

WESTLAKE

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

D O N O R P R O S P E C T U S



MR. THO* SAT THERE WITH TEARS

in his eyes, his already thick asian accent made more difficult by his emotions. "Dr. Healan, my son must have a Christian education. I cannot send him where his mind and heart will not be stirred by God. But you know I have no money for this. Please, help me! Help my son!" This father's passion tugged at my heart, and so we worked out a way for his son to be a part of our ministry. We stepped out in faith, trusting God to supply the means for that boy's needs. That was four years ago, and that son, James, now a sophomore, is still growing in his faith, prepared to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

That family's experience at Westlake Christian Academy is not uncommon, for there are many who have an eternal vision for their children's education. Westlake parents want more than the materialistic American dream for their child. They desire a partner in not just the academic preparation of their children, but in discipling them to be life-long followers of Christ who are prepared to serve Him in their careers, communities, and churches . The local public schools cannot provide what they desperately desire for their children, however many cannot afford a private christ-centered education. That is where faith steps in and provides.

This is the heart of Westlake.

**names changed for anonymity*

HISTORY

Founded as Waukegan Christian School, this ministry was incorporated as a non-profit educational institution in the spring of 1972 by a group of Christian parents in Waukegan. Their chief desire was to honor the Lord by providing a quality, Christ-centered education for their children as an alternative to the public educational system. The school started with fifty-five students and continued to grow, serving primarily eastern Lake County communities. For the first 29 years of its existence, the school occupied a number of rented facilities in Zion, Waukegan, and Gurnee. In 1995, the name of the school was changed to Westlake Christian Academy.

Since 2002, Westlake has been centrally located in its own facility in Grayslake which allows the school to reach a greater number of communities, making a quality, Christ-centered education available to families throughout Lake County. Offering a program for preschool through grade twelve, Westlake has graduated hundreds of students since its founding. Westlake operates as an independent, non-denominational school subscribing to an evangelical statement of faith, representing over 50 different churches among its families and staff.

OUR MISSION

To provide for Christian families a Christ-centered education that discipless our students to honor Jesus Christ in thought, word, and deed.

OUR VISION

Every student a disciple of Jesus Christ.

OUR AIM

Disciples prepared to serve God.

Our aim is that every student is academically and spiritually prepared to live out the gospel in this broken world. Disciples prepared to serve God in every aspect of their life is something the Christian Church desperately needs today. For unless we pass on to the next generation a biblical understanding of the world, Christianity in

America will continue its decline. This challenge, discipling our youth, is so difficult in the context of modern American life. Therefore, it is vital for parents to have a place like Westlake which will partner with them in intentionally discipling their children within the context of an excellent, educational program.

PROGRAMS

In order to fulfill its mission, Westlake Christian Academy understands that an exceptional academic program is crucial for creating disciples who are well prepared to impact the world in their colleges, communities, and careers. Westlake's approach is to blend a high level of academic learning with a deep understanding of the Christian faith.

Westlake Christian Academy is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and accredited by two different organizations, the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the North Central Regional agency (AdvancEd). Westlake offers a rigorous academic program that includes AP and dual credit courses. Our school ranks among the top 10 schools in Lake county based on a 5-year average of ACT scores.

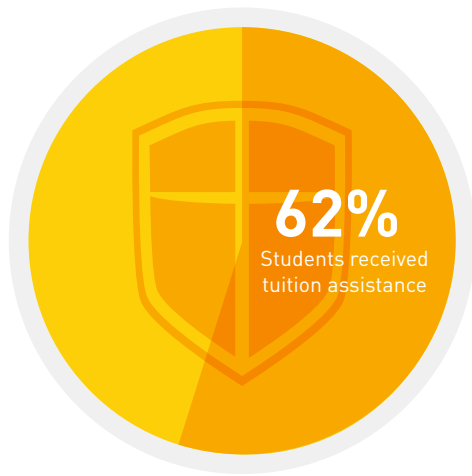
Our recent graduates have been accepted into the following colleges and universities:



WHILE SECURING
\$1,759,200
IN ACADEMIC GIFT, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS.



AN AVERAGE OF
\$32,578
PER STUDENT



= **\$5,200**
AVERAGE AWARD

FINANCIAL NEEDS

As a school, Westlake is committed to partnering with Christian families that desire to have their child receive an exceptional education within a Christian context. Westlake Christian Academy is therefore made up of a diverse community of students from every ethnic and socioeconomic background. To achieve this kind of diversity, no student pays the full cost of education, and many require further assistance. For the 2017-2018 school year, 62% of our students are receiving tuition assistance, with an average award of \$5,200. This is made possible solely through a community of generous partners in ministry.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT WESTLAKE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



ANNUAL FUND

Annual Fund contributions go toward paying the day-to-day expenses of operating the school. These funds help to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of education. This year (2017-2018) we will need **\$580,000** in gifts.

Would you like to partner with us in ministry to students and families? Please consider becoming a **Golden Eagle Member**. The Golden Eagle Program is a monthly commitment to support Westlake financially. Gifts of \$25/month or more qualify and these contributions enable Westlake to continue discipling students for Christ.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

Each year tuition assistance is provided to dozens of families who could not otherwise afford to send their child to Westlake. These funds are awarded based on the needs of the individual families. Westlake relies on God's faithfulness and donors who have a heart for families in need.

Would you like to give so a family can continue sending their children to Westlake? Send a one-time gift or become a **Golden Eagle Member** to ensure more families are able to enroll here.



Homework



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National Christian Foundation (NCF) helps generous givers like you simplify their giving, multiply their impact, and experience the joy of sending more to their favorite causes than they ever dreamed possible. Westlake Christian Academy has partnered with NCF to accept both cash donations and gifts of stock to The Westlake Fund with NCF. Donate to this managed fund and watch your impact grow.



MATCHING GIFTS

Did you know that you may have the power to double your gift? Many companies encourage their employees to give charitably by providing matching funds. As a 501c(3) organization, Westlake is eligible to receive these matching gifts. Contact your employer to find out if they offer a matching gifts program.



GIFTS OF STOCK

Donating stock is a popular alternative when making a gift to the school. All gifts are tax-deductible; please consult your tax advisor for specific tax-related information. If you would like to make a stock gift, you can donate through our partner **National Christian Foundation**.



LEGACIES + BEQUESTS

Where to start? That is often the first and biggest hurdle that prevents someone from leaving a legacy. Westlake Christian Academy has partnered with the **Life Financial Group** to provide consultation in estate planning.



QUESTIONS

For more information on any of these or other giving options contact our Development Department by emailing giving@westlakechristian.org.



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