



MPA SKYLINER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Remy Guenin

"If a task is worthy of our attention, it is worthy of our best."- Jack Hyles

Character. What is it? Some have defined it as the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual. We often say that characters are shaped over time and through "blood, sweat, and tears". We mainly think of significant events in our lives as having been responsible for this shaping of our characters. However, I would like to suggest that it is through the performance of our daily tasks, most often the mundane ones, that true character is developed. Accomplishing these mundane tasks with integrity creates in us a fortitude to withstand the intensity of the large challenges that come our way. We know that we live in a world of instant gratification. Usually, if we cannot have it now we don't want to wait for it and we move on to something else that we can have immediately. However, the building of the character of a person or an institution, for that matter, requires daily intentional adherence to the details of ordinary tasks.

With the backing of the Carolina Conference, MPA has partnered with an organization called School Growth in order to map out a path of continuous improvement. We are looking at the everyday details in order to intentionally build a culture of excellence. If we commit to excellence, even in the little things, the natural result will be positive change and growth. The road to continuous improvement is long and hard and will require us to navigate pitfalls along the way. It is something that takes commitment, patience, and much prayer for direction.

As we enjoy the fall season and we look at the leaves turning bright colors of red, yellow and orange it feels like spring is a long way off. Perhaps, this is because we know that we have many long months of winter to go through before we get there. For many, enduring the cold and lack of sunshine that winter brings is something unpleasant that we must try to "survive" in order to get to the other side. My suggestion, however, is to approach winter with smiles on our faces, knowing that each day our characters will be challenged *Principal's Message Continued on Page 2.*

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Principal's Message Continued: to overcome the difficulties and that through that daily effort we will see change for good. God never meant for us to merely exist in this life but to find ways, even in adversity, to thrive! Personally, I love winter! I realize that this makes me an exception to the norm. Instead of just “surviving” it, I wake up each morning with excitement for the day. I value those dark days of winter because I know in those moments I will find character building snippets of goodness that will help me become the person that God wants me to be. In our journey of continuous improvement here at MPA, every season and every detail (yes, even the mundane) will move us in a positive direction. In order to be a school with high standards that is recognized as excellent, we must embrace the “winter seasons” and continue to let our character shine throughout the process. As always, I appreciate your continued prayers and support for us here at MPA and I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving holiday! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Student Life

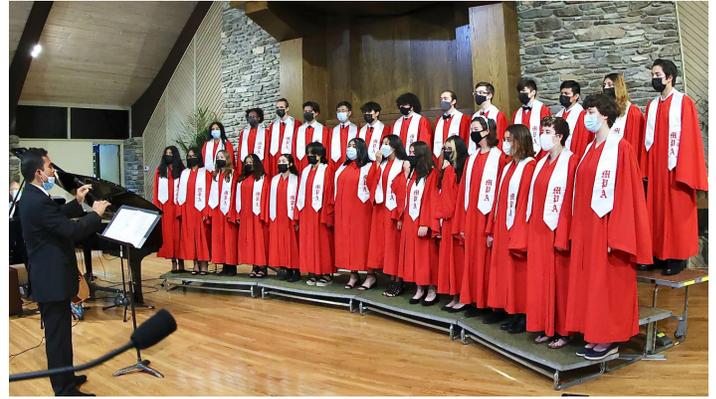
PARENT OPEN HOUSE

By Alex Boughman, '24

On this special weekend, parents and students come together to spend special time that is dedicated to the families of MPA students. This event only happens once a year, which makes it that much more special. This event is Parent Open House.

During Parent Open House, the organizations show off their talents early in the school year to the families and the student body themselves. This year, we had the choir perform during the church service. It was quite a pleasure to hear them sing and represent our school. Every Parent Open House we have a guest speaker who shares messages throughout the whole weekend. This year's speaker was Ernie Boughman ('91), the parent of two current students: Emma ('22) and Alex ('24). His wife, Gale ('94) spoke in the Friday night portion as well. Mount Pisgah Academy is very grateful to Ernie for speaking.

Additional activities throughout the weekend included Sabbath lunch with faculty families, National Honor Society (NHS) Induction, and Senior Dedication. On Saturday night, the parents and students participated in an exciting game of softball up at the field. The Student Association also provided hot chocolate, smores, and popcorn. It was a fun night for all and everyone enjoyed spending time together in a relaxed setting.



Student Life

JUNIOR CLASS EMBARKS ON HISTORY TRIP

By Gracie McCall, '23

History trip was an amazing experience for the juniors. I loved going to places I've never been. The Smithsonian Museums were awesome. The architecture was really cool, too. It was fun going to see the Statue of Liberty. My knees were basically dead and I had to summon all my strength to keep climbing all the stairs but overall it was worth it. My favorite museum was the Holocaust Museum. I've never been there so seeing all that stuff in person was cool. There was one particular room there that

just consisted of photographs of families from the Holocaust. It was a few stories high. It went from the ground up to the ceiling around all the walls. My favorite city was Boston. Sure New York and D.C. were cool but I just personally liked it there more. I loved the old buildings and Little Italy. It gave off such nice vibes with all the brick buildings. Quincey Market is where we ate that day. It had so many places you could go to. The overall trip was so much fun and we all really enjoyed it.



“ ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM HISTORY TRIP WAS THE LATE NIGHT MEMORIES WITH THE BOYS. ”

- JACOB GARLAND, '23

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

By Emma Boughman, '22

Where do I begin with the experience of Senior Class Trip? The experience was definitely memorable, for I got closer with people and had experiences I never thought I would have. It's hard to put into words exactly what this trip meant to me. That being said, I think my classmates will be able to tell about this trip better than I can. That is why I asked some of them the question of what made Senior Class Trip memorable for them.

First, I asked Austin Gonzalez. "What made class trip memorable?" He asked, repeating the question back to me. He explained how he had made a video showcasing every day of the trip, and how that was most memorable for him. He videoed most of each trip day, filming everything fun and exciting, which was pretty much everything. "I made a decision that I was gonna make a video every single day," he explained. Each day he would post the video to his social media, being able to show everyone what this trip meant to him. "Even if it meant staying up later on some nights to edit, I now have a very special archive of this time." And these videos aren't just an archive for him, but for anyone he shares them with. The viewers of these daily videos are able to be transported into the very experience Austin had while he enjoyed quality time with his friends.

Next, I asked Jailyn Pineda what made the trip memorable, and I really enjoyed her answer. "It had to definitely be the way that everyone was willing to ride the rides with me, even though I'm afraid of heights," she explained. She went on rides she never thought she would go on, and her friends supported her all the way. She explained the concept of community within our class, and how that helped her achieve things she was hesitant about. I do not think she will ever forget the support she received from her friends on that trip.



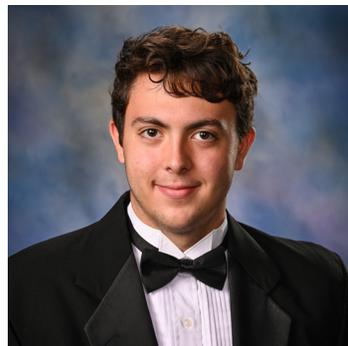
Finally, I asked Sharon Duque what she thought was most memorable about her time on the trip, and she very enthusiastically said, "Mako! Roller Coasters!". Sharon really enjoyed the rides at Busch Gardens, including one of the roller coasters named The Mako. She then started spilling the details about how much fun she had. "Busch Gardens was memorable because there was so much to look forward to. You could walk around and find something new everywhere you went," she told me happily. Busch Gardens was probably the largest park that we went to, and like Sharon said, there was a lot to do. From roller coasters to animal exhibits and shows, there was something for everyone. That was one of Sharon's first times ever experiencing areas and things like that, and when I saw her going on rides and watching the animals, she was ecstatic.

After hearing my classmates' responses, I realized I had a response of my own. The most memorable thing for me on the trip was being able to snorkel with fishes and rays. That was an experience I had never had before, and it was nerve-racking, exciting, and surprising. My entire class did things that we would have never done otherwise if we hadn't have gone on that trip, and I think that's what made it the most special. When you experience new things, they will always remain memorable, and if it weren't for Senior Class Trip, my classmates and I would not have those memories.

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT MPA IS...



JEREMY ROSARIO, '25
"My favorite thing about MPA is that I get to live with my friends, which is super cool. Being at MPA is a lot of fun and the whole campus has a really chill vibe."



LUKE SCROGGINS, '22
"I really like the environment on campus. It is really cool how everyone knows each other and we all get along."



GRACIE MCCALL, '23
"I love that I am continually surrounded with my friends. It makes being on campus really fun. I also appreciate how chill the staff are. They are all pretty cool."



OLIVIA HUNTER, '24
"I like seeing my friends every day, and going to my classes. I also enjoy practicing for the varsity sports teams. I really enjoy going to the dorm and hanging out with my friends."



Student Life

VIEW SOUTHERN LEAVES AN IMPRESSION ON A STUDENT

By Emmie Lee, '22

Prior to becoming a student at MPA, I was undecided about what I was going to do for high school. Four years later, there has never been much question on where I wanted to go for college. Ever since I first visited Southern Adventist University during a trip to Tennessee several years ago, I knew that it was a place that would fit somewhere in my future. So when View Southern rolled around for me and my classmates, I was extremely excited.

Though I had visited the campus before, I had never done the tour, much less discovered what department I wanted to join. To say that it was an incredible experience would be an understatement. From the second I got off the bus I knew that God was indeed calling me to Southern. That feeling continued on over those next two days as I toured the religion and history departments and met people who were enthusiastic about the same things that I was.

The experience of realizing that there were so many like me who had similar passions and callings was an incredible experience. The professors and other faculty I got to meet were so helpful and gave me some important information about how to succeed in my journey towards my career and how Southern can help me accomplish those goals for the future. I loved the campus and the overall welcoming environment I was surrounded by. But most of all, I loved the feeling of the worship experience that I got while there. That's something that is so important to me and that I knew would be an important factor in my decision for college.

I found so much passion and spirituality in just the two days I was at Southern, and the idea of building my future in a place that is surrounded by such an atmosphere is incredibly exciting for me, especially considering that I plan to go into the ministry field. My experience at View Southern made me all the more convinced that SAU is where I'm supposed to be next year, and I can't wait to start that journey of finding God's purpose for me there.

Student Feature

SA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Josh Bedwell, '22

Hello everyone, I hope you are all having an extraordinary year! As it turns to autumn, it is beautiful to see all the leaves changing colors as the year progresses. We have had so many fun events so far, with many more on the way. I hope you have enjoyed them all, and will continue to do so. Remember to start a fire in our hearts for Jesus, and always keep that in mind. Let us continue to make this year the best it can be, and please let me know if you need help with anything or have suggestions for what you would like to see happen on our beautiful campus! Remember, Stay Proud to be Pisgah!

Academic Life

STUDENTS MAKE FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Recognition

Vanner Flores

Honor's List

Danny Amann
Rebekah Amann
Alex Boughman
Liam Brown
Isabella DAlessandris
Aiden Dittman
Jacob Garland
Allison Grundy
Chad Grundy
Jailyn Pineda-Ochoa
Kevin Tello Rada Yumani
Angelina Radchishin
Andrew Reidway
Sariah Tull
Yasmine Tull

Principal's List

Evelyn Aguilar-Mendez
Lia Ashlock
Madeline Ashlock
Josh Bedwell
Angel Bernal
Emma Boughman
Grace Bussard
John Chawnglut
Eddie Cortes
Julieta De La Cruz Lomitas
Sharon Duque
Pricilla Eckright
Lauren Elliott
Isaac Estrada
Joshua Estrada

Jayden Godfrey
Austin Gonzalez
Lauren Guenin
Rachel Hampton
Chloe Harrison
Kaden Huckaby
Olivia Hunter
Kaitlyn James
Allyssa Jetter
Cing Kim
Jason Kisel
Nate LeBrun
Emmie Lee
Isaac Medina
Leila Mejias
Manuel Osorio

Sam Ottinger
Josselin Pineda-Ochoa
Diego Prieto-Castillo
David Prieto-Castillo
Jesus Prieto Castillo
Victoria Radchishin
Jeremy Rosario Ramirez
Grace Russell
Luke Scroggins
Santia Smith
Jake Steiner
Inna Vlasiuk
Abbie Wait
Chase Warner
Penelope Whitten

DEANS LEAN ON THEIR RA'S

By Brianna Kittleson, Girls' Dean

Living in a dorm is a strange and wonderful experience. It is strange because it differs from traditional high school. When I was in high school, I went to a day academy. If I wanted to have a sleepover at my friend's house, I generally had to wait for the weekend. Living in the dorm at a boarding school is almost like a perpetual sleepover. You live with your friends, you go to class with your friends, and you have worship with your friends; you are truly with your friends constantly. While it does have countless positive aspects, it can have its challenges. As a dean, you have a rather large responsibility to watch over a dorm full of girls, but that is where our RA's come in. What is an RA you might ask? Well, it stands for resident assistant and that is exactly what they are. They are our assistants here in the dorm, and it is such an important job. The resident assistant is not dependent on us, we are dependent on them. They are a part of our community and ultimately the lifeblood of the Residence Hall.

It is an RA's duty to be a role model to the other girls in the dorm. Actions speak louder than words, and RA's have a powerful influence over others. The most important characteristic of an RA is their spiritual leadership and influence. An RA is someone who has made God a priority in their life and can help lead other residents to Christ. Their love of God is shown in the way they interact with other residents. It is not an easy job and can have its challenges. The RA is entrusted with a large amount of responsibility, but they are chosen for the position because we believe they can step up to that responsibility.

So often, the RA is a person who residents can feel comfortable confiding in. They are someone who can lend a listening ear when a student might be struggling with something or just having a bad day. They help provide structure in the dorm but most importantly they help provide support for the other residents. They have been in high school for a few years now and they can help freshman or new students adjust. They help provide a sense of belonging to all the residents by being welcoming and showing everyone the same level of respect and love.

The RA is an incredibly important position on campus, and the responsibility of being an RA is no small feat. We are incredibly proud of our RA's here at MPA and I continually pray over them and hope that anyone reading this will do the same. God is using them in incredible ways and I know He will continue to do that, day in and day out.



Staff Feature

GIRLS' DEAN'S HUSBAND PASSES

Glen Mitchell Robertson, husband of Donna Robertson, passed away on Thursday, October 21. He was an alumnus of Mount Pisgah Academy and volunteered much of his time on our campus, helping with various projects. He was integral in the completion of the girls' dorm renovations and was currently spearheading the bathroom project at the field. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Donna; two daughters, Megan and Nicole; a son, Derek (his wife, Brooke); grandchildren, Jayda, Angelina, and Bayleigh; his mother, Angela; a sister, Tracy Dadak (her husband, John); a brother, Kevin (his wife, Haiyoung), and several nieces and nephews. We appreciate all of your prayers for the Robertson family during this difficult time. Glen Robertson, you are greatly missed.

CALENDAR

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| Nov 21-28 | Homeleave Break |
| Dec 1 | SA Light Up Campus |
| Dec 1 | Faculty Family Christmas Parties |
| Dec 3 | Candlelight Vespers |
| Dec 4 | MPA Touring Sabbath |
| Dec 5 | Boys' Club Christmas Banquet |
| Dec 10-11 | Christmas Concert & Program |
| Dec 13-16 | Final Exams |
| Dec 16-Jan 2 | Homeleave Break |
| Jan 7 | Faculty Family Vespers |

FACULTY MEMBER MARRIES

On September 19, 2021, Abby King, MPA's Marketing and Recruitment Director, married Kade Ackerman. Kade and Abby met at Southern Adventist University and have been together almost three years. They plan to live on-campus as Abby continues her work at MPA. We are excited to have Kade officially join our campus family as another male role model for our students. We are thankful for all of our incredible staff and the families they continue to grow through marriages, births, adoptions, and more!

