



NEWS NUGGETS

Friday, August 24, 2018

Enrollment Continues to Increase at Vista Ridge

Academy » Vista Ridge Academy's new school year began on Monday, August 20 with an increased enrollment of 13 percent—for a total of 85 students. The school has seen a 51 percent increase over the last two school years; the 2016-2017 school year had 56 students.



Students, parents and teachers came to school showing signs of excitement and nervousness. Sandy Hodgson, principal and fifth and sixth grade teacher, greeted them at the door as they arrived. "It's so exciting to see the kids coming in, renewing old friendships and making new ones," said Hodgson.

Second graders expressed their excitement about being back in school. "I got some more friends, a moose on my locker, and Mrs. Sanchez is a great teacher," one said. Another agreed, saying "I like reading books, to play with my teacher, and to go outside and yell."

As parents dropped their children off, there were goodbye waves, hugs, and tears, after which parents could attend the annual Boo-Hoo and Yahoo Breakfast where they could both cry and rejoice about their kids being back in school, followed by a school-wide prayer session. After teachers and staff were introduced, Monica Wernick, school board chair, kicked off the year with a prayer of thanks.

Last spring, the school started purchasing new technology for the classrooms and computer lab. This school year, the

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

— Nelson Mandela

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seventh and eighth grade students will each receive a brand new laptop. Teacher Andrew Jones is excited to have this new technology in his classroom. "I'm looking forward to using the new technology we've acquired to help students get excited about learning," Jones said.

Many great events planned for this school year will commence on Friday, August 24, with students participating in the Field Day organized by Marit Guild, the art, physical education, and technology teacher. Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, and students are looking forward to having a new playground installed in mid-September.

--Marsha Bartulec, text and photo

Campion Academy Welcomes Largest Freshman Class in 20 Years »

At Campion Academy's annual "Handshake", an event that involves the entire student body lining up to shake hands with each staff member, the freshman section was notably much larger than seen in recent years. Blessed with 42 students enrolled in the freshman class, It is the largest class in the academy.

"Having a large freshman class is a healthy indicator for positive enrollment," commented Principal Don Reeder, "It encourages us on our enrollment for future years, but more importantly, it means we have more students who will experience Christ, fall in love with Him, and then be prepared to share Him with the world, which is our mission."



In the last ten years, freshman enrollment has averaged about 29 students. Each class usually grows in numbers every year, especially during their junior year, as many students come to Campion from junior academies. The 2018 graduating class had 40 students, as does this year's senior class.

Official enrollment for the school year was at 145 until Thursday morning when a dad called to say, "My daughter said she made a mistake [by not enrolling at Campion] and was on her way."

Campion Academy strives to maintain its focus on providing



Upcoming Events

Hispanic Camp Meeting
August 31- September 2

Labor Day -- Office Closed
September 3

Staff Meeting
September 4

Prayer Summit
September 7-9

Hispanic INTEL Class
September 7-8

Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention
September 14-16

Hispanic Net 2018
September 21-23

Executive Committee
September 25, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Retreat
September 28-30

Hispanic Women's Retreat -- GVR
October 5-7

GVR Board
October 16

RMC Property & Trust
October 17, 9:30 a.m.

Hispanic Youth Congress
October 26-28

Hispanic INTEL Class
November 2-3

Hispanic Pastors Meeting

a Christ-centered education, and that has been the primary draw for the freshmen and their families. Kylie, a freshman from Kearney, Nebraska explained, “My brother came here, and what I’ve noticed about Campion is that God is the center of the campus. They really make sure we know that our studies are important, but God is more important, and He’s the main One to turn to in life.”

Robyn, a freshman from Cortez, Colorado agreed, saying, “I came to Campion because it is a Christian school. I am excited that I get to be part of LM (literature ministry) and help show others about Jesus.”

While the size of the freshman class is encouraging, Campion Academy is still seeking to increase enrollment. In the past year, they have been expanding the territory for recruiting, being central to many states and regions that do not have boarding academies, including Utah, the Texico Conference region, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Jadon, a freshman from Los Alamos, New Mexico is the first one in his family to attend Campion Academy. “I came to Campion for a Christian experience and independence. I’m excited about sports, making new friends, and taking new classes,” he commented.

Campion is also seeking to expand its global impact by recruiting students from around the world. Currently, students from China, Japan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, and Mexico attend Campion, and Campion is establishing relationships with potential students in Brazil and Spain for upcoming years.

One goal of Campion’s school board and administration is to increase its endowment to 10 million dollars in order to offer more financial aid to students who would otherwise be unable to attend. “We have a mission to train students for service in Christ, and we want to be able to open our doors to any student who feels called to be here,” Reeder affirmed.

-- Jill Harlow, text and photo

Campion Academy Welcomes Largest Freshman Class in 20 Years » Responding to suggestions on a 2017 church survey, the Family Life Committee of the Campion Church began offering a series of free, open-to-the-community classes. Held in Campion Academy classrooms and called Life Development Center, they began last year by offering Financial Peace University, How to Study the Bible, Difficult Bible Texts, and Handling Grief one night a week for six to eight weeks.

This year, a new group of classes, taught by well-qualified teachers, is being offered and will lead up to the fall evangelistic series.

November 5

Hispanic Lay Leaders Training

November 11

Executive Committee

November 26

Hispanic INTEL Graduation

Sunday, December 2



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 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@mcscda.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



“People are so busy any more it is difficult to find a time they can attend a class, but we hope by having them just once a week it will be a help and not a burden. Child care will be available too, so we hope young couples will take advantage of this opportunity,” offers Sandy Eickmann, chair of the Family Life Committee.

Because of the number of recent deaths in area Adventist churches, the grief class will be offered again. Attendees will learn ways to process grief and support others through their losses. It will be taught by Sandy Eickmann, a licensed professional counselor, and Carolyn Sadler, a school psychologist.

Sacred Marriage will be taught by Dr. Micheal Goetz and his wife Melanie. “Marriage is the most sacred and important relationship on earth and has the most potential for good and for pain. Whether you are preparing for marriage, or looking to grow in your marriage, this class will be very meaningful,” they say.

A fun class will be taught by Michael Morss, Photography 101. “Everybody wants to be a photographer,” says Morss, “and with digital cameras and smart phones, a lot of pictures are taken. But they are not always the best; and what are you going to do with them once you have taken them?” Morss will try to help answer these questions. The class will be an introduction to digital cameras and basic image editing software. No prior photography experience is required. Other area photographers will also help present material.

Dr. Dick Stenbakken and Ardis Stenbakken will teach a course in communication and how to avoid conflict using *Couple Communication*, with material developed by Drs. Sherod and Phyllis Miller. The Stenbakkens have both been trained by the Millers. In the class you will learn how to speak so others will listen, and how to listen so others will speak. “A roadmap for better relationships, and practical, usable information,” comment the Stenbakkens. Dick Stenbakken has used this material in thousands of hours of counseling in his ministry as a military chaplain and found it “most useful.” They will be assisted as well by Monica Puckett, MA Psychology. The Life Development Center classes will run from September 5 to October 10 Wednesday evenings in the Campion

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.

Academy classroom building at 6:30 pm. The Academy is located at 300 42nd Street SW in Loveland. Registration is not necessary except for child care. If you need childcare, you must call 970-667-7403 so that appropriate care givers are ready.

-- Ardis Stenbakken

In Support of Abused Victims » *Imagine being sexually abused as a child. Imagine being physically assaulted by your husband, repeatedly, and living in fear for your life. Imagine having a young child you're also trying to protect from this abuse...*

For many, it won't take much to imagine because it is an experience that many women, and even men, have experienced.

Now, compound that abuse by living in Romania where there are so few resources to provide help and support to victims of abuse of any kind, and where the mindset about abuse, in general, is many years behind the times. Imagine having to keep the abuse a secret, having no one believe you, having people tell you to "suck it up and take it," that "it's not that bad," or worse, having others blame you for the abuse you're enduring.

I live in Wyoming, where my husband Steve pastors a four-church district. We love it here and yet, even here, we have discovered that the topic of abuse is not always one that people are open to discuss or contemplate, even though it happens all around us each day.

How does one escape the abuse? How does one heal from it? How does one raise awareness about it and bring about a change in the community consciousness?

This is where The Hope of Survivors steps in. Having a non-profit organization in Romania, we have worked to change the mindset and to bring about awareness of the issue of abuse since 2009. We have taught pastors and church leaders at their worker's meetings. We have held seminars in congregations, shared sermons about abuse cases from the Bible and shared our personal testimony. We have met with victims, shared their burdens, given them hope...all by God's power and grace!

Now, we are asking for YOUR help. The scenario above is not just from our imagination—it is a real case in Romania. This precious young woman has left her abusive husband and is trying her best to provide for herself and her child, all on her own, which is no small feat in a country like Romania.

We want to help. In fact, we want to offer her a job with The Hope of Survivors' Romania Division (THOS-RO). That's right, for \$6,000, we can provide a full-time salary for this woman

who will then be able to carry the work of THOS-RO forward and reach many more victims who are in desperate need of hope and healing. Are you willing to help us help her? If so, please donate online

at <http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/donate.php>.

-- Samantha Nelson

A CARING EMBRACE

Words are not enough to soothe the pain experienced by Ed Barnett and his family this week. His younger sister DeAnn passed away unexpectedly after a short illness. There is no doubt she will be greatly missed. May the Lord dry your tears and embrace you and your family. May He grant you peace. We all look forward to that day when the Lord will wipe away our tears. As we wait for that day, the RMC office family offers you a caring embrace.



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LAST CAMP MEETING DATE 2018

Hispanic Camp Meeting:

Aug 31-Sept 3 Glacier View Ranch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Adventurers Club » New Adventurers Club coming to Denver! We are very excited to announce that the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church ([2675 S. Downing St.](#)) will welcome children, pre-K to 4th grade, to join a fun and

educational club. The mission of the Adventurer Club ministry is to serve an intercultural community of children and their parents or guardians and assist Adventurer families in growing as followers of Jesus! For more information and to find out how you can volunteer as a staff member, contact Humberto Mateo, Adventurer Director at 813-924-713.

Littleton Church » The Jerry Nelson Piano Concert will take place at the 11 o'clock worship service on Sabbath, **September 1**. You will not only be ministered to, but encouraged, inspired and uplifted through music and song. Our very own 99-year-old, Lucile Claridge, will be playing a duet with him.

Jerry is an internationally-celebrated concert pianist who has performed on all continents, except Antarctica. He has accompanied such artists as Glen Campbell, Sandi Patti, Tom Netherton and Steve Amerson. As a composer, arranger, conductor and studio producer, he has conducted orchestras from London and Tel Aviv to Nashville and Los Angeles. *"Jerry, you're one musician who stands out in my career," says Dino Kartsonnakis, concert pianist. You present Christ with such clarity...you're a great inspiration to me and thousands around the world."*

Catch a glimpse of Jerry's unique message and style at his website: www.JerryNelsonMusic.com.

There is no admission charge.

Prayer Summit » DON'T MISS Prayer Summit coming up in two weeks, **SEPTEMBER 7-9** at Glacier View Ranch. We'll pray together and learn dynamic ways to strengthen our personal prayer lives AND reach our communities through prayer! There's only one week left to register! www.rmcsda.org/prayer or call 303-243-1172 Really - *don't miss it!*

Mental Health Certification » Learn to recognize the people around you who are experiencing hopelessness with thoughts of suicide and get certified in the process. This two-day, 8-hour certification class will be held **September 8 and 15** from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Aurora Church sanctuary and will give you a 3-year certificate allowing you to work as a mental health first-aid responder for anyone having a mental health crisis.

Taught by Lucille Campbell who holds a Master's in Public Health and is the former director of The Center of African-American Health, the class fee is \$20, which includes teaching materials. Passing the test at the end of the seminar gives you the certificate.

Write your check to the Aurora 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church and mail it no later than September 5 to Aurora 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church, 11400 E Mississippi Avenue, Aurora CO 80012. For further information, contact Health & Disabilities leader Yvonne Johnson at 303-905-6071.

Diabetes UNDONE » By 2020, 1 in 2 people will have diabetes or pre-diabetes. Save the dates of Sunday, September 9 (8:30 a.m. to noon); and Monday evenings September 9- October 8 (5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) for a diabetes prevention and reversal program presented at the Twin Peaks Adventist Church at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027. The \$149 registration fee includes media presentations by Dr. Wes Youngberg, author of *Goodbye Diabetes* and dietician Brenda Davis, author of *Defeating Diabetes*, a Plant to Plate cookbook, workbook and handouts, online extended education, glucometer and hemoglobin A1C test, plant-based food recipes and sampling, and 8 Laws to a Better, Longer Life DVD. Registration closes August 31. Program size is limited to 10 people plus their spouses. Contact Rosemary Cook at 303-465-4010 for more information and to reserve your spot for a new lease on life.

Franktown Church » Mike Tucker, from *Faith for Today television*, will host a **FREE live Seminar**, “MAD ABOUT MARRIAGE”. Learn how to maximize your connection, create safety in your relationship, and avoid the negative issues that threaten marriage. Explore ways to stay “Madly in Love” forever!

September 14, Friday evening, 6:30 p.m. Check-In; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Seminar Sessions

September 15, Saturday, 2:00-5:30 p.m. Seminar Sessions; 5:30 p.m. Reception

Seminar will take place at the Franktown Seventh-day Adventist Church, [905 N. Hwy 83, Franktown CO 80116](#).

Register at www.madaboutmarriage.com Pre-registration reserves your materials. For more information, call or email wendy@franktownsda.org, 303-688-8687.

Childcare available only by reservation, email local host with children’s names & ages.

Western Slope Women's Retreat » A women's retreat will be held on the Western Slope September 14 - 16 at Mountain Top Retreat, [339 Bible Camp Rd., Montrose, CO](#). It is just 15 miles south of Montrose, adjacent to the Uncompahgre National Forest.

Guest speaker, Jeanie Ryan, will speak under the theme, “Bear One Another’s Burdens”. Features

include music, a Scripture walk, hayride, and other fun Sabbath evening activities. Please plan on spending a relaxing and spiritual weekend in the mountains. For questions and registration, call Judy Kelley at 970-249-7237 as soon as possible.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Convention » To register for the Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention, coming **September 14-16**, go to www.rmcap.org.

Women's Retreat » “Branded in Christ,” RMC women's retreat will be held at Glacier View Ranch **September 28-30**. Heather-Dawn Small, Women's Ministries Director for our SDA world church, is our featured speaker. View the brochure at: www.rmcsda.org/women. Registration is online and begins July 15. For questions email deeannb@rmcsda.org, or text/call 303-243-1172.

9Health Fair » Vista Ridge Academy will host a 9Health Fair on Friday, **September 28** from 7 a.m. to noon. We are looking for volunteers, both medical and non-medical, to help in a variety of areas. Consider donating your time and expertise! To sign up as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.9healthfair.org/health-fairs/fall/288/index> or contact Marsha Bartulec at mbartulec@vistaridge.org or 303-828-4944.

The Appearing » Churches across North America will present a new series from the Voice of Prophecy called *The Appearing* **October 11-15**. Hosted by Pastor Shawn Boonstra and local pastors, this five-part event follows in the footsteps of the award-winning *Shadow Empire* and *A Pale Horse Rides* series and will only be available in local churches. It will combine cutting-edge media with Bible clarity to reveal what Scripture actually says about the Second Coming. An all-new book and Bible studies will also be available. Visit appearing.org to find a location near you and watch for many more to be added in the coming weeks. Don't see your church on the list? Encourage them to sign up at www.appearing.org/host.

Discover Israel: A Journey of Faith » See Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee and many other biblical locations on this journey of faith March 11-19, 2019. You can travel with Pastor Gordon from the Arvada Church on this amazing adventure. Sign up by September 12 by following this link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/871840>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mile High Academy » Mile High Academy has immediate openings for the 2018-2019 school year for two part-time drivers for our transportation routes. Qualified candidates will be at least 21 years old, possess, or be able to obtain, a current Colorado driver's license (Commercial Driver's License not necessary) have no more than two traffic citations and no at fault accidents during the last three years. Candidates must also possess current U.S. work authorization. While maintaining the dignity and respect for all students, the driver's primary responsibility is the safety of students while transporting them to and from school. To apply, please send an email to Vivien Vasquez to request an application (vivienv@rmcsda.org) or contact her by phone at [303-282-3653](tel:303-282-3653).

HMS Richards Elementary » Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ [\(970\) 667-2427](tel:970-667-2427).

Vista Ridge Academy » Seeking candidates for a **Part-time Aide in Preschool and PreK/Kindergarten** (20+ hours per week). Candidates must be active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Completion of ECE state licensing requirements for a preschool teacher is a bonus, but not required.

Also seeking candidates for a **Part-time Extended Care Supervisor** (8-10 hours per week). Candidates must be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and available to work after school.

For more information, please contact Sandy Hodgson at 303.828.4944 or shodgson@vistaridge.org.

ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus » Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - **ESL Teacher Needed**

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

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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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see:<http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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