



MACA at a Glance

April 1, 2016

Last Call for Best MACA Night Ever

This week we had three different MACA parents tell us they had not heard about this year's auction. We then called our caterer, who was gracious enough to allow us to extend ticket sales until Monday, April 4.

Here is what one MACA Mom has to say about the auction: "I really enjoy attending the MACA auction every year because it's an event that completely benefits our teachers. Our teachers are so important to us and we enjoy spending a night honoring them for all they do for our children. Our teachers really need our support which makes it very easy for us to be a part of this special event. The staff and teachers really make it a fun night, and my husband and I really look forward to it each year."

Tickets are only \$20 which includes appetizers, dinner and dessert along with an incredible night of fun and fellowship. You may return your ticket order form Monday morning or you can email Mrs. Duvall at kim.duvall@macamd.org by noon on Monday. We are looking forward to this great evening with you as we honor our teachers.

MACA Next Step Adjunct Professors Introduced

As was communicated in a letter to our MACA family last week, we are very excited about the creation of the MACA Next Step program, a dual-enrollment program that brings college courses to the MACA campus. This will allow our seniors to take college-level courses and to begin to create their college transcripts. Another great benefit of this program is that MACA students will be able to take these advanced courses with Christian instructors.

While these courses will meet the college-level curriculum, student learning outcomes, assessment stipulations and class time requirements of Lancaster Bible College (LBC), they will do so while being taught by experienced Christian educators who have met the rigorous approval requirements to be named Adjunct Professors at LBC. Honoring God and providing a Christian classroom environment to our students is foundational to all that MACA does. We know that this is one of the reasons parents send their students to MACA and we are passionate about honoring that faith put in us. These Adjunct Professors have gone through a thorough application and review process to be deemed appropriate to teach by both MACA and LBC. We are excited to introduce these educators to you.

Dr. H. Wallace Webster. Dr. Webster will be teaching Old Testament I in the fall and Old Testament II next spring. He comes to MACA having taught for three years as a professor at Washington Bible College (WBC). During his tenure at WBC, he taught Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Gospel of John and Principles of Sports Management. He has also served

for over ten years as an Adjunct Professor at Capital Bible Seminary teaching graduate level courses in Theology of Ethics in Leadership and Leadership Development. Dr. Webster has completed a B.A. in Pastoral Ministry, an M.A. in Expository Preaching as well as a Masters of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry. We welcome him to our MACA faculty.

Dr. Lori A. Sefton. Dr. Sefton, who also serves as our Academic Dean, will be returning to the college classroom next year. She comes to MACA having taught for six years at Southern Illinois University (SIU). At SIU, she taught Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking, Advanced Public Speaking and Agricultural Communication. She also taught Small Group Communication at Owens Community College in Toledo, Ohio for one year. Her most recent teaching position was teaching Public Speaking at South Aiken Baptist Christian High School in South Carolina. Dr. Sefton completed her B.S. in Radio-TV, her M.S. in Communication Education and Ph.D. in Organizational Communication. Dr. Sefton will be teaching a high school level College and Career Planning class in the fall and College Public Speaking in the spring. Dr. Sefton already assists our seniors in the college transition process and we look forward to seeing her even more involved in this process.

Mr. Patrick Korn. Mr. Korn, whom we all know from teaching high school Bible at MACA for years, came to MACA after having served as an Adjunct Professor at Washington Bible College for four years. He taught Hermeneutics as part of Washington Bible College's Adult Degree Completion Program. Mr. Korn completed his B.A. in Pre-seminary Bible and Theology and his M.A. in Biblical Exposition. Mr. Korn will teach Hermeneutics in the fall to MACA seniors as part of their Senior Bible requirement, providing all qualified MACA seniors with three hours of college Bible credit through this MACA diploma requirement. We are excited to have Mr. Korn taking his class and our seniors to the next level in Bible Hermeneutics.

Ms. Amber Griffin. Ms. Griffin is also familiar to us. She has been teaching advanced high school English courses at MACA for four years. She came to MACA after having taught high school English for 5 ½ years in Peru at La Molina Christian School, a bilingual school located in Lima. Ms. Griffin completed her B.A. in English and her Masters of Education in History. We look forward to her teaching College English Composition this fall and U.S. History next spring. We are excited to have Ms. Griffin bring her love of English and History together in two separate college courses.

MACA's Next Step program offers great opportunities to our seniors and moves MACA's academics to the next level. We are very excited to kick off this program in the 2016-17 school year. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Dr. Lori Sefton, Academic Dean, at the school office or at lori.sefton@macamd.org.

A MACA Summer

Star Wars Camp with Coach Teixeira? Art time with Mrs. Esterly and Mrs. Bouslog? Reading and History camp with Mrs. Teixeira? Science Camp with Mrs. Finch? Who wouldn't want to come to camp? The camp courses this year are awesome! Enclosed in today's Communication

Envelope are camp brochures and the double-sided document needed to register your K-8th grader for a MACA Summer camp. Registration forms with deposit can be turned into the office at any time.

Is MACA a Cool School?

We think so! The Macaroni Kid (a website for parents providing information about all kinds of local kid-centered activities, programs and services) is hosting a cool school contest. MACA has a great shot at winning - we just need each adult to vote. You can vote once a day from Monday, April 4 through Sunday, May 1. The winning school gets prizes for each teacher, each student and a cast prize for the school. Please take a moment to read the enclosed flier and choose to vote every day for MACA - your cool school.

Seniors Report from Costa Rica

You are invited to join us next Thursday, April 7 at 8:25 a.m. as our seniors share testimonies, pictures and videos from their senior missions trip to Costa Rica. If you have supported the senior trip in any way (from supporting a fundraiser to praying while they were gone) then please come join us in Chapel to hear how God used them to minister to others.

MACA Family Night at the Ballpark - Save the Date

Join us on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick as MACA Varsity Baseball takes on New Life in what has come to be known as the "I-70 Showdown." This night of family fun begins when gates open at 6:00 p.m. with activities such as a Meet and Greet opportunity with Keyote, the Keys Mascot, and pre-game ceremonies including MACA Spring Athlete Senior Recognition and the ceremonial first pitch. Following the game, the kids are invited on to the field to run the bases. More details will follow. We look forward to a great night with MACA Nation!

7th Graders Debate Jackson's Presence on the \$20 Bill

Seventh grade students closely examined the life of Andrew Jackson and the Jacksonian Era. As you may or may not know, Jackson is a bit of an enigma. He was the first president of the "common man," who rose up from poverty, though orphaned during the Revolutionary War, to become a lawyer, a plantation owner and President. He was our first national celebrity, but in the eyes of Native Americans, he was "the devil!"



Students: Valerie Gorden, Georgia Leonard, Nate Brown and Bradley Gibney discussing Jackson's merit as a national icon.

Students in Mrs. Neilson's 7th grade History class were asked to debate the question: "Do you believe Andrew Jackson deserves the honor of being on the \$20 bill?" The students did very well and Neilson said she was proud of how enthused and engaged students were during the activity. "This is the first year that the debate lasted for the entire class period!" explained Neilson. "Many times, students ask me what my opinion is...to which I refuse to answer. If I give my opinion, the debate would be over and they wouldn't be forced to think for themselves about what their opinions are."

Neilson's students clearly enjoyed themselves during the debate, as well as learned and applied much of the information they had been studying. "I got to defend what I thought was right," said Thomas Conger. "It was fun because when you are right, you are not nervous." Valerie Gorden also enjoyed the debate. "It was an experience of what goes on now for real politicians in debates," said Gorden. "It was exciting plus it was stressful. I'm glad Mrs. Neilson chose this project for us."



Bren Wedekind presenting in the debate.

Neilson works to incorporate different projects in all her classes as a way to reach different learners. The students respond positively. "I liked it because it was a different style of learning," shared Nate Brown. "We got to do things other than just taking notes. Most students learn better that way - we are more engaged." The experience also allowed the students to express their thoughts orally and to deal with the pressure of speaking in front of an audience. "I thought it was lots of fun," smiled Grace Arca. "It is hard to debate your friends, but I had a good debate. I learned Andrew Jackson was not all bad."



John Woolverton defending his view.

MACA is very proud of its students for taking on the challenge of the debate and grateful for Mrs. Neilson and her creative style of teaching. It is a bit more work, but everyone comes out a winner in this debate!

Camp Echoing Hills/Mulch Flyer

MABC is looking for students to serve at Camp Echoing Hills. July 2-8, 2016. Please see the flyer in this week's Communication Envelope for details.

Mulch orders are being taken starting now through Sunday, April 17. Proceeds will go towards renting a bus for the transportation of our summer missionaries to Camp Echoing Hills. The Mulch order form is in this week's folder.

Important Calendar Reminders

Monday, April 4	Last Day to Get Auction Tickets
Tuesday, April 5	School Wide Dress down Day: Reward for Meeting the Pennies for Patients Goal!
Tuesday, April 5	Study Skills Lab open during Secondary Lunch
Wednesday, April 6	High School Field Trip to MD Senate and Tour of Annapolis
Thursday, April 7	Costa Rica Chapel, 8:25 AM
Friday, April 8	Anti-bullying Workshops for students in Grades 5-12
Saturday, April 9	11th Annual Dinner & Auction