



ANNUAL REPORT

EQUIPPING THE CHURCH

Engaging our World

*Briercrest is the partnership of three Christ-centred,
Bible-anchored, ministry-focused schools that thrive
in the context of a vibrant spiritual community.*

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3 SCHOOLS
26 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
899 STUDENTS
192 STAFF & FACULTY MEMBERS
9 PARTNER PROGRAMS
5 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
18 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
7 GRADUATE PROGRAMS
4,200 DONORS (2006-2017)
22,700 ALUMNI



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a wonderful God we serve! Through the challenges and triumphs of this past year, we rejoice knowing that God is our potter and it has all been beautifully shaped by His hand.

For over 82 years, we have been called to seek the kingdom of God, to be shaped profoundly by the scriptures, and to be formed spiritually and intellectually for lives of service. Today, we find ourselves giving thanks for God's faithfulness as we face the challenges of a changing world. We continue to seek God as we boldly implement new strategic initiatives and educational opportunities for our students. Given the social, economic, cultural, political, and ethical complexities of our times, Briercrest strives to be a pivotal tool in God's hand.

I have the privilege of having a front row seat in witnessing God at work in the lives of our students, staff, and faculty. And, I am afforded the opportunity of seeing the impact of our alumni on the Canadian landscape and around the world as they faithfully and passionately equip the Church and engage our world with the transformative message of the Gospel.

I am so thankful to you, our friends, supporters, and alumni, for helping us to fulfill God's calling — to equip the Church and engage our world. Thank you for standing with us in prayer, encouragement, and support.

Partnering together,



Michael B. Pawelke, DMin



CARONPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Outstanding secondary education



134
STUDENTS



42
2017 GRADS

The 2016/17 school year was another fantastic year for Caronport High School (CHS). A highlight was celebrating 70 years of operation! We were thrilled that over 300 alumni and families returned to campus to celebrate with us at our CHS 70th Homecoming held September 23–25.

Caleb Willems, a recent Briercrest College graduate, started as our new chaplain! He has done an excellent job filling this role and leading our students toward Jesus both through chapel talks and his daily example. AJ Crocker, our previous chaplain, has moved to Briercrest's director of enrolment.

We are excited to embrace the new year ahead with a groundbreaking partnership with Prairie Hockey Academy. We remain committed to helping our students love God actively and holistically with their "heart, soul, and mind."



BRIERCREST COLLEGE

Quality Christ-centred higher education



549*
STUDENTS



116
2017 GRADS

In the 2016/17 school year Briercrest College continued to dispense a high quality, distinctively Christian education, delivering on our mission to prepare students “spiritually and intellectually for lives of service.” It gives us great joy to see the fruition of that work in the lives of our students and alumni.

This summer, seven teams of current students traveled to various places around the world to teach English as a second language. Additionally, four Briercrest alumni received prestigious Social Science and Humanities Research Council grants to pursue higher education in humanities.

We remain convinced that a Christian liberal arts education prepares students for a life of vocational or marketplace ministry. Thank you for your investment in the College!

**NOTE - College student numbers include high school students registered in a college course.*



BRIERCREST SEMINARY

*Graduate level ministry, leadership,
and theological training*



233
STUDENTS



32
2017 GRADS

As we look back over the year in the Seminary, we are filled with awe at what the Lord has done. We launched a new 42-credit Master of Counselling program and offered our “Seminary on the road” courses in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Red Deer, and Toronto.

Briercrest Seminary was also blessed to celebrate Spurgeon Root as this year’s Briercrest Alumnus of the Year. A 2011 Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counselling graduate, he embodies the Seminary’s commitment to ministry in his service to the youth of inner-city Regina.

We are grateful for a generous donation that allowed us to upgrade one of our seminary classrooms this summer. We have designed the space to optimize the learning experience and anticipate that the renovation will foster improved student engagement. These initiatives will increase our effectiveness in training Christ followers to minister to our broken world.





“My time at CHS has honestly been the best of my life . . . Whatever you do here, the people set you up to succeed. They know that you will have bad times, and are there to support you when they happen, teaching you why and deepening your faith in God. It’s like our chaplain says, ‘It’s a giant youth group.’ But it’s even a bit more than that. It’s a family.”

– LUKE GOBBETT, CARONPORT HIGH SCHOOL

“I have learned more about myself in my first year at Briercrest than in the 19 years before it . . . I am pressing on to praise my God and to equip myself for a lifetime of purpose.”

–LORIS TIEDE, 1ST YEAR, BA WORSHIP ARTS



“Briercrest has been an oasis in my world. Each modular class seemed to meet me exactly where I was in my journey . . . My relationships with others are richer, more meaningful, genuine, authentic and real. I am thankful for all I have learned, but most of all growing in my walk with Jesus!”

– ERIN WIENS, MA THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

“I came to Briercrest with a five-year plan to serve Him. He has allowed me to serve Him for 29 years here. Briercrest has been a wonderful place to work, raise children, and watch young people grow into Christian leaders and servants.”

– VERN WILSON, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE



INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

Meeting the needs of Canada's Indigenous students

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit are some of the fastest growing demographics in Saskatchewan. At Briercrest, we are empowering Indigenous students to succeed in our academic environment by creating an educational community that is safe, supportive, and celebrates indigenous culture. This past year marked a new high for our Indigenous student numbers with growth from 12 Indigenous students in 2012 to 59 Indigenous students in 2016/17. We also hosted our fifth annual Aboriginal Awareness Week where we celebrated Indigenous history and culture. We continue to build sustainable relationships with Indigenous communities and work to create a safe environment where Indigenous students succeed in all aspects of their well-being.

STUDENT LIFE

Calling students to seek the kingdom of God

This year we saw our students seek the kingdom of God in rich and uplifting ways. Caronport High School “worked as though working for the Lord” (Colossians 3:23) and served both in Moose Jaw and abroad. Our College students focused on unity and growing in Christ as Nathan Archer, student body president, led Thursday chapels and Day of Prayer each semester. Throughout the year in the Seminary we saw deep transparency with fellow students, a strong desire to follow God even in uncertain circumstances, and a fervent desire to impact lives for God’s glory.

EVENTS

RETHINK CONFERENCE

RETHINK Conference 2016 was our second annual young adults conference. RETHINK provides a weekend for young adults to wrestle through some of the challenging topics that are central to our faith. This year's keynote speaker was Wes Olmstead, PhD. He led the main sessions discussing what it means to follow Jesus and challenged our young adults to think deeply about their faith.



YOUTH QUAKE

Registration for Youth Quake 2017 was up by 10 per cent. We had 1285 youth attend from 83 churches, parachurch ministries, schools, camps, and community groups from across Canada and the U.S. The Gospel was shared through world-class preaching, worship, dance, and many high-energy activities. The message of the Gospel remains powerful and hundreds of youth responded to the Lord at this event.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

In 2016 a Briercrest Christmas presented an original musical called *A Christmas Prodigal*. The story set the parable of the prodigal son in an east coast fishing village at Christmas time and shared the Gospel through both the parable and the Christmas story. The four performances had a cast of 142 performers and 60 crew and volunteers. One audience member shared, "The music quality was exceptional, the acting was captivating, the costumes and set were breathtaking!"



OTHER PERFORMING ARTS

Coffee houses, drama class productions, student recitals, Opera Scenes, college singers, worship teams, a Remembrance Day tribute, and Summer Stage performances filled the 2016/17 school year with music and theatre. The biggest highlights of the year were our Summer Stage performances of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Gondoliers* which had record attendance with 1,200+ tickets sold and three sold out shows.



BRIERCREST ATHLETICS

A year of new initiatives



Briercrest Athletics experienced an exciting year of growth. We launched seven new junior varsity (JV) programs, added an athletic therapist as well as assistant coaches to serve our varsity level athletes, and we made history by receiving an ACAC Player of the Year award.

The new JV teams include men's and women's basketball, soccer, and volleyball, as well as a running club. Briercrest teams now compete in the Prairie Athletic Conference (PAC), Western Collegiate Softball Association (WCSA), and the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC). The additional teams allow us to influence more Briercrest student athletes and to have an increased impact on the Canadian athletics landscape.

Our new athletic therapist and assistant coaches gave much needed support to our varsity athletes. This additional support improved our injury treatment and resulted in increased athletic performance. Our women's volleyball program finished their season 20-4, their best regular season since joining the ACAC. Sam Zacharias, team captain, was recognized for her outstanding athletic achievements with the ACAC Women Player of the Year award, a first for a Briercrest female athlete. We give God the glory for our 2016/17 athletic achievements.



7
NEW
TEAMS



9
NEW
STAFF

CAMPUS/FACILITIES

Refreshing our campus

We recognize that the health and quality of our facilities contributes to our ability to effectively train and equip leaders to serve the Church and world. We seek to make strategic maintenance decisions that strengthen our facilities and improve the aesthetics of our campus so we can better serve our students.

Highlights from 2016/17 facilities upgrades:



CHS Football clubhouse



Sinclair Whittaker remodel



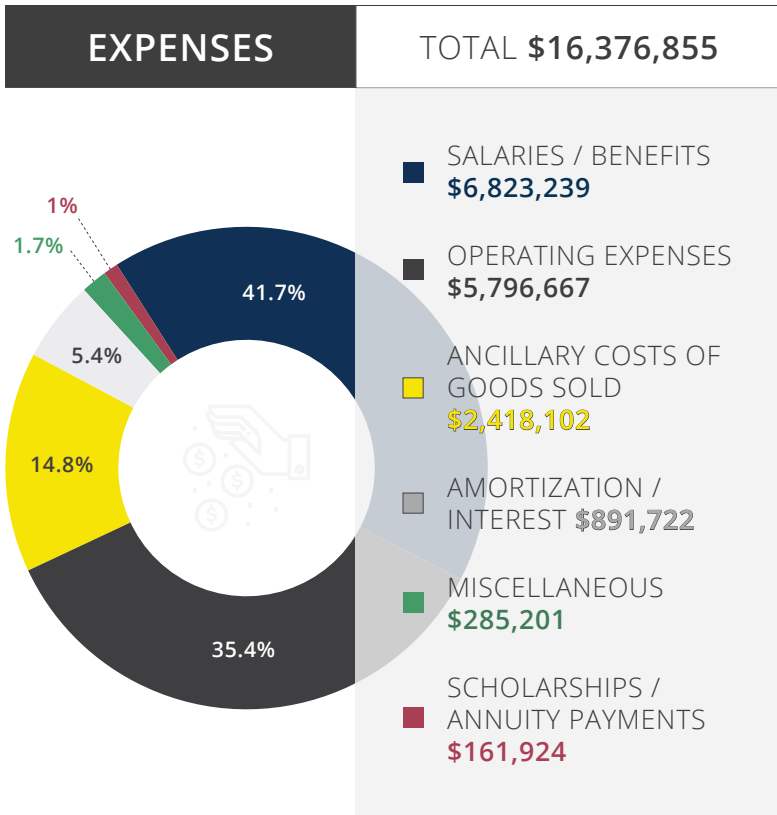
*Front entrance parking lot /
sidewalk replacement*



*Grace Latrace Memorial
Lounge / the Den renovations*

Thank you to the donors, workers, and volunteers who helped make these projects happen! We will continue to pray for wisdom as we make strategic investments in the facilities with which we have been blessed.

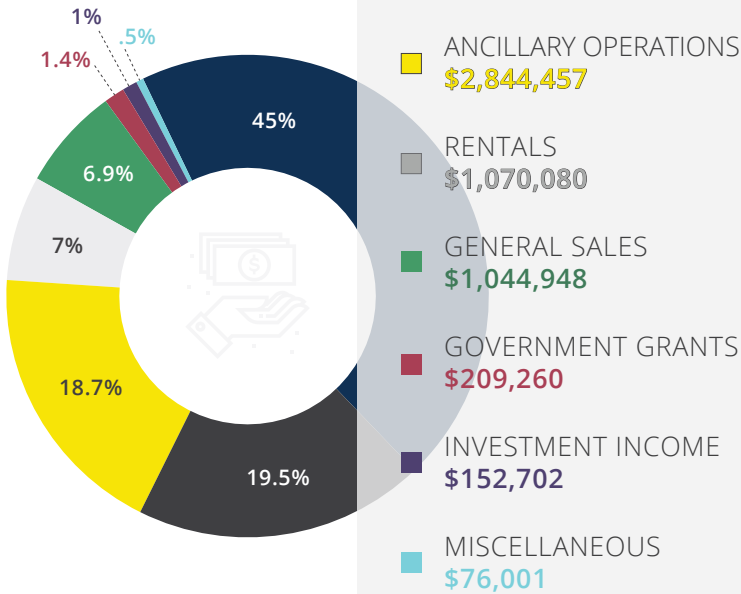
FINANCES



You will notice that our expenses exceeded our revenue, indicating that we ended the 2016/17 year with a deficit. This past year we launched several strategic growth initiatives: a junior varsity athletic program, a new MA in Counselling degree, upgrades to several of our dorms, Prairie Hockey Academy through CHS, and added staff to our High School and Seminary Recruitment Offices. We understood that these initiatives could lead to an increase in our deficit, but we believed that moving *(continued on next page)*

REVENUES

TOTAL **\$15,192,535**



forward on these initiatives would lead to future growth and sustainability. We have already begun to see enrolment growth and a return on these investments. We ended our year with an operational deficit of approximately \$750,000. The remaining dollars represent additional costs incurred: scholarships, vacation accrual adjustment, and necessary capital improvements.

Please note: The financial amounts used in this report are unaudited. Audited financial statements will be available upon request.

BRIERCREST

A community of learning that calls students to seek the kingdom of God, to be shaped profoundly by the scriptures, and to be formed spiritually and intellectually for lives of service.

*“The Word of our God
shall stand forever.”*

ISAIAH 40:8

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