



CORNING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2021-2022

ANNUAL REPORT

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The mission of Corning Christian Academy is to raise leaders by Biblically equipping students with faith, knowledge, and wisdom to advance the Kingdom of God.

love. serve. lead.



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OUR HISTORY

Corning Christian Academy, which began as the Christian Learning Center (CLC), is a cooperative ministry providing Christian education. CLC opened its doors to twenty-one K-third-grade pupils in September 1982 in the Beartown Road C & M A Church in Gang Mills. Grades 4-6 were added in September 1983, when the school moved to the old Cinderella Building on Spruce Street in Corning. Each successive year another upper-level grade was added, with additional space leased in 1986 from the Nazarene Church on Hamilton Road in Painted Post.

In February of 1987, the entire CLC program moved to the educational wing of the newly constructed Victory Highway Wesleyan Church. A 4-year-old pre-K program was added in September 1987, and CLC's first seniors graduated in June 1990. The CLC high school was registered by the New York State Board of Regents on July 26, 1991, and was chartered as an educational corporation on April 29, 1992. The "Little Lambs Christian Learning Center", a three and four-year-old preschool program with extended care options, opened in September of 1991, and grades 7-12 relocated to the former St. Vincent De Paul School on Ellicott Street in Corning.

The "Little Lambs CLC" and grades K-6 moved over to join the high school in August of 1992. In 1998 and 1999, high school classes were held in the Cinderella Building on Spruce Street.

July 1, 2002, the school name was changed to Corning Christian Academy to better reflect our identity.

A satellite location for Little Lambs, entitled "Little Lambs, Too!" opened in September of 1997 in Gang Mills, providing a morning preschool program for children in the Erwin area. Additional satellite locations in other communities may be opened as deemed necessary.

In May 2005, the deed to the Cpl. Frank Hayes Army Reserve Center was passed from the United States Department of Education to the Christian Learning Center granting us a home of our own. After weeks of preparation, the doors were opened to our students in September 2005.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2021-2022 was a rewarding year for CCA. The school continued to Love, Serve, and Lead as the students practiced loving and serving each other, and grew in being leaders in their classes and in the school. One tangible result was having several students recognized as Everyday Hero's in the community and one of our seniors won Best of Show at the CMOG art show.

CCA continued to be passionate about excellence in education while building a strong spiritual climate and fostering a family atmosphere. Our students were challenged by a rigorous academic program that incorporates Biblical principles throughout the curriculum while meeting or exceeding state standards.

Although the Covid requirements were somewhat less this year, our teachers and staff did an amazing job managing the still challenging protocols, and the school successfully followed all of the prescribed NYS Department of Health guidelines.

Fortunately, we were able to have our Spring Spectacular in person and along with a fun night out, we held an exciting in-person and online auction that helped us reach our fundraising budget. We were also able to hold our annual love.serve.lead.-a-thon in the fall, which was a huge success.

This past year the administration and board reviewed and updated the Strategic Plan rolled out in 2019. We re-affirmed three areas of focus: Financial Sustainability, Academic Excellence, and Community Perception. Specific goals and objectives for each area are being developed.

It continues to be a privilege and an honor for me to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Corning Christian Academy. CCA is blessed to have a Godly, dedicated, loving staff, faculty, and board that strives tirelessly to "raise leaders by Biblically equipping students with faith, knowledge, and wisdom to advance the Kingdom of God" God has richly blessed our school since 1982, and I know that He has great things planned for CCA in the future.

In Christ,

Gayle Bicknell
Chairman of the Board of Directors



ADMINISTRATOR



We had a wonderful year in our school. We have been blessed with dedicated teachers within our school, from our preschool through 12th grade, and we are thankful to continue to move forward academically while maintaining our strong Biblical emphasis in each subject and grade.

This school year Mrs. Jennifer Jamison was hired to cover several needs. She was our librarian, elementary technology teacher, and middle school history teacher.

We were grateful to have had a more normal year since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. We followed the updated NYS protocols for distancing, contact tracing, vaccination and testing requirements, and quarantines.

Our high school students participated in the NYS Regents exams that were offered this spring. We continued to work on meeting state standards, while maintaining our Biblically based curriculum, with a focus on physical and mental safety during the year.

The students in grades K-5 enjoyed music, art, library, technology, and PE classes each week, alongside their regular academic work. The art program this year covered many forms of drawing, painting, and ceramics, along with other mediums. Yearbook was offered in high school as an elective and the students created an 88-page, full-color yearbook. We also continued to offer Spanish as a foreign language, starting with introduction classes in sixth and seventh grades, and Spanish 1 in eighth grade.

Our art students participated in the Corning Museum of Glass Student Art Show. While many of our students earned awards for their submissions, our senior, Samuel Caldwell, was named Best in Show for his overall body of work.

We had the privilege of honoring four of our students as Everyday Heroes through the local First Heritage Federal Credit Union and WENY program and enjoyed a reception in the spring to celebrate them.

Our juniors and seniors were able to take online ACE courses through Corning Community College, earning dual high school and college credits.

We graduated 7 students in June. Our Valedictorian, Samuel Caldwell, will be attending the University of Buffalo in the fall, and our Salutatorian, Caden Nellis, will be attending Corning Community College.

Corning Christian Academy is proud to offer well-balanced, challenging courses while continuing to provide sound Biblical education.

Mrs. Underwood



DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



In an effort to grow enrollment, while keeping tuition costs affordable for more families, Corning Christian Academy relies heavily on the support and generosity of our greater community. We are a stand-alone school, and therefore have no other source of income apart from tuition and fundraisers. Throughout the year we host a variety of fundraisers and events that all contribute to our day-to-day operations as a school.

We were excited to kick off the school year with our first-ever, three-week long, love.serve.lead.-A-THON! We loved showing our community the heart of CCA by living out our mission to love everyone, serve our community and each other, and lead by example in all we do.

In November, we once again held the "Thanks for Giving" event to show appreciation to our donors. Our school wouldn't be where we are today without the generosity of so many faithful donors!

In December, we honored our community pastors with a Pastor Appreciation Chapel and Breakfast. It is always a blessing to have these men and women come into the school and have the opportunity to thank them for all that they do!

We were so thankful to gather, once again, in April for our Spring Spectacular Gala event held at Three Birds in Corning. We loved the fellowship we shared with school faculty and family as well as members of the community who came out to support the school. In addition, we were able to raise over \$25,000 through the Spring Spectacular auction fundraiser!

We are grateful for the churches, organizations, and individuals that continue to support us through financial gifts and prayer. If you are interested in partnering with us and investing in the future of CCA and in the lives of our students, please feel free to contact me. Your giving allows us to reach further and affect more lives for the glory of God.

In Christ,
Erin Hughson
Director of Development



FINANCIAL REPORT

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Operations (In Dollars)			
Income	\$994,700	\$1,164,104	\$843,173
Expenses	\$847,647	715,966	\$707,950
Net Profit or Loss	\$92,816	448,138	\$135,223
Cash on Hand	\$486,875	294,764	\$108,792
Donors			
Parents	55	50	26
Board and Staff	13	16	16
Churches	3	5	2
Other	92	205	112
Total Donors	163	276	156
Grants/Charitable Giving (In Dollars)			
United Way	\$4620	\$5,704	\$6,276
GE Foundation/Other Matching Gifts	\$500	\$0	\$400
Corning Foundation Matching Gifts	\$11,040	6,330	\$6,456
Corning Foundation	\$21,500	15,000	\$25,000

Corning Christian Academy and Little Lambs Preschool are committed to working hard to ensure that our tuition is as affordable as possible. Our tuition funds cover approximately 70% of our school budget, and we rely on the generosity of our donors, special events and fundraising to help us meet our budgetary needs.



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ELEMENTARY

The goal of the Elementary team at Corning Christian Academy is to provide a strong academic education in a nurturing Christian environment. We have a faculty and staff of dedicated Christian educators to help us accomplish that goal. These early years are an important time of growth and development in the life of a young person. We are pleased that on top of our academics, we offer a well-rounded education with classes in physical education, music, art, technology, and library each week.





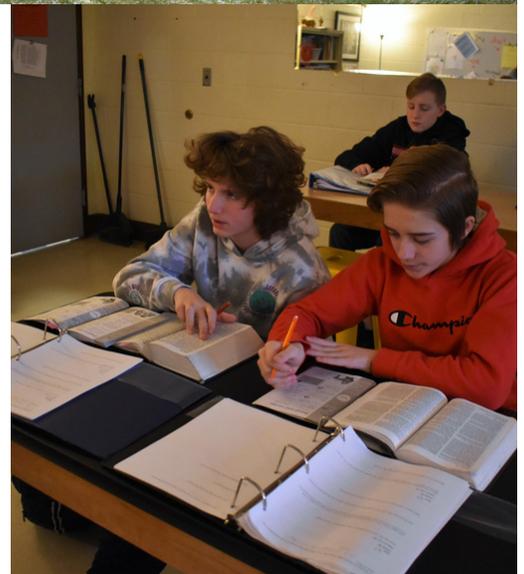
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our 6th-8th grade program focuses on our student's "whole" development. Academic excellence, fine arts opportunities, and interscholastic athletic programs give productive outlets to the abundant energy of our middle school students.

Our Staff manages their instructional environments with great expertise and sensitivity to each student's spiritual, social, and emotional needs.

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HIGH SCHOOL

CCA is a place where we try to live out the love of our Lord Jesus Christ on a daily basis. A place where teachers and staff are dedicated to training students to explore, in Christ, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and grow them in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. A place where students receive an outstanding education and are trained to use their minds to explore God's truth and to unlock the mysteries of His creation. A place where students are equipped to discover and live out God's unique plan and purpose for his or her life. A place where our students can become leaders, not only of their future but leaders for today.





LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

The Little Lambs Preschool is an academic and spiritually based program under the direction of the Corning Christian Academy. Little Lambs is open to all residents regardless of race, creed, or nationality. The teaching staff consists of excellent people with a keen love for children and experience in early childhood education.

In the field of early childhood education, the preschool years may be the most transformative. We are blessed to watch our students not only grow physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially, but spiritually as well. Each day is structured around their growing needs, and the year is filled with exciting field trips, classroom visitors, and varying experiences, building on an educational foundation that is based on biblical truth and learning to love God.





MUSIC AND ART





SUMMER VIP

Since 1992, Corning Christian Academy and Little Lambs Preschool have been offering parents affordable and fun summer activities for students from Pre-K through Grade 5. Vacation Instruction Program (VIP) days are packed full of stimulating, fun activities and new experiences. Each Friday is the exciting finale of that week's theme. Swimming, outdoor water play, field trips, guest speakers, games, and theme-related crafts are all part of the summer program. The 2022 VIP program ran from June 20th - August 19th and had 48 children enrolled.

Mrs. Nicole O'Rourke, VIP Coordinator





CCA ATHLETICS





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PTSF

PTSF provided a variety of family events throughout the year including Fall Night and the Ice Cream Social.





ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Staff

Keila Underwood - Administrator
Erin Hughson - Director of Development
Edward Rhyne - Operations Manager
Nicole O'Rourke - Office Manager
Jennifer Brois - Financial Clerk
Bethany Pifer - Foodservice Director
Mark Gilbert - Foodservice Assistant
Elyssa Schreppel - Foodservice Support
Duane Stratton - Custodian
Don Walter - IT
Megan Norvel - School Support
Jadie Case - School Support

Little Lambs Preschool

Nicole O'Rourke - Coordinator
Brianna Tucker - LL3 Teacher
Katie Lesso - Aide
Florence Ward - LL4 Teacher
Cherri Kennedy - Aide

Clubhouse

Megan Norvel
Juliana Sowinski
Florence Ward
Janice Snapp
Brianna Tucker
Ashlyn Palombo
Caden Nellis

Board of Directors

Gayle Bicknell—Chairman
Aspyn Landis - Vice Chairman
Steve Ormsby - Secretary
Andrew Benjamin
Steve Polzella

Faculty

Kelly Bublavý - Kindergarten
Jennifer Neff - 1st Grade
Tracy Howard - 2nd Grade
Melanie Weimer - 3rd Grade
Tara Hobson ('90) - 4th Grade
Ginger Ryall - 5th Grade
Stacy Thomas - Middle School Math and Bible
Dr. James Boris - Bible and History
Pamela Santon - English
Carmen Pickering - Science
Dr. Edward Rhyne - Chemistry/Consumer Math
Sandra Perkins - Spanish
Jessica Jamison - Algebra/Geometry/Makerspace
Jennifer Jamison - Middle School History
Tracey Caldwell - Long-Term Substitute

Specials

Juliana Sowinski - Art
Jennifer Jamison - Library/Technology
Melvin Williams - Music



2021-2022 ORGANIZATION

Coaches

Girls Soccer - Brent Underwood/Andrew Hughson
Girls Basketball - Chris Simmons
Boys Basketball - Steve Polzella
Girls Volleyball - Stacy Thomas
Boys Volleyball - John Hunter

Summer VIP

Nicole O'Rourke - Coordinator
Stacy Thomas
Megan Norvel
Flo Ward
Cheri Kennedy
Karis Underwood
Kate Hobson
Ashlyn Palombo
Caden Nellis

District Services

Nurse - District as needed
Speech - Janice Green
OT - Katie Mahoney
Resource Room - Jennifer Burkhalter

Volunteers (daily/weekly)

Tracy Caldwell
Lia Wood
Saunseray Benjamin
Hope Howell





KEY VALUES

We believe our job is to nurture and educate the whole person.

We believe in preparing students for effective Christian living in today's world.

We believe our passion is to provide a warm and loving Christian atmosphere for learning.

We believe in providing a safe and drug-free environment for learning.

We want to live our lives in a way that will draw students closer to God.

We believe our students are capable of outstanding achievements.





SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

Here are some of the ways for you to invest in CCA:

- Donations of any amount may be mailed or brought to the school. You may also go online to donate and set your monthly or one-time gift.
- Give appreciated stock or other property/real estate. When you give stock or property to CCA, we'll sell it and you won't have to pay all the capital gains tax you would have paid had you sold it yourself. Your gift will be deductible at its full fair market value on its date of delivery if you have held it for more than one year.
- Invest in a life income plan or another of the charitable estate planning strategies that are available. A life income gift provides you with payments for the rest of your life and CCA with support thereafter. If you use appreciated securities that you've owned longer than a year to fund the gift, you will be entitled to an income tax deduction based, in part, on the charitable portion of the securities' full value, in addition to eliminating up-front capital gains tax.
- Donate an insurance policy. A gift of a life insurance policy you no longer need makes a perfect year-end gift. To qualify as a deductible gift, CCA must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy—whichever is less.
- Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support our school every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price to your chosen charitable organization. To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to smile.amazon.com. You use the same account on Amazon.com and Amazon Smile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, and other account settings are also the same. On your first visit to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization (Christian Learning Center-Corning, NY) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.
- You can sign up for Tops for Education and up to 5% of your shopping will go to the school.
- We collect used ink cartridges and return them to Staples for rebates.