CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *History*

From the day Country Day first opened its doors on Hamilton Road in 1949, the school has evolved and expanded to enable an ever-growing number of students to receive an ever-superior education. For many years, this evolution was typified by important, but comparatively small and limited additions to the physical plant and grounds, such as building the Raymond D. Buckwalter Gymnasium in 1970.

That changed in 1983 with the school's first capital campaign and major, multipart renovation. That, and every subsequent campaign has been led by small, committed teams of parents, alumni, trustees and administrators. Below is the roster of the men and women who have made up those teams, and whose dedication and vision deserves special recognition and thanks. However, this list does not include the names of a less centralized, but vital group: the Country Day family and every one of its generous members. We thank all of you too.

HEADS AND CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Bernadette Gardner '87, P '15,'17,'20, '20
Liz and Kent Haberker P '06, '09, '09
John Jarvis P '70, '72, '74, '77
Dick Johnson P '92, '94, '97
Paul Kozloff P '90, '92, '97, '99
Steve D. Lisk P '17, '19
June and Andy Maier P '01, '06
Michael J. Mersky P '06, '08
Alfred B. Strickler Jr. P '79
Susan Valk Woolworth P '97, '00
Andrew Woolworth '71, P '97, '00

MAJOR SPACES' NAMESAKES

C. Dudley Armstrong, Shippen P '35, '41, GP '60, '62, '65, GGP '89
Jay and Nan Cook P '98, P '17, P '12
Raymond D. Buckwalter GP '01
Anna Miriam Herr Gardner, Shippen '27, P '55, '53, GP '84, '86, GGP '15, '17, '20, '20
Marcia Hubbard '53
Ruth and Allen Kozloff GP '90, '92, '97, '99
Dr. Richard H. and Mary Jane Mann P '67, '69, '71
Gina Russo P '01, '04
Mary Jane Slossor P '46, GP '74, '76
James Hale Steinman Foundation
Fern and Lloyd Wademan GP '90, '92, '92, '95, '97, '97

1983–1985 Foundations *for the* Future

RAISED $1.1M … Original Goal $750,000K

The first official capital campaign saw the biggest expansion of the school since its 1949 move to Hamilton Road. This project created the courtyard with the building of the Sally Painter Memorial Library (less formally known as the MS-US Library), which enclosed the Mary Jane Slosser Memorial Garden. Foundations For The Future also built the fourth grade classrooms and Lower School offices, as well as adding a new Dining Commons, computer center, faculty room and board room.

445 Students

"Lancaster deserves first-rate schools and LCDS is an unusually fine asset. The challenge is to continue improving our program and making individualized education available to talented young people from every walk of life."

John A. Jarvis

RAISED $3.2M … Original Goal $3.175M

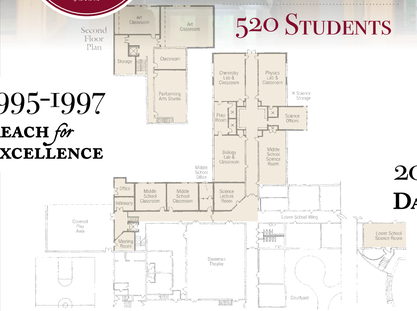
Country Day School first-graders broke ground for a new school wing. From left, Gretel Staudt, Devon Liddell, Rick Lucarelli, Alexandra Grace, Cameron Warner, Sarah Patschke, Rachel Bowerman and Lauren Miller.

1989–1991 Cornerstone Campaign

Much of what was built in Country Day's second campaign created a model for subsequent development, including a bright, airy entrance along with modern classrooms whose big windows and air conditioning became the envy of the rest of the building. Little of that remains in its original form today, having been replaced to house the current administrative offices. However, the two centerpieces of the '89-91 project still stand, the school's iconic bell tower and the bustling and versatile Parents' Field House.

475 Students

RAISED $4.2M … Original Goal $3.5M



1995–1997 Reach *for* Excellence

"Lancaster Country Day School is in an enviable position to begin the '90s. Each gift reaffirms our commitment to see LCDS continue to help our students become responsible, thoughtful, committed citizens of the United States and the world."

– Richard D. Johnson

Less construction-intensive than its predecessors, Country Day's third campaign devoted roughly half its resources to bolstering the financial aid program, as well as raising faculty compensation along with funds to further professional development. The building expansion comprised new fifth-grade classrooms, the Marcia Hubbard Science Center and the Mary Jane Mann Art Center, which included two large art classrooms, as well as two studio spaces for dance and ceramics.

520 Students

In 2004, Mike Swenson '04, Erika Faulkner '18 posed with Head of School Michael Mersky during a groundbreaking ceremony for Dare to Be Great. In 2018, Erika and her, now seniors, recreate the pose with Head of School Steve Lisk.

RAISED $8.9M … Phase I Goal $10.5M

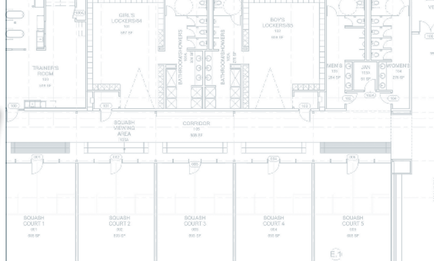
2002–2004 Dare *to be* Great

Alumni visiting LCDS in fall 2005 came home to a school profoundly transformed. Its half-century as an almost entirely one-story structure came to an end as growing enrollment demanded more space for students, including a 32,000 square foot second floor for the Upper School and a completely remodeled first floor for the Middle School. In addition, the Russo Board Room provided a versatile new meeting space, the new window-walled Cook Dining Commons offered seats for 250, the Lower School got its own dedicated library, the parking lot expanded to accommodate 45 new spaces and welcoming students into all of this was a new entrance hall whose grand staircase looked down onto a maze in the terrazzo floor below.

530 Students

"All the people who have seen the building since it opened last week have said they were shocked by the beauty, and yet they say it still feels the same."

– Michael J. Mersky



2013–2017 Room *to* Grow

"What differentiates good schools from outstanding schools are projects such as Room to Grow, which give Country Day a tremendous boost in realizing our goal of helping students lead healthy, happy and successful lives."

– Steven D. Lisk

The current campaign is a multiphase project that broke ground in June. Phase One will see major modernizing renovations to the Lower School, the expansion of air conditioning to arts and science wings as well as the Lower School, an enlarged parking lot and a new entrance off of Clay Street. Phase Two will realize the goals first set out in the Cornerstone Campaign nearly 30 years ago to create a modern athletics and physical education complex.

610 Students

RAISED *to date* $7.8M … Phase I & II Goal $11M

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LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Cost to purchase new site and construct proposed building estimated at $97,000

115 Students

/ 1949 /

School moves from North Lime Street to Old School Lane Hills. Construction costs rose to $260,000 by 1949. School had small field on Hamilton before 1949.

/ 1954 /

LOWER SCHOOL WING

/ 1956 /

ATHLETIC FIELDS GIVEN TO LCDS

by C. Dudley Armstrong

/ 1960 /

Science, Music and Art Wing, where Miss Appel taught (now site of current science wing and art classrooms above) and open lockers

/ 1970 /

RAYMOND D. BUCKWALTER MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

/ 1970 /

Construction begins on JOHN F. STEINMAN THEATRE

335 Students