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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At IMS we talk quite a bit about community, what it means, how we work towards building it, how we work towards respecting it. With community we see friendships grow, conflicts resolved, gaps closed, trust expressed.

With community we understand and embrace the idea that "I am IMS, You are IMS, but more importantly, WE are IMS!" is the way that God calls us to be his servants. As an individual we can do good things, as a community we can do great things. Together all things are possible.

This year we continued to work towards what it means to be a member of the IMS community. To me, it means following God's call to love one another, to model for each other the way that Christ modeled for us, to accept one another in love. We worked together to learn how to communicate and talk with one another. We learned that the differences that potentially can separate us, should really be used to celebrate us. When this takes place, great things can happen.

There is nothing more impressive than a student sharing in front of their peers the joys and issues that they have experienced in their lifetime. Throughout the year we had students do just that, share moments from their lives. We heard our young adults talk about the good, the bad, the ugly. Stories of looking for God and seeing God in day to day activities. Stories of being lost but finding a home here at IMS, a place where they can feel understood and accepted. Can you imagine the love and support that needs to be in place for a student to stand in front of the school and share intimate details? That is what the IMS community is all about!

We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to build our community, student by student.

I am IMS.

You are IMS.

WE ARE IMS!

STEPHEN J. SCHRAG, *Principal/Head of School*

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THE BRUIT: A FAVORABLE REPORT

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A NOTE TO OUR ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS

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Iowa Mennonite School, in partnership with the family and the church, offers high school students an academically excellent, Christ-centered education rooted in an Anabaptist perspective. Within a caring community, IMS prepares students for lives of Christian discipleship, peacemaking, and service.

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KARA SCHLABAUGH *IOWA INSPIRATION*



In Florence, where I took my first art class, I mostly painted Italian landscapes. But there's something about returning home to the land you grew up on. I draw inspiration from where I grew up in Iowa, a small town in the eastern part of the state. It's a farming community, so there are lots of corn fields. It was known to be an Amish community. Lots of farms. Simple living. I took it for granted.

People forget about Iowa, but it has some beautiful landscapes—those big skies and fields. It'll hit me most when I'm driving. That's when I see a lot of my inspiration. My paintings are pulling from those memories."

Kara is a humble person who knows the challenges of trying to make it in the art world. She has one piece of advice for aspiring artists: be open to change and new ideas. She is still taking this to heart as every day when she steps into her studio, she reminds herself to try new things and experiment.

KARA Lynn Schlabaugh ('11) grew up following her dad, John Schlabaugh, around his wood shop where she started creating with her hands at a young age. Established by Emil Schlabaugh and his sons Mark and John in 1981, Schlabaugh & Sons are nationally-known clockmakers. Emil retired in 1991, but John and Mark, and John's wife Jane (IMS business teacher), kept the name in order to honor their father's contributions. The family regularly ventures into new, contemporary variations of their work. In recent years, Schlabaugh & Sons has become especially noted for its Mission-style clocks, collaborating with Motawi Tileworks to incorporate wood and tile. Kara takes her family's creative inclinations one step further. She has earned acclaim as an emerging artist both in painting and graphic design. Kara has an eclectic set of artwork from modernist landscape paintings, linocut-printed wood coasters, candle holders, and plant containers. . . . to graphic design.

Kara began painting in 2013 during a semester abroad in Florence, Italy. Returning home to Iowa, she gained a new appreciation for Midwestern landscapes which became the center of her inspiration. This led her to become an independent artist and graphic designer.

"My father owns the same woodworking shop that his father owned. He made Arts and Crafts-style clocks and other [works]. When we were younger, we'd go to art shows as a family. My parents have always pushed me to do art.



Hay Bails acrylic painting on canvas

Kara lives in Denver, Colorado. Her art will be featured all summer long in the IMS art gallery or you can check out all of Kara Lynn Schlabaugh's work at: <http://www.kschlabaugh.com/>.

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Kara Schlabaugh

BRIAN DICKEL *The Steel Wheels*



BRIAN Dickel ('94) is from Frytown, Iowa and is the upright bass player for The Steel Wheels. The Steel Wheels are an Americana group of folk musicians, based in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Besides Dickel, the other members of the band are Trent Wagler on guitar and lead vocals, Eric Brubaker on fiddle, and Jay Lapp on mandolin. According to NPR, The Steel Wheels “embrace a hand-hewn quality in its music, which is a collection of American sounds reaching from mountains to fields.” The Country Standard Time adds, “What sets The Steel Wheels apart from many bands is the combination of their stellar instrumentals, accentuated by the one of a kind lead vocal of Wagler, and keenly supported by strong harmonies.”

The band’s journey started in 2004. Wagler, Dickel, and Brubaker studied at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Wagler and Dickel played punk/alternative music “until acoustic music lured them in”. According to the band’s website:

Wagler soon started crafting songs and learned flat-picking. Dickel took classes on building guitars. They briefly played as a duo before Brubaker joined on fiddle. [Jay] Lapp eventually

came on board after getting to know the band from the local folk circuit. In 2010, following a variety of EPs and LPs, the ensemble officially branded itself as The Steel Wheels, a tip of the hat to steam-powered trains, industrial progress, and the buggies of their Mennonite lineage.

According to NPR, the group’s first album, *Red Wing*, “showed more of the grain and rougher edges. The second album, *Lay Down, Lay Low* was buffed to a high polish featuring a stronger use of the band’s vocal talents, reminiscent of the four-part singing of the Mennonite communities where several of them once lived.” Music critic, J.M. McSpadden III said, “the most recent album, *Wild As We Came Here*, which dropped last April



could be the best one yet. By incorporating percussion and keyboards into the sessions for the first time, *Wild As We Came Here* adds new textures to their catalog, as themes of discovery and perseverance run throughout the collection. Besides adding new instruments, another conscious change for this record was they brought in Sam Kassirer to produce. Kassirer brought a fresh perspective and focus.



The Steel Wheels Brian Dickel, Trent Wagler, Eric Brubaker, Jay Lapp

The band packed up and went to Maine last fall, where they recorded the album in a week and a half, in Kassirer's renovated 18th century farmhouse studio.

"It was my favorite studio experience from start to finish, by far, of any project we've ever done," Dickel says. "A super-relaxed and experimental vibe coupled with some genre-stretching sounds really did it for me. I think we pushed ourselves much further than previous albums and I think we will push our fans a little too. Both of those are exciting to me."

"Recording with Sam was a wonderful experience," Dickel said after their euphoric album release show in Charlottesville, Virginia. The bass player added, "We went in with about forty songs to choose from, and we were able to pare that down pretty quickly."

National Public Radio's Mountain Stage says, "Few groups have come as far in such a short period of time as The Steel Wheels." If you ever have the chance, check out Dickel and his bandmates. You won't be disappointed.

Brian Dickel lives in Keezletown, VA with his wife Keesha and three daughters, Ashland (age 10), Marika (age 10), and Reyna (age 7).

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LIFE MOMENTS

CLASS OF 2017

The 70th graduation exercises were held in Celebration Hall May 20 and 21. Eighteen students received their diplomas. Gloria Villatoro, mother of Anthony and pastor at Torre Fuerte Mennonite Church, Iowa City, spoke at Baccalaureate. Student speakers chosen by their classmates were Calli Shaw, daughter of Rich and Angie Shaw and Cole Yoder, son of Randy and Paula Yoder. The Commencement speaker was Amy Gingerich ('95). Amy serves as editor at Herald Press books and editorial director at MennoMedia. She has served in this capacity since 2009 and works from a home office in Hudson, Ohio. Following Baccalaureate, the IMS operating board held a reception to honor our non-returning faculty.

Photos of the weekend can be found at the IMS Flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/134993098@N03/albums>.



WEDDING BELLS

Hannah Rumsey ('02) and Nolan Cook, August 20, 2016
Warren Yoder ('88) and Emily Johnston, January 14, 2017
Sarah Smith ('98) and Omar Baber, January 28, 2017
Elana Gingerich ('11) and Spencer Craig, February 11, 2017
Laura Brenneman ('14) and Rodney Ropp, March 11, 2017
Trish Finnegan ('05) and Mike Schwendinger, May 20, 2017
Delwyn Borntreger ('05) and Sarah Becker, May 27, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

Linda (Yoder '68) Hartzler, December 31, 2016
Arliss Swartzendruber ('53), January 7, 2017
Elvira (Oskolkoff '53) Ishkanian, February 6, 2017
Marilyn (Brenneman '51) Yutzzy, February 25, 2017
Bertha (Yutzzy '65) DeHerrera, February 28, 2017
Ruby Brenneman ('54), April 15, 2017
Jeanne (Yoder '75) Auen, April 16, 2017
Bill Swartzendruber (F '73-93), April 21, 2017

FUTURE ALUMNI

Thias Nathaniel
Megan and **Nate Yoder ('97)**, August 7, 2016
Maple Claire
Shalee and **Justin Slaubaugh ('00)**, December 24, 2016
Reuben Floyd
Amy (Yoder '05) and Dan Landes, December 29, 2016
Emry Ann
Keri and **Drew Hochstetler ('05)**, January 4, 2017
Elizabeth Ruth
Laura (Yoder '98) and John Leigh, January 7, 2017
Blake Rohan
Jill (Stoltzfus '99) and Thushan Hemachandra, January 11, 2017
Henry Jasher C.
Rexine and **Karl Yoder ('02)**, January 26, 2017
Liam Neil
Karenza (F '05-12) and **Neil Yoder ('97, F '03-06)**, February 2, 2017
Lydia Ava
Maria (Yoder '07) and Matthew Swartzendruber, February 8, 2017
Nora Mae
Laurel and **Michael Swartzendruber ('07)**, February 8, 2017
Elena Belle
Jill (Widmer '00) and Josh Lundberg, February 9, 2017
Austin Ardis
Beth and **Caleb Yoder ('02)**, February 25, 2017

INTERTERM 2017

INTERTERM is a week-long innovative learning experience that takes place outside the normal classroom. It happens every other year in groups of students and faculty. *It's another way IMS puts its own unique approach to a well-rounded education.* This was an Interterm year at IMS. Here's what we did.

3 WORLDS OF LEARNING Experience and learn about life in 3 worlds different from your own. First, observe classes at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, IL. Second, a day trip to Springfield, IL. Third, learn about one of America's great authors, Samuel Clemens (pen name Mark Twain).

CAMP DAVID OF THE OZARKS Camp David is a non-denominational Christian youth camp that offers free summer camps to children of prisoners. Do a variety of jobs like painting, cleaning, grounds work, and light construction. Wrap up the week in St Louis visiting the Gateway Arch, or visiting the City Museum.

JOURNEY TO JACKSON Learn about diversity in the Mennonite church, simple living, and connecting with the young adults at Jackson's Service Adventure Unit. Visit the Civil Rights Museum and stay overnight in Memphis on the way to Jackson, stop in St. Louis on the way back. Every day centers around times of service, play/exploration, and spiritual input.

MARKHAM SERVICE ADVENTURE Markham is one of Chicago's poorest suburbs located on the far south side of the Chicago metropolitan area. Activities at Community Mennonite Church in Markham include volunteering at the daycare center, helping with Sunday morning service, yard work, painting, cleaning and light repair work. Visit the Chicago Art Institute, Reba Place and other points of interest.

CASA HOGAR, MEXICO Casa Hogar is an orphanage located in Camargo, Mexico right across the border from Rio Grande City, Texas. Spanish students will engage the culture by interacting with the kids at Casa Hogar by doing service projects and Bible lessons all while gaining a deeper perspective of life on the border.

PINE LAKE/MERIDIAN, MS Travel to Pine Lake Fellowship Camp in Meridian, MS to help with work projects at the camp. Also get involved in projects that the Jubilee Mennonite Church has in the city of Meridian. On the way back, a stop in Memphis, TN to see the National Civil Rights Museum.

SCIENCE & KIDS Do chemistry and physics experiments with the fourth grade classes at Mid-Prairie Schools. The group will visit all three M-P elementary schools, giving the young children the chance to do some real science experiments and learn about methods and safety in the lab, at the same time giving high school students a taste of what it is like to be a teacher in a classroom.

SERVE EAT EXPLORE COOK (SEEK) Serving at a soup kitchen and to local people who will taste the food that we learned to make during the week, Eating lots of delicious foods, Exploring Des Moines and all its culture and The Better Homes & Gardens' test kitchen.

OUTDOOR & COOKING ADVENTURES Outdoor adventures which include rock climbing at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, bike riding on the Ke-wash trail, and hiking the Wildcat Den in Muscatine. Also spend time inside learning how to preserve food and bake healthy foods to build positive nutrition that helps fuel outdoor adventures.

DICK YODER-SHORT



DALE (DICK) YODER-SHORT ('66) retired at the end of the 2016-17 school year after 20 years of teaching at IMS. Dick has a B.A. in Physics from Goshen College and an M.S. and PhD. in Physics from Purdue University. He has taught college courses at Purdue as a teaching assistant and at Michigan Tech University as an assistant professor in Physics. He has also taught high school math and Physics in the Congo as part of service work he did after college.

At IMS, Dick started the AP Chemistry, AP Physics and AP Calculus classes. Until his retirement in 2017, he taught Chemistry, Physics, AP Chemistry and AP Physics. Despite being able to teach at the college level almost anywhere, Dick chose to teach at IMS because of his love for the school and his desire to pass on his passion for science to IMS students. He is known for using down to earth illustrations and tries to think of different ways to explain scientific concepts. Dick enjoyed surprising his classes with unexpected demonstrations and ideas. He feels his success is measured by how much his students succeed at understanding the subject matter.

If you've ever noticed the solar panels at IMS, those are thanks to Dick. In March 2014, he led a group of students during Interterm to install our solar array. He uses the array to teach students about photoelectric power and how it can change our energy consumption patterns. He said after 10 years, IMS would be harvesting free electricity. For several years now IMS has been reaping the benefit of Dick's labor.

Dick has made a strong impression on students past and present through important lessons about science and from his strong faith in God. In his 'retirement' Dick will install solar panels throughout the community.

The IMS community thanks Dick for his years of service. His impact on who we are as a school will last for many more decades.

2016 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

THE IMS COMMUNITY THANKS YOU

1948

Ada (Christner) Hershberger
Ethel (Swartzendruber) & Henry Miller

1949

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

1950

Dorothy (Hershberger) Miller
Virginia (Brenneman) Ryan
Joann Weaver
Marvin & Neta Faye Yoder

1951

Paul Bowers
Mary (Swartzendruber) Lechner
Barbara (Miller) Longoria
Dolores & Quinten Miller
Willard & Alice Roth
Oliver & Miriam (Swartzendruber) Yutzy

1952

Myrna (Kinsinger) Farraj
Edwin D. & Mary Jane Miller
Mary Ellen (Hershberger) Miller

1953

Mary Lou (Smucker) Bowers
Eunice (Yoder) Brenneman
Wallace & Millie (Shettler) Brenneman
Carley (Eash) Brubaker
Don Gingerich
Clair & Juanita Marner

1954

Faye Beckler
James & Darlene (Eichelberger) Christner
Wilma (Troyer) Gingerich
Norman & Tillie (Bachman) Kennel
Margaret (Swartzendruber) Ryan
Carolyn (Miller) Walter

1955

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

1956

Anna (Leichty) Lewis
John & Dorothy Yoder Nyce
Lynn & Barbara Troyer

1957

Faye (Gingerich) Brenneman
Ruby (Yoder) Campos
Frances (Powell) Collins
Allen Horst
Merle & Loris (Marner) Miller
Charles Rhodes
Esther (Schrock) Siville
Ronald & Barbara Wyse
Ezra Yoder

1958

Jim Brenneman
Keith Brenneman Erma (Yoder) Coppinger
Loretta (Miller) Kauffman
Helen (Slaubaugh) Lindstrom
Carroll & Nancy Yoder

1959

Phyllis (Miller) Bassett
Mary (Hochstetler) Brenneman
Nelson & Margaret Gingerich
Glendon Hathaway
Carroll Hershberger
Edwin & Marjorie Hershberger
Jim Hochstetler
Lydia Ann (Schrock) Kennel
Donald Rensberger
Elwin Yoder
Marcus H. & Vonna Yoder

1960

Neva (Stutzman) Frey
Anna (Freyenberger) Hochstetler
Alice (Wenger) Hsu
Janet (Troyer) Keim
Ronald King
Jane (Marner) & Walter Kopsa
Keith Litwiller
Charlotte (Graber) Rosenberger
Martha (Miller) & Kent Shawver
Gladys (Blosser) Thomas
John C. Yoder

1961

Gilbert & Sandy Gingerich
Myrna (Yoder) Kaufman
Karen (Beachy) Kropf
Joyce (Bontrager) Lehman
Roger & Evelyn (Roth) Leichty
Anna Ruth (Beachy) Martin
Ronald Piper
Linda (Miller) Brown
Karen (Wenger) & Vernon Leichty
Kenneth Yoder

1962

Ken Frey
Wanda (Hershberger) Gerlits
Audrey (Yoder) & Frank Hartzler
Larry Hershberger
Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman
Calvin Miller
Evelyn (Yoder) Miller
John David & Rebecca Miller
Wilbur & Helen Yoder

1963

Ronald & Ruth Guengerich
Arlen Hershberger
Kathleen (Yoder) Quinn
Dale & Charlene (Yoder) Rhodes
Lovina (Gingerich) & Carl Rutt
Elaine (Gerig) & Daniel Schrock

1964

Nedra (Brenneman) Berger

Kay (Freyenberger) Frunzi
Lowell Guengerich
Twila (Gingerich) & Ed Miller
David Nice

Aliko Songolo
Ardell Swartzendruber
Darvin & Martha Yoder
Fred & Judy Yoder

1965

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

1966

Ray & Jody Bender
Lynn Bontrager
Roger & Kathleen (Yoder) Erteld
Ledru Freyenberger
Mary (Yoder) & Ervie Glick
Myron & Martha (Yoder) Graber
Dale & Joan (Roth) Hershberger
John & Naomi Hostetler
Janice (Kauffman) Miller
Wendell Nisly
Phil & Joyce Ropp
Merle & Karen (Bauman) Schlaubaugh
Bonnie (Slaubaugh) & Tom Stuckey
Linda (Wyse) Stump
Marcia & John Yoder-Schrock

1967

Christine (Yoder) Falcon
Diane (Miller) Hess
Ken & Christine Miller
Russell Miller
Muriel (Miller) Nisly
Jim Yoder

1968

Karen (Miller) Albrecht
Firman & Susan (Yoder) Gingerich
Larry Hershberger
Wayne Hershberger
Steve Lowry
Dennis & Rosie (Yoder) Miller
Judy (Yoder) Moskalik
Dean & Becky (Guengerich) Rhodes
Marlene (Slagle) & Ted Springer
Kathy (Brenneman) Walter
Steve Yoder

1969

Roberta & Ernie (Yoder) Kandel
Frank & Jane Widmer Yoder
Wanda Yoder
Becky Hochstetler

1970

Ron & Lorene (Yoder) Bender
Julie (Miller) Derstine

Ed Gingerich
Janice (Miller) Godshall
Galen Guengerich
Marilyn (Wenger) Hershberger
Arden & Pat Miller
Dennis & Sally Miller
Wendell & Cheryl Martin Miller
Curtis & Lois Yoder
Sheldon & Letha (Mullet) Yoder
1971
Lynn & Ruth Ann (Wenger) Brenneman
Mike & Kris (Brenneman) Brenneman
Loren Hochstedler
Marla (Hochstedler) & Randy Longenecker
Mary Lou (Swartzendruber) & Roger Farmer
George Yoder
1972
Jay & Barb Detweiler
Elvesta (Miller) Hochstedler
Jim Miller
1973
Jim & Linda Histan
Leon & Fran Hochstedler
Bill & Rosie Hochstedler
Harold Miller
Jerryl Miller
Deb (Yoder) Miller
Merlin & Monica Miller
Doug Stoltzfus
Anna Marie Guengerich
1974
Mary Lou (Miller) Gingerich
June (Miller) & Marc Hershberger
Gwen (Miller) Hurst
Barb (Yoder) Martin
Julie (Erb) Meyers
Celeste (Gingerich) Miller
Leonard & Laura Miller
Ray Miller
Hope Nisly
Pam (Brenneman) Stoltzfus
John & Elisabeth Tiessen
1975
Stanley Marner
Brenda Nissley
1976
Joann (Roth) Marner
Audrey (Hochstedler) & Dale Miller
Marcus & Beth Miller
Cindy (Swartzendruber) & Dan Steiner
Darrell Yoder
1977
Julee & Phil Kauffman-Jantzi
Rosetta (Miller) & Leonard Shetler
Atlee Yoder
Carla & Keith Yoder
1978
Carol (Bender) & John Bates
Merle & Mary Hostetler
Crandall Miller
Sanford & Mary Lou Miller
Steve & Kathy Ropp
Dawn (Schlabaugh) & Ezra Schrock
Maynard Yoder
1979
Linda Bachmann
Angela (Miller) & Mark Beary
Ken & Brenda Bender
Bruce & Edie Hochstedler
Ken & Bev (Benner) Miller
Susan (Swartzendruber) Stoltzfus

Larry Swartzendruber
1980
Lois (Miller) & Al Dehagues
Terry & Deb Erb
Jordan Marner
Jerilyn (Gingerich) Martin
Susan (Yutzzy) & Dan Martin
Diane (Schwabbauer) & Glen Spicer
Rodney Swantz
Connie (Miller) Swartzendruber
Gary & Donna Yoder
Rhonda Yoder
1981
Joe Eichelberger
Sharon (Hershberger) & Dave King
Sonya (Stauffer) & Roger Kurtz
Beth (Litwiller) Swantz
Carolyn (Bachman) Yoder
Linda (Bender) & John Yutzzy
1982
Jewel (Gingerich) & Fred Longenecker
Karla Gingerich
Ed Miller
Kris (Swartzendruber) & Morris Miller
Leora (Miller) Troyer
1983
Ruth Brenneman & Galen Graber
Brian & Heather (Blosser) Herschberger
Kara (Kinsinger) Hjelmstad
Craig Marner
Maribeth (Yoder) Schlabaugh
1984
Cynthia (Yoder) & Gordon Bontrager
John Buckwalter
Lisa (Gingerich) & Tim Harms
Larion Hostetler
Lyle & Bonnie (Hostetler) Miller
Jim Schlabaugh
1985
Jon Beachy
Tim Litwiller
1986
Kristen & Ken (Hochstedler) Isley
Tony & Leah (Stutzman) Miller
Sheryl (Hostetler) & Frank Moreland
Greg Shank
1987
Rose M. Bender
Mark & Kristen Leichty
1988
Ladonna (Kauffman) Abbott
Christine (Leichty) & Brian Cahoe
Rick & Shari Faber
Chris & Sandi Rhodes
Chad Stoltzfus
1989
Susan Hochstedler
Sheila (Leichty) & John Niemeyer
Corey Oswald
Todd & Kate Watson
1991
Ed & Amy Leichty
Dana (Hochstedler) Oswald
Mitch Rhodes
Shannon Roth
Chris Yoder
LeAnne Zook
1992
Matt J. & Renae (Bender) Miller
Randy & Kristen (Litwiller) Rempel
Ben (Yoder) & Anna Wyse

Greg & Sarah Yoder
Jeremy & Staci Yoder
1993
Heidi (Troyer) Baldwin
Anita (Miller) Beachy
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Denise (Hochstedler) Litwiller
Erika (Payne) Miller
Sheila (Bender) & Jeremy Ours
Ryan Shetler
Andrew Yoder
Anthony Yoder
1994
Rachel (Rempel) Koehn
Chris Miller
1995
Amy (Swartzendruber) & Larry Drayfahl
Stacy (Ropp) Miller
Nicole (Widmer) & Nathan Nikkel
1996
Jodi (Hochstedler) & Ben Beyeler
Sara (Rhodes) & David Chupp
Nate Miller
1997
Carlene (Myers) Gardner
Nate & Amy (Boller) Graber
Brad Miller
Brian Miller
Allison (Miller) & Kyle Troyer
1998
Joel & Christine Beachy
Andy Hershberger
Rachel (Swartzendruber) Miller
Laura E. Yoder
Kevin Zook
1999
Jill (Stoltzfus) Hemachandra
Laurie (Bender) Miller
2000
Erin Miller Milanese
Chuck Miller
Tyson Miller
2002
Allison (Brenneman) & Isaiah Goertz
William Leichty
Nathan Miller
2003
Nicholas & Erika Detweiler-Stoddard
Joel Koerner & Maria Blough Koerner
2005
Delwyn Bortrager
Seth Unruh
2006
Kyla (Yoder) & Josh Wiebe
2007
Michael & Laurel Swartzendruber
2008
Christopher Marner
Levi Ney
2011
Aliese Gingerich

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Roy & Janet Beachy
Rose Belk
Lloyd D. & Joyce Bender
Nolan & Mary Lynn Bogaard
Ethan Boldt
Betty Buckwalter
Tom & Paula Buckwalter
Martha Byler
Luke Drescher
Jamey Errthum
John & Jane Frankenfield
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The Congregational Support Plan (CSP) 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.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

This past school year's theme was Bless-ED. As an extension of this theme, each weeks chapels revolved around a similar -ED theme. One of these themes that I spoke to the graduating seniors about is this word Call-ED. I believe some of the words I spoke that morning before Baccalaureate are relevant for all IMS alumni. From the day you leave the halls of IMS, you were all called into a new role – alumni of IMS. This looks very different for each of you, but my hope is that you embrace the role and seriously think about how you can make the best out of what it is.

Be proud of the experience you had at IMS.

Your experience is as unique to you as IMS is to this community. Let your friends, your family, your coworkers know of your IMS connection. You are called to be an advocate for IMS, embrace it wholeheartedly. You will forever be known as alumni of IMS. Since 1948, graduating students have been called into a new life as ambassadors of IMS. Please take this calling to heart. Do your best to represent IMS as a place where you've learned, competed, performed, laughed, cried, worshiped, and questioned. This place that you've called home (whether recently or many years ago) now calls you to be its symbol of hope in the world.

LEGACY & MEMORIAL GIFTS

A legacy gift is a planned donation to IMS given through a will or other form of designation. It is a decision that each person makes in their own financial planning process, taking into account their charitable wishes and values. Supporters can make a lasting investment in the future of IMS by leaving a planned, legacy gift. There are many ways to leave a legacy of support and IMS thanks those that have done so in the past year.

MARK & DORIS SWARTZENDRUBER never attended IMS, but both their children **Linwood '67** and **Mary Lou (Farmer '71)** did. The Swartzendruber family were very supportive of IMS throughout the years seeing it as a local ministry. Leaving an estate gift allowed their legacy of support to continue at the end of their lives. The IMS community thanks you.

IRENE BRENNEMAN was a talented, reserved lady. She was a school teacher for several years and later in life, worked at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital for many years. She loved to read and she published some articles and poetry. Irene was a frugal person, but also generous. After she passed away her family found that she had been donating to many worthy organizations. Irene was a student at Center High School before IMS began so she did not attend IMS. However, her four younger siblings, **Lois (Gugel '49)**, **Virginia (Ryan '50)**, **Wallace '53**, and **Jim '58** all graduated from IMS and Irene became a generous supporter. It was not a surprise to the family when they discovered that she had left part of her estate to IMS. This estate gift allows Irene's generosity to live on and the IMS community thanks you.

PAUL & VESTA (TROYER) GINGERICH valued Christian education very highly and made it a priority in their charitable giving and estate planning. Paul's father Amos was one of three persons on the leadership committee to found Iowa Mennonite School in the 1940's. Paul and Vesta's sons **Keith '59** and **Kenneth '65**, and grandchildren **Diane Feil '85**, **Gwen Hostetler '89**, **Charlotte Shristi '96**, and **Mark Gingerich '00** all graduated from IMS. Paul and Vesta's desire was to prepare young people for lives of discipleship and service, believing that knowledge is incomplete without the wisdom and love of Christ in one's life. Their estate gift to IMS will be an encouragement to us all to pass on our Christian faith to the next generation. The IMS community thanks you for leaving this legacy.

ELVIRA (OSKOLKOFF '53) ISHKANIAN was the daughter of Alexi and Katherine Oskolkoff. Elvira loved her time at IMS as a member of the school choir. Per the notes in her senior Reverie, she was known for her 'beautiful soprano voice and for speaking her mind.' Elvira was a loving wife, mother, and friend to all who knew her. She was known for her warmth, compassion, kind heart and generosity, and was loved by everyone who knew her. The memory of Elvira will live on in the halls of IMS through her family's memorial gift to the IMS Music Department.

BILL SWARTZENDRUBER (F '73-'93) served on the IMS staff as the head of maintenance. He was working as a brick mason when he was offered the job and he saw it as a way that he could serve the school and the broader community. When Bill started at IMS, the facilities consisted of the Administration Building, Hillcrest Union, and a long

corridor in between them that was lined with lockers. Besides, mowing, cleaning, and general maintenance, part of Bill's responsibilities in those days was to set up the center room for chapel each morning, then turn it into a lunchroom after chapel, then put all the lunch stuff away and do it all over the next day. However, Bill was best remembered for the special projects he worked on over the years. One of the biggest projects that Bill worked on was in the summer of 1981. He was asked to help supervise the construction of a new building that would replace the corridor and create a new chapel and classroom areas. This involved helping to manage a crew as well as coordinating volunteer labor. He was excited to be a vital part of this project. Over the years Bill made many friends with both students and teachers. He seemed to have a way of getting along with people and his ability to be even keeled and flexible came in handy in this type of work. He also had to deal with pranksters from time to time who did such things as place a commode on the school roof, occasionally paint graffiti on walls, and even immaculately paint the urinals in the men's locker room in school colors. For the most part, he took this in stride as just part of the job. Bill's dry sense of humor also endeared him to many. At an appreciation banquet the staff was introducing themselves and each was telling when they graduated and what degree they had earned. When it was Bill's turn he simply said he had been going to school now for 15 years and still had not graduated. Everyone got a good laugh. He enjoyed those years of service to IMS and greatly appreciated the friendships that were formed during that time. Bill is one of many who have served on faculty or staff at IMS in a way that left a positive influence. Bill's family would like to thank the IMS community for honoring and remembering him in this publication. And the IMS community thanks the Bill Swartzendruber family his years of service and for the memorial gift.



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IMS HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND will include many activities for IMS alumni, their families, and the community. There will also be time and space for classes to gather. IMS classes ending in the years of 2 and 7 are scheduled to meet.

Please contact the Office of Advancement if your class plans to gather and/or you need assistance.

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