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## Maplewood Academy: Nurturing Faith, Empowering Leaders

Dear Maplewood Academy Community,

The 2023–2024 school year at Maplewood Academy has been a testament to the truth that, with God, we have everything we need. It becomes clear that words alone cannot fully capture the depth of experiences and growth that have taken place on our campus. Each student and staff member might highlight different moments or cherished memories, yet one unifying theme stands out: the unwavering presence of God, our Jirah, who is always enough. His guidance has been evident in every aspect of our MWA family, from the friendships formed to the dedicated efforts of our teachers and staff. At Maplewood Academy, we have witnessed how God's provision and love have created an environment where students can grow closer to Him, supported by a network of caring friends and mentors. This year, more than ever, I have seen that God was able to utilize this school year to stretch me in ways I would never have thought possible, nor in ways that I necessarily would have asked for. Yet, through it all, His unmistakable hand in shaping the school year manifested itself in many ways. When you witness young people who had no natural inclination to act as a witness for

God, on their own accord, volunteer to publicly share their personal testimony on how God has changed their lives at Maplewood, it's honestly quite humbling. Deep down, I know that nothing humanly possible can be done to touch a resistant heart and draw it to God. Watching how Maplewood students listened to God's calling and decided to wake up early so they had time to give or be part of Bible studies was awe-inspiring. Seeing students volunteer to be part of the praise team training and desiring to witness through praising God was touching. Hearing the stories of how the spring mission trip to La Vida Mission blessed those who were serving as much as those served matches our core values at MWA. I believe God was especially active at Maplewood this year despite the challenges. Looking back, I have no doubt in my mind that God is making sure that His mission is being accomplished at Maplewood and that, collectively, we are just blessed to be part of the work of the Kingdom.

As part of this work, we must recognize that it is only possible with the support and dedication of the Maplewood Alumni, faculty, students, families, and the Minnesota constituency. Each of us can give and receive a blessing in return. We have been ordained as co-laborers at His school here in Minnesota. Through this work, we are going "all in" on

investing in the most valuable asset that He entrusted to us: our children. The youth themselves are going "all in" for each other, too.

I would like each of you to consider the role you can play in supporting Maplewood Academy, whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our work, your partnership is crucial. Together, we can ensure that Maplewood Academy remains a beacon of Christ-centered education, transforming the lives of young people and equipping them to be leaders in their communities and beyond. Through your consistent support and the sacrifice of our faculty, volunteers, church family, and students' families, we are looking to complete this year financially balanced. Through your consistent giving, MWA students received extra support that allowed them to complete the school year with the accounts in the black. I am confident that many of those families had no idea how they would be able to do that, and I can only say . . . Jirah, God is enough.

Jeremy Everhart  
Maplewood Academy Principal





## A HAPPY ENDING

Dearly loved and respected Bible teacher and campus chaplain, Linda Vigil, retired at the end of the 2023-24 school year. What a legacy of unselfish love and service she leaves behind!

Fortunately for Academy students, staff, and many others in the church and community, the Vigil family—Linda, Tim, and Kelli—chose to leave California for Hutchinson, Minnesota, in August of 1993. The original plan was to move closer to Linda's family and be part of a community that had Christian schools. Tim used his RN degree to work at the local hospital while Linda chose to be a stay-at-home Mom with their two-year old daughter, who was later joined by her sister, Jennifer.

As the years unfolded, there was a need for a part time health teacher at Maplewood, which Linda filled; she also taught a Bible class when that calling arose. Later she joined the staff as assistant cafeteria director, then development director, and then she became a full-time teacher for various classes—English, Bible, Family and Consumer science—eventually becoming campus chaplain in 2014.

As Maplewood's chaplain, she was responsible for all spiritual activities, spiritual retreats, and mission



trips. She worked very closely with many students on these projects and had a profound influence on their lives. Former student Olivia Sweet ('20) rightly noted that, "Mrs. Vigil has impacted the lives of countless students that have entered her classroom. . .not only through the curriculum, but simply through the example of how she leads her life and carries herself with an aura of spiritual devotion and loving kindness." Many have noted the deep personal interest and positive encouragement she shares with everyone. Nicolas Cruz ('19) commented that, "Mrs. Vigil helped me create an actual connection with Jesus on a personal level. I thank God for letting God shine through her." Students were well aware that Mrs. Vigil truly loved and believed in them and that she prayed for them personally.

One of Vigil's favorite parts of being campus chaplain was organizing and leading out in many mission

trips over the years—trips to Kentucky, Navajo Indian missions in Arizona and New Mexico, a mega health clinic in Dallas, Texas, trips to Puerto Rico and Belize, as well as helping out with various schools and churches in Minnesota. When asked what made these mission trips so special, Vigil remarked that it was the students—always the students—who were so passionate in their desire to be part of this witnessing experience and willing to work so hard to make it possible. Mission trips have been transformational for many Maplewood students throughout the years. The connections Maplewood students have made with the children they ministered to were especially touching and meaningful.

Both of the Vigils have had to deal with serious health issues over the years, but God has led them through these challenges, and they are both so very thankful for the privilege and blessing of working for Him. Linda also credits husband, Tim, for being a huge support to her, as well as to the academy, the church, and the community. One can frequently see Tim helping out on campus wherever he finds a need, and we fully expect to see both of the Vigils continue to serve the Lord as they are able to and also have the freedom to spend more time with family and reconnecting with friends.

Annika Swanson-Lane ('24) summed up her thoughts about Vigil's retirement by saying, "Mrs. Vigil has always shown the love of Jesus to us students. Whether she was teaching us in class or listening to us after class or praying over our worries, she was always a kind and calming presence. She will be missed at Maplewood." We wish every blessing to the Vigils in the next chapter of their lives.



When you look around Maplewood Academy, you notice strong, caring people. Among them, a light smile will stand out, accompanied by a pair of kind compassionate eyes. That face belongs to Mrs. Vigil, a teacher, friend, wife, and mother. Because of her various roles she has been able to make an impact on many students, as well as staff. She has shown God's love in all she has done, making her character a guide to many students like me. Her testimony has shown just how powerful prayer can be if you put your faith in Jesus. She has shown us that God doesn't need our resources, but our obedience, because He has a plan for us. Thank you, Mrs. Vigil! The plan that God had for you has had one of the greatest impacts on my life as a Christian! May God continue to work through you.

### WHAT STUDENTS AND STAFF SHARED ABOUT MRS VIGIL...

*She is a great conversationalist and always allows time just to have a quick chat.* Henry

*She was the best Bible teacher I've ever had, I didn't get to finish the year off with her, but I'm so glad I got to spend a semester learning more about Jesus's death and resurrection! Thank you for being an amazing teacher.* Triniti

*She always took time to talk and pray with me, and she really listened. Mrs. Vigil has had one of the biggest impacts on my spiritual life out of anyone I know.* Annika

*I loved having you as a teacher, and it's been even more fun getting to know you as a faculty member! You have one of the biggest hearts of anyone I know.* Mrs Ariana Guptil

*I love how welcoming Linda is. The first day I moved to MN, she brought over a couch, tulips, and homemade bread!*  
Ms Jenny Aguilar

*You are an amazing and wonderful person. I will forever remember you as an awesome teacher!! I wish I got to spend more time with you.* Piper

*"Going to miss her; it was so much fun having her as a teacher and a sponsor for mission trip. I hope she remembers us like we'll remember her."* Julia

*Linda, you are a genuine hero. Thanks for inspiring us over the decades with your gentle spirit, calm guidance, open perspective, and staunch*

*dedication to a life filled with love for others.*  
Anonymous

*Mrs. Vigil has always been there whenever we need her. She is always ready to lend a hand, advice, and a smile. I am going to miss her!* Sami

*Thank you, Mrs. Vigil, for truly educating us for eternity! You have greatly helped me in my faith walk.* Losif

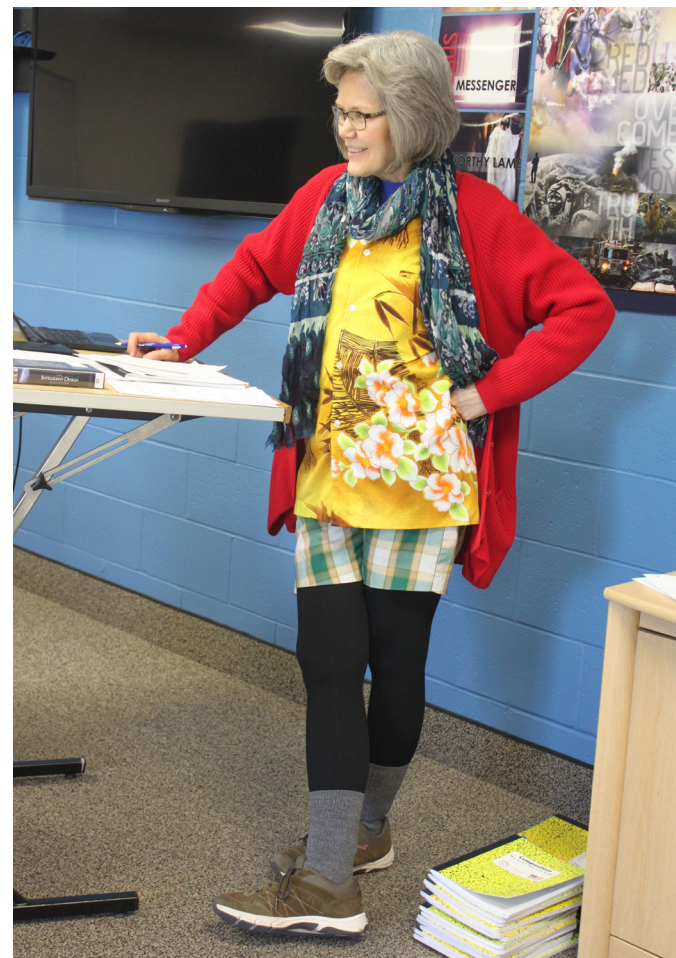
*She feels like home.* Madi

*I love how she is so sweet and has so much patience! She has inspired me to become a Bible teacher.* Christian

*She was always ready to teach us about different things in the Bible, even when she was having some health problems over the last year.* Peyton

*My favorite memory involves our Black Hills Health and Wellness Center Mission Trip and sitting in the truck wondering if the disturbed looking buffalo was going to attack us. Good times!*  
Mrs Jody Bertness

*I will miss you so much, Mrs Vigil; although I only got to spend one year with you, I am grateful that I met you. You have brought me closer to God. Have a good retirement. Goodbye!* Arabella



My name is Christian Valdez. If you don't know me, I love having an audience and I love to make people laugh. I especially love performing. Last year, we had a play called Grace Cove written by our drama teacher, Jesse Tasche. I got the lead role and I realized that I loved theater and acting, so when this year started, I was really excited to see what we were going to do.

After some time, Dean Jesse announced that we were doing the play Little Women. Everyone was cheering but I was a little disappointed. How is a guy supposed to have a lead role in Little Women! I left that day really bummed. Sometime later, Dean Jesse was asking everyone if they wanted to act or help backstage. When Dean Jesse got to me, she said, "Oh, I know what you will say! You want to act, right?" I jokingly said "I am not acting this year." She was surprised and said, "Well, do you want to be my assistant director?" I was about to tell her that I was kidding, but when she gave me that option, it stuck to my brain. I asked her to give me some time to think about it. I prayed about it and I got back to her saying I was going to be an assistant director! I was ready to see what I was going to do.

I remember sitting in the seat ready to start our first practice. It felt very out of

# LITTLE WOMEN

place for me to be in a chair looking at the students. I was used to being on stage, but I had to get used to it. The four sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, were the "little women."

Jo faced some challenges in her life. She had to try to control her anger and ask God to help her. We see how Amy learns that prayer is one of the most important things to remember to do. We see that Meg learns how to be grateful for what she has and not be jealous of other rich and elegant people. Lastly, we also see how Beth learns that we must be ready to see our Lord, for we do not know the day or the hour.

I myself learned many things. Not from the play but from being a director. I learned how to set an example, be patient, trust God that everything will go well, and pray for my classmates.

I would like to thank all the people who came to watch our play.. The actors put a lot of work and effort into this play. Thank you for all the donations that you gave us. It really helps our drama department grow. This is one way Maplewood reached out to the community. I hope next year more people can come and learn about God in a new way through theatrical plays.



Over Spring Break a group of Maplewood students and staff traveled to New Mexico to serve at La Vida Mission, an outreach school for Navajo youth. The volunteers cleaned greenhouses, removed dead trees, cleared brush, constructed a trail, laid linoleum, installed plumbing, repaired chainsaws and tillers, and worked on vehicles. On Sabbath the group led two church services and a Sabbath School class with music, lesson study, and preaching. They also learned more about Native American history by visiting a national park. This trip was fueled by the prayers and generous donations of Maplewood supporters. Thank you for being part of our mission! The following story describes how God continued to lead us even as we traveled home.

My group had just arrived at the Albuquerque airport, expecting to stay overnight while waiting for a 6 a.m. flight to our layover airport, Denver. But when our sponsor, Dean Jesse, went up to get our tickets printed, we found out some appalling news: our flight was canceled. And all because of some silly storms in Denver. They had put us on a flight the day after our original flight, which was a problem because who wants to sleep in an airport—not just one but two whole nights in a row? Not me!

Frantic and stressed, everyone started to call their parents about the unfortunate situation. While Dean Jesse kept talking to the airline lady, we decided to get together and pray to calm our worries and put the tense situation in God's hands. After praying we

as one by one our group made their way through security. Every other second I checked the time, which was about 7:42. By the way, our flight was at 7:45. By the time the last person was through security, it was 7:45. And we booked it.

When we finally reached our gate, the Group A people were still boarding, and we actually had a few minutes of waiting before walking onto the plane. But man! That was exhilarating.

Our flight made it safely through the storm without a horrible amount of turbulence and landed at the Denver airport. Now we had to spend the night waiting for our early morning flight. We split into groups and began exploring.

on the side—the kind you only find on a Bible or a dictionary.

"Let's go talk to him!" Christian exclaimed. "I'm pretty sure that's a Bible!"

The first person in our group to approach the young man was Jude, who started the conversation by saying, "Hey, man, are you reading the Bible?"

He replied with a confused and hesitant "Uhhh, yeah, I am."

As the rest of us approached, we introduced ourselves and started talking with him. His name was Devin, and he was a Southwest Airlines employee. Devin also told us a little about his

# MISSION TRIP TO NEW MEXICO

## AN ANSWER TO PRAYERS



"Grab your bags—NOW! Get them checked in, then get through security!" Dean Jesse hollered urgently. "We have TEN MINUTES!"

Have you ever come close to missing a flight—flying through security and zooming to your gate, hoping they haven't closed the doors? I've been there and done that; it's truly a thrilling situation to be in.

I was on my way back to Minnesota from a mission trip at La Vida Mission in Farmington, New Mexico.

felt a little better, though we were still anxious.

That's when Dean Jesse suddenly yelled that we needed to grab our bags, tag and check them in, and get through security immediately. "We have TEN MINUTES! Get going now!" We all scrambled to our feet and tried to keep our hands steady while putting sticker tags on our suitcases.

I was the second person through security, and I vividly recall jumping up and down and watching

Hours passed quickly. Soon it was about 11 p.m., and all of us were exhausted and wanted to go back to our gate to sleep except one group member—Nevaya. She insisted that we drag on, so we groaned and continued walking, and that's when someone in my group noticed something.

Sitting in a chair not far from us was a young man reading a book. What stuck out to my friend Christian was that the young man's book had tabs

spiritual background: he had been baptized before but really hadn't accepted Christ as his personal Savior until last year, and now he had been reading the Bible all the time.

Devin told us, "Even though sometimes I really don't feel like reading the Bible, I still read it. I make myself sit down and take the time to read it."

I think we all should be like that because sometimes we really just don't feel like it, and we'd rather be

doing other things. But Devin is right. Every single day we need to dedicate ourselves to reading the Bible, even when we don't feel like it.

One of our group members, Samantha, looked up some Bible verses about baptism and randomly found a Bible study sheet written by our Hutchinson pastor's wife, Kara Aguilar. That was really cool but strange, because Samantha said she never keeps the Bible studies in her Bible but stuffs them into her dorm room somewhere. We gave Devin the Bible study sheet and told him how Mrs. Aguilar was putting together a book on different study methods. He was pretty excited about that.

We all prayed with Devin before leaving. I think we all walked away from that 11 p.m. conversation smiling and feeling blessed. I sure did. I hope we can all have that same faith and burning desire to learn more about Christ every single day.

*NOTE: Students later sent Devin a copy of Kara Aguilar's new Bible study book called Refresh. It includes creative ideas for reviving your daily devotional time. Mrs. Aguilar has often used her materials with Maplewood students, and now her book is available at [adventsource.org](http://adventsource.org) if you want to study the Bible more deeply for yourself.*



## AN INVESTMENT WITH THE HIGHEST RETURN

I do not really think of myself as a traditionalist, but in the fall of 2026, my son will be the 4th generation of my family to attend Maplewood Academy (MWA). My grandfather, Leonard Marvin Larson, and grandmother, Jenny (Hilde) Larson, attended MWA in the 1930s. Grandma Jenny had the opportunity to take some art classes from the Hutchinsons and world-famous artist, Les Kouba. My father, Leonard Gary Larson, graduated in 1960. I loved each of my Maplewood Academy experiences: a student (1999 graduate), an alumnus, a faculty member (2004-2008), and a school board member (2012-present). And I look forward to being a parent of a MWA student soon.

My wife and I are looking forward to sending our children to MWA and helping MWA however we are able, because we see God's powerful hand at work. In my time at MWA as a student, my relationship with Christ went from Him being my hope to heaven to Him being my friend that paid the price for all of us if we accept His gift. To this day, I frequently see our faculty and staff serving Him in the care and development of our young people. They are so eager to be engaged in His work and lead in giving His love to a world that is in such great need of it.

Members of the Hutchinson community church are enormously blessed each week by having the students join us for worship. I and other church members have also been able to frequent the campus for basketball games, benefits, plays,

concerts, community outreach activities, hall moms, praise team practice and other activities. Our Northwoods' students also have the opportunity to get to know the students who come over to work each day or who come cheer on their basketball and soccer games. This year, I have had the opportunity to talk to students, share praise and worship time, and give a chapel talk on mental health. I have yet to walk away and not be deeply touched by these young people that move and energize me to better serve our King. I think to myself, this is what I want for my children, and, if my children end up like them, it is the biggest win of my life. I am touched by our students' depth of relationship with Jesus, their eagerness to serve and worship God, and their found identity in Him.

If you are wondering where you can find an investment with the highest return, look no further than Maplewood Academy. Your donation to worthy student funds will not only give young people the opportunity to attend MWA and deepen their relationship with Jesus, it will also continue nurturing and developing these future church leaders. With your help, Maplewood will continue to share the greatest news of Jesus Christ and increase the Kingdom of Heaven.



Maplewood has been such an amazing place for me to grow mentally and spiritually through Christ. I have been blessed with an amazing opportunity to go to a school that puts God first and to be able to make life-long friends along the way. Before attending Maplewood Academy, I attended a public school with more than 200 students per class. It was challenging to get to know your classmates. When I got to Maplewood Academy, I expected an even larger class than my previous school. The class of '24 was one of the largest classes in my freshman year and I was overwhelmed with the idea of making new friends. I soon figured out very quickly that my class was filled with outgoing, God-fearing, and friendly individuals. It did not take long for me to make friends in my class. I had a feeling that God wanted to show me that Maplewood would not only enable me to make friends but also create a new family. My class has always been very connected and that could not have been so if it were not for the goodness of God. My class has been through thick and thin, and I love the vulnerability we can all have with each other knowing that nobody is going to judge one another. I've grown closer to God due to my classmates, and I thank God every day for an amazing opportunity to be part of the class of '24. To the class of 2024, thank you for all the memories we've made together. It was an honor being classmates and friends with you guys. I love every single one of you. May God be with you in your walk with Christ, and may we cross paths again in the future. You guys are family to me. Thank you for being a part of my life and shaping me into the person I am today.



# AN AMAZING PLACE



# OUR HIGHEST HOPE

Maplewood Academy (and every Adventist school) was set up by God to be a mission training center for young people. And as long as we continue to produce missionaries of all sorts, then God will continue to bless Maplewood. If we cease to prioritize mission training, then we will spiral downward into obsolescence. Of course we don't want to go there, which is why Maplewood, along with the Minnesota Conference overall, is focused on becoming a premier producer of pastors, teachers, cross-cultural missionaries, and tentmakers (workplace missionaries).

In order to accomplish this vision, we must gear all of our actions, prayers, programs, events, organizations, etc. toward discipleship. What is discipleship? Discipleship involves investing in someone else's life for the purpose of helping that person grow and mature in their relationship with Jesus. Jesus modeled that process with His disciples, and then His disciples did it themselves and modeled it for others. When we invest in the

lives of our young people at Maplewood and beyond, we automatically teach them how to invest in the lives of others because someone has invested in them. They have experienced it for themselves.

My highest hope for Maplewood graduates is that when they leave this school, they do so with the realization that they are missionaries and disciple makers—not someday, but now. And I hope that they will graduate having tasted and experienced the unbelievable joy of helping to lead someone else into a closer relationship with Jesus.

I've seen this happening all over campus this year, and I expect it to grow next year because I already see a new group of spiritual leaders rising in the ranks of the students.

Thank you, thank you, to every one of you who are investing in Maplewood students. Heaven will be fuller because of what you do—more than you or I can even imagine.

# IMPORTANCE

I wasn't sure what to expect when I applied for a job in my community. Lifeguarding was something I had done before, but it had been at an Adventist camp. Never before had I worked in close quarters with people that did not have the same beliefs as me. It was an interesting experience, and I didn't anticipate the thoughts that I was going to have during my time working. There were a few specific times that I remember thinking about how my experiences in life were vastly different from anyone else around me. I remember my heart beating in sadness, thinking about how many of the people I interacted with had not heard the Good News. I remember praying, asking God that at least one person would be able to see Jesus through me, recognizing in myself a need to share Jesus with others. This brought me across an article written by Jerome Thayer. In his article, he says "The primary aim of Seventh-day Adventist education is to provide opportunity for students to accept Christ as their Saviour, to allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives, and to fulfill the commission of preaching the gospel to all the world". My experience with lifeguarding this summer made me see that this is exactly what Adventist education has done for me, and how grateful I am for my Adventist upbringing.

I started my Adventist education journey 12 years ago as a kindergarten student at one of the many Adventist elementary schools in Minnesota. From then on, my schooling has always been centered around Christ. I am very grateful to my parents for this because growing up in our world is no easy feat. Being brought up surrounded by God-loving educators has strengthened my relationship with God and built for me a solid faith and trust in Jesus. It has also planted in me a desire to share

Jesus with others. This past summer I was faced with temptations that many teens fall into. I was able to stand firm because of all that I have been taught, learned, and accepted to be true. This past summer I felt the need to keep my actions and words reflecting Jesus' love. I was able to carefully consider all that I did and said because of my desire for others to see Jesus in me. I have never been more grateful for my parents' sacrifice in making sure I've had an Adventist education.

In May of next year, I will be graduating from high school. Soon, I will be choosing a college to go to, picking a major and career path, and after that continue to follow the road that God has chosen for me. Recently, I was able to attend preview days at two Adventist colleges. Both visits were what you would expect: filled with fun activities, campus tours, and informational classes. However, unlike "regular" colleges, the atmosphere that surrounds an Adventist campus is something far different than anything else. These college visits have convinced me to continue my education after high school at an Adventist college or university. I want to continue growing my faith in God while surrounded by others with the same aspirations as me. One of my favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 3:5-6. It says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and he will make your paths straight." I want to face the world fully trusting God, just as I was able to do this past summer as a lifeguard. Adventist education has guided my feet to a solid foundation which is only found in God. I want my faith and trust in my Savior to grow as I continue my education, and continue living for Him. This is why Adventist education is important to me.

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## A LIFETIME OF EDUCATION

### 2023 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WRITERS CONTEST ESSAYS

FIRST PLACE WINNER: ANNIKA SWANSON LANE

My life is deeply rooted in Adventist education. My father was a teacher, as well as my grandparents on both sides of the family; my Grandpa Evan taught at Maplewood Academy for 56 years. I always knew that I would be in the Adventist education system; I just didn't know how much of an impact it would have on my life.

The first school I attended was Northwoods Elementary School in first grade. My teacher Miss Weyant taught me about math, English, history, etc. These things were important, but more importantly, she taught me about God in new ways. My favorite part of being in her class was singing during morning worship. Miss Weyant had a special mailbox where we could submit song requests for worship and then she would play them and we would sing along. It may have seemed small at the time, but those years were the first years I started to truly connect with God through music. I still feel God's presence when I worship Him through singing, and I'm grateful that Miss Weyant helped me find that for the first time.

In fourth grade, I became a student at the newly reopened Blackberry SDA Church School. My first teacher there was Miss Nelson. When math frustrated me so much I wanted to give up, she didn't give up on me. She patiently explained it again and again in new ways until it didn't make me cry anymore. She was also patient when I refused to learn any of my memory verses. Memorization was hard for me, and so I thought I would fail whether I tried or not. But she helped us learn these verses in so many different ways. We played games on the white board, used Scripture Typer, and practiced reciting them as a group. Eventually I wanted to learn my memory verses, and those are verses I can still recite today. Without Miss Nelson I wouldn't have so many powerful verses hidden in my heart.

By the time seventh grade rolled around, my dad was teaching at the church school. I got to see him doing what he loved as he taught me and other students about Christ as well as academics. Being one of the only "upper graders" in a one-room Adventist school is definitely different than going to a regular middle school. When I finished my schoolwork, I got to help the younger kids. I loved working with the kindergarteners on reading and math, and it made me realize how special Adventist education is. It made me want to work with kids and influence them for Christ. Because my dad gave me the opportunity to get involved, he inspired a desire in me to potentially be an educator one day.

Now I'm a senior entering into my fourth year at Maplewood Academy. I couldn't even begin to explain the impact that Maplewood has had on me. There are so many staff members who have changed my life here. For instance, my Bible teacher Mrs. Vigil has taught me so much about the character of God. Yes, through lesson plans and curriculum, but even more so in the way that she lives her life. She is loving, patient, humble, and kind. Always a friend. It is through her living example that I have chosen to walk with God daily.

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT) says, "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." My teachers throughout the years have guided me onto God's path, and they helped me see it as a path that I don't want to leave. English philosopher and psychologist Herbert Spencer said, "The great aim of education is not knowledge but action." This is the essence of Adventist education. My teachers have not only taught me about faith but have shown me how to live it.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 26–29 2024

Honor Years:

1949, 1954, 1959, 1964,

1969, 1974, 1979, 1984,

1989, 1994, 1999, 2004,

2009, 2014, 2019

