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September

- 8 Opening Day of School (For All)
New Parent Coffee, 8 AM
(Library & Media Center)
- 11 Back to School BBQ (Beebe-Q), 6 PM

October

- 2 No School – In-Service
- 15 Fall Tours, 9am

November

- 5 Fall Tours, 9am
- 12 Fall Tours, 9am
- 19-21 Fall Musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*
- 23-24 No School – Parent Conferences
- 25-27 No School – Thanksgiving Break

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PMCA's New Online Store

Recently PMCA launched an online store powered by Amazon.com offering Christian books and music for both students and adults. Additionally, the PMCA store makes available to you the entire inventory of Amazon (just click on the Powered by Amazon.com logo in the top left-hand corner of the PMCA store).

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From the Head of School

In this issue we seek to focus a bit on the impact of PMCA in the hearts and lives of students, staff, and community. It is not hard to consider this topic after coming through another celebration of graduation events and activities. We have heard a range of ways in which this place, this program, and these people have impacted lives and it causes us to reflect a bit on a few. It was at our Spring Sports Recognition Night when we heard in testimony from senior Cecelia Forshee that in coming to PMCA for her last two years of school (after having been in 9 other schools – the common routine of a military family) God opened her eyes to see Him as One who desired a personal and deep relationship with her. During the senior class trip at Split Rock Resort, seniors shared their stories of faith, challenge, victory, defeat, and hope with one another and with their chaperones. Subsequently, during the Graduation Breakfast, opportunity was given for a few of the 37 graduation candidates to share a few words of reflection. Almost every one of the students took the podium to share moving thank yous to faculty and staff who have inspired them, mentored them, and cared for them, leading to the longest senior breakfast event in recent memory.

A review of our Class of 2009 shows callings and anticipated career paths that target impacting our culture in a broad range of endeavors as well, including Chemical & Mechanical Engineering, Education, Veterinary Medicine, Orthodontics, Architecture, Business & Finance, and Pastoral Counseling. These career paths and pursuits will take our



PMCA's youngest students entertain an older generation at Grandparents' Day in April.



Ellie Huh ('09), an International student from Korea, speaks at the Graduation Breakfast.



PE Teacher Bill DeHeer ('82), supervising the tug-of-war at Elementary Field Day.

students to colleges and universities throughout Pennsylvania and west to Iowa, south to Tennessee, north to Massachusetts, with folks in Ohio and New York. It will mean that Phil-Mont will be represented in local schools and schools far away; in small schools and large universities; in liberal arts schools and in military academies; in Christian schools and secular as well. The opportunities for impact are phenomenal!

We have seen some of our students return to us to take the opportunity to disciple, train, teach, and mentor the next generation as well. Already on board impacting a next generation for the kingdom are Phil-Mont alumni Bill DeHeer (22 years); Kim Gunn (13 years); Matt Stemler (10 years); Beth Van Veldhuizen (6 years); and Faith Schutte (3 years). Who will be next to take what was given birth here and return to replicate the blessings in others?

Those who don't return find other callings and other locations here in the States and abroad for service and impact for the kingdom. I am mindful of one alumnus whom I had the privilege of hearing give testimony to God's grace at one of our community churches in recent months. Maybe you know him. Maybe you taught him. Maybe your support contributed to his education and calling to impact the culture for Christ. His name is Brent Fryling, M.D ('88). Brent currently serves as a Family Physician in Memphis, Tennessee after have spent a number of years on the mission field caring for those in need.

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As we reach the close of another year's journey (in other words – school year), I want to pause and reflect not only on the success and accomplishments of the 2009 graduating class, which are many, but on the impact that the PMCA community has had on the world across generations. The phrase 'it's hard to see the forest for the trees' is true in all walks of life, especially when you are dealing with the daily issues of parenting, studying, teaching or working in a school office, but it is at moments like these when it is good to pause and reflect and try to climb to the top of a tree in order to see the forest.

As I do just that, I am humbled by the idea that the Lord is using me along with all of you who make up the PMCA community to help carry on a great tradition of preparing disciples to impact the world. The 2009 graduates have been well prepared to link arms with the generations who have

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S LAPTOP

gone before them along with those who have supported the school from near and far. As they take up the mantle, it is my sincere hope and belief that the Lord will use them as he has used others down through the years to make an impact for Him in the world in which we live. God bless you all and thanks for your support and prayers for the place we know as the Philadelphia-Montgomery Christian Academy.

In His Service

Mike Major, *President, Board of Trustees*

Support PMCA

As we embark on a new school year please pray for God's continued provision of financial support for our efforts to provide God-centered education for children of believing parents. The economic downturn which started last year impacted our entire community; including our school. Giving toward our Annual Fund was off by 40%.

If you believe we have a rare opportunity to equip our children to walk by faith by showing them the glory of God in all areas of learning then please help us to make the most of that opportunity by supporting our school.

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PMCA: A Father's Perspective

My daughter Cecelia's Phil-Mont education has been a blessing in so many ways. She received a great education and superior coaching and, most importantly, she grew spiritually. Because I have been called professionally to move often through the years, my three children attended five different high schools. I can say without any reservation that Phil-Mont was absolutely the best high school of them all.

Of all the five schools, Phil-Mont actually had the fewest opportunities for advanced placement classes. I regard this as almost insignificant when you consider the quality of education that Cecelia received in her regular classes. Her teachers held her to a high standard, encouraged her in a professional and Christian way, and gave her a great education. Her Bible class was by far the most important of all. The theology that she learned was essential to understanding the unifying theme that was taught in all of her classes. The idea that learning should examine and understand God's role as creator and ruler of the universe and its principles makes Phil-Mont's education program stand out as superior. She now has a foundation to understand the true nature and working of God's creation.

Cecelia is privileged to be attending the US Military Academy at West Point next year and is a recruited athlete for track and cross-country. She worked extremely hard to be a good athlete, but hard work and dedication alone will not put you



on a team at a NCAA Division 1 school. *Cecelia Forshee being recognized by Lt. Col. Michael Parrish at the Senior Breakfast on June 11.*

She had great coaching. Again, the coaching was within the context of the coaches' Christian witness to the teams. Cecelia learned humility, sportsmanship, and how to compete successfully. She learned how to win and lose well. I cannot think of a better result from participating in sports.

The spiritual dimension of Cecelia's education cannot be overstated. She has a firm grasp on her values and loves the Lord. That came from consistency of message from a devoted staff and faculty. It came from an environment where students are free to be themselves in a Christian way. It came from a school where the unifying message of Christ touches everything that the students do. Cecelia and her peers have been, in fact, nurtured in Christ. As a parent, I ask myself, what better education could I have provided for my daughter? I have only one regret, and that is that my two older children did not have the opportunity to attend Phil-Mont.

Lt. Col. Charles Forshee, United States Army

Milestones & Transitions

Each school year provides opportunity to welcome new faculty and staff while saying good-bye to others. While we are sad to see good friends move on, we are equally excited about those God is adding to our team.

TRANSITIONING IN

Timothy Rodkey will join the PMCA faculty in the role of Middle School Bible Teacher. Tim comes to us most recently from Timothy Academy in Philadelphia. He received his BA in Bible/Secondary Education from PBU and an MA in Christian Leadership from Denver Seminary. In addition to eleven years of teaching, Tim and his family served as missionaries for four years with Africa Inland Mission doing church planting in Tanzania, East Africa. We look forward to welcoming him to the Phil-Mont community.

Julie Swope will join the PMCA faculty to teach Middle School Math. Julie comes to us most recently from The Pennington School in New Jersey where she taught both Music and Math. Prior teaching experience was at

Calvary Christian Academy in Philadelphia. She received a BM degree in Music with a Mathematics Minor from West Chester University with additional coursework at Liberty University and Bucks County Community College.

TRANSITIONING OUT

Janet Gerhard has officially ended her service as Advancement Director. Janet served and directed the Office of Advancement beginning in 2004 and had a significant impact and role at PMCA. She has been used in many ways to help maintain our stability in the midst of some significant institutional opportunities, challenges, and transitions.

Jim Rich will be pursuing fresh opportunities for the coming year. Jim taught Bible and Social Studies at both the High School and Middle School levels at PMCA beginning in 2000. Jim brought a variety of teaching, pastoral, and youth ministry gifts to us.

Julie McDonald also will not return in the fall. Julie joined the staff at PMCA in 2002 as a Middle School Math teacher. Her contributions at Phil-Mont also

include her desire to challenge young people in godly living as well as an expertise in technology skills that were beneficial to the Middle School team.

Please join us in praying for God's continued blessing and guidance for each of the departing individuals as they pursue new positions of service. We thank God for the gifts they have shared with us.

MILESTONES

- 5 Years: **Jana McCann** (Kindergarten); **Kelly Martin** (Library/former MS Social Studies)
- 10 Years: **Matt Stemler** (Art)
- 15 Years: **Janet Bacon** (Administration)
- 20 Years: **Tim Eimer** (MS Science/Lead Teacher); **Betsy Rockey** (MS Language Arts); **Margie Tees** (Pre-Kindergarten)
- 30 Years: **Marilyn Furcola** (School Counselor); **Dan Kunkle** (HS Bible)
- 40 Years: **Paul MacQueen** (HS Life Sciences) – Yes! Forty years!

We are so very grateful for the abundant supply and use of gifts on behalf of the PMCA community!

In Memoriam

On Sunday morning, June 7, the Lord took Lacy Matthews Tomer home to be with Him. Lacy, wife of Tom ('78) and mother of Wes ('09) and Elia ('10), was a beautiful testament to God's grace. During a 6½ year struggle with cancer, Lacy touched hundreds of lives and stood as an example of someone whose total reliance was on the Lord. She never allowed her illness to dictate her lifestyle, but she insisted on participating as fully as possible in the lives of her family. She was devoted to her children and to bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She loved Phil-Mont and was so appreciative of the way the faculty and staff ministered to her children and helped them to grow in the Lord. Lacy's deep desire was to be able to see Wes graduate from PMCA, but the Lord had a more glorious day in mind for her. The Senior Class honored Lacy at the graduation ceremony by dedicating the class song, *Lead Me, Lord*, in her memory. We praise the Lord for her life and for the way in which she blessed and inspired so many.

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There are and have been so many others having an impact on our culture and communities today as a result of their time at PMCA. We as a school community have much for which to be thankful. We also have much for which to be hopeful. We remind ourselves and one another what we also seek to instill in the minds and hearts of the students God leads through these doors, these halls, these classrooms: we serve a risen Savior who is in the process of redeeming the world for Himself. How exciting to be a part of that! How humbling it is to know that He enlists us in His cause! How great an opportunity we have to continue training young people for community impact and cultural reconciliation! Thanks for being a part of the continuing Phil-Mont story!

Four Alumni Represent

The ink on the diploma was almost dry, but the graduation parties were not finished when James Correnti '07, found himself waiting in line with over a thousand men and woman from all 50 states and 13 foreign countries to be processed as a new cadet at the United States Military Academy.

The first day included being issued matching U.S. Army uniforms, receiving Uncle Sam's favorite haircut and learning the proper way to address superiors. By the end of the day, all 1300 new cadets were uniformed, marching in step and taking an oath of loyalty to the United States Army.

That began a summer where the basics of a normal pre-college summer, including texting other newly-minted PMCA grads, sleeping until noon and planning game consoles or matching comforters with future roommates, were replaced by a six week training session known as "Beast Barracks." West Point's version of getting students ready to start college featured formations at 5:30am, road marches, obstacle courses, marksmanship and field training exercises. Since all new cadets were separated from electronic communication for the summer, a new form of communication known as "letter writing," incorporating the ancient tools of "pen and paper," was introduced to help the cadets keep in touch with friends and family.

Basic training was officially ended by a traditional 13-mile march back to the West Point campus where the new cadets were allowed access to the avalanche of cell phones mailed from anxious parents and friends. New cadets had one week to prepare themselves for the school year, during which they encountered for the first time the 3000 upperclassman whom they were to consider their superiors. Superiors demanded respectful greetings from the newcomers, or "plebes," as they delivered up laundry services and other tokens of respect. An Acceptance Day celebration at the end of this week marked the official commitment of the new cadets to the United States Army and welcomed them as the newest members of the Corps of Cadets.

But this was all old news to James's fellow former PMCA cross country team members, Robert Merriweather '04 and Colin Baggs '05. Rob and Colin had completed basic training and had moved on the following summer to Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner, an army training camp on the West Point Military Reservation. Camp Buckner built on the basic training skills and added engineer and field artillery training, close quarters combat and obstacle courses. Cadets were issued their own personal M-16 rifles which they were



James Correnti '07



Robert Merriweather '04

responsible to learn to maintain and fire with accuracy. Included in the summer was a trip to Fort Knox, Kentucky for weapons, tank and simulated battle training.

Lieutenant Rob Merriweather majored in Business Management and minored in Electrical Engineering. He has had opportunities to travel to Brazil (to brush up on his Portuguese) and to Korea and received his airborne wings after completing training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Rob was also chosen as one of 92 cadets to march in the Inaugural Parade for President Barak Obama. But his greatest achievement was to be found in the year that he spent as a platoon

PMCA Honors Paul

A 60-ish guy enters the room with spiked white hair, wire rims and white goatee. He's wearing a lab coat, a nose clip, a striped placket shirt, jeans, and sandals. He walks with a bit of a slow swagger, juts his chin forward from time to time, and is reading a NY Times and drinking a Wawa coffee. He's also wearing a small clip-on microphone on his lapel. He pulls a number of photos of kids from his pocket and posts them on a small bulletin board. He then pulls out a larger photo of his adored wife and sets up a little light on it. He then pulls out a bone, a creature, and a few other biological items and sets them on the table, takes a final look at his newspaper, and

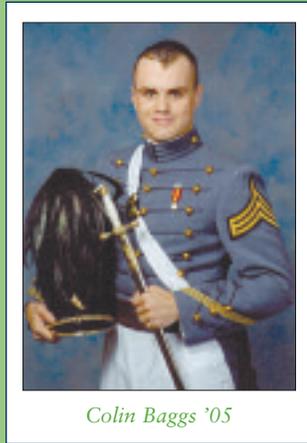
addresses the audience. Surely, it is Phil-Mont's famous Mr. Paul MacQueen! But, no, it's actually his near-twin fellow teacher Will Liegel, fully researched and ready, willing and able to honor his friend Paul on the occasion of Paul's 40th year of teaching at Phil-Mont Christian Academy – even though his voice might crack from time to time.

Will's presentation moved the audience of faculty, staff, administration and a reporter for the Springfield Sun to tears alternating with gales of laughter as he traced Paul's forty years of service – the longest tenure of any teacher in PMCA's history. He closed with the following.

PMCA at West Point

sergeant of 30 other cadets. This involved a ritual called “SAMI” or Saturday AM Inspection. The mothers of the world will experience “Shock and Awe” when they learn that in this role Cadet Sergeant Rob ordered up neat beds, the annihilation of dust bunnies and the relegation of the collected debris of the week’s apparel to preestablished locations in closets and drawers.

This past May, Rob graduated from West Point as a Second Lieutenant and now serves in the Infantry branch



Colin Baggs '05



Cecelia Forshee '09

of the Army as a platoon leader. His future plans also include Air Assault and Army Ranger training.

Colin Baggs '05 completed his major in military history. Colin also took the talents he honed in the PMCA band to the West Point Spirit Band where his skills on the clarinet earned him front row views at Army football games. He also graduated this May and has been assigned to attend Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He then plans to begin his army officer career as a Second Lieutenant serving at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a tank commander. Colin will call upon his West Point experiences in Airborne training as well as his summers in leadership

training to help bring military focus to young men and women who have heeded the call of duty to serve in the United States Army. But in his greatest achievement, Colin put aside his warrior role and used peaceful negotiation to win the hand of Ms. Keri Hermann. In June, an Army style wedding took place in which the bridal couple walked through a saber arch created by the groom’s fellow soldiers. This arch symbolizes the commitment of the couple to the United States Army. Occasionally, the flat side of a saber has been known to slip from the arch and onto the bride’s backside as a way to welcome her into the Army.

For the PMCA class of 2009, senior Cecelia Forshee, has accepted the offer of admission and follows her brother, Lieutenant Peter Forshee and her father, Lieutenant Colonel “Charlie” Forshee to join the West Point class of 2013, after being honored by a nomination from the vice president of the United States. Cecelia has distinguished herself at PMCA and brought West Point recruiters calling by her wins at conference, district and state levels in girl’s cross country and in distance track events. Coach Struck reports that no amount of emotional body armor has been able to protect the most jaded of his student athletes from being infiltrated with Cecelia’s work ethic and commitment to her sport. All who know Cecelia are sure that she can handle herself in a crowd of guys. At West Point, Cecelia plans to run cross country and track, so PMCA cross country runners who have come to terms with the “enhanced torture” of having a girl whiz past them are making themselves available to give counseling support to Cecelia’s fellow cadets.

Our thanks to all these PMCA alumni whose achievements and commitment to serve us and our country have brought honor to our school community. All of us old timers will now be taking our long naps in peace with the knowledge that the future security of our country is in your hands.

Ruth Miller Correnti '70

MacQueen

“Many people ask how I have managed to stay at Phil-Mont so long, outlasting countless buildings, staff members, policies, board presidents and changes in scientific theories. Many people have begun asking me when I’ll retire – not soon, anyway!

“Well, let’s think. My opening question was how does a guy with creativity, talent, brains – and a beautiful wife – wind up at one place for 40 years? I guess it’s because he loves the Lord, he loves teaching life sciences and he loves working at a place that brings those two loves together so well. Jesus – Phil-Mont – Science – MacQueen. Perfect together.”



Will the real Paul MacQueen please stand up! Will Liegel (right) honors fellow teacher Paul MacQueen as he completes 40 years of service at PMCA.

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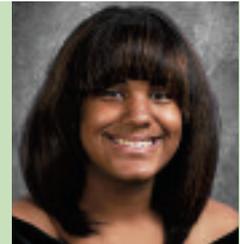
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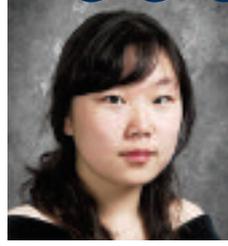


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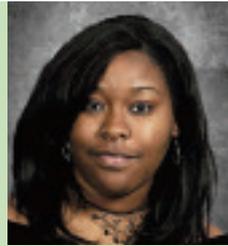
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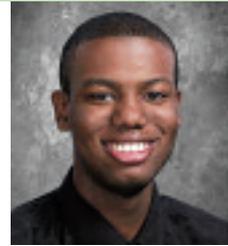
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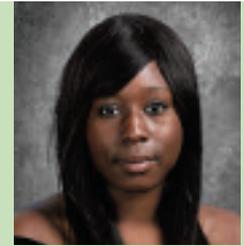
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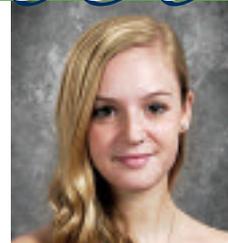


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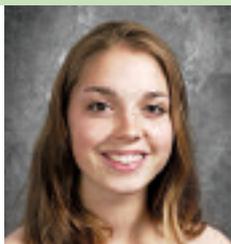
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Graduation...

Images of



*The newly graduated
 PMCA Class of 2009!*

*Ticora Adams shares
 a hug with Hong Hai
 Kirby while Don
 Kirby looks on.
 Ticora was the recipi-
 ent of the Romans
 8:37 Award – More
 Than Conquerors,
 which is given in
 honor of Jonathan
 Kirby and Carolyn
 Brown.*



*Board of Trustees
 Award winner David
 DeFelice addresses
 classmates, faculty,
 family and friends.*



Class Notes...

'72 Ruth Bird was awarded with the Nursing Excellence Award for her outstanding contributions to nursing. The awards recognize nurses who have provided extraordinary service to patients, families and the community. Ruth is a staff nurse in the Emergency Department of Doylestown Hospital. She contributes to her community by teaching classes in both first aid and healthy living to pregnant teens. Ruth is also involved in mission and service projects both stateside and abroad, including an Appalachian Service Project in West Virginia, a medical mission to Belize and five months of service to staff in a rural clinic in Kenya.

'93 Andrew Schmurr, after leaving Phil-Mont in his senior year, graduated cum laude with a BS in Criminal Justice in 1998 and went to work for Yahoo! right after graduation. In 2003, he earned his Masters in Public Administration, and in 2006 moved to Austin, TX where he now works as a Web Designer. You can see his portfolio at www.andrewschmurrdesigns.com. He is married and has a son, Peyton James, who was born in November 2008.

'95 Jason Correnti is finishing his doctorate at Thomas Jefferson University in structural biology and molecular pharmacy.

'96 Isabella Rose was born to **Rita (Orlando) Henderson** and her husband, Jim, on April 28, 2009.

'97 Jeremy Correnti is teaching at Germantown Academy and building a band program there.

'00 Nicole Van Rheenen was married to Aaron Brooks on July 3, 2009.

'01 Joseph Correnti works as a data analyst for a health care company

Nathan Robert was born to **Ellen (Nave) Bacon** and her husband, Darren, on February 23, 2009.

'02 Meredith McLain and Jon-Michael David Allen (Wasilla, Alaska) were married on August 8, 2009 in Easton, PA. Meredith is employed at Cassidy & Pinkard Colliers in DC and Jon works at Georgetown University Hospital. They are living in Alexandria, VA

Ethan Struck and **Sarah Hause '03** were married April 24, 2009. They reside in Ambler, PA.

'05 Colin Baggs was married to Keri Hermann on June 12, 2009 shortly after his graduation from West Point. (see "Alumni Attending West Point" for more information on Colin.)

'06 Carol Askey was married to John Hammerschmidt on June 20, 2009. They reside in Pittsburgh, PA.

We'd love to hear from you!

Please take a moment to let us know about important happenings in your life. Have you moved? Changed jobs? Gotten married? Had children? If you want, we can include them in the next Signet.

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A Recap of the Spring Sports Season

Recalling How God Sent Rain

As Christians, we know the truth about the weather...it is God who sends rain. Remember the questions He put to Job in Chapter 38?

“Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water?”

“Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, ‘Here we are’?”

“Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens?”

Well, God can, and He did. According to information found on Joel Bacon’s PMCA weather station, there was measurable rainfall on 22 days during the months of April and May (nine in a row at one point). Some of that rain was so heavy that fields and practice areas were still underwater days after, even when God brought sunshine. You get the point.

Our Heavenly Father sent lots and lots of rain this spring and we could not and did not train the teams as we had hoped. You can imagine the disappointment the students must have felt not being able to run 200m and 400m repeats until they became exhausted, or master the ability to hang in while waiting to hit a curve ball, perfect a topspin backhand or turn a double play. Lord willing, the coaches will make it up to them next year.

Actually, our teams were quite resilient throughout this soggy season. They tromped through puddles wearing rain gear; they ran through our hallways and stairwells; they alternated days in the gym using our batting cage and weight room. They should be commended for their positive spirit, for not making excuses and not giving up.

PMCA Spring Sports Awards:

Boys Varsity Tennis	Stewardship Award	Jonathan Baird
	Stewardship Award	Stephen Scott
Boys MS Tennis	Tourney Champion	Joel Kelly
	Tourney Runner-Up	Nathan Bierema
Girls Varsity Softball	Player of the Year	Emily Steiger
	Stewardship Award	Dana Schnitzel
Girls MS Softball	Player of the Year	Allegra Schnitzel
	Stewardship Award	Sarah Wang
Boys JV Baseball	Player of the Year	Chris Sponsler
	Stewardship Award	Kevin Danihel
Boys Track & Field	Player of the Year	David DeFelice
	Player of the Year	Jonathan Shope
Girls Track & Field	Player of the Year	Ticora Adams
	Player of the Year	Cecelia Forshee
	Player of the Year	Montana Mitchell

Silver linings through the clouds:

■ Our Boys Track & Field team defended their championship title at the MACSA meet held at Messiah College; our Girls team finished as the Runners-Up.

■ Sophomore Stephen Dyson joined the ranks of pitchers like Don Larson when he threw a perfect game against TCA.

■ Juniors Dana Schnitzel and Emily Steiger were elected onto the Bicentennial Athletic League’s First Team for Softball.

■ Four new school records were set in Track & Field:

Boys 4 X 200m Relay - Curtis Glover, Chris Sanford, Stefan Johnson, Adam McNichol (1:37.04)

Boys Discus - David DeFelice (140’7.5”)

Boys and Girls 3200m - Jon Shope (9:54) and Cecelia Forshee (11:33)

The Spring Sports Award Program was preceded by a book signing by author and PMCA boys tennis coach Bernie Chavis. Coach Chavis recently published a book entitled *The Games of Tennis: An African American Journey*. During the program, David DeFelice and Cecelia Forshee shared their senior testimonies recalling God’s faithfulness to them throughout their sports careers.



Members of the PMCA Track & Field team celebrate their achievements and show off their trophies following the MACSA track meet at Messiah College.