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FROM THE BOARD

The board is pleased to have **Dwight Gingerich ('76)** in place as Interim Principal for the 2018-2019 school year allowing time for a thorough search while moving IMS forward at the same time. The operating board has also engaged Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) to provide consulting and search process facilitating services, which will more formally begin in the fall of 2018. A search committee mandate will be created and a committee named at that time. MEA will help conduct surveys and focus groups and with input from the IMS community a principal profile will be developed. The outcome will be to have the principal who meets the principal profile joining the IMS community beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. The board is appreciative of the services MEA offers and looks forward to partnering with them.

The board also appreciates your prayers as we look to God to lead the process and help us find the best leader for IMS.

STACY ROPP MILLER ('95)

OPERATING BOARD PRESIDENT

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ON THE COVER BRANDON

COVER PHOTO | **KAREN CARDENAS (CLASS OF '19)**

BRANDON JIMENEZ (CLASS OF '19) lives in Wellman. Brandon has been involved in art classes, Art Club, Symphonic Band, Choir, Chamber Singers, theatrical performances, soccer and track. We asked Brandon questions about his time at IMS. We enjoyed hearing what he had to say and he even thanked us for the opportunity to reflect on what IMS has meant to him. That in and of itself gives you a glimpse of what a great young man he is.

What were some of the aspects about IMS that stood out to you and helped you decide to attend here? I saw IMS wasn't just another school. It's a place where I am praised for being who I am. It's a place where I am encouraged to ask questions without reluctance. It's a place where I am not only accompanied when singing praises to the Creator, but also when I must go through the valley of the shadow of death. It's a place describable with only one word: home.

What ways have you been challenged to grow? In your faith? Academically? As a person? I think I've been challenged in many ways while at IMS, and not only in difficult academic subjects. If there is something I know to be true, it is that my faith has grown significantly while at IMS. From challenges questioning my perspective, to theological discussions with peers, to witnessing an entire community come together to support each other in times of need. These all have shaped and molded me into who I am today.

What will be something you learned at IMS from teachers, coaches or administrators that you will take with you as you go on to college and beyond? If I had to condense them all to one overarching idea, it would be to never lose hope, never forget how much I'm loved, and never give up opportunities. Whether or not in an academic setting these lessons are the lenses that allow my eyes to see color, value, and depth in a flat, achromatic world.

What things have you done at IMS that were beyond your comfort zone or were there things you tried here that you might not have tried at a bigger school? I've always questioned where my comfort zone lies, as it often changes, so IMS is a great place for me to be. I'm always presented with new opportunities and experiences at IMS, allowing me to experiment. The most significant thing I've done at IMS, I think, would be experiencing vulnerability. Being presented with the chance to open up my heart and share personal stories, emotions, etc.

What is something you wish others knew about IMS? IMS is a place of diversity and craves more of it. It strives not only for students to excel academically and spiritually, but also to broaden the horizon for staff as well as the school community as a whole. IMS is where brokenness is celebrated just as much as beauty. IMS doesn't want you to be you, it needs you to be you. IMS is you and me and us.

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THE BRUIT | A FAVORABLE REPORT

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A NOTE TO OUR ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS

We appreciate your support of IMS and we want to recognize everyone accordingly with 100% accuracy. If we have inadvertently made an error, please contact the Office of Advancement with concerns or corrections.

GROWING SOLUTIONS FROM A PRO IMS ALUMNUS TERRY ERB

by MAYA KEHR YODER

Farming Takes Faith

You can't be a farmer without a little faith. Or, at least, that is Terry Erb's philosophy.

"Faith is so important in what we do and agriculture in general. Farmers make plans, borrow money, plant a crop and then have faith that it will rain, they have faith that they will be able to be profitable," says Terry. "While this is not a great business model it's just what farmers do."

Even with all its risk, agriculture is what Terry has always wanted to do and what he's been doing since 1982.

After working with a variety of family members in high school, Terry became "extensively involved in ag sales" through his business ProGrower Solutions. For the past 25 years, ProGrower Solutions has sold seed and crop protection to farmers and maintains a row crop operation with livestock production.

A Community and Profession We Love

The best part of the business, says Terry, is the people.

"I really do greatly value the friendships and relationships that have come from our ag retail business, so many good people that I would not have met otherwise," says Terry, "While [balancing business and relationships] can be stressful at times it is also very satisfying."

And farming communities are not as homogenous as outsiders might think.

"We have met and work with great people from different communities, different backgrounds and different viewpoints," says Terry.

"We feel very blessed to be in a great community and in a profession that we love."

Maintaining Roots in Times of Change

Farming has always been about the farmers, but just like many fields, agriculture is changing rapidly with technology. Terry strives to "keep up with the pace of technology" so that ProGrower Solutions can continue to be a valuable resource to the Kalona community.

With the rapid change in technology, farming operation size, and the increase of land costs over the past 20 years, there seems to be more risk for farmers. Terry hopes that in all the newness, "the wholesomeness of farming will not be lost." "Farming is so unique and the people involved in it are unique," says Terry.

"[Farmers] take the risk because they love it. They take great pleasure in a newly emerging crop and or a newly born calf or

a new litter of piglets. I hope that there will be a place for all that want to be involved in farming, can be involved."

TERRY ERB ('80) and his wife Deb live in rural Wellman, Iowa. They have two grown children, **Aaron Erb ('10)** and **Lindsay Erb ('06)** Widmer and her husband **Jason Widmer ('05)**. Terry and Deb also have three grandchildren.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MIKE SEVERINO-PATTERSON joined the IMS staff as our Science/Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor. The article below was originally published in the IMS newspaper *The Reflector*. It was written by **Cameron Roser-Peet ('18)**.

I got the opportunity to sit down with Mike Patterson who is in his first year teaching agriculture, general science, and biology at IMS after five and half years of teaching at Scattergood Friends School. Over lunch, we discussed a variety of subjects from his favorite subject growing up to his favorite place in the world.

When asked why he decided to come teach at IMS he replied, "I came to IMS to look for different educational opportunities. I was also attracted to the learning environment and the friendly people."

While we were on the subject of school, and it was lunch time, I asked him "What is your favorite school lunch?" It is tacos, even though he usually brings the classic ham and cheese sandwich. "Maybe next Thursday, I'll have to leave the sandwich at home and try Maria's tacos," commented Patterson.

"Other than lunch, what do you look forward to each and every school day?" Mike said, "I really enjoy taking kids outdoors and I also enjoy labs." he replied.

Eventually we moved on from the topic of school and I got to learn his favorite pastimes, his favorite place in the world, and of course, his favorite Bible verse.

He said that if he could go anywhere in the world it would be Tana, Ecuador, where he has a summer home and where his wife is from. "I only get to see [her family] once a year and I have a large garden that I'm sure needs tending."

Patterson said that some of his favorite hobbies include spending time with his family, walking in the woods, hunting and fishing with his father, gardening, as well as making music. His favorite Bible passage is Matthew 19:21, "Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'"

A Family Affair IMS ALUMNI DAVE YODER & LUKE YODER

Q&A by JEREMY OURS
written by MAYA KEHR YODER

DAVE AND LUKE YODER started farming together as a father-and son-in-law duo. Below are some of their thoughts on agriculture and family farming.

Q: WHAT HAS YOUR JOURNEY IN AGRICULTURE BEEN LIKE?

DAVE | I have been involved in agriculture since I was a kid. I remember not being able to go out for sports in Jr. High because of needing to help on the farm. I always wanted to farm. As a small child we used to "farm" the dining room rug. I went straight from IMS to farming. I have always lived on the home farm.

LUKE | I have been farming with Dave . . . since 2014 so only about 4 years. After IMS, I attended EMU and graduated from there in 2008 with a Business degree . . . When I started working for Jim [Dave's brother] and Dave on the farm, Jim had decided he wanted to retire and at that point Rachel and I purchased his half of the operation and since then we have been farming with Dave. Farming was something I always had an interest in and when Jim decided he wanted to retire it was an easy decision for Rachel and I to join in the operation.

Q: WHAT IS IT LIKE WORKING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY IN THE AG INDUSTRY?

DAVE | It's all I have ever known. Dad worked with his dad and farmed with his brothers. I grew up working with uncles, cousins and brothers. It was always fun to work with cousins as we baled hay in the summer.

Now we work with the next generation. We have a nephew and son-in-law that farm with us. Everyone brings their own talents and gifts to the operation.

It was interesting to watch God's plan unfold as he brought Luke into the operation. We also have Rachel to thank for that! Luke is meticulous with numbers, marketing, remembering details, documenting and he brings a knowledge of technology that I don't have.

It's reassuring to know that the farm is in capable hands for the years to come.

The farm has been a great place to raise our three daughters and now a big part of life for the grandchildren. They love being here. The flexibility of being able to stop work to give tractor rides and push them on the swing is something I wouldn't be able to do with other jobs. It's also been fun to farm the dining room rug with them.

LUKE | I have really enjoyed working with family. It is rewarding to see how our differing skill sets can work together to accomplish our goals.

I am excited to have my two daughters grow up around their family farm, I think it is a great way to raise a family. I really enjoy being able to spend extra time with them in our less busy times of year and I like having the freedom to decide each day for myself what I need to do.

Q: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE WORK THAT YOU DO?

DAVE | There are hog chores seven days a week. Every season is different. Spring means planting and providing seed for other farmers. Summer means crop scouting, mowing and repairs. Fall brings harvest, yield checks and Pioneer sales. Winter means more Pioneer sales, pigs, machine repairs and surviving weather. Then it all starts again.

With each season brings the unknown, crop yields, rain chances, disease, prices of grain and hogs, sickness and death loss with hogs. There are NO guarantees in farming. Without faith that God will provide, the risks of farming would be overwhelming.

LUKE | We raise hogs, corn and soybeans and also have a Pioneer seed dealership. There isn't really a typical day but there is a seasonal pattern. Throughout the year I do a variety of things . . . One of the best parts of what I do is that it seems to be something a little different each day.

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES OF FARMING?

DAVE | The 1980's were hard and we were relieved to be able to supply for our families and just have the farming operation survive those rough years. Now 2018 brings similar challenges.

LUKE | I would say one of the greatest challenges is understanding that there is a lot that you do not control when it comes to farming. From the weather playing a large role in your crop production to the world markets impacting the price you can get for your crop, there are a lot of unknowns.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE COMING YEARS?

DAVE | We are hoping that the farm operation is strong enough to continue for Luke and Rachel. Luke and Rachel took a huge risk in buying into the farm.

Farming is a great way of life. It's been very rewarding to see their desire to keep our farm going. As a farm passed on from one generation to the next it would be nice to see it continue.

We have grandchildren who are very interested in what's going on on the farm. Maybe it will continue to the next generation too.

LUKE | I hope that I can be doing this for a long time. *I would like to see this farm continue into the next generation.*

DAVE YODER ('77) and his wife **Lisa (Miller '82)** live in rural Kallona, Iowa. They have three grown children, **Lindsay (Yoder '05)** Swartzendruber and her husband **Jeff Swartzendruber ('06)**, **Rachel Yoder ('07)** and her husband **LUKE YODER ('04)**, and **Emma (Yoder '11)** Brenneman and her husband Collin. Dave and Lisa also have four grandchildren.

AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IMS ALUMNA KYLIE MILLER

by MAYA KEHR YODER

CALLED TO CULTIVATE

"It was like God made the path so clear and I never looked back," Kylie says. Her path? Ag education.

Kylie just finished her third year as Ag Instructor and FFA Advisor at Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa where she started the school's agricultural program.

"In the back of my mind I had dreamed about having the opportunity to start a program, but I had no idea that God would give it to me right out of college," says Kylie, "God has continued to show me how important it is to share about his creation through agriculture."

Kylie grew up in rural Iowa and always had agriculture as a part of her life. At the age of two, Kylie could be found "following [her] dad out to the barn to 'check the piggies.'" Later she would show agricultural savviness by starting a family Pug business and showing sheep and calves.

Her interest was fully realized during her years at IMS with the help of some key teachers.

During Kylie's junior year, former IMS Ag Instructor Marcia Kilgard "introduced [her] to the fact that agriculture was important to [her]."

During her senior year, former IMS Ag Instructor Karen Vandewalle "showed [her] how absolutely important it is for our world to understand the role agriculture plays in every person's life." Karen was the teacher who "lit the fire" for Kylie to consider Ag Education. After that, the pieces fell into place.

Kylie was accepted into the college of agriculture at Iowa State and upon graduation was hired at Western Christian. She saw God at work in all of this.

"I wouldn't come close to saying that the ag program that I have gotten the opportunity to be a part of is perfect, but I am humbly proud of what my kids and this community has been able to accomplish in the three years of existence."

She adds, "it's been pretty awesome to look back and reflect on how far we've come. From ordering welders, naming our FFA chapter, and figuring out what classes to teach, it has been quite the ride. . . . it has been some of the most fun three years of my life."

Kylie credits her former IMS teachers Karen and Marcia for providing teaching methods, lessons, and strategies that she now utilizes in her FFA Program at Western. They showed her not just "what to teach, but how to teach."

She adds, "the biggest thing that my agricultural instructors showed me, was creating a space that feels like home. Whenever I would walk into the ag room at IMS I just always felt like I was home. I was in a space where I knew I could thrive, where I knew I would enjoy a field trip every once in awhile, where I would have long discussions about faith and agriculture, and

ultimately where I loved being the most. That feeling right there is what I work everyday to make all of my students feel."

CULTIVATING CHRIST FOLLOWERS

In her short tenure, Kylie has managed to cultivate an ag program that is infused with variety and faith in Jesus Christ.

Kylie's classes do everything from making ice cream (animal science) to welding fire pits (welding class) to exploring real world contexts through field trips. In all of this is a central focus on the connection between Christ, creation, and agriculture.

"God's creation is the clearest connection that we have to the proof of His existence and if I can try to show them that through agricultural education, I hope that I'm making an impact," says Kylie.

THE GAP FROM FARM TO TABLE

Kylie is clearly passionate about connecting people to their food.

In the past two years, Kylie says, "the United States saw a shift from the idea, 'don't go into agriculture,' to, 'oh hey, we need agriculture.'"

She attributes this fact to the farm crisis of the 80's where families were forced into other professions to survive. This had unintended consequences in the 90's and early 2000's when "the disconnect between families and where their food came from widened. Many agricultural programs became 'irrelevant' to some and some even closed."

That trend is changing as Americans start to understand the vital importance of agriculture. In the past 10 years, agricultural education has experienced a resurgence. This included IMS who became the first private school in the state of Iowa to have an FFA chapter when it opened in 2003.

Kylie attributes the growth to a change in attitude.

"People are starting to truly remember why they need agriculture, and while we may not have narrowed that gap all the way, agriculturalists are certainly making strides to make America appreciate and value where their food comes from," she says.

KYLIE MILLER ('11) lives in Hull, Iowa and will receive her master's degree in agricultural education in July of 2019 and plans to continue teaching.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT

The IMS Board affirmed the recommendation of the IMS Administrative Team by partnering with Rick Newberry, PhD. to help with enrollment and marketing efforts.

Rick Newberry is the President of Enrollment Catalyst. His expertise in enrollment management and marketing strategies provides in-depth consulting and coaching for schools across the country.

He brings over 25 years of educational leadership experience in both higher education and K-12 levels. At the university level, Rick served as the executive director of development and enrollment management at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Through his success in enrollment management, he provided strategic leadership to double enrollment from 710 to 1,400 students. In development, he worked alongside the president leading a twenty-member advancement team in a multi-million dollar capital campaign, as well as providing strategic direction to the university marketing effort. Following his tenure in university leadership, Rick served in the role of headmaster at a large private school in St. Petersburg, Florida.

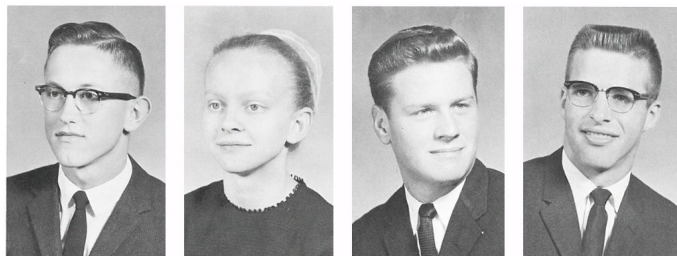
Mr. Newberry will be working with our Administrative Team to develop a strategic plan and provide coaching to implement this plan focused on enrollment management and marketing. He was on the IMS campus two days this week to meet with the administrative team, board and focus groups of current parents, new parents and current students. Surveys will be sent out to all parents, students and faculty members to gather information about IMS that Mr. Newberry will use to provide his assessment and recommendations.

The Administrative Team looks forward to this partnership with Mr. Newberry and has found the time spent with him during his audit to be very helpful. They especially look forward to the results of his information gathering and the weekly coaching he will provide to implement plans.

Thank you to all who participated in this process so far. Your input is very valuable to this effort to better market IMS with the goal of increasing our enrollment.



RICK NEWBERRY with the current Ad Team: Candi Schmieder (Director of Enrollment), Jeremy Ours, Theresa Blossom and Dwight Gingerich



CLASS OF 1962 SCHOLARSHIP

THE CLASS OF 1962 held its 55th year reunion September 27-29, 2017 at Crooked Creek Christian Camp with 23 classmates in attendance. On the 28th we spent the morning at IMS where we joined students for their chapel service. Following the service we received a school update from Administrators, Steve Schrag, Jeremy Ours, Dwight Gingerich, and Candi Schmieder. We concluded our visit by having lunch with the students.

In reflecting on our visit and meeting with administrators, a suggestion was made that as a class we consider doing something to support the school and its students. Something which would also recognize the lasting, positive impact IMS has had on our lives since 1962. The suggestion was that a student scholarship fund be established and named for The Class of 1962. The class enthusiastically endorsed this idea, and stepped up and generously contributed \$11,000 to fund three scholarships in 2018. Our initial goal was \$6,000. This initiative is meant to help address the enrollment and budgetary challenges facing IMS which the administration articulated during their school update.

While the class has held a reunion every fifth year since graduation, the fellowship and bonding we enjoyed this year was evidence that our class spirit remains as strong and vibrant as ever, perhaps as much as in 1962! This renewed class spirit spurred us to make the scholarship commitment as a way to repay in some small measure how our time on campus enriched and shaped our lives these past 55 years.

Even more so today than in 1962, IMS is more than just a highly regarded Christian high school. It serves as a focal point for many community-wide events that enrich the community and bring it together. After interacting with administrators and students during our IMS visit, we believe The Class of 1962 Scholarship fund is a modest yet effective way to pass along to future students the opportunities we enjoyed at IMS: that of learning more about life and the world in a small, supportive, Christian-focused educational environment.

Many of the friendships we formed in that environment continue to this day.

As we eagerly look forward to our next reunion, we are very excited and grateful that we came together at our 55th to support IMS and its students, which will serve to sustain and strengthen the legacy of our class. We would encourage other classes to consider ways they might also support our alma mater. We found it to be a very gratifying experience.

IMS thanks the Class of 1962 for their wonderful generosity! May this excellent example of supporting IMS students be an inspiration to many more classes of IMS alumni!



THE 71TH GRADUATION EXERCISES were held in Celebration Hall May 26 and 27. Twenty-one students received their diplomas. The Baccalaureate speaker was Scott Roser. Scott is the father of IMS senior, Cameron Roser-Peet. Scott is the pastor at Spirit of Christ Church in Iowa City. Student speakers were **Emma Beachy ('18)** and **Isaiah Swantz ('18)**. The Commencement speaker was Gilberto Pérez Jr. Gilberto serves as the Dean of Students at Goshen College.

Photos of the weekend can be found at the IMS Flickr site: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ou6o4j>

LIFE MOMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

Austin Yoder ('08) and Marissa Kauffman, October 21, 2017
Christina Leichty ('04) and Cameron Michels, April 21, 2018
Malachi Bontrager ('11) and Rachel Springer, May 12, 2018

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Lee Swartzendruber ('60), December 11, 2017
Ralph Moberly ('60), December 13, 2017
Luora (Roth '51) Leichty, December 27, 2017
Arlin Yoder ('56), December 31, 2017
Norma (Ropp '57) Nisly, January 31, 2018
Harold Blosser ('55, F'69-'76), March 25, 2018
Merlyn K. Yoder ('73), May 7, 2018

TELL US.

Your lives are important to us!

If you haven't updated your info with us in a while we'd love to hear from you. Please send your stories, announcements, change of address, or other communications to us.

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FUTURE ALUMNI

Ezekiel Reed
to **Melissa (McGaffey '94)** and Bradley McGinnity, July 1, 2016
Verdene Joy
to Ashley and **Seth Unruh ('05)**, January 3, 2018
Kendon Robert
to **Asenath (Libby '08)** and **Craig Shetler ('08)**, February 19, 2018
Hazel June
to **Midori (Beachy '05)** and **Aaron Gingerich ('05)**, March 9, 2018
Asa Rodney
to **Heidi (Bender '02)** and Drew Willems, March 17, 2018
Mona Seraphine
to **Sarah (Smith '98)** and Omar Baber, April 13, 2018
Reid Edward
to **Heidi (Gingerich '06)** and **Caleb Detweiler ('06)**, May 2, 2018
Jay Henry
to **Allison (Brenneman '02)** and Isaiah Goertz, May 10, 2018
Leo Kevin
to **Elaine (Ropp '14)** and **Levi Schrock ('12)**, May 14, 2018

2017 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

THE IMS COMMUNITY THANKS YOU

1948

Ethel (Swartzendruber) & Henry Miller

1949

Orval & Norma Brenneman
Lois (Brenneman) Gugel
Ruby (Swartzendruber) Lehman
Cletus Miller
Margaret J. Miller

1950

Dorothy (Hershberger) Miller

1951

Barbara (Miller) Longoria
Dolores Miller
Willard & Alice Roth
Oliver & Miriam (Swartzendruber) Yutzky

1952

Myrna (Kinsinger) Farraj
Lores (Brenneman) Hochstetler
Edwin D. & Mary Jane Miller
Verda (Ropp) Swartzendruber

1953

Eunice (Yoder) Brenneman
Carley (Eash) Brubaker
Don Gingerich
Leslie & Carolyn (Kinsinger) Hochstetler

1954

Faye Beckler
Wilma (Troyer) Gingerich
Ruth (Yoder) & John Mark King
Marlene (Yoder) & Marion Leichty
Carolyn (Miller) Walter

1955

John Blough
Ray Horst
Dorothy Logan
William Shettler
Lorena (Brenneman) & Chuck Swantz

1956

Fanni (Marner) & Wilbur Birky
Anna (Leichty) Lewis
Phyllis (Yoder) Litwiller
Lynn & Barbara Troyer
Dorothy Yoder Nyce & John Nyce

1957

Ruth Ann (Gingerich) & Norman Bontrager
Mary Kate (Kinsinger) & Ervin Brenneman
Frances (Powell) Collins
Allen Horst
Francis Litwiller
Esther (Schrock) Siville
Ronald & Barbara Wyse
Ezra Yoder

1958

Jim Brenneman
Erma (Yoder) Edwards
Karen (Hochstetler) Gingerich
Helen (Slaubaug) Lindstrom
Ed & Jane Miller
Wesley & Sue (Schlatter) Richard
Larry & Mary Lou Roth

Carroll & Nancy Yoder

Daniel Keith & Shirley (Bender) Yoder
Robert D. Yoder & Lola Faye Erb-Yoder

1959

Nelson & Margaret Gingerich
Ed & Marjorie Hershberger
Jim Hochstetler
Lydia Ann (Schrock) Kennel
H. Marcus & Vonna Yoder

1960

James & Lois (Kieffaber) Bare
Neva (Stutzman) Frey
Anna (Freyenberger) Hochstetler
Alice (Wenger) Hsu
Jane (Marner) & Walter Kopsa
Keith Litwiller
Wilbur & Mary (Beachy) Litwiller
Charlotte (Graber) Rosenberger
Gladys (Blosser) Thomas

1961

Linda (Miller) Rowold Brown Gilbert & Sandy
Gingerich
Myrna (Yoder) Kaufman
Joyce (Bontrager) Lehman
Roger & Evelyn (Roth) Leichty
Karen (Wenger) & Vernon Leichty
Karen (Bender) & Wilbur Leidig
Duane & Sharon (Wyse) Miller
Ronald Piper
Colleen (Rhodes) Stoltzfus

1962

Joann (Bontrager) Boley
Virginia (Swartzendruber) & Levon Christophel
Ken Frey
Lee & Julie Gingerich
Mary Louise (Brenneman) & Merlin Grieser
John & Sally Hershberger
Shirley (Brenneman) & Calvin Hochstetler

*Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman

Calvin Miller
Evelyn (Yoder) Miller
John David & Rebecca Miller
Larry & Shirley (Wyse) Oswald
Gene & Louise Troyer
Wilbur & Helen Yoder

1963

Lois (Gingerich) & Duane Beck
Ronald & Ruth Guengerich
Robert & Sheryl (Yoder) Miller
Kathleen (Yoder) Quinn
Dale & Charlene (Yoder) Rhodes
Lovina (Gingerich) & Carl Rutt
Elaine (Gerig) & Daniel Schrock

1964

Nedra (Brenneman) Berger
Kay (Freyenberger) Frunzi
Gary & Francis (Gingerich) Nafziger
***Aliko Songolo**
Ardell Swartzendruber
Darvin & Martha Yoder
Fred & Judy Yoder

1965

Keith & Cindy Dickel
Daniel Gingerich
Ken & Noreen Gingerich
Karen (Yoder) & Bruce Harvey
Myrna (Swartzendruber) Moyer
Cynthia (Brenneman) Shearer
Margaret (Miller) & Lynn Williams
Norm & Linda Yoder

1966

Roger & Kathleen (Yoder) Erteld
Mary (Yoder) & Ervie Glick
Myron & Martha (Yoder) Graber
Wendell Nisly
Phil & Joyce Ropp
Linda (Wyse) Stump
Marcia Yoder-Schrock & John Schrock

1967

Dale Marner
Ken & Christine Miller
Muriel (Miller) Nisly
Linwood & Karen Swartzendruber
Jim Yoder
1968
Nancy (Bender) & Glen Gehman
Firman & Susan (Yoder) Gingerich
James Gingerich
Steve Lowry
Dennis & Rosie (Yoder) Miller
Dean & Becky (Guengerich) Rhodes
Marlene (Slagle) & Ted Springer
Gaylord Yoder
Steve Yoder

1969

Nancy (Kinsinger) & John Halder
Roberta (Yoder) & Ernie Kandel
Loren & Kathrine Troyer
Tim Widmer
Becky (Hochstetler) Yoder
Frank Yoder & Jane Widmer Yoder
Shirley (Hershberger) Yoder

1970

Merle Beachy
Ron & Lorene (Yoder) Bender
Daniel Bontrager
Julie (Miller) Derstine
Janice (Miller) Godshall
Arden & Pat Miller
Dennis & Sally Miller
Wendell Miller & Cheryl Martin Miller
***Curtis & Lois Yoder**
Sheldon & Letha (Mullet) Yoder

1971

Lynn & Ruth Ann (Wenger) Brenneman
Mary Lou (Swartzendruber) & Roger Farmer
Mike & Kris (Brenneman) Brenneman
Loren Hochstetler
Marla (Hochstetler) & Randy Longenecker
Linda (Beachy) Marner
Harold & Mary (Roth) Stutzman
George Yoder

1972

Lois (Bender) Gingerich
 Elvesta (Miller) Hochstedler
 Del & Patty (Yoder) Miller
 Donald & Tamara Miller

***Jim Miller**

Jon & Becky Widmer

1973

Anna Marie Guengerich
 Jim & Linda Histan
 Leon & Fran Hochstedler

Bill & Rosie Hochstetler**Deb (Yoder) Miller**

Diana (Ropp) & Morris Miller
 Merlin & Monica Miller
 Doug Stoltzfus

John R. Yoder

1974

Carl & Donna (Miller) Darby
 June (Miller) & Marc Hershberger
 Allen & Merridy (Eash) Leichty

Barb (Yoder) Martin

Julie (Erb) Meyers

Leonard & Laura Miller

Merle & Linda Miller

Ray Miller

Rita (Eash) & Lowell Peachey

Pam (Brenneman) Stoltzfus

John & Elisabeth Tiessen

1975

Stanley Marner

Cindy (Yoder) Widmer

1976

Marlinda (Gingerich) Beachy

Regina Bradley-Keith

Dwight & Mo Gingerich

Joann (Roth) Marner

Marcus & Beth Miller

Myrna (Bender) Miller

Cindy (Swartzendruber) & Dan Steiner

Darrell Yoder

1977

Paulette (Miller) & Marv Hershberger

Rosetta (Miller) & Leonard Shetler

Melissa (Yoder) & Ron Thomas

Atlee Yoder

1978

Steve & Kathy Ropp

Maynard Yoder

1979

Angela (Miller) & Mark Beary

Bruce & Edie Hochstetler

***Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger**

Ken & Bev Miller

Larry Swartzendruber

1980

Terry & Deb Erb

Jordan Marner

Rodney Swantz

Connie (Miller) Swartzendruber

***Gary & Donna Yoder**

Rhonda Yoder

1981

Martin & Heidi Gingerich

Don Schwabbauer

Beth (Litwiller) Swantz

Carolyn (Bachman) Yoder

Holly Blosser Yoder

Linda (Bender) & John Yutzy

1982

Karla Gingerich

Leora (Miller) Troyer

1983

Ruth Brenneman & Galen Graber

Brian & Heather (Blosser) Herschberger

Sherie Swartzendruber

1984

Cynthia (Yoder) & Gordon Bontrager

Lisa (Gingerich) & Tim Harms

Larion Hostetler

***Lyle & Bonnie (Hostetler) Miller**

Lance Slabach

1985***Jon Beachy**

Jeremy & Tami Brenneman

Ken Hershberger

Tim Litwiller

1986

Tony & Leah (Stutzman) Miller

Sheryl (Hostetler) & Frank Moreland

1987

Rose M. Bender Cook

Mark & Kristen Leichty

1988

Christine (Leichty) & Brian Cahoe

Chad & Annika (Klaassen) Miller

Chris & Sandi Rhodes

Chad Stoltzfus

Warren & Emily Yoder

1989

Nichole (Payne) Slabach

Todd & Kate Watson

1990

Lara Troyer

Laurie A. (Miller) & Derek Yoder

1991

Mitch Rhodes

1992

Travis & Kristine Kliever

Matt J. & Renae (Bender) Miller

Randy & Kristen (Liwiller) Rempel

1993

Heidi (Troyer) Baldwin

***Anita (Miller) Beachy**

Adam & Brigitte (Nisly) Ingersoll

Denise (Hochstedler) Litwiller

Rebecca Beachy Miller & Tom Miller

Sheila (Bender) & Jeremy Ours

Jennifer Unternaher

Anthony Yoder

1994

Aaron & Jamie Swartzendruber

1995

Theresa (Litwiller) & Kent Blossom

Amy (Swartzendruber) & Larry Drayfahl

Amy Gingerich

Katie Graber and Jonathan Nofziger

Stacy Ropp Miller

1996

Jodi (Hochstedler) & Ben Beyeler

Nate Miller

1997

Fred & Sarah Gingerich

Nate & Amy (Boller) Graber

Brian Miller

Steven Rhodes

1998

Clark Oswald

Rachel Swartzendruber Miller

Laura E. Yoder

Kevin Zook*1999**

Jill (Stoltzfus) Hemachandra

Laurie (Bender) Miller*2000**

Nathan Detweiler & Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Chuck Miller

Tyson Miller

Adam Yoder

2001

Kayla (Myers) Halverson

2002

Hannah (Rumsey) Cook

Allison (Brenneman) & Isaiah Goertz

William Leichty

Nathan Miller

Caleb & Beth Yoder

2003

Bethany Bender

Joel Koerner & Maria Blough Koerner*2004**

Malerie Plank

2005

Delwyn Borntreger

Roby Miller

Liz (Beachy) Rhodes

Matthew & Rachel Ropp

Seth Unruh

Matthew Yoder & Maya Kehr Yoder

2006

Thomas Davis

Caleb Detweiler & Heidi Gingerich Detweiler

2007***Marcus Unruh****2008**

Ethan Gingerich

Reggie Hochstedler

Joe Hochstetler

Levi Ney

2009

Collin Gingerich

Maria (Davis) Hochstedler

Elizabeth Miller

Samantha (Beachy) & Terry Miller

2011

Aliese Gingerich

2014

Kristin Davis

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Art & Fern Bachmann

Lonnie & Julie Bartel

David & Wanda Beachy

Roy & Janet Beachy

Rose Belk

Lloyd D. & Joyce Bender

Gary & Julie Bontrager

Mark & Linda Boshart

Doug & Diane Zaerr Brenneman

Tony Brenneman & Mary Forney

Michael Brosman

Betty Buckwalter

Tom & Paula Buckwalter

Martha Byler

Ruben & Idella Chupp

Craig & Jane Davis

Tim & Carol Detweiler

Luke Drescher

Belle Duerksen

Richard Enns

Tom & Kay Fleming

John & Jane Frankenfield

Kathryn Franzenburg

Rick & Annette Fulton

Doyle & Janet Geyer

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 Paul & Vesta Gingerich
 Jeanette Harder
 Tim & Tina Hill
 John & Shirleen Huber
 Kelsey Hurst
 George Ishkanian
 Stan & Kristin Jones
 Jacob Kauffman
 Ardell & Judy Kliewer
 Barb Lindman
 Arlene Miller
 Bob & Pam Miller
 Corey & Nancy Miller
 Duane & Jill Miller
 Edwin V. & Carol Miller
 Kenneth Miller
 Nita Miller
 Sarah Miller
 Grant & Edie Nebel
 Lynn & Lois Newcomer
 Randall & Kathryn Ney
 Tom & Sharon Nye
 Dick Oyer
 *Gerald Partridge
 Lewis & Cherry Payne
 Gerald & Ruth Peterson
 Jerry & Ruth Powell
 Marv & Grace Rempel
 Vernon Ropp
 Eric & Christine Rumsey
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 Grace Slabaugh
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 Bonnie Smith
 Stanley & Shirley Stutzman
 Lois Swartzendruber
 Richard & Donna Swartzendruber
 Kevin & Judith Thrapp
 Fred Wagner
 Margalea Warner
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The Congregational Support Plan (CSP)

The CSP program was implemented in 1995 to provide an equitable way in which area churches are able to assist with tuition costs for students within their respective congregations. IMS is considered by many as a local ministry and an extension of the work of the church. The CSP provides a way for supporting church members of all ages to participate in the life of the school in a material way.

CSP CHURCHES

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 Kalona Mennonite Church, Kalona
 Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church, Kalona
 Washington Mennonite Church, Washington
 Wellman Mennonite Church, Wellman
 West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell

BE A PARTNER

IMS PARTNER PROGRAM

GARY & DONNA YODER

We decided to become an IMS Sustainable Partner for several reasons. First, our family has experienced IMS from all sides. We have benefited as students, supported it as parents and alumni, and now we have a new perspective with our daughter-in-law on the faculty.

IMS is an invaluable and unique place whose benefits are too often overlooked. It is at once, a nurturing, caring, encouraging and challenging atmosphere for students. But perhaps more importantly, it is a unique and sorely needed crossroads for our community. IMS is a place where all our neighbors can gather to rub shoulders and socialize on many different levels. Wonderful people meet and set aside our differences to support performances, worship and laugh together, praise God and even to share our laments. IMS is a place where we unite to be something bigger than ourselves. It is a unique opportunity that is becoming all too rare in our world.

It's fair to say that we have received much more from our IMS experiences than we could ever return. Because we highly value this unique institution, we have become Sustainable Partners to help ensure it continues. ***If every IMS alumni, friend and community member would give only \$5 a month, imagine the amazing possibilities of what we could accomplish!*** With everyone doing their small part, we would ensure that future generations will experience this unique gift that is the IMS community, just as we have.

- Gary ('80) & Donna Yoder, Kalona IA

BE A PARTNER

We depend on our alumni and friends to help continue the mission of IMS by providing The IMS Experience for our students! Alumni support is seen as a reflection of the institution's strength and vitality.

The **IMS Partner Program** is made up of individuals, families, and businesses who make ongoing contributions to the IMS Annual Fund creating a better sustainability in day-to-day operations.

To become a Partner check out contact Jeremy Ours (jours@iowamennonite.org) or check out: <http://www.iowamennonite.org/partner-program/>

LEGACY & MEMORIAL GIFTS

WENDELL NISLY ('67)

IMS was important to Wendell, not only as a student but as a parent of students. He cultivated lifetime friends as a student and as an adult. IMS was a connection that brought more friends that attended other years. He enjoyed the athletic teams and for many years, never missed a basketball game, home or away. He learned life lessons from the classes and the teachers, and might have known the principal too well! Wendell believed that IMS is important to our community and our church families.

Submitted by Muriel (Miller '68) Nisly. The IMS community thanks her and Wendell's family for his wonderful legacy.

RUBY BRENNEMAN ('54)

Part I Home

Born at home on our Swartzendruber family farm 2 miles from IMS, Ruby's life circled around the community, shaped in deeply meditative faith and wrapped in fun by cousins, friends, and family. Like her own mother, Katie Swartzendruber Brenneman, she sang and hummed both hymns and playful songs all day, every day. Her dearest cousins, Faith and Dot, would play church together at the farm, and Faith remembers singing, "Trust and Obey", and, "In the Sweet By and By". The latter was sung in front of everyone at a family reunion but the solemn presentation dissolved into giggles and a common theme emerged, passionate trust and obedience complemented by delighting in laughter, one of many glorious gifts of His love.

Part II Hallelujah

Amidst her travels, teaching, and living the California dream, all of her dearest friends, family, and the six Brenneman and Berger cousins, loved visits and adventures with Ruby. So many Ventura visits revolved around supporting the arts in her area with trips to the theater, concerts, and church choir productions. Ruby carefully researched events to attend, and we have heard world-class opera, organ, orchestra, Christmas and Easter productions in her community and church. She and her dear friend, Joanie Smith, sang in the First Methodist Church choir for years, and Joanie remembers Ruby's favorite being, "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", and recalled Ruby had so many good memories of Mennonite churches and hearing the beautiful traditional acapella voices on old favorites. She used to talk about that a lot and had an old cassette tape of a Mennonite Conference choir we would listen to all the time. We all knew, though, there were a few hymns she did not care for, and we would tease her and many a somber moment would slip into silent, shaking fits of laughter with tears running down our faces. Even in merriment, she was deeply reverent, and prayed without ceasing. Our Ruby gave all the glory for every triumph of His grace, singing all anthems loud to our bountiful Father above, offering tribute of praise for the blessings that hallow our days.

Visits to Ventura included catching up on all the news, for which she had prepared by making a checklist of tidbits to discuss from her carefully underlined papers like The Bruit, Mennonite World Review, The Kalona News, The Wellman Advance, and The Budget. We would have to hash out the details and decode nuances to solve the riddles for the players in the Mennonite game and discover our own place in the extended global family. But mostly we laughed. For those of us who travel

far, the small Iowa community has tethered us with a web of invisible cornsilk, keeping us both grounded and alight.

Our collective memories of Christmas visits to Iowa, include concerts and choirs, and impromptu piano singalongs and silly yodeling. Regardless where we were around Christmas, Ruby's tradition of insisting we all watch or listen to Handel's Messiah was celebrated. We heard every choir in the world on PBS performing the glorious music which crescendos into, "God's Ultimate Victory" and its soaring hallelujahs take us from our humanity into the realms of angels.

Part III Homecoming

Ruby returned to her home community where she passed away April 15, 2017. She left a legacy of humility, generosity, and fun. Her siblings Keith ('58) and Nedra ('64), and their families, dear cousins, friends, IMS and EMU classmates, feel deeply fortunate to have had Ruby touch their lives with her music. She loved children and spent her life dedicated to educating and supporting them and praying they walk with God to celebrate His Blessing and honour, glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

This Oratorio was written about Ruby by Lia Brenneman-Orr ('88). The IMS community thanks her along with Ruby's family for leaving this wonderful legacy.

PEARL MILLER

At plays, baseball or basketball games, concerts, and fundraisers, Pearl and Verton Miller became familiar faces - even fixtures - at Iowa Mennonite School for decades.

Their roots in the school grew deep and their branches long, as Pearl's father sat on the first IMS organizing committee and all three of their children and four local grandchildren attended and thrived there.

But even without a kid in the choir or on the court, the Millers found their way to most IMS events - a natural consequence of their passion for the hearts of young people. Once their son, Ken, recalled looking for his dad, only to find him at an IMS baseball game at Highland High School - where none of his children or grandchildren were playing. Of course, on the field were those kids in his community he felt connected to and responsible for - and who he and Pearl adored.

The couple understood well and valued deeply the Christian foundation IMS provided for the youth, and they often joined in the welcome committee for new teachers who arrived without local connections. The Miller family often hosted those transplants for Sunday meals - a surefire way to keep them in Kalona was an afternoon laughing with Verton and eating Pearl's cherry pie.

From the time Pearl's father served on the organizing committee to the end of their lives, for the Millers, IMS was integral to this community, and was cherished for its impact on the lives of the youth.

Submitted by Verton and Pearl's children Ken ('67), Kathy ('70) and Donna ('74). The IMS community thanks them and their family for leaving this wonderful legacy.



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THE IMS BOYS ENDED ITS SOCCER SEASON 18-2 AND RANKED #2 IN CLASS 1A AFTER A QUARTERFINAL LOSS TO DES MOINES CHRISTIAN IN THE IHSAA STATE TOURNAMENT. This was the first trip to the Spring State Tournament for IMS. Other highlights from the record breaking season included winning the Southeast Iowa Super Conference (SEISC) regular season title, upset wins over #1 ranked Regina, #3 ranked Williamsburg, and the Substate Final victory over #4 ranked Solon. After such a memorable season IMS was awarded much deserved recognition. Iowa Mennonite's Isaiah Swantz and Cole Ours were named to the SEISC First Team. On the Second Team Mitchell Schmieder and Blake Bontrager were named. And Reggie Borntrager and Louis Etienne were named to the Honorable Mention squad. IMS's head coach Marcus Miller was named SEISC Coach of the Year. Cole Ours was also named to the All-Iowa 1A Boy's Team.

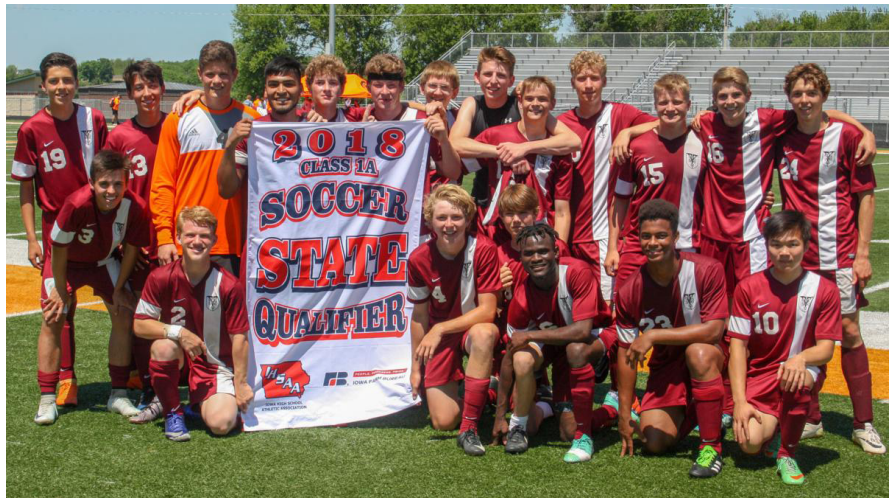


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IMS HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND will include many activities for IMS alumni, their families, and the community. Along with The Joetown Classic 5K, The Annual Pork Supper, and the 1998 State Final Four volleyball team celebration, there will also be time and space for classes to gather. IMS classes ending in the years of 3 and 8 are scheduled to meet. *Please contact the Office of Advancement if your class plans to gather and/or you need assistance.*

SAVE THE DATE
HOMECOMING WEEKEND **OCTOBER 12-13**