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Where Character, Christ, and Community Count

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



Dear Atlantic Christian School Community,

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 school year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for God’s continued faithfulness to Atlantic Christian School. This year marked our 55th year of providing Christ-centered education, and we remain steadfast in our mission to partner with families in developing students who love God, pursue excellence, and live according to His Word.

Our theme for the year, “Live It,” based on James 1:22, challenged our students to move beyond simply hearing God’s Word and to faithfully put it into practice. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, through service opportunities, or in everyday relationships, our students were encouraged to live out their faith with integrity, compassion, and obedience to Christ.

God’s blessings were evident throughout the year as we continued to invest in both our students and our campus. Thanks to the faithful generosity of our donors, supporters, and ministry partners, we were able to complete several significant improvement projects that will benefit our school for years to come.

These projects included enhancements to our Early Education and Elementary playgrounds, new scoreboards and fencing on our athletic fields, renovations to our multi-purpose room and Science classroom, and the installation of additional security cameras to further strengthen campus safety. Each improvement reflects our commitment to providing an excellent learning environment where students are equipped academically, spiritually, physically, and socially.

As you read through this Annual Report, we hope you will celebrate with us all that God has accomplished this year. From our youngest learners in Pre-K to our graduating seniors, we witnessed students growing in wisdom, character, leadership, and faith. Their achievements are a testimony to God’s faithfulness and to the dedication of our exceptional faculty, staff, families, and supporters.

We are sincerely grateful for every parent, grandparent, alumnus, church, business partner, and friend who has invested in the ministry of Atlantic Christian School. Your prayers, encouragement, volunteer service, and financial generosity make an eternal impact on the lives of our students.

As we look ahead, we are excited for what God has in store. Together, we will continue building a strong foundation of biblical truth while preparing the next generation to influence their communities and the world for Christ.

In His Service,
Karen M. Oblen, M.Ed.
Chief School Administrator



ADMISSIONS

Enrollment Snapshot

Atlantic Christian School continued to serve a strong and diverse student body during the 2025–2026 school year, with 568 students enrolled. Our Early Education program expanded its offerings by adding half-day options to better meet the needs of families. The International Student Program included four high school students; two from South Korea and two from Vietnam, providing valuable opportunities for cultural learning within our community. Our students and families represented more than 117 area churches, reflecting the school's strong connection to the local Christian community. Area pastors also supported the school by serving as chapel speakers, athletic coaches, COMPASS group leaders, and teachers.



Class of 2026



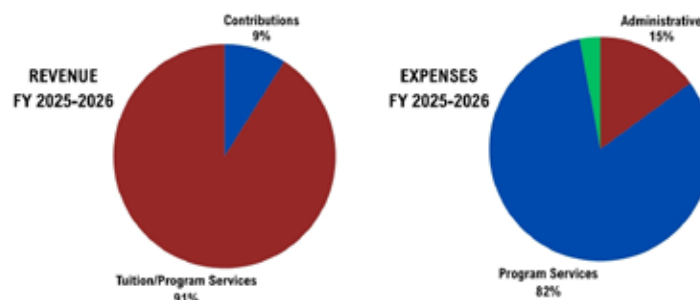
The Class of 2026 was made up of 23 graduates who prepared to pursue a variety of paths as they followed God's direction for their lives. Members of the class were offered more than \$1,714,000 in scholarship awards from the colleges and universities to which they applied. Six students plan to attend Atlantic Cape Community College, five plan to attend Stockton University, and others plan to attend Rowan University, Palm Beach

Atlantic University, Cairn University, and Washington and Lee University. Two students plan to enter the electrical trade, one plans to serve in the military, and five were still considering their next steps. As part of their Senior Capstone experience, students were challenged to apply their research, communication, and biblical worldview skills through written papers, fieldwork, and presentations on important topics. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing how God would guide and use each graduate in the years ahead.

FINANCIAL

- **Tuition Rates and Fees** – For the 2025–2026 school year, annual tuition increased by \$368 for PreK, \$256 for Kindergarten through 5th grade, \$257 for 6th through 8th grade, and \$275 for 9th through 12th grade. These adjustments supported the school's continued efforts to maintain and strengthen the quality of its academic programs, facilities, and student services while remaining mindful of affordability for families.
- **Tuition Assistance Grants** – Now in its 9th year, our needs-based Tuition Assistance Grant Program, funded by donations, awarded \$328,686 in assistance to 229 students — 187 returning and 42 new. The program will continue to be offered in SY26-27, marking its 10th year of helping ACS families.
- **Personnel** – Added 6 new faculty and staff members.
- **Fundraising Milestone** – The Race for Education and Legacy Gala raised a combined net income of more than \$110,000 for ACS, marking the highest combined total for these two fundraisers in the past several years.
- **Income Highlights** – Support from local churches and donors, designated and undesignated gifts to the Annual Fund, grants, and several ACS fundraisers blessed ACS with additional income of over \$424,271.61 as of 4/2026.
- **Audit** – A financial review of FY 25-26 was conducted by Clayton Simpson, CPA. Financial statements were found to be presented fairly and reflecting school's financial position as of June 30, 2026. Changes in net assets ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

2025-2026 Budget Snapshot (as of 6/30/2026)



2025-2026

Operating Budget	\$ 4,771,946.28 (as of 6/30/26)
Operating Income (Actual)	\$ 4,916,268.05 (as of 6/30/26)
Operating Expense (Actual)	\$ 5,053,995.50 (as of 6/30/26)

EDUCATION

Striving for Excellence

- **Accreditation** – In March 2026, ACS received re-accreditation through 2033 from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES).
- **Technology**– Through Title funding, ACS purchased 100 Chromebooks, 6 teacher laptops, IXL learning software, and new classroom management and internet safety tools.
- **Assessment** – Continued using the NWEA MAP Growth Assessment for students K-11; PSAT/SAT for grades 9-11.
- **Honor Society** – Eleven students were inducted into the National Honor Society, and 11 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.
- **Enrichment Classes** – Academically advanced students in grades 3–6 participated in hands-on learning experiences in robotics, electronics, chemistry, and logic-based challenges.
- **Dual Enrollment** – Continued offering 7 dual credit courses for high school students through ACCC: Algebra 2, Biology 2, U.S. History 2, Pre-Calculus, Spanish 3, Statistics, and Psychology.
- **Mock Trial** –16 high school students competed in the New Jersey State Bar Foundation Mock Trial Competition.
- **High School Concentrations** – High school students had the opportunity to explore focused areas of study in Worship, Education, Health and Medicine, Biblical Leadership, Business, and Culinary Arts.



EDUCATION

Competitions

- 9th grader **Jennyfer Loaiza-Riveros** won the Christmas Card Design Contest
- 8th grader **Madelyn Petrinec** won the school-wide Spelling Bee, and **Joey Kinch** represented ACS at the Scripps South Jersey Regional Bee due to Maddie being unable to compete.
- 8th grader **Grace Lushina** was the Student Grand Prize Winner in the Race for Education, raising over \$3,000 through gifts from her sponsors. **Mrs. Steuber's 5th grade class** earned both the Elementary and overall Class recognition
- 21 students from the 3rd-12th grades participated in this year's Student Talent Show.

Elementary Awards:

- 1st Place: **Ivory Hosey** (5th Grade)
 2nd Place: **Brooklyn Bynum** (5th Grade)
 3rd Place: **Nora Wigglesworth** (4th Grade)

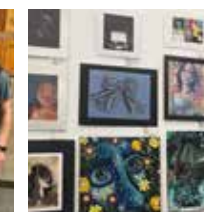
Upper School Awards:

- 1st Place: **Layla Aspenberg & Eliana Jones** (7th Grade)
 2nd Place: **Ashlee Alford** (11th Grade)
 3rd Place: **Sophia Fireall** (7th Grade)

Peer Award: **Layla Aspenberg & Eliana Jones** (7th Grade)

Best Instrument – **Sienna Heilman** (9th Grade)
 Best Comedian - **Sean Connolly** (6th Grade)

- **Teen Arts Festival** – 42 ACS students took part in the 2026 festival in Hammonton, competing in vocal, instrumental, theater, film, and visual arts.
- **State Teen Arts Festival** – Six ACS students were selected by the judges to participate in the State Teen Arts Festival: **Kendall Bouchard** (Photography), **Rose Campbell** (Vocals), **Greta Kleinman** (Dance), **Ella Henigan** (Instrumental), **Sienna Heilman** (Instrumental), and **Sam Petrinec** (Instrumental, runner up).



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Outreach



ACS hosted several events throughout the year to show appreciation for those who invest in our students' lives, including Grandparent Appreciation Day and Veterans Appreciation Day in November, Pastor Appreciation Day in February, and Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in May. We also continued to make our facilities available to community groups such as the Boy Scouts of America, Hope Community Church, Jehovah Jireh Basketball Outreach, Klemic Performance Method, Mainland United Soccer Association (MUSA), Nor'Easters Academy, and Kingdom Courts.

Race for Education

PreK1-12th grade students and their teachers walked and ran around our track for our 23rd annual Race for Education on November 4. Classes and students competed for prizes and raised over \$61,000 for our Annual Fund, with a record 42 Event Sponsors and 29 Classroom Sponsors.



Legacy Gala and Silent Auction



On May 8, ACS hosted the Legacy Gala and Silent Auction at Linwood Country Club, welcoming approximately 115 guests for an evening celebrating 55 years of God's faithfulness to Atlantic Christian School. Through the generosity of sponsors, donors, and attendees, the event netted approximately \$65,000 in support of the school's mission of Christian education. Guests enjoyed fellowship, worship music, student performances, a silent auction, and remarks from members of the ACS community. During the evening, the Servant's Heart Award was presented to Chris Loeb, Michael and Kelly Flynn, Barbara Freeman, and Pastor Matthew Maher in recognition of their faithful service, generosity, and support of Christian education. ACS was grateful to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, prayed, and helped make the Gala a success.

FACILITIES

Donations and grants from individuals, churches, organizations, foundations, and federal programs blessed ACS, allowing for major facility and security upgrades.

Athletic Scoreboards: Through generous donations from supporters, ACS installed a new soccer scoreboard in the fall and a new softball scoreboard in the spring.

Pixellot Athletics Camera: Through a generous donation, the Athletics Department purchased a Pixellot athletics camera to record indoor and outdoor games and provide video playback for coaches and players to review and improve performance.

Baseball Field Fencing: New fencing was installed in the softball outfield, improving safety and enhancing the field design. This upgrade, a gift from an anonymous donor, is a great addition to our athletic facilities.

Playground Enhancements: Upgraded elementary playground equipment through generous donations from Ralph Clayton and other supporters.

Outdoor Gaga Ball Pit: Through funding from AtlantiCare, ACS purchased an outdoor gaga ball pit for students to enjoy during PE classes and recess.

Indoor Security Doors and Additional Security Cameras: New side security doors and 10 additional cameras were installed to enhance the safety of our campus. These important upgrades were made possible through Title funding and a Homeland Security grant.

Multi-Purpose Room Renovation: Renovated the Multi-Purpose Room by installing wooden wall panels, painting the space, upgrading the sound system, and installing two TVs in addition to the projector.

Counseling Room Addition: Created a dedicated counseling room for Biblical Counselors Brian Soucier and Abi Douglass to meet with and support students and staff.

Science Room 206: Upgraded Science Room 206 by installing new flooring, science lab tables, stools, and a mobile science cart.

Teacher Lounge Renovations: Created a new Upper School teacher lounge on the second floor and renovated the first-floor lounge with updated furniture.



STUDENT LIFE

Spiritual Development

Weekly Chapel: Studied The Book of James

Spiritual Emphasis Retreats: Middle and high school students were challenged to grow spiritually through several retreats and special events. The High School Retreat was held at Harvey Cedars with guest speaker Brian Soucier, while the Middle School Retreat took place at the Ocean City Tabernacle with Pastor Matt Maher. High School students also participated in Re-Engage, featuring speakers Ryan Calvin, John Mol, and Michael Ives, and Re-Ignite, featuring speakers Rich Aspenberg, Darren Martin, and Dan McManus.

Biblical Counseling Services:

Through the support of a generous anonymous donor, ACS began offering free Biblical counseling services to K–12 students and ACS staff for the first time.

Missions Trips: 36 students participated over Easter break – 11 middle schoolers served in Washington, DC and 25 high schoolers served in Belize.

Worship Teams: 32 students participated in 3 teams leading worship at weekly chapels – 16 in 5th grade, 7 in middle school, and 9 in high school.

Teen Refuge: The eight-week program, led by Brian Soucier, continued to help high school students explore their identity in Christ, with 28 students participating during the school year.

Bridge & Anchored Student

Support Groups: ACS offered weekly Christ-centered support groups for students who are experiencing family changes.

MS Bible Study: Mondays at 8am with Brian Soucier.



STUDENT LIFE

Student Events

High School Leadership Opportunities:

Seniors attended the Live2Lead leadership conference sponsored by East Coast Roofing, Siding & Windows, and several students participated in the Stockton Youth Leadership Forum.



College Experience Visits for Juniors and Seniors: Cairn University and "A Day in the Life" at Atlantic Cape Community College.



All-School Drama Production - The Sound of Music: The cast included 45 ACS students from 3rd-12th grade and another 8 students who served on Stage Crew. Performed 3 shows on November 21 and 22, attended by close to 1,000 people.



One Christmas Night: ACS hosted its fifth annual Christmas festival on December 5, bringing school families together for an evening of fellowship and celebration. The event featured a live Nativity, student and worship team performances, craft and food vendors, a petting zoo, pony rides, Christmas activities, and other family-friendly attractions.



Drama Seminar Workshop: ACS and The Academy of Arts provided drama workshop for students in grades 5–12, culminating in a performance of Venture of 1620 with 35 student participants and over 300 attendees.



Art Show: Art teacher Genevieve Huff showcased student artwork from grades 1–12 during the spring concerts. The artwork remained on display through the end of the school year, giving families and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the students' creativity, artistic growth, and hard work.



ATHLETICS

We were grateful for the strong support of our school families, whose involvement helped strengthen the ACS athletic program. This year, the Athletics Department launched a Booster Club to support fundraising efforts and assist with concessions. With the help of parent, student, and community volunteers, concessions raised \$10,876.32, while the Booster Club generated an additional \$9,462.23 through other fundraising activities. Together, these efforts raised a total of \$20,338.55 for the athletic program.

Soccer: A total of 38 high school students and 35 middle school students participated in the program. Both varsity teams had successful seasons. Led by Coach Dakota Keller, the Varsity Girls finished in second place in the competitive Jersey United League. Led by Coach Liam Hungate, the Varsity Boys finished in fourth place.

Basketball: A total of 31 high school students and 33 middle school students participated in the basketball program. Coach Paul Jones led the Varsity Boys team to an unprecedented seventh consecutive league championship, finishing the season undefeated in league play, while the Varsity Girls team finished in fourth place. Senior **Caden Kim** reached the 1,000-point milestone, and senior **Gianna Flynn** recorded 1,000 career points and 500 career rebounds.

Cheer: A total of 17 high school students participated. Led by Coach Michelle Wheeler, our cheerleaders once again impressed audiences in our gym and across the East Coast. They finished in first place at the Cheer & Dance Extreme Winter Open and second place at the national competition. Over the past several years, the team has also benefited from a strong core of senior leaders.



ATHLETICS

Baseball and Softball: A total of 12 high school students and 13 middle school students participated in baseball, while 15 high school students and 18 middle school students participated in softball. Both varsity teams had strong seasons and competed for the top seed in the Jersey United League. The Varsity Baseball team remained undefeated in league play and earned several exciting victories, including a perfect game pitched by tenth-grade student Carter Knuth, who recorded 15 strikeouts, in the game.

Athletic Awards: Athletic Awards – Seniors **Caden Kim** and **Gianna Flynn** received the 2026 Billy Robinson Award, presented to one high school boy and girl for outstanding achievement, Christian testimony, and athletic ability. **Isaac Kelley** and **Joanna Weeks** received the Cougar Award, and **Layla McCarthy** was named Rookie of the Year.

Student-athletes were also recognized across each sport for their athletic ability, leadership, improvement, teamwork, and Christ-like character. Awards included Most Valuable Player, Coaches Award, Christian Leadership, Christian Character, Most Improved, Unsung Hero, Game Changer, Silver Slugger, Captain's Award, and Cougar Courage Award. The ceremony celebrated the commitment and character of the students who represented ACS throughout the year. Student-athletes also received pins recognizing their participation and achievements.



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