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Students First ESA Impact Story

For Lisa Morgan, a single mother of ten, ESA's have provided her family significant financial breathing room. All except for one of her children graduated from Pella Christian High School. Her three youngest children, Johnson, a junior, Cael, an eighth grader and Jazlyn, a sixth grader are enrolled in the Pella Christian School system.



Lisa's family in 2022, they have since added two more granddaughters!



Lisa's three children currently in school at Pella Christian.



Lisa and two of her children.

"I can lament, I wish I had this when I had eight kids in the school system," Morgan said. "But it's timely and I'm grateful for it now." In 2004, when her oldest daughter Jalissa started fifth grade, Morgan made the decision to move her five school age children from the public school to the Christian school.

"Christian education was a calling from God," Morgan said. "It provides them a foundation." When she became a single parent in 2015, Morgan decided to keep her children in the Christian school system, even though she was now paying for it on a single income. "It was important to me not to uproot their lives; they had friends there," Morgan said. ESAs removed the financial burden of sending her children to the Christian school.

"It's a blessing not to have to think about tuition anymore," Morgan said. Morgan describes the relationships she has formed through the Christian school as a powerful factor in her decision to keep her children there. "Every year I reevaluate and every year I am amazed in the ways God continues to provide for the children's Christian education," Morgan said. Pella Christian has seen an enrollment increase of over sixty new children. Several new families moved to the area and started sending their children to Pella. Morgan joined a mentoring group; where she shares her years of experience to help newcomers to the school adjust.

November School Leader Conference

The Annual IACS School Leader Conference saw a record breaking attendance of over 120 school leaders from across the state, including representatives from new school start-ups that are currently working with IACS to form new Christian schools. IACS presented school choice appreciation awards to Governor Kim Reynolds, Senator Amy Sinclair, Senator Ken Rozenboom, Representative John Wills, and Education Policy Advisor Jane Dufoe.



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