



WALK-A-THON REWARDS!

Preschool

- \$250 - Knott's Berry Farm Ticket
1 ticket to Knott's Berry Farm - 12/11/2015
- \$1000 - Disneyland Tickets
1 ticket to Disneyland for the walker, 1 ticket for a parent, and 1 ticket for a friend who raises at least \$250 - 1/30/16



Elementary School

- \$250 - Knott's Berry Farm Ticket
1 ticket to Knott's Berry Farm - 12/11/2015
 - \$1000 - Disneyland Tickets
1 ticket to Disneyland for the walker, 1 ticket for a parent, and 1 ticket for a friend who raises at least \$250 - 1/30/16
 - Class Rewards
 - Ice Cream Treat for the first three classes that have 100% of their students bring in at least \$50.00 in pledges each
 - In-N-Out Burger for classes that have 100% of their students bring in at least \$250 in pledges each
 - Beat Last Year's Total of \$84,000 & Mrs. Young will dye her hair blue!
 - Top Seller gets to throw a pie in Mrs. Young's face.
 - Each class winner will receive a plaque and the school wide winner will have their name engraved on the school's Walk-A-Thon trophy of school wide winners.
- Students may continue to turn in pledges after the Walk-A-Thon. However, for the class winner to receive the plaque, the last pledge sheet must be turned into the office no later than 9:30am.



Middle & High School

- Earn a free dress ticket for every \$100 raised
- \$250 - Universal Studios Ticket
1 ticket to Universal Studios - 12/2/2015
- \$1000 - Disneyland Tickets
1 ticket to Disneyland for the walker, 1 ticket for a parent, and 1 ticket for a friend who raises at least \$250 - 1/30/16
- Earn \$55,000
 - Mrs. Hendricks will dye her hair blue!
 - MS students will have a dance - 11/19/15
 - HS students will get a Starbucks Frappuccino - 11/19/15



DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY QUARTERLY FALL 2015



CONQUEROR SPORTS



WORSHIP AT
HEBREWS & CHAPEL



A GLIMPSE AT INHALE 2015

WELCOME BACK! WATCH D.O.G.S. CONQUERORS IN ACTION



BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION! | FIRST QUARTER

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU SHOP?

AMAZON SMILE

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CONQUERORS IN ACTION



CONQUEROR Parents

Spirit Store

Check out the new "Go Blue" shirt and the Conqueror Hoodies! The store is set up during HeBrews and at all home football games!

Moms in Prayer

Meetings are held every Monday from 8:15-9:15am in the library. Join the other Conqueror Moms as we lift up our cares and concerns for our children and school. Contact Julie Gordon or Lora Poe at dcamomsinprayer@gmail.com with any questions.

Uniform Exchange

If you need larger uniforms or have some that no longer fit consider utilizing the Uniform Exchange - a no cost way to exchange gently worn uniforms! The Uniform Exchange will be set up during the next HeBrews on Friday, October 9th. Contact Jill Williams at uniformexchange@desertchristianacademy.org for more information.

Conqueror Parents Meeting

The next Conqueror Parents meeting is on Friday, October 9th at 8:30am in the gymnasium.

Contact

For Conqueror Parents questions, comments, or concerns please contact Caroline Keck at conquerorparents@desertchristianacademy.org.

WATCH D.O.G.S. PIZZA KICKOFF



Save the dates!

October 9th, 2015
Desert Christian Academy Homecoming!

October 17th, 2015
WatchDOGS Pancake Breakfast!

October 30th, 2015
39th Annual Walk-A-Thon

November 20th, 2015
Grandparent & Pilgrim Day

November 28th, 2015
Hall of Fame Basketball Games

December 18th, 2015
Snow Day & End of the first semester

January 28th, 2016
All School Open House

March 5th, 2016
26th Annual Auction Gala

Q&A

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS



MRS. CARINA ABARRATE
KINDERGARTEN



MRS. APRIL BOWER
PRESCHOOL



MR. JONATHAN BROWN
MATH



MRS. LINDSAY HESSER
4TH GRADE



MRS. MICHELLE MARTINEZ
PRESCHOOL



MRS. RACHEL SCHRAEPEN
SPANISH



MRS. LYDIA WHITAKER
ART

Q Why did you want to teach at DCA?

ABARRATE I wanted to teach at DCA so I could be a part of teaching children in a Christian, Christ-centered environment. I also loved the idea of being on the same campus as my children as they go through school.

BOWER I first came to DCA because my daughters were attending school here. I also love the atmosphere and Christian based education.

BROWN I came to DCA this time for the basketball program and the community. My son's play and the DCA opportunity could not be passed up. My family has been searching for a place to grow with other families, the way the church is suppose to function. DCA has a great community of believers.

HESSER When we moved to the desert just over 2 years ago, we enrolled our daughter at DCA. Immediately I could see the awesome way that God was at work here, and I knew that I wanted to be a part of it!

MARTINEZ After my first mission trip with DCA to India and getting to know some of the staff and students I felt God calling me to be a part of this school one day! I love this school and the staff - I wanted to be a part of it!

SCHRAEPEN I wanted to teach at DCA because I believe this is the place God lead me in order to use the talents He's given me. I hope to instill a love for Spanish and/or the Spanish-speaking community in the hearts of some of my students.

WHITAKER DCA has such a special place in my heart. I am beyond blessed that my two kids attend here and when the opportunity presented itself to teach art here, I couldn't think of a better place to share the talents God has given to me.

Q What is your family like?

ABARRATE I am married to Ross Abarrate, he runs his own company for excavator and bobcat services and I have two boys. Westin is in Kindergarten and Case is in the preschool.

BOWER I have two daughters who both graduated from DCA and they both got married this year! I also have over 30 reptiles that my husband and I collect.

BROWN I love my family. They are my life and my ministry. I have a beautiful God loving wife that gives her all for me and our family. We have 7 children. One is in college in Oregon majoring in Electrical Engineering and concert violin. Three of my children attend DCA. Two are homeschooled. My oldest daughter will be resuming college soon, we are working on the funds, she is a music teacher and majoring in musical drama. My family includes a college student from Africa. He lives with us indefinitely. The conditions in his country prohibit his safe return. My wife's father also stays with us making our household complete.

HESSER I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Danny, for 16 years. We have 3 children. Brooke (6th grade), Andrew (2nd grade), Luke (Kindergarten).

MARTINEZ I am married to my wonderful husband, Matt, who brought me to Christ. He has helped me grow so much in my faith and he has also brought me to this school! We have a chiweenie named Chloe and a very rambunctious puppy named Oliver. Strangely that is all for pets... At one point we used to have over 20 animals!

SCHRAEPEN I have a wonderful family back in my home

Q Do you have any hobbies?

ABARRATE I love to sing and I am blessed to be a worship leader at my church.

BOWER I enjoy camping, gardening, my horses, and of course my reptile collection!

BROWN My hobby is my wife and family.

HESSER I love spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy reading a good book whenever I can find the time!

MARTINEZ I like to read, to learn more about the Bible, and sleeping!

SCHRAEPEN I enjoy doing crafts, playing guitar, going to concerts, face timing with my niece, and going shopping. I am also in the extremely slow process of teaching myself French.

WHITAKER I enjoy a good book, volunteering, gardening, an occasional round of golf, running and getting distracted by Pinterest.

Q Do you have prior experience?

ABARRATE I was previously a stay at home mom and part time event coordinator.

BOWER I previously worked in the DCA preschool in 2008 and left in 2011 to open my own preschool, and now I am happy to be at DCA. It feels like coming home!

BROWN After leaving DCA in 1998, I went into full time missions with the High School ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. During that 10 year tenure we served with the youth staffs of several churches. In 2008 we moved to Houston, TX and taught privately. Our next stop took us to Oregon where I taught at Central Christian School in Redmond. When we returned to the desert I taught at several public high schools and middle schools including La Quinta High, Cathedral City High, Ramon Academy and Painted Hills Middle.

HESSER I have always worked with children in some capacity. From nanny, to preschool teacher, Sunday school teacher, and substitute teacher...I love kids! I have been a stay at home mom for the last 11 years.

MARTINEZ My background has always been in the animal field. I worked for the Navy for four years working with dolphins and worked as a vet tech for a while. I have worked at a daycare and was a camp counselor for a couple of summers. I have always loved children and feel so blessed to be a part of the preschool team!

SCHRAEPEN After graduating from college and completing my student teaching, I taught third grade for two years in New Jersey. I then moved to California and taught Spanish for three years at Baptist Christian School.

WHITAKER Prior to moving to California three years ago, I taught K-6 Special Education in Colorado.

FAMILY CONTINUED...

state of New Jersey. My parents, brother, sister in law, and niece all live in just outside of Manhattan in northern New Jersey. In March, my then fiancé moved to California and we got married in April of this year. We are both excited to start our new life together here in the desert.

WHITAKER I am blessed to be mom to Will who is a high school junior and Grace who is an 8th grader. I am an only child and am fortunate to live close to my parents in Palm Desert.

Q What are your credentials?

ABARRATE I have a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and a multiple subject teaching credential.

BOWER I am a site supervisor for preschool.

BROWN My degree is in Electrical Engineering from Caltech.

HESSER I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from California State University, Hayward; a Master of Education degree in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University; and a teaching credential.

MARTINEZ I have a BS degree in Animal Science from UC Davis and an AS degree in Exotic Animal Training and Management. Currently I am working on my Early Childhood Education units.

SCHRAEPEN I have a Bachelor's degree in Spanish Education from Grove City College. This past May I graduated from the USC Rossier School of Education with my Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. I currently have a Level 1 Pennsylvania teaching credential and a California preliminary teaching credential. I hope to clear my California credential within the next two years.

WHITAKER I have a BA, in Fine Arts from the University of California, Irvine. Go Anteaters!

Q What are you looking forward to?

ABARRATE I am most looking forward to connecting and bonding with my students, the DCA families and DCA staff throughout the year. I am so blessed to here!

BOWER I am looking forward to getting to know my students and their families more and making a difference in their lives.

BROWN I most look forward to impacting young lives for Christ. God has placed the lives of these children into my fold for training. I get to impact them every day of nearly 180 days of the year. That is awesome. I look forward to each day of the process of the work that He will complete in each life this year.

HESSER While I do look forward to watching my students grow academically, I am most looking forward to watching them grow in their knowledge and love of Christ this year.

MARTINEZ I look forward to serving this school, getting to know more families, and being a part of all the activities.

SCHRAEPEN I most look forward to cultivating new relationships with the faculty and the students.

WHITAKER Everyday is a great day to create Art. I cannot wait to bring that mindset every day to the kids at DCA. And to witness their talents develop.

CONQUEROR CONNECTIONS



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DANIELLE (FLOR) BRATTRUD CLASS OF 2000

BA from Azusa Pacific University in Music

In 2005, The Lord called me to build a pregnancy resource center, which is a faith based, prolife, abortion alternative nonprofit organization giving women in crisis pregnancy situations options and education, such as birth classes, parenting classes, life skills classes, information about adoption, parenting and abortion, and adoption resources. We are active in local high schools teaching our pregnancy prevention program, we guest speak at events and churches, and we offer supportive mommy groups.

A verse that changed my life forever is Nehemiah 2:20 "The Lord Himself will give you success, let us arise and build!" Needless to say, after many doubts, fears, obstacles, miracles, sweat, hard work and endless fundraising, Refuge Pregnancy Center open it's doors on September 7, 2012 in Indio, Ca next to Amistad High School. If there is one thing this music-major-mom-of-three-with-no-business-experience lady has learned, it's that **IF THE LORD CALLS YOU, THEN THE LORD QUALIFIES YOU!**

I actually stepped down from RPC this past winter because my husband is pursuing law enforcement with the Riverside County Sheriff as a reserve. I needed to be home with the family so that he can go to school. I am now studying to become a personal fitness trainer. RPC is still open and it continues to help girls in crisis.

I was a student at CSOD/DCHS/DCA from 4th-12th grades. I feel that the teachers (specifically Bob Gaddini, Don Curci, Patty Belk, David Palmer) were all inspiring, Godly examples in my life. Basketball and leading worship for chapel polished me to be a leader and to serve others. I also met my husband, Matt Brattrud, at the school, through basketball. He is a huge supporter of this dream!

If you are an alumni, or know of an alumni that is up to something great, please email us at alumni@desertchristianacademy.org. We would love to get alumni updates on: marriages, new babies, college graduations, and careers and callings! We want to celebrate our alumni and share their success stories!



WELCOME!

HIGH SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK THEME DAYS

OCTOBER 5-9, 2015

Monday
Tacky Tourists



Tuesday
Heroes & Villains

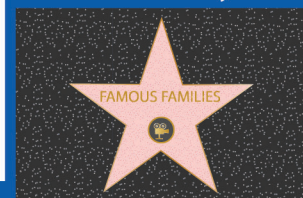


Partner up with a friend and dress as nemesis!

Wednesday
Time Periods

9th Grade - Colonial
10th Grade - Medieval
11th Grade - Wild West
12th Grade - Greek & Roman

Thursday



Homecoming

Friday
Blue & White Day



A GLIMPSE AT

INHALE 2015

A DAY OF SPIRITUAL FOCUS



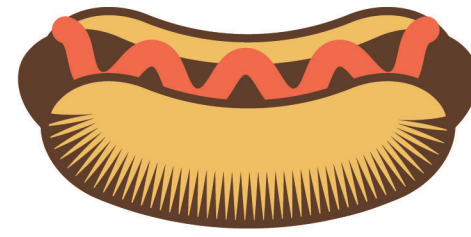
WORSHIP



Junior Class Lunch Fundraiser October 13 • 2015



Hamburger



or Hot Dog



Cookie



Lemonade

All for \$6.00!
sign up in the school office!



COLLEGIATE CORNER

DCA DOES NOT ENDORSE OR SUPPORT ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED BELOW, BUT ARE PROVIDING THEM AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR SENIORS TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. •\$2,000 scholarships to use towards college of choice. playingwithpurpose.org

• Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship. elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm

• Horatio Alger Southern California Scholarship. October 25, 2015 is the deadline. horatioalger.org/scholarships/programs_califsouth.cfm

• The California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarship Foundation. Deadline is January 20, 2016 and students must submit an essay on the "Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Financial Credit During Your College Years". cacesf.org

For more information on scholarships, please contact Renee Loewen, Director of Instruction and Curriculum, at rloewen@desertchristianacademy.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2015 DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HOMECOMING COURT

FRESHMAN PRINCE & PRINCESS
Timmy Nixon & Bella Klein

SOPHOMORE PRINCE & PRINCESS
Carlin Keck & Kaila Pena

JUNIOR PRINCE & PRINCESS
William Whitaker & Cami Frahmann

SENIOR KING & QUEEN
CANDIDATES

KENNY GAGNON KELSEY BAZUA
LAWRENCE GRUBBE JEWEL CASTRO

JOSHUA MILLER TINA HENDRICKS
ARTURO RODRIGUEZ OLIVIA HODDICK

A Wild Wild West
HOMECOMING
October 9th, 2015