



Tiger Times Immanuel Lutheran School

Alumni Newsletter
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ILS Alumni Continue to Excel

Immanuel Lutheran School strives for excellence in teaching and learning, built on the foundation of Christ, that uses a challenging curriculum to engage the unique strengths and potential in each child, so they are prepared for high school and beyond.

Madison Spiva (Class of 2015) has signed her National Letter of Intent with Christian Brothers University in Memphis where she will play volleyball. As a four-year varsity member of the Briarcrest volleyball team, she won two Tennessee State Championships in DII-2A volleyball and was Tennessee State Runner Up two years, all on nationally ranked teams. She has been named Honorable Mention All-Region and was on the AVCA Under Armor High School Watch List. Madison is also a member of the National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society, as well as a AVCA Team Academic Award recipient.



Congratulations to **Lauren Hagood (Class of 2014)**! Lauren (second from right above) was initiated into Theta Tau, a co-ed professional engineering fraternity, at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. Lauren previously graduated from SBA, where she was recognized for academic excellence and service.

Taylor Peterman (Class of 2013), a sophomore at the University of Memphis, has started nursing school. She serves as philanthropy chairman of Pi Beta Phi sorority and has received a Presidential Scholarship from the

University. Taylor previously graduated from Arlington High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, 30 Club, and varsity soccer team.

Allie Bosi (Class of 2010) graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology (minor in Pre-Law) and is currently pursuing a Master's of Science Degree in Sociology there. She has earned a Teaching Assistantship in Graduate School and is a Community Engaged Scholar (for mentoring prisoners). Last summer, Allie completed an internship at HopeWorks in Memphis, a non-profit organization that provides hope and opportunity through education, spiritual development, and respect for work.

Harold Graeter, Jr. (Class of 1976) was voted vice-president and president-elect for the board of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. He is currently the associate executive director for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. He was previously sports director, sports anchor/reporter for WMC-TV. Harold earned a BA in Communications from the University of Memphis.

We at ILS are very proud of all our graduates and all who attend our School! It is encouraging and reaffirming to know that our students have built on a strong foundation and are well-equipped with what they need to be successful beyond ILS.



Foxbridge Residents Learn About STEMM
Residents from Foxbridge Assisted Living and Memory Care Center visited Immanuel's STEMM Lab in December. They learned how to code and operate ozobots and how to construct and use electrical snap circuits.

Faith. Family. Future.



ILS Students Meet Needs in Our Community

Students at Immanuel Lutheran School are focused not only on academics but on demonstrating and sharing the love of Jesus in reaching the community and beyond. Some recent highlights include: collecting hats and gloves for children at Youth Villages; collecting funds for Hurricane Michael survivors and survivors of California fires for Samaritan's Purse; collecting toys, small clothing, and hygiene items and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child; sponsoring "Forgotten Angels" through Salvation Army's Angel Tree; making pictures for and visiting with a St. Jude family living at the Ronald McDonald House; decorating and providing cookies to the MPD Appling Farms Station; and sponsoring a family for Christmas through Neighborhood Christian Centers; conducting a canned food drive and sorting food at the Mid-South Food Bank.

ILS Celebrates Unity in Diversity

In February, ILS celebrated Unity in Diversity which included an "Embracing the Dream" event during DREAM Week and a special chapel led by Pastor Russell Belisle.



ILS 5th Grade Students Complete D.A.R.E.

A 10-week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) course of instruction was provided to ILS 5th graders by the Bartlett Police Department, which encompassed everything from resisting the daily peer pressure to participating in drug, cigarette, and alcohol use

to resisting gangs. Students were taught the dangers of these risk taking behaviors and ways to avoid them.



ILS STEM Lab Hosts Guest Presenter from Buckman International

ILS was honored to have guest presenter Mrs. Lee Goodrich, Business Systems Manager for North America at Buckman International, teach classes throughout the day on February 22 in our STEM Lab at ILS. Mrs. Goodrich earned a Chemistry Engineering Degree at Mississippi State University and worked in production management prior to moving into information technology around the Y2K era. She taught students about the educational requirements and different applications for chemical engineering and also talked about where you can work. She told students they will never stop learning, especially with fast-paced changes in technology such as augmented and virtual reality. Mrs. Goodrich shared that college is not just about learning subject material but that college also teaches you how to think and solve problems. She was very excited to see ILS providing STEM curriculum to all K-8 students at such early ages to better prepare them for the future.

Foxbridge Residents Read to ILS Students

As a way to encourage intergenerational ministry and promote community involvement, residents from Foxbridge Assisted Living and Memory Care Center have visited ILS and read to our PK students throughout the school year.

We want to hear from you!

Encourage your fellow ILS alumni to contact us. Let us know what's going on with you and your family by sending an email to Principal Ed Mell at emell@immanuelmemphis.org. Check us out at ilsmemphis.org or [f](https://www.facebook.com/ilsmemphis.org).