

Laramie Christian Academy's Newsletter

At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm.- Nehemiah 4:6

DINO DIG DISCOVERY

SECOND YEAR, TWICE THE TIME, TWICE THE FUN

Our second year at the Dino Dig did not disappoint. Armed with what we learned from our first year (stay more than one night, and have all paperwork in hand before arriving) we set out again with excitement and anticipation for our second summer at Dino Dig. LCA was blessed to engage for a few days in Southwestern Adventist University's annual dig that takes place during the entire month of June. Thirty students and parents traveled with LCA for one/two nights of camping and two to three days digging in quarries for dinosaur bones.



Amazing finds included an alligator scute ("scoot"= scale), a bird leg bone, dinosaur: toe bones, vertebrae, rib bones, and even larger humerus bones.



Students found the experience to be captivating in varying degrees, some being "dug out" by the first lunch break and others begging parents to stay a little longer at the end of the third day.

Everyone found bones of various size, and types. Students learned to excavate in a quarry correctly, identify bones, record their finds in field notebooks, and pack them safely for transport back to the lab.



Prior to removal from the quarry, all bones are GPS'ed on location to enable the museum to re-create a virtual quarry which allows scientists to study how the bones are distributed in the ground and draw conclusions about the manner in which they were buried. Throughout the remainder of the year SWAU students and scientists will enter our finds, and other bones dug up during the month of June, into the museum's database.

In the evenings and mornings LCA was invited to join the SWAU in meals, devotions, scientific lectures, and community. We were even included in the SWAU's annual Dino Dig photo. Fun had by all echoed with the sentiment "we can't wait to go back next year."

GROWTH OPENS NEW CLASSROOM POSITIONS

To accommodate growth in enrollment Laramie Christian Academy opened two new positions. We are hiring for a staffing scenario that enables us to combine classes in two grade groupings: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7. Our Upper School, 8-12 will be in a combined classroom with classroom facilitated online teaching and space is limited for our first pilot year.

To allow for this classroom break down we are hiring three new teachers, two of whom have already been hired. We are still looking for our 6-7 grade teacher; if you know anyone interested please forward them to our website to apply.

<https://www.laramiechristianacademy.com/connect/teacher-application/>



Teacher Application for
Religious Employment

LCA BOARD SCHEDULES RETREAT



As Laramie Christian Academy reflects on the ending of our second year, the LCA Board of Directors plans for an all-day retreat in the month of July. This retreat will enable the board to review this year's growth and to adjust and plan for the coming Academic Year. Last June the LCA Board of Directors hired LCA's first Academy Principal Mrs. McKamey. Throughout the course of our school year, LCA transitioned from a Board operated school to an Admin operated school. As Academy leadership has navigated this change in real time, summer schedule allows the board of directors' further time to plan strategically for 2022-2023 and beyond.

We are looking forward to a day to connect with each other as a board and strategically plan for a new chapter of governance for LCA as a board that enables our academy to grow and thrive.

WHY DO FAMILIES ATTEND LCA?

- We like the Biblical principals being taught and the sense of community.*
- Good education, continue to grow and learn in Christ Jesus, continue to learn good morals, and to understand the work they are learning and not be passed on to another grade level.*
- So our children can continue a God centered education.*
- Conservative values. Accountability. Understanding that we are children of God.*
- I agree with the teachings and want my child to continue learning through the faith of our Lord.*

LCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING STAFF

MERI RUIZ -- KINDER-FIRST GRADE CLASS

We are excited to announce Mrs. Meri Ruiz our new teacher for our K-1 class for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Ruiz brings to LCA years of teaching experience with kindergarten, early childhood, and children's ministry.

She has a Bachelor of Theology and Biblical Studies with a concentration in Children's ministry and missions. Called at age three, before her family even knew what a Christian was, her life has been dedicated to missionary work with a calling to teach children. She is also an ordained minister of the Four Square church.

Mrs. Ruiz is now excited to continue her missionary work as our K-1 teacher at LCA. Married to Leo Ruiz, a native of Ecuador, Meri is bilingual and assists Pastor Ruiz with Harvest Español. Among her strengths in teaching, she brings commitment, organization, structure, stability, and lots of love for this age group specifically.

Welcome Mrs. Ruiz, we are so blessed to have you on our amazing teaching team!



THE BIG "3" OF LCA

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
BIBLE INTEGRATION
RESILIENT HOPE IN JESUS

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