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Mirrors

A mirror is a helpful item around the house. A mirror allows us to get a look at ourselves, and it tells the truth about our current appearance, whether we like what we see or not. But one of the benefits of the mirror is that it can show us when something is wrong and needs to be corrected – like a smudge of dirt or hair that's a mess. James 1:22 admonishes us to "be doers of the word and not hearers only." And James then likens the person who is a "hearer only" to a man who looks at himself in the mirror then goes away and forgets what he saw. In some ways, the Bible is like a spiritual mirror. It tells us the truth about ourselves. It corrects our misperceptions and false assessments about our own goodness or righteousness. It exposes spiritual problems in us that need to be corrected. It calls us to respond with faith, repentance, and new obedience to the Lord. But if we read and hear the Word but neglect to apply it by a response of faith, then we are deceiving ourselves and missing the point. So, we should certainly be reading and hearing God's Word regularly. But we also must be committed to believing and responding to what it says to us and about us.

~ Pastor Mike Shingler



CAREER CONVERSATIONS and LIFE SKILLS

EWA continues to provide new career speakers to educate students on the many opportunities available to them upon graduation and to share valuable life skills.

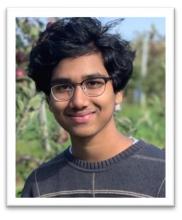
(left) Mr. Will Frymoyer, generator service technician for Stark Tech, spoke about his career working on emergency power systems.

(top center) Mr. Michael Pritchard, senior portfolio director at Cambridge Associates, came to speak about his career in finance and how the Lord has led him throughout his life and career.

(right) Mrs. Val Burns shared a condensed course on the important life-saving skill, CPR.

David Leighton Memorial Scholarship Recipients 2024

Scholarships are awarded to EWA graduates who pursue a college/career program, who demonstrate that they love the Lord God and who have set themselves apart by diligently preparing for the work that God has prepared for them to do.



Dear EWA staff and board members,

I would like to thank you for giving me the DLM scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for this, and I would like to let you know how much of a positive impact it has had on my academic journey.

This scholarship has helped me with some of the financial burdens of pursuing my education, allowing me to focus more on my studies without having to worry about a lack of resources. I deeply appreciate your generosity in providing me with this scholarship. Thank you once again for your unconditional support, and I will continue to work hard in honor of this trust and generosity EWA has shown me. Sincerely,



Dear DLM board,

I would like to deeply express my gratitude for providing me with the DLM scholarship. In my given situation, I work with a Mac pc at home which allows me to get a lot of work done, but as an engineering student, I was in need of a windows computer that would allow me to run software and programs for my engineering projects and assignments. This scholarship allowed me to buy parts and build my own windows pc at home, so I could complete all my crucial assignments. I am very grateful that you entrusted me with such a huge blessing. It has motivated me to keep working diligently and strive for excellence throughout my college career. So, I once again thank you for all your kindness and support.



Congratulations to Deborah (L) and Umaima (R) for being inducted into the **National Honor Society!** Students must demonstrate the four pillars of the NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

WELCOME to our newest board member, Pastor Len Flack.



Len Flack is one of the pastors of Clay Community Church, a Reformed Baptist congregation in Clay, NY. He is married to his college sweetheart, Diana, who works as the adoption coordinator at New Hope Family Services. Together, they have two children, Elijah and Moriah, both homeschooled seniors set to graduate in 2025.

Len enjoys being involved in his community and ministry. He volunteers with Eagle Wings Academy, serves on the board of his alma mater, Davis College, and leads as the coordinator of Reformation Northeast—a relational network dedicated to resourcing and supporting confessional Baptist pastors.

In his free time, Len enjoys reading, shooting sports, and experimenting with technology. His journey with Eagle Wings Academy began in June 2024, when he joined as a prayer partner. More recently, he was honored to be invited to serve on the board.

What Will Set You Apart?

Our students are rewarded for work or behavior that sets them apart from their peers. We talk about how this will help prepare them for the work the Lord has for them. (Ephesians 2:10)

These students not only memorized Jesus' seven "I am" statements from the Gospel of John but also chose to create a visual presentation to share in our early morning time. One of the rewards included a pizza party in our EWA classroom with friends.

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Single pictures left to right: Maan, Sybella, Sarah, and Rory







"Ask your parents to put on parental controls."

> "Don't bring my phone in my room when I sleep."



"Pray before I watch something and ask God to help me guard My heart."

"Find believers who share the same faith to help and learn from each other."

"Read

Scripture every

day."

To encourage our families spiritually, we recently gave them an article from Focus on the Family that provided Scriptures and practical ways to protect their homes from harmful entertainment. Each student then thought of five ways to "guard or protect their hearts." (Proverbs 4:23) In addition, we have been centering our early morning devotions around this theme.

Here are some of their responses. May this encourage you as well!

"I can use the kid's app for YouTube and Netflix."

"Spend more time outside playing instead of in front of a screen."

In Memory and Honor Of...

Joe & Rosemarie Novembrini donated to EWA in memory of David Leighton. David was a good friend who attended their church, where he served as an elder. He also taught math and science for several years at EWA when we were an independent school. His love for the Lord Jesus was obvious and he had a significant impact on many students while also being an encouragement to our staff and volunteers.

A donation was made **in honor** of **Marti Ciccone**, by her longtime friend, **Tanya Lily**. Their friendship is a testament that relationships can continue despite living a distance apart. Would that we all might be blessed to have such faithful, caring friends throughout life! A donation was received from an anonymous individual "**In Memory of Ben Carsten**." While to many people it seems like Ben's life ended far too soon after a battle with leukemia, it is clear that the Lord used him to impact the lives of those who knew him. EWA is deeply grateful to be the means by which someone wants to remember him with their support of this ministry. Praise be to the Lord God!



Stephanie Dow (administrator) had the honor of attending the Syracuse Host Lions Club's 100th year celebration. The Lion's Club of Syracuse has always supported our students with any vision needs. They will also be coming to FHS to do their free vision screen for both students and staff, using their Spot Vision Screener (Welch Allyn). Thank you for all you do to support our students!





We are honored and grateful to be one of the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation grant recipients in the amount of \$10,000! Thank you for allowing us to continue serving students and families in Syracuse.



Thank you to ALL who support this ministry with prayer, time, and donations. We praise Him for YOU and are thankful for being able to partner together to do His work. Stephanie Dow – EWA Administrator



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