



MPA SKYLINER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Remy Guenin

Is that light that I see at the end of the tunnel – a sign of hope – or is it just another train coming? The British author Benjamin Disrael once said: "I am prepared for the worst but hope for the best." Well, here at MPA, I truly believe that the best is yet to come. We are headed into the last four weeks of the school year and the seniors are excited and looking forward to graduation. We all watched with anticipation as spring arrived on our campus and now it is starting to look like a beautiful garden here as all of the trees begin to bud and the flowers bloom! The beauty of nature, family, and friends are among our greatest blessings.

We have a lot of new projects that are underway here at MPA and we are so excited about the progress we are making! We recently unveiled and dedicated to the Lord our new Louie Parra STEM Laboratory! This is something that we have been working on for many months and we are very happy to have this wonderful new space to offer our students to enhance their education. We are also working on a new sign erected at the front of our campus. This will provide a dignified look and reflect the excellence and stability that MPA is known for. Our new bathroom facility at the ballfield is in the process of being built, and volunteers from Maranatha will be here in June to continue our girls' dorm renovation. Because we have been told to continue the work until He comes again, we plan for the future of this amazing school while remaining grounded in the hope of our Lord's soon return.


We are also pleased to report growth in the academic success of our students. 67% of our student body is on the honor roll this semester! What an amazing blessing to see so many of our students work hard to make this a priority. I want to thank our teachers for all the extra time and encouragement they have given to our students to help and support them in this endeavor. The faculty here at MPA are so dedicated and they work long, hard hours to prepare these students for success not only in this world but also in the next. I am grateful for all of the students and staff here at MPA!


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Continued from page 1. I am reminded of a quote from Winston Churchill that he made after World War II: "Let us therefore go forward together with courage and patience." There are, and always will be, challenges to overcome in this life, but we are not alone, nor do we need to be afraid. God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). It is by clinging to this promise that we continue to move forward and climb higher. Be assured that the best is yet to come!

Student Life

BOYS' CLUB FINDS NEW WAYS TO HAVE FUN

By Adam Boyd, Boys' Dean

One of the best parts about my job is having the opportunity to spend quality time with students. With every student having a unique schedule, it is hard to find time to do things all together. Boys' Club gives us an opportunity to have that time all together at least once a week.

Boys' Club, on Sunday evening, gives us an opportunity to have fun and creative events for the residents. In the past, we have done ramen noodle cook offs, pancake eating contests, relay races, capture the flag, campus-wide hide and seek in the dark, and much more. Our current pandemic has raised challenges for events like these, but these traditions cannot be lost. We have found new ways of doing things, and have adapted to follow protocols. Nothing makes my day more than seeing students' smiling faces while they enjoy an activity together. I am very blessed to work at Mount Pisgah Academy and see those smiling faces everyday.



IT WAS A LOT OF FUN PLAYING
MANHUNT, CAPTURE
THE FLAG, AND OTHER FUN
GAMES ON CENTER CAMPUS
AND AT THE FIELD.



- JOSH BEDWELL, '22

Student Life

WE LOVE OUR STUDENT WORKERS

By Nancy Parra, Assistant Treasurer

Learning a good work ethic is very important for teenagers and Mount Pisgah Academy takes this form of education seriously. Students who attend MPA are assigned jobs each year and are paid minimum wage. The hours they work not only give them an opportunity to earn money towards their school bill, but students also receive a grade for their work that goes on their school transcript.

There are a variety of student jobs available such as working in maintenance: cutting lawns and doing yard work, assisting with repairs, picking up trash, etc. Students work in the dormitories to answer phones, clean the dorms, and as RA's or Resident Assistants. (A resident assistant is in charge of the students on their halls, and an extension of the deans). Students work in the library, grade papers for teachers, clean the classrooms, answer phones, work in the office, schedule outreach in the community, work with retirees through the ASSIST Program, help plan and lead out in religious services, assist with IT work, and help with meal preparations in the cafeteria.

Phil Thomas, Cafeteria Director said, "The cafeteria could not be run without our student workers. They learn skills here that will be useful all throughout their life, such as being on time, following instructions, listening to their supervisor, being a team player, as well as how to prepare food. Working with the kids is a lot of fun."

The staff depend heavily on the work that the students do and trust them with not only sensitive or confidential information, but also with important tasks such as counting and receipting money, adding up bank deposits, recruiting and marketing duties, and many other things.

Sharon Duque, a junior at MPA, said that she "enjoys counting money and filing in the office." Becky Amann, also a junior, likes "meeting a lot of interesting people while answering the school phone."

Our students are a joy to work with and the staff love the personal relationships and lifelong friendships that are developed with the students through work, and life in general at MPA. A student that graduated a few years ago once told me that "this is the only school I've ever attended where I consider the staff to be my best friends."



"I work for Mrs. Garland doing housekeeping. I like working in the Administration Building because my coworkers make me happy while I work."

- GABRIEL VARGAS, '24



"I enjoy working in the Administration Building because of the fun atmosphere and the enjoyment I receive from my coworkers."

- JULIANNA TIQUET, '22

JUNIOR HISTORY TRIP PROCEEDS DESPITE RESTRICTIONS POSED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By Emma Boughman, '22

Over four days, my classmates and I went on a trip for our American History class. We visited museums and battlefields that all focused around the Civil War. Despite COVID challenges, our teacher, Mr. B., was able to give us a fun trip. On our trip, we visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Petersburg, Virginia; and Williamsburg, Virginia.

On April 11, we left campus bright and early, and drove eight hours to our hotel in Gettysburg. The next day, we left for the Gettysburg National Cemetery. It was a lot more interesting than I expected. There were statues and memorials everywhere, including a ton of replica cannons. The second activity for the day was a tour around the Gettysburg battlefield. I did not realize how huge it was! We drove through the town, seeing bullet holes still in buildings, and saw Little Round Top, where we had a beautiful view of the battlefield from the high ground. Gettysburg was my favorite stop, because we got to visit a museum with a huge 360-degree oil painting that had props extending onto the floor to make it more realistic. Allison Grundy, '22 told me Gettysburg "helped me to understand our nation's history more. There was so much that I didn't know about the Civil War."

On day three, we went to Petersburg where we stayed at a museum all day. It had remade battlegrounds, audio and 3-D visuals in the main area, and a movie showcasing the experiences of soldiers during the war. A really cool part of the main museum was a place where you could walk through a simulation battle letting you experience what a battle might have felt like. Josh Bedwell, '22 commented that he "enjoyed the individual experience walking through." It was a very interactive experience that kept us all interested and entertained.



Finally, we went to Colonial Williamsburg. Here, we learned more about pre-war times, the years when Britain was colonizing America. By visiting the governor's palace and the rest of the town, I learned more about the society of false freedom. We got to see how the common people made a living, which included a stop to a very small sheep breeder. "The baby sheep were really cute and lovable," Becky Amann, '22 said. Aside from cute sheep though, we unfortunately also learned about the harsher things, such as being executed for crimes, or just being a slave because of your race. I am very happy that our society does not run like that anymore.

I really enjoyed Junior History Trip. It was not at all what I expected, but that made it a lot better. I bonded more with some friends, and just had an exciting experience overall. I'm glad that our teacher made sure that we got a trip, even if it wasn't the original plan.

SENIORS ENJOY A BEACH CLASS TRIP

By JoAnna Ketter, '21

The senior class trip went by like a blur. It was so much fun from start to finish and our days were jam-packed with activities carefully planned for us by Mrs. Gina Singleton-Perez and fueled by delicious meals prepared by Mrs. Worth. From cars, walking, bikes, boats and Segway's, we toured islands, rivers and the town of Hilton Head. Of course, we spent some time just relaxing on the sand soaking up the sun or swimming in the ocean and avoiding jellyfish (until Micheal showed us they were harmless when he held one). Other activities were shopping at Coligny Plaza, going tubing, swimming in the pool and even going to a farmer's market. We combed beaches for shells and practiced our drifting skills in catboats. The catboats had to be my favorite activity, and in asking others, many agreed. Amidst all the activities though, everyone still found time to bond closer together. On the last day we woke up before sunrise to head down to the beach and watch the sun come up with a cup of hot cocoa and closed our trip with a morning devotional. Everyone had an enjoyable trip and came back exhausted, maybe even

a bit sunburnt (or maybe that was only me), and had cameras packed with tons of memories. It was so nice to get away from the busy school schedule and enjoy the wonderful weather God provided us with. Now it's the home stretch to graduation and I know I will look back on this trip for many years to come and smile.



MAGABOOK PROGRAM PROVIDES NEW STUDENT JOBS

By Caleb Matias Ayala, MPA Magabook

Recently, by God's grace, we started off our canvassing industry here at MPA. Publishing ministry has been a cornerstone in the proclamation of the three angels' messages for hundreds of years. Back in the days, God used this ministry to ignite the Millerite Movement and great were the results. Also, the Waldensians used to be excellent canvassers who brought light to thousands of lives in Europe. But, what is the canvassing ministry about? Canvassing, or Magabooking, refers to the handing of Seventh-day Adventist publications out in the community and ministering to them. Canvassers handle books and tracts that contain the present truth for this time, while also earning scholarships.

This ministry has many benefits for our students, just to list some of them:

1. Spiritual Growth
2. Financial Assistance
3. Social Skills
4. Job Skills

Spiritual Growth: The students will learn that canvassing is more than selling books – it is a missionary work at the same or higher level as the church pastor – what a privilege! "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is a missionary work of the highest order." 6T 313.1. Also, while working for others, the student will learn to depend on God to make effective presentations and convince people to get the books. Another benefit is growth of prayer life. Constant prayer will help the student to be a blessing for others and themselves.



Financial: Furthermore, the students will learn to value money and will have the opportunity to receive a scholarship of 50% of their earnings for their tuition at MPA.

Social skills: Social skills are very important. While talking to others and preparing their presentations, the student will mature as speakers and develop emotional and social skills that will help them for future jobs and ministry callings.

Job skills: Also, canvassing work will help the student to develop discipline, courage and perseverance. These skills are much needed in today's jobs and God's vineyard. Leadership skill is another and very important lesson they will learn as they follow instructions and complete their daily tasks.

Today, we are living in difficult and rapidly changing times and God is asking the same question He asked thousands of years, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And as Isaiah did, here at MPA we respond, "I WILL GO". Jesus is coming soon, and He is looking for young men and women across the Carolinas to engage in His mission.

In conclusion, what can I do as a parent or constituent? It is easy and simple: your prayers and support are very important for us, but also, you can help encourage our young ones at MPA to join this wonderful ministry. Time is short and our school is ready to go out and sow the seed of Christ's salvation in our territory. May God put in our hearts Isaiah's response: "I WILL GO!"

SA HOSTS ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

By Abby King, Marketing Director

Despite the many set-backs posed by the pandemic this school year, the Student Association proceeded with their annual talent show! On April 2 and 3, we hosted our Mother/Daughter Father/Son Weekend. Throughout the weekend, parents and students heard enlightening and thought-provoking messages from two different speakers. The females met in the girls' dormitory, while the males met in the auditorium. To close out this special weekend, the Student Association planned a talent show, with acts from a variety of students and their parents.



Performances included solos, group vocals, comedy acts, and instrumental pieces. It was wonderful to have our parents involved, as well, performing various acts with their children. At the end of the evening, winners were chosen for the four categories, as well as two judges choice awards. The winner for the solo vocal category was Margaret Falcon, '23. Lauren Elliott, '23 and Rachel Hampton, '23 won for the group vocals category. The winners for the instrumental category were Grace Russell, '23 and her mom, Kathy. Joceline Garay, '22, Jailyn Pineda, '22, Nicole Rivera, '23, and Marcelle Rivera, '22 won the comedy award for their hilarious act. Finally, our two judges choice awards went to Nathan Settlemyer, '21 who sang, and Joshua Estrada, '23 who played the piano. We are so thankful for all of our talented students and parents!

MY FAVORITE CAFETERIA MEAL IS...

By Abby King, Marketing Director, & Alex Boughman, '24

The food served at Mount Pisgah Academy's cafeteria has become well-known across Carolina Conference for being great! Many cafeterias struggle to serve so many people, while maintaining food that is delicious. However, the cafeteria at MPA excels in this area and provides students with three healthy and well-balanced meals each day. During our annual events such as iMPact Youth Rally, Music Festival, Alumni Weekend, and Academy Days, students and parents across North and South Carolina have the opportunity to taste our incredible food! Have you never dined in our cafeteria? We invite you to come visit us and try one of our delectable meals!



Allison Grundy, '22

"I love the Week in Review meal because it reminds me of the great food I had at the cafeteria that week."



Holden Lockridge, '21

"My favorite meal is biscuits and gravy. It reminds me of my grandfather and my visits with him every Sunday morning."



Pricilla Eckright, '23

"I like the prime steak with mashed potatoes because the potatoes here are really good!"



Alex Boughamn, '24

"My favorite meal is hashbrown casserole with muffins because I really enjoy having breakfast for dinner."

STUDENTS MAKE SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Principal's List - 93% Average

Danny Amann
Lia Ashlock
Katherine Ashlock
Josh Bedwell
Alex Boughman
Emma Boughman
Liam Brown
Grace Bussard
Michael Bussard
Alexandra Cauley
John Chawnglut
Dana Clifford
Sharon Duque
Pricilla Eckright
Joshua Estrada
Aaron Garcia-Osejo
Jacob Garland
Jayden Godfrey
Austin Gonzalez
Chad Grundy
Hannah Guenin
Rachel Hampton
Chloe Harrison
Kaitlyn James
Cameron Langford
Gracie McCall

Andrew Moyer
Emily Ottinger
Sam Ottinger
Gavin Perez
Angelina Radchishin
Grace Russell
Luke Scroggins
Melissa Stein
Jake Steiner
Nathan Suci
Markalah Telemaque
Abbie Wait
Chase Warner
Penelope Whitten
Jonathan Wolff
Hannah Worth

Honor's List - 88% Average

Evelyn Aguilar-Mendez
Becky Amann
Amyia Betenbaugh
Lauren Elliott
Emma Frank
Stephanie Garcia-Osejo
Allison Grundy
Jake Mobley
Caleb Ramey

Elijah Sifuentes
Seth Wait

Recognition - 83% Average

Vannder Flores
Donovan Hart
Emmie Lee
Harrison Singleton
Jesse Stein

WE WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THAT 67% OF OUR STUDENT BODY EARNED A SPOT ON OUR SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL LIST. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND THE HARD WORK THEY PUT IN EACH DAY TO EARN STELLAR GRADES.

MARANATHA PARTNERS TO RENOVATE GIRLS' DORM

By Lucy Hall, Director of Alumni and Development

It is springtime in the Carolina mountains! We are seeing the trees budding, and the daffodils and azaleas are exploding everywhere. It feels hopeful and exciting. It is like we are going into a more positive time. A time where we may soon have an opportunity to fellowship, visit each other's homes, and maybe even HUG!

In 2019, we received approval from Maranatha to partner with MPA for a long overdue project: the renovation of our girls' dorm. This project did not happen that first summer, so we pushed forward and renovated four resident assistant rooms as an "example" for what we were going to experience when our Maranatha volunteers arrived. Many friends, church members and alumni came to help. It really taught us the scope of the work and gave us the opportunity to evaluate the cabinetry we were using. We have made some changes based on feedback from our resident assistants.

The summer of 2020 was a summer we will all remember, so again, the renovation did not happen. Now, the optimism is high. We have met with our Maranatha Project Manager, Ernie Riles, and his wife, our Volunteer Coordinator, Jeanice Riles. We are gearing up for a great summer and hope to get this project done. The boys' dorm will house all the volunteers and we have reserved five RV spaces for the professional Maranatha volunteers who use their time to cruise the United States helping with this ministry. Our cafeteria is ramping up for meal planning and games each evening.

Maranatha has been working in the states and has recently helped with several dorm renovations. We would love for our alumni and friends to help us with this unique partnership. Will you consider coming for a few days, a week, or for all three weeks? The scope of the work involves breaking down cinder block closets, ripping up floors, hauling out debris, electrical work, painting, laying new flooring, and general cleaning.

If you would like to help our girls' dorm project, go to Maranatha's website: www.maranatha.org If you have any questions, please call Nancy Parra, (828) 418-2402, or Lucy Hall, (704) 622-4973.



SA President's Message

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SA PRESIDENT

By Gavin Perez, '21

Hello everyone! It has been my honor and privilege to be your Student Association President this school year. I am very proud of all of the accomplishments that we, as a school, have had throughout this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful SA team and sponsors. Without them, none of what we did this year would have been possible.

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, there is always a mix of emotions. Everyone is excited about summer break, yet we dread finals. This time of the year is especially difficult for our seniors as they leave the school for the last time as students. Sometimes these emotions can be confusing.

My advice to all of you as we close out this school year is simple: continue to rise up. Rise up against the challenges in your life, and more importantly, rise up in faith with Jesus Christ.

Once again, I am honored to have been able to serve you all this school year. I wish you all the best and encourage you to finish this year out strong! As always, remember: rise up!

CALENDAR

April 21-25	Homeleave Break
April 30 - May 2	Academy Days
April 30 - May 1	Homeshow Weekend
May 4	Spring Picnic
May 12	SA Clash of the Classes Day
May 15	Friendship Commitment
May 15	Faculty Family Worship/Parties
May 16-19	Final Exams
May 21-23	Graduation Weekend
May 23	Graduation Commencement

ACADEMY DAYS 2021

We invite you to come join us for our annual MPA Academy Days happening April 30 - May 2. Experience campus life like never before through special performances, activities, and social events. Stay in our dorms, eat in our cafeteria, and meet our incredible and friendly students. We know you will love it on our campus and you won't want to leave.

We don't know what the future holds but we want you to know the God who holds the future. Come discover MPA and experience how we know "Jesus Lives at MPA!" We understand that everyone's comfort level is different, so we hope to offer both an in-person and virtual option, so you can choose! Sign up today on our website to reserve your spot.