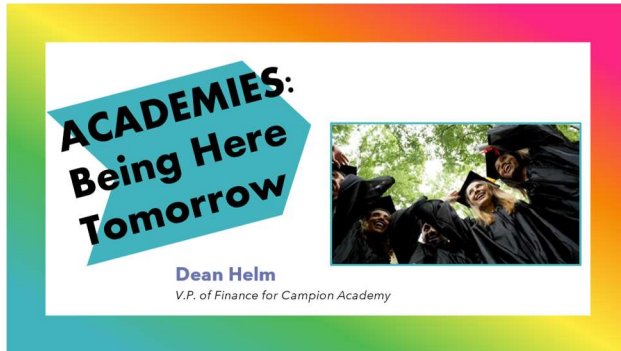


## SDA Academy Boarding School

“Tools Used For Managing The Future”



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*While attending high school at Platte Valley Academy in Nebraska, I worked in the business office for 3 years as a student worker. I received my BS in Business Management, with secondary education endorsement, from Union College in 1979. After college, I returned to Platte Valley Academy to teach and assist in the business office for 2 years. After 20 years of non-denominational business work experience in the private and non-profit world, I was excited to return to the academy business office setting and have been the V.P. of Finance at Campion Academy since 1999. I have a beautiful wife, Sue, two boys and 3 grandchildren. Overall, we are a baseball family, and I enjoy playing softball and racquetball, and performing magic as a hobby.*

For purposes of this discussion, we must believe that SDA schools are still necessary and have a valid purpose to exist. This discussion can be valid for all ages, grades, day schools and boarding schools. However, since my background is in boarding schools, and boarding schools have significant operating differences than day schools, my overall focus will tend to lean towards the boarding school situation.



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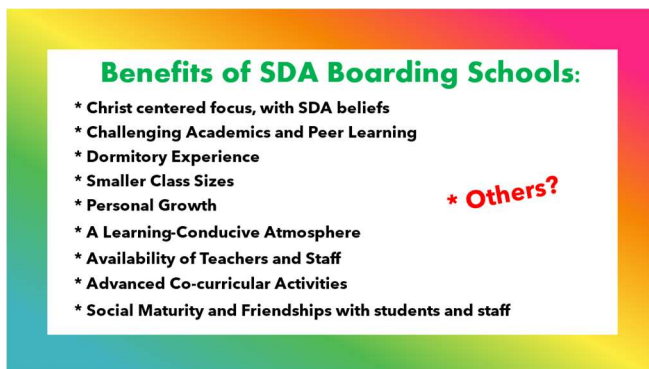


In the book, “The Sheltonian 1933”, G.E. Hutches writes in a chapter entitled, “Why come to Shelton,” it says:

*“We are living in a world of unrest. Stability has almost become an extinct virtue in human thought. Our young people when not in our own schools are constantly being exposed to doubt, skepticism, and sophisticated atheism. A sure foundation for our thinking is of inestimable value when we consider our boys and girls in the light of eternity. The Scripture says, “ ‘If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.’ ” The prerequisite, then, to true happiness in this life is “the blessed hope.”*

*Shelton Academy was founded for the primary purpose of preparing the boys and girls of its territory for heaven. Situated in a rural district, between two rivers, surrounded by beautiful fields and evergreen trees, away from the enticing attraction of city amusements – this school, managed by Christian men and women of experience, is prepared, we believe, to carry out the instruction of the Spirit of Prophecy in preparing its sons and daughters for the higher school above.*

*While we are in this world, we must also be prepared to cope with its problems. Shelton Academy is equipped to train its students to be intelligent, efficient citizens while in this world as well as preparing them for the next.”*



### **Benefits of SDA Boarding Schools**

- Christ centered focus, with SDA beliefs.
- Challenging Academics.
- Peer Learning.
- Smaller Class Sizes.
- Personal Growth.
- A Learning-Conducive Atmosphere.

- Availability of Teachers and Staff.
- Advanced Co-curricular Activities.
- Social Maturity and Friendships with students and staff.
- Others?



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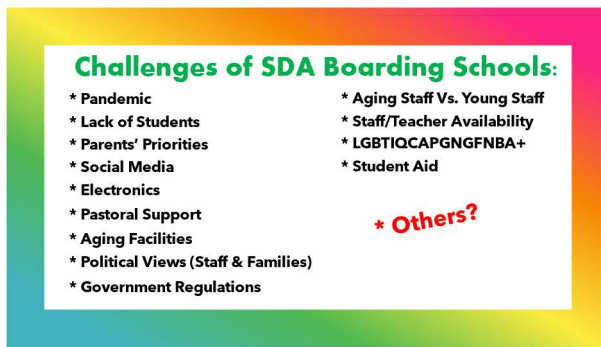
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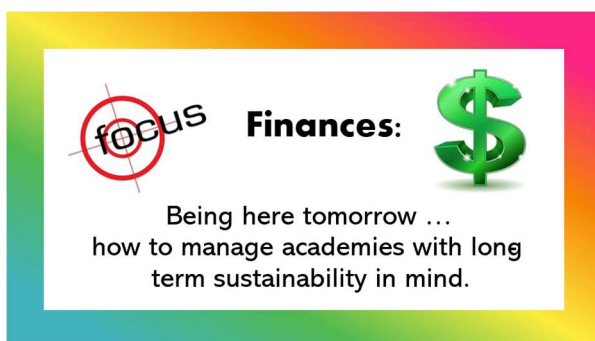
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### Challenges of SDA Boarding Schools:

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- Lack of students.
- Parents' priorities.
- Social Media.
- Electronics.
- Pastoral support.
- Aging facilities.
- Political views.
- Government regulations.
- Aging staff vs. young staff.
- LGBTIQCAPGNGFNBA+
- Others?

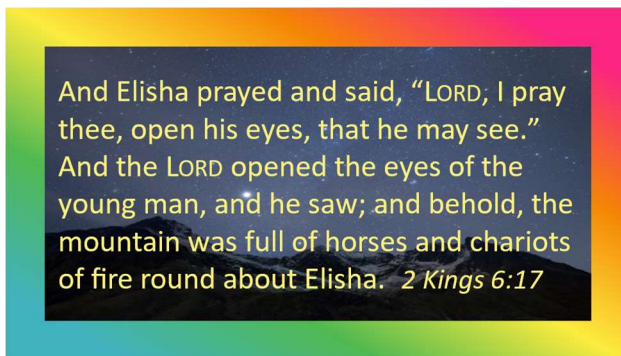
We could spend a very long time talking about all the various challenges that the academy administrators face daily. However, for this workshop, our discussion will be focused on the financial aspect of "Being here tomorrow ... how to manage academies with long term sustainability in mind."



Before we can proceed, however, we need to have a mutual understanding. Whether our schools survive or are sustained in the future depends entirely on God's presence in our lives and on our campuses. Let's face it ...



... there is a war of all wars going on, not only in the world, but on our campuses. The more successful we are in training our youth, the harder that Satan throws distractions and challenges at us. He does not want God to be victorious on our campuses.



And Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see." And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 2 Kings 6:17.

I truly believe that if our eyes were opened, we would see horses and chariots of fire surrounding our campuses! When we accept God's protection, involvement, and blessings, we can move on with using our talents to further his work in our schools.

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## Tools Used For Managing The Future

Use magic trick routine to introduce the “Tools Used For Managing The Future.”

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- \* Conference Support
- \* Communications
- \* Others?

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My parents told me it was boarding school

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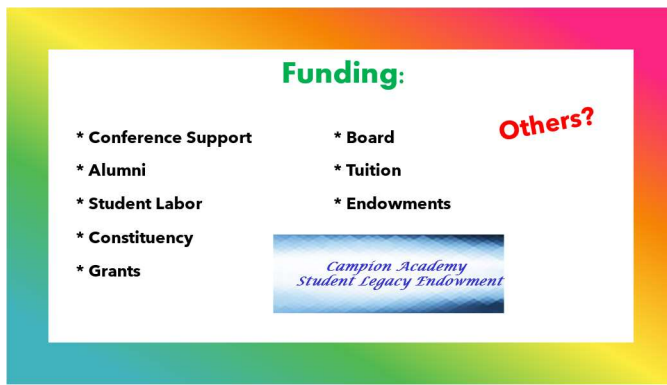
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*"How much is that in years of tuition?"*

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Funding:

- Conference Support
- Alumni
- Student Labor
- Constituency
- Grants
- Board
- Tuition
- Endowments

Share “Student Legacy Endowment” document.



“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

I don’t have any magical answers. There are days when I have asked myself, as I’m sure many of you have, “is it worth it?”.

But God has called each of us to His service. Each day is a new beginning, and he keeps giving me strength to get up and go about His business.

I have a plaque in my office that says, “You can worry, or you can pray. Might as well pray.” That is our best chance at survival.

We can't control our world, our government, the pandemic, or whatever the devil throws at us, but we can trust that God is all around us and our campuses and He will be victorious!