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News News Ne **Academics**

**Scholarship Awards**

The excitement mounts as senior scholarship awards are being received. We are proud to announce that **Hannah Winkelman** has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship from John Brown University. JBU awards only 5 full scholarships nationally each year. **Callie Buchholtz** also received the Chancellor's Scholarship (1/2 tuition) from JBU.

The University of Arkansas awarded the Chancellor scholarship of \$32,000 over 4 years to **Briahna Hansen, Chris Mullen, Molly Reed, Billy Stanford and Dustin Ward, Alisha Neblett, and Daniel Holmes.**

In the weeks and months to come we look forward to announcing many more LRCA college placements and scholarship offers. Last year our students were awarded more than \$3,000,000 in scholarship opportunities!

**Foreign Language Awards**

Nine of our high school foreign language students competed in the District Foreign Language Festival. **Mary Mulford** and **Avery Ricks** earned awards in the French division. **Laura Bonner, Maggie Head, Aaron Fields, Patrick Small, Ryan Wicker, Matt Feurtado** and **Spencer Neblett** won Spanish awards.

**J-Term**

In case you haven't heard the buzz, **J-term** was a huge success among our high school students. Story after story confirms that our students were stretched academically, emotionally, and spiritually. New relationships were formed, mentoring between students and teachers expanded and new skills were discovered. Here are just a few comments that give you a taste of the experiences:

*From our staff:*

"In our **Robotics** class, we watched the Da Vinci Surgical robot used by Dr. Kuhn remove a prostate gland. Also, students operated a robot used by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad." Rosemary Cloud

"**England** was awesome with history coming alive for all who attended. Appreciating another culture, developing relationships, and falling in love with travel were accomplished goals." Terri Swedenburg

"The **Mississippi trip** was an absolute joy. The people we worked with could not quit talking about how polite and respectful our students were to them as well as each other. It was a great testament to Scripture that says " they will know us by our love for each other." Dave Sanders

"The **handbell** class started with 12 students but ended as a choir, learning not only a skill but how to work as a team to make beautiful music. Ranging from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> graders, they **loved to learn** a new musical expression just as they **learned to love** new friends ." Christine Sullivan

*From our students:*

"I shadowed a dentist and I can't wait to learn a D.D.S. after my name."

"It was amazing how time flew as I was focused on the pottery wheel. It was just me and the clay slowly working to make something out of nothing. Time didn't matter - only my patience and steadiness of my hands."

"The article I wrote for Mr. Neff's class was just published!

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*From our parents:*

"As a parent, I was thrilled each day to hear how our daughter's world was expanding. Thank you for allowing her the opportunity to explore new things. I know this was the spirit and beauty of J-term."

"I just wanted you to know how pleased we have been with the new J Term. Our freshman is so excited as she looks forward to the next 3 years and what new opportunities she can explore. Thank you for bringing this great program to LRCA.

### Celebrate Reading

"**Now I Lay Me Down to Read**" Day happened last Friday in our elementary grades. Students and teachers wore their PJ's to school, brought books and pillows from home to celebrate reading in their classrooms. Four of our staff (Ann Chami, Carlee Wellons, Lois Cox and Linda Johnson) had a special Reader's Theater in the cafeteria. Dr. Arnold and Mr. Neff (though not donning jammies) read their favorite stories to eager listeners.

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### Art Awards

As with academic scholarships, LRCA art students are also receiving scholarships for next year. **Holly Etheridge** placed 8<sup>th</sup> (out of the top 15 seniors) and has received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Thea Foundation for her artwork showing the Little Rock Nine. This will be matched by University of Central Arkansas for a combined 4 year total of \$10,000. Also receiving art awards for \$100 were juniors, **Chandler Watson** (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and **Anja Talbert** (6<sup>th</sup> place). **Jared Elmquist** received honorable mention.

Arkansas Annual Flower and Garden Show also awarded some of our high school talented students the following: **Anneliese Eckess** - \$100 first place, **Chelsea Small** - \$50 second place, **Lily Seay** - \$25 third

place.

Some of our high school and middle school students entered art in *The Young Arkansas Art Exhibition*. The following students received recognition awards; **Arden Ricks**, **Ben Thompson**, **Kristin Vaughan**, and **Anja Talbert**. The **8th grade** project won "Best of Class".

### Choir

High School Choir News: Two of our students were selected for the All State Choir: **Molly Morledge** (sophomore) made Treble Choir and **Lauren Thompson** (junior) made Mixed Choir. They will perform at the Convention Center in Hot Springs Feb. 14 - 16.

### Band

LRCA Band News: In the All Region Solo competition, **Jared Bowyer** made 1st band 4th chair french horn, **Patrick Small** made 2nd band 9th chair trumpet, **Callie Girard** made 2nd band 1st chair violin and **Yee Jin Lee** made 1st violin 2nd chair, earning the place of 2nd best in the state.

### Drama

With try-outs complete and cast selected, preparation has begun for the **spring production of Fiddler on the Roof**, directed by Mrs. Kay Basham. Performances will be **March 13, 14, 15** in the MP Building. With a cast of 36 students and others helping in the area of backstage crew, stage managers and builders, lighting, technical help, make-up and costumes, the performance is sure to captivate the audience with drama, dance, and song.

### Service

Our **elementary students** will be collecting "Coins for Kenyan Kids" during the last week of February. Our students will bring "Pennies from Heaven" on Monday, Gimme 5 (nickels) for Friends" on Tuesday, "Dimes for Deliverance" on Wednesday, "Quarters for Caring" on Thursday, and "Bucks for Believing" on Friday. All of the donations will go to "The Nest", an orphanage in Kenya.

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Congratulations to LRCA's Varsity Boys Basketball Team! They have earned 1st place in the 5A West Conference and 3rd place in the state. They have advanced on to the state tournament with the first game on Tuesday Feb. 26 at 2:30 in Pine Bluff. Let's cheer on our Warriors to another state victory!

Individual Highlights: Senior **Tanner Bailey** was honored at an all high school "signing" event in baseball with Texarkana Community

College. Preparing to pursue the national baseball pro circuit, Tanner signed with a junior college which allows him the freedom to sign on with a national team at any time (unlike Division 1 schools that require 3 years of participation before an athlete can be drafted) Sophomore **Michael Dyer** has been selected as the EA Sports Sophomore of the Year. **Tyler Weddle** and **Jacob Raine** were honored as they signed football letters of intent with Ouachita Baptist University. **Grey Farris** and **Tyler Deacon** have been asked to be "invited walk-ons" with the University of Arkansas Football Razorbacks. Congratulations LRCA athletes!

**Swim Team Lady Warriors** took 3rd place in South Regional Championships scoring a combined 248 points for an overall 3rd place finish. [Click here](#) for more.

A new team this year at LRCA, our **Warrior Wrestlers** have competed hard and shown great improvement under the leadership of Coach Johnny Watson.

Junior and Senior High **Soccer** season, both girls and boys has begun. Make sure to come out and cheer your teams under the lights at Warrior Field. For a schedule of games and scores, [click here](#).

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## News News **Advancement**

### Meet the Board:

### Cindy McLeod



Cindy has served on the Board of Trust since 2003 and currently holds the office of Board Secretary. Growing up in Marietta, Georgia, Cindy attended Auburn University earning a BSBA in Finance. After marrying her college sweetheart, her work in human resources was interrupted as Brett's job as a chemical engineer took them to Louisiana, Alabama and Texas. Settling in Little Rock in 1992, Cindy enjoyed her years as a stay-at-home mom while the boys were young. She currently works at Lovett and Company, a CPA firm in Little Rock.

The McLeods have three sons. Eric (junior) and Keith (8<sup>th</sup> grade) are currently at LRCA. Kyle, a LRCA 2006 graduate is currently a Regent's scholar at Baylor University. Their family worships at Fellowship Bible Church.

Cindy mentors a group of LRCA juniors from Fellowship and has also been blessed by foster-parenting infants through Bethany Christian Services. Cindy shares, "I am passionate about God's love and design for children and young adults."

With her boys active in soccer, tennis and basketball, you'll be sure to spot Cindy at a sporting event. Please stop her and say "thanks" for her service to LRCA!

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