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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings to the Hillcrest Academy community,

Graduation for the Class of 2020 is in the books, and the 2019-20 school year is complete! What a beautiful day for the graduation ceremony, and I am appreciative of the efforts by so many to make the day go well. It was wonderful to see the class finally have the opportunity to be together for the first time since the abrupt changes that caused us to shut down in-person learning in March. It has been a bit of a rollercoaster over the last several months, and especially so, over the last four weeks as we've planned for graduation. Our Graduation Committee adjusted to the changes in the Governor's Proclamations and the recommendations we received from Johnson County Public Health. A huge thank you to our Grad Committee (Leanne Bender, Kim Blauvelt, Theresa Blossom, Ruth Brenne- man, and Marcus Miller) for the time and energy spent to work through the process of planning for and executing Graduation in a meaningful way.

I applaud our seniors for the manner in which they responded to all of the changes throughout the spring. They lost out on Banquet, Choir Festival, and spring athletics, as well as other opportunities that are the normal rites of passage through the spring of senior year. This class did this with as much grace as one can imagine possible, and speaks to the quality of character and maturity present within this group. The class has previously dealt with the death of a classmate, when Teresa Cardenas passed in December of 2017. Teresa's family was able to be present at the ceremony, and her memory was honored with flowers and a candle.

As I reflect over the past year, it is amazing to think of how much has transpired over that time. Last summer we were in the initial stages of the re-branding process. The process was intense, and involved many conversations and meetings. A year later, here we are, the Hillcrest Academy Ravens! Our new website has been in place now for several months, and we continue to engage with North Star Marketing to help us with enrollment strategies. We recognize that there was no quick fix, and are working to establish bigger picture goals. Our board has put in place a Strategic Planning Committee that has met several times, and has been working through a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) Analysis. Our process has, unfortunately, been interrupted by the reality of COVID-19.

We have spent a great deal of time through the year as a faculty on professional development, working at developing priority and supporting content standards that are in line with the Iowa Core. Our clear goal is to improve our educational programming, and it begins with this process. I am grateful to the team of Grant Wood Area Education Agency consultants who have been on this journey with us. They have developed relationships with our faculty, and it's been really good for us. We plan to meet with them again in August, and I'm thrilled they plan to continue to work with us next school year.

The COVID-19 pandemic clearly altered and defined our spring, as Continuous (online) Learning placed a lot of demands on our time as a faculty. It changed how we approach everything, including use of the building, working and learning from home, and so many issues and decisions around health and safety. I was impressed and pleased by the efforts of our faculty to do all they could to make the continuous (online) learning meaningful and engaging. Our students hung in there with us, and as I've talked with leaders and faculty from other schools, I'm convinced we did very well in terms of participation levels of students. I am most grateful to them for that.

The task before us now is to prepare for the fall. We must come up with Return-to-Learn plans that will prepare us for continuous learning, in-person learning, and a hybrid approach that would have us doing some of both.

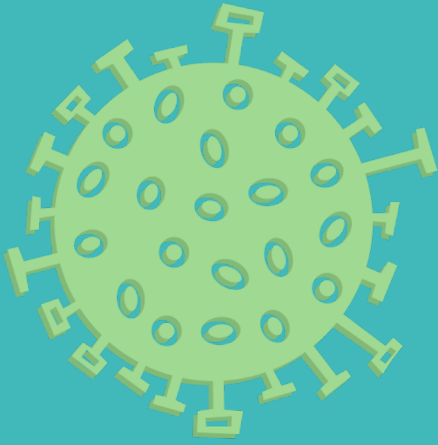
I conclude by simply saying thank you to our faculty and staff, to our students, and to the larger Hillcrest community for rallying together through the last four months. Thank you to all who support us with monetary gifts; we need you and cannot do it without you. Please continue to pray for us. I am so grateful for the commitment our faculty and staff make to following Jesus in life, and for the investment they make in our students. Like our logo depicts, we desire to be Christ-centered, a place that will shine light in our community. In this time of much uncertainty and unrest in our world, we seek to be a refuge of reconciliation and peace. One of my favorite verses, born out of my own experience living and working in Washington, D.C. and later through our Interterm/SALT opportunities, is . . .

Amos 5:24 *Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*

Grace, peace and joy,



Dwight Gingerich, **PRINCIPAL**



HILLCREST ACADEMY & THE @RONAVIRUS

BUILDING THE PLANE AS YOU FLY IT.

On March 16 our halls and classrooms were empty and our campus was quiet as we cancelled school to join our community in an effort to flatten the curve during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the cancellations, we were still a viable, active community and wanted to continue to nurture and engage our students especially during such an uncertain and anxious time. Later that week our faculty and students began sailing in uncharted waters as they discussed home-based learning. No one ever thought we'd be making plans to educate high school students online as we referred to the process using the analogy of 'building a plane as you are flying it.'

It was important to build a home-based learning program that focused on many aspects of academics, social and emotional well-being, faith formation, and physical and outdoor education. After much discussion and planning, the faculty and staff implemented the monumental Distance Learning Program. This Continuous Learning Program (as the State of Iowa Department of Education calls it) was obviously something new to all of us and something we never expected to be doing in this last quarter of the school year, but there we were. But even as we were not physically together, we felt that the online educational experience we had to offer our students was valuable and rich as we continued to build community and care for one another during the unprecedented time.

At Hillcrest Academy we were able to do things with our DLP and Continuous Learning that no other schools in our area were able to do. That is a testament to our teachers. Day in and day out, in their isolation, they continued to enrich the lives of our students and kept them academically on track. We are blessed to have smart, committed faculty who have a dedication to their students that obviously goes well beyond their brick and mortar classrooms.

#HILLCRESTUNITED

The hashtag #hillcrestunited embodies not only who we are as a community during the COVID-19 crisis, but it also speaks to who we are as students, faculty/staff, and alumni & friends of Hillcrest Academy. Even in our isolation, we are together. We are united.

During the pandemic it was more important than ever to try and stay connected. Trying to combat loneliness and anxiety is difficult on our own. We need one another. Through the power of the internet, as we all did our best to navigate life during the pandemic, we were able to gain strength and comfort by being witness to what others were doing to build community.

Our website and social media channels (and Zoom) became a virtual connection for us all during the time of uncertainty. By using the hashtag the broader community is able to see the collection of posts and experiences shared by our students, faculty/staff, and alumni & friends. If you haven't already, check out our website and read about everything from dogs joining Zoom classes, to food security or farm-based learning on YouTube, to online welding or making pancakes in chemistry class.

THE NEW NORMAL?

Will school be different this fall than it was before? Will remote learning continue? Will kids attend class on alternate days? What will lunch periods look like? What about social distancing, face masks, and cleaning protocols? As we work to answer these questions, we as a school will need to be creative and adaptable in meeting the needs of our students and providing them with a quality and equitable school experience.

The State of Iowa Department of Education is asking all districts and accredited non-public schools to submit Return-to-Learn plans which include preparation for Continuous (online) Learning, a hybrid model, and in-person or on-campus learning. In the case that we do open for on-campus, in-classroom learning, how do we open under social distancing guidelines and take into account the health and safety concerns of our families? Maybe we'll see smaller class sizes, staggered schedules, one-way hallways; whatever it is we essentially will be reinventing the wheel. A new wheel that along with handshakes and salad bars will change the way we do life as the result of these extraordinary times that will eventually give way to a new normal.

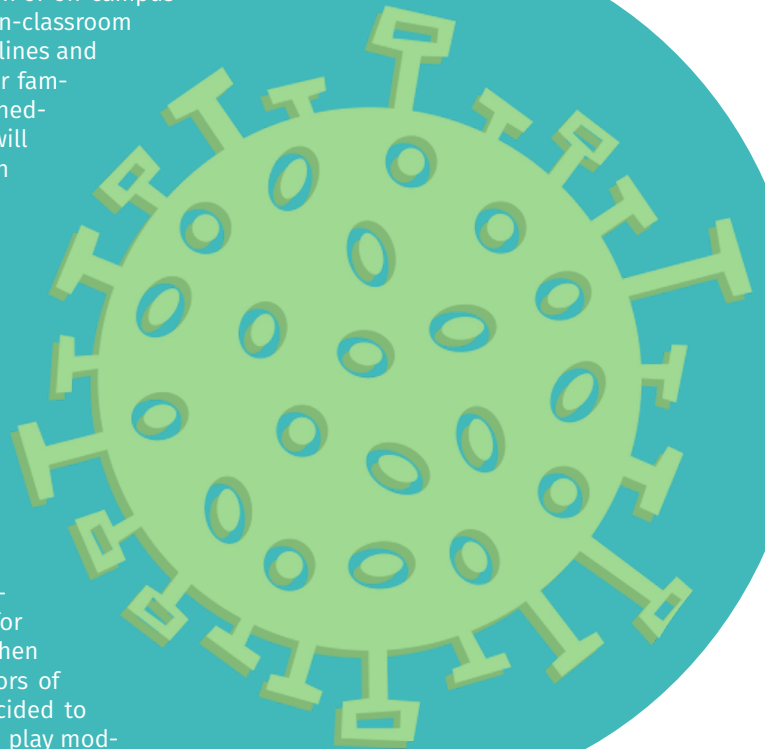
GATHERING PERSPECTIVES

The English IV: Readings in Theatre class was in the middle of reading and discussing the historical context for Anna Deavere Smith's play *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992* when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Due to some limiting factors of online learning, **English Teacher, Maya Kehr Yoder** decided to adjust the plan so that students would create their own play modeled after the style Deavere Smith used in her work.

Deavere Smith is an interviewer, writer, and performer who seeks to understand complex situations by gathering diverse perspectives. Her play covers the 1992 uprising/riot in Los Angeles and after the arrest and beating of a black man named Rodney King. To write the play, Deavere Smith interviewed many different people with many different perspectives who were affected by the uprising/riot and used those interviews as text for separate monologues. She then performed these monologues in a one-woman show.

Students in *Readings in Theatre* also interviewed people in their communities; family members near and far, school administrators, friends, etc. They were also given journal prompts to spend time writing their own stories. From these interviews and journal entries, students created monologues to capture the essence of each person's experience of COVID-19. They created a play not only to work on English techniques (line breaks, understanding different points of view, etc.), but to reflect on this moment in history that we are living through. They knew that in the future, 2020 is a year that will be studied and analyzed in the history of our world. Kehr Yoder hopes to take all the student monologues and print them in a book so that students can revisit these experiences many years later.

We hope you can gather perspective as you read two of our student's works.



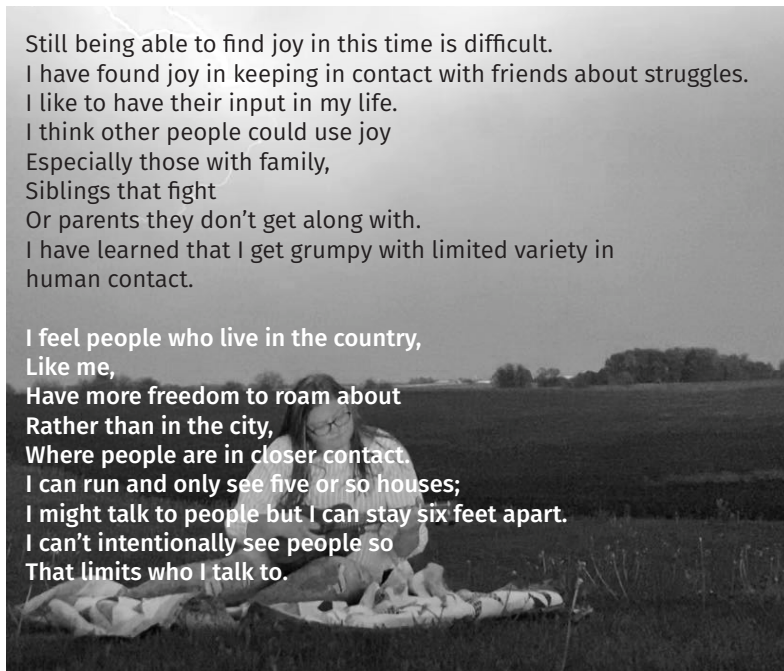
GRIEVING CHANGE AINSLEY SHAW

A soon to be 18 year old with messy, long dirty blonde hair and black glasses from Amish, Iowa. She sits on a desk chair writing away her thoughts as she contemplates the effects of COVID-19. Working away in an office as the quietest place to work in the house but stopping and watching as every car can be heard driving by. The desk is messy with clutter and fidget toys. A slight smell of lavender and other smells coming from a manatee. She is wearing a t-shirt and jeans.

The new normal,
seems so normal
but yet it doesn't.
None of my online classes seem to meet everyday
So I'm stuck
Trying to remember what class meets when.
It will take weeks to finally remember.
Ugh.
I'm already used to not having social interaction a lot.
The new normal is a lot less exercise.
It's nice to be able to sleep in for once.

Still being able to find joy in this time is difficult.
I have found joy in keeping in contact with friends about struggles.
I like to have their input in my life.
I think other people could use joy
Especially those with family,
Siblings that fight
Or parents they don't get along with.
I have learned that I get grumpy with limited variety in
human contact.

I feel people who live in the country,
Like me,
Have more freedom to roam about
Rather than in the city,
Where people are in closer contact.
I can run and only see five or so houses;
I might talk to people but I can stay six feet apart.
I can't intentionally see people so
That limits who I talk to.



EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER ISABEL CANGHOLA

Although her name is Isabel, most people call her Izzy. She is 17 soon to be 18 years old and is a senior at a private, Christian school in Kalona. Her hair is long and brown and when in the sun the rays hit it you can see the gold. She has a smile that can brighten up a room, and a personality that can make someone's day.

During this time it has been rough having family who can get the virus easily.
Makes it harder on everyone because we have to be so careful.

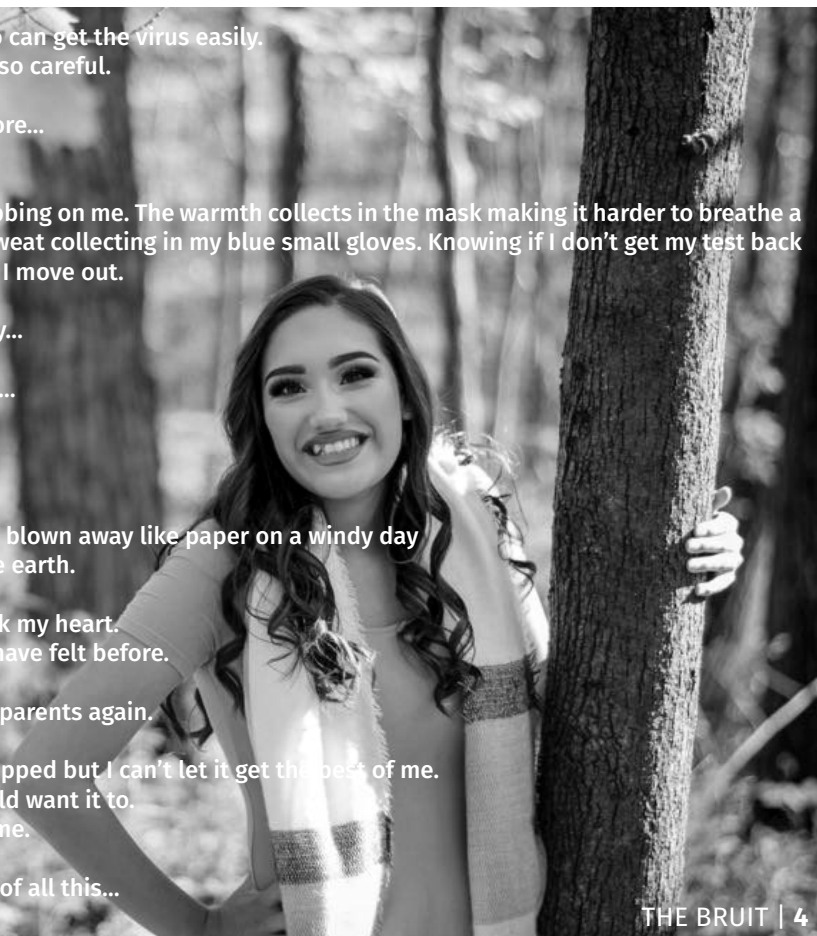
In the past before my uncle tested positive it was more...
Simple.

Now it's the feeling of the fabric of my face masks rubbing on me. The warmth collects in the mask making it harder to breathe a nightmare. The smell of cleaning products and the sweat collecting in my blue small gloves. Knowing if I don't get my test back or if it's positive I won't see my grandparents before I move out.

The feeling of goosebumps running across your body...
Fear.
The feeling of emptiness and pain that isn't physical...
Sadness.
The feeling where excitement used to be and joy...
Disappointment.

Having everything taken away, seeing everything get blown away like paper on a windy day
It's called COVID-19 ruining the people but saving the earth.
But putting fear in people's minds.
The moment when the hospital called and fear struck my heart.
Finding out my test results gave me an expression I have felt before.
It felt as if a weight had been lifted.
I was negative for the test, It meant seeing my grandparents again.

This virus has made me worry and makes me feel trapped but I can't let it get the best of me.
If I do, life could change for me in that the way I would want it to.
Teenagers may not be seeing it the way I do but for me.
This is a time to care for others not to be selfish.
It's been one emotional rollercoaster since the start of all this...
Even before.



THE FIRST. THE CLASS & 2020

Hillcrest Academy's first graduating class of Ravens was honored on Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 PM in Celebration Hall. The socially distant ceremony was not open to the public but was recorded and made available to stream online later that evening. After the ceremony, the public was invited to extend congratulations to the Class of 2020 in a car parade through campus.

Due to restrictions, each student was allowed four tickets to attend the socially distant ceremony. The smaller crowd of mostly immediate family members saw 16 students walk across the Celebration Hall stage to receive diplomas on their own, one by one in a safe and orderly fashion. Two of the graduates were in absentia. The valedictorian of the class was **Jesse Slater**, son of Keith and Kate (**Yoder '90**) Slater and the salutatorian being **Mia Graber** (daughter of Galen Graber and **Ruth Brenneman '83**).

Principal Dwight Gingerich said the ceremony was a success, "It felt really good to have everybody in the room together. It's the first time we've been in there together for a long time, for months. Obviously a little different with having less people, trying to keep in mind the social distancing, trying to follow the guidelines we were given by Johnson County Public Health, to the T really. Given everything, I thought it went really well. The folks responded well to the guidelines. It seemed like people appreciated the opportunity to be in person. And really our goal was to provide that."

The life of Teresa Cardenas, who was a member of the class of 2020 and passed away in December of 2017 was honored during the ceremony with flowers, a lit candle, and an empty chair. The family of Cardenas was at the ceremony to celebrate graduation with her classmates.



X marks the spot as graduating senior, **Sarena Gerber** stands in her designated area and awaits cars full of well-wishers. After the graduation ceremony the Class of 2020 lined up outside, making a path through campus and greeted those that were unable to attend Commencement due to social distancing restrictions. The parade of cars was long and each student waited patiently until it was their turn to be greeted with smiles and congratulations.

2019 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The HILLCREST ACADEMY community thanks all those who donated to the Annual Fund in the 2019 calendar year. The Annual Fund is the school's mission critical fundraising effort. The majority of our development efforts are directed towards the Annual Fund. Essentially, the Annual Fund is what helps us deliver The Hillcrest Experience to each of our students year after year by supplementing operating expenses not covered by tuition.

1948

Ethel (Swartzendruber) & Henry Miller

1949

Lois (Brenneman) Gugel
Donna Marie (Brenneman) Helgens
Ruby (Swartzendruber) Lehman
Cletus Miller
Margaret J. Miller

1950

Joann (Shettler) Lehman
Dorothy (Hershberger) Miller

1951

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

1952

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

1953

Mary Lou (Smucker) Bowers
Eunice (Yoder) Brenneman
Don Gingerich
Sterling & Dorthea Schweitzer

1954

Faye Beckler
Wilma (Troyer) Gingerich
E. Gene & Edna Miller
Carolyn (Miller) Walter

1955

John Blough
Dorothy Logan
Kay Marner
William Shettler
Lorena (Brenneman) & Chuck Swantz

1956

Fanni (Marner) Birky
Curtis Brenneman
Keith Hochstedler
Anna (Leichty) Lewis
Phyllis (Yoder) Litwiller
Dorothy Yoder Nyce
Lynn & Barbara Troyer
James Zook

1957

Ruby (Yoder) Campos
Frances (Powell) Collins
Joy (Yoder) Hess
Francis Litwiller
Charles Rhodes
Esther (Schrock) Siville
Ronald & Barbara Wyse
Ezra Yoder
Wilford & Elaine (Kennel) Yoder

1958

Jim Brenneman
Keith Brenneman
Sandra (Nafziger) Cardinal
Erma (Yoder) Edwards
Karen (Hochstetler) Gingerich
Loretta (Miller) Kauffman
Ed & Jane Miller
Wesley & Sue (Schlatter) Richard
Doris (Schrock) Thirtle
Carroll & Nancy Yoder
Daniel Keith & Shirley (Bender) Yoder
Robert D. & Lola Faye Erb Yoder

1959

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

1960

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

1961

Gilbert & Sandy Gingerich
Myrna (Yoder) Kaufman
Karen (Beachy) Kropf
Joyce (Bontrager) Lehman
Karen (Wenger) Leichty
Linda (Miller) Rowold
Colleen (Rhodes) Stoltzfus
Kenneth Yoder
Phil G. & Judy (Miller) Yoder
Winifred (Hostetler) & John Yordy
Donald & Verna Zook

1962

Virginia (Swartzendruber) & Levon Christophel
Ken Frey
Wanda (Hershberger) Gerlits
Mary Louise (Brenneman) & Merlin Grieser
Audrey (Yoder) & Frank Hartzler
Larry Hershberger
Elaine (Weaver) Hochstedler
Shirley (Brenneman) & Calvin Hochstedler
***Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman**
Evelyn (Yoder) Miller
John David & Rebecca Miller
Gene & Louise Troyer
Wilbur & Helen Yoder

1963

Jay Brenneman
Ronald & Ruth Guengerich
Arlen Hershberger
Marlin Hershberger
Daniel & Marlene (Troyer) Miller
Kathleen (Yoder) Quinn
Dale & Charlene (Yoder) Rhodes
Lovina (Gingerich) & Carl Rutt
Elaine (Gerig) & Daniel Schrock

1964

Nedra (Brenneman) Berger
Elaine Brenneman
Kay (Freyenberger) Frunzi
Orval & Cleta (Roth) Gingerich
Lowell Guengerich
Ladella (Oswald) Hershberger
Kathy (Yoder) & Ken Leichty
Gary & Francis (Gingerich) Nafziger
***Aliko Songolo**
Ardell Swartzendruber
Alta (Rensberger) Wagner
Darvin & Martha Yoder
Fred & Judy Yoder

1965

Daniel Gingerich
Ken & Noreen Gingerich
Karen (Yoder) & Bruce Harvey
Millicent (Guengerich) Hershey
Elaine (Fisher) Krehbiel
Ron Litwiller
Marlin & June Miller
Myrna (Swartzendruber) Moyer
Nila (Hertle) Olson
Margaret (Miller) & Lynn Williams
Norm & Linda Yoder

1966

Roger & Kathleen (Yoder) Erteld
Mary (Yoder) Glick
Myron & Martha (Yoder) Graber
Phil & Joyce Ropp
Bonnie (Slaubaugh) & Tom Stuckey
Marcia & John Yoder-Schrock

1967

Donald Brenneman
Diane (Miller) Hess
Ken & Christine Miller
Kenton & Barb (Kinsinger) Miller
Jim Yoder

1968

Loren Fisher
Nancy (Bender) & Glen Gehman
Firman & Susan (Yoder) Gingerich
James Gingerich
Wayne Hershberger
Dennis & Rosie (Yoder) Miller
Judy (Yoder) Moskalik
Dean & Becky (Guengerich) Rhodes
Loren & Pat (Swartzendruber) Swartzendruber

Kathy (Brenneman) Walter
Rodney & Janice Wenger
Gaylord Yoder

1969

Jane (Yoder) & Ivan Borntreger
Ron & Nancy Brenneman
Carolyn (Miller) & Larry Detweiler
Roberta (Yoder) & Ernest Kandel
Lloyd Miller
Rex Miller
Judy (Schlabach) & Mike Oesch
Virginia (Bender) & Ken Rew
Loren & Kathrine Troyer
Tim Widmer
Frank Yoder & Jane Widmer Yoder
Shirley (Hershberger) Yoder
Wanda (Yoder) Yoder

1970

Ron & Lorene (Yoder) Bender
Julie (Miller) Derstine
Ed Gingerich
Janice (Miller) Godshall
Tim Histan
Arden & Pat Miller
Dennis & Sally Miller
Wendell Miller & Cheryl Martin Miller
Gay & Gloria (Bender) Widmer
Anthony & Sarah Yoder
Curtis & Lois Yoder
Rodney Yoder
Sheldon & Letha (Mullet) Yoder

1971

Mike & Kris (Brenneman) Brenneman
Mary Lou (Swartzenruber) & Roger Farmer
Loren Hochstedler
Marla (Hochstetler) & Randy Longenecker
George Yoder

1972

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

***Jim Miller**

Jon & Becky Widmer

1973

Lorna (Miller) & Glendon Bender
Anna Marie Guengerich

***Deb (Yoder) Miller**

Jim & Linda Histan
Leon & Fran Hochstedler

***Bill & Rosie Hochstetler**

Merlin D. Miller

***Doug Stoltzfus**

Walter Stutzman
Gary L. Yoder

1974

Mary Lou (Miller) Gingerich
June (Miller) Hershberger
Allen & Merridy (Eash) Leichty
Barb (Yoder) Martin
Leonard & Laura Miller
Ray Miller
Keith & Gloria Nissley
Laurel (Miller) & Sid Rowland
***Pam (Brenneman) Stoltzfus**
Calvin & Judy Yoder

1975

Stanley Marner
Brenda Nissley
Deb (Stoltzfus) & Joe Swartzenruber
Cindy (Yoder) Widmer

1976

Dwight & Mo Gingerich
Joann (Roth) Marner
Marcus & Beth Miller
Myrna (Bender) Miller
Darrell Yoder
James Yoder

1977

Lynn & Janice Hostetler
Melissa (Yoder) & Ron Thomas
Carla (Leichty) & Keith Yoder
Marlin & Joni (Doolin) Yoder

1978

Carol (Bender) & John Bates
Steve Brenneman
Crandall Miller
Sanford & Mary Lou Miller
Steve & Kathy Ropp
Sherri (Schweitzer) & Todd Thompson
Maynard Yoder

1979

Ken & Brenda Bender

***Mitch Kinsinger**

Ken & Bev Miller
Susan (Swartzenruber) Stoltzfus
Larry Swartzenruber
Lowell & Mary Yoder

1980

Terry & Deb Erb
Sonda (Ropp) Reinartz
Lucille (Schrock) & Wilbur Shetler
Rodney Swantz
Connie (Miller) Swartzenruber

***Gary & Donna Yoder**

Rhonda Yoder

1981

Joe Eichelberger
Martin & Heidi Gingerich
Sonya (Stauffer) & Roger Kurtz
Julie (Kelso) & Lon Marshall
Carol (Brenneman) & Phil Miller
Don Schwabbauer
Beth (Litwiller) Swantz
Linda (Bender) & John Yutzzy

1982

Karla Gingerich
Jewel Gingerich & Fred Longenecker
Kris (Swartzenruber) & Morris Miller
Leora (Miller) Troyer

1983

Ruth Brenneman & Galen Graber
Brian & Heather (Blosser) Hershberger
Kara (Kinsinger) Hjelmstad
Craig Marner
Forrest & Nora Miller
Maribeth (Yoder) Schlabaugh
Gary Schrock

1984

Cynthia (Yoder) & Gordon Bontrager
John Buckwalter
Lisa (Gingerich) & Tim Harms
Doug Hochstetler

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

Jim Schlabaugh
Lance Slabach

1985

***Jon Beachy**
Ross & Cindy Brenneman
Tim Litwiller

1986

James & Audra Hershberger
Tony & Leah (Stutzman) Miller
Lynn (Miller) & Brian Yoder

1987

***Thomas Brenneman**

1988

Angela (Boshart) Bernstein
Lia Brenneman-Orr
Shawn Knepp
Chad & Annika (Klaassen) Miller
Chris & Sandi Rhodes
Chad Stoltzfus

1989

Susan (Hochstedler) Hochstedler
Sheila (Leichty) & John Niemeier
Corey Oswald
Nichole (Payne) Slabach
Todd & Kate Watson

1990

Lara Troyer
Laurie A. (Miller) & Derek Yoder
Marlow & Jenny Yoder

1991

Dana (Hochstetler) Oswald
Susanna Unternahrer Zook

1992

Jessica Graber
Matt J. & Renae (Bender) Miller
Randy & Kristen (Litwiller) Rempel
Greg & Sarah Yoder

1993

Heidi (Troyer) Baldwin
***Anita (Miller) Beachy**
Carisa (Stutzman) Funk
Chris & Molly Hartzler
Adam & Brigitte (Nisly) Ingersoll
Denise (Hochstedler) Litwiller
Erika (Payne) Miller
Rebecca Beachy Miller & Tom Miller
Sheila (Bender) & Jeremy Ours

1994

Lori (Boller) & Nolan Gerber

1995

Theresa (Litwiller) & Kent Blossom

***Amy (Swartzenruber) & Larry Drayfahl**

Stacy Ropp Miller
Adam Yoder

1996

Jodi (Hochstedler) Beyeler
Michael & Melanie Leichty
Nate Miller

1997

Stephen & Samantha Bender
Carlene (Myers) Gardner
Fred & Sarah Gingerich
Nate & Amy (Boller) Graber
Brad Miller
Brian & Janice Miller
Steven Rhodes
Allison (Miller) Troyer

1998

Sarah Smith Baber
Joel & Christine Beachy
Amy (Chupp) Kratzer
Ledru & Annette (Yoder) Miller
***Rachel Swartzenruber Miller**

***Kevin Zook**

1999

Kendra (Conrad) Bailey
Julie (Gingerich) & Kyle Birky
Jill (Stoltzfus) & Thushan Hemachandra

***Laurie (Bender) Miller**

2000

Jace Bailey
Erin Miller Milanese

***Chuck Miller**

***Tyson Miller**

Nathan & Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

***Adam Yoder**

2001

Clint & Nicole (Slaubaugh) Miller

2002

Heather Bender

Allison (Brenneman) & Isaiah Goertz

William Leichty

Nathan Miller

Caleb Yoder

2003

Tanna (Yoder) Boshart

Nicholas & Erika Detweiler-Stoddard

***Joel Koerner & Maria Blough Koerner**

***Benjamin Yoder**

2004

Tony Boshart

Tyler & Rosanna Coblenz

Luke Yoder

2005

Del & Sarah Bortrager

Amy (Yoder) & Dan Landes

Liz (Beachy) Rhodes

Jason Widmer

Caleb Wilson

2006

Thomas Davis

Lindsay (Erb) Widmer

2007

Hannah Ney

***Marcus & Marissa Unruh**

Rachel (Yoder) Yoder

2008

Patrick Fischer

Ethan Gingerich

Jill (Swartzendruber) & Konrad Swartz

Britt (Hochstetler) Wilson

2009

Elizabeth Miller

Samantha (Beachy) Miller

2010

Drew Powell

2012

Zeke Nebel

***Partner**

FRIENDS OF HILLCREST (NON-ALUMNI)

Bethany Thomas

Betty Buckwalter

Bonnie Smith

Chris & Elizabeth Schlabach

Craig & Jane Davis

Dallas & Rose Schrock

Daniel Harder

Darin and Carolyn Bensel

David & Billie Bruns

David & Gail Heusinkveld

David & Wanda Beachy

Dennis & Melinda Bricker

Diane Funk & Earl Gingerich

Dick Oyer

Doran & Cindy Conrad

Dorothea Gingerich

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"If every alumni, friend, and community member would give just \$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 Hillcrest community, just as we have."

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

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GLENDON HATHAWAY '59 | FEBRUARY 26, 2019
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And in case you forgot . . . we are having a birthday!

What a historic year it's been so far. . . and we aren't even talking about the COVID-19 pandemic! This year marks the 75 year anniversary of our school and despite all the uncertainties of the year ahead, we want to celebrate. At this point the main celebration will take place during **HOMEcomings & ALUMNI FAMILY WEEKEND on OCTOBER 16-18** but we are holding lightly any plans that involve large groups of people. We are, however, very excited about two meaningful and tangible ways to celebrate that don't involve crowds. We have commissioned alumna painter, **Kara Schlabaugh '11** to do a painting of our campus. Her painting titled "**Hillcrest**" will be available to purchase as signed, limited edition prints which will be made in support of Hillcrest Academy. The second is a cookbook full of school recipes, stories, and photos capturing the connection we all have with our school and with each other. The book titled "**Gather**" will also be made available for pre-ordering and copies to purchase will be available at the school. For more information or if you have questions about anything related to these things, Homecoming Weekend, or reunions please contact Jeremy Ours (jours@hillcrestravens.org).

"Hillcrest"

Kara Lynn Schlabaugh '11 began painting during her undergrad at Drake University, when in 2013 she studied abroad in Florence, Italy. This is where she took her first formal painting course and what started out as a fun course to take while living abroad turned into a longer journey to create and sell her work. Returning home to Iowa, she gained a greater appreciation for the beautiful land she grew up around. Lots of farms, simple living, things she took for granted. With this now as the center of her inspiration, she paints primarily Midwestern landscapes in a modern and minimalistic style. She said, "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." While Graphic Design became her full time profession, painting has continued to be another creative outlet for her and she says she's fortunate to have a community that values and supports her work.

Kara says, "I am excited to dedicate a large-scale painting to the school and offer limited edition prints for the community to purchase. The proceeds will benefit the school as they celebrate their 75 year anniversary." Kara is working on her painting titled, "**Hillcrest**" and it will be on display during Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend on October 16-18. Signed, limited edition prints will be available to purchase and details will be communicated over the next few months. Stay tuned and don't miss your chance to take home not only a wonderful piece of art, but a meaningful and visual part of school history.



gather **Telling the story of our school one plate at a time.**

Have you ever wanted to make the chili and cheese sandwiches like you had while attending the traditional Chili Supper as a kid? Or maybe you would like to try and make apple fritters at home like the ones made by our PTO at the Kalona Fall Festival? Now's your chance to do it and take home a piece of school history that will bring back memories one plate at a time.

One of the ways we are celebrating the 75 year anniversary of our school is to publish a cookbook. In the words of local historian, **Frank Yoder '69** who is writing the preface to the book, "*A recipe is a gift. The recipes in this collection are gifts from members of the Hillcrest Academy community. Creating a cookbook is a fitting way to celebrate because these recipes represent connections among individuals, connections that are a fundamental part of the Hillcrest Academy community.*" As Frank mentions, this isn't your run of the mill cookbook but something that captures our history through the lens of food, conversations, stories, and photos symbolizing the connection we all have with our school and with each other.

To place an order, please use the form on the back of this issue or email Jeremy Ours (jours@hillcrestravens.org). We will be taking orders through August so the books can be published and available prior to the holidays.



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