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Andrews Academy National Honor Society members are ready to serve

Michigan—On Sunday, Feb. 21, 16 new members were inducted into the Andrews Academy chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). This brings the total membership to 22.

The Andrews Academy chapter of the NHS has taken on an aim of making a difference in our world, locally and globally. Through various fundraisers and awareness assemblies, such as “NHS Cause Week,” NHS officers, members and guest speakers raise awareness among the students of needs and emergencies in our world.

This year’s NHS Cause Week issues highlighted six of the eight Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations: “Ending Poverty and Hunger,” “Child Health,” “Maternal Health,” “Combating HIV/AIDS,” “Environmental Sustainability” and “Global Partnership.” The specific theme for the week, “Zoom It Out,” was carefully centered on local awareness and global significance, outlining the concept of the individual ultimately making a difference around the globe. As we live in our small worlds, whatever we do can have an impact on everyone else around the world.

The school bulletin board focused on the theme as well, using the words “You Are Here.” In the middle of the board, a large magnifying glass enlarged the word “Zoom,” and led to a collage of flags over which was the same “You Are Here,” implying how the actions of daily life ultimately affect the entire human race.

On Monday of Cause Week, NHS member and senior class president, Clifford Allen, presented the goal “Environmental Sustainability.” A short cartoon clip called “Ozzy Ozone” outlined the basic phenomena of the ecosystem: the ozone layer; car-



Sixteen new members were inducted into the Andrews Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society. Pictured from left are (back): Christiana Atkins, Fritz Miot, Michael Hernandez, Trevor Zimmerman, Elihu Michel, Dillon Zimmerman, Clifford Allen, Kyle Whiteside, Jonathon Wolfer, Cody Wales, Joses Ngugi, Jee Yeon Lee; (front): Brianna Cave, Min Jeong Choi, Kaitlyn Dent, Paola Caceres, Joyce Yoon, Annika Seibold, Soo Jin Kang, Kristin Edwards, Simone Weithers, Ashley Reichert

bon emissions and the sun’s harmful ultraviolet rays; and human interaction with the environment, including ways to help preserve it.

On Tuesday, NHS members and friends put on a short skit outlining the goal “Ending Poverty and Hunger.” The setting was the Andrews Academy cafeteria. Some bought an unnecessary amount of food and some bought a reasonable amount of food, but declared that they were satisfied long before the meal was done. Everyone then got up to throw away an inordinate amount of food. As they moved to do so, they froze; and three other spotlighted students informed the audience of shocking statistics pertaining first to world hunger, then America, then Michigan and finally Berrien Springs using the question “Not close enough?” to end every statement. This skit and a short video clip afterward about the amount of garbage the world throws away brought the “Zoom It Out” theme into perspective, locally and globally.

Another skit led Wednesday’s presentation of “Child Health,” “Maternal Health” and “Combating HIV/AIDS.” In a sparsely furnished shack with no trace of food, Elaine Kamvazaana played the part of a Ugandan mother

and Jordan Price, her daughter, Tulu. Tulu repeatedly asked her mother for food, to which the mother could only reply “No.” After incessant asking, the mother pleaded with the child to stop and proceeded to give the audience a brief insight into the life of the average Ugandan woman: Her family would be starving, along with a large percent of her country; she would most likely have AIDS, and because of this disease she would be a widow as well. Passionately worried for her mother, Tulu left home seeking a solution to their problems. Suddenly she was abducted, leaving the audience in suspense until the next day.

Thursday saw a resolution of the audience’s suspense. “Invisible Children,” which refers to the abducted and severely mistreated children trained to be soldiers of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). Under the command of a man named Joseph Kony, the children are forced to kill other Ugandan citizens in the name of “freedom.” By raising money, they can build more schools for the children who have survived abduction. The families of the displaced can receive assistance through purchasing products they have made, and child soldiers can be rescued. Cody Wales showed two

videos on fundraising plans for schools across the nation, and challenged Andrews Academy students to help raise money for the cause.

The driving force of all the activities is also the Andrews Academy NHS Chapter's theme and motto:

"In His Service. By living a humble lifestyle, ready to serve and take on challenges to help the needy, we seek to serve Christ whose life on earth is worthy of emulation." Not only did the presentations reflect the theme, but also are a response to local or global

tragedies and encourage the school to give financial assistance. Students have rallied behind the NHS officers and raised more than \$300 to help Haiti's recovery efforts.

Givan Hinds, NHS vice president, and Sari Butler, NHS sponsor, Andrews Academy

Andrews University students receive award for community service

Michigan—Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) is pleased to announce two students from Andrews University were awarded for their dedication and commitment to community service during the 14th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards, April 10, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Mich.

Each year, MCC awards students from member colleges and universities across the state for their outstanding commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Three types of awards are given: the Outstanding Community Impact Award, the Commitment to Service Award, and the Heart and Soul Award. Awardees were



Filip Milosaveljevic received the Commitment to Service Award.

selected from a nomination pool of nearly 900 students. This year, 192 students from 34 member campuses received awards. Filip Milosaveljevic, a senior from Texas, received

the Commitment to Service Award. This award was given to one student per member campus in the state of Michigan for their commitment to community service. Only 34 students received this award.

Mary Cregan, a sophomore from Rhode Island, received the Heart and Soul Award. This award was given to students to recognize their time, effort



Mary Cregan received the Heart and Soul Award.

and personal commitment through service. MCC is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education.

We promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement. For more information, please visit www.micampuscompact.org.

Lisa Sommer, public relations manager, Michigan Nonprofit Association

Student attends Space Camp

Lake Region—Cornell Glass, an eighth-grade student at the Calvin Center School in Cassopolis, Mich., recently had a blast of a trip! He traveled to Huntsville, Ala., to attend Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

During the camp session, Cornell built his own rocket and launched it from the Rocket Launch facility. He also participated in exciting astronaut training using simulators such as the 5 Degrees of Freedom Chair, 1/6 Gravity Chair, MMU Simulator and the Multi-Axis Trainer. Cornell's favorite was the 1/6 Gravity Chair, which gives the expe-



Cornell Glass of the Calvin Center School recently attended Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Experiences like these have helped shape the career paths of other students.

rience of what it feels like to walk on the moon. In the evening, Cornell watched space-related movies in the state-of-the-art IMAX Theater.

"Space Camp, Space Academy and Aviation Challenge are three of the programs that have been an influence in shaping the career paths of some of the students at the Calvin Center School," states principal Norman Usher. "Our first group attended in 1994, and Cor-

nell is the most recent student to enjoy the six-day experience."

Out of the group of former students who have had the opportunity to attend Space Camp, several are either currently enrolled in engineering programs or are working as engineers at well-known corporations. One former student is employed as an aerospace engineer for The Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles, Calif.

Cornell thoroughly enjoyed the rich experience of Space Camp and is anxiously looking forward to next year rocketing to a higher level known as "Aviation Challenge."

Jill Wimberley, school board member, Calvin Center School