

Greetings from Llano Christian Academy,

The summer has been a time for reflection on where we started, where we journeyed and where we are after five years as a school. Let me start at the most important point, God has blessed us as a school beyond measure. He sent us the teachers, the students, the supporters and the prayer warriors we needed to complete these precious years of growth.

As we began the sixth year with a full school, PreKindergarten through Twelfth Grade, we are astounded by how fast we have grown. We have two gentlemen who will graduate from LCA in May 2017. That is amazing! We will be searching for scholarships for these two gentlemen so they can further their education. My prayer has been and will continue to be for LCA to produce leaders for this world who will stand up for their faith, what is right and have the strong work ethic missing in any areas of our society.

We constantly look at ways to improve our school and the way we do business. For the past five years we have used the Terra Nova III Test to record academic growth for our students. We have given the test at the end of April, received the results the second week in May and then school was out. What good is giving a test and not addressing areas needing improvement? This year we will be testing our students in October and using the results to strengthen our students' academic skills. This will enable us to touch on what our students know, strengthen the areas needing improvement and expand each child's knowledge. This is so exciting for an educator.

Another area we have identified is continuing the Capital Campaign to one day have our own campus. First Baptist Church and Pittsburg Avenue Baptist Church invited LCA in and allowed us to house our students in educational hallways. This helped us to become a school quickly. Each church's Bible Study teachers opened their arms to the LCA teachers, allowing us to use spaces for school which became Bible Study classrooms on the weekends and Wednesday nights. A heartfelt thank you goes to both of these churches for inviting us in to begin this journey.

This year we have moved the secondary students from Pittsburg Avenue Baptist Church to the upstairs portion of First Baptist Church. This move is a positive one for LCA. All the students will be in one location, but in two buildings. This will help with supervision, extra activities, and better support every teacher and every child.

Our accreditation visit will be late October or early November. This visit will be an on-site look at us. We had a visit scheduled in May but it was postponed. All of our documentation will have already been sent to the visitation team to review prior to the visit. We are all excited about this visit. No, it is not a requirement for us to be an accredited institute but we need it for Llano County. This label of being an accredited school will help us become "real" in the eyes of some in our area.

I do have a request of each of you. I ask that you continue to pray for us as we build young leaders and further the Kingdom of God. Thank you in advance for those prayers!

It's been just a few short weeks that we've begun a new school year. Can't wait to see how God will bless the children who attend LCA this year.

God bless, Dr. Alice Smith

**Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin another fantastic school year!**



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Miss Amy Fowler, 8th grade student and daughter of Ken and Renee Fowler is being honored for making the highest grade in the new course offered by the growing Llano Christian Academy (LCA).

Criminal Justice I is the title of the course. Criminal Justice II is will offer in the spring of 2017. Also, pictured is Mr. Sam Oatman, an attorney and former District Attorney for the 33rd and 424th District Courts covering five Central Texas counties, who is volunteering his services to teach these courses.

The course offers a great opportunity for learning the basics of our complicated Criminal Justice System. It presents the foundation of that system under our United States and Texas Constitutions and covers how it operates from the crime, through the investigation, arrest, trials and all other stages of prosecuting and defending violators of our laws.

"After 35 years of working in the system I wanted to give back my time to young people interested in criminal law," Mr. Oatman stated. He goes on to say, "The course is designed to interest future law officers, attorney, court reporters and other possible careers in the legal system. I want to sincerely thank Dr. Alice Smith and LCA for the opportunity to add to great educational program."

## 2nd Annual LCA Community Banquet

### *"Harvesting Our Souls, Putting Down Roots"*

Llano Christian Academy will host the 2nd Annual Community Banquet September 24th, 2016 at 5:00p at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center. Dinner will be catered by The Badu House with live and silent auctions and live entertainment provided by McKenzie Jones. We will announce information about available tickets soon.

As you know, our first community banquet and fundraiser last December was a great success. We are planning another banquet for this year. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a table, or donate an item to the silent auction, please have them contact us at (325)247-4942.

## Welcome New LCA Board Members!



### Rusty Riley, LCA Board Member

Rusty Riley has lived in Houston and San Antonio. He earned an Economics Degree from Cornell University and MBA from University of Texas Austin.

Rusty worked the next 45 years in business and financial management for a variety of organizations, including controlling a \$450 million budget for a transit agency.

"I have been blessed to be married to my wife, Judi, for 39 years; and we raised two good, Christian sons. I have been deeply involved with many church outreach programs, Rotary International, government reform activities, conservation and gardening organizations, and helped manage the financials of several of these non-profit organizations."

### Bob Quigley, LCA Board Member

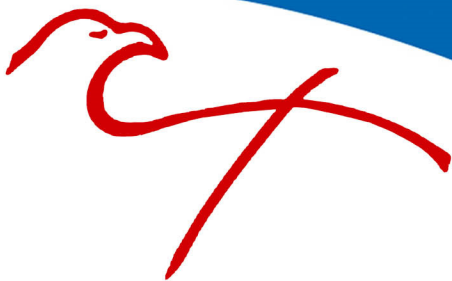
I have been married to my college sweetheart for 18 years. My son attends LCA and is receiving an excellent Christian education. I am an entrepreneur, a hunting guide, and a Llano rancher.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it."  
-Proverbs 22:6



### The LCA "Punchbowl"

The LCA punchbowl is an activity we use to recognize students who have gone above and beyond for their teachers or for other students. Teachers place student names in the punchbowl and names are drawn once every two weeks for various treats/ awards for recognition.



## FIRST DAY OF LCA 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



**ELEMENTARY**  
(GRADES PRE-K - 5TH)



**SECONDARY**  
(GRADES 6TH - 12TH)

## WELCOME NEW LCA TEACHERS!

### Mrs. Shelly Snow - 3rd - 5th Grade Math, Science and Social Studies Teacher

Mrs. Shelly Snow was born in Wichita Falls. Shelly married a wonderful, God fearing man and they have two children. She holds two B.A.s, a M.A. and had started my doctorate while teaching college in Nevada. One summer she taught "College for Kids" and was forever changed - "children changed my life and my profession."

Mrs. Snow earned a teacher certification at Sierra Nevada College at Lake Tahoe and started her career teaching 6th-8th grades science and social studies. She has taught on an Indian Reservation teaching 7th-12th Indian Lore and history. Shelly moved back to Texas and taught in Cherokee. She was offered a teaching position in Brady but after much prayer asked the Lord to guide her to serve Him better. He lead Shelly to LCA and Dr. Smith. She will serve the Lord and the children at Llano Christian Academy.



### Mrs. Susan Smith-Caballero - Family & Consumer Science Teacher

Susan Smith-Caballero and her husband John Caballero moved to Llano in March 2006. They own and operate Apple Valley Orchard, which is located 10 miles south of Llano.

Susan graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and received her teacher certification. She worked primarily in the fields of Child Care/Development and Workforce Development and retired from the Texas Workforce Commission in 2005.

Susan and John own and operate Apple Valley Orchard including a seasonal store at the orchard location. The store includes a commercial kitchen which requires Susan to maintain a Food Protection Manager Certification in addition to a Retail Food Operation license from the State Department of Health Services.

After moving to Llano, Susan has worked as a substitute teacher at Llano High School and she is an active member of the Friends of the Llano Library.



# LCA News, Events & Activities



LCA students had the privilege to serve the community of Quemado by adding square footage on to a Christian school, organizing a warehouse for homeless people to come to meet their needs and sharing the love of Christ.

## Meet The LCA Golf Team!



Mekaila Terry, Mikayla Clancey, Rainey Skelton and Garrett Carney



*A Very Special*  
**THANK ♥ YOU** to



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**  
*Alpha Chi Chapter*

A special thanks goes to the Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Four of our teachers applied for \$250 grants from Patsy's Legacy and received these blessings. Susan Griffith applied for the funds to put novels and thesaurus handbooks in her classroom for grades 3 - 5 to use daily. Rita Boultinghouse applied for the funds for science lab equipment. Sidonie Thornton and Alex Little applied for the funds for a joint project-a mission trip to Quemado on the United States/Mexico border. Thank you, Alpha Chi, for making all of this possible.