MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
ANNUAL REPORT

2018

MARANATHA

2019

FAITH

EXCELLENCE

ACADEMICS
MISSION STATEMENT

Maranatha Christian Academy exists to provide students an academically rigorous college-preparatory education in a distinctly Christian environment of high values, character development, and exceptional student culture.

VISION STATEMENT

By 2021, MCA will excel as a national recognized leader in 21st century Christian, college-preparatory education, preparing students to live their faith and thrive in a changing world.

CORE VALUES

Maranatha Christian Academy fulfills its mission through purposing to:

• Assist in the development of the “whole” person—spirit, soul, and body—in each of our students.

• Assist each student in establishing a real and unshakable relationship with Jesus Christ by (1) presenting the Gospel, (2) training them to use the Word of God with authority, (3) and promoting the development of a truly biblical worldview and value system.

• Produce students who are academically qualified: well-educated, self-directed, and lifelong learners.

• Act as an extension of the home and church by instilling Christian values and thus, together, equip the next generation to live godly lives in an increasingly ungodly world.

• Train young people to be positive role models and influential leaders who will carry out the “Great Commission.” (Matthew 28:19–20)

• Lead students by way of example and instruction into a lifestyle that places the needs of others above their own needs and wants.

Dear Parent,

At last year’s Annual Business Meeting, I showed a word that was larger than life on the big screens in the auditorium. There it loomed, eliciting reactions such as...apprehension, a little discomfort, and even excitement. The word was “CHANGE”.

The truth is...change happens. Change happens whether we like it or not. And there really are only two possible reactions to change: embrace it or resist it. If you embrace it, you’ll be ahead of the curve, conversely, if you resist it, you’ll eventually be trying to catch up or worse...left behind. The reality is that change will happen regardless of whether we accept it now or have it forced upon us in the future.

At Maranatha, we embrace change. We want to be ahead of the curve for the sake of your children and their equipping to impact the world for Christ. MCA is endeavoring to position our students to be ahead of the competition. We want them to not only embrace change, but to make change. After all, that’s what Jesus calls us to do in the gospels, to be change makers. This is a very different approach than most schools take, but it’s central to how we function at MCA. It’s right there in the second half of our vision statement:

“...preparing students to live their faith and thrive in a changing world.”

A changing world...that’s an understatement, don’t you think? Futurist and architect Buckminster Fuller researched and established the knowledge doubling curve. He proved human knowledge doubles every 100 years. Human knowledge now doubles every 13 months according to the Fuller Institute and that pace is only increasing. According to IBM, with the buildout of the “Internet of Things,” human knowledge will soon double every 13 hours. In three to five years, the world your child will enter barely exists at this moment. So I ask you, when the future looks like that, why build a school for the present? At Maranatha, we are a school with and for the future.

We are building for the future. With God’s wisdom and leading, we’re designing and implementing programs centered around the conviction that we are preparing students to thrive in a world that is changing at a breakneck speed. A future world that will be unlike anything we have known or experienced today. As a school, we are well into the process of aligning our efforts, programs, and resources to that belief.

I’m happy to report that MCA is thriving in the present. You will see evidence of growth academically, spiritually, financially, and within our programs in this Annual Report. What was cutting edge today is antiquated tomorrow. It’s also true the private school marketplace is getting crowded with ambitious schools who are competing in the college-preparatory space.

So, we’re focusing on the future. We’re asking ourselves “How can we make MCA students the best prepared for that future world?” and “How can we stand out in a crowded, competitive field of options for excellent private schools?” I believe God has provided us with an answer.

Maranatha will be an Innovation School

We will prepare students for a world where innovation is paramount. Together, we will equip them with skills needed to thrive and be the changemakers in that future world. Their journey from pre-kindergarten through graduation will include a world-class education, skills in innovation, being comfortable with change, and an identity grounded in Christ. Our students will be the best citizens, the best candidates for employment, promotion, and...by default, the leaders of their generation. They will literally be the head and not the tail, they will be above and not beneath as the writer of scripture represents.

With this vision and these principles at the center of the student’s experience, our children will be positioned for success in anything they choose to pursue in life. The days are over when school was simply a place to get information. Information today is available 24/7 in the palm of their hand. Maranatha Christian Academy, a school of the future, will provide students the tools to imagine, synthesize, research, connect, collaborate, create, and plan. Our school of the future will be a laboratory where students can develop their thinking and these skills while solidifying a world-changing faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your passionate support of Maranatha Christian Academy and for entrusting us with your precious children. I am humbled and honored to serve your family, our mission, and the King.

Sincerely in Christ,

Brian Sullivan
Head of School
In the 2018–2019 fiscal year, MCA financially invested in offering new approaches for creating and sustaining experimental learning environments for our students. I am pleased to report positive results in this new approach while maintaining a positive financial report. With your prayer and financial support, MCA’s goal to stay relevant and provide forward-thinking learning styles while balancing financial responsibilities all leads to investing into your student’s education and future.

As a reminder, MCA’s financials are part of and reported in the Living Word (LW) annual audit. Copies of LW’s annual report can be obtained in the alcoves of LW beginning March of 2020.

We thank you for your partnership in allowing us to fulfill our mission and core values while providing a Christ-centered, 21st century education for our students.

Serving Him together,

John Szwaja
Director of Finance & Operations

Because Maranatha Christian Academy is a department of and supported by Living Word Christian Center, this Profit & Loss Statement does not recognize any occupancy costs of our facilities such as rent, utilities, repairs, insurance, and other related costs. These expenses are all paid directly and are reported by Living Word Christian Center.
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF THE TOP 8 CITIES REPRESENTED AT MCA:

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<th>City</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
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<td>Brooklyn Park</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Maple Grove</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>$96,410</td>
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<td>Plymouth</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>$88,378</td>
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<td>Blaine</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>$79,915</td>
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<td>Minneapolis</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Champlin</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>$84,042</td>
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<td>New Hope</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>Elk River</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$83,585</td>
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These statistics represent 71% of our school constituency with an average income of $72,920. Taken from the Census Bureau’s “Median Household Income” http://factfinder.census.gov/2012–2016 American Community Survey.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY:
Enrollment by ethnicity

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<th>Ethnicity</th>
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<td>*Hispanic/Latino</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
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<td>*Asian (Including India)</td>
<td>6.4%</td>
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<td>*Multi-Racial</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>*Black/African-American</td>
<td>20.9%</td>
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FAMILY DYNAMICS:
(443 MCA FAMILIES)

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<th># of Students</th>
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<td>One student</td>
<td>62.4%</td>
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<td>Two students</td>
<td>26.7%</td>
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<td>Three students</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
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<td>Four students</td>
<td>.9%</td>
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<td>Five or Six students</td>
<td>.2%</td>
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15.5% of MCA families are single-parent households. Of these single-parent households, 28.7% have two or more students enrolled at MCA.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

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<tr>
<td>Living Word Christian Center</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>111 other churches represented</td>
<td>50.5%</td>
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*Students of color represent 41.3% of our school population.
ACHIEVEMENTS

ROBOTICS TEAM:
Robotics Team won State for second consecutive year and participated in the World Robotics Championships in Detroit, MI.

COLLEGE LEVEL SPORTS:
17 Student-Athletes signed letters of intent to play sports at the college level, a record number at Maranatha.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:
69 graduates were offered $9.7 million in scholarships to prestigious schools such as Harvard, the Naval Academy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Rensellaer Polytechnic institute.

PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAM:
Sammy Ajibola earned acceptance into the prestigious University of Minnesota’s joint Bachelor and M.D. Program. This is the second MCA student in three years. Only 10 students are accepted annually.

RECOGNITION:
Maranatha’s teacher induction program (F.I.R.S.T) and Kelly Capp, the program director, were recognized by the Minnesota Independent School Forum as the Program of Excellence for 2019.

HEART OF THE CLASSROOM:
KTIS, Thrivent, and the University of Northwestern-St. Paul presented Mrs. Colette Winn with the Heart of the Classroom award.
INCUBATE TO INNOVATE:
Maranatha partnered with Incubate to Innovate to train teachers and administrators in Design Thinking and Innovation in education.

READING CHALLENGE:
For the fourth year in a row, Maranatha earned the Best in State for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT:
Golfer Benjamin Long qualified for the State Tournament, making it the fourth year in a row at least one MCA student has golfed in the tournament.

TRACK AND FIELD:
The Track and Field cooperative with Providence finished second in State.
• Jason Ekiyor placed first in the 110 hurdles
• Christian Davis won the long jump
• The 4x100 meter team finished second and included Julian Cavin and Isaiah Coleman.
ACHIEVEMENTS

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT:
Sophomore wrestler, Jacob Meissner, overcame a serious illness and qualified to wrestle in the State Tournament.

ATHENA AWARD:
Kennedy Burquest was honored as an Athena Award recipient, given to females that have displayed excellence as student-athletes, involvement in extracurricular activities, and high academic standing.

STUDENT OUTREACH:
We encourage a Christian “World-Do” through various outreaches and service hours, including the annual Mexico Missions trip, grade-level projects, packing over 30,000 meals for local food shelves, and more.

$1000 DONATION:
The Student Council raised over $1,000 that was donated to Crest View Elementary School.

VISUAL ARTS:
A new lower school art room, complete with a kiln, opened to enhance our students’ visual art experience.

BLOOD DRIVES:
We partnered with Memorial Blood Centers to host two blood drives, collecting 94 units of blood.

ELITE INFLUENCERS:
Maple Grove Magazine featured senior Elie Krieg in their Elite Influencers issue.
ACHIEVEMENTS

BAPTISM:
Sixteen upper school students were baptized in the water baptism chapel service.

TIM HAWKINS:
Comedian Tim Hawkins returned for two shows and performed in front of over 4,200 fans, raising $18,000 in non-tuition revenue for the school.

HOMECOMING DANCE:
MCA hosted its first-ever Homecoming dance for Grades 9–12.

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES:
Maranatha’s growing international program graduated 13 seniors.

POSITIVE ATHLETE AWARD:
Isaiah Coleman and Lily Fabienke were honored with the Positive Athlete award, a celebration of young athletes who have overcome difficult circumstances, given back to their schools and communities in a significant way, or just have an infectious positive attitude that makes everyone around them a better person.
I am so blessed to be able to give a good report for the 2018–2019 school year for the Development Office. Every year, the MCA Fund grows as more families, businesses, and individuals make charitable gifts or contribute to school fundraisers. The MCA Fund provides the resources to go above and beyond for our students, in recent years funding the Lower School Learning Commons, and the STEAM Center. This past year, we received $400,709. Many of you contributed to this fund either directly or through promotion of fundraisers and other events, and I want to personally thank you for your generosity.

I encourage you to look at the advances in innovative curriculum, collaborative spaces, and program excellence that our students enjoy every day. These blessings have been made possible by the continued support of the MCA Fund by community members such as you.

Respectfully,

Trevor Christian
Development Director

What’s the Difference?
Some parents have asked, what’s the difference between the MCA Fund and fundraisers? Isn’t it all revenue for the school? In essence, yes, the MCA Fund is a vehicle by which our enrolled families, alumni, and friends of the Academy donate needed dollars for school-year specific projects and initiatives. Fundraising provides MCA families the opportunity to share our mission with others outside of the school community, asking for their support. These limited events always have a service or outreach focus to them.

MCA FUND & FUNDRAISERS REPORT

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<th>Net Revenues</th>
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<td>2018–19 MCA Fund Contributions</td>
<td>$287,909</td>
<td>$272,812</td>
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<td>2018 Tim Hawkins Show</td>
<td>$21,581</td>
<td>$18,313</td>
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<td>2018 Meals for Minneapolis</td>
<td>$65,754</td>
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<td>2018 Misc. Fundraisers</td>
<td>$2,658</td>
<td>$2,621</td>
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<td>Total Fundraisers</td>
<td>$89,993</td>
<td>$72,005</td>
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Total MCA Fund/Fundraisers | $377,902 | $344,817 |
MCA strives to use creative and non-intrusive ways to raise additional revenue, which is necessary for the Academy to insure excellence and continual improvement. We aim to strike a balance of raising funds, yet limit the burden we place on our families. Here are the various ways we raise much needed funds.

TIM HAWKINS
One of comedy's biggest stars, Tim Hawkins, returned to Maranatha Christian Academy and performed in front of over 4,200 fans during his two shows in the fall of 2018. From his hilarious jokes and skits to his songs that brings the audience to tears from continuous laughter, Tim did not disappoint. The school has been blessed to organize these performances and raise non-tuition revenue. This past year, Maranatha raised $18,313.

MEALS FOR MINNEAPOLIS
In what marked the fifth consecutive year MCA hosted the Meals for Minneapolis event, students, staff, and friends of the Academy gathered to pack over 35,000 meals for local food shelves. This marquee event combines a powerful outreach for the community and an incredible fundraiser for the school. In total, Maranatha families and staff raised $51,071. We would like to thank our Title Sponsor, Mike Matheson and the Financial Dimensions Group for their support.

GALA
In the spring of 2019, Maranatha hosted The Greatest Gala. A full room of guests enjoyed a festive social hour with carnival theme, complete with games, cotton candy, and carnival-style appetizers. Guests then entered a beautifully decorated ballroom for dinner, the traditional dessert auction, and program. It was a wonderful night that helped raised necessary funds for the cafeteria renovation.

2018–2019 Fundraisers
2020 GALA
Back to the 80’s
Thursday, April 16
Purchase your tickets today at mcamustangs.org/gala