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SA ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

PAOLA NAGO

Light, cameras, talent! The Annual SA Talent Show took place at 8 pm on February 28, 2015, in the SVA Auditorium. Parents, family, and friends came from far and wide to see their students perform that night. The seats filled up fast, since students and guests were excited to see that night's talent. The students performing nervously waited for the event to start, probably with mixed feelings of anticipation and dread. That night would be full of surprises and good memories.

The lights dimmed and all the dressed up SA members lined up in the middle aisle to start the night off with their rendition of "Uptown Funk." Their enthusiastic charisma and creative lyrics received laughs and cheers from the crowd. They definitely started the night out right! After

their performance the very vivacious emcees came out, Daniel Reyes and James Matthews, and introduced the following acts.

In the Best Musical Act category and first place act was Daniel Chirvasuta, playing "The Four Seasons," on his violin. He did an excellent job, playing it totally by memory, and amazed the audience. The second place act was Amaia Belgrave and her band, Juan Pablo Lopez, Matheus Dotto, Chris Wilson, and Carter Ware. They performed "Thinking Out Loud" with a lot of personality and charm. Congratulations to both winners; we really appreciated your acts and the courage it took to stand up there and perform them.

The next category was Best Skit/Hidden Talent, and the first place went to "The Duck Song" starring Ashley Alvara-

do as the very frustrated salesperson, Julie Nam as the exasperating and endearing duck, Gabriela Whonder as the lead singer and backup singers Ming Kim and Jennie Lee, and last but not least Chloe Pettit on the guitar. Even after a few weeks people are singing that song; the performance was that memorable. Second place in this category went to Donovan Drain, who played "Video Sound Track" on the keyboard. Memorizing the tune to go along with each segmented video game was very clever. It definitely showed off not only his musical side but also creative thinking. Having the audience travel through worlds and defeat the villains made it a very unique act. Congratulations to both acts for being the most creative!

The last category was The People's Choice Award, and in this category the winner

was determined by the audience. The act with the most votes was "Tumbling Twins" of Karen Vallado and Madia Villa, who tumbled and spun all over the stage. They created shapes and formations with their bodies, accompanied by an upbeat song that really sold the show. Showing their bubbly personalities through their performance made the audience fall in love with them, and also earned them \$150!

To close off the night, the Music and Art Auction took place, which was a fundraiser to help with the upcoming Germany Music Tour. It was supplied by many beautiful art pieces by many talented students looking forward to the trip. The fast talking auctioneer was Pastor Buz, who did a very good job selling the pieces to the highest bidder. Congratulations to all those

who sold their art, and thanks to those who purchased the items.

This event wouldn't have been possible without our Student Association Officers (Gabriela Whonder, Ming Kim, Jennifer Pena, Julie Nam, Sarah Lim, Andrea Herrera, Ellerab Dorval, Marcie Ndahayo, Ashley Alvarado, River Anderson, James Matthews, Reiss Ramirez, and Daniel Reyes) and SA Sponsors Ms. Kelly Wiedemann & Dr. Dale Twomley. The show was also made possible with the help of the Sound, Light, and Stage Crew (Clinton Bame, Stephen Genus, Trace Wilkens, Lei Edwards, Robert Moncada, and Ryan VandeVere). Without them it would have been a very dark, and quiet performance. Last but not least, a special thank you to the judges, Paul Griffin, Jim Minty, and Barbara Wilson.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 1 NHS Induction
- 1 Principal's List Brunch
- 6 End of Third Quarter
- 7-8 Elementary Basketball Tournament
- 14 Music Tournament
- 15 SA Banquet
- 8 SAT
- 20-22 Richmond Area Youthfest
- 22 Sunday School

APRIL

- March 26-6 Spring Break
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 10-11 30-Hour-Famine
- 12 Scholarship Sunday
- 13-17 Week of Prayer
- 17-18 Alumni Weekend
- 19 ACT- All Juniors
- 19 Jr.-Sr. Banquet
- 22 Spring Picnic
- 25 Music Tour
- 26 Scholarship Sunday
- 26 Sunday School

MAY

- April 29-3 Homeleave
- 5-10 Baseball & Girls Soccer Tournament
- 16 Final Music Concert

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ROK OF ASIA
SARAH LIM

The twice-a-year special ROK Vespers' theme this semester was Asia. Many church members pitched in to help the SVA students and other church members experience a cultural submersion filled with music, food, decoration, and much more.

At 7 pm, students started to slowly fill the church sanctuary as different students representing their nationality/country hurriedly put on their traditional clothing and waited on the church stage for everyone to come in.

Students from Korea, India, and the Philippines were represented. Each group had been asked to sing "God is So Good" in their language. However, because of the differences in translations, only Korean was taught and sung with the congregation as a whole because it was closest to the English version.

For the main sermon, Pastor CJ Yoon from Capital Memorial Church spoke about burdens, and had a visual on the stage of a treadmill, which he tried to jog on as he spoke.

Right after this was the most anticipated part of the night. As students poured into the fellowship hall, they were greeted by seven different Asian cultures. The first was Korea, where Injoo Lim served a traditional soup. On a table right next to it, Pastor Yoon provided noodles, and Mrs. Turner and her sons passed out bottled drinks. The whole Earliteen room was decorated with many traditional Korean items. Right across from Korea on the other side of the hall was China. Mrs.

Antone served vegetable fried rice with orange wedges, and church members spoke about their recent river cruise experience, as well as watched over many traditional Chinese hats as decoration and for the students to wear.

Next was Indonesia. Here the Jetter family shared their experiences and also served a ginger drink. On the next table down, Pastor Buz shared his "week of prayer" experience, while some church members served tofu with peanut sauce and mango ice

cream. For the Philippines, Mr. and Mrs. George talked about their experiences and served dried mango as a sweet snack.

The whole area by the piano was a Japanese "tea garden." Mrs. Acuna and Mrs. Thrall served green tea to those who sat at low-set tables, and also passed out fortune cookies with Christian messages. Mrs. Harley generously gave 30-second massages as Ms. Wiedemann and a small string ensemble played vari-

ous songs from different parts of Asia.

Finally, the Simons family made amazing Indian food. They served samosas with chutney, curry with naan, and mango lassi to drink.

ROK of Asia was a culturally-rich, fun experience that SVA students enjoyed very much. Thanks to such opportunities, some can experience other cultures they have never been exposed to, and find it an invaluable learning experience.



Puzzles, Comics, and Other Interesting Things

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SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY'S SCHOOL SONG

Where shines the big Virginia sun
 And Old Dominion's streamlets run
 From out the Massanutts cool shade
 And down great Allegheny's glade
 God's works in nature multiplied
 Extol His name on ev'ry side.
 O Shenandoah, dear Shenandoah,
 In thee do we delight to rest
 And daily strive to do our best,
 For Shenandoah, Shenandoah!

As requested by Mr. Dan Jensen

Believe It or Not!



AMAZING MAZE
 A GIANT MAZE DESIGNED ON HIS COMPUTER BY 15-YEAR-OLD WALTER PULLEN OF KENT, WASH., IS OVER 23 FEET LONG, 11 FEET WIDE AND COVERS 688 PAGES TAPED TOGETHER. THE INTRICATE DESIGN TOOK HIM 11 DAYS TO PRINT WITH THE COMPUTER RUNNING ABOUT 8 HOURS A DAY
 Submitted by Ed Thompson, Enumclaw, Wash.

THE THIN LOOK
 FOR WOMEN IN ANGLO-AMERICAN CULTURE HAS BEEN FASHIONABLE FOR ONLY ABOUT 60 OF THE LAST 600 YEARS

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ON THE ROAD TO CAPITOL HILL

BY ANDREA HERRERA

On Wednesday, March 4, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Dodge, Ms. Wiedemann, Mrs. McGregor, and Pastor Harley took the class of 2015 to Washington D.C. The bus rolled out at 6:15 in the morning and we headed into the big city. The Government class had been studying how bills are passed, how the Senate works, and how the House of Representatives works. So our field trip took us to Capitol Hill.

When we reached the city, PH dropped us off and we walked a short way to the

Supreme Court Justice. The case that was being heard was over Obama Care. Outside, there were protesters for and against Obama Care. Some of the congressmen present gave speeches concerning their opinions on the subject to the protestors. We waited in line for about one-and-a-half hours to hear three minutes of what was going on in the Supreme Court. While we waited in line in the cold, some of the SVA students went to the front steps and joined the protesters.

Finally we made it in and had to go through security. One of us (who shall not be named) got pulled out of line for hiding a protesting poster under his/her shirt. So after that embarrassing moment we were allowed into the court in small groups to witness the session. After that we toured the small museum, and saw a short video about the Supreme Court. As we were leaving, we got word that our bus had broken down.

So we walked over to the Capitol building to eat lunch at their cafeteria. The seniors feasted like kings and queens and ran up quite a lunch tab. After we gorged ourselves, a tour guide picked us up, and took us on the Capitol tour. We were each given our own headsets that the tour guide would speak into to tell us the history of the building, art, and statues of the Capitol. The tour was very beautiful and filled with many priceless works of art.

We then got to go sit in the viewing balcony of the House of Representatives. The House is a very busy place, bustling with congressmen and congresswomen right and left. We had to be very quiet but were able to see how the congressmen and congresswomen voted on certain issues.

Compared to the senate, the house was a riot. The senate was empty, very empty. One senator read his argument to the President Pro Tempore (the leader of the Senate) and that was all we saw. To me,

the most interesting part of the Senate was watching the pages run errands and seeing them try to be quiet.

The government field trip was fun and informative. It was a long day in dreary weather, but the seniors had fun seeing what we had learned put into motion. Seeing what actually goes on is different than reading and learning about it. It was an enlightening experience to know what really goes on in the world.



YOUTH FEST 2015

MADAI VILLA

"Wait! Don't forget your sleeping bag!" my roommate Cindy shouted to me as I left the room. "Oh my goodness! Thanks roomie!" I responded. I rushed out to get a seat on the bus for Karen Vallado and myself for the approximately hour-and-forty minute ride to Youth Fest. When we arrived at our destination, we rushed all of our belongings into Sligo Elementary School to spend the night. The guys were to sleep in the gymnasium and the girls in two classrooms. The evening's program at

Takoma Academy was a talent show in which one of our own classmates, Samuel Renderos, participated. He played the guitar and sang the song "How He Loves." Yet, at the end of the show, the announcer announced that they weren't making it a competition this year. I made a couple of friends that night and we chatted about SVA and other topics. There was also a quick sermon with some Christian music videos such as Do Something by Matthew West. After that,

the program concluded and SVA people departed back to Sligo Elementary to spend the night and others got to go to their homes.

When we got to Sligo, we played around in the gym and ate subs. We had a quick worship and prayer, and went off to sleep. That night it got really cold in the classrooms but we managed to stay warm by sleeping close to each other and bonding.

The next morning we woke up at around 8 am and went to grab breakfast and shower.

Then it was time to walk over to Takoma Academy's gymnasium to start Sabbath worship. We sang songs and then the speaker encouraged us to share God's love in the community. So we wore our SHARE t-shirts and split into different groups for different activities. Some went to DC to feed the homeless and others went to the National Mall to give out free food, free literature, and free hugs. I participated in this group, along with Suzanne Davidovas, Hannah Charles, Amber

Lawhorn, and Becky Renderos. We handed out Doritos, granola bars, fig bars, and fruit snacks. After we handed it to people, we said, "God bless you" along with a smile. Many questioned why we were doing this, and we were glad to elaborate about our religion and our activities to serve the community. The people were very pleased and grateful. After about an hour, we finished and took a group picture holding up our signs that read "FREE HUGS" or "FREE SNACKS" and

"FREE LITERATURE." We had a quick word of prayer and went to our buses to go back to share experiences that day, as some people shared nice testimonies. Then the program closed and Youth Fest 2015 concluded.

Overall, Youth Fest was a very enjoyable experience and a chance for our school to bond with others. Making new friends, sharing God's love, and bonding with others made Youth Fest 2015 a memorable one.

WAU CHOIR FEST

AMBER LAWHORN

On February 12 through February 14, several students in Shenandoans gave up time with their families to attend this year's Choir Fest. Those who attended were Marcie Ndahayo, Iesha Soto, Chris Wilson, Carter Ware, Peyton Ware, Amber Lawhorn, Seth Hardin, Matthew Davis, Justin Lee, Breanna Roca, Kristine Koliadko, and Maddy Ndahayo. SVA's group, joined by most other Adventist academies in the Potomac conference, practiced Wednesday night and Thursday morning, afternoon, and evening, as well as Friday morning.

They then put on a concert at Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church as well as a few short performances Saturday Morning at Sligo Adventist Church.

The group choir performed several pieces Friday night, including Rutter's "Requiem," "Witness," and ending with an arrangement of "How Great Thou Art." A variety of choral music was what made the concert great, along with the resonance in Spencerville's sanctuary. The song selection included spirituals and classical works, as well as a piece by Mozart. The choir was very

involved in what they sang, and many attendees of the concert complimented not only the sound, but also the message that the choir shared with their audience.

The event was hosted by the music department at Washington Adventist University, headed by Dr. Bingham. As well as Dr. Bingham, though, was guest conductor Javier Gonzales. This young tenor was to conduct one of the major works planned for the event, "Requiem" by John Rutter. He is currently employed at La Sierra University and is a graduate of Wash-

ington Adventist University with a minor in theology and major in music. Dr. James Bingham trained in Australia, then returned to the United States, and has directed several high school and university choirs. Currently he directs Washington Adventist University's choir, which has been recognized nationally and internationally.

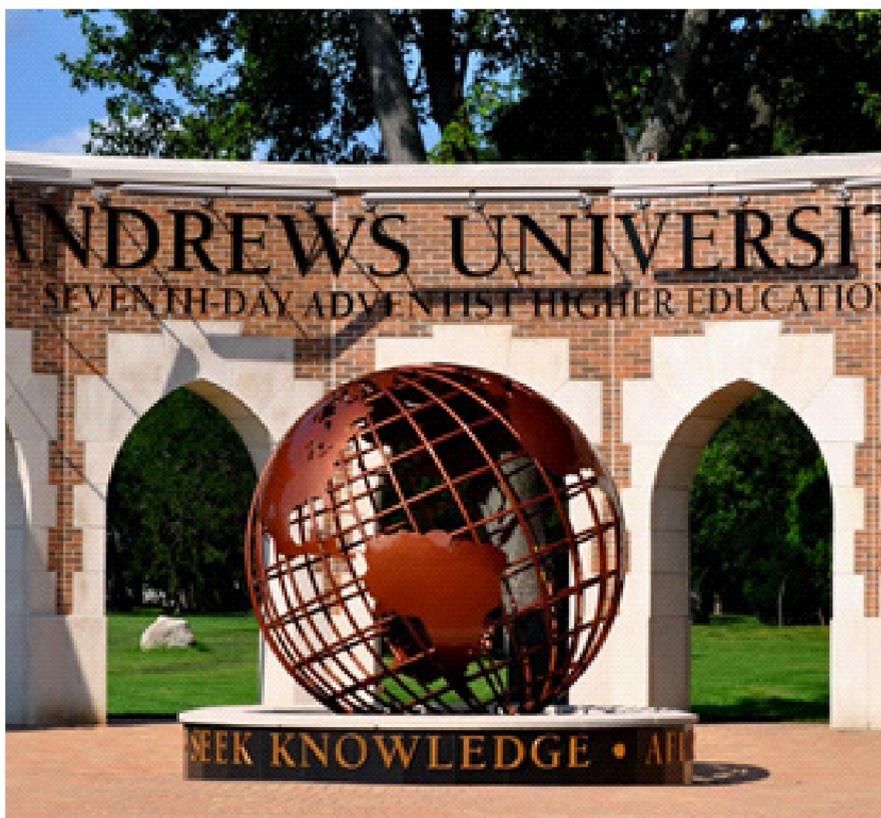
Shortly before the performance on Friday night, Mr. Gonzales was found sitting outside the sanctuary out of breath and several nurses were brought out of the audience to find out what was wrong.

They included Mrs. Janel Ware, Mrs. Haas, and Dr. Bingham's wife, Mrs. Janel Bingham. The paramedics were called and he was taken to the hospital to find what was wrong with his heart and be sure that he was stable.

This new turn of events was brought to the choir's attention during the performance when Mr. Gonzales was expected to come and to conduct "Requiem" and Dr. Bingham announced what had happened. There was no way to predict this, but everything went off well, and Mr. Gonzales recovered

and returned to home shortly after the performance on Sabbath.

Overall, Choir Fest was a rewarding experience for everyone who attended. It taught the attendees the importance of dedication and practice, as well as give them experience in quick adaptation, even during a performance. After the performance in church on Sabbath morning, the choirs trickled away from the campus with only the memories of the fruitful weekend as well as a complementary WAU backpack.



ANDREWS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

AUSTIN PLANK

It was Wednesday, February 4, and the time had finally arrived; it was time to leave for Berrien Springs, Michigan, for the annual Cardinals Classic. The Cardinals classic, sponsored by Andrews University, is a basketball tournament in which Adventist schools from across the country come together to play ball. This is the biggest tournament for the SVA Stars basketball teams, and both teams were excited to go play, and both the girls' and guys' teams have been practicing hard all year in preparation for this tournament. We loaded the bus at 7:00 in the morning, and started our 14-hour drive soon after. We stopped a few times on the way up to use the facilities and to get food, but when we finally arrived to our hotel both teams were very grateful.

The next morning both teams had games. The guys had their first game against Ozark Adventist Academy.

Our guys started out slow and it was a close game, but late in the second half the Stars turned it up and won the game with ease. The girls played following the guys game. Despite our Lady Stars' playing hard, they could not come out with a win. The next games were to be later in the evening, so we just hung around at Andrews waiting for our games to start.

That evening the guys played Crawford Academy from Toronto, Canada. From the tip off everyone knew this was going to be a very intense game. Both teams were playing aggressively and fighting hard, and at the half the Stars were up by a few points. At the start of the second half, both teams came out playing with the desire to win. However, in the last 11 seconds of the game the Stars made a crucial mistake to lose the lead. Shenandoah lost a very tough game by three points despite playing a very good game.

This was a very disappointing loss for the guys' team. The girls' played right after guys' team, and played Crawford Academy as well. This was also a very tight game. Throughout the whole game the lead was flipping back and forth between teams. In the last few seconds, though, Crawford hit a layup to put them up by one, and that proved to be the winning basket. The girls were frustrated, and very disappointed with this loss.

The next morning the guys had an early game against the local team, and the favorites to win the tournament—Andrews Academy Junior Cardinals. Our guys started out the game very slowly, and Andrews started out with energy, and the game appeared as if it was going to be a blow out. However, in the last three minutes of the first half the Stars went on a 15-2 run to only be down by one at half time. The second half of the game was very close the whole

way to the end, but in the end Andrews Academy won by 6. The girls were playing at the same time as the guys in the morning, and, despite their valiant efforts, lost their game as well.

The girls played a couple hours against Crawford Academy yet again, in a game that was similar to the first game. It was very close the whole way, with both teams taking turns with the lead. It was very exciting game to watch. But yet again the Lady Stars fell just short of winning the game. The guys played after the girls against Dream Academy. The guys came out strong and really made a statement with the way they played. About half way through the first half Luke Fogg got hit in his eye and cut it. Despite this, we finished the half strong and started the second half strong as well. Luke returned into the game with a swollen left eye that he could barely see

out of. It was a fun game and we won.

That evening we attended vespers in Howard Hall, but when we tried to leave after vespers our bus would not start. While Mr. Jeff Twomley tried to fix it, we went to the church and caught the end of that vespers service. We then just hung out in the church until they closed it up. Once they closed the church, we went to the guys' dorm and hung out in the lobby. They weren't able to get the bus to work, so Andrews lent us a bus to take us back to the hotel. We were finally able to get to our hotel around two in the morning.

Sabbath we went to church and ate lunch at Andrews University cafeteria, and games resumed that night. The guys played the first game in Andrews Academy gym. This was going to be our last game of the tournament so all the guys were playing with a lot of enthusiasm. They won

their game with very little difficulty, and had fun doing it. The girls played later that night and also won. They were all very happy about their win. The guys finished with a 3-2 record and the girls with a 1-4 record. They guys played the top two teams in the tournament, and made them fight hard to win. We left early Sunday morning, and started the long journey back home to New Market.

Andrews Cardinals Basketball Classic was a lot of fun, and full of a lot of good memories, even though neither team got the results they wanted. The guys knew they should have been playing in the championship game Saturday night. However, they still made a name for themselves and let people know who they are. Both teams played with great sportsmanship and represented Shenandoah Valley Academy well.

NHS AND PRINCIPAL'S LIST BRUNCH

KIMBERLY OWEN

Shenandoah Valley Academy's National Honor Society's induction took place on March 1 this year, the day after talent show. Some of current NHS members and some initiates helped to set up for the program after talent show was over. The program began at 9:00 AM Sunday morning, and everyone who participated in it had to be there about thirty minutes earlier. Other than the initiates, some of the current NHS members were a part of the program. They either read an NHS initiative, the inductees' profiles, or prayed. This year's NHS president Julie Nam began the program with an introduction. Mr. Tom McNeilus, the NHS sponsor, and Dr. Dale Twomley, SVA principal,

said some things furthering the introduction. Then some current NHS members read the NHS initiatives. Then the candle lighting ceremony, in which each inductee became a member and received a pin and a certificate, ensued. Each member was called up individually while a current member read a quick summary of their profile to light their candle. The event ended when all of the inductees had lighted their candles and returned to their seats. A current member said a prayer and everyone went to the Principal's List brunch for food.

At the brunch, where students who have achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA assembled, Dr. Twomley greeted guests as they entered the cafeteria. Parents

sat with their children and conversed while waiting for the food to be served. Pastor Shane said a word of prayer and people were allowed to get food. Food Service director Bob Ockenga and his staff served a great brunch, and everyone ate until satisfied. After everyone had eaten, Dr. Twomley, Mrs. Dean, and Mrs. Dodge awarded the students on Principal's List certificates. Beginning with the freshmen, all of the scholars took pictures with the principal as they received their awards then took a group picture with their class.

All in all, it was a great celebration and everyone was pleased with it. Keep your grades up so you can be involved in the future!







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