



news nuggets

Friday, May 31, 2019

Campion Graduates Awarded for Excellence in Academics and Character »

It was a weekend full of celebration as 39 seniors reflected on their high school years and prepared to step forward into their bright futures. During the weekend, three seniors were baptized and class members were awarded \$950,000 in scholarships from Union College and \$1 million in scholarships from other Seventh-day Adventist universities.



Two students, Susan Wang and Nathaniel Sanchez were recognized for their contribution to student life and their hard work in the academic field by being awarded the title Student of the Year. One outstanding senior, Josephine Reeves, was given the Principal Award for her characteristics of honesty, character, hard work, and her general contribution to the school.

The Caring Heart Award, sponsored by the North American Division and given in recognition of leadership and personal commitment to witnessing and service activities, was awarded to Edwin Garcia-Mencia. This award comes with the gift of a Bible and a \$500 voucher to the Adventist school of choice.

With a GPA of 4.108, Austinb Rotinsulu was recognized as valedictorian for the class of 2019. He was an outstanding academic and spiritual leader, serving as student chaplain.

-- Jill Harlow; photo supplied

Mile High Academy Celebrates Graduation for Seniors and 8th Graders »

This week, as the faculty and administration walk the empty halls of Mile High

"Make God your entire dependence."

-- Ellen G. White



Healthy Nugget

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

-- C.S. Lewis

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Academy, they reflect on the momentous celebrations of last week.



They watched their littlest Kindergartners moving up to first grade, their 27 eighth graders marching proudly onto the stage to become upper schoolers, and of course, their 16 seniors, who have worked hard to receive their diplomas and have their tassels moved from one side to the other. Each beamed as they shook hands with Principal Kase Vunileva.

These badges of honor are celebrated because accomplishments should be acknowledged. Family, friends, faculty, and staff all had a part, small or large, in taking these students from that Kindergartner in their tiny cap and gown to the regal senior whose shiny cords tell us they have made it. -- Agape Hammond; photo by Dog Daze Photo

Fort Collins Christian School Awarded Highest Accreditation »

Fort Collins Christian School received the maximum assessment rating possible (Six-year Clear) from the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) and the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA) on May 8, 2019. This marks the second time the school has received this rating, after receiving it in 2012. "The Lord has blessed the school with excellent teachers and great support from the Fort Collins Church community," said Keiko Breese, head teacher at the school.



Among the highlights mentioned by the accreditation team



Upcoming Events

**Mile High Academy
Graduation**
May 25, 8:30 p.m.

**Campion Academy
Graduation**
May 26, 10 a.m.

INTEL Class
May 31 - June 1

Staff Meeting
June 4

NE Camp Meeting
June 7-8

Hispanic Pastors Meeting
June 10

GVR Board
June 18

**Property & Trust
Committee**
June 19

Staff Meeting
July 2

Cowboy Camp Meeting
July 10-14

Hispanic Men's Retreat
July 12-14

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 16-20

MSR Meeting
July 21, 8:30 a.m.

**Wyoming Taskforce
Meeting**

were the school's new facility, its state-licensed preschool, the great parent-student support, quality teaching and supporting staff as well as excellent church family support.

The school and church facility, built in 2018 on Timberline Street in Fort Collins, was designed with beautiful aesthetics and with safety in mind. The visiting team was impressed with the intentional plan of the building and appreciated the concentration on student and staff safety with its entrance door monitoring system, the number of cameras throughout the building, and regular emergency drills. Another plus is the location of the school in a great community next to the Fort Collins Police Services building.

The team commended the school for their new-this-year, state-licensed preschool for children (ages 3-6). Preschool director, Keiko Breese completed the state-licensed processes necessary to begin the preschool in August of last year, and put in place Jessica Reeder, a creative teacher for her preschool students.

The team noted that the desire to live and teach Christ-like behavior has had an impact, as seen in the parent and student surveys. Parents regarded the school as a safe place for their children, noted that the educational program was of high quality, and believed they were receiving value for their investment. In their surveys, students unanimously said their teachers cared about them, and they felt safe in their school. Half of the students who took the Iowa Test of Basic Achievement (ITBS) scored above 80-90 percent compared to the students of the same grade across the United States.

The visitation team was impressed with the warm, caring, and welcoming staff, which include Jessica Reeder, Dennis Breese, and Keiko Breese, all experienced, and talented teachers, who work together to provide the best environment for their students to thrive. The school also has knowledgeable and caring teacher's aides and volunteers from the church, including Daniel Birai, lead pastor of the Fort Collins Church, who provides a weekly Wednesday worship and teaches PE for grades 2-8 on Mondays and Wednesdays. The visiting team noted that the school has a stated imperative of increased spiritual opportunities for each student with active pastoral involvement and a variety of specific programs.

The accreditation visiting team was also impressed with the diversity of service opportunities for students, including the Bags of Love project, Women's Shelter project, and music performances at nursing homes. The team commended the school for the variety of co-curriculum activities offered including sewing, woodworking, after-school soccer practice, Pathfinders and Adventurer clubs. The visiting team

July 21, 10 a.m.

Western Slope Camp Meeting

July 31 - August 3

INTEL Class

August 2 - 3

Staff Meeting

August 6

NAD Pathfinder Camporee -- Oshkosh

August 12 - 17

GVR Board

August 20

Property & Trust Committee

August 21

Pastoral Couples Retreat

August 23 - 25

Executive Committee

August 27

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 30 - September 1



Story Guidelines: We want to share your

news! » News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and

applauded the school for their emphasis on increased learning goals in cooperation with all stakeholders as evidenced in the adaption of the STEAM program and receiving of a \$5,000 grant which helped to acquire Chromebooks, iPads, and mobile STEAM labs.

The Fort Collins Christian School has strong church support, whose members regularly pray for the teachers and students, and provide unwavering financial support, making it possible to keep tuition rates affordable.

The team commended the school and church for not only their effective collaboration, which provides a caring and supportive environment for optimal learning and safety, but also for the positive atmosphere they have created that incorporates the CHERISH core values.

-- Keiko Breese; photo by Randy Lagumbay

Countdown to Camp! » Young adults, passionate about camp ministry, will arrive in Boulder on June 2. After feasting on ice cream at Sweet Cow, they will make the trek up to Glacier View Ranch. It will be time to begin an intensive two-week preparation for this season's summer camps! A few days later, more than 60 young people will arrive, each one with a passion and talent to share at summer camp. Some will be cooking, some counseling, and others leading a variety of activities from arts and crafts to swimming, climbing, biking, and horseback riding.

As of May 24, camper reservations reached 520, down only 30 from the same time last year despite the fact that GVR is holding one fewer week of kids' camps to accommodate for a longer staff week. This change was made to increase staff preparedness and health as well as to fit in an increasing number of state-mandated employee trainings.

When the final preparations are made and campers begin to arrive with bright eyes and nervous anticipation on June 16, they'll move in to cabins, meet counselors, make friends and begin the experience of a lifetime. It will be their best summer ever, complete with notching arrows, saddling horses, making leather sandals, painting with boxing gloves, jumping off the deep end, and tipping canoes, all while learning to be at "home" with Jesus!

If you're on the fence about signing up for camp, be aware that the sessions are filling up fast. Cub Camp is completely full for girls and only has space for a few more boys. Junior Camp is nearing capacity as well. Additionally, camp directors are reminding everyone that reservations cannot be accepted within 10 days of each session's start dates, per a licensing requirement that went into affect last year. All this means, sign up for camp before it's too late!

institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

-- Kiefer
Dooley; photo
by Jessyka
Dooley



Out of Tragedy Comes Love

» On April 12, 2018 a terrible accident happened. Little Jude Wilson, less than a month away from his second birthday, was accidentally killed when his young mother, not realizing he was behind her car, struck Jude while she was

backing out of the driveway. He passed away on the way to the hospital.

As part of her ongoing healing process, Jude's grandmother, Lana Wilson is helping mothers in need. She and her husband Darrell Wilson turned that pain of loss into hope and the sharing of God's love.



They bought a brand new bassinet, along with swaddling blankets, diapers, non-toxic soaps, and many other items and presented this gift to a young mother who just a couple weeks away from having her first baby. To date this one bassinet has turned into 15 including two to a mother in Castle Rock who is expecting twins.

Lana recalls, "My entire family was down and very saddened but I felt that the Holy Spirit was really nudging me

to do this. I had the idea to do something like this for a long time prior to Jude's death, but our loss kicked me into action."

Jude's Bassinet is a ministry that not only helps Lana and mothers in need to provide a safe and comfortable environment for their newborn baby, but it also helps those who have been involved with the ministry. True Life Community Seventh-day Adventist Church members have raised money, offered numerous prayers, and donated items for the bassinets.

God has also opened doors for Lana to make presentations in other Seventh-day Adventist church congregations.

Lana is hoping to do the same in other churches. "We are looking for people who would like to help in a five different ways:

1. Schedule a time before or after your worship service to have Lana and her team present Jude's Bassinet to your church family.
2. Donate items or money. Each fully loaded bassinet with all items cost more than \$300.
3. Pray for the ministry. Without prayers, Jude's Bassinet is just a distribution point. We want to be an influence for Jesus in the lives of expectant mothers in need.
4. Refer a mother in need. Most referrals come from the community at large. It makes no difference whether or not that mother-to-be attends any church at all.
5. Be a Jude's Bassinet coordinator for your church community. As Jude's Bassinet expands, we will work with one person from each church family who like to coordinate JB events, make announcements, and more.

We want to create a network throughout churches, neighborhoods and cities that show the love of Jesus.

If you would like to have Lana and her team bring Jude's Bassinet to your congregation, you can contact her to schedule. You can also visit Jude's Bassinet website at JudesBassinet.com or at [Facebook.com/Jude's Bassinet](https://www.facebook.com/Jude's-Bassinet).

-- David Nicodemus; photo supplied

IN MEMORIAM

Don C. Schneider, former president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD), passed away Thursday morning, May 23, 2019, in Texas, where he was living with Marti, his wife and partner in ministry. He was 76.

Schneider served as NAD president for 10 years. He was elected to the office in 2000 at the General Conference Session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Prior to this, he served



as Lake Union Conference president for almost six years. “Don was a tremendous leader within the North American Division. We were blessed by his service in our Conference

as an administrator and pastor as he, and his wife Marti, served the Denver South congregation following his retirement from NAD in 2010,” commented RMC president, Ed Barnett.

“Above all, he was known as a friend of Jesus. He was passionate to introduce Jesus to all, “ he added.

The RMC office staff will remember him and Marti for leading a Reformation tour in Germany in 2013. The Schneiders served the Denver South congregation between August 2011 and March 2013.

Pastor Schneider's connection to the region included being president of the Wyoming Conference (before it became RMC) from July 1977 - July 1978. He then served as Rocky Mountain Conference president from June 1985 - May 1989.

Schneider's funeral service was held in Keene, Texas, on Tuesday, May 28. RMC was represented by Eric Nelson, VP for administration.

He is survived by Marti, daughter Carol, son Don Jr., and daughter-in-law Dorothy.

--RMCNews with NAD NewsPoints

CAMP MEETINGS

NE Colorado -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson

Cowboy -- Location: Uncompaghre National Forest near Silver Jack Reservoir, July 10-14, Speakers: Ron Price/Ed Barnett

Wyoming -- Casper, July 16-20; Speakers: Ron Halvorsen Jr. (adults); Joe Martin (youth).

Western Slope -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews University

Hispanic Camp Meeting--Glacier View Ranch --August 30-September 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campion VBS » VBS is coming **June 3-7** from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Campion Academy gymnasium. Based on the characters in the award-winning Discovery Mountain audio program, the new Voice of Prophecy Vacation Bible School program *RESCUED -- Safe in Jesus* will help you discover a story of faith and a journey toward trust in Jesus with Noah and his family who take an adventure in Discovery Mountain at Fall Camp. It will be a trip your child will never forget. To register, go to the following link <https://vbspro.events/p/80e158>. Campion Academy is located at 300 42nd Street, SW, Loveland CO 80537, 970-667-7403.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Vista Ridge Academy » is hiring for the 2019-2020 school year. We need a **Part-time ECE Aide** (20-24 hours/week) to assist in our Preschool and PreK/Kindergarten classrooms. State licensing requirements a must; however, we are willing to help update the employee with the necessary classwork/paperwork.

Part time Extended Care Supervisor (10-12 hours/week) to supervise students, ages 5-15, after school Monday-Friday. Candidate must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and possess current U.S work authorization. For additional information regarding duties, expectations and how to apply, please contact Sandy Hodgson at shodgson@vistaridge.org.

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time **Human Resources Assistant**. Qualified candidates will have exceptional computer and organizational skills and the ability to process highly complex and detail-oriented information. The HR Assistant understands the importance of process and follow through and has the highest levels of ethical integrity. Candidates must be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and possess current U.S work authorization. For additional information regarding duties, expectations and how to apply, please visit the RMC website at: <https://www.rmcsda.org/hr-human-resources-assistant>.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

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--Editor

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