



2020-21 Annual Report



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Our Heritage Families

Volunteer their time

Volunteers are an integral part of Heritage Christian Academy's tight knit family environment. Heritage is very grateful for each and every volunteer who contributes their time, resources, talents and skills. Volunteers allow our faculty to spend more time working directly with our students. Volunteers can help further the mission of Heritage in any number of ways, anyone with a servant's heart won't be turned away. Whatever your passions, skills, talents, or time constraints are there's a way for you to get plugged into the Heritage community. Volunteering is a great way to see firsthand how God is doing great things in the lives our students every day. It's also a great way to get to know our students, faculty and other families on a more personal level while both serving and fellowshiping with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Over the summer our administration added Chamonix Rink to the front office team to serve as Volunteer Coordinator, making it easier for you to find the perfect volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in serving Christ's students and facility at Heritage Christian Academy, Chamonix will find a perfect fit for you.



**Our
Volunteers**

Our Admin

A Message from Our Administrators

Dear Heritage Community,

Before students entered the doors of the school building in August 2020, the staff, faculty, and school board stood outside the front door praying for the upcoming academic year. The Covid 19 pandemic had not abated. The large school districts in Larimer County made the decision to keep the doors of their school buildings closed and planned to teach students remotely. Heritage Christian Academy made a different decision, planning to open the front door of our building to in-person instruction and learning. On that August morning, we had no idea what the immediate future held, but we believed God was making a way for us in the midst of uncertainty. As we followed, we grew.

Grew in numbers. Because of HCA's Biblical distinctives and commitment to excellence, several families from other schools chose to enroll their students at Heritage. God expanded the Heritage community and simultaneously increased the impact of faculty and staff on the lives of young people.

Grew in capacity. The increase in student enrollment brought blessings and challenges. Growth in student enrollment combined with the challenges of conducting in-person instruction during the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges for faculty, staff, and students. All faculty and staff members had to physically and mentally adjust to wearing masks, remaining socially distanced, and enforcing social distancing rules among a growing student population. Students had to adapt to a changed learning environment. Those required adjustments to daily practices added emotional stress for all. The spiritual challenge that arose was to trust that God would provide the strength, grace, peace, energy, and wisdom needed for each day. Even on the hardest days, God faithfully provided all that we needed. As we walked in His provision, our capacity to creatively meet the demands of the day grew as the year progressed.

Grew in knowledge and wisdom. Moving through the blessings and challenges of the 2020-2021 academic year deepened the reality that every day is a gift from God. Faculty and staff continually refined practices to adapt to everchanging social, academic, and spiritual culture. Students engaged in learning activities, completed projects, conducted community outreach, passed exams, presented 8th grade portfolios and Senior theses, took AP exams, and graduated from kindergarten and high school. HCA athletes competed truncated seasons; sports banquets were held in July. Each milestone event represented our corporate growth in knowledge and wisdom gained through adversity while trusting God. As we followed, we grew.

God's faithfulness marked every day of the 2020-2021 academic year. *"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living"* Heb.1:11 . Through faith, HCA experienced a year of growth and God's blessing!

HCA Administration,

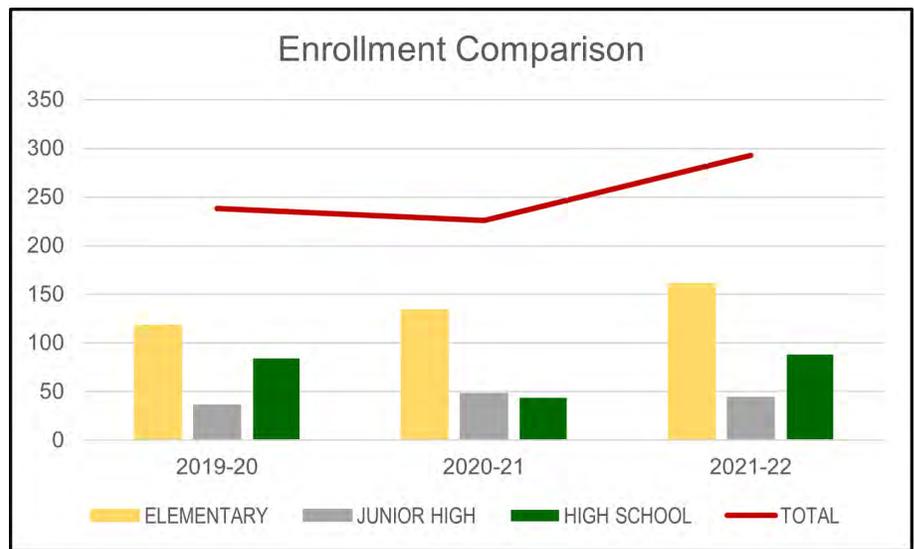
Brian Ness
Dr. Liz Pike
Mike Cuckler

How COVID-19 Impacted Enrollment

In March 2020, parents and families had their lives flipped upside down with the outbreak of Covid-19. Schools all over the world were abruptly closed and students, parents and teachers were forced to quickly adapt to online learning. The amazing team at Heritage rose to the occasion and provided a outstanding virtual classroom for the students.

That summer, families in Northern Colorado were faced with so many decisions. Heritage was one of the few schools in the area that offered in-person learning and we saw the enrollment climb. Families were eager to get their children back IN school and many left their previous school to come to Heritage, hoping for a better option.

The 2021-22 school year looks a lot different from the previous year. All schools are now open and those families who had to seek alternative options last year, were now able to return to their original schools... But as the school year approaches, it is exciting to see so many of those families choose to stay at Heritage. Families found that Heritage was the right choice for them, seeing the value of a Christ-centered education, the tight community and the teachers and staff at Heritage. Word is spreading that there is something great at our school and we continue to see tours and increasing enrollment numbers.



As the school year begins, Heritage is seeing strong enrollment numbers, with waitlists for some classes. It is so exciting to see that not surprisingly, our God has once again shined above hard times to bring families to Heritage. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. Psalm 145:13 A school anchored by Christ and His vision for us, Heritage is excited to see what the year ahead looks like as we are reminded once again of God's promise!

We are loving the ability to go in person. My daughter is in fifth grade and she just wrote the sweetest letter. And gave Miss Packard a Snickers Bar and just said she feels like God called her there. so she's loving it. I was on a walk with my ninth grade son and he said the teachers are active in my life there they are so nice, i love it so much more than my other schools. I can tell a big difference, we just notice a real peace in their hearts and we know they're at the right place and I'm just so excited as a mother that they are doing well because when they don't do well at school they don't really do well at home. ~ Jessica Daley



Our Board

Strategic Planning *Goals for the Future*

One of the responsibilities of the HCA Board is to define a Five-Year Strategic Plan. A Strategic Plan is a document the Board uses to communicate with the Administration and the School Body the long range goals it sees the Lord leading Heritage to drive to and the actions needed to achieve those goals. The Strategic Plan, coupled with the HCA Mission and Vision, is used by both the HCA Administration and the HCA Board to prayerfully make decisions each day, each week, and each month.

Every year during its annual retreat, the Board reviews the Strategic Plan to ensure that the roadmap it lays out still fits the path the Lord has for the school. Every two or three years, the Board undertakes a more in-depth assessment and update of our Strategic Plan, which helps to extend it out to a five year perspective.

This school year, the Board launched a Strategic Planning Committee, led by Jason Kraft. Under Jason's leadership, the Lord blessed our efforts and brought a group of six HCA parents together along with five teachers and administration, and five Board Directors to update our Strategic Plan. Through initial discussions, the Committee was subdivided into five teams focused on the following areas:

1. Facilities
2. Communications and Alumni
3. Development
4. Enrichment
5. School Experience

Each team worked diligently to assess the current state of their area and understand opportunities for the school to grow and improve to better serve our families, our students, and our Lord. A set of recommendations from each team was presented to the Board for prioritization and consideration. This is one of the more difficult responsibilities of the Board — look at a large set of opportunities, knowing that the school only has the capacity to properly execute on a small number of initiatives at any given time, and make the difficult choices on which opportunities to engage in now and which opportunities need to be considered at a later time.

The final decision of the Board was to launch strategic initiatives focusing on three of the areas.

1. Facilities: Establish a Facilities Partnership with FoCEF to ensure continued improvement of HCA's building and grounds
2. Communications: Create a unified and consistent communication experience for our stakeholders
3. School Experience: Expand HCA's Mental Health Support Systems

The Board is extremely grateful to the many parents who sacrificed their time and energy to support this year's update to the HCA Strategic Plan.

Investments in our Facilities



Our faculty and staff are special; and spend precious time preparing materials in the newly organized and functional Faculty Lab. They now can experience a “get-a-way” in the newly painted and decorated Faculty Cafe. The majority of the work, materials, furniture, moving, and hauling was donated. Thanks to the Kraft Family, Pool Family, Bob Weant, Harold Garrison, Arlene Samuelson, Monica Sheppard, and Chris Hansen (retired art teacher) who organized and collected donations for the newly installed sink in the Cafe!



The gaga ball pit was filled with new “breeze” product generously donated by Hageman’s!



Our playground space in the parking lot is now safely secured by our new crowd barriers. Even the high schoolers appreciate not running after get-a-way balls when playing basketball or 4-square.

Facilities

Our Family

Generations of Blessings

Alumni who now teach at Heritage

We consider ourselves blessed by the amazing Heritage faculty that we have each year. Here, we wanted to highlight those on our faculty that are also Heritage alumni! We are proud that Heritage was able to minister to them as they were growing up and are now able to see those same students serve as faculty to minister to the next generation of students.



Stephanie (Wichelman) Wickham

Class of 2010, Drama (retired)

When Mrs. Fedde and Mrs. Smith retired, Mike Cuckler reached out to me asking me to interview for the Drama director position. I have loved acting and theater since I was little. I had the lead role in my 3rd grade play and from then on I was involved in music and theater throughout my life. I lettered twice in drama at HCA, directed a student-led play my Senior year, and was stage manager for my second semester Senior play. I knew I always wanted to be a part of the arts, but knew it was not an easy career field, so I made a choice to pursue a more “realistic” career path in college. (I went to college for Speech Pathology and Audiology and I hold a BS in that field, with minors in Psychology and Theater Arts). But God had other plans for me. The year after I graduated college, I was

in a place where I wasn't sure what my next step was. Looking back, God had me in a season of waiting for His plans, not mine. I am thankful daily that I had the opportunity to take the foundations of what Kari and Heather had created to continue to build up the drama program at HCA. I knew I wanted to challenge the program to go further than before; to create a space to not only teach acting skills, but playscript analysis and character development skills among a variety of other techniques in theater arts. I hope that I have set up the next generation to continue to succeed and challenge students to look at storytelling in new and different ways.

Stephanie's husband, Aaron Wickham (class of 2010) was also involved with the drama set designs and builds.

Isaac Bowen

Class of 2015 / Teaches 8-11 English, Yearbook Advisor, Drama

Isaac has his B.A. Degree in History with an English minor and a Social Studies Teaching concentration.

I was so blessed by my time at Heritage as a student that I wanted to come back to help continue this school's special spiritual legacy. As a student, Heritage provided me with spiritual mentors that stayed in contact with me after graduating, and it helped provide me with the academic and critical thinking skills that I needed to survive in the world. Most importantly, it influenced, inspired, and informed a deep personal faith in God that was built to withstand any challenges the outside world might bring against it. I knew that if I returned as a teacher, I would have opportunities at Heritage that would not present themselves elsewhere. I would be able to speak into student's lives (potentially) from grades 7-12, instead of just one semester. Most importantly, unlike at a public school, I wouldn't be forced to “stop short” when teaching my subject, unable to delve into the deeper worldview questions that a serious study of any subject leads to. Instead, at Heritage I am able to make faith the very center of my content.





Alicia Gibson (Lans)

Class of 2013 / Teaches 1st Grade

Mrs. Gibson attended the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and received a degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in language arts. When asked "Why did you come back to Heritage and join the faculty?" she responded with; I just knew there were things about Heritage from my time as a student such as the smaller class sizes, teacher involvement with students, and the importance of faith, that were all qualities I wanted in a school environment where I would some day teach. Heritage has always felt like home, even more so now that I am surrounded by a community of teachers dedicated to loving Christ and loving people.

Russ Bruxvoort

Class of 1988, 6th Grade Teacher

Russ attended Colorado Christian University and received a degree in youth ministry. He also earned a masters in educational leadership from CSU. When asked "Why did you desire to teach at Heritage?", Russ replied "I remember being in my senior year bible class thinking how cool it would be to teach at Heritage because I loved it so much." All three of Mr. Bruxvoort's children are also Heritage Alumni.



Candace Whitner

Class of 2010 / High School History and Drama



I attended King University in Bristol, Tennessee where I double majored in Music and History with a minor in Intercultural Studies. I have always had a passion and interest in teaching, as well as a love of studying about and experiencing cultures from around the world through travel and getting to know people from those cultures and countries. God has blessed me with a great many opportunities to travel, some of which included teaching English as a second language. Through those experiences, many of which I could not openly share my faith, I found how great a joy it is to build relationships and help students see God in unique ways and spark a curiosity to know Him, even in the most seemingly ordinary of things. I believe God uses both the unique and shared experiences to bring about the revelation of His truth in our own lives and in our ministry, both at home and abroad. It is here where I have found my love of teaching and ministry and what brought me to teach at Heritage. Living in Fort Collins again, I had the opportunity to apply at Heritage, a

school which had a significant impact in my own journey with the Lord from Kindergarten to graduation. I am so thankful to have had these years to teach at Heritage and hope to have many more to come!"

Amelia Bruck

Class of 2020 / Athletic Secretary

Amelia graduated Heritage in 2020 and is now back working in the Athletics Program and helping in Elementary classrooms. She has her Liberal Art Associates degree and an Early Childhood Education certificate.



Alumni Faculty

Our Students

Our Students Q&A about this year's COVID procedures

Ben Yarmer

9th Grade during 2020-21 school year

What was the hardest part of school this past year with the COVID restrictions?

When it came to interacting with classmates, especially with group projects that required hands-on work, it was especially hard when we couldn't be close together.

What was good about the school year with the abnormal COVID year?

Everyone had their own spot for lunch so we could have a bubble with our own class. Everyone bonded in the class, more than previous years. Smaller groups formed and the class really had a fun time getting to know each other and developing a sense of togetherness.



Jesse Wiant

5th Grade during 2020-21 school year

What was the hardest part of school this past year with the COVID restrictions?

I didn't really notice a difference. The really hard part was when we had to do school from home when the school closed and when we had to quarantine.

What was good about the school year with the abnormal COVID year?

We got to be in the school with our friends, learning was easier and we didn't have to wear masks.

Sean Montgomery

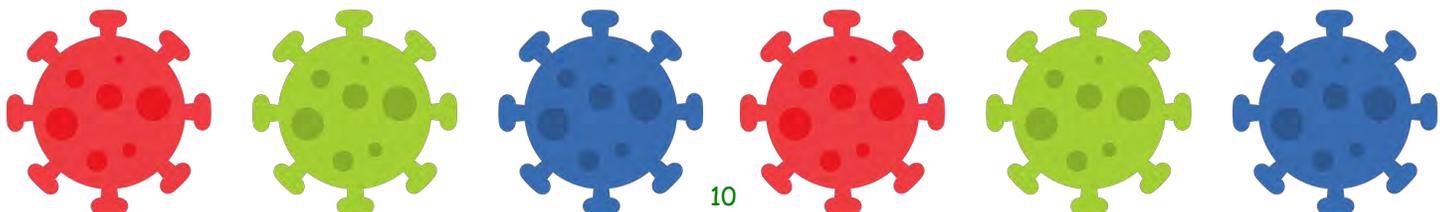
3rd Grade during 2020-21 school year

What was the hardest part of school this past year with the COVID restrictions?

It was a pretty normal year, I didn't notice many things that were different. We got to be at school together with our friends.

What was good about the school year with the abnormal COVID year?

It was really hard for me when we had to do online learning. I'm glad we were back in school last year with my friends. It was a good year.





Our Alumni

HCA Instilled a Foundation to Succeed After Graduation

Grace Heneveld

Class of 2014

Senior Corporate Accountant at Prologis

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The academic skills I was taught during my time at Heritage have aided me greatly in my continuing academic studies. I graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Colorado Denver in 2017, and recently graduated with my Masters from the same institution. Heritage taught me many skills that have aided in these academic endeavors, including how to write, study, and exceed in projects. I attribute the ease of my transition into higher academic disciplines to the skills I learned during my time at Heritage. In addition, the critical thinking skills I was taught have proved invaluable to me as an adult. The ability to think critically has impacted and enhanced every area of my life, from making personal decisions to exceeding in my career. It is what I give thanks for most often when remembering my time at Heritage.

AUTHENTIC FAITH

The spiritual foundation I was given during my time at Heritage has also been invaluable to me. My faith has stayed intact through the many trials and tests that have come my way since graduating from Heritage. Heritage taught me how to seek the Lord and what it means to grow in my faith. I learned the importance of building time for him into my routine, and how He should form the foundation of every area of my life. I learned to look for him in everything and exclude him from nothing. Heritage helped me form a solid foundation so I could remain strong in my faith no matter what came my way.

NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

My fondest memories of Heritage are the teachers and faculty members that impacted my life. From the time I spent with Mrs. Belmarez in the front office to the support from Mrs. Humphrey before my AP Bio test, my memories are full of teachers and faculty members who went above and beyond to support me, to love on me, and to be a constant presence of wisdom in my life. I am forever grateful for the individuals who helped shape me into the person I am today.

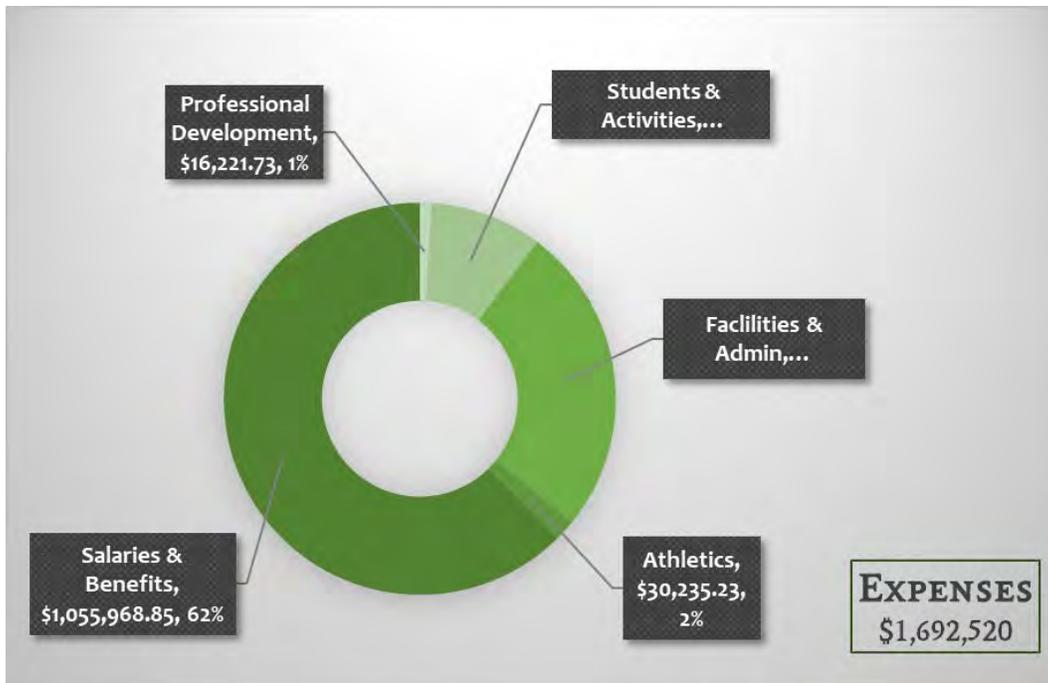


The time I spent at Heritage absolutely equipped me to live a fulfilling, Christ-centered adult life with a focus on being a servant leader. I take this attitude with me into all areas of my life. I strive to be a servant leader in my Denver church, where I have served faithfully as a member of their team for almost six years. I work for a very large, global real estate company, and my Biblical worldview has helped guide me in how to love my coworkers and be the best asset I can be to our accounting team. This attitude has enabled me to find great success and opportunity at my company, which allows me to impact even more people. I'm so grateful for everything Heritage taught me, and I don't believe a day goes by where I am not using some skill that I learned during my time there.



Our Finances

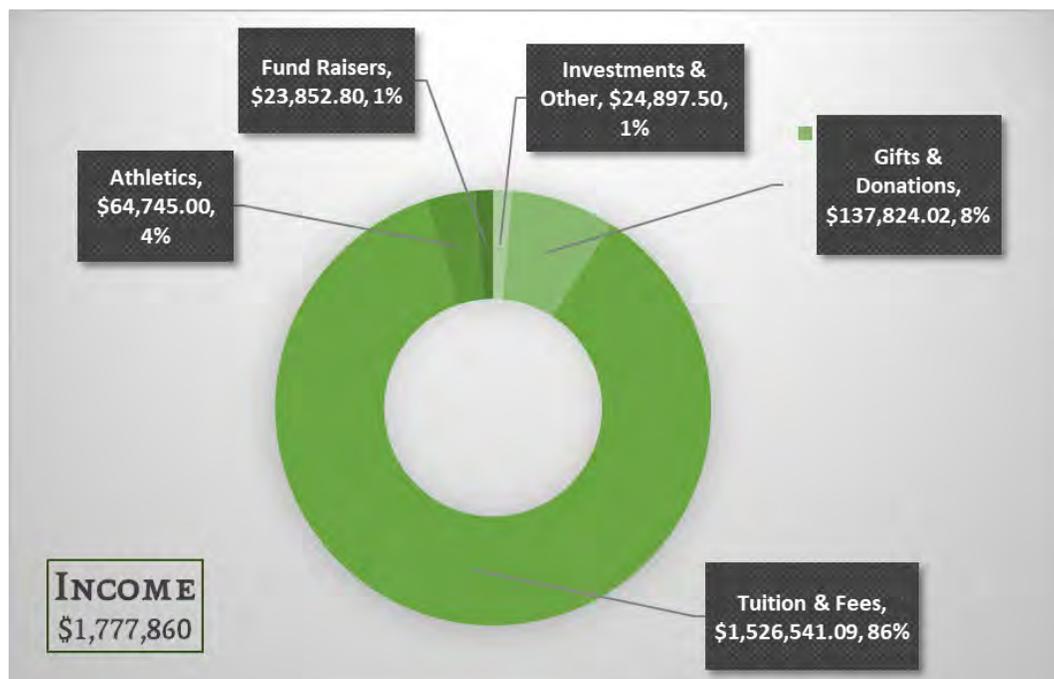
Financial and Fundraising Annual Report



The abrupt and disrupting arrival of Covid left Heritage's financial status in a very vulnerable position. The unknowns of the pandemic, personal finances, and what the new online learning meant to families could have had a huge impact on the financial position of Heritage. But the Lord reminds us that He cares about us, and we should trust that He will take care of our needs.

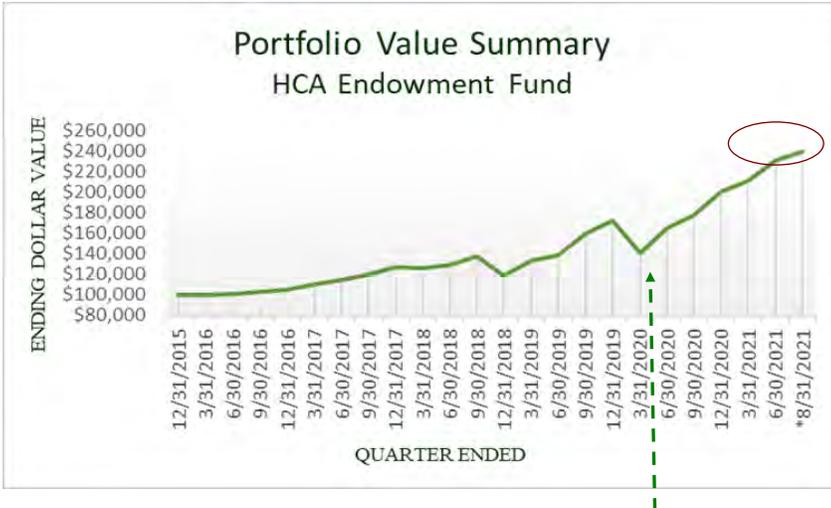
Paul explains in Philippians 4:19, "And my God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Heritage was blessed to maintain a positive balance last year through tuition and generous donations. We are blessed and He has provided to us, allowing us to continue sharing His gospel.

"To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen...."
Philippians 4:20



Endowment Report

2021 Highlights



YTD 8-31-2021

COVID CRASH

- ◆ \$5,000 contributions in May 2021 (by private donor)
- ◆ Within \$10,680 of our initial \$250,000 Growth Goal. ***To God be the Glory!***
- ◆ Despite the Delta Variant (COVID), growth was at 17% YTD 2021 and used reserve cash during volatility as a ballast in preservation of assets
- ◆ No income distributions during 2021
- ◆ No changes in funds nor allocation strategies
- ◆ “Investment Policy Statement” is for “Moderate Aggressive” Strategy & Long-Term Time Horizon toward goal to accumulate \$250,000 prior to use of income

Portfolio summary

Original Investment:
\$100,300

Current Assets 8-31-2021:
\$ 239,320

Cumulative Income Earned:
\$13,013 (Approximately)

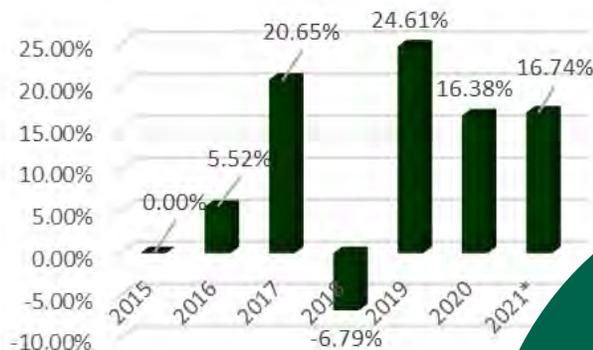
Liquidity Needs:
LOW

Investment Objective:
MODERATE AGGRESSIVE
(10% - 30% Fixed Income &
70% - 90% Equities)

Time Horizon: “Multi-Stage”
Stage 1 — Growth to \$250,000
Stage 2 — Income Generation

Endowment Historical Returns TOTAL

Period Ended: Aug 31, 2021



Financial Reports

Our Partners

Heritage Christian Foundation

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Heritage Christian Foundation

In 2007, Friends of Christian Education Foundation (FOCEF) was founded with the purpose of providing facilities and other financial support to Heritage Christian Academy. Since our inception, the Foundation focused on property management and construction. Though these activities are still core to the Foundation, we are expanding our focus to fundraising on behalf of Heritage. As such, we will be using our other legal (dba) name **Heritage Christian Foundation (HCF)** for all future communications. We are the same organization with the same mission with an expanded focus on fundraising.

New and Retiring Foundation Board Members

The Foundation is comprised of volunteers who serve Heritage Christian Academy by focusing on facilities and financial support. This past year we added two new Directors to the Foundation while two longtime Directors concluded their service. Brent Holcombe recently joined the Foundation. Brent's wife Cathy serves as a Director on the HCA Board. Brent and Cathy have two children at Heritage and have hosted four international students. Jason Kraft, who previously served as a Director, rejoined the Foundation. Jason also serves as a Director on the HCA Board. Jason and Cheri have 4 children who attended Heritage.

Steve Lesondak and Jon Friedrich stepped down as Directors of the Foundation, concluding their long and dedicated service to the Foundation and Heritage. As many know, Steve and Jon are founding members of the Foundation and served for over 13 years. Their servant's heart, dedication, and efforts cannot be overstated; they will surely be missed. On behalf of the Foundation and Heritage Christian Academy, please join us in thanking Steve and Jon for their dedication and service.

Our Next Chapter: Land Purchase

After a decade of prayer, years of consideration and discussion, and 18-months of planning and negotiation, the Foundation purchased 13+ acres for the benefit of Heritage. The new property is located to the west and adjacent to our current property. All glory to God for His amazing provision. The Foundation Board and HCA Board appointed a joint committee that will lead the development of a master plan for the property. We want your input on how best to use this property to fulfill the vision and mission of Heritage. The committee will be reaching out in the coming months for your input and participation. Please join us!

Heritage Christian Foundation is the founding and supporting organization for Heritage Christian Academy. Legally formed as Friends of Christian Education Foundation (FOCEF), our mission is to provide facilities and financial support to HCA. We own and operate the building that houses HCA while leasing the remainder of the building to commercial tenants allowing us to use the net income from our operations to support the school. In addition to providing a below-market lease to HCA, we provide annual scholarships to HCA students, sponsor several annual HCA events, and provide other financial support when possible. Beginning in 2021, the Foundation is increasing our focus on fundraising. All to the Glory of God and the benefit of the students and families of HCA.

The Foundation of Heritage's “3 Pillars of Education”

At Heritage we have three “Pillars of Education” that lay out our philosophy for everything we do. These pillars support everything we stand for, how we operate, what our mission is and why we are here.

Authentic Faith
Academic Excellence
Nurturing Environment

We think it's important to share what the foundation of those pillars are. It's very simple, ***the foundation is the Bible***. Each pillar stands firmly on the unwavering truth of the Holy Bible. At Heritage Christian Academy we know without any hesitation or doubt that the Bible is the inerrant, perfect, and the authoritative word of God. Period. Simply put, the words we read in scripture come from the same voice and hold the same power and majesty as the words that spoke all creation into existence. We know that God's truth remains the same regardless of current cultural whims and doesn't change with time. Just as the Holy Spirit will never contradict the text of the Holy Scripture, our Pillars of Education cannot contradict or waiver from their Biblical foundation as they continue to hold up every aspect of learning and how the Lord is honored in our classrooms.



**Pillars of
Education**



Academic Assessments



● **DIBELS: Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills**

During the 2020-21 academic year, for the first time, HCA conducted Beginning of the Year (BOY), Middle of the Year (MOY), and End of the Year (EOY) benchmark DIBELS assessments with all students (n) in grades K-8. The data in Figure 1 reflects the BOY results, n = 167.

The data in Figure 2 represents the EOY results, n = 167.

The results indicate HCA students demonstrated growth in their literacy skills. In the coming year, teachers will receive professional development that will equip them to do monthly progress monitoring in their classrooms which will inform more targeted individual support for developing literacy skills.

STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math)

HCA launched a new STEAM program in 2020-21. In partnership with Colorado Early Colleges (CEC), all HCA students grades K – 8 received a Chrome Book on which they took courses from My Tech High (MTH). Examples of MTH courses include computer programming, digital photography, Lego robotics, and digital literacy. Grade K – 7 students also completed various KIWI Crates that allowed them to build a variety of projects such as, illuminated solar systems, electric pencil sharpeners, drip irrigation systems, and cannonball launchers. A few high school students participated in MTH courses for an elective credit. Drone photography and advanced digital photography were two popular choices. Teachers enthusiastically voted to participate in the program for 2021-22. Students grew in their familiarity and usage of technology as they used their Chrome Books for projects in all content areas. HCA looks forward to implementing this program with greater fidelity during 2021-22 being more familiar with the MTH courses and requirements.

IOWA Assessments

In 2020-21, HCA adopted the IOWA Assessments as our achievement testing tool. Testing took place in April, 2021. The scores of HCA students were interpreted through a large data base populated by private and public schools throughout the USA. Composite (average score of all content area assessments) Grade Equivalent Average (GEA) scores are represented in Table 1.

Aggregate HCA scores were above national average scores. Individual results were shared with students and families. Individual and composite data will be used to identify gaps in instruction and meet individual learning needs for the 2021-22 academic year.

PSAT Assessments

Students in grades 10 and 11 took the PSAT assessments during fall semester; students in grades 8 and 9 took the PSAT assessments in spring semester. Table 2 represents the test results in average grade level scores.



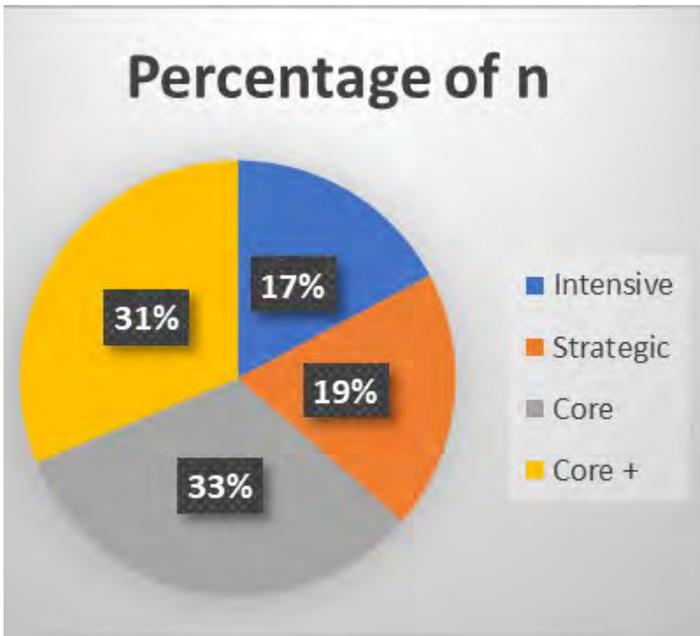


Figure 1: Beginning of Year Assessment

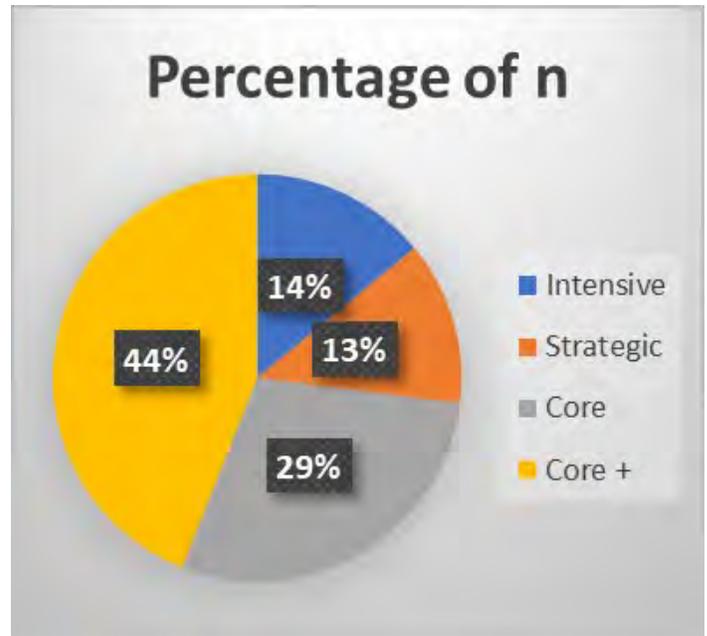


Figure 2: End of Year Assessment

Grade level	Number tested (n)	Composite GEA
Grade 1	19	2.4
Grade 2	22	3.2
Grade 3	16	4.7
Grade 4	17	5.7
Grade 5	18	6.5
Grade 6	17	7.8
Grade 7	23	9.5

Grade level	Mean total score	Mean ERW score	Mean Math score
8	954	487	466
9	915	475	440
10	965	504	461
11	1075	544	531

Heritage Christian Academy provides a great education while also helping our kids develop honorable character traits. Teachers and staff care for each of our children individually, and because of that, each of our kids feel that they have a place at Heritage. We feel very blessed to have been a part of HCA for 9 years!

~ Anonymous



Heritage Reviews

Why do you like Heritage?

In a recent survey, we asked families Why do you like Heritage and were overwhelmed by their responses. The responses confirm that our mission to create a nurturing environment of authentic faith and academic excellence is working due to the Lord's Blessings, the hard work of our faculty and staff, and the commitment of our families.

Thank you for your efforts to make Heritage what it is today!

Biblical foundations and worldview instruction

The incredible HCA community and the administration

The community and care of the teachers/faculty is unmatched

it's a great place for kids to grow in learning and their faith

HCA is a great learning environment

The Christian centered, classical education; the friendly staff and small class sizes

A great small school that is affordable and Christ focused

I love the small classes!

Great environment and teachers/staff make a huge difference

Moral, Christ-centered teaching, wonderful teachers who truly care about the kids

HCA feels like an extended family that loves my kids!

HCA is family

The Christian centered, classical education; the friendly staff and small class sizes

Biblical foundation

Great place for kids!

Great administration and teachers

Best school we have ever been to

Christian environment, loving staff, excellent academics and athletics

Love the school and staff

Amazing teachers, Christian teachings, ability for education to be individualized

Recommendation for Christian school, we have loved it

The Christian Education and Biblical Foundation it provides

I just had to send you a note to say you really did a good job in hiring Mrs. Brown. Vivian talks to me everyday for at least 20 minutes about what she is learning in school. She is so captivated by her & it sounds like Mrs. Brown just shares whatever knowledge she has throughout the day even if it isn't necessarily in the curriculum. Vivian was telling me all about the trees outside and what kind they are. It sounds like she's on the magic school bus or something. :) Thought I would brag on her.

~ Vanessa Houk

Google Reviews of Heritage Christian Academy

The way that prospective families look at Heritage has changed significantly through the years. Online content, including online reviews, are a significant source of data as families consider sending their students to Heritage. This year, Cathy Holcombe, an HCA Board Director, led an effort to increase the number of Google Reviews posted online for Heritage. Check out some of the reviews that are now available online for our wonderful school.

My kids go here and I would highly recommend this school. Great teachers and staff. -Dan Loucks

I wasn't sure what to expect when first visiting a Christian school. I thought it was possible to find pretense but have been so pleasantly surprised at the genuine faith of the teachers and staff. My kids are currently in their fourth year at Heritage and growing deeper roots of Faith each day. If you check Heritage out you will find a place of humble believers doing their best to shine Christ love in the school and in the world. We hope to be a part of this special Community for many years to come! -Sara Perea

I am very pleased with Heritage. My son has been here for 4 years. Sure the school is small, but that's what we like about it. Kids get more teacher time and they have stayed open during the pandemic which is VERY important to me. Kids NEED to be in school. I have never felt they were unsafe. I love the fact that it has a bus that stops in south Fort Collins and in Loveland. It's so helpful since I live in south Fort Collins. -Sara

Heritage Christian Academy in Fort Collins, CO provides continued academic excellence at all levels. The factuality and staff exceeds expectations on every level. Children are educated with a Christ centered focus that permeates all facets of instructional delivery. Truly HCA is a blessing to the community. -Amanda Silvestri



HCA is an amazing experience! The staff is so caring and has a love for the kids that runs deep. God is always the focus whether it's in classes or in sports. If you're looking for smaller style school that has a tight community and a care for their students in walking with Jesus and getting the education they need this is the one. -Jason Culotta

Family friendly environment where kids are nurtured and cared for. My teenage boys were provided a rock solid Christian education and have grown immensely in their spiritual development. I believe Heritage helped formed them into the kind hearted young adults they are today. -N.B.

This school has absolutely blown us away. Our children are in lower elementary. The staff at this school just naturally go above and beyond educating children to nurturing their individual little souls. It has been such a blessing to sit with teachers and have them share with me all of the little qualities about my children that make them unique. I can tell the environment at Heritage puts my kids at ease to be who they are and I know the staff desire to see their characters develop as well as their minds. In this environment, my children have thrived educationally. My husband and I are in awe of the desire for learning and creating they bring home with them. There are also so many involved parents & the school really feels peaceful and welcoming. Kids in all grades are known as they walk through the halls. Faculty & Staff are open to hearing any concerns you have and are quick to help develop a plan of action. Art and music is done so well also. Our children have each performed two or three times in the fall alone. The chapel is such a sweet time where kids gather, sing songs to the Lord and hear God's Word. Upper grade sports have some of the most amazing adults in Fort Collins for coaches. I encourage anyone interested in HCA to go and tour. I am very thankful our kids are here. -Vanessa H

Heritage Christian Academy provides a great education while also helping our kids develop honorable character traits. Teachers and staff care for each of our children individually, and because of that, each of our kids feel that they have a place at Heritage. We feel very blessed to have been a part of HCA for 9 years! -Kendra Bruck

Great in-person classroom experience for excited learners! -Kar R



If you would like to leave Heritage Christian Academy a review on Google, scan this QR Code to take you to the link!

Google Reviews

Sports Successes



With extracurricular activity getting back into full swing the student-athletes at HCA worked hard to not take the opportunity for granted. While seasons were shorter, re-arranged, and filled with new regulations, our HCA athletes proved ready for the task. Here are the remarkable results from the 2020-2021 athletic seasons:

Boys Cross Country – State Champions

Girls Cross Country – State Qualifiers

Boys Soccer – State Qualifiers

Girls Volleyball – Regional Qualifiers

Girls Basketball – State Qualifiers and League Champions

Boys Track – State Champions and League Champions

Girls Track – State Champions and League Champions



In every sport, each coaching staff had to adjust and adapt to so much this past year. They all did a phenomenal job, some even garnering recognition from both the Mile High League as well as the State. Beyond the arena, coaches play an important role in the lives of our student athletes, and we are so thankful for all the role that they play in developing these young men and women.

Drama Performances

Drama performances were also back on stage, with terrific performances of “Alice in Wonderland” and “Fairy Tale Courtroom”. The drama team didn’t skip a beat after missing out on delivering their performance of “Mary Pop pins”, and all the hard work resulted in two extremely entertaining productions this past school year. It is wonderful to have such a loved aspect of HCA back for friends and family to enjoy!



Mentorship

One area that makes HCA so special, is the ability to build relationships across all grade levels. Whether it’s high school athletes volunteering to help at Middle School summer camps, or book buddies helping younger students as they learn to read. Mentorship helps to build relationships that make HCA feel like family!

2021-22 Student Council Theme Renewal

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

~ Pslam 51:10

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Extracurricular Activities

HERITAGE TOMORROW

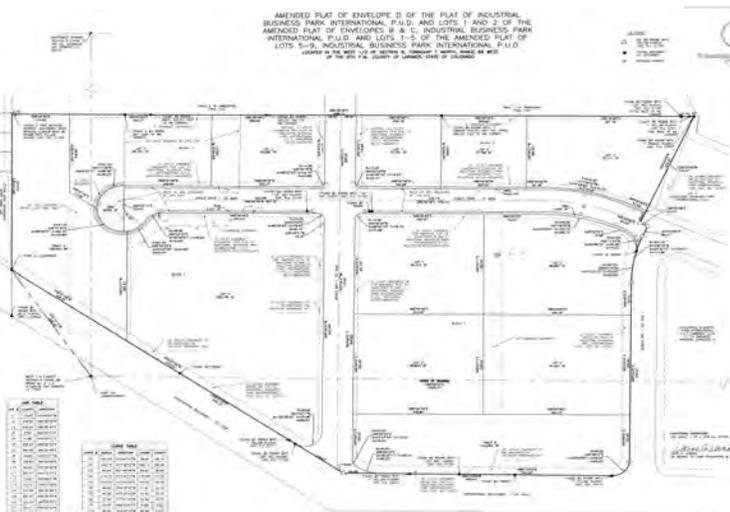
BUILDING ON THE LEGACY

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ***THE NEXT 50 YEARS***

Come Grow with Us

Psalm 16:3: Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Since 1970, Heritage Christian Academy in Fort Collins, Colorado has been equipping young people to live, work and engage their world for Christ. With the additional purchase of 13.5 acres of property adjacent to the west of our current campus by the Heritage Christian Foundation to the west of our current facility, we are now poised to serve Northern Colorado in a greater capacity than ever.



Our COVID-19 response

In March 2020, parents and families had their lives flipped upside down with the outbreak of Covid-19. Schools all over the world were abruptly closed and students, parents and teachers were forced to quickly adapt to online learning. The amazing team at Heritage rose to the occasion and provided a outstanding virtual classroom for the students.

That summer, families in Northern Colorado were faced with so many decisions. **Heritage was one of the few schools in the area that offered in-person learning** and we saw the enrollment climb. Families were eager to get their children back IN school and many left their previous school to come to Heritage, hoping for a better option.

The 2021-22 school year looks a lot different from the previous year. All schools are now open and those families who had to seek alternative options last year, were now able to return to their original schools... But as the school year approaches, it is exciting to see so many of those families choose to stay at Heritage. Families found that Heritage was the right choice for them, seeing the value of a Christ-centered education, the tight community and the teachers and staff at Heritage. Word is spreading that there is something great at our school and we continue to see tours and increasing enrollment numbers.

As the school year begins, Heritage is seeing strong enrollment numbers, with waitlists for some classes. It is so exciting to see that not surprisingly, our God has once again shined above hard times to bring families to Heritage. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. Psalm 145:13 A school anchored by Christ and His vision for us, Heritage is excited to see what the year ahead looks like as we are reminded once again of God's promise!



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