

DARE TO DONATE

choir students raise money for a.p. lit teacher Colleen Lamb

As the concluding notes from "Waltz of the Sugar Plum Fairy" faded from the piano, Annie Benson '22 stepped forward to the microphone during the Winter Choir Concert at St. Andrew United Methodist Church on Dec. 7. With the bright lights beaming down, Benson began her speech in hopes of starting change for a teacher in need. While most attendees of the concert were there to enjoy the music, this event took a deeper meaning for the singers to be able to raise the essential funds for someone who desperately needed it.

"At first I was a little nervous, but mostly excited," Benson said. "Even with my initial nerves, I was really passionate about my mission for the night and the goal of the choir program."

English teacher, Colleen Lamb received diagnosis of Stage 2 Breast Cancer early in the semester. In order to stop the progression of her disease, she was forced to undergo a double mastectomy in late December. Patients typically pay approximately anywhere from \$15,000 to \$50,000 per mastectomy; Lamb faced the cost in double. In hopes of alleviating some of the financial stress, Choir dedicated all of the proceeds from their Winter Concert to her surgery.

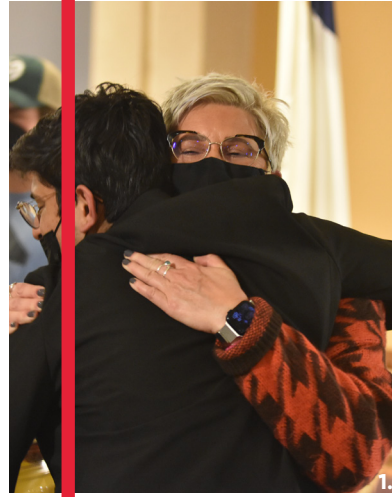
"I'm really proud of the choir program for doing the fundraiser for Ms. Lamb and I'm really proud to be part of a community that cares so much about our teachers," Benson said. "Thanks to all the donations, we were able to raise a lot of money for her surgery which was amazing. Ms. Lamb cares so much for everyone, so I'm really grateful that we could show her how much she means to our school and how much we care about her!"

"She has been one of my favorite teachers and such a positive influence on my school year, so I was so happy we could honor her that night and it was a really special experience for me to speak," Benson said.

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\$2,173 raised for English teacher, Colleen Lamb from the winter choir concert

1. krish kumar '22, colleen lamb
2. ripley coope '22, emily johnson '23, colleen lamb
4. andrew dupper '22, nathan smith '22, krish kumar '22, axcel adams '23, caleb herskovits '22, august igoe '22
5. lindsey andel '24, annie benson '22, aby stoner '24, elizabeth barlow '24



ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT
Seniors Luke Ramsey, Andrew Dupper, and Cameron Maynor sing Silent Night at the closing of the winter choir concert at St. Andrew United Methodist Church Dec. 7. It is tradition for the choir to finish the concert with the classic song. "I felt very connected to the choir while we were singing," Ramsey said.
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MELE KALIKIMAKA
Sawyer Krol '25 sings the closing lines of "Mele Kalikimaka" during the Winter Choir Concert Dec. 7 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Before this song, the Men's Tenor-Bass Choir brought out leis and coconut bras to enhance the Hawaiian theme of the song. "It was fun to do something unconventional in a choir concert," Krol said.
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FA LA LA LA LA
Cole Martin '22 celebrates finishing the winter concert with Pierce Martin '25 Dec. 7. The group learned all their songs in only a couple weeks. "Singing all of the holiday songs during rehearsals made my days feel so much better," Martin said.
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choir students sing christmas songs to spread holiday cheer to their loved ones

CAUGHT IN A WEB

Q: When did you see Spider-Man?

Q: What was your favorite part of the movie?

"I went and saw the movie on opening day. I loved the movie and I loved Andrew Garfield being in it. I went and saw it twice."

ISHAN ARORA '23

"I liked that they combined all the spider-mans together. I saw the movie the day it came out. I thought the movie was really good."

RYLEE WELCH '25

"I didn't get to see Spider-Man opening day but it was interesting that they combined all the universes together."

BENTLY GLAUSER '25

"My favorite part of the movie is when Ned and MJ are looking for Peter and they open a portal. I saw it the Saturday after it came out."

ELLA SONG '22

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

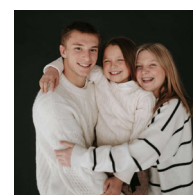
students spend their holidays with family and friends



SLEIGH-WHAT?
Chloe Romero '23 and Mandy Fleetwood '22 take pictures at a swim gift exchange Dec. 27. The girls dressed up in Christmas pajamas to celebrate and take pictures with a girl's dog. "The holidays make you appreciate the time you have with your friends in a special way," Romero said.
photo courtesy: chloe romero



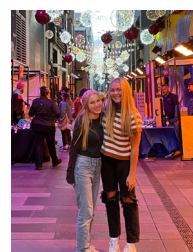
THERE'S SNOW PLACE LIKE HOME
Brooke Lange '22 poses with her cousins Dec. 24. Lange and her family decided to stay home with extended family during the holidays. "I love the holidays because of my ability to strengthen my bonds with my little cousins, and spend time with family," Lange said.
photo courtesy: brooke lange



SWEATER WEATHER
Cooper Chase '23 and Karlie Chase '25 pose with their little sister, Cate, during a family photo shoot Dec. 21. The Chase family decided to get photos done over the holidays to show how they've grown. "I loved taking those photos. Such a great bonding experience," Karlie Chase said.
photo courtesy: karlie chase



WHEN IN DOUBT, SKATE IT OUT
Seniors Bethany Detwiler, Macy Fallin, Aaliyah Kikamoto and Reagan Mohr go ice skating together at the Rink of The Rock Dec. 23. Ice skating was a popular winter activity to spend time with friends. "My favorite part of the holidays is how it brings everyone together," Mohr said.
photo courtesy: reagan mohr



DOWNTOWN LIGHTS
Lindsay Smart '22 and Brecken Rogers '22 take pictures Downtown at the Dairy Block Dec. 7. The Dairy Block changed lights and decorations to fit the season. "I loved being able to explore downtown and it was a great way to start the season," Rogers said.
photo courtesy: lindsay smart



EIGHT NIGHTS OF LIGHT
Madison Friar '22 lights her family's menorah to celebrate the second night of Hanukkah Nov. 29. Friar celebrated the holiday because of her mom's family traditions and heritage. "It's nice because my dad joins in on the traditions although he isn't Jewish," Friar said.
photo courtesy: madison friar