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## Congratulations Class of 2009!



L to R Philip Johnston, Stephen Copeland, Caleb Knautz, Brooke Baldwin, McKeever Henley, Jared Brackenrich, Russell Kroeger, Hannah Anderson (Salutatorian), Jordan Powell, Daniel Henderson, Daniel Armstrong, Sydney Miller, Zach McCann, Jacob Barnard, Rodney Osborne, Heidi Mock (Valedictorian), David Cousins, Elena Johnson, Adam Koelling, Samuel Leonard. (Not pictured Philip Dickerson, Cassandra Doremus, Jerred Moye)

**Read more on graduation and end-of-the-year programs below, but first, read over these important dates and information.**

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 1) Thursday, July 23 from 4-9 p.m. --- CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser for Dayspring Field Trip to Boston –A great night to bring the family out for pizza and support the high school students.**
- 2) Book Fees are due by August 1! They are \$125 per student. Please contact bookkeeper Donna Wood if you need to make special arrangements for payment.**
- 3) Saturday, August 8! - Barnes and Noble & Dayspring Fundraiser**

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Tuesday, August 18 - High School Picnic**

**Wednesday, August 19 - Staff Lunch**

**Thursday, August 20 - New Middle School Students & 6th grade Orientation**

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**Friday, August 21 - Elementary Ice Cream Social; 1:30-3 PM**

**Friday, August 21 - Orientation Night for parents of K-12**

**Monday, August 24 - First day of School for K-12 (full day for all)**

**2009-2010 School Supply Lists** are available through the office ([office.dayspring@verizon.net](mailto:office.dayspring@verizon.net)).

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS – Call for your involvement! We have awesome opportunities for you get involved to help make your child’s educational experience the best it can be. Read on to find out how you can help!**

Greetings, Folks:

July 13, 2009

As you well know, the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year is rapidly approaching. With it, all the routine activities of daily DCA life will come back into play. Discussing these activities is the purpose of this letter. However, before I go any further, I would like to offer a heartfelt DCA welcome to all of our families, new and returning, so...Welcome, Welcome to you all!! (GO DCA LIONS!!... ROAR, LIONS, ROAR !!). Wow, I can already feel the excitement and anticipation beginning for the coming school year! Again, Welcome to all! I look forward to seeing (and/or meeting) all of you and your children soon! Summer is great, but we all miss the children!

Now, let me get back to the intent of my letter. I usually write a letter about this time each year to help our families understand the many activities that are part of the daily operations of DCA. Beginning in mid-summer and continuing throughout the school year, there is a great need for parental volunteerism at the school. As you have probably heard several times, DCA is a "parent funded, parent run school." This, stated simply, means that the routine operations of the school require that the parents contribute of their time, talents, and resources to keep the school operating smoothly.

There are many ways for parents to participate in the daily operations of the school. Every family has skills of some sort that can be offered for the benefit of the school. A few of the many opportunities for service are listed below:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ❖ Office aides              | ❖ Receptionist's assistant | ❖ Cleaning helpers        |
| ❖ Teacher's aides           | ❖ Athletics coaches        | ❖ Maintenance assistants  |
| ❖ Substitute teachers       | ❖ Assistant coaches        | ❖ Grounds keeping aides   |
| ❖ Lunch Moms/Dads           | ❖ School club advisors     | ❖ Painters                |
| ❖ Food service facilitators | ❖ Field day assistants     | ❖ Storage space offerings |

As I stated earlier, these are just a few of the many areas where parents can "plug-in" to help the school operate effectively. Parent volunteerism is a necessary aspect of the daily functioning of DCA, as well as an effective means for keeping costs down.

In addition to the daily operations of the school, there are activities associated with maintaining and improving the school facility. Like school operations, school improvements usually come through the giving of the parents' time, talents, and/or resources. One of the primary volunteer activities intended for the improvement of our school facility is what we call "Work Days." Several Saturdays, throughout the course of the year, we gather at the school site to perform housekeeping, landscaping, and maintenance activities. The workdays at the school facility provide a dedicated time for us to clean, repair, and "spruce up" the school. Parents, regardless of skills or work experience, typically come out and offer six to eight hours of service to the school on these days. As indicated above, activities include: cleaning, landscaping, maintenance, and occasionally, a small construction project. I make every effort to pair parents with tasks appropriate for their interest and skill level. So come on out, meet some new folks, and join in fellowship with other believers!

One final note: if our work day schedule does not fit with your personal schedule, or if another time would suit you better, then simply call our office and we will pencil you into a time slot of your choosing. Please (prayerfully) consider where you might fit into the scheme of things at DCA and let us know of your decision. Thank you.

In His service and yours,

Joe Anderson  
Facility Steward

## Local Graduates Say Goodbye, Hello

May 30, 2009

Anyone driving past Main Street Baptist Church in Christiansburg would have wondered at the crowd of people spilling out of the church on a beautiful Saturday evening in late May. Milling on the sidewalk in front of the church; filling the church to capacity, people greeted each other happily; teenagers in their nicest clothes hugged and took pictures of each other. Inside the church, families found seating and checked to make they had tissues handy. Just outside the side entrance, twenty-three young men and women lined up in royal blue graduation gowns and caps, ready to take their seats and begin the last event of their high school lives.

The graduates, from Dayspring Christian Academy in Blacksburg VA, filed into the packed church and took their seats in front of hundreds of family, friends and fellow students. This evening of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 represented the culmination of their academic careers at Dayspring. While their association with the school differed from a few years to fourteen years, the class of '09 was united in their dedication to and affection for their soon-to-be alma mater. Speeches from Heidi Mock, valedictorian, and Hannah Anderson, salutatorian, and Russell Kroeger, senior class president, emphasized the unique character of this small, private school, with memories of small classes and close friendships with the entire student body and teachers. Following a video presentation, which highlighted the life of each graduating senior, administrator William Hampton addressed each student individually before School Board President John Albano presented each student with his or her diploma.

The Dayspring class of 2009, while small, is dispersing widely. Graduates will attend colleges and universities including; Clemson, Roanoke College, Virginia Tech and New River Community College. Valedictorian Heidi Mock will attend Radford University's nursing program on full scholarship. At the reception following the ceremony, the unique character of Dayspring and the close nature of a small school came to the fore as the new graduates were virtually mobbed by well-wishers. The open nature of the ceremony, with the entire student body invited to attend, lent an especially festive air to the reception. The class of 2009 left their high school years behind with more smiles than tears as they look forward to the challenges of college and young adulthood.

(Press release by Paige Horst)

### The Graduating Class of 2009

(Please note that the list of scholarships received by DCA graduates may not be complete.  
This listing is based on awards that we were made aware of.)

Hannah Marie Anderson\*\*\*

Salutatorian; Academic Discipline Award for English/Literature and Foreign Language; The Radford University Academic Excellence Scholarship and The Winston and Elma Dowdy Scholarship, Papa John's Scholarship. Parent Teacher Fellowship Scholarship

Daniel Isaac Armstrong\*\*\*

Brooke Marie Baldwin

Jacob Daryl Barnard

Jared Wayne Brackenrich\*\*\*

Stephen Rogers Copeland\*\* Liberty University Scholarships, Parent Teacher Fellowship Scholarship

David Rainey Cousins\*\*\* Academic Discipline Award for Mathematics

Philip Martin Dickerson

Cassandra Doremus

Daniel Phillip Henderson\*

William McKeever James Henley\*\*

Elena Marie Johnson

Philip Bruce Johnston

Caleb Andrew Knautz\*

Adam Houston Koelling  
Russell Garrison Kroeger\*\*\* Senior Class President  
Samuel Edward Leonard  
Zachary Morgan McCann  
Sydney Anne Miller\*\*\*  
Heidi Toria Mock\*\*\*

Valedictorian; Recipient of Elbert H. and Evelyn J. Waldron College of Health and Human Services  
Presidential Scholarship (part of the Radford University Foundation Scholars Program)

Jerred Saville Moye  
Rodney Duane Osborne\*\*\* Andrews Partnership Scholarship Award from Andrews University  
Jordan Anthony Powell

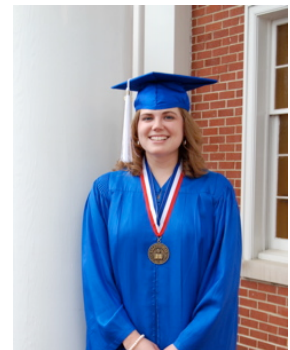
\*\*\* = 3.8 and over  
\*\* = 3.6 and over  
\* = 3.4 and over

**Graduation Pictures are available. Please contact [kribbens.dca@verizon.net](mailto:kribbens.dca@verizon.net) for details.**



Congratulations to Heidi Mock (Valedictorian, Class of 2009) for receiving the 2009 Elbert H. and Evelyn J. Waldron College of Health and Human Services Presidential Scholarship as part of the Radford University Foundation Scholars Program. This scholarship is equivalent to in-state tuition and fees, room and board, and also includes an annual book stipend. Heidi will be pursuing a degree in nursing and hopes to one day do missionary work as a nurse overseas.

Congratulations to Hannah Anderson (Salutatorian, Class of 2009) for receiving the Radford University Academic Excellence Scholarship and The Winston and Elma Dowdy Scholarship. These scholarships provide funding for her tuition as well as a book stipend. Hannah also received the Papa John's Scholarship and the DCA Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Scholarship.



**ELEMENTARY AWARDS PROGRAM** -The elementary program was held on Friday morning, May 29 at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship (BCF). Students in grades K-5 opened the program with a special song and then students were recognized by their teachers. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class was promoted to middle school. It is always a joy to celebrate the students and their hard work!

**SECONDARY AWARDS PROGRAM** – Congratulations to the secondary students!  
The awards program was held on Friday, May 29 at BCF. A special thank you to Mrs. Knight for playing the piano for these special events and to BCF for the use of their facilities. We have tried to provide an accurate listing of all award recipients. Please let us know of any corrections and we'll get them in the next newsletter.

**Academic Discipline Award Winners – Given to the most outstanding junior or senior in each of the following disciplines.**

English and Literature – Hannah Anderson  
Mathematics – David Cousins  
History – Zach Brown  
Science – Zach Brown  
Biblical Studies – Brianna Kirker  
Foreign Language – Hannah Anderson

**New this year – a special citizenship award in memory of Darder.** Given this year to senior Samuel Leonard for the Jesusness his shares with everyone.

**The Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Scholarship Award Winners for 2009 were Hannah Anderson and Stephen Copeland.** Both of them received \$425 to put toward their college expenses. Congratulations! Also, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund!

**The eighth graders were promoted to High School – Congratulations!**

**Volunteer Service Awards** – Many Dayspring students volunteer their time and talents throughout the year by helping with things like church nursery, children’s worship, cleaning, yard work classroom assistants at DCA, student leadership, Vacation Bible School, missions trips and more. THANK YOU FOR FREELY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST! Here are some that we are aware of:

**Gold Award** (100+ Volunteer Hours) - Hannah Anderson, Stephen Copeland, Taylor Jones, Brianna Kirker, Lauren Leslie, Dori Mock, Heidi Mock, Chris Shelor,

**Silver Award** (50+ Volunteer Hours) - Michael Ribbens

**Bronze Award** (25+ Volunteer Hours)- Emily Martin, Chris Reighard, Talitha Smith

**A Honor Roll** (All four semesters. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Carolina Bouldin	Dori Mock
Madeline Reynolds	Zack Brown
Will Abel	Hannah Anderson
Nick Shabanowitz	Jared Brackenrich
Michael Ribbens	Heidi Mock

**A/B Honor Roll** (A and/or A/B all four semesters; 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Elizabeth Abel
Lorran Amonette
Dylan Henderson
Patrick Ragsdale
Christina Ribbens
Lexi Slocum
Jansen Young
Duncan Brown
Meili Johnson
Jaid Moore
Ian Brown
Thomas Ragsdale

Jessica Albano
Kennon Bouldin
Darrah Dickerson
Elsa Wieboldt
Sara Winter
Brianna Kirker
Lauren Leslie
Daniel Armstrong
Jacob Barnard
Stephen Copeland
David Cousins
Rodney Osborne

**President's Education Awards Program** (For outstanding academic excellence, awarded by the President of the United States.)

Elizabeth Abel  
 Lorrان Amonette  
 Hannah Ashworth  
 Carolina Bouldin  
 Dylan Henderson  
 Alex Hunter  
 Joshua Knautz  
 Tyler Marshall  
 Meaghan Martin  
 Patrick Ragsdale  
 Madeline Reynolds  
 Christina Ribbens  
 Sean Russell  
 Jack Saban  
 Milena Saban  
 Emma Gawthrop  
 Joshua Oliver

Alexis Slocum  
 William Wood  
 Jansen Young  
 Will Abel  
 Duncan Brown  
 Meili Johnson  
 Jaid Moore  
 Nick Shabanowitz  
 Ian Brown  
 David Henderson  
 Thomas Ragsdale  
 Michael Ribbens  
 Jessica Albano  
 Kennon Bouldin  
 Darrah Dickerson  
 Dori Mock  
 Elsa Wieboldt  
 Sara Winter

Zach Brown  
 Brianna Kirker  
 Lauren Leslie  
 Chris Reighard  
 Hannah Anderson  
 Daniel Armstrong  
 Jacob Barnard  
 Jared Brackenrich  
 Stephen Copeland  
 David Cousins  
 Daniel Henderson  
 Caleb Knautz  
 Russell Kroeger  
 Zach McCann  
 Sydney Miller  
 Heidi Mock  
 Rodney Osborne

**Commendation Awards** are given in three categories (Teacher, Faculty, Administrator) based on exemplary conduct, academic achievement, and a positive attitude toward school.

**Teacher Commendation Award Winners** (Received 2 teacher commendations)

Lorrان Amonette  
 Hannah Ashworth  
 Petyon Bailey  
 Alex Hunter  
 Joshua Knautz  
 Patrick Ragsdale  
 Sean Russell  
 Milena Saban  
 Jessie Akers  
 Sara Albano  
 Chris Johnson  
 Geoffrey Kleinfelter

Elijah Selent  
 Lexi Slocum  
 Angela Vu  
 William Wood  
 Dustin Roarke  
 Carlie Horst  
 Samara Kast  
 Nina Mayhew  
 Michael Pfohl  
 Talitha Smith  
 Ashley King

Ashby McDonald  
 Ethan Price  
 Logan Reynolds  
 Phil Dickerson  
 Daniel Henderson  
 McKeeever Henley  
 Elena Johnson  
 Caleb Knautz  
 Samuel Leonard  
 Zach McCann

**Faculty Award Winners** (Received 3+ teacher commendations)

Dylan Henderson  
 Madeline Reynolds  
 Will Abel  
 Abigail Anderson  
 Duncan Brown  
 Lacey Goad  
 Meili Johnson  
 Nicholas Shabanowitz

Zack Cousins  
 Bethany Davis  
 Emily Martin  
 Spencer Miller  
 Jessica Albano  
 Bekah Davis  
 Tallis Horst  
 Samantha Reed

Chris Reighard  
 Daniel Armstrong  
 Jacob Barnard  
 Stephen Copeland  
 David Cousins  
 Russell Kroeger  
 Sydney Miller  
 Rodney Osborne

**Administrator Award Winners** (Received 5+ teacher commendations)

Elizabeth Abel  
Carolina Bouldin  
Christina Ribbens  
Jansen Young  
Ian Brown  
Thomas Ragsdale

Michael Ribbens  
Kennon Bouldin  
Darrah Dickerson  
Taylor Jones  
Dori Mock  
Elsa Weiboldt

Sara Winter  
Zach Brown  
Brianna Kirker  
Lauren Leslie  
Hannah Anderson  
Jared Brackenrich  
Heidi Mock

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**DCA STUDENT LIFE**

**High School students are working hard to raise money for their class trip to Boston. We hope you'll come on out and take part in these events.**

- 1) They will be holding a pizza night at CiCi's on Thursday, July 23 from 4-9 p.m. Just let them know you are there for Dayspring. A portion of the proceeds will go to DCA.**
- 2) They will also be holding a special fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, August 8. So, if you are going to be purchasing books, coffee, goodies, gifts, etc., plan on coming in that day and helping the students. Any students needing books for AP English are encouraged to purchase them that day. A portion of the proceeds will go to Dayspring.**

**Stay tuned for more details.**

**DCA Service Club Summer** - While a lot of teens will be working summer jobs and enjoying the summer break, our club voted, for the first time ever, to do summer service projects as well. Our plans have to be finalized, but the **tentative** jobs are as follows:

Friday, June 12 from 4-7 Food drive for the Interfaith Food Pantry

Saturday, July 11 from 10-4, Car wash fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9-2 Rescue Mission

As always, we are happy to accept help from any upcoming 8-12th graders and past graduates! Call Karen Mabes at 552-6213 or Hannah Anderson at 381-2284.

**Students Looking for Summer Work**

My name is Lauren Leslie, I'm an upcoming senior this year at Dayspring. I'm looking for work to do this summer such as baby-sitting, house-cleaning, pet-sitting, yard work, etc. If you have a need for any of this, please contact me either by email ([soccerqty924@yahoo.com](mailto:soccerqty924@yahoo.com)) or cell phone (540) 392-7394. Thanks.

**Volunteer Service Hour Opportunities for Secondary Students:** There are many opportunities throughout the community to volunteer and lend a hand, but sometimes its hard to find out what they are and know if it is a good fit for you. Well, look no further! Have we got some simple, but oh so helpful things you can do. And they are right here on the main campus. We would love to have some students come in to help prepare the classrooms for the school year. Can you lend a hand for a few hours or more? Just call the office and we'll get you started! Keep track of your volunteers hours worked throughout the summer and the school year. We can send you a log that will help. Volunteer awards are presented each spring for students volunteering 25, 50, 100 or more hours. Yes, its true that volunteering/serving is to come from the heart and be done in a humble and self-sacrificing manner. It is also true that having some type of documentation of your work is helpful when applying for college and scholarships. ☺

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## ATHLETICS AT DAYSPRING

**SPORTS FEE CHANGE FOR 2009-2010 – Please take note that the sports fees for soccer, volleyball and basketball are now \$150 per athlete. Cross Country and Golf are \$60 per athlete.** Sports fees are due at the *beginning* of each season, payable to DCA. Payment can be made in the DCA or through the mail. As always, contact bookkeeper Donna Wood to make payment arrangements as needed. Thanks!

**Students (middle school and high school) Interested in Playing Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball or Running Cross Country – NOW is the time to contact the appropriate coach as listed below if you want to play this fall. Some practices & training have already begun or will begin soon. Please let them know of your intent to play AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**Volleyball** – Contact Dorothea Dickerson @ [dorozoro@vt.edu](mailto:dorozoro@vt.edu); 267-4489.

**Cross Country – Summer Program with Blacksburg Stryders** – Contact Coach Skip Slocum @ [skip@livewhereyouplay.net](mailto:skip@livewhereyouplay.net); 392-8891.

**Boys Soccer** – Contact Coach John Copeland @ [copeland16@verizon.net](mailto:copeland16@verizon.net); 230-3038. Sign-up deadline is being extended to July 25.

**Basketball – Workouts during the summer and fall; season begins in November.**

Girls – open gym & conditioning on Tuesdays from 5:45-7:15 PM (Contact helper Kathy Ribbens 239-6337; [kribbens.dca@verizon.net](mailto:kribbens.dca@verizon.net)).

Boys – Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>); Contact Coach Don Knautz at 392-7325; [knautzdon@hotmail.com](mailto:knautzdon@hotmail.com).

Boys – JV/VAR (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>); Contact Coach Hampton at 239-0316; [dhampton.dca@verizon.net](mailto:dhampton.dca@verizon.net); [dughampton@hotmail.com](mailto:dughampton@hotmail.com)

## DCA Girls Soccer Players and Fans

Girls in the 5th-12th grades who are interested in playing some soccer this summer are invited to play Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 at the Shenandoah field (behind N. Main Food Lion). Kirstan Hutchinson (rec league coach of U18 girls team) will be hosting this open soccer time and has invited DCA girls to attend as they are able. Coach Buehrer and his daughters will be there most nights. Please contact Coach Bueher at 381-4710 or [buehrer@vt.edu](mailto:buehrer@vt.edu) for more information.

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## FUNDRAISING – Please keep saving your labels, cartridges, box tops!

**If you are new to Dayspring, please get your Kroger card soon and start saving for Dayspring!**

## KROGER CARES PROGRAM

DCA has recently received a rebate check for \$380.70. Since September 2008, our earnings have totaled over \$4,600.00! These refunds will continue throughout the summer as long as DCA families are using and re-loading their gift cards. Many thanks to everyone who is faithfully participating in this program--it really is making a positive difference! More gift cards are available in the office pre-loaded with a \$5.00 balance. (Please make checks payable to DCA). Remember, DCA receives 5% of the amount you load onto your card. So, please continue to keep "Kroger-ing" throughout the summer!

## Parent Volunteers Needed to Help With Fundraising -

Are you looking for a way to put in your DCA volunteer hours from home? We are in need of a few parents who would be willing to help with projects that would help the school raise funds. One particular

need involves a very gracious donation of items that can be sold with proceeds going to Dayspring. We just need a champion to help advertise and coordinate this effort. Please contact Kathy Ribbens to find out more!

**RECYCLING PAYS OFF**

For years we have received money and school items from Campbell's Labels and Box Tops by collecting small pieces of paper found on different food items and other related items that we purchase. We now have the opportunity to not only collect money but also help our environment. We will be collecting Capri Sun pouches and Honesty Kid pouches. Each pouch will represent \$0.02. Another opportunity we have is to collect money and help our environment is by collecting Nabisco Chips Ahoy and Oreo cookie wrappers and containers. Each wrapper/container will represent \$0.02. We will be sending these items to TerraCycle Inc. Thank you for saving your drink pouches (no juice boxes) and Nabisco cookie wrappers and sending them in to DCA.

Also, don't forget to save your Campbell's Labels, Box Tops, Tyson A+ Chicken Labels and (newly added) **Nestle Pure Life Labels** (found on water bottles) over the summer!

Christy Van Steenburg  
Dayspring Christian Academy  
3rd Grade Teacher

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**Summer Office Hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00-12noon.**

**Communication over the summer** – Please notify the office if you have a change in mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address. We want to keep everyone informed of school related information for the upcoming school year.

*Remember to tell your friends and neighbors about Dayspring!*  
*The Lord is blessing and we are thankful!*

**Please call the office if you have any questions at 552-7777  
or via e-mail at [dayspring.office@verizon.net](mailto:dayspring.office@verizon.net).**



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