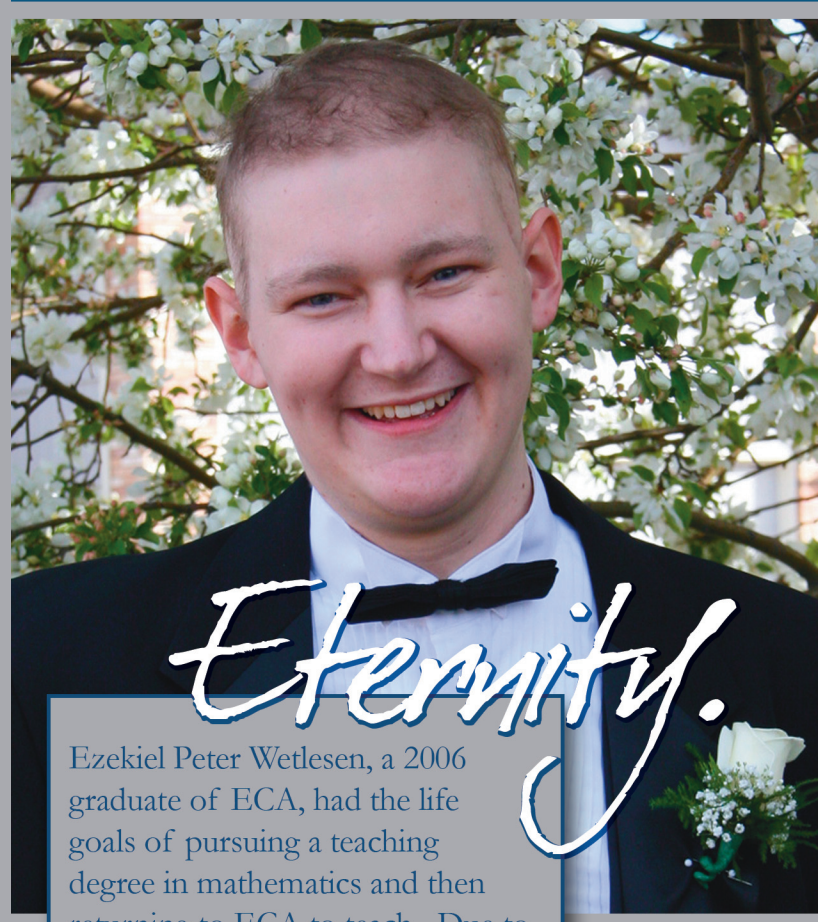


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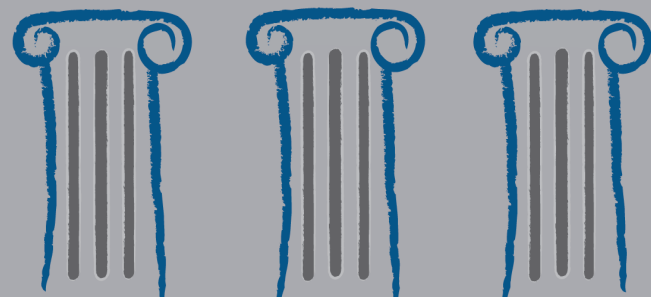
LECAF exists to honor William B. And Helen S. Leonard in their vision for Christian education in Colorado Springs and

to ensure the continued ministry of Evangelical Christian Academy (ECA). We serve ECA faculty, students, alumni and families through support and endowment. It is our desire to expand the impact of Christian education in the community, nation and world. We endeavor to be a foundation of excellence in design, integrity, responsiveness and stewardship. It is our heart to honor God in providing a dependable and enduring means to support the ongoing ministry of ECA. We want to be an outstanding example of cooperation of community leaders and resources. Our goal is to further Christian education through the classical approach ECA provides with trusted educational programs that both inspire and enlighten.



Eternity.

Ezekiel Peter Wetlesen, a 2006 graduate of ECA, had the life goals of pursuing a teaching degree in mathematics and then returning to ECA to teach. Due to a brain tumor, Ezekiel was not able to pursue those goals. Therefore, he decided to establish an endowment to encourage and retain excellent teachers of effective Christian witness to teach in Christian schools. Ezekiel's desire is that proceeds from the endowment provide stipends to award winners to augment their salary for the next year of teaching in a Christian school. This would encourage these teachers and enable them to continue teaching in Christian schools due to reduced financial concerns.



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The Ezekiel Award for Excellence
in Christian Witness and Teaching



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“Don't tell me that two points in a blowout victory are insignificant. I won't believe it, especially when a father sits at a scorer's table with tears rolling over his cheeks because of those two points. Last March, Ezekiel Wetlesen had emergency surgery to remove a walnut-sized cancerous tumor from his brain. So when he put two points on the board for Evangelical Christian Academy in a late January victory, the gymnasium erupted. Some people yelled. Some clapped and laughed out loud. Others smiled. And, like the father at the scorer's table, some cried.”

*Story Contributed by Milo F. Bryant of the Gazette

The Ezekiel Award

Objective:

Encourage and retain excellent teachers of effective Christian witness to continue teaching and witnessing in Christian primary and secondary schools.

Criteria:

- Full-time teacher at ECA or ECA graduate teaching full-time at a primary or secondary Christian school
- Demonstrated effective Christian witness of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness (1 Tim 6:11) and encourage those qualities in others (students, staff & teachers)
- Excellence in teaching as confirmed by peer and student reviews and assisting students to successfully apply their understanding of the subject matter
- Financial need (consideration, but not required) as indicated by student loans or need to work 2nd or 3rd job to support family or himself or herself
- By accepting the stipend, the teacher agrees to teach in a Christian school for the next year

Selection Process

Students, teachers, parents, school administrators and ECA graduates can nominate candidates from October 1st until January 31st each school year. The Selection Committee will request peer and student reviews from ECA or the other Christian school in February. The Selection Committee will evaluate candidate information during March and announce the award recipient(s) by April 30th.



Ezekiel's Background

Ezekiel Peter Wetlesen was born on December 16, 1987, in Lafayette, IN. He is the third of 10 children born to David and Eloise Wetlesen. He lived in Colorado, Georgia, Norway and Florida prior to returning to Colorado Springs to attend ECA as a freshman. Ezekiel enjoyed basketball and Bible studies while in high school. In March of 2005, Ezekiel was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. After emergency surgery he underwent chemo and radiation therapy before returning to ECA in the fall of 2005 for his senior year. He continued on chemo therapy as he joined the Varsity Basketball team and played during the 2005-2006 season. In May of 2006, the Colorado Springs Rotary Club awarded him the “Spirit of Champions Award” at the 2006 Rotary Champions ceremony at the World Arena. The Spirit of Champions award is presented to an individual who not only displayed academic, athletic and community service achievements, but also overcomes major life obstacles and continues to generate a strong spirit and supportive attitude toward his peers and mentors. Ezekiel is a gentle giant in so many ways. He has blessed and inspired so many people with his courage, determination and humility. His servant heart shines through in all that he does. He has set an indelible example to all those who know him.

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