

## STUDENTS ENJOY UNIQUE CLASSES AT LPA

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Lighthouse Preparatory Academy offers two elective classes that one wouldn't usually find in most schools. They are Classical Rhetoric and Bible Survey/Church History, both of which are especially popular with LPA students.

Classical Rhetoric teaches a person how to speak clearly and effectively, and how to debate wisely. Course objectives are to analyze ancient speeches, principles of political philosophy, ethics, and psychology, and to learn how to construct speeches that have an impact on today's listeners.

Amanda Hart, a freshman in Classical Rhetoric, said, "the most enjoyable part (of this class) is applying our Christian world views to media in everyday life." Amanda also credits instructor Debi White with teaching students how to think and express their ideas.

"Personally," Amanda said, "Classical Rhetoric has improved my speech and writing skills. The most difficult thing for me in this class is actually delivering the speeches. You really have to focus and think about what you're saying." She continued, "Mrs. White is an amazing teacher because she never gives up on a student. She cares for her students very much, and wants them all to excel."

Similarly, White complimented the students by saying, "It's rewarding to observe high school students as they learn new things about Scripture and then bring their own fresh perspectives to communicating their Christian values on specific issues and positions relating to the government, religion, or society in general."

The Church History class, also taught by White, explores the many books of the old and new testaments. The course objective is to use Scripture in a way that encourages historical analysis of literature. Students learn important dates and events in Bible history and get a full overview of the Bible.

Freshman Katelyn Rapp said that she most enjoys the presentations fellow students give in class every Friday on what they've learned during the week. The most challenging thing for her is doing the required outlines on each chapter of a book in the New Testament. "It helps me learn new things, like the dates and who actually wrote the book, while I do these outlines; it's stuff I wouldn't learn if I didn't do them." Katelyn also said that she appreciated Mrs. White's willingness to help students understand. "She is always open to any questions we might have."

White commented in response, "it's very rewarding to work with students who sincerely enjoy retracing the history of the church and comparing it to what we know of the church in modern times."

These two classes and several others like them help give LPA its unique distinction among area schools, and they represent the types of learning opportunities that Lighthouse students and families most appreciate.

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