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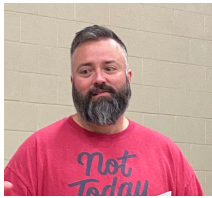
TULSA
ADVENTIST ACADEMY

“PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HEAVEN AND EARTH”

Home & School Talent Show Raises \$12,000 for TAA

By Caroline A. Fisher

TAA teachers and staff prayed earnestly: the goal was \$6,500.00, enough to defeat a debt. The fanfare began at Tulsa Adventist



Academy’s 2022 Talent Show & Silent Auction with a powerful devotional about Christian education from a man deeply impacted by his personal experience in both public and Adventist schools: Pastor Jim Landelius, Bible teacher for grades seven and eight. But that wasn’t all.

TAA students sang in two choirs; cartwheels (one and two-handed) raced across the stage; the piano was played; a violinist played “Allegro”; and suddenly, everything changed. Anonymous donors schemed and a match was announced that lasted for only 30 minutes. That match raised \$4,000.00 alone. But that wasn’t all.



Between silly classroom skits, Tulsa’s Adventist Fellowship pastor, Nic Coutet, performed theatrics on the piano (he plays a mean “Memories” from the Broadway show “Cats”) and then implored the crowd to raise \$1,000.00 in two minutes. And they did it! Ten people stood up and donated \$100 each, starting with interim principal Peggy Fisher. But that wasn’t all.

As the events were winding down, the hoopla was winding up! TAA Home & School leader Silvia Berumen came to the stage to announce that just over \$12,000.00 was raised in all which not only canceled the debt but adds to the Home & School budget for improvements desperately needed. But that wasn’t all!

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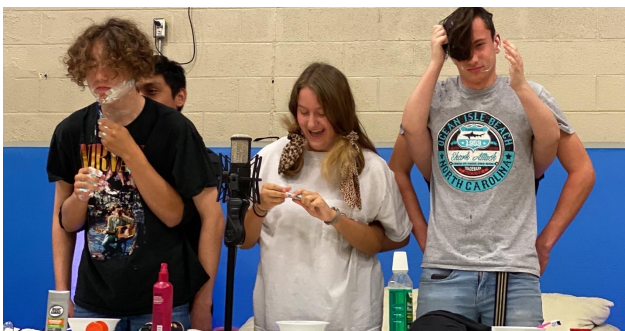
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The finale of the evening was when freshman Noah Z. got to shave the beard of Ronald Arroyo-Watson, TAA's science teacher for grades 7-12. "Mr. A" had promised he would shave his beard if the fundraising goal was met. TAA teachers and staff praise and deeply thank our donors and students for their best efforts in helping us continue our mission since 1916: to prepare students for heaven and earth! (Photos are on Facebook at Tulsa Adventist Academy and on Instagram at #tulsaadventistacademy)



PC: Sharee Henricksen



Soaring Eagles Home Show a/k/a the Night Mr. Seery Went Bald

By Eden A-W

Near the end of the school year the Soaring Eagles Acrobatics team One of the was called the Acrobatics and tumbling home show. The event was at TAA where the tumbling and acrobatics school teams showed their years' work. An additional bonus to coming to see the show presented by the teams was seeing one of the Coach Seery's Rapunzel locks of hair be cut off. Coach Seery had promised to have his hair cut if TAA raised a certain amount of money during the TAA Auction & Talent Show ~ and TAA supporters did raise the money, plus doubled it! Coach Seery was a great sport while sisters on the Soaring Eagles team shaved his head.

Two other coaches helped in the building of these team's performances, Ms. Josie Shaw and Mrs. Alex Seery. The effort wasn't in vain, the show went great! The nerves of the acrobatics team gave a little extra difficulty for the performance but they managed some difficult moves. The tumbling team also did amazing feats. They had great choreography and their practice paid off. The show was a success, and everyone had a great time!



“A Night Under the Stars”

By Betsy M.

The TAA Student Association sponsored a high school formal banquet called “A Night Under the Stars.” It was held at the Restore House in Broken Arrow. Allie Gerstner, an eighth grader, attended with freshman Coby Bramham and she shared her experience with me. Allie said that they ate sushi, ate ice cream made by Mr. Seery, and a cake. They all played some fun games like lifting up the shoe of the person who fits the statement. There was classical jazz music playing, too. Some students from Muskogee Adventist Christian school also attended, and Allie loved hanging out with people and taking pictures.



No Substitute for Our Subs!

By Pau Kim



Mrs. Davis works as a substitute teacher at TAA whenever a teacher goes some where. Her experience as a teacher is very fun. She would always like to play volleyball with our class whenever it's recess. She likes to work in our school because her son (Ryan) is attending here at TAA. Her main goal for the students are to succeed and have a fun and great time with everyone. She said she would always come back to substitute if she is called from our school.

National Honor Society Food Drive

By Gantz F.



I interviewed Travis H. about the National Honor Society (NHS) food drive. Travis is an eighth grade student at TAA who is also the NHS pastor. He likes to play basketball and do acrobatics and he also likes to talk with his friends. Recently, NHS hosted a canned food drive to help the community and those in need. All of the canned and boxed food they got from the students was donated to the Tulsa Community Service Center, and then from there, the canned food gets distributed to the people who need food and are struggling. This year, NHS has raised a good

solid 1000+ cans ranging from corn to soup to help feed hungry people. We also inducted three new members in April: Leah Anthony, Lucy Ara-Perez, and Coby Bramham.

My Buddy Eden

By Eden A-W

Our eighth grade class has a “buddy program.” We are assigned preschool and kindergarten kids to hang out with and have fun with on Thursdays or other events. My buddy was Eden D., and we have something in common: our names. I’ve enjoyed the time spent with my buddy, making fruit loop necklaces and playing in the sand. She enjoys sitting on my shoulders as walk around the playground, we play tag and swing on the swings. She loves to run and jump and is pretty fast. Hide-and-go-seek is a fun one and red light green light is a must. The objective of the buddies program in Mrs. Vargas’s words was “To help create relationships across grade levels and provide opportunities for mentorships.” I think that was fullfulled and it’s tons of fun!

Neat Helpers

By Daniel B.



On Thursday, April 7, grades 7-10 went to Patrick Park and started cleaning a nearby river as part of the City of Tulsa Great Cleanup campaign. This project was to help the community and make it look nice and give back to the community. While cleaning we found metal pipes, wood posts, plastic bags, wheels, a car chair, glass, and other miscellaneous items. We all split up into our own little groups of friends and collected trash for three hours. In the end we filled a lot of trash bags and had a good time doing it. A group of us near the road waved at cars and trucks and they honked their horns for us. When we returned to school, we weeded the flower beds for two more hours and put down new mulch. The front of the school looks really nice now.

Fashion Through the Years

By Eden A-W



Tulsa Adventist Academy had a school spirit day where we dressed up in the popular clothing items from past decades. So what were the most iconic trends of the past decades? Here are some examples. The 1900s and 1910s had trench coats, elegant dresses, floral hats and umbrellas while the 1920s showcased the carefree flapper style with fringe dresses and feathered hair accessories. The fashion in the 1930s included fancy coats and long pencil dresses. During the 1940s men's work clothes and women's dresses were fused with blazer jackets and button up dresses. By the 1950s dresses looked like they had been air pumped as they were poofy and bright. A big change came with the 1960s for women: big-button coats and straight cut sleeveless dresses.

The 1970s brought pants on both men and women and matching outfits for families and friends. Fashion in the 1980s had blinding colors and bold styles with women wearing all kinds of new styles. The stylish looks in the 1990s were jeans, plaid, and leather. It was a fun spirit day ~ which decade's fashion was your favorite?

Making a Difference

By Allie G.



Jennifer Dohlman volunteers at school as the treasurer. She graduated from Southwestern Adventist University and worked at an office for 22 years before retiring. Mrs. Dohlman not only manages money but also helps in classrooms if needed and usually chaperons for field trips. She loves working at the school with her two daughters. She said, “I like being more actively involved with the school than just hearing about it at the end of the day.” Mrs. Dohlman wants to make a difference by helping others and serve God. She volunteers everyday, working from home and at school when needed. She stated “This is my way to give back.” It is Mrs. Dohlman’s opinion that Christian education is important because it prepares children, most importantly, for Heaven and Earth. Mrs. Dohlman believes that TAA is a place “...where the teachers live out their beliefs. They are there to answer questions and to reinforce the values that I hope are being taught at home.” Our school and city needs more volunteers like Mrs. Dohlman. Our school very much appreciates the people like Mrs. Dohlman and their volunteering.

A Hard-working Volunteer

By Travis H.



Mrs. Sharee Henricksen is a volunteer at Tulsa Adventist Academy. Ms. Sharee recently moved from Napa Valley, California to Inola, Oklahoma. She says that the reason her family moved to Oklahoma is God’s calling. Her hobbies include sports and spending time with her family. Mrs. Sharee, as a volunteer, coaches basketball, goes on field trips, supervises 2nd-4th graders in the computer lab, and substitutes for teachers. Her favorite part of what she does at TAA is spending time with kids and getting to know them better. Her goal is to show God’s care to the students. If you’re looking for an example of a hard worker and an overall great person, look no further than Mrs. Sharee Henricksen!

Mission Trip to Orange County, Texas

By Cassidy Shaw



Every year the eighth graders go on a mission trip. The goal of the trip is to help give hope to people who need a little help after a disaster. Recently several hurricanes have hit Texas so we went to Orange County, Texas. We painted two houses, put in ceiling fans, and helped pick up trash and stuff that flew around during the hurricane. For the fun part we stayed at a house on Crystal Beach that was a two-minute walk from the beach. Everyone had a great time and I'm pretty sure if you asked some of the eighth graders and they were willing to admit it they could say that everyone feels like we have all grown

closer as better friends. We became closer not only through the work we did together but also through the fun times we had together. As a group we made a lot of good, funny, and happy moments. While we were there some of the eighth graders' favorite things that we did were "going to the beach, hanging out with friends, and the food." However the most funny answer out of all of the answers was the boys' answer which was " playing Pokémon go with the boys."

