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FACING FORWARD

Therefore have I set my face like a flint. Isaiah 50:7

Passing the Mantle

Congratulations

Class of 2022:

LCA's 31st Annual
Commencement
Ceremony

Remembering

Gladys G.:

Her Impact on
A.C.E. Ministry



Passing the Mantle: Mr. Howard Named CEO



Dear Co-laborer in Christ,

Every July, we gather to exult in the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ upon this ministry. Victory Celebration Day is a time to reflect on the work God has allowed us to accomplish and a time to anticipate the work yet to come. It's a time to confirm our convictions, to reignite our passion for Christian education, and to peer into the future. During the celebration, Mrs. Howard announced to the staff that the time had come to relinquish the administrative role that she has held for many years, and she appointed me as CEO.

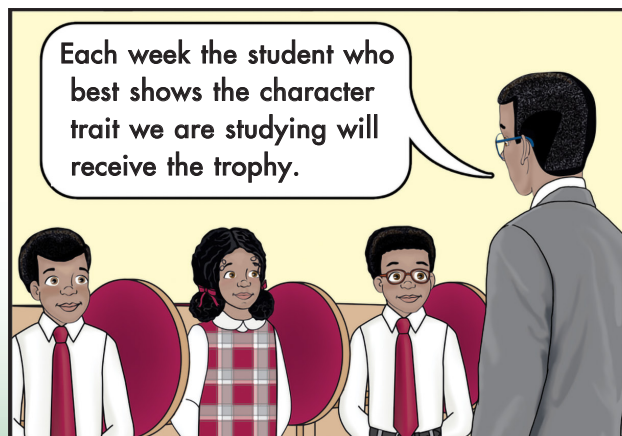
First, know that I am grateful the Lord has surrounded me with a leadership team that is honorable, devoted, and able. Second, please pray that the Lord would continue to bestow His wisdom upon our staff and His blessing upon the works of our hands. Furthermore, please join me in honoring Mrs. Howard for literally a lifetime of Christian service! Her sacrifice has been selfless. Her passion for ministry, unwavering. Her love for the children of the world, endless. And her life, filled with devotion to her God!

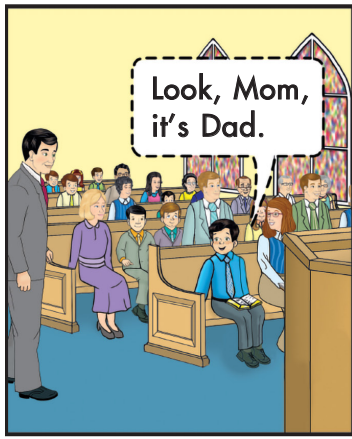
While Mrs. Howard will no longer be involved in administration, she has chosen to remain part of the A.C.E. School of Tomorrow Executive Review for 4th Edition curriculum. The development of the curriculum continues to be one of her greatest contributions to Lighthouse Christian Academy and to the greater educational world. Please uphold her in prayer, that the Lord will strengthen her and preserve her. And know that she continues to uphold you in prayer, our beloved co-laborers on the frontlines of the battlefield.

For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. (Isaiah 50:7)

Facing forward to reach the children,

J. Duane Howard, CEO





Character Counts!

Being **decisive** is making all decisions based on the perfect will of God. Word Building PACE 1050 illustrates Mr. Trueward telling the students about the character trait trophy a student can have in his office for a week by displaying decisiveness in his life. J. Michael returns to his office and wants to be decisive by working hard, completing his goals, and obeying the rules so that he may earn the privilege of having the trophy in his office.

Throughout Scripture we see illustrations of those who were decisive. **Moses** demonstrated decisiveness throughout his life. As Israel was ready to enter the Promised Land and Moses was ready to pass off the scene, he called the people together and declared, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, CHOOSE LIFE, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19) Similarly at the end of his life, **Joshua** called all of Israel together and asked them for a decisive commitment. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

One may wonder if he has sufficient wisdom needed to make decisive choices. James says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him **ask of God**,

that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." God is concerned for every detail of the Believer's life, so one should not hesitate to ask Him for needed wisdom. James continues by saying to "ask in **FAITH**, nothing wavering." The one who wavers "is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**" (James 1:5-8) A double minded man is one who serves two masters. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

In another character strip from English PACE 1027, Pastor Alltruth is preaching and God moves upon the heart of Mr. Loylton, Racer's dad, to respond to the invitation. He walks forward and accepts Jesus Christ into his heart. That is a decisive commitment of eternal value. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Like Mr. Loylton, many people may be seeking the Lord. Mr. Loylton responded and was saved. **Paul** (Saul) was on the Damascus Road when he saw a great light, and Jesus said to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" (Acts 9:4) Paul (Saul) was convicted and made a decisive commitment to follow Jesus that day. Do you need to make that commitment? If so, be decisive and make that commitment today! *ACE™*

The auspicious campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania was home to the Lighthouse Christian Academy 2022 Commencement Ceremony. Amidst the beautiful rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, the graduates converged in a sea of royal blue. Of the 709 graduates, 172 were able to participate in this grand event. Taking a page from the 2020 pandemic playbook, students this year were able to choose to participate either in person or virtually.

With the final applause of the A.C.E. 2022 International Student Convention still reverberating in the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex (KCAC), the graduates assembled on Thursday, May 26. Graduation activities began as graduates and their families enjoyed a lovely reception. A class photo was taken and a rehearsal was held.


Congratulations



During the ceremony Mr. J. Duane Howard, CEO of A.C.E. School of Tomorrow, welcomed family and friends. The familiar tones of “Pomp and Circumstance,” masterly performed by Mr. Danny Thomas, accompanied the graduates entering the arena. Mr. Steven Hoots, Manager of LCA, led the Invocation and pledges, and “The Star-Spangled Banner” was artfully rendered by the Agee Family of Spencer, Tennessee.

Evangelist Steve Pigott challenged the graduates with the principles of Dream, Desire, Denial, and Discipline. To accomplish one’s dreams, the desire must be strong enough that one is willing to deny other things and discipline one’s self. The message concluded with a time of commitment as the Agee Family prayerfully sang “Lord, Take My Life.”

LCA was once again honored to share the graduation stage with Accelerated College of the Bible International. Miss Demetria Becerra graduated cum laude and received her Associates of Applied Arts Degree in Christian Education.

For 31 consecutive years, Lighthouse Christian Academy has been privileged to conduct an annual Graduation and Commencement Ceremony. We are Facing Forward, preparing for number 32, which will be held on May 14, 2023, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina. 



Remembering Gladys G.

April 19, 1949–October 6, 2021



In the early days of October 2021, the A.C.E. family lost a beloved friend, colleague, and sister in Christ when she left this earth to meet the God she loved. Gladys assisted in establishing Canaan Christian Community, which consists of a church, medical clinic, orphanage, and school using the A.C.E. program.

Gladys was born and raised in Haiti, but due to political unrest and social tensions, she fled to the United States at the age of 15. Attending college, she became a nurse and worked for the next 20 years at a hospital in the United States. Although staying in the United States would have likely been the easiest path to follow, Gladys chose instead to return to her home country and to her fellow countrymen to share with them the love of Christ.

Thirty years ago, with the encouragement and support of a school in Canada, Gladys' church began a school using the A.C.E. program—Canaan Christian School. She also assisted in opening an orphanage and a medical clinic.

The clinic of Canaan Christian Community not only cares for their orphans but also the impoverished residents of the surrounding areas. Servicing 50 to 75 patients a day, the clinic consists of exam rooms, treatment areas, and a pharmacy. The clinic is operated predominantly by Haitian personnel consisting of 2 to 3 doctors, 4 to 5 nurses, and several other support staff.

The orphans attend Canaan Christian School where they are cared for and loved, being brought up in the ways and admonition of the Lord. Canaan Christian Community states about the orphans, "If they don't have a family, they will find one here."

Canaan Christian School is a trilingual school, using French, English, and Haiti's native language of Creole. The school consists of over 100 students from the community, church, and orphanage, many of which are dual enrolled with Lighthouse Christian Academy. For 30 years the school has continued because of faithful servants who have sponsored or made donations to ministries in third world countries.

Gladys was a great blessing to the A.C.E. ministry. Not only had her school attained Quality Status, but she also hosted A.C.E. staff at her school to conduct trainings for other Haitian schools using the A.C.E. program. Several graduates have earned LCA diplomas as well.

In the summer of 2010, the A.C.E. Service Adventure was allowed to use Canaan Christian School as their home base, and in 2013 Gladys became the coordinator for A.C.E. Haiti. Throughout the years, she was the host of many Christian Educators' Conventions. Canaan Christian Community has been a beacon of light and hope to schools in Haiti using the A.C.E. program, providing comfort, aid, and support during natural disasters and political turmoil.

Not only will the A.C.E. family miss Gladys, but her family, friends, and the people of her Haitian ministry will as well. A.C.E. asks that you keep Canaan Christian Community in your prayers as they face forward in this new chapter of ministry. A.C.E. School of Tomorrow is grateful for Gladys' love and support for both the ministry of A.C.E and her native country of Haiti.

HONDURAS

Service Adventure 2023
July 11–25

LCA students 16 and older are eligible to apply to attend a short-term mission trip that challenges them to experience service and ministry on a whole new level.

Through a two-week summer mission trip, they can join participants from different countries to come together for one purpose—to serve the Lord by assisting schools in need.

Whether that means serving in their neighborhood or in another part of the world, they will catch a lifelong vision of a world in need of Christ!



To learn more about Service Adventure, please visit [acestudentprograms.com/about-sa](https://www.acestudentprograms.com/about-sa).

2023

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER, NC

MAY 13–18

International Student Convention is a premier event that is the highlight of the school year for hundreds of schools and homeschools using the A.C.E. School of Tomorrow program.

Approximately 4,000 young people worldwide qualify in regional conventions to compete in the categories of music, oratory, art, athletics, academics, and numerous aspects of service.

For more information,
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Semester Grades

At the end of each semester, please remember to send your work to your advisor. Include a copy of your Master Record Sheet. If needed, you can print a copy of the Master Record Sheet from the Parents' Link.



LCA Customer Surveys

LCA has initiated new surveys to help us better serve our students and families.

We encourage you to fill it out if you receive one.

NEW NEW NEW Online Transcript Request Form

LCA parents and graduates can now request a transcript through our online portal!

Go to the LCAed.com website and request a transcript when you need to send a transcript to a college or potential employer.

Information Update

- **May 13–18** — ISC 2023, Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina
- **May 14** — LCA/ACBI Graduation, Black Mountain, North Carolina
- **July 1** — Start of 2023–2024 school year