT/ACT scores consistently above national and state levels

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Community Service By Gina Clark, Class of 2011

Except taken from the December 2010 Crusader Chronicle –

Serving your community is very beneficial to those around you, and even to yourself. A lot of people help others out when they need it, whether it may be their family is struggling, someone has passed away, or maybe they just cannot do things for themselves. Not only have we served our community through our high school, but many serve outside as well. Many students at UCA volunteer around the school. One of our seniors is even tutoring younger students to try to help them succeed! Teachers are also very busy people, so some have even volunteered to help them out with their work. We even have a worship team

for chapel; they do it just because they enjoy singing, and worshipping God.

Every year, UCA has a community service day, sometimes even two, to help those around us who need help. It is required for each student here to have at least 20 hours of community service each year. We try to help someone different every year so that not just one person or family is being helped, but that we can show God's love to everyone through our work. Some of the things that we do for community service are raking leaves, washing windows, cleaning the school, stacking wood, and one year we even helped a little book store move from one location to another. Even if you

are tired when the day is over, you feel good about yourself and what you have done for the community.

Every single one of the college applications I have filled out asks about community service. It is nice to be able to say that I have actually served my community. So as a senior, it is also helpful to me because colleges want to know what you have done for your community.

Have you gotten out there and served your community lately? What if one day you were in need of help? Maybe someone you helped will come and help you. So I challenge you to get out there and help in some way. Even the little things sometimes mean much more than you will ever know.



Parents Association

IN MEMORIAM

ELI GOSS '2011

PASSED AWAY

FOLLOWING A TRAGIC

CAR ACCIDENT IN

SEPTEMBER 2010.

Parents' Association – A Year in Review

The 2010-2011 school year has been a busy one for the Parents' Association. From hosting fundraisers to making Valentine ice cream sundaes, there are so many ways that our group helps to support the school. Often we take on large projects, such as renovating an outdoor play area, while at other times our help comes via a batch of homemade muffins for a teacher apprecia-

tion breakfast.

As in previous years, we have been busy with our annual events such as our Thanksgiving bake sale and Mall Madness, a fun shopping experience for the kids. In memory of one of UCA's Seniors who passed away early in the school year, we created our school's first scholarship. It is called the Eli Goss Scholarship and will be awarded to deserving graduating seniors every year.

Getting involved with the Parents' Association is a great way to get to know other parents, find out about events, and help out at school.

Athletics

United Christian Academy offers a Varsity Sports Program that is open to all interested students. We offer both a Soccer program and a Basketball program. It is thru sports that young men and women are given the opportunity to experience all the benefits of being part of a team. We play both Christian and public schools which opens doors to have our school represented to many

avenues. Sports is a vital and essential part of most high school students lives and UCA is lucky to be able to offer this to all it's students.

As representatives of our school, our Crusaders are the best. Not only do they give God all the praise for their victories but they show His Grace in their losses too. Many opposing teammates, fans, referees and school officials

have commented on how great it is to have the opportunity to play against us. We don't always have the winning score but we do have the winning attitude and we play with heart that is evident to all who watch. We have also been blessed with devoted coaches and very supportive parents, who together make up the wonderful group of people we call the UCA Sports family.



Art & Art History “Art of Dreams”

The winter art show under the direction of Alyssa Delabruere was called Art of Dreams. Her students studied Aboriginal Art of Australia, Fathers of Impressionism Monet and Renoir an Fauvism & Post Impressionism: Cezanne, Dufy, Matisse, Rousseau.

Projects included:

K/1: Stamp art paintings of native animals, Watercolor family albums, and Rousseau jungle tissue collage

2/3: Bark painting symbol art(in pastel), Reflective landscape

compositions, and Matisse paper cut compositions

4: Aboriginal constellation paintings, Interpretations of Monet’s gardens, and Cezanne inspired 3-D still life

5: Australian animal sculptures, Renoir “esque” and pastel self portraits

6: Christian theme symbol paintings, Impression sunsets and raou; Dufy textile art inspired collage.

High School: Impressions of aboriginal face painting, Impres-

sion , Tribute to Renoir's “Luncheon of the Boating Party”, Through the window multimedia collage, Matisse “simple-line” self portrait prints and Mood portrait pastels..



The students will be painting “Schools of Fish” which will be auctioned off at the Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction..

The Academic Profile

Emphasis on the Classical method of Trivium

Daily Bible instruction

180 days divided into four quarters

27 credits required for high s

school graduation

AP preparation

PSAT and ACT/Plan administered in-house

Four National Merit Finalists

20 hrs community service yearly

for High School students

Teacher to Student Ratio—1:6



Academy Graduates

Over 90% have graduated from or are currently enrolled in a college or university. Some of the college that have accepted UCA grads include:

Albany College of Pharmacy

Asbury College

Bay Path College

Bob Jones University

Calvin College

Cedarville University

Community College of VT

Drexel University

Eastern University

Eastern Nazarene College

Endicott College

Geneva College

Gordon College

Greenville College

Grove City College

Han Yang University

Houghton College

Husson College

Illinois Inst of Technology

Johnson and Wales University

Johnson state College

Kings College

Lancaster Bible College

Lee University

Lyndon State College

Mass. College of Pharmacy

Michigan State University

Northeastern University

Northern Illinois University

Norwich University

Nyack College

Olivet Nazarene College

Pensacola Christian college

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Tech.

Southeastern University

State University of New York

St. Josephs College (ME)

St. Michaels College

Suffolk University

Temple University(Phila)

Trinity International Iniv.

University of Arizona

University of Buffalo

University of Illinois

University of Kentucky

University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts

University of Michigan

University of Notre Dame

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Wisconsin

Vermont Technical College

Virginia Technical University

Wentworth Institute of Tech.

Wichita State University

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Academy History

Established in 1995 by pastors from 14 different area churches, UCA is comprised of a stimulating diversity of Christian children and teens from many denominations. We are united by our desire to know and obey the Lord Jesus Christ. From the beginning, God has been gracious and generous in providing the wisdom and resources to develop a school with a growing reputation for excellence in academics and Christ-like character development. UCA is a co-educational college preparatory Christian school and has been voted "Best in Newport" by the U.S. Commerce Association.

The Academy Mission

To glorify God through:
Academic Excellence
Biblical Values
Christian Unity

Adopt A Student Program

One of the problems facing students at United Christian Academy is tuition. In order that all families have access to UCA, tuition is only a portion of the actual cost to educate a child at UCA. It costs \$7,337 to educate a child at UCA and tuition is \$3950.00 for lower school and \$4350.00 for the upper school. The difference must be raised through gifts and fundraising. Despite the reduced tuition, financial assistance is still often requested by families.

Through the Adopt-A-Student program, United Christian Academy is able to provide scholarship and tuition assistance to students who dream of a better future through education. If you would like to make a difference in a student's life, please call Emily Wheeler, Treasurer and consider the Adopt-A-Student Program.

If you would like additional information on United Christian Academy or would like to make a tax deductible donation please contact us at 802-334-3112, www.ucaeducation.org or UCA 65 School Street Newport VT 05855

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