



# 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



# From Our Executive Director

This was certainly a year that we will all remember! We started our year with the Kindergarten class entering chapel and being greeted by our seniors. This is always a meaningful time in our community. We ended the year postponing the seniors' graduation without even a chance for them to say goodbye. Even though their graduation was delayed, we were able to finally have an outside ceremony at the Jolly Campground in August. Our seniors made it through the COVID quarantine only to be surrounded by the smoky haze of the Grizzly Creek Fire.

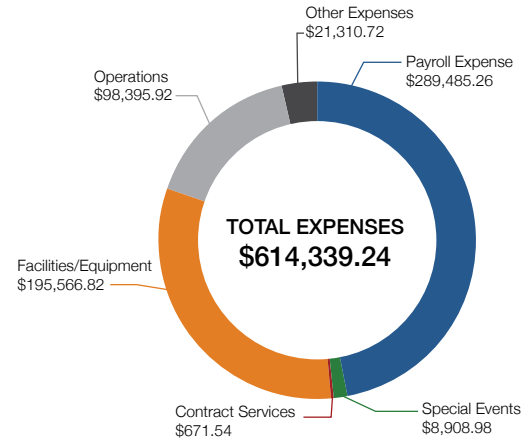
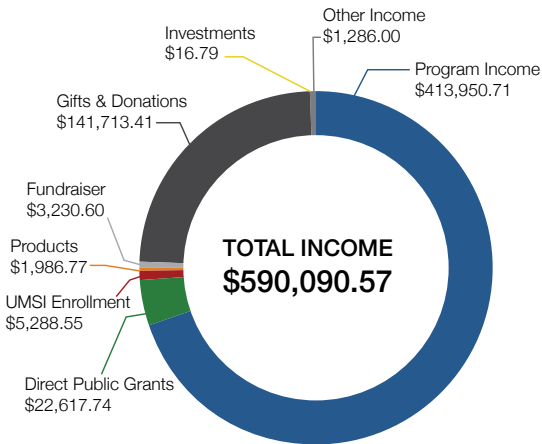
Our summer and fall were consumed with the remodel and new playground. What a blessing that now the outside of our facility more clearly reflects what is going on in our classrooms. Our commitment to a safe and orderly space for children to thrive and foster their God-given, unique abilities has been strengthened. All of the hard work, volunteer hours, and generous sharing of talent has transformed the interior of the white building and the space in between the two buildings. It almost feels like a new school! Our outdoor space is now a place where all ages can hang out together and play as families. What a benefit to our entire community! It has been satisfying to see some of the seeds that have been planted and cultivated over the years come to fruition. It was an amazing reminder of God's grace as we enjoyed support and partnerships with the Town of New Castle, Garfield County, The River Center, TEI, SGM, Boundaries Unlimited, the Kent Jolly family, Karma and Ken Kris and many more.

Our Fall production was delightful as so many students were able to share their talents and learning about early American History in an engaging way. One community member exclaimed, "You had some incredible singing voices at the LCA younger kid's program!" Fall had rhetoric students attending an astronomy festival in Cedar City. They were also able to take in the Shakespeare Festival's performance of Hamlet. As always, our Christmas program and the students' caroling is a highlight for the community and helps us celebrate the holidays.

In the new year we were off and running with Rhetoric play practice, Future Cities, Mock Trial, Symphony Swing and our

other spring activities. Our COVID spring brought many challenges, but our staff and families really rose to the occasion. Mrs. Bolitho, Mr. Gelpi and the students made a quick adjustment to putting on a radio show after we were shut down the Friday before tech week! The photo shoot was beautiful and the pictures will be treasured for a long time. I'm especially proud of the Grammar teachers' hard work to engage the small children online and to deliver packets of great materials to each family. We had 95% participation overall and our students did not miss any instructional time. We finished strong!

We experienced the providence of God in so many ways. The University-model had already prepared our families to be at home, we already had Google Classroom set up, the teachers jumped on it and figured it out. They quickly adjusted to the unusual and unprecedented mandates from the government for quarantining at home. Thank you to our whole community for coming through this trial with style. May we continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as a community and model the life and values we want our children to love.



The remodel expenses under facilities came from reserves.



# 2020 Graduates

**MJ Bosley:**

Attending CMC and plans to finish college in the animal sciences.

**Don Jenkins:**

Completed the Garfield County Explorer's Program and was hired at the GarCo Jail.

**Carys Walter:**

Received a \$25,000.00 yearly Academic Scholarship and the Founder's Scholarship Essay \$3,000.00 for King's College in New York, where she entered as a Sophomore with all her dual credit work.

**Matthew Wood:**

Completed the Garfield County Explorer's Program and was hired at the GarCo Jail.

**Ashley Doose:**

Selected as the Garfield County Rodeo Queen for a second year.

**Gabe Hutchinson:**

For his senior project, he built a small observatory for some expensive telescopes that were donated to the school.

**Colleges attended by graduates:**

Arizona State University, Cedarville University, College of the Ozarks, Colorado Christian University, Colorado Mesa University, Colorado Mountain College, CU Boulder, Concordia College, Denver University, Denver Institute of Art, Earlham College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Hastings College, Kilgore College, Kings College, Liberty University, Loras College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, New Saint Andrews, Pratt Institute, Rherma Bible Institute, Rocky Mountain College, Seattle Pacific University, St. Olaf College, Thomas Edison State University, Suzhou University, Western Colorado University, Xian Jiaotong Liverpool University

**Vocational schools attended by graduates:**

IntelliTec College, Lincoln College of Technology, The Salon Professional Academy, The University of Iowa

**Mentor programs attended by graduates:**

JB Jenkins Writer's Guild, Dream Center Leadership School, YWAM

# Teacher Highlight: Jack Jabbour



This is Mr. Jabbour's 16<sup>th</sup> year with LCA! He truly is a master teacher. Jack began working at LCA in 2005 as a Humanities Instructor after 30 years with the RE-2 school district. We feel fortunate indeed that he is willing to share his years of expertise with our students. If you've been through Mr. Jabbour's class, you know that your writing and grammar skills will not be the same. The students who have been in his class are well prepared for their first year of Rhetoric. We are also thankful he has been willing to share his gift of song writing and music during our weekly chapel time.

A couple of years ago, Jack agreed to be a presenter at the University Model Schools International (UMSI) summer conference. The curriculum he created for our four-year, classical cycle was well-received. His sessions were packed with many younger teachers just beginning their journey. For those sessions, he produced a spiral-bound handbook made up of lessons cultivated and created during his 45 years in middle school classrooms.

It is especially notable that this past spring Jack took on the challenge of teaching online so his classes could continue strong. This was certainly an inspiration to our younger staff and students. He also began the strong tradition of a track & field program at LCA.

Jack is the parent of LCA Graduate, Galina Jabbour. His older two daughters, Amber and Jennifer, are also teachers. His wife Linda taught for LCA for many years and has only recently retired. But you can't miss the joy he has in being a Grandpa to Joslin, Jennifer's daughter. Jack has many notable accomplishments outside of LCA, but you might be most familiar with his voice on KMTS Radio as the high school sports broadcaster. During this time, he has received nine 1<sup>st</sup> place awards in sports with the Associated Press Broadcast Division and three 1st place awards for sports with the Colorado Broadcasting Association.

Be sure and thank Jack if you see him for being such an important part of LCA.







## Student Stats



**116**

Students in 2019-2020



**87%**

Students retention



**100%**

Graduation rate

## Annual Events

Parenting with Partners Conference: Dr. Michael Chrasta

Fall Festival: Early Americas

Fall Production: Patriots & Pioneers

Christmas Program

Spring Play: Battle of Boat Radio Show

Graduation

Projects & Potluck

# Arrowsmith at LCA

Our first year of Arrowsmith had eight full-time students. There were many parent's testimonies throughout the year. Parents reported their child was becoming more motivated, self-confident, and independent. Student's ability to understand logic, cause and effect, before and after was strengthened and was noticeable to parents and teachers. Reading comprehension went from below grade level to above grade level with every Arrowsmith student enrolled last year. Students who have struggled socially throughout their lives became more aware of other people's feelings and began learning how to deal with that new social awareness. All parents reported a more peaceful home environment at the end of the year because their child was more confident, able to communicate better and more aware of their own development.

Many rewards are built into the program. Students know instantly if they have achieved a new personal goal in their individualized programs. They also are celebrated personally through the program and in class when they achieve mastery of a level. During COVID19 stay-at-home orders, all students were able to continue their programs online from home with great success. At the end of May, students were given an end-of-year assessment to measure growth.

Several students "averaged" out of program, indicating they went from a severe deficit to a moderate deficit in a specific cognitive area in their first year. We are so proud of their hard work. These gains will set a solid foundation for further success.





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# Extra-Curricular Activities and Awards



## Service Learning

28 of our parents, students and staff spent a week working with the Campo Real school in a colonia outside of Oaxaca, Mexico. It's a good reminder of why we do what we do. While they have been handed fewer resources than we have, some metal buildings, a postage-sized dirt playground, they are still doing an amazing job at passing on the values and virtues they want their children to have. What kind of childhood do we want for our children? What virtues do we want our children to acquire?

## Colorado Regional Winners

Once again, under Mrs. Bleakley's direction, our Future Cities team won the Colorado Regional competition and went on to compete at the national event in Washington D.C. We're especially proud of the students' award for best essay.

Samara Kallal, Cole Paulson, Evelyn Morton, Dorothy Bleakley (Instructor), Lauryn Paulson, Chad Paulson (Mentor), Aubrey Morton, Wesley Wiethoff, Kaylyn Talbott





### **Garfield County 4H - Team Liberty**

Silas Bolitho- Leatherworking: County, 1st place & Grand Champion. Qualified for state.

Alyssa Meraz - Leatherworking: County, 1st place & Grand Champion. Qualified for state.

Haylie Meraz - Cake decorating: County, Champion. Qualified for state.

Cole Paulson - Shooting Sports: County, 1st place for .22 Scope & Reserve Grand Champion. Qualified for state.

Lauryn Paulson - Cake decorating. County, 1st place & Grand Champion. Qualified and placed 3rd at state.

Ruby Walker - Shooting sports: Two 4th place and one 6th place. Qualified and placed 8th at for state.



### **Gymkhana:**

Ruby Walker, All Around Champion in age division.

Jacey Fritzlan, Reserve Grand Champion.

## **Public High School/ Middle School Sports & Club Sports**

**Basketball:** Fil Meraz, Levi Starr, Reagan Thompson

**Soccer:** Fil Meraz, Emma Opstein, Hannah Vashus, Ezra Williams, Izzy Williams, Zion Williams

**Track:** Fil Meraz

**Volleyball:** Lydia Dye, Grace Miller, Emma Opstein

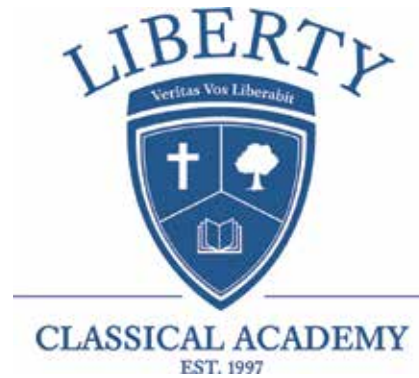
**Golf:** Gabe Hutchinson, Noah Opstein, Jayce Whittington

**Vaudeville *Into the Woods*:** Camden Newitt

**Symphony in the Valley:** Reagan Thompson

**Girls on the Run:** Brynne Norton, Braith Norton, Katie Blotske





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