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are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
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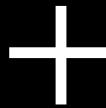
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EDITORIAL

Moving Forward Together



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When I was a newly baptized Seventh-day Adventist young adult, I had family and friends who were not in the church. The Holy Spirit had poured the love of Christ into my heart, and my first impulse was to share with each of them the eternal good news I had found.

Fortunately, I had a pastor who was willing and eager to teach me how to give a Bible study. One of the illustrations he shared with me was about

lining up fence posts. When we look at one fence post, he said, we don't really know how it will eventually line up. It could

point in any direction. But when you line up another post and then another and another, the direction becomes crystal clear.

In similar fashion, I believe it's important to honor the unity of truth as it's found point by point in the Scriptures and to align ourselves and every element of our church with common beliefs and worldwide mission.

So, I am delighted that our North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee has voted a revised mission statement to bring us more into alignment with the North American Division (NAD) and General Confer-

ence (GC) mission statements. This important consistency of mission cannot be overstated. Aligning our mission at all levels of the church will point us in the same direction as we seek to lead people to faith in Christ Jesus.

Intentional alignment states clearly that we are all on the same team. It means we find our unity in mission and direction, not in methods. Unity in mission is not strict uniformity in action — it welcomes the implementation of ministry approaches uniquely appropriate to each region of our territory and the world. None of us want to be like David struggling to go to battle

Much can be accomplished when Christ's followers collaborate on the common mission, when they embrace a set of shared priorities and values in answer to His call.

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) is taking steps toward a collaborative approach to mission, priorities, core values and strategy.

ARE WE PULLING IN THE SAME

STEP 1: An Aligned Mission Statement

At their regularly scheduled meeting in May, the NPUC executive committee members approved a revised mission statement. The new wording is adapted to align with the REACH component of the North American Division statement and with the mission of the world church.

Our mission: "[To reach the North Pacific Union Conference, North America and the world with the distinctive, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of Hope and Wholeness.](#)"

An expanded version of this mission adds the following words that further resonate with the world church mission: "This mission statement is a concise expression of the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is — 'to make disciples of all people, communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels' Messages of Rev. 14:6–12, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and unite with His remnant church, discipling them to serve Him as Lord, and preparing them for His soon return.'"

WE FIND OUR UNITY IN MISSION AND DIRECTION, NOT IN METHODS.

in Saul's armor. Pastors, teachers and outreach workers, I've found, are most effective when wearing their own armor.

The mission of our church in North America and around the world is best accomplished as a partnership of each area of our organization. But where the proverbial rubber really meets the road is within the local conference level at the front lines of local churches and schools. So, a central purpose within our NPUC mission is to serve as a resource center for each Northwest conference to support our collective world mission through local ministries. We also aid Walla Walla University (WWU) in its

mission to educate committed workers for the church.

In addition to approving a revised mission, our executive committee has also adopted *three strategic priorities* for 2017–2020, based on this mission and the advice of our local conference leaders. Right at the top of those priorities is a focused effort to reengage with young adults as vital partners in Seventh-day Adventist mission and ministry.

Here below are the steps we are taking to pursue our Savior's mission throughout the Northwest.

Let's prayerfully and persistently ask, "Are we pulling in the same direction for His

glory?" Are we aligned on mission in every conference, church and school to move forward together in our divine calling?

Methods may vary, but my prayer is that we will find our unity in a common focus on God's divinely appointed mission. May each of us be fully engaged with effective, efficient and united efforts to share our "distinctive, Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness" throughout the Northwest and the world.

John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president

DIRECTION FOR HIS GLORY?

STEP 2: Recognition of Top Priorities

The executive committee also affirmed three priorities the NPUC and each local conference will use to guide more detailed strategic planning. These priorities embrace not only scriptural mandates but also world church efforts and regional Northwest concerns.

PRIORITY 1: YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT

We believe active young adult partnerships in the life and gospel mission of the church are critical to our present and future mission. And because there has been such a hemorrhage of collegiate and post-collegiate ages from church engagement, this must become a specific area of study, prayer and action.

PRIORITY 2: UNITY IN CHRIST

We believe that when we are centered in Christ and in the daily work of lifting Him up, our human opinions no longer divide us. In the context of our unique Seventh-day Adventist calling, we are free to mirror the priority of Jesus from John 17:22–23, that "they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity."

PRIORITY 3: TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

We believe in our world church focus on members in ministry and Ellen White's exhortation that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their effort with those of ministers and church officers." All are called, all are needed, all are welcome to engage with the mission.

STEP 3 and Onward ...

Core values and strategies to accomplish mission and address these top priorities will be prayerfully developed throughout the summer and fall. More information will be shared in the months ahead through the *Gleaner* channels and within each conference.



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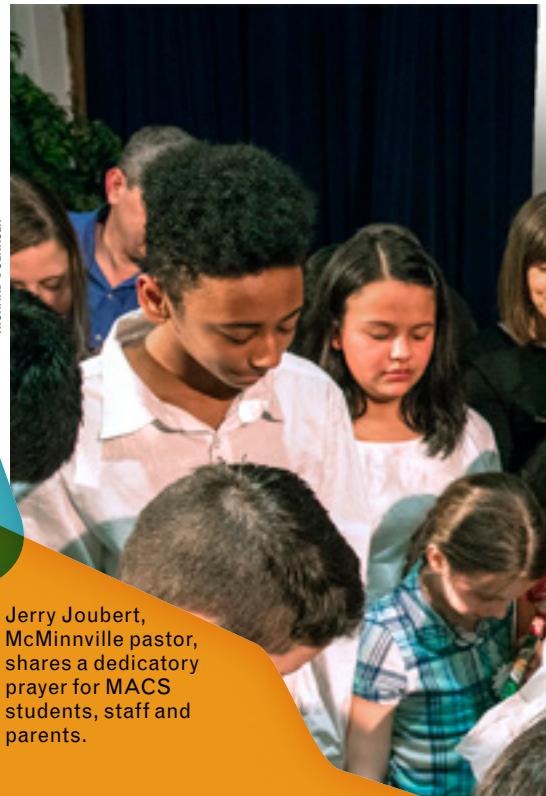


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Church and School Partnerships

WHEN CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, PASTORS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS WORK TOGETHER ON THE GOSPEL MISSION, AMAZING THINGS CAN HAPPEN. DAVID GLENN, PASTOR OF THE CHEHALIS CHURCH IN WASHINGTON, CAN TELL YOU A THING OR TWO ABOUT THAT.

RICHARD DIERKSEN



Jerry Joubert,
McMinnville pastor,
shares a dedicatory
prayer for MACS
students, staff and
parents.

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Pastor Glenn is up early most mornings. His day demands an energetic start — quality time with the Word and his treadmill. Beyond breakfast, he's got things to do, places to go, people to meet. And no matter how busy his to-do list is, those things, places and people begin each morning at the Lewis County Adventist School (LCAS) in Chehalis.

"As a pastor, there couldn't be a better place for me to start my day of ministry," he says with a grin. "Not only do I get to greet our parents and kids as they arrive for school, but I can make appointments and have conversations and prayer with people I probably wouldn't otherwise see during the day."

Far from an interruption, this regular partnership with the local Adventist school may end up being the most productive part of Pastor Glenn's ministry on any given day.

And he's not the only pastor there. Both his associate, John Mutchler, and Ira Bartolome, Centralia Church pastor, are also integrated into school life at LCAS. This collaborative DNA between the school and the two constituent churches has been growing there for years. The collegial spirit is palpable.

Karen Carlton, LCAS principal, does not take this relationship for granted. "One reason I love it here is this partnership," she says. "We have an amazing team of pastors and teachers who work together in so many capacities."

It's been that way so long that some could be forgiven for taking it for granted. But Carlton sees the daily integration and understands how intentional and vital this has become to the life of the school.

"Pastor Glenn sometimes jokes that his one spiritual gift is 'just showing up.' Well, one of my favorite pictures is when he 'just shows up' in the afternoon, and he's wearing his suit jacket, tie and slacks, playing soccer with the ninth- and 10th-graders," she says. "Then he comes out all sweaty to greet parents as they come to pick up their kids. It shows how much our pastors have become part of our everyday lives."

"This regular involvement," she continues, "makes everything at the school integrally connected in a more tangible way to the mission of the church." It, of course, works both ways.

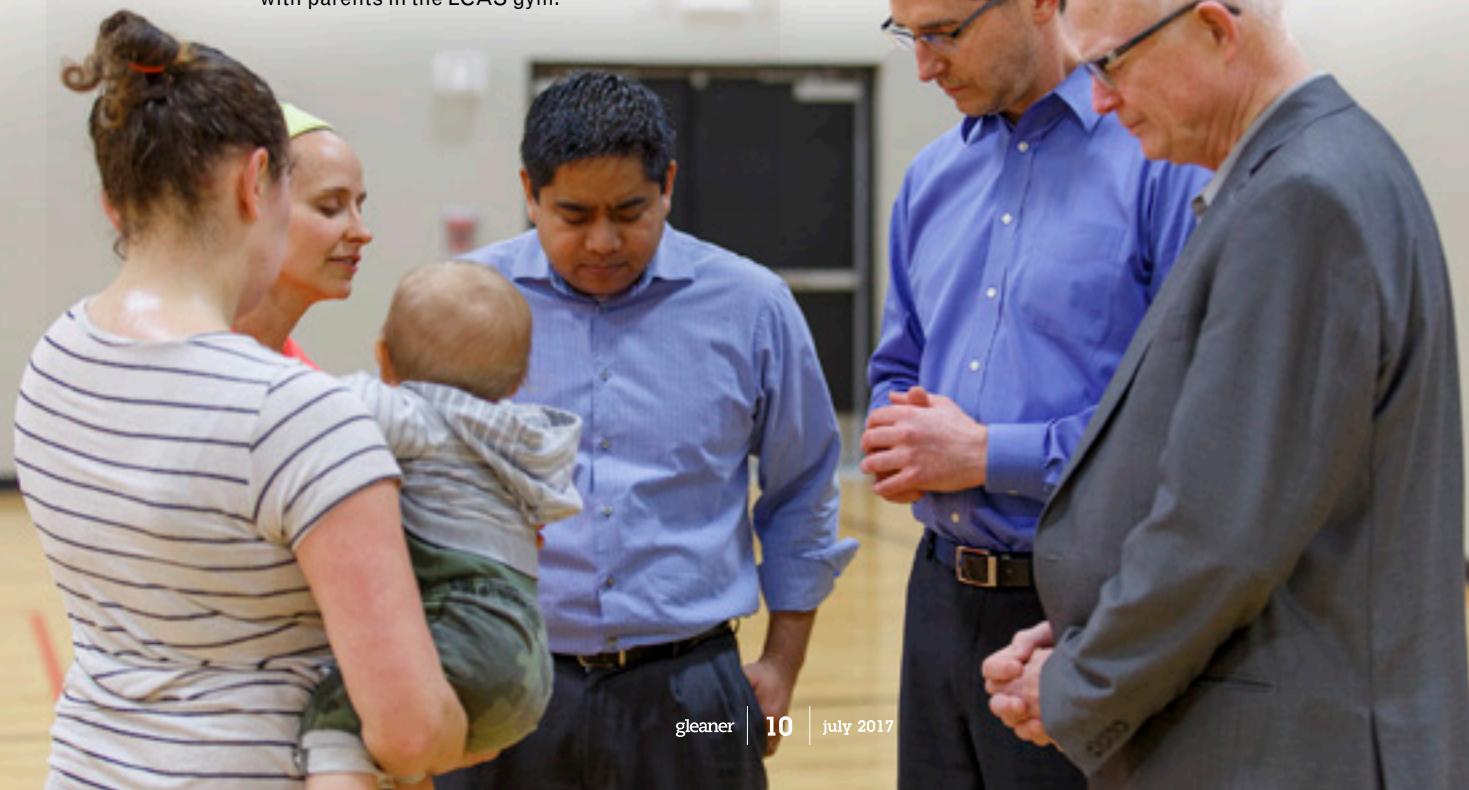
On a Thursday morning in late April, as Pastor Bartolome sought to coordinate a student



“AS A PASTOR, THERE COULDN’T BE A BETTER PLACE FOR ME TO START MY DAY OF MINISTRY.”

David Glenn, Chehalis Church pastor

Pastors Ira Bartolome, John Mutchler and David Glenn share a prayerful moment with parents in the LCAS gym.



project at a local thrift outlet, Pastor Mutchler accompanied ninth- and 10th-grade instructor Dan Baker and his students to Hub City Mission in Centralia. There they worked to repackage food items for later distribution by the mission to needy folks around the area. Baker, who served as principal before Carlton came, is in his 17th year at LCAS. In more than 34 years of teaching, he's seen a few things, both pro and con.

“We’re spoiled here,” he says with a knowing smile. “Some of my teacher friends in other areas have pastors who never darken the door of their school. Not here. We have an incredibly supportive pastoral team who realize they get a better chance to interact with current and future parishioners here during the week than at the church.”

Baker knows from experience not every school

and church has such a close partnership. Not all pastors or principals are on each other’s speed dial. Not every church board sees their local school as the most valuable resource available for reaching children and their parents with the gospel.

In fact, when the annual church budget is discussed, it may challenge a pastor or church board to remember why they wanted a church school in the first place. For some churches, local school subsidies make up the largest single item on the budget. When dollars are not obviously connected to ministry, when regular connections between church and school are not intentionally created, it’s easy to see why some members — even some pastors — are less than enthusiastic about the value of Adventist education.

But, thankfully, many pastors do recognize, along



MACS students love their TAG (Time Alone with God) period each day for spiritual reading and reflection.

with Glenn, Mutchler and Bartolome, the value of partnering in the Adventist mission to share hope and wholeness with each community. They understand several important ways this partnership with Adventist Christian schools is designed to build the kingdom:

- » It is one of the most effective ways to reach the community for Christ — yes, evangelism;
- » It reaches not only children but their parents and extended families as well;
- » It provides an active daily approach to ministry, even when most church buildings are quiet and dark.

Doylene Cook, who has taught at LCAS for 15 years, has seen this firsthand. "These pastors are immersed in the kids," she says. "They recognize how important the partnership is to our church mission. They're on our team at worship, on the play fields and field trips. A pastor will stop me in the hall and ask, 'What are you studying this week?' Then he'll create a worship talk for my students on that very topic."

The pastors who work regularly with school children realize these daily connections create safe openings for those same children to return with additional questions. "I want to build bridges with them," says

Pastor Glenn, "so that if they do want to follow Jesus at some point in baptism, if they'd like to get involved in missions, that I'd be one of the 'go-to' people they feel comfortable with."

"If the only time they see me is when I'm up in the pulpit," says Pastor Mutchler, "then I'm just a guy that preaches. But when they see me at the door of the school everyday and we have fun together, then they see God and worship and church as a really important part of daily life. Here, everybody knows our name, and we know every child's name. It's a family, and when you combine that with the church — God just binds it all together."

Interesting and eternal things happen when relationships and interactions are valued. Jennifer Hubbard, a parent of three LCAS students who works as a part-time teacher's assistant, was baptized more than a decade ago. But when she began volunteering at the school, walking in the gym with a group of women on rainy mornings and interacting more regularly with the pastors' mission there, she found a personal and passionate growth in her Christian experience.

This spring she led two Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) teams from the school

and church to first-place finishes at the North American Division PBE final event. She can hardly stop talking about the God-honoring mission shared by the area churches and this school.

Pastor Glenn says there's a lot of truth to what he once overheard from a friend:

"Whoever wants your children the most will get them." It's the main reason he and his colleagues "just show up" to spend so much time with the LCAS teachers, parents and students.

But does this investment of time and effort pay dividends? Long-term statistics are beyond the scope of this article, but certainly short-term results bear out the value of this partnership, and LCAS is not the only place where it shows.

Partnerships are bearing fruit throughout the Northwest. Nowhere is this more evident than in Oregon where the ministry model of "Together as One" has taken hold in places such as the McMinnville Adventist Christian School (MACS).

In 2009, when a group from the main McMinnville Church determined to plant a new church, they found a symbiotic partner in MACS. Instead of renting another facility, the Rivers Edge Adventist Company co-located at the school and began putting resources that would have gone toward rent into MACS renovations. Jim John, pastor of Rivers Edge, says, "We've really been able to build some incredible bridges with the school administration, the board, and with parents and students because they see we are part of their community."

Prayer is part of that

LCAS students enjoy working with the local pastors on community service projects.



WHOEVER WANTS YOUR CHILDREN THE MOST WILL GET THEM.

“WE’VE SAVED MONEY, DRIVEN OLD CARS, WORKED LATE AT NIGHT AND GIVEN EVERYTHING SO OUR DAUGHTER CAN HAVE THIS KIND OF EDUCATION.”

MACSfather



The Adventist church in Chehalis, Washington, is a hub for many church/school programs and connections.

community. Pastor John says a regular Family Prayer Night has enabled the church and school families to experience the power of prayer for real community needs. Prayers from 4- and 5-year-olds mingle with those of their parents. It is a time of spiritual bonding.

Elizabeth Fish, MACS principal, says, “We are truly and uniquely a church-school, together, literally, as one. I can look around this school and see tangible ways this church has invested in us.”

And, it’s not just one church or one pastor. Like LCAS, pastors from all constituent churches are integrally involved. Joining Pastor John, colleagues Jerry Joubert of the McMinnville Church, David Ballard in Newberg and, until recently, Abraham Acosta from the McMinnville Spanish Church (before he was called to another conference) are all invested in this church/school partnership. Because they’re around so much, the students

it’s the pastor who’s tagging you out.”

The synergy between church and school adds value both ways. “Being at the school so often has even changed how I preach sermons,” says Pastor Jerry of the McMinnville congregation. “Now I use many more illustrations and tell more stories so the kids can be part of worship.”



RICHARD DIERKSEN

The baptismal service at McMinnville Adventist Christian School is an indication of God’s blessing for this active partnership of church and school.

Verlaine Linrud, MACS third- through fifth-grade teacher, encourages her students to participate daily in what they call TAG — Time Alone with God. It’s not easy in a room with 15–20 other children, but it has become one of their favorite times of the day.

Each child finds a private spot in the room where they can open their Bible or journal and spend 15–20 minutes quietly reading, writing or praying. This special time wraps up with an opportunity to share additional thoughts with classmates.

know them as friends and counselors, not just the men who preach on Sabbath.

“Each classroom has adopted a pastor who is ‘theirs’ for the year,” says Fish. “That might be anything from a worship each week to perhaps a game of ‘tag’ during recess. You might be surprised how much bonding happens when

"One day during TAG time in my classroom," Linrud recalls, "a student came to me and asked how old she had to be to be baptized. I assured her there was no age limit, but when she knew she loved Jesus and wanted to follow Him she would be ready. When we gathered for our discussion afterwards, the Holy Spirit impressed me to ask if there were any students who were



thinking about getting baptized. Ten students simultaneously raised their hands. One student exclaimed, 'Mrs. Linrud, we did the Bible studies already with Pastor Ballard, and we are ready. Can you please talk to our pastors for us?' How could I refuse a request like that? The Holy Spirit was filling my classroom, and I recognized this as a powerful working of God."

And so, on a recent Friday evening, all four constituent congregations and a large group of community supporters packed the MACS auditorium to "fire code

Along with teacher Dan Lewis and pastors Glenn and Mutchler, LCAS upper-grade students help out a local food bank.

maximum" for a delicious dinner and a program of music and Scripture. Then came the dessert: four pastors wading into an above-ground swimming pool to baptize 12 MACS students.*

"This is the one day I have waited for the past 12 years," one father said. Then he choked up. "We've saved money, driven old cars, worked late at night and given everything so our daughter can have this kind of education. Tonight we are so proud!"

The MACS celebration beautifully represents what can happen when congregations, pastors and communities fully adopt a school and create a new family for Jesus. Granted, spiritual victories are never guaranteed in every situation. Many factors intrude in the lives of families and children that can alter the outcomes. But if the statement is true — "whoever wants your children the most will get them" — then why wouldn't we spend every effort to tip the balance in favor of eternal choices?

Victories in this spiritual arena are possible, says Linrud, because Adventist education doesn't just include pastors and teachers. It encompasses every person of every age who deeply cares about training children for the kingdom — Sabbath School teachers, Pathfinder leaders, and all church and school support personnel.

Chehalis/Centralia and McMinnville — two communities are making that effort with big hearts and life-changing partnerships for the kingdom. If it can happen there, why not in your church, your school and your community?

*THREE ADDITIONAL STUDENTS WERE BAPTIZED IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCH THAT SAME MONTH.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor, with Richard Duerksen, Oregon Conference assistant to the president

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CARING HEART AWARD WINNERS FOR 2017

Fourteen Northwest academy students each were recipients of the \$500 Caring Heart Award scholarship made possible through three-way funding from the North Pacific Union Conference, local conferences and academies. Students were selected by their schools for exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart — a willingness to serve others. The North American Division provided each student with a plaque and an engraved Bible. The scholarships may be used toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.



Auburn Adventist Academy
AUBURN, WASHINGTON



Columbia Adventist Academy
BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

Matthew Gorton

Matthew shows the character of Jesus in all he does. He is a strong and positive leader at Auburn Adventist Academy.

He is a kind, compassionate and gentle leader who approaches what he does with positive spiritual goals. For the past two summers, he has successfully been involved in Youth Rush, the Washington Conference youth literature evangelism program.

Matthew's faithfulness shines through in his resident assistant duties in the dorm, where he is able to share his love for Jesus as he mentors peers on his hall.

Matthew is the son of Lloyd and Kimberly Gorton of Lacey, Washington. His interests include nature, running, photography and sports. He is the junior class vice president, is a member of Sylvan Chorale, and plans to enter mission service after high school and attend Walla Walla University to study engineering.

Gabriella Irias

Once you crack through the quiet, introverted exterior of Gabriella Irias, known to her friends as Gaby, you find this Columbia Adventist Academy senior's love for people doesn't allow her reserved nature to exist for long. She is actively involved in her school, church and home.

She is loved by many who have observed her "watch-dog" outlook for others and have seen her standing up for students who are being made fun of — whether she is a close friend of theirs or not. She is also considerate of her family — especially her mom, who works long hours to provide for her family.

Her sense of humor, curiosity and lack of inhibition (in a good way) rounds out her fantastic personality. Gaby is someone you want to have present whether you're playing soccer, throwing a tea party or checking out snails in tide pools at the beach. Now that's an all-inclusive caring heart!



Cascade Christian Academy
WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Alberto Ornelas

Alberto Ornelas' calm, collected and caring manner is one of the reasons why this Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) junior was chosen as a Caring Heart Award recipient this school year.

Alberto has chosen Jesus as His Savior, models respectful behavior and is a positive role model for younger students. This student leader's caring heart also extended to CCA's biennial mission trip to Belize in 2016.

On campus Alberto is a responsible self-starter and has been known to go to students whose papers he has graded to show them how to avoid making the same mistakes again.

After graduation from CCA, Alberto plans to take a year off of school to work with the hope of attending Walla Walla University in the future. The staff at CCA believe Alberto has what it takes and will be a blessing to his future employer, colleagues, church and community.



Gem State Academy
CALDWELL, IDAHO

Aurora Gault

Aurora Gault is a junior at Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA). During her two years at GSAA she has used her considerable skills and cheerful disposition to help foster a positive and inclusive environment on campus. Her ready smile and a seemingly endless supply of Craisins brighten everyone's day.

Aurora divides her time between preaching at area churches and the academy church as part of the worship leadership program at GSAA; ministering in the academy's vocal, handbell and instrumental groups; participating athletically as a starting member of the Lady Jaguars varsity basketball team; and serving the campus at large as an officer of the student association.

She is a leader in every endeavor and is currently working closely with the Bible department to plan and participate in a mission trip to Fiji during spring break. Her future plans include ministry at Walla Walla University after she completes her senior year at GSAA.



Livingstone Adventist Academy
SALEM, OREGON

Zachery Rapozo

Zachery Rapozo is a junior at Livingstone Adventist Academy (LAA) and a blessing to LAA in so many ways. He is always looking for opportunities to lift others up and encourage others.

Zach is a young man who exemplifies the character of Christ in what he does.

Last summer, Zach served with the Oregon Youth Rush and had an amazing time sharing the gospel of Christ with those with whom he came in contact. He loves sharing his love for the Lord with others.

For the past several years Zach has participated in a mission trip to Mexico. He always comes back excited and ready to share his experience with the rest of his friends and encourages them to get involved in service.

His teachers look forward to seeing him continue to grow in the Lord and be a blessing to others.



Milo Adventist Academy
DAYS CREEK, OREGON

Kristine Young

Kristine Young, a senior at Milo Adventist Academy and daughter of Todd and Ellen Young of Yreka, California, is serving as executive vice president of the student association, senior class secretary, girls' club president and yearbook editor. Those who work with her appreciate Kristi's cheerfulness, creativity, encouragement and her organized, dedicated, hardworking approach to all her responsibilities.

As a member of Milo's mission team to Fiji, Kristi assisted with medical work, helped to build a soap factory, and performed community service in the school and village. Kristi is also a member of Apostles' Outreach, a Milo ministry that takes students to present worship services at churches around the Oregon Conference.

She is also a part of the praise team, presents children's stories and works with children's Sabbath School. Her kind and affirming interactions with both her peers and the adults in her life exemplify the fruit of the Spirit. Kristi plans to attend Southern Adventist University in Tennessee.



Mount Ellis Academy
BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Micah Ferro

Micah-James LáaKeamaiKalani Ferro is a junior at Mount Ellis Academy. Son of Aaron and Denise Ferro, Micah moved to Montana from Hawaii in 2014. He has attended Mount Ellis Academy for the last three years and has spent the last two summers doing literature evangelism with the Montana Youth Rush program.

Micah has a passion for learning about Jesus and developing a lifelong relationship with Him. The staff at Mount Ellis Academy selected Micah for the Caring Heart Award because of his dedication to witnessing to those around him. He is often found leading worship music at school and church. Micah is also always willing and ready to volunteer in outreach activities.

Micah wants to go on a mission trip and help others. Currently, his family is saving up to go on a family mission trip through which they serve others as a family. The Caring Heart Award funds will go to this goal of mission service.



Orcas Christian School
EASTSOUND, WASHINGTON

Emily Toombs

During Emily Toombs' six years at Orcas Christian School, she has participated actively in two international and two domestic mission trips. Emily definitely has a heart for service and compassion.

Emily is a violinist with the Orcas Public High School orchestra and is a member of the golf team. On the spiritual side, Emily is an acolyte for her local Episcopal church, where she assists regularly for weekend services.

Emily always brings lots of energy and ideas to her student leadership positions and enthusiastically supplies the grit to get things done in a quality way.

Future plans include attending George Fox University in Portland, Oregon, where Emily will major in English. Her goal is to become an international English teacher.



Portland Adventist Academy
PORTLAND, OREGON

Ryan Michael Schmid

Ryan Michael Schmid was nominated for the Caring Heart Award because of his desire to be involved in mission work as well as campus ministries, his willingness for public speaking and his special interest in providing Bible studies.

Ryan has been very intentional about Bible studies/small groups at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA). He has also been part of several mission trips during his time at the academy.

He is a calm and consistent spiritual leader on the PAA campus. He is constantly thoughtful of others around him and is genuine in his friendships. Ryan displays great self-initiative and responsibility.

Ryan plans to attend Southern Adventist University in Tennessee to pursue ministry in various capacities and plans to use his award money toward a mission trip. Ryan is the son of Joe and Jeanenne Schmid.



Puget Sound Adventist Academy
KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON

David Anderson

David Anderson was selected unanimously by the Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) staff because of his exceptional spirit of helpfulness on campus. His dedication to show love through acts of service is hugely impactful and a distinguishing feature of this young man.

The staff at PSAA particularly recognizes David as an inspiration because his year has been a difficult one, with the recent loss of his mother, Jean Anderson, to cancer. Through it all, his attentive helpfulness has persevered.

David has made a noticeable impact on PSAA staff and students, and his teachers know he will continue to do so wherever he goes. For this reason, they are pleased to name David Anderson as this year's Caring Heart Award recipient.

At this time, David is undecided in how he will use the award money. He would like to attend Walla Walla University.

CARING HEART AWARD WINNERS FOR 2017



Rogue Valley Adventist Academy
MEDFORD, OREGON

Katherine Alvarez

Katherine Alvarez has been a student of Rogue Valley Adventist Academy for many years. She joined her class in her early elementary years and has been a positive influence since her arrival. She is the daughter of Angel and Victoria Alvarez and big sister to Christopher and Mark.

Katie, as she likes to be called, has a gift for helping others. She has participated in school-sponsored mission trips and lends a hand to the many summer VBS programs offered in the southern Oregon area. Because of this, many of the younger students are always happy to see Katie on campus.

Katherine's future plans are to attend Walla Walla University in the fall. Because of her struggles with vision during her younger years, she wants to study optometry and help others with their eyesight. God has given Katie the gift of warmth and caring, and she proves it daily.



Skagit Adventist Academy
BURLINGTON, WASHINGTON

Matt Rowe

Matt Rowe, a senior, has attended Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA), a kindergarten through 12th-grade institution, since he first started school. He has proven himself to be a leader through academics and service to others.

Matt is a believer in missions, having served from Belize to a reservation in Idaho. While leading praise and worship in his youth Sabbath School, he also finds time to use his musical talent to praise our Creator during the regular church worship hour. His fellow students have elected him as student body vice president the past two years, vice president of his senior class and spiritual vice president of his junior class.

He assists with Vacation Bible School each summer and also supports the Friendship House.

Plans beyond his senior year include attending Walla Walla University as mechanical engineering student. The SAA family appreciates Matt's positive influence at SAA and looks forward to seeing his life unfold.



Upper Columbia Academy
SPANGLE, WASHINGTON

Kaitlyn Kramer

Kaitlyn Kramer is a junior at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) with a heart and passion for Christ made evident in her service both on and off campus. Kaitlyn has gone on mission trips, most recently the UCA trip to Africa to help bring food and medical care to the struggling people of Kenya.

She has had a passion to have her fellow students experience a more meaningful and intimate worship service. She has led a team to create new and interactive ways for students and staff to worship Christ as a body of believers. From outside services to intimate Bible studies, Kaitlyn continues to help create an atmosphere of heaven and push the limits of the student body's spirituality.

Kaitlyn is a light on the UCA campus and continues to shine for Jesus. For this she has been chosen as the recipient of the Caring Heart Award.



Walla Walla Valley Academy
COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON

Alissa Hendrickson

Alissa Hendrickson was chosen to receive the Caring Heart Award because she has consistently and quietly served in ways big and small during her time on the Walla Walla Valley Academy campus.

Her work with the Change the Day program through Leadout Ministries and her participation in the Change the Day Tour during spring break focused on making little changes that impact lives in a big way.

In addition, she routinely takes part in campuswide service activities, provides wise and consistent support to her peers, and was a fall week of worship speaker, sharing the powerful ways God has worked in her life.

Alissa is daughter of Delwyn and Sandra Hendrickson of Echo, Oregon, and a senior at Walla Walla Valley Academy. She plans to attend Walla Walla University in the fall.

NORTHWEST ADVENTIST SCHOOLS

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Dillingham Seventh-day Adventist School	446 Windmill Hill Rd., Dillingham, AK 99576	907-842-2496	Sueal Cunningham	K-8
Golden Heart Christian School	1811 Farmers Loop Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-479-2904	Rosemary McDaniel	K-8
Juneau Adventist Christian School	4890 Glacier Hwy., Juneau, AK 99801	907-780-4336	Cynthia Lewis	K-8
Sitka Adventist School	1613 Halibut Point Rd., Sitka, AK 99835	907-747-8855	Ryan McCutcheon	1-8

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Boise Valley Adventist School	925 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID 83713	208-376-7141	Melanie Lawson	K-8
Caldwell Adventist Elementary School	2317 Wisconsin Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605	208-459-4313	Miranda Starr	K-8
Desert View Christian School	2425 American Legion Blvd., Mountain Home, ID 83647	208-580-0512	Dianne Eslinger	1-8
Eagle Adventist Christian School	538 W. State St., Eagle, ID 83616	208-938-0093	Jessica Davidson	1-8
Enterprise Adventist School	305 Wagner St., Enterprise, OR 97828	541-426-8339	Dan Webster	1-8
Hilltop Adventist School	131 Grandview Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301	208-736-5934	Stewart Lewis	1-8
La Grande Adventist School	2702 Adams Ave., La Grande, OR 97850	541-963-6203	Melissa Akers	K-8
Salmon Adventist School	400 Fairmont St., Salmon, ID 83467	208-756-4439	Jessyca Crew	1-8
Treasure Valley Adventist School	509 1/2 S. 9th St., Payette, ID 83661	208-642-2410	Valerie Iwasa	1-8
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Blodgett View Christian School	119 Westbridge Rd., Hamilton, MT 59840	406-363-0575	Angela Binder	K-8
Central Acres Christian School	3204 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102	406-652-1799	Autumn Paskell	PK/ K-8
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Livingstone Adventist Academy	5771 Fruitland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97301	503-363-9408	Matt Jones	K-12
Milo Adventist Academy	324 Milo Dr., Days Creek, OR 97429	541-825-3200	Randy Thornton	9-12
Portland Adventist Academy	1500 SE 96th Ave., Portland, OR 97216	503-255-8372	Sheldon Parris	9-12
Rogue Valley Adventist Academy	3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501	541-773-2988	Ann Campbell	K-12
Canyonville Adventist Elementary School	712 NW Frontage Rd., Canyonville, OR 97417	541-839-4053	Doug Hartzell	K-8
Central Valley Christian School	31630 Highway 34, Tangent, OR 97389	541-928-7820	Michael La Sage	K-8
Cottage Grove Christian School	820 S. 10th Street, Cottage Grove, OR 97424	541-206-0385	Dianna Mohr	1-8
Countryside Christian School	88401 Huston Rd., Veneta, OR 97487	541-935-6446	Rita Callahan	1-8
Emerald Christian Academy	35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	541-746-1708	Winston Morgan	K-10
Gold Coast Christian School	2175 Newmark Ave., North Bend, OR 97420	541-756-7413	Megan Morton	1-8
Grants Pass Adventist School	2250 NW Heidi Ln., Grants Pass, OR 97526	541-479-2293	Richard Rasmussen	K-10
Hood View Junior Academy	26505 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009	503-663-4568	Brian Gang	K-8
Journey Christian School	96 Garden St., Kelso, WA 98626	360-423-9250	Bethany Edmundson	K-8
Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School	2499 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601	541-882-4151	To Be Determined	K-8
Lincoln City Adventist School	2126 NE Surf Ave., Lincoln City, OR 97367	541-994-5181	Karie MacPhee	1-8
Madras Adventist School	66 SE H Street, Madras, OR 97741	541-475-7545	Melissa McCrery	1-8
Madrone Adventist School	4300 Holland Loop Rd., Cave Junction, OR 97523	541-592-3330	Laura Bowlby	K-8
McMinnville Adventist Christian School	1349 NW Elm St., McMinnville, OR 97128	503-472-3336	Elizabeth Fish	K-8
Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School	18717 NE 109th Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604	360-687-5121	Ric Peinado	K-8
Mid Columbia Adventist Christian School	1100 22nd St., Hood River, OR 97031	541-386-3187	Peter Hardy	K-10
Portland Adventist Elementary	3990 NW 1st St., Gresham, OR 97030	503-665-4102	Brandon O'Neal	K-8
Rivergate Adventist Elementary School	1505 Rivergate School Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027	503-656-0544	Sharlyn Smith	K-8
Riverside Adventist Christian School	463 N. Shepherd Rd., Washougal, WA 98671	360-835-5600	Heidi Kruger	K-8
Roseburg Junior Academy	1653 NW Troost St., Roseburg, OR 97471	541-673-5278	Jeff Jackson	K-8

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Shoreline Christian School	4445 Hwy. 101, Florence OR 97439	541-997-3951	Karen Nelson	1-8
Sutherlin Adventist Christian School	841 West Central Ave., Sutherlin, OR 97479	541-459-9940	To Be Determined	1-8
Three Sisters Adventist Christian School	21155 Tumalo Rd., Bend, OR 97703	541-389-2091	Jenny Neil	K-8
Tillamook Adventist School	4300 12th St., Tillamook, OR 97141	503-842-6533	Matthew Hunter	K-8
Tualatin Valley Academy	21975 SW Baseline Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123	503-649-5518	Christina Orozco-Acosta	K-10

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Walla Walla Valley Academy	300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-525-1050	Brian Harris	9-12
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501	208-743-8361	David Gage	K-8
Brewster Adventist Christian School	115 Valley Rd., Brewster, WA 98812	509-689-3213	John McCombs	K-8
Colville Valley Adventist School	139 E. Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	509-684-6830	June Graham	K-8
Cornerstone Christian School	513357 Hwy. 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	208-267-1644	Brittany Parker	1-8
Countryside Adventist Elementary School	12109 W. Seven Mile Rd., Spokane, WA 99224	509-466-8982	Archie Harris	1-8
Crestview Christian School	1601 W. Valley Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-765-4632	Melissia Wallen	K-9
Goldendale Adventist School	47 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620	509-773-3120	David Robinson	1-8
Grandview Adventist School	106 N. Elm St., Grandview, WA 98930	509-882-3817	Richard Peterson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801	541-276-0615	Shannon Whidden	K-10
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln., Hermiston, OR 97838	541-567-8523	Jordan Lindsay	K-8
Lake City Junior Academy	111 E. Locust Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	208-667-0877	Adam Weeks	K-10
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	541-938-7131	Jeanne Goodhew	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	425 W. Second Ave., Omak, WA 98841	509-826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpauir	1-8
Palisades Christian Academy	1115 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224	509-325-1985	Monte Fisher	K-10
Palouse Hills Christian School	3148 Tomer St., Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-0350	Deborah Joplin	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	32084 Hwy. 97, Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-4345	Henry Buursma	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	33820 Hwy. 41 #D, Oldtown, ID 83822	208-437-2638	Angela Fleck	1-8
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-529-1850	Holley Bryant	K-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W. Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864	208-263-3584	Robin Featherstone	1-8
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99037	509-926-0955	Darla Shupe	K-8
Tri-City Junior Academy	4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301	509-547-8092	Spencer Hannah	K-10
Upper Columbia Academy Elementary	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3629	Gordon Smith	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, WA 98908	509-966-1933	Renae Young	K-10

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Orcas Christian School	107 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245	360-376-6683	Kirk Haley	K-12
Puget Sound Adventist Academy	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacoban	9-12
Skagit Adventist Academy	530 N. Section St., Burlington, WA 98233	360-755-9261	Aubrey Fautheree	K-12
Baker View Christian School	5353 Waschke Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226	360-384-8155	To Be Determined	K-8
Buena Vista SDA Elementary School	3320 Academy Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98092	253-833-0718	To Be Determined	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	461 Kennedy Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339	360-385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036	425-775-3578	Dea Bienhoff	K-8
Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203	425-258-6911	Cynthia Miller	K-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 US Hwy. 12, Montesano, WA 98563	360-249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacoban	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312	360-377-4542	Becky Rae	K-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S. Scheuber Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532	360-748-3213	Karen Carlton	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA 98382	360-683-6170	Michelle Noonan	1-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd., Puyallup, WA 98372	253-845-5722	To Be Determined	K-8
Olympia Christian School	1215 Ethel St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502	360-352-1831	Sharron Schwartz	K-8
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370	360-779-6290	Leanna Quaile	1-8
Shelton Valley Christian School	201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584	360-426-4198	Melissa Hammond	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	360-794-7655	Crysti Wallace	K-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	360-279-1812	Byron Schurch	1-8



ZAPATOS CON ESPERANZA

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o se nos había ocurrido antes. No fue una idea originada en alguna mente brillante; mas bien estoy convencido que fue un regalo directamente instruido, proporcionado y gestionado por Dios.

Una tarde, un grupo de donantes se había puesto en contacto con nosotros para ofrecernos zapatos. "No entiendo", pensé, "no somos zapatería, somos una iglesia". Pero precisamente allí fue cuando entendimos la gran idea del cielo, que no se nos había ocurrido antes. La idea de llegar a mostrar el carácter sensible de Dios que entiende las necesidades inmediatas y materiales de sus hijos y mas allá de proporcionar solamente lo necesario desea proveer lo eterno. Su amor que salva.

Así, el sábado 18 de Febrero pudimos ver un

verdadero milagro, y nosotros como iglesia, estar en primera fila en el gran espectáculo

de Dios, sirviendo a mas de mil personas visitantes. El equipo de voluntarios de nuestra Iglesia Adventista en Beaverton, se preparó anticipadamente en diferentes comisiones que incluían el equipo de bienvenida el equipo de registración, el equipo de recepción, el equipo de adoración, el equipo de atención y el equipo de oración. Con entusiasmo nos habíamos planteado el objetivo de que cada una de las mas de mil personas tuviera un contacto personal con por lo menos siete personas de nuestra iglesia y que en cada una de esas interacciones pudieran conocer a su salvador Jesus.

Oramos, hicimos los planes y promocionamos el evento "Zapatos para toda la familia" anunciando que teníamos suficientes zapatos nuevos para mill personas, pero no sabíamos que iría a suceder, es decir, cuantas personas de la comunidad realmente responderían a nuestra invitación. Así que por fe nos organizamos entendiendo que nuestra iglesia solo podría recibir 200 personas y por ello tuvimos cinco turnos donde se tenía un servicio de canto, un mensaje de esperanza de la Palabra de Dios, algunas instrucciones y todo eso en 15 minutos antes de que entraran a la sala donde serían atendidos con

una sonrisa calidez especial. Una vez que habían escuchado el mensaje y recibido sus zapatos, el ultimo equipo los acompañaba hasta la salida, no sin antes orar por cada familia y obsequiar libros, DVDs y materiales de contacto. Desde el estacionamiento al llegar y hasta el estacionamiento al regresar cada persona había recibido, calidez, amistad, zapatos, oración y por sobre todo esperanza.

Es triste que nuestras comunidades conozcan nuestras iglesias por ser la gente que no hace nada en Sábado, no come puerco, o cosas así. Pero, ¿que pasaría si nuestras comunidades conocieran cada iglesia Adventista como un lugar donde gente imperfecta sirve a un Dios perfecto que muestra su Amor perfecto a través no solo de sus sermones, sino también de sus acciones? Hoy tenemos la bendición de tener las puertas abiertas de mas de trescientas familias que llegaron hasta nuestras instalaciones buscando zapatos, y salieron con la alternativa de un nuevo Camino, Verdad y Vida. ¡Alabado sea nuestro Señor!





Amazing Grace Academy students join Togiak youth for a successful week of prayer.

AMAZING GRACE ACADEMY BRINGS WEEK OF PRAYER TO TOGIAK

It's a cold, crisp day in Togiak when a group of Amazing Grace Academy high schoolers arrive from Palmer. The bay lies frozen over by the extreme cold of winter, the sun oblique in the sky is making its ascent towards summer. For most of the students, this is the first trip to bush Alaska, and for one it is her first airplane trip.

Excitement abounds as this team heads to the mission to prepare. The plan: to present a student-led week of prayer for grades six through 12 in the village of Togiak.

The experience: something quite different.

Adults and children alike arrived and settled in for the meetings, which shifted to focus on ages 5 through 16. The week's theme was "Is God Real?" and the Palmer students enjoyed that reality as God answered prayer after prayer.

What students do in situations where they are allowed to take responsibility and leadership is amazing. If you have never had that opportunity, you should try to get in on one of those trips. You will be amazed not just at the students' abilities but also at

the way God leads.

The week in Togiak was replete with prayer, studying, mingling, crying and, of course, a lack of sleep, but God pulled through over and over again.

In the end, God was victorious in these students' struggles. They left Togiak with 13 kids wanting baptism and a score more wanting Bible studies. The trip reemphasized how, in our weakness and ignorance, He blesses and leads.

Nic Owens, Amazing Grace Academy teacher

CLARENCE NAYA



The Amazing Grace Academy team (from left) Taylar Peterson, Nic Owens, Cameron Peterson, Angie Caswell, Joy Owens, Sara Downs and Luke Phillips heads to Togiak to present a week of prayer.

DILLINGHAM MEN'S RETREAT FEEDS FAMILIES

"Men's retreat" generally means a spiritual time of Bible reading, discussion, singing, stories and eating — and maybe some hiking or camping. At the recent Dillingham Men's Retreat, there were those expected activities plus some additional activities that were uniquely Alaskan.

The small group of men ended Sabbath, March 25, with a haystack supper and a Bible-study discussion of friendship and prayer. The next activity was a common "steam bath" (sauna), also known in the Native Alaskan Yupik language as a *magi*.

Much of the community of Dillingham depends on subsistence food sources — wild groceries

provided by nature like salmon, berries, moose, bird eggs, herring eggs, caribou and more. The traditional ways of life (the historic methods of survival) are still practiced and shared among many residents. Older members often are unable to harvest the traditional foods themselves due to age or health limitations.

The final activity of the Men's Retreat on Sunday was a combination of a snow machine outing and caribou hunt to provide meat for several families. The hunting



With the Wood River Mountains in the background, the group prepares to leave Dillingham and search for caribou.

party of eight traveled 50 miles south of Dillingham toward the southern end of Nushagak Peninsula and across three frozen rivers.

At the end of a 12-hour day, the entire group returned with all of the snow machines loaded down with meat to share among families, friends and elders. Most men's retreats may not involve hunting, but in this region, survival and blessings are often found in nature — and nearly always include sharing with one another.

Doni Andregg, Dillingham Church member and Men's Retreat participant

REALITY TOWN TEACHES FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Elementary students enjoy each other's company in Reality Town.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be stewards of God's time and money. The Caldwell Adventist Elementary School (CAES) believes this skill of financial responsibility needs to be taught.

With this in mind, Reality Town, a financial simulation, came back to CAES by popular demand. Students in grades five through eight

attended from Boise Valley Adventist School, Caldwell Adventist Elementary School, Eagle Adventist Christian School and Treasure Valley Adventist School in Payette.

During Reality Town, students are given the opportunity to take a glimpse into the future so that they can begin to plan now. Each student is presented with a booklet that includes their job, marital status, number of children, and

a pay stub with annual gross salary and net salary.

Over a two-hour period, the students circulated through 22 businesses including housing, transportation, groceries, insurance, medical, clothing and utilities. Local parents, board members, pastors and businesspeople staffed the stations.

Most students seemed to enjoy the simulation, although some had financial burdens.

Liz Sinigaglio, an eighth-grader, says, "I was a fast-food server. It made me scared of real life. I was stuck in a bad situation with only \$1,064 a month. In real life, I want fewer kids and a spouse with a job."

Time to start planning for a further education, students, so you can be stewards of God's time and money.

Jamie Miller, CAES teacher



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The sunshine coming through the stained-glass windows patted students' heads, reassuring us that, indeed, it was morning and God had made it. *Oh God, help your child today. Help me serve.* Today was setup day for the Idaho AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network) Clinic.

Oh, all the T-shirts I folded. Hundreds would be volunteering, and all the shirts had to be sorted by size and gender, counted, and recounted. *Other people are just standing around. I'm so tired of folding. And standing. Do we really have to wear these things?* "Why are the shirts so ugly? They probably wanted a color nobody else would wear," I wailed.

On the day the clinic started, I prayed that God would help me serve. I knew I could not have a bad attitude, working closer to people in need than I had ever done before. The three-day medical clinic was actually starting, and people would be coming for free care. God surely could not bless these people through me if I was not all in. *So please use me. I'm in. I'm Yours.*

This was a busy clinic. Running glasses back and forth to where the prescription lenses were cut, standing until my legs hurt, I wished for a chance

to talk to the people who had come for help. My life spark seemed to be draining; the day dragged.

I attempted to put a professional bounce back into my step as I approached the white-mustached man to give him glasses I thought were his. They weren't. I reached out a hand to shake his anyway. He hesitated for a moment, a flicker of surprise playing across his face. He hadn't expected a clean, teenage girl to shake his dirty hand. Later, he shook my hand again and thanked me for volunteering.

The people were so grateful. I had assumed that they might be rough and rude, but you can't assume.



Gem State Adventist Academy students volunteer with setup and three days of working with patients during the AMEN Clinic.

I also learned something about myself — I could talk to people! Knowing that I could help these people tore down walls, yet Someone beyond me was helping because I could never have the courage to smile if it weren't for that help. AMEN Clinic, Gem State Adventist Academy and God's

love worked out something I didn't know could happen.

I'm still not in love with the AMEN Clinic shirts, but the motto stands out: Love Heals. It does, and I would volunteer again.

Jamie Jansen, Gem State Adventist Academy sophomore



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LA GRANDE SNAP-ITS TEAM COMPETES IN SACRAMENTO LEGO ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Snap-Its team from La Grande Adventist Christian School in La Grande, Ore., made it to the Lego Robotics championship in the school's first year hosting a Lego Robotics club.

More than a year earlier, their teacher saw the benefits of offering a Lego Robotics club to expand academic knowledge of math and science, solve problems, and practice teamwork skills.

A donor was found and supplies purchased. Trevor Jones, a parent, agreed to coach the team. Ten students joined the team.



KaraAnn Akers and Christina Jeffrey anxiously watch their robot.

The first few months of meetings where a steep learning curve for everyone. No one had used the EV3 programming software before, and very few had attended any competitions.

Not knowing where to start, the team came up with a motto. They decided to use the



Coach Trevor Jones gives last minute words of wisdom to the Snap-Its team.

KISS acronym: Keep It Strictly Simple. This motto expanded to the design of their robot, the missions they chose and the project they worked on.

No one expected to receive an invitation to the Sacramento (Calif.) Lego Robotics Championship during the team's first year, so when the invitation came, details for the trip had to be quickly put into place.

During the Sacramento trip the team worked hard with their presentation skills and received second place in both project presentation and their robot design. They finished in the middle of the groups attending.

The Snap-Its team is excited for next year's Lego Robotics club after seeing their success this year as they took a problem, thought outside the box and accomplished their goals.

Melissa Akers, La Grande Adventist Christian School head teacher

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The third- through fifth-grade choir provides worship music.

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BVAS STUDENTS HOLD CHURCH-IN-A-BUS

Church members were excited by the Boise Valley Adventist School (BVAS) Church-in-a-Bus performance on May 6. "The kids' personalities really shine through their performances," one said.

Contrary to popular belief, Church-in-a-Bus does not actually involve a bus. It's a concept developed three years ago by Troy Haagenson, Cloverdale Church pastor, as a way to promote the school, give back to the church family and get the students involved in area churches.

Through this program the entire church service is student-led, from the prelude to the postlude. Praise groups are assembled, Scripture is memorized, skits are organized,



Pastor Tomm Lemon and BVAS students lead song service.

choirs perform, and even the sermonette is delivered by one of the student body. "Church-in-a-Bus provides an opportunity for our young people to lead in every aspect of worship while highlighting the spiritual influence of our school among our larger church family," notes Haagenson.

"This is a great opportunity to make a strong, positive connection between the church and school by sharing God-given talents. The church family sees the fruits of God's spirit in the students," adds Verna Reinbold, BVAS first- and second-grade teacher.

Church-in-a-Bus originally started with the Cloverdale Church and has grown to include the Kuna Church as well. This program is becoming one of the most highly anticipated services and helps to ignite support for the school. "Generally, this is the highest-attended Sabbath of the year, with positive feedback from all who attend," says Gerry Essink, BVAS school secretary. Staff hope to include even more churches in the future.

Melanie Lawson, Boise Valley Adventist School teacher

VALLEY VIEW ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES MIRACLES

During the past 70 years God has provided Christian education for the community of Glendive. The mission of this small rural Adventist church has operated a Christian elementary school, nearly every year, for the children of its church, as well as members of the community. This is a school where children can learn of God's great love along with their other lessons.

In the past few years the church has experienced a decrease in membership, as members have moved away from Glendive. This made it more difficult to generate the funds to subsidize the school budget. As the school board began planning for the 2017–18 school year, they could see there would be about a \$15,000 shortfall, which would force the school to close.

After much thought and prayer, they were impressed to send a letter in January to past friends and alumni of the school. Within a week they were offered a matching gift of \$7,500. Within a month they had received enough gifts to receive the matching offer. In just one month they had in savings almost to the dollar the amount of the previous yearly church subsidy.



CLIFF FREESE

Students of Valley View are grateful for all the miracles happening to their school.

God has shown the church, through this wonderful miracle, that when He has a job to do, He will provide the means to do His work.

In addition to this miracle amount of \$15,000, the church and school families have felt God's encouragement all through the school year. Last summer He protected the roof of the school during a severe windstorm, with the loss of only a few shingles. Two weeks before school, a fire, which could have burned the whole building, was contained to the bathroom. Members worked quickly to clean up smoke and fire damage, donating time and repair materials.

School opened on time, with a new floor in place.

As school was about to begin, it was discovered the air conditioner had quit working. As the repair man worked, he discovered one of the furnaces was also not working. With his generous donation of labor and equipment at cost, combined with a donation from a church member, the school was able to have two new furnaces and an air conditioner in place in time for school to start. Also, funds were donated for a much-needed teacher's laptop computer and rain gutters for the building.

Later in the school year the school applied for and

received a \$3,000 grant from Montana-Dakota Utilities Resource Foundation. This money will be used this summer to repair the broken and aging lighting in the classroom. More funds have recently been donated toward replacing the aging classroom chairs.

This has been an amazing year of miracles, and school will open this fall with 12 students enrolled. Nine more students are seriously considering enrollment. God has a plan, and it is a blessing to be part of it.

Kathy Ree, Valley View school board chairperson

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Si Eun Park and Audrey Beardsley, class of 2020, explore Grand Prismatic Spring.

where this wonderful lesson book shall be open before him" (pp. 99–101).

The staff at Mount Ellis strive to do that. This year's great adventure took students and staff through Yellowstone National Park to Grand Teton National Park for the first week of school. They spent the week connecting and reconnecting with each other and discovering their Creator in a

setting free from distraction.

An English module had them taking inspiration from nature and using it in a creative writing process. During the math module they learned about the real-life challenges of how states manage their wolf, elk and grizzly bear populations. Science took them to the streams and lakes to discover trout habitat and to the forest to understand the destructive and replenishing

characteristics of fire.

Those who were the sturdiest braved a 20-mile hike over Paintbrush Divide, down to Holly Lake and out past Grand Teton through Cascade Canyon. Nothing can prepare you for the grandeur of God's creation on a hike like that. It was truly a spiritual experience.

The time spent was more than just outdoor education. It was time building relationships, time telling stories, time making memories and, most importantly, time worshipping our Creator.

If you know a student who would like to be a part of next year's adventure in Glacier National Park, visit our website at mtellis.org or call 406-587-5178.

Michael Lee, Mount Ellis Academy principal

Students and staff top Paintbrush Divide at 10,700 feet above sea level.



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PAA, HVJA PROVIDE TINY HOME FOR HOMELESS WOMAN

Stories of cold-related deaths scattered the headlines during one of the worst winters in Oregon's history. The weather, coupled with a nationally recognized housing crisis, caused overcrowded warming shelters and serious problems for the homeless population.

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) and Hood View Junior Academy (HVJA) in Boring, Ore., joined the voices of concerned Portlanders and

responded with action. Collaborating on a mission-focused learning outreach, they built a tiny house for Dignity Village, a homeless community sanctioned by the city of Portland.

Led by Brian Simmons, Hood View Church associate pastor, and Jason Bibb, PAA vice principal of finance, a group of nine PAA students spent their entire spring break building a tiny home for a woman named Mary.

The project was intimidating but exciting. "We were

given a pile of lumber and some blueprints, and they let us at it," says PAA senior Isabelle Koh. With the help of experienced adults, students learned to read the blueprints as well as to frame, insulate and wall in the 120-square-foot structure.

Meeting Mary and hearing her story added value to their work. "I came to see that many homeless people are not on the streets by choice. The reasons are much more complicated than we realize," says freshman Jace Charbonneau.



Give energetic teens paint brushes and pink paint, and they'll paint happiness.

Charbonneau's words affirm PAA's goals to provide mission-focused learning. "By coupling knowledge with compassion students find meaningful solutions to big problems," says Bibb.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



"I DIDN'T JUST LEARN AND ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS. I GOT TO BE A PART OF GIVING SOMEONE A SECOND CHANCE . . . "

Mission Focused Learning and Project Based Learning are woven through education at PAA. Discover more at www.PAASDA.ORG and visit the PAA booth at Gladstone camp meeting for a chance to win a month of free tuition.

TUALATIN VALLEY ACADEMY MARKS RETURN OF NINTH GRADE

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The 2016–17 school year marked the return of ninth grade to Tualatin Valley Academy in Hillsboro. This year's freshmen pioneered a creative new high school program at TVA, one that emphasized experiential education particularly focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math).

Students started the year off with a marine biology trip on the Oregon coast. They had three days jam-packed with learning, including fossil hunting at the beach, engineering ROVs (remotely operated underwater vehicles) and exploring mud flats, salt marshes and tide pools. They also watched whales and collected specimens to examine for their marine biology class.

Students camped during this trip. Each evening closed with a campfire and student-led vespers.

Classroom learning this year was creative as well. One of the activities the algebra I class tackled was using pendulums to study standard deviation. In technology class, students worked on 3-D modeling, computer programming, video editing, digital music production and photography. A special field trip to a Daimler research facility showed students how science,

technology, engineering, art and math all come together in the professional world.

Freshman joined junior high students to help at the Oregon Food Bank. Students learned teamwork and what they can do to serve others, just like Jesus did. That afternoon the students headed over to Beaverton Church to continue the day of service and teamwork, where they learned about the church's community center and both local and global Adventist missions.

Mentoring has been at the core of this year's success. The class size was small, which allowed more individual

attention. Teachers in the high school program genuinely care about mentoring their students, coaching them as they grow both academically and in their relationship with God.

High school students are also encouraged to mentor younger students as well by leading out in group activities and by participating in Family Groups — groups of students of all ages at TVA who work together during various activities throughout the year. Parents have mentored our students as well with their participation in a variety of activities. One parent volunteered to coach Futsal for seventh



Danny and Andy adjust their ROV (remotely operated underwater vehicle).

through ninth grade.

God is moving at Tualatin Valley Academy. He has provided an amazing first year for this program, and the staff are excited to see what He does next year as they expand to 10 grades.

Rachel Blackburn, Tualatin Valley Academy Gleaner correspondent

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MILO STUDENT CHAPLAIN LEADS WORSHIP WITH CHRIS TOMLIN

Contemporary Christian artist and worship leader Chris Tomlin gave a \$3,000 Taylor guitar to a Milo Academy student during a recent concert in Eugene.

About 40 students and staff from Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek attended Tomlin's Worship Night in America tour.

At a pause between songs, Tomlin asked, "How many came with their youth group tonight?" The Milo students stood up and started cheering.

Tomlin's eyes were immediately drawn to the group. "Are any of you worship leaders?" Everybody pointed to junior Justin Corral, one of Milo's student chaplains. Tomlin invited Corral on stage.

Tomlin handed Corral a guitar, and together they led thousands of people in worship with the song "10,000 Reasons." Toward the end of the song, Tomlin pulled Corral over to the microphone and stepped back, allowing Corral

to lead the crowd in the last chorus.

Then Tomlin told how a weekend speaker once told him God would use his music to touch the world. "I want to say the same to you," Tomlin told Corral. "You never know what God's going to do with you. And just as a way of saying thank you, man, I want you to have that guitar."

Tomlin pointed to the Taylor guitar Corral was still holding. Corral was stunned.

Asked what he learned from the whole experience, Corral responded, "When we use God's talents or gifts, it may not seem that we make an impact, but God works through others with His Holy Spirit when we decide to use His gifts."

For more information about Milo Adventist Academy, contact kathy.hernandez@miloacademy.org.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter

Chris Tomlin invites Milo student Justin Corral (right) to accompany him on stage.



RALPH STATHIM

The CVCS dinner and fundraising auction drew nearly 100 potential donors interested in updating technology throughout the school.

CENTRAL VALLEY CELEBRATES DINNER AUCTION BLESSINGS

Central Valley Christian School (CVCS) in Tangent hosted its first off-site dinner and fundraising auction on Sunday, April 16. Funds were targeted for updated technology in classrooms and around the school.

Central Valley hopes to incorporate more digitally based instruction and learning, as well as to partner with remote organizations to bring more outside learning and applications into classrooms. This desire seeks to emphasize the current Oregon Conference priority for classroom instruction of project-based learning.

Close to 100 supporters from Central Valley's constituent communities in Lebanon, Corvallis, Sweet Home and Albany made their way to the idyllic Yellow Gold Farm in Lebanon for a magical evening. Through the windows,

supporters admired the beautifully landscaped grounds and country setting as the afternoon melted into evening.

Gale Crosby, Oregon Conference education superintendent, kept everyone engaged and entertained as the evening's auctioneer. After all silent and live auction items found a home, more than \$12,000 was raised to help Central Valley continue educating students with the highest quality possible.

Ultimately the evening was about honoring God and supporting the ministry that is Central Valley Christian School. Each of the attendees — through their bids, their contributions, their prayers or their attendance — offered a remarkable gift of support and encouragement.

Mike La Sage, Central Valley Christian School principal

A Slice of Heaven



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"God transformed my life at Milo. I was completely captivated by the heartwarming environment. It was so clear to see that God wanted me at this school. It is a place where my faith has grown tremendously, and I have gotten to know God better and have strengthened my relationship with Him. I definitely would not trade this blessing for the world."

~Daniela Quiroz, Class of 2017

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LAA'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS BRIDGES THE GAP

Iivingstone Adventist Academy's kindergarten class has been working to bridge the gap between local churches and the school in Salem. Being a school with seven constituent churches, Livingstone has a daunting task connecting them, but staff and students have been doing their part.

The kindergarten class has



Lijiann Koch, Isabella Galvez and Topaz Wilcut wait to perform.



LAA kindergarteners perform at Dallas Church.

participated and performed in almost all of the congregations in the last few months. The kids have performed bells and special music numbers. They have overtaken the kindergarten Sabbath School classes at the churches they have visited, much to the teachers' delight, as they scramble to find more chairs with big smiles on their faces.

Most of the families have stayed and enjoyed a fellowship dinner. Dallas Church had a special potluck for the

kindergarteners, for which they decorated the tables with Cuties mandarins and chocolate eggs, much to the kids' excitement. After performing at InsideOut Ministries (South Salem Church), the kindergarten teacher returned to the school and found a beautiful cup with goodies in it, a thank you from the pastoral team for coming and being a part of their service. At Central Salem Church the kids were able to be a part of the sermon time, which was really special.

The parents have voiced appreciation for arranging for their kids to be a part of the worship services and commented how fun it's been to go to all the different churches. So many people have come up and expressed appreciation for the kindergarteners' coming and being involved in their services.

The kids have increasingly become less inhibited about going up front to perform and are starting to really enjoy it. It's been so good for them. The kids have had so much fun as they perform at their own local church, showing their teacher around the facilities and letting her know how things are done there.

These children and their teacher ask for your prayers as they continue to minister in their local churches.

Sherry Galvez, Livingstone Adventist Academy teacher

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CGCS WELCOMES SPRING WITH STYLE

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The women's vespers and paint night brings in just over \$700 for the school.

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he month of May was an exciting one for the students, friends and families of Cottage Grove Christian School (CGCS) in southern Oregon. The month started off with a family field trip to Wildlife Safari. The students explored the village with their parents and encountered tigers, cheetahs, lions, bears, giraffes and hippos.

A women's vespers and painting night on May 7 brought in just over \$700 for

the school. After worship led by parents Carrie Miller and Lindsey Parsons, the women shared a soup-and-salad dinner before getting to work on their paintings. The painting portion of the evening was taught by local artist Jamie Dompierre.

May 12 brought a special Mother's Day Tea hosted for the women of the church and school by the students and some of the school board members. The students made

handmade gifts for the attendees and presented a short music program.

An eight-class session of swim lessons began May 15. The students had the opportunity to walk to the local pool and learn about water safety and important skills to make swimming a fun experience.

The school year wrapped up in June with a family picnic at a local park. A number of summer events are on the books for current and

prospective students.

If you have a student you would like to see attend CGCS for the upcoming school year, please call 541-206-0385 to schedule a free educational consultation.

Carrie Miller, Cottage Grove Church communication leader

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PORLAND ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

Students and staff are excited to welcome Brandon O'Neal as the new principal at Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES).



Brandon O'Neal (with his family) heads to Portland Adventist Elementary School as its new school.

He is joining their school family for the 2017–2018 school year all the way from Texas. Here is what he shared with the PAES family recently:

"I want to say how excited I am to be joining the team at PAES as the new principal. I am truly blessed to lead a school with such a rich history

of providing a quality Christian-based education.

"My teaching career has given me the opportunity to work [with] and learn from so many great colleagues, parents and students. ... I truly believe God sends every student through the doors of PAES, and we have the responsibility to serve all of our students. I understand that it will take all of us to be a successful learning community. ...

"My goal as the PAES principal is to provide leadership that will facilitate a school environment that promotes community and provides the best possible academic instruction to meet the needs of each student. ... While I believe that academics are a very important part of education, I also believe that teaching the love of Christ is just as important in developing the 'whole' child. I am excited we have the opportunity to teach our children and our community about the love of Jesus."

Joining O'Neal in his move to Gresham are his wife, Karla; his daughters, Journey, 13, and Story, 11; and their schnauzer, Zoe.

Krista Lott, Portland Adventist Elementary administrative assistant



Mikey Burdick (junior), Keaten Wells and CAA chaplain Aaron Payne celebrate Wells' miraculous recovery.

CAA FAMILY SEES THE MIRACULOUS

Adventist education exists to change lives, and these miracles — and so many others — happen each and every day. Students at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., have seen this firsthand and were reminded of it once more at a special chapel delivered in April by a former classmate and member of the CAA family.

Only a few months before, the news began circling social media and pinging as texts on students' phones. Keaten Wells, a high school junior and former CAA student, was in the hospital following a motorcycle accident. Doctors were not optimistic.

According to doctors, Wells wasn't supposed to live through that first weekend. During his long recovery, he struggled to see the purpose in his life but said, "Through Scripture and prayer I had God come to me and tell me that I did have a purpose and He would always steer me on the right course."

Prior to the accident, Wells said when teachers would talk about miracles in Bible class, he was skeptical of

their place in daily life. "I was dead wrong," he told students during his chapel talk in April. "Seek God's miracles that He performs every day ... I see over a hundred of them right here in this room. Each and every one of you being here today is nothing short of a miracle."

Wells' reminder to each student that they themselves are miracles, a powerful



Students and staff gather around Keaten for prayer of dedication.

reminder for all of the reason schools like CAA exist: to bring about the miracle of a changed life.

Stacy Knight, Columbia Adventist Academy Gleaner correspondent

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DORM RENOVATIONS, SCHEDULE CHANGES COME TO UCA

Originally built in 1947, with an expansion in 1963, the Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) guys' dorm in Spangle, Wash., is definitely in need of expected updates. Thanks to some incredible donors, the entire building will be gutted this summer and renovated to provide new rooms, bathrooms, chapel and lobby.

"The plan is to have 55 rooms renovated with all-new carpet, paint, furniture, windows, sinks and countertops by the time students start school in August," says Eric Johnson, UCA principal. Students will also have controls to adjust their own room temperature.

The bathrooms will be updated as well. "The lobby, chapel, stairs and hallway will be finished after that," adds Johnson. Tours will give guests a chance to view the improvements during alumni weekend, Sept. 29–Oct. 1.

Weston Davis, who coordinated the Wallace Dining Commons project, along with alumna Jaclin Smith, will oversee the dorm renovations.

Another big change for

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UCA is the modification of the 2017–18 school schedule. The school day will be shortened by one period. The first period will begin at 7:35 instead of 7:15, and the last period will end at 5:35 instead of 6:05. The music periods have been moved to before and after lunch so there is no conflict for students who would like to participate in both music and athletics.

While these and other much-needed areas are being addressed, please continue to keep UCA in your prayers. "We must steadfastly remain committed to being intentional about sharing Christ with our students in every way possible," Johnson says. "Thank you for the trust you have placed in UCA."

For more information about UCA, please email info@ucca.org or call 509-245-3600. Online registration is now available at ucca.org.

Tamara Michalenko Terry, communication coordinator for Upper Columbia Academy when she wrote this article, is now associate director of communication for the Texas Conference.

TIMOTHY KOSAKA



The fifth- and sixth-grade class takes learning outside.

MUSIC, CHRIST'S LOVE BLOOM AT MSAS

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Like its sister schools in the Upper Columbia Conference, Milton Stateline Adventist School (MSAS) in Milton-Freewater, Ore., keeps a fresh, positive, accelerated system for educating its youth.

Students participate in morning worships, weekly chapels and Bible studies in class by teachers and pastors. MSAS students enjoy an array of opportunities for spiritual growth in constituent churches too.

The older grades enjoy electives like woodshop, auto mechanics, sign language, fine art, praise team and guitar classes. The new Big Sister/Little Sister mentorship program creates and improves friendships and offers tools for girls to recognize bullying and stand up against unkindness. Students write "warm fuzzies" of encouragement or kind notes as a bright light for someone in a possibly dim or cloudy day.

The music program is blooming, and MSAS students are blossoming into better musicians each week. Eric Anderson (aka "Mr.

Banderson") volunteers from Walla Walla Valley Academy to teach band during the day and again after school. Along



Milton Stateline Adventist School fifth- and sixth-graders participate in the spring concert.

with choir and private piano lessons, Deanna Riffle teaches music appreciation.

MSAS staff strive to "think outside the books" and focus attention on keeping up with technology, encouraging multisensory learning, and creating a culture that emphasizes compassion and kindness. This is a place filled and overflowing with renewed love for Jesus every day.

Barbara Lepiane, Milton Stateline Adventist School secretary/treasurer

WWVA DONORS ENABLE ACCESSIBLE SPACES

“I want to go to a real academy,” begged Abby Pontius from a spot near her mother’s desk in the family’s furniture store. She had been taking online classes through a co-op for years, but the experience of only meeting with teachers once or twice a week became increasingly isolating. Add the chaos of doing homework in the middle of a busy store during the day, and the stress was becoming intense.

Pontius has cerebral palsy due to a head injury at birth, which left her with extra challenges. “I know that I’m different,” she says, “but I want to be able to participate.”

All of her siblings attended Adventist academies, and she wanted to follow suit. “ADA



Junior Abby Pontius always believed that God would find a way to allow her to attend an Adventist academy.

[Americans with Disabilities Act] accessibility is a real issue,” says her mother, Robin Pontius. “I kept reminding her it was just a dream.”

But Abby Pontius wouldn’t give up. One day she insisted that they try again. “Mom, maybe something’s changed,” she said.

Frustrated, Robin picked up the phone and started calling. “I was so surprised when I heard ‘you’re not going to believe this’ from the Walla Walla Valley Academy staff,” she says.

That spring WWVA donors had provided funds to bring the auditorium restrooms up to current ADA code. The work was scheduled to be completed before the following school year. “When my mom

told me I might be able to go, I could not believe it,” Abby says, flashing her signature grin. “God, You heard me!”

Robin visited the school. She found that not only were the auditorium restrooms ADA accessible, the wide hallways were updated with hard surfaces, making traveling from class to class much easier for wheelchairs.

Abby applied and was accepted. Stephanie Anderson, special education director, set up Abby’s schedule and accommodations. “It was immediately clear that Abby would be a huge asset,” Anderson says. “She is joyful, loves to interact and makes us laugh. She’s a regular kid. We all come in different shapes, sizes and packages. She reminds us to be

compassionate and accepting of others for what we can see *and* for what we can’t see.”

Just before Abby was able to come, WWVA received a second generous donation to renovate restrooms in the main facility. The very day Abby arrived, they reopened to the students. In addition, the school began updating its locks

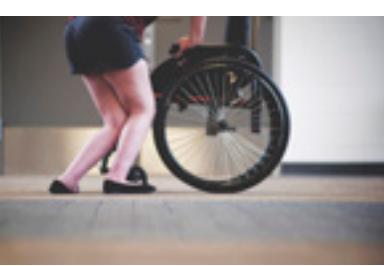


WWVA student and visitor restrooms have been updated to meet current ADA standards.

and doorknobs, making doors easier to navigate. There is no question God prepared a way for Abby.

“We cannot quite believe the miracles that brought us here,” Robin says. “But what amazes us the most is that Abby always believed it could happen, even when no one else did.”

Elaine Blake Hinshaw, Walla Walla Valley Academy marketing and recruitment director



Abby Pontius’ photography class self-portrait project, entitled *Strength in the Struggle*, won Best in Show: Audience Choice and Best in Show: Third Place from the professional panel at this year’s WWVA Art and Photography Gala.



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When Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) English teacher Vicki Downer and music teacher Cheryl Gabel collaborate there is no telling what they will put together, and this spring's performance was no exception. Who would have dreamed that CCA in Wenatchee, Wash., with a kindergarten through 12th-grade student body of only 137 could take on such a grand piece of work as the small-school adaptation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*?

Auditions began last October and rehearsals in November for this monumental 12-scene musical. Two performances were held on March 11 and 12 in the school gymnasium. Students from grades one through 12 performed, with more than 80 individuals taking part in the production.

Third- and fourth-grade teacher Marita McLin, with the help of church members Cirri Quick and Edye Cough-

Hannah Stonas, as Maria, is surrounded by the von Trapp children.

lin, among others, stepped in to sew, clean and mend the more than 70 costumes necessary for the performance. Community members Leslie McEwen and April Castle helped with voice coaching and choreography. CCA's own history teacher, Gene Roemer, assisted in the choreography as well.

The play helped students to stretch their leadership, acting, singing and technology skills. The older cast members took on the responsibility to see to it the younger "von Trapp" children were changed and ready for each scene. Even in the technical aspects of the production, students took lead roles.

More than 400 guests came to enjoy the event. This production will be something the Wenatchee community and school family will remember for a very long time.

Julie Savino, Cascade Christian Academy chaplain



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TCAS students get actively involved in their community.

TRI-CITY ADVENTIST SCHOOL STUDENTS 'DO SOMETHING' IN COMMUNITY

This year the theme at Tri-City Adventist School (TCAS) in Pasco, Wash., has been "Do Something." With this in mind, staff members have actively engaged students in service to their community.

Throughout the year TCAS students have delivered bread to neighbors and assisted the local diaper bank. Each week they have provided hands and feet for the Pasco River-view Church food bank.

Wednesday, May 17, found all the students getting actively involved in doing something different. Spencer Hannah, TCAS principal, says, "It was our desire to have every student — kindergarten through 10th grade — doing something for our community on the same day. We thought it would be pretty cool to see how much impact we could make in just one day."

So TCAS students spread out to make a difference. Some visited seniors at a local retirement inn, while others did yard work at local homes. The sixth-graders helped at the



To get out and "Do Something" TCAS students go out into their community.

food bank while the junior high and high school students worked at the Cat Tales Zoological Park and Rescue Sanctuary in Spokane, Wash.

News crews from local stations KNDU and KEPR showed up at one worksite to interview the students, their teacher and the community member they were helping. Both stations carried the story on their evening news — showing the community how TCAS students are indeed able to "Do Something."

Heather Dietrich, Tri-City Adventist School marketing director

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HJA PRESENTS AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL ARTS PROGRAM

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he students at Harris Junior Academy (HJA) in Pendleton, Ore., want to present our growing agricultural and industrial arts (IA) program.



Junior high students Kyle Luong and Kylee Sellers hang out with Oliver, one of the HJA goats.

It started with an IA class taught by Al Olson. In his class we start with simple projects like a birdhouse and increase to the point of building small livestock barns (advanced IA class). We are also introduced to welding, scorching and rebuilding small motors.

Our agriculture side of the program takes many projects. Violeta Lopez and her students in kindergarten through second grade started with raising chicks in their classroom. Now students take care of all aspects of the chickens, from feeding them to selling eggs to the community. They are easy to take care of, and their feathers are pretty. Sometimes the chickens escape their pen, and we have fun catching them. We also enjoy listening to their happy clucking.

Sandra Easley, our teacher's aide, and the third- and fourth-graders take care of the garden. They plant fruits, vegetables and flowers to sell, give as gifts or go into the garden.

Shannon Whidden's fifth- through eighth-grade students take care of the baby goats, which are this year's small-animal project. We feed them, clean their pen and take them out to play. They are



Graysen Cain, Claire Kellogg, Ava Cook, Kolton Brown and Chase Cain help raise chickens.

always excited to see us and follow us even when we don't want them to. They run and play with us during recess. We named them Felix and Oliver. They think they're one of us.

All of the students at HJA love this program. Our hope is to continue to grow the program over the coming years.

Violet Lopez, HJA eighth-grader, and Kylee Sellers, seventh-grader

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YAKIMA ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GROWS, SUCCEEDS

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The 2016–17 school year was a banner year in so many ways. Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) continues to make a positive impact on the lives of students from all over Washington's Yakima Valley.

This year God blessed



Yakima Adventist Christian School students learn how to build a small rocket stove and open fire during outdoor school.

YACS with an increase in enrollment. The school also welcomed two new teachers: Alyson Atwood, music, and Jennifer Leslie, fifth and sixth grade.

Some other highlights include a mission trip during spring break, for which Delmar Wolfkill's ninth-grade class joined the Upper Columbia Conference youth department's annual mission trip to Guatemala. There they built a church in a rural community, helped with Vacation Bible School and made memories to last a lifetime.

"I loved how we all

worked together with the local church members to build the cement block church. We saw many answers to prayer. The little kids there became our friends and didn't want us to leave," says Karissa Sharley, YACS ninth-grader.

Another fun experience of this school year was the fifth- and sixth-grade weeklong trip to Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho, for outdoor school in May. Students worshipped together daily, learned about living "off the grid" and even built their own miniature solar houses. They came back to YACS more knowledgeable about survival skills and with a greater respect for nature.

Fifth-grader Elijah Krueger says he had a great experience, learning about

Students and staff participate in the annual Fun Run to raise funds for Yakima Adventist Christian School.



Some of Yakima Adventist Christian School ninth-graders help build a church in Guatemala.

God in the great outdoors and meeting new friends. "I think it is the most fun thing you get to do in school," he adds.

YACS had another successful fundraiser. The home and school team organized the annual Fun Run, a fun fitness event through which all stu-

dents and staff, as well as some parents and community members, raised funds for YACS. They met their goal thanks to generous donations from their supporters. The team is mindful these achievements would not have been possible without God.

It has been a remarkable journey this school year for both students and staff. The YACS family looks forward to another outstanding school year this fall.

For more information about YACS, please call 509-966-1933 during regular business hours or go to yacsschool.org. Also check Yakima Adventist Christian School on Facebook.

Kelly Kwon, Yakima Adventist Christian School marketing

OLYMPIA STUDENTS LEARN 'MATH FOR LIFE'

Students from Olympia Christian School (OCS) and other school partners in the community had a special two-week task in March and April. Olympia area students in kindergarten through grade 12 needed to visit a minimum of five local businesses associated with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce.

During these visits, students were supposed to ask the business how they use math every day and then answer a math question relevant to their grade level. At the cabinetmakers, for example, students finished the design on a kitchen and determined if the size of a stove would fit into a projected space.

This was the first year for OCS students to participate in the Thurston County Chamber Education Committee's seventh annual Math for Life event.

"To my delight, 50 percent of our students

participated," reports Sharron Schwartz, OCS principal. "Since this was the first year we participated, I was not sure what percentage of our student body would be able to participate." Before year-end, all participants were awarded participation medals from the chamber.

Schwartz is grateful for a forward-thinking donor who gifted the school with a one-year membership to Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, giving students an opportunity to participate in Math for Life.

"It has been a great partnership, and we are still learning ways to be a bigger part of our community," Schwartz says. As for Math for Life, she adds, "We all agreed it is an annual event we want to include in our calendar."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



CHARLOTTE HAYES

About half of Olympia Christian School's students participated in Math for Life. One student visited 22 participating businesses!

CYPRESS NURTURES STEM ACTIVITIES

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is today's updated version of the long-honored three Rs (reading, writing and arithmetic).

The inclusion of STEM skills is necessary to ensure students will be equipped to comfortably navigate their 21st-century future. STEM helps make creators, thinkers, problem solvers, inventors and innovators. Experience at the elementary level provides the foundation for higher learning.

Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood had a dedicated STEM Week in April. For this special week, multigrade groups were assigned with a



CHEVON BELL



CHEVON BELL

STEM Week gives students to express themselves as creators, thinkers, problem solvers, inventors and innovators.

Wednesday the kids followed a recipe to make a bubble mixture and then designed their own bubble blowers to make all sizes of bubbles. Thursday they turned junk into model cars, and on Friday they made catapults of pencils, spoons and rubber bands. Tasty marshmallow Peeps served as projectiles, and the kids agreed all wars should be fought with Peeps.

By the end of STEM Week, students agreed that it should be retitled FUN Week because they had so much fun learning life skills while integrating education with collaboration and patience with persistence.

Marilyn Jordan, retired Cypress Adventist School teacher and volunteer

STEM Week at Cypress allows students time to experiment and work together to accomplish a science, technology, engineering or math task.

new daily task. Preschoolers also participated for three of the five days.

The first day students followed a formula to make a Newtonian fluid/solid. The next day they used index cards and tape to try to make the tallest structure.

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FACKENTHALL ACCEPTS AAA PRINCIPAL POST

Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) is happy to announce Peter Fackenthall has accepted a call to be the academy's new principal.

Peter Fackenthall grew up in the Walla Walla Valley and graduated from Walla Walla University in 1994. He is no stranger to Auburn Adventist Academy, where he taught history, Bible and speech from 1994 to 1999 and served as vice principal from 1996 to 1997.

Fackenthall then left the educational world and started his own successful trucking company, which he ran for 10 years. He returned to education as principal at Pacific Union College (PUC) Prep in California, where he has served for eight years and earned his master's degree in administration and leadership.

Fackenthall and his wife, Joy, are deeply committed to their daughters, Isabella and Gabrielle. They are excited about returning to the Northwest in service for God.

The Fackenthall family will be returning to the Pacific Northwest to lead Auburn Adventist Academy.



and are looking forward to a long commitment to Auburn Adventist Academy.

Joy Fackenthall will join the AAA team as a Spanish and religion teacher and will also help with the ESL (English as a second language) program. She has two master's degrees in music and Spanish and has been teaching at PUC Prep.

"God calls all of us to do our very best, and we feel honored to be asked to join the Auburn Adventist Academy family," says Fackenthall. "AAA is a wonderful school with Jesus Christ at the center of everything it does. Working with everyone, especially faculty, staff, students and parents in continuing the exceptional tradition of high school excellence at AAA is a mission and service that we wholeheartedly accept."

Jay Coon, Auburn Adventist Academy vice principal for growth and development



GINA HUBIN

Ron Trautwein, Buena Vista principal, runs through the "pink station" at Run2Educate.

More photos online at glhr.in/112-07-wa_R2E

BUENA VISTA FINDS COLORFUL WAYS TO BE ACTIVE

The air was streaked with color on Sunday, April 23, as more than 160 participants' color packets were tossed into the air, signaling the start of Buena Vista Adventist School's third annual Run2Educate (R2E) in Auburn, Wash.

This year marked a dramatic change in Run2Educate away from the traditional 5K/10K race toward a color fun-run, through which Buena Vista (BV) families and the surrounding community could come together through enjoyable physical activity. The 2.5-mile course, which ran through Buena Vista, the airstrip and Auburn Adventist Academy campus, featured three color-throwing stations where participants were blasted with powdered color.

Also new this year was the collaboration with Auburn Adventist Academy, through which students received community service credit by helping with the race.

The 2017 R2E raised more than \$20,000 from race entries,

corporate sponsors and personal donations, all earmarked for classroom changes. "We know prolonged sitting is dangerous to health and that most kids do not meet physical activity guidelines," explains Adrienne McNamara, event coordinator. With this in mind, proceeds from the race will be used to purchase stability discs, desk cycles and standing desks for each classroom. Additional funds will be used to support Buena Vista's after-school sports programs.

Overall, the event came together beautifully. "I liked the beginning the most," remembers fifth-grader Kenzie, "because the colors were so beautiful, and I liked how my shirt changed from boring white to cotton-candy colors."

The next Run2Educate will be held April 22, 2018. To see pictures from this year's race and stay informed for next year, follow Run2Educate Color Run 2017 on Facebook.

Gina Hubin, Buena Vista Elementary School marketing director



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Craig Mohr directs the new PSAA jazz band.

PSAA FOSTERS CREATIVITY

At Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) in Kirkland, fine arts programming has developed in inspiring and energizing ways this past school year.

In the fall, director and instructor Craig Mohr initiated an exciting new music department offering, jazz band. Cycling through the styles of swing, Latin and ballad, 15 student musicians have wowed their audiences both locally and on tour with their exceptional performances.

Junior Savana Williams created a mixed-media collage, *Freedom to Create*. The name is the very gist of the meaning. We have the freedom to create whatever we want with our God-given brains and borderless imagination.



ANIKA ZEBRON

The jazz band demonstrated their learning brilliantly at PSAA's annual spring music concert on May 24. The evening included the "Innovation" exhibition, featuring PSAA's student artists and their collections from art class taught by Anika Zebron. Zebron's course has led students through a survey of media and techniques, creating a fusion between traditional fine art and modern design.

At the exhibition, the class was also thrilled to host PSAA's first Pop Up Shop, with professional fine art prints available for purchase and to order. "It was almost surreal seeing prints of our art on display," says Emily Borg, a PSAA senior.

PSAA believes in fostering educational exploration, growth and creativity in students. Fine arts programming provides a perfect arena for these goals to be met, and PSAA has much to offer and to celebrate.

Anika Zebron, Puget Sound Adventist Academy teacher

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KSDA TRAINS THINKERS, LEADERS +

Adventist founder and inspiration Ellen G. White counseled, "Train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thoughts" (*Education*, p. 17). This is a primary goal at Kirkland Seventh-day Adventist School (KSDA) and has manifested itself in a special way this year through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming.

Throughout the year KSDA staff hosted STEM events, culminating in STEM Day on April 23. This all-day event was especially unique because this time Dawn Campanello's eighth-grade science students led out.

Working in pairs and manning stations, these eighth-graders led their fellow

kindergarten through seventh-grade students in activities including catapults, robots, an egg drop, a zip line, rockets and sandcastles.

Eighth-graders who led out experienced their own lightbulb moments. "I have way more respect for teachers now," Bauer Meeks says. "Being a teacher takes hard work." KSDA staff were particularly impressed with how these eighth-graders adapted to better lead that day.

KSDA has been blessed to witness their students developing and thinking critically about their world through active engagement.

Anika Zebron with Dawn Campanello, KSDA science teacher

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FOREST PARK STUDENTS VISIT HONORARY GRANDPARENTS

Once a month, Sunrise View Assisted Living opens its doors to students from Forest Park Adventist Christian School in Everett.

It's a popular and memorable monthly outing. "I love helping people and just talking to them and getting to know them," says Jezanae, seventh-grade student.

Jake, another seventh-grade student, likes visiting with his senior mentor, Abel. "He has a very funny sense of humor and the best laugh I have ever heard," Jake says. "We tell jokes and stories."

The monthly visits are part of Forest Park's involvement in Partners for Eternity (PFE), a scholarship program offered by Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., that aims to promote mutually beneficial, service-oriented intergenerational relationships at partner institutions.

"Each student has their own unique perspective of our visits," says Cynthia Miller, Forest Park principal. "A lot of

Service is becoming a part of the culture of Forest Park Adventist Christian School in Everett.

the residents come out to visit our students each visit. There are usually more residents than students that come to visit and do activities with our students."

The upper-grade students' excitement about service is influencing lower-grade students, who are already dreaming up service ideas and finding ways to be of service at home.

For example, Jonan, second-grade student, writes, "My service is helping my mom and dad with chores around the house. Also I help take care of my little sister. Once a week I help a friend weed her yard. Service is to be like Jesus."

These visits with honorary grandparents are the key feature in the school's newsletter, the *Wave*. View all Forest Park's service stories and experiences at washingtonconference.org/education.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



First- and second-grade book lovers enjoy the fruits of their fundraising efforts.

SKAGIT ADVENTIST ACADEMY REACHES FOR THE STARS

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The month of April found the prekindergarten through eighth-grade students at Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington, spending more time than usual reading outside of class time.

What encouraged these students to read so much more than usual? A challenge!

For two weeks, the students were encouraged to read (or be read to) for at least 30 minutes every day through a reading incentive program sponsored by Usborne Books and More called Reach for the Stars. Students asked friends and family to sponsor their time spent reading.

The results were incredible. Hundreds of new books now have homes. The students all hoped to be first in their class for number of minutes read, as well as most pledges collected. When the two weeks came to a close, the 50 participants had read 17,535

minutes and collected more than \$2,700 to spend on books.

Most students read well over the minimum 300 minutes. Jeff Cruz took first place for reading 1,701 minutes. Thanks to the matching grant from Usborne Books and More, the students used 50 percent of the money they raised to "spend" at the spring book fair in May. The teachers used the other 50 percent to add to their classroom libraries.

Skagit Adventist Academy students have become reading superheroes and are already anticipating their next Reach for the Stars event. Who knows? Maybe they will surpass this year's results. Certainly Skagit Adventist Academy families will have plenty of happy readers this summer.

Katy Paise, Skagit Adventist Academy teacher

WWU HOSTS FIRST DESIGN, INNOVATION EVENT

During the first Walla Walla University (WWU) collaborative innovation laboratory in February, WWU student teams presented new, marketable, patentable product prototypes and ideas to a panel of judges comprised of experts from a variety of industries. During the two-day event, the judges provided feedback to the students who then had 24 hours to incorporate that feedback into their project proposals before competing against other teams in a second round of presentations.

The CoLab Scrum — as it came to be known — was a collaborative effort of the technology department, the School of Engineering, the School of Business and the computer science department. Students majoring in these and a variety of other areas of study competed in the event.

The panel of four judges was comprised of community members and WWU faculty with experience in communications, journalism, fine arts, physics, engineering and business and those who have worked in a variety of settings, including with startups in Silicon Valley and for Fortune 500 companies.

"It was exciting to be at the beginning of multiple



John McVay, Walla Walla University president, observes as students present their prototype ideas at the first CoLab Scrum innovation event.

business ventures," says Brian Hartman, assistant professor of education and CoLab Scrum judge. "The energy was high, and the expectation was that at least one of these ideas would eventually be made into a real business."

Four of the five ideas presented on the first night of the event made it through to the second round. These ideas included a child-friendly stethoscope that encourages more interaction between children and health care providers; a cost-effective, high-quality 3-D printer; a hot glue gun with a more efficient heating component; and a nonprofit organization that provides tea-leaf pickers with better backpack devices for collecting leaves.

Austin Nordman, senior mechanical engineering major,

presented a completed prototype of the 3-D printer he designed for his senior engineering project. "One reason I attended the event was to get help with the business aspect of my project," says Nordman. "I enjoyed working with my team. The event definitely helped me hone my public-speaking skills and

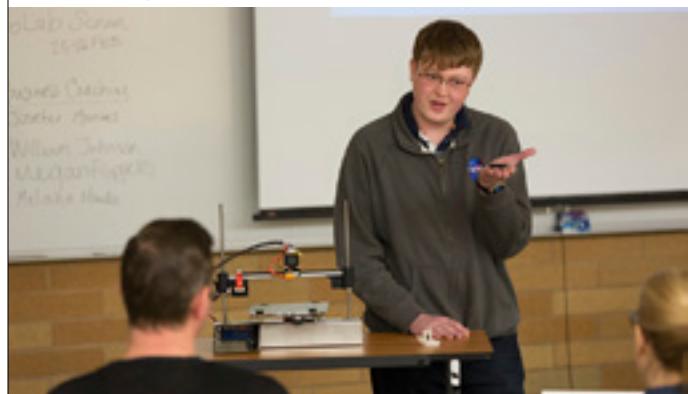
Austin Nordman, senior mechanical engineering major, presents his new 3-D printer design.

ability to work with a team."

Linda Felipez, professor of technology and chairwoman of the technology department, would like to see the CoLab Scrum become an annual event. "We hope to eventually attract investors and industry members," she says. "We'd also like to develop relationships with sponsors and investors to help fund project development."

Felipez says that the heart of this event is to instill in its participants "the creative hope of realizing a design dream, a collaborative spirit, critique for improvement of their projects and the desire for more of the same."

Elisabeth Brassington, WWU marketing and university relations student writer





ADVENTIST HEALTH

Employees of Adventist Health Portland regularly participate in wellness walks throughout the community designed to support great causes while also improving their own health and wellbeing.

ADVENTIST HEALTH MINISTRIES WIN WELCOA AWARDS

Since its inception, Adventist Health has been focused on wellness and prevention as the core of delivering whole-person care. While many health care organizations have not moved past treating disease and illness, Adventist Health is focusing on preventing sickness through a wellness model known as LivingWell. The organization knows that wellness is central to patients and caregivers.

"In order to live our values, our workforce is committed to walk the talk on wellness," says Ed Hoover, manager of the LivingWell program at Adventist Health in Portland, Ore. "We know fitness, fresh air, rest, plant-powered nutrition along with a connection with God and others helps our caregivers to assist others in living their most vibrant lives." With this understanding, Adventist

Health hospitals and clinics have placed prioritization on wellness in workplace environments.

Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA) has recognized the deliberate work of Adventist Health and awarded 13 Adventist Health hospitals with the esteemed Well Workplace Award. All of the hospitals throughout Adventist Health's Pacific Northwest Region were among the award winners.

Every employee within the organization is working toward building an optimal future of well-being. Adventist Health's goal is to help employees live productive lives by lowering health risks, increasing energy and inspiring the hopeful well-being of those they encounter.

Employees at Adventist Health Portland have been engaged in fitness, nutrition,

stress, weight management and self-care. This includes interactive lifestyle programs with access to the hospital's employee fitness center, comprehensive lifestyle classes, and healthier food options in vending machines as well as the LivingWell Bistro and the Garden Café. Annual biometric health risk appraisals provide employees a road map for their wellness journey.

According to WELCOA, Adventist Health has demonstrated the importance of workplace wellness by creating a supportive environment, collecting data that drives health efforts and evaluating outcomes to create change.

Judy Leach, Adventist Health Pacific Northwest Region vice president of strategy activation and communication

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FAMILYMILESTONES

Lovely 50th

For 50 years, Harlin and Donna Lovely kept the sweatshirts they were wearing the day they married, and they donned them again for the family gathering as they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Harlin Lovely met Donna Whisenhunt at a summer picnic at Blue Lake in Sweet Home, Ore. They married in Reno, Nev., on Dec. 8, 1966.

Donna was born and grew up on a farm in Oklahoma, the third child of nine. Harlin was born and grew up in LaGrande, Ore.; his mother passed away when he was only 9 days old. His father remarried, and Harlin became part of a family of two half-brothers, a half-sister and a stepsister.

Harlin worked as a millwright, logger and, later, an instructor of industrial arts at Nestucca High School on the Oregon coast. Donna worked as a route supervisor at the *Democrat-Herald* and as a caregiver at a convalescent hospital. However for most of their married life Donna was able to stay at home.

Since retiring, they have enjoyed traveling, have gone on several cruises and have visited all 50 states. They have

also built their own home and remodeled several rental properties.

Dec. 10, 2016, family and friends, some from as far away as Texas, gathered at the Tillamook (Ore.) Church to share in the joy of 50 years of marriage. A beautiful wedding cake was shared, and a plaque on which the names of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were engraved was presented to mark the occasion. Wonderful music added to the festive occasion as guests enjoyed a tasty meal.

Their family consists of Gary and Cora Hayes, Cam and Bill Hawkins, Tony and Tamara Lovely, and Terry Lovely, as well as 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. One son, Daniel Ray Hayes, is deceased.

McCluskey 65th

March 2, 2017, marked 65 years since Stan McCluskey and Betty Smith were married in Portland, Ore. Even in the poor years, it was wonderful to be together.

Stan grew up in Southern California and Betty in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Their paths met at Walla Walla College.

An unexpected letter came



Stan and Betty McCluskey

two weeks after the wedding inviting Stan to join the Army on May 10. After training as a pharmacy technician, he was sent to Korea to manage the pharmacy alone in a very busy and high-stress 48th MASH (mobile Army surgical hospital) close to the front lines.

Four years in Pullman, Wash., were tough financially, but Stan graduated with honors from Washington State University as a pharmacist. Betty was surprised to be given a special and well-deserved honorary degree. By then they had two active boys, and Betty had done an amazing job of stretching the few dollars, enabling them to be debt-free on graduation day. But they had to buy an old car with nothing down and borrow money to get out of town.

Several high-paying positions were available, but they accepted a request for Stan to

work at essentially minimum wage for an Adventist hospital in Los Angeles. Another boy and a girl were born at that hospital, so it was time to find a rural location to raise the kids.

A small-town pharmacy was then purchased with nothing down, and that eventually led to more in Oregon, followed by care facilities. Then as the children matured and were getting married, it seemed like time to consider a more relaxed life. Good offers on the various ventures were accepted.

Stan and Betty were then asked to consider helping in Haiti, where Stan was administrator of the Adventist hospital and Betty was both public relations director and assistant Sabbath School secretary for the Franco-Haitian Union Conference.

Stan and Betty are now retired and living near Yakima, Wash. Their sons Ron and Ed are physicians, Harv is a critical care registered nurse, and daughter Sue is an accountant and a caregiver for her parents. Stan and Betty have 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

FAMILYBIRTHS

JONES — Ruth Eleanor was born March 23, 2017, to Nicholas and Julie (Cleveland Jones, Portland, Ore.)

MURPHY — Leighton Grey was born April 27, 2017, to Shawn and Traci (Pline) Murphy, Boise, Idaho.

FAMILYATREST

ALTMAN — Margaret Hilda (Larson) Bosworth, 91; born Aug. 16, 1925, Astoria, Ore.; died March 26, 2017, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: sons, Dennis, Meridian, Idaho; Curtis, Oregon City, Ore.; Marvin, Gresham; daughters, Janis (Bosworth-Altmann) Crandell, Boring, Ore.; Teresa Altman, Battle Ground, Wash.; Anita Connally, Llano,

Texas; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

AMUNDSON — Darel Virgil, 97; born Nov. 24, 1919, Brooten, Minn.; died Feb. 3, 2017, Niles, Mich. Surviving: sons, Ken, Portland, Ore.; Larry, North Bend, Wash.; daughter, Janet Adams, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BIGGER — Garnet Clarice (McCoy), 96; born March 4, 1921, Yakima, Wash.; died March 22, 2017, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Darold, Walla Walla; Richard "Rick," Saginaw, Mich.; daughters, Carolyn Evans, Laurel, Md.; Sandi Carlson, Kelso, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, a foster-grandchild, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 foster-great-grandchildren.

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BUSH — Rita JoAnne (Walraven), 71; born Nov. 8, 1945, Great Bend, Kan.; died April 8, 2017, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Don; son, Donny Bush; daughters, Katrina (Bush) Dean, Trisha (Bush) LeFore and Francesca Bush-Dryden; sisters, Janet Walraven and Ramona Sue Evans; and 7 grandchildren.

ELLINGSON — Jack John Rodger, 84; born March 20, 1931, Broken Bow, Neb.; died June 6, 2015, Cottage Grove, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jane (Schaffer); son, John M., Gilbert, Ariz.; daughters, Darcy Zentner, Coos Bay, Ore.; Grace Haight, Centralia, Wash.; Karen Rae, Jacksonville, Ore.; sisters, Emma Lippencott, Eugene, Ore.; Carol Michal, Turner, Ore.; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

FARVER — Rosemary Pearl (Marvin), 90; born Aug. 17, 1926, Kokomo, Ind.; died March 28, 2017, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Pam Sue McLaughlin, Arvada, Colo.; Patricia Eckert, Anchorage, Alaska; Bonnie Payne, Oceanside, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

GRATE — Elizabeth Carolyn (Harris), 74; born March 29, 1942, Rocksprings, Wyo.; died Oct. 5, 2016, Othello, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Barbie Dailey, Othello; and 5 grandchildren.

GRATE — Ronald William, 78; born July 13, 1938, Olympia, Wash.; died Aug. 7, 2016, Othello, Wash. Surviving: wife, Carolyn (Harris); son, Robert, Othello;

daughter, Barbie Dailey, Othello; and 5 grandchildren.

JESSEL — Margaret M. (Paulsen), 96; born Dec. 6, 1920, North Bend, Ore.; died March 10, 2017, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: son, David, Springfield; daughter, Marie Engles, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KRAUSE — Melvin Gene, 80; born March 4, 1937, Newberg, Ore.; died March 25, 2017, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: son, Tony M., Auburn, Wash.; daughter, Tammie R. Krause, Niles, Mich.; brother, Marvin Krause, Emmett, Idaho; and 3 grandchildren.

LANG — Bernie Rollo, 80; born Dec. 29, 1936, Tacoma, Wash.; died March 21, 2017, Shelton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Dorothy (Geddes); daughters, Sheryl Chapin, Oregon City, Ore.; Lori Crossan, Shelton; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

LARKIN — Jessie Naomi (Bloom), 76; born Feb. 3, 1940, Baker City, Ore.; died Jan. 20, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Harold, Hermiston, Ore.; son, John, Hermiston; daughter, Diane Cherry, Hermiston; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MAGEE — Keith Allen, 97; born March 4, 1919, Nevada, Mo.; died Oct. 1, 2016, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: wife, Marilyn (Olsen); son, Ron, Delta Junction, Alaska; 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

MESSINGER — Shirley Mae (Hansen), 85; born March 1, 1932, Ayleshire, Iowa; died March 23, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Herbert; sons, Jerry, Tacoma, Wash.; Ron, La Center, Wash.; daughters, MerryLynn Denny, College Place; Donna Woods, Auburn, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MUNDALL — Stanley L., 82; born Sept. 7, 1934, Phoenix, Ariz.; died March 2, 2017, Harrah, Okla. Surviving: son, Lester Mundall, Harrah; daughter, Lynn Young, Nancy, Ky.; 3 stepchildren; 3 siblings; 8 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

NILSSON — Clarence Yngva, 87; born June 11, 1929, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Jan. 31, 2017, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: wife, Norma (Zumwalt) Turner Nilsson; stepson, Michael Turner, Woodland, Wash.; stepdaughter, Kathi Turner Farnsworth, Beaverton, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

OCHELTREE — Rachel Marie, 41; born Feb. 5, 1975, Seattle, Wash.; died Jan. 21, 2017, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: parents, Glen and Gerrie (Holte) Ocheltree, Port Orchard, Wash.; and sister, Becki Ocheltree, Hillsboro.

SALSBERRY — David Lee, 82; born April 11, 1933, Klamath Falls, Ore.; died Aug. 31, 2015, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Leila (Pine); sons, David II, Portland, Ore.; son, Dana, Tidewater, Ore.; daughter,

Jolie Salsbery, Salem; brother, Richard, Gaston, Ore.; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

SPENCER — Denny, 90; born March 18, 1927, Pocatello, Idaho; died March 28, 2017, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: sons, Lonnie and Randy, both of Halsey, Ore.; daughters, Kathleen Haywood, Diana Hoflich and Joni Marie Dorsey, all of Halsey; 15 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

VIETZ — Bill James, 94; born Aug. 17, 1922, Denhoff, N.D.; died April 7, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Gary L. and Marvin D., both of College Place; Donald, Sierra Vista, Ariz.; Randy, Hermiston, Ore.; daughter, Betty Collins, Redmond, Ore.; sisters, Erma Boepple, Fallon, Nev.; Goldie Adams, Lodi, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

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Offering

July 1 — Local Church Budget;
July 8 — NAD Women's Ministries;
July 15 — Local Church Budget;
July 22 — Local Conference Advance;
July 29 — Union Designated.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Aug. 26 — The Walla Walla University annual alumni Sabbath at Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory. Come for Sabbath or the full weekend; meals and accommodations require registration. The guest speaker will be Paul Dybdahl, professor of mission and New Testament; meals will be catered by Laura Hall. For information, registration and full schedule details, call alumni and advancement services at 800-377-2586 or visit wallawalla.edu/Rosario-Sabbath.

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UCA Class of 1967 Reunion

Sept. 29–Oct. 1 — Upper Columbia Academy Class of 1967 Reunion. Weekend activities at the academy listed at ucaa.org/alumni/homecoming/. Gatherings planned for Friday and Saturday night and a breakfast for Sunday morning. An invitation with more details will be mailed to the class. Email Lynda (Farr) Skau at lyn11den6@msn.com to confirm your address. More information available at glnr.in/112-UCAreunion.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Winlock Church Camp Meeting

Aug. 17–20 — Come enjoy the Winlock Church Camp Meeting. Speakers include G. Edward Reid, the former stewardship director of the North American Division, and Tim Riesenberger, an emergency medicine physician who was an agnostic prior to learning about Christ and the Adventist Church. The speaker schedule and camp meeting location is posted online at winlocksda.org.

Missing Members

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WORLD CHURCH

Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop

RESCHEDULED: The Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop scheduled for Aug. 6–11 at Andrews University has been rescheduled for spring 2018. Details will be provided as they become available. For more information, email chis@andrews.edu.

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DEFENDING THE FAITH



AUTHOR

Seth Pierce

This summer I have the burden of traveling to Oxford University for my doctoral residency to study the writings of C.S. Lewis. I realize that many of you will feel immediate sympathy for me as I wander the ancient streets of London, peruse ancient manuscripts at the Bodleian Library, and enjoy meals where Lewis and The Inklings (which included J.R.R. Tolkien) gathered.

The trip doesn't come without work. I am saturated in thousands of pages of prereading so I can be prepared to ask something intelligent of the world-class scholars who will be instructing us, instead of saying something silly to bring shame upon my professors.

I don't mind the work — I've loved reading Lewis since I was a child and continued to enjoy his theological and philosophical writings when they were introduced to me at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. As I worked my way through biography a couple weeks ago,

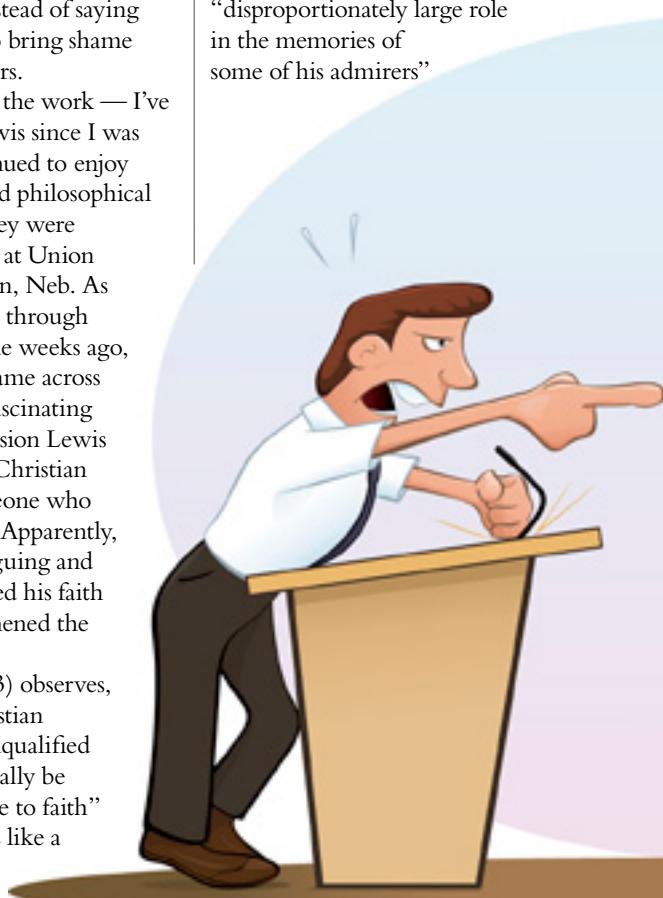
I came across a fascinating tension Lewis experienced as a Christian apologist — someone who defends the faith. Apparently, the practice of arguing and debating weakened his faith even as it strengthened the faith of others.

Penner (2013) observes, "Defending Christian belief is not an unqualified good; it may actually be counterproductive to faith" (p. 9). This seems like a

strange thing to say, especially given texts like 1 Peter 3:15, which states, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

How could giving a "defense" of your hope be a bad thing? Shouldn't we spend time defending faith in debates and discussions — especially online?

Jacobs (2008) points out that "theological argument" played a smaller role in Lewis' work even though it played a "disproportionately large role in the memories of some of his admirers"





(p. 236). Lewis' arguments "recede into the background" later in his career due to "exhaustion and fame" (*ibid.*). While people clamored for his apologetic materials Jacobs says Lewis "was increasingly frustrated with people's reliance on him as the one no one else could 'put down'" (*ibid.*). As he became a faith champion, a letter revealed a hint of panic. Jacobs says, due to exhaustion, there is a "sense that he does not know how much longer he can hold the fort against an endless wave of enemies" (*ibid.*). He was

keenly aware that he was not "omnipotent" — meaning eventually someone would best one of his arguments.

Lewis' faith was increasingly weakened by "every successful foray into the realm of apologetics" (p. 238). This strikes most of us as odd — who wouldn't love to have a mind like C.S. Lewis that could swiftly and elegantly deconstruct atheist arguments? I know at times I have envied his ability to articulate profound theological observations — though I take comfort in the fact he hated math as much as I do (true story!).

Part of the issue for Lewis, and any apologist, is they sometimes dedicate "himself or herself to answering questions that Jesus himself



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consistently refused to answer" (p. 243). The simplicity of the gospel is traded for more complex questions and eventually you argue yourself in a corner — meaning that one begins to realize faith is only as strong as the next clever argument a person can come up with. Instead of depending on a living "hope" rooted in a personal transforming knowledge of Jesus, faith depends on your next argument. Not only that, but other people's faith begins to depend on your next argument, and that is a lot of pressure.

Ellen White observes, "Our ministers should not defy and provoke discussion. ... they have dared and provoked discussion they have trusted in their prepared arguments, as Saul wanted David to trust in his armor. They have not, like humble David, trusted in the God of Israel, and made Him their strength" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 219). She continues by saying, "Those who love to engage in discussion [debate] generally lose their spirituality. They do not trust in God as they should. They have the theory of the truth prepared to whip an opponent. ... While furnished with conclusive arguments, the

debater soon thinks that he is strong enough to triumph over his opponent, and God is left out of the matter. Some of our ministers have made discussion their principal business" (*Gospel Workers*, 1892, p. 184). Yikes.

I think there is room for argument (after all this article and the quotes in it are all a kind of argument); however, eventually, our argument will reach limitations. In 1 John 1:1–4 we are told to testify of what we have seen, heard and experienced. What transcends argument is the reality of the gospel lived out. As Ellen White says, "The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and loveable Christian" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 469–470).

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AN AUTOPSY OF OUR DEATH



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eath is the only certainty of life in this world. Yet death is a defeated enemy. In almost taunting words, Scripture declares, “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” and “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:55, 57).

Let's do an autopsy of death and see how it met its demise through the victorious death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Back at the beginning, God warned Adam and Eve: “In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Gen. 2:17). They ate, so they died. But how, since their hearts didn't stop beating?

Death is more than losing your pulse. It is the demise of everything desirable, commendable and valuable. Death from sin includes:

- Alienation and isolation: death of relationships;
- Selfishness: death of love;
- Aimlessness: death of purpose;
- Disease: death of physical health;
- Dysfunction: death of emotional health;
- Fear: death of hope;
- Guilt: death of peace;
- Shame: death of self-worth;
- Pain: death of comfort;
- Sorrow: death of joy;
- Pollution: death of planetary health;
- Bondage: death of freedom.

All of this involved the death of Adam's original creation in the image of God. Sin's inherent dysfunction destroys and dehumanizes people and their communities — including the community of the saved, the church.

Picture Adam and Eve crouching in the bushes, hiding from God. Their relationship with the Lifegiver had died. Moreover, their relationship with each other was ruined, since they were fighting, blaming each other. All the problems we suffer in relationships



All the problems we suffer in relationships today have roots in our death in Adam.

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So something terrible happened to us in Adam — sin leading to death. The good news is that something wonderful happened to us in Christ — He conquered death and brought us life.

OUR VICTORIOUS LIFEGIVER

For humanity's various lifesaving agencies, from police to paramedics to firefighters, death is always a defeat. But uniquely, the death of Jesus was a victory. "Only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying" (Heb. 2:14–15, NLT).

Christ's mission on Earth was to defeat the devil, disable his kingdom and ultimately destroy him: "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). Christ's death was the culmination of a lifelong series of victories over the devil, beginning with His birth in surviving the murderous insecurity of King Herod.

Following baptism, Jesus emerged from the water to conquer the tempter in the wilderness. He launched His messianic ministry in His hometown, proclaiming Himself as liberator of a world in satanic bondage. Longtime neighbors weren't impressed, and neither was the national religious establishment. Jesus declared: "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free

indeed" (John 8:36). They scoffed. "We've never been enslaved to anyone" — forgetting their Exodus from bondage in Egypt and eventual captivity in Babylon.

Although Satan-inspired religious leaders refused to accept their Messiah, many of society's outcasts welcomed Him. The poor and oppressed received Him gladly, thus defeating the devil's attempt to shut down Christ's ministry. By word and deed He confronted the evil powers, defeating them at every turn.

One amazing defeat of the devil took place outside the mountain town of Nain. With His entourage of the curious and the committed, Jesus encountered a funeral procession. A few seconds with the victorious liberator turned the death march into a parade of life.

Jesus never lost a battle with the devil. His own death on the cross, apparently a crushing defeat, was actually His strategic masterstroke of ultimate victory. With His dying breath He triumphantly proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). After resting on the Sabbath to memorialize His finished work, Christ burst forth from the grave, fulfilling His promise: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). The earth quaked and

His enemies quivered in the dust. Jesus soared through the skies to receive His Father's welcome and acceptance on our behalf.

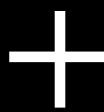
"I am the way, the truth, and the life," Christ declared (John 14:6, NKJ). "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). In our victorious new Adam comes the "restoration of all things" (Acts 3:21) that sin through death had taken away after old Adam's rebellion.

So it is that Jesus defeated the devil and "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10). He also conquered every aspect of death that expresses itself in sinful and dysfunctional behavior.

To summarize: Christ's victory for us means life in place of death — not only eternal but abundant, not just to experience but to share.

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JUST LIKE JESUS

BENEATH THE HOODIE

Let's call him Isaac because that's not his name. He lives in a sweatshirt, a hoodie that hides his eyes so he can feel invisible. But, he's not invisible; he's just hiding. It's rather like putting on a mask and pretending to be

moment, while the other students were captive to a game of nouns and verbs.

No one noticed. Except Isaac.

He turned away.

"What's under your hoodie, Isaac?"

The question was soft, like a fresh cinnamon roll, frosted with compassion.

"Nothing I want to talk about."

"I'm a safe listener."

"Nope."

She tried again the next day. And the next. Each time hoping that the hoodie might slip aside — just a bit.

"Mrs. Teacher?"

The after-school conversation flowed with pain and terror.

"I was with the gang that night, right there in the middle, but I didn't have the gun, my brother had it, and he's nearly 20 and will be treated like an adult if he says he's guilty of the shooting. They'll put him up for 20 years or more because it's not his first time and attempted murder is bad. Real bad."

"My brother's got a job and brings home money so Mom and Dad can pay rent and so the other kids in the house can eat. He's really important to the family, and he's sorry for what he did."

She reached out and lightly touched a shoulder of Isaac's hoodie. He turned, brushed the hood back and looked straight into her eyes, his tears matching hers.

"My dad has asked me to plead guilty to shooting the gun so my brother can go free. I'm still a kid, and they'll only put me away for a couple years, maybe even let me come back to school soon. I'm sort of OK with that, but I'm afraid of lying and afraid of prison and even more afraid of my dad. Please help me."

What would you do if Isaac was in your classroom? Compassionate listening relieves the pain that often clouds perception, and when people feel heard, validated and understood, they are better able to discover solutions.

Compassion is sometimes defined as "co-suffering." It's a process Christ followers understand well. It's the first gift that comes with a new Christ-filled life.

Dick Duerksen, Oregon Conference assistant to the president for creative communications

blind, deaf, unable to speak and broke. All at once.

It keeps folks from talking to you.

All except one.

She's a teacher, a Christ-following teacher who believes that compassion is God's gift to be shared. Without limit.

The judge's note was all she knew. "I am granting Isaac a special leave before his next court date and assigning him to attend your school. This young man is trying to decide whether to plea innocent or guilty, and the decision is very

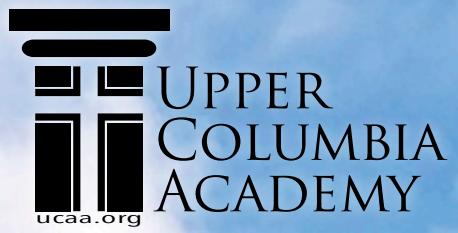
difficult for him."

She sat beside Isaac — he in his hoodie, she in her place as his teacher, his "learning coordinator." She knew he didn't want to be taught or coordinated, just left alone. That's why she chose this

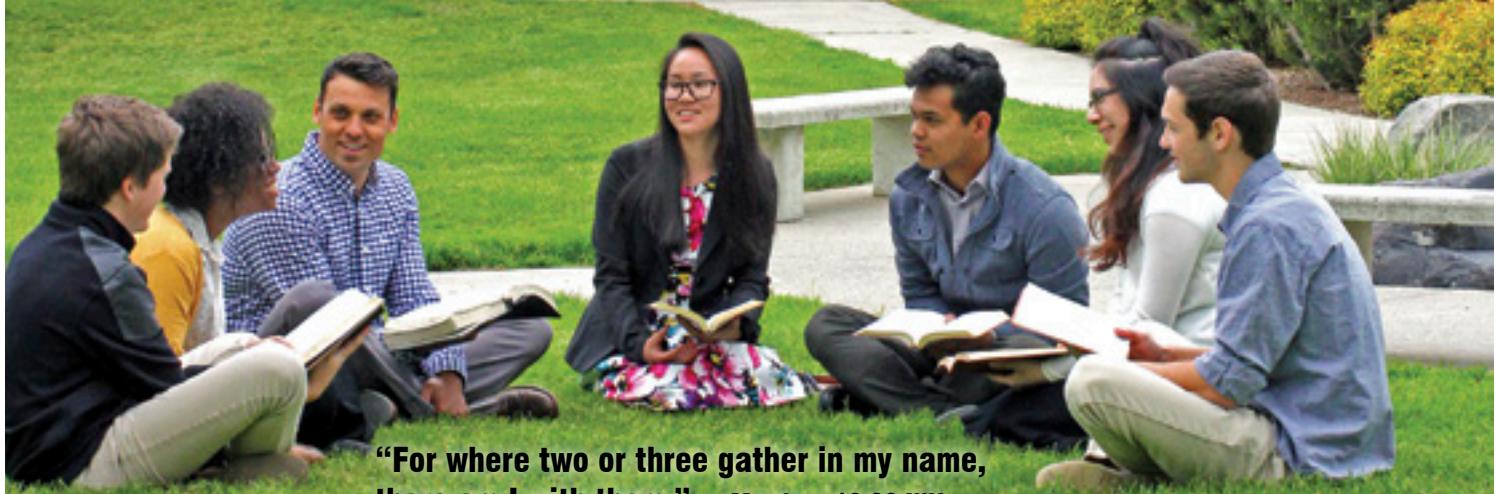
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