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[EDUCATION NEWS]



Les Newberry

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Cross Street Christian School models Christianity as a way of life

Indiana—Have you ever thought about the many reasons Christian education is such a wonderful investment? It not only upholds Christ, but it offers a myriad of opportunities for students to grow spiritually, physically

and academically. Cross Street Christian School (CSCS) in Anderson is a wonderful example of such a place. Enthusiastic teachers and a supportive church family are unified to make one of the finest Christian educational facilities around. CSCS engages students in various avenues of service and outreach activities, hands-on learning, cutting-edge technology, quality academics and a Christ-centered approach to everything.

Students regularly sing, pray and spend quality time with the residents of a local nursing home. They have collected and distributed thousands of canned goods, non-perishables and gifts for local charities such as Operation Love and Toys for Tots. The Pathfinders, Adventurers and Eager Beavers (three active school-related clubs) recently delivered large food baskets to 21 underprivileged homes throughout the community.

Some of the recent activities students participated in included: The annual Christmas program and Education Sabbath at the Anderson Church,

serving food at a local organization that provides meals for the homeless and the annual statewide musical festival in Cicero.

CSCS students are encouraged to stay healthy and fit by enjoying the vegetarian hot lunch program at the school and by participating in daily fitness activities through physical education. They chart their progress for walking, jogging, water consumption and nutritional intake. Setting personal fitness goals keeps them focused and promotes healthy choices.

Morning worship takes place in every classroom along with regular prayer and Bible study each day. Students also enjoy a weekly school-wide worship with pastors, church leaders and Christian community members. Friday celebrations are another way they focus on their faith by preparing themselves for the Sabbath. CSCS is where Christianity is a way of life!

Mark Courtad, teacher, grades 5–8, Cross Street Christian School

AFIA sponsors aviation ministry in the Philippines

Michigan—The 8th annual Filipino Culture Night took place Sunday, Apr. 3, with more than food and entertainment in mind. The event was sponsored and organized by the Andrews Filipino International Association (AFIA) and offered attendees the chance to learn more about Filipino history and culture. More importantly, the event supported Adventist World Aviation (AWA), a non-profit agency that enables missionaries to reach the ends of the earth. Proceeds will directly sponsor AWA's work in the Philippines.

Every year, the event consists of an authentic Filipino dinner and original play produced and written by an



Jason Lemmon

“Lola,” played by Andrews University student Celeste Maldonado, tells the story of Jose Rizal to her grandchildren during the annual Filipino Culture Night play, “The Culture Within.” The play incorporated a “Filipino debut” (a coming-of-age celebration for a Filipino woman entering her 18th year) as well as two Filipino dances and the history of Jose Rizal, liberator of the Philippines.

AFIA officer. This year, guests enjoyed favorite authentic dishes like pancit, adobo chicken, rice and a delicious casava cake (a Filipino dessert). The play, written and produced by Gervea Or-

nopia, AFIA secretary and an Andrews student, was entitled “The Culture Within.” It incorporated a “Filipino debut” (a coming-of-age celebration for a Filipino woman entering her 18th



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University student Jay Tolentino portrays the character of Jose Rizal, liberator of the Philippines, during the annual Filipino Culture Night play, "The Culture Within."

year) as well as two Filipino dances and the story of Jose Rizal, liberator of the Philippines. The play was written and directed by Gervea Ornopia, AFIA secretary.

"We have found the play is a great

way to show others what it is like to be a Filipino (whether in the Philippines or in America) and to showcase the funny incidents that often occur in a Filipino household," says Adrienne Asumbrado, AFIA president and Andrews student.

Programming also included a special worship thought by Don Starlin, AWA president. Starlin commended AFIA members for their support of AWA and their dedication to serving others, saying, "This is exactly what AFIA does every year. AFIA helps people."

AFIA raised nearly \$700 in ticket sales at the event and will donate \$1,000 to AWA's work in the Philippines. The funds will specifically be used to build a runway, a hangar and to provide housing. This is the sixth year the club has donated money to an aviation project. In the past, AFIA provided school supplies, farm equip-

ment, seeds to cultivate food and trees, and material to build a village clinic, to name a few.

"It has been a great partnership to work with AWA and see the project come to life, and the difference a few Andrews students have made to the mission," says Fares Magesa, AFIA sponsor and a staff member in the Office of Student Financial Services. "Our ultimate goal is to plan an AFIA mission trip to visit our project, or provide a mission trip opportunity to different groups on campus to go to the project."

Next year, AFIA will celebrate 20 years as a campus club. To learn more about AFIA, visit their Facebook page by typing "AFIA AU" in the search box or by emailing afia.au@gmail.com. To learn more about Adventist World Aviation, visit www.flyawa.org.

Ashleigh Jardine, student news writer, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University

30-Hour Famine event highlights homelessness

Illinois—Danny Frederick, pastor and religion teacher at HAA, was ecstatic with the turnout at this year's 30-Hour Famine held Friday, Apr. 22, and Sabbath, Apr. 23. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, 60 Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) students stopped eating and began a journey that would bring them closer to God and each other. Friday was filled with activities, including a middle-of-the-night prayer walk through Hinsdale where the village and its residents were lifted up in prayer.

On Sabbath, the students headed to downtown Chicago to pass out sandwiches and offer prayer to the homeless—people who the students recognized were much hungrier than they were.

Vannia Marino, sophomore, commented: "The 30-Hour Famine this year was amazing. As this was my fourth year participating, I knew what

to expect; surprisingly, it turned out to be entirely different. When we went downtown to hand out sandwiches, a man was arrested right after we gave him a sandwich! That had never happened before. Throughout the 30 hours I saw God's blessings and how He made a way for everything to work out—including getting 60 people into the city!"

After a week of rain, the weather on Sabbath afternoon was perfect. One group took the train downtown, and right outside Union Station they were able to give out several sandwiches to homeless men. They offered prayer, and one of the men accepted. As the group walked away, he called out "Bless you all!" In Grant Park, the students came across several people sleeping on benches or in the grass and chose not to wake them, but left a bottle of water for them to drink when they woke up. The group frequently ran into other students with their sponsors, and one sponsor remarked, "It touched my heart to see these young people sharing their food when they were certainly hungry themselves. They all knew that they



Rebecca Garrett

HAA junior Denzel Washington offers a homeless man in Grant Park a sandwich during the 30-Hour Famine outing.

were the fortunate ones; they knew they would be eating that night. The people on the streets didn't know where their next meal was coming from."

One of our students, Denzel Washington, a junior from the south side of Chicago, stated, "We should go to my neighborhood next time."

The 30-Hour Famine is an initiative of World Vision.

Rebecca Garrett, director of marketing, Hinsdale Adventist Academy