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### Campion Alumni Weekend Celebrates 107 Years »

More than 850 alumni and friends gathered at Campion Academy the weekend of September 25-27 to reconnect with friends and teachers, as well as learn of progress and some challenges of today’s alma mater.

Since its doors opened in 1907, Campion Adventist Academy has impacted the lives of many students. The annual return of its alumni is one demonstration of that.

Paul Kravig, 1940 graduate and the oldest alumnus in attendance, affirmed the idea that alumni weekend celebrates the relationships built between classmates, teachers, and families. He currently lives in Sun City, Arizona.

“Alumni weekend is about former students reconnecting with a school that helped form who they are today . . . and reconnecting with friendships they made when they were students at Campion,” Marilyn Jackson, Campion’s director of alumni and development said, agreeing with Kravig,

One important figure who showed up on campus was former principal, Dick Duerksen, featured speaker for the weekend and until recently program host for Maranatha Mission Stories, a weekly television program.

The weekend featured a vespers by Bill Hay on the recent mission trips taken to Belize with Campion students to build and improve the campus of Belize Adventist Junior College.

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**Upcoming Events**  
**Women's Retreat: "Garden Getaway"**  
*October 2 - 3*  
Colorado Western Slope  
(Grand Junction)

**RMC Staff Meeting**  
*October 6, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.*

Another weekend highlight was the impact the student literature evangelism (LE) program, led by Joe Martin, has had on Campion students. For 25 years Joe has mentored students in a door-to-door canvassing ministry.

“God has always had a plan to use our young people to finish spreading the gospel,” he said. On Sabbath morning, Literature evangelism workers from past and present shared stories about the life skills they learned and how they drew closer to Christ working as a student LE.



Other highlights of the weekend included the Reeder Classic golf tournament at Ute Creek, performances by Campion’s music groups, a Hymn Fest, and a motorcycle ride on Sunday morning.

Honorable Roger Bradley, Superior Court Judge from Ellijay, Georgia, and Campion graduate of 1960, expressed his appreciation for the financial aid he received as a student. He still invests in Adventist education for young people and is an example of others who help to make Christian education possible for many students through their financial gifts.

“We are thankful for the willingness of our alumni and friends to pay it forward to our students today,” Marilyn Jackson added. [Marilyn Jackson with Jennifer Sigler] *Photos: top -- Dr. Robert Horner pointing to a photograph of his aunt, Alice Beaird, who was the first graduate in 1911 [photo by Don Reeder]; bottom photo -- Campion Academy alumni LE group with Joe Martin (center) [photo by Cassie Carr].*



**Mile High Academy Hosts RMC Executive Committee Meeting »** When the Rocky Mountain Conference Executive Committee met at Mile High Academy on September 29, for several of its members the visit to the newly-opened facility in Denver’s Highlands Ranch was their first. “This is the nicest Adventist K-12 day school in the North American Division, I was told by the education leaders,” remarked Ed Barnett, introducing the school to the committee members. The committee attendees took a tour of the school with principal Kase Vunileva, proudly explaining the new, spacious, and contemporary-looking areas.

The agenda items, which the committee reviewed, included the financial statement for the conference for the end of August. George Crumley, VP of finance, reported base tithe being up by 3.73 percent, and a 12 percent increase for Rocky Mountain Advance fund.

**NAD/MAUC Children's Leadership Conference**  
October 9 - 11  
Mid-America Union  
Conference Office

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**WY District Tour**  
October 11  
October 17 -- Casper

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**CHIP Training Workshop**  
October 17, 18  
Campion Church  
Contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or chip@skybeam.com

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**GVR Board**  
October 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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**RMC Property & Trust Committee**  
October 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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**NAD Year-End Meetings**  
October 29 - November 4


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**RMC Staff Meeting**  
November 17, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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**Find out more...**  
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**Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »** News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information that expresses 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

A report on the school enrollment within the conference indicated a significant increase, as well as a new school opened within the RMC territory. Mile High and Campion academies are among the schools with higher enrollments in the present school year. Pueblo School re-opened after being closed for several years with eight new students enrolled.

The committee heard a presentation indicating the current need to expand the service offerings of Adventist Community Services. According to Debbie Jackson, Executive Director, ACS is seeing positive changes to how poverty in the community is being addressed, but the organization continues to be challenged by a need to further update its facilities, raise its visibility, as well as increase its fundraising efforts. Remarking about the early support from local congregations, Jackson shared her vision to make ACS a household name again in the church throughout RMC.

The conference leadership announced an upcoming officer tour of Wyoming districts, proposed for October 11-17.

Ministerial personnel changes were also reported -- Bob McAlpine will pastor Alamosa and Monte Vista churches; Gary Force will pastor Durango and Aztec churches; and Regan Scherencel has accepted a call to the Kansas/Nebraska Conference. He has served nine years in the Worland, Ten Sleep, Cody and Powell district. Two church districts in Wyoming are in need of ministerial service. *[Rajmund Dabrowski; Photo: Executive Committee members are taking a tour of the new Mile High School with Kase Vunileva, principal (right) explaining new, spacious, and contemporary-looking school areas. [Photo by Rajmund Dabrowski © 2015]*

**Engaging With Navajo Life Needs is Key to Sharing Faith »**

Last month’s super moon went blood red in its full eclipse, a frightening astronomical event for some of the students at La Vida Mission. Coming from a traditional Navajo background, eclipse viewing is taboo since they believe “looking at the moon could shorten their lives,” explains Dolores Bentley, mission director and special design teacher.



The ancient Navajo would stop all their activities during an eclipse, according to Arnold Clifford, Navajo ethnobotanist. Responding to interest from *Indian Country*, he commented that the Navajos would “stop the ceremonies. They didn’t eat, they didn’t drink water, they stayed inside, they avoided all that darkness, that evil influence that was coming down on them.” At La Vida Mission, the recent full eclipse was felt in a Navajo way.

La Vida Mission, however, expresses much, much more and is a special place, unlike any other Adventist school in North America. It had its beginnings in the 1940s in a one-room trading post infested with mice. Over the years, the school, cafeteria, medical clinic, and church were built by volunteer labor and are a testimony to faithful sharing of a Christian vision.

Today, 26 Navajo students attend the school, a fulfillment of the dream given to a young Navajo girl of many moccasined feet walking into the light of Jesus and the result of labors and dedication by another woman, Veda Scholder, after whom the mission was named.

The dream continues to evolve after more than 50 years of service. The current mission administration is looking to the future

church members.

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with long-range plans that include self-supporting industries and vocational classes.

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## RMC FAMILY NEWS



The Youth Department welcomes **Shannon Werner** who will oversee the Kaleo Project and act as program coordinator, responsibilities previously carried by Jamey Houghton who is now pastoring the Franktown Church and Joanna Rivera who resumed her studies at Andrews University.

Shannon comes to us from Camp Wawona near Yosemite, where she served as director of outdoor education and assistant summer camp director. She is a graduate of Southern Adventist University and is married to Nathan Werner.

Shannon previously worked at Camp Wawona with Anthony Handal, RMC's assistant youth director. She also worked with Steve Hamilton at Camp Yavapines in Arizona.

"We're delighted to have her on our team," says Steve Hamilton.

"She's new to the team, but not new to us.

October 1 was her first day in the office.

## RMC BAPTISMS

- Arvada:** Elena Ciobanu
- Chapel Haven:** Francisca Richardson
- Cortez:** Joseph Traucht
- Newcastle:** Judy Johnson, Lynn Morrison, Joanna Shuck
- Denver Central:** Abigail Bonilla, Miriam Bonilla, Fidelina Montano, Alfredo Portillo, Avel Medina, Mike Mayo, Stephany Teran, Gloria Sena, Angelita Robles, Alfonzo Bonilla, Maik Luria, Anel Medina
- Littleton:** Arianne Dubois, John Thomas, Leah Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Myles Thomas
- Nueva Esperanza:** Luis Gonzalez, Miguel Enriguez, Lesly Luna
- Woodland Park:** Susan Noel, Jeffrey Rice

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week, M-Th) Assistant to help out in its Treasury Department. To learn more about this position and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-treasury-assistant>.

The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting

applications for a full-time (38 hours per week, M-Th) Administrative Assistant to support the conference's three officers: President, Vice President for Administration and Vice President for Finance. To learn more about this position and how to apply, go to <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-administrative-assistant-opening>

The **Voice of Prophecy** in Loveland, Colorado, is looking for a full-time departmental assistant, as well as a DISCOVER Bible School trainer. View the full job descriptions and apply at [vop.com/jobs](http://vop.com/jobs).

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**RMC EVENTS**

**"Garden Getaway" Women's Retreat Set for October 3 »** Women's Ministry Department is looking forward to presenting their "Garden Getaway" retreat on the Western Slope. Registration for a one-day retreat on Sabbath, October 3, at the Grand Vista Hotel Convention Room (2790 Crossroads Blvd., Grand Junction) is currently open.

The program includes a special outreach event on Sunday, October 4. According to DeeAnn Bragaw, "participants will go to a women's shelter where we'll bless them with a free spa day! You will love the Scripture, music, laughter, and fun at this retreat for women of all ages, reminding us that God is with us and for us in every season of life!" Sign up at [www.rmcsda.org/women](http://www.rmcsda.org/women). If you plan to stay at the hotel, make your own reservation separate from the retreat registration. For questions, contact Ginger Bell at 720-980-9006.



**RMC Young Adult Day »** Under the theme, *Own It*, the Boulder Adventist Church will be hosting Rocky Mountain Conference's Young Adult Day on October 24. **Paddy McCoy**, chaplain at Walla Walla University, is the presenter for what is anticipated to be great fellowship and worship!

**Coronary Health Improvement Project Training is Coming to Campion »** The next facilitator training for CHIP in the Denver-Loveland area will take place October 17, 18 at the Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more

information, contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or [chip@skybeam.com](mailto:chip@skybeam.com).

Training to run a CHIP program is required through an approved CHIP facilitator workshop. For more information about the CHIP program or how to run one in your church or community, contact Rick Mautz at [rickm@rmcsda.org](mailto:rickm@rmcsda.org) or call 530-521-7429. Watch CHIP video at: <https://vimeo.com/78279692> or at [www.chiphealth.com](http://www.chiphealth.com).



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fall Education Expo » Adventist University of Health Sciences of Denver** will hold its Fall Education Expo from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 28 at their Denver campus, 950 E. Harvard Avenue, Suite B80. Key programs will be featured, including Nursing (BSN), Radiography and Sonography.

This is a great opportunity for future students to speak with faculty and staff from the university. Representatives will also be visiting from the Orlando campus to answer questions regarding financial aid and admissions. See [poster](#).

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**Fort Lupton Church »** *Christ-centered Living in a Broken World* is the theme of the Fort Lupton series continuing through October 10. The pastoral team made up of Ed Barnett, Lonnie Hetterle, Martin Pope, Don Schraeder, Chuck DeShazer and Ted Williams will present such subjects as "Who Am I?", "Who Am I to Jesus?", "Dinner at Papa's", and "The BIG Move".

Pre-register by calling 720-466-5634 or go to [ftlupton22.adventistchurchconnect.org](http://ftlupton22.adventistchurchconnect.org). Admission is free.

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**Franktown Church » David Asscherick** will present an evangelistic series beginning at 7 pm. Wednesday, November 4 and continuing through Wednesday, November 14.

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**Golden Church »** A series beginning at 7 p.m., October 3 and continuing through October 10 will be held at the Golden Church. Presented by Pastor Eddy Perez and called, "I AM ALL YOU NEED," the series explores questions vital for existence and essential for holding on when everything seems to fall apart.

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**MAUC Office »** Children's Leadership Conference will take place at the Mid-America Union Office in Nebraska, October 9-11. For registration and other information, go to [plusline.org](http://plusline.org) or call 800-732-7587.

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**Mile High Academy »** The **annual auction** to support MHA's students will take place October 25 in the Curtis Ballroom, 5345 Landmark Place, Greenwood Village, 80111: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction and Dinner  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Live Auction  
An informative **Open House** will be held for current and/or interested parents from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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**True Life Community Church/Littleton »** Christmas comes early this year for the TLC Church in Littleton with a special women's ministry program lead by **Dr. Angie Cordova**. Save the date of October 3. For more information, call Tammy Romero, 720-621-2243.

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**Twin Peaks Fellowship (Louisville) »** A FREE concert with Jaime Jorge will take place at 5 p.m., November 1. Jaime has played in a high school setting as well as Carnegie Hall. He has played on six continents and in more than 40 countries. His music and personal of story of God's leading will captivate.

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**Vista Fellowship »** Prophecy seminars planned at Vista Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists: Prophecy seminars in both English and Spanish are being held at the Vista Fellowship Church at 701 Kimbark Street, Longmont. *A Ray of Hope* and *Descubriendo el Apocalipsis*. **Tim Jones** is

presenting the English series on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings through October 16. In Spanish, meetings feature **Carlos Muñoz** on Monday through Saturday evenings, ending on October 3. For more information, call 303-548-8601.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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**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](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

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