

COUGAR PRINTS

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Leadership

Congratulations to the 2014-2015 officers. We look forward to a great year.

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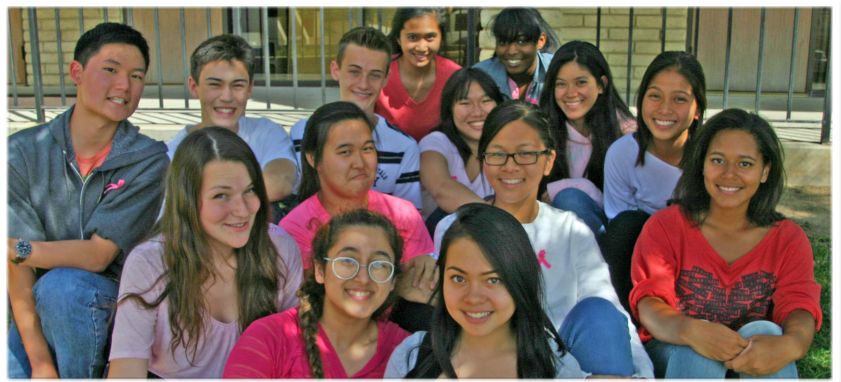
Parliamentarian: Mahta Marefat

Scholarship

This semester, 14 students are NHS members: five Seniors and nine Juniors. At minimum, members must achieve and maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA and earn grades no lower than C-. In addition, they must earn a College Prep or Advanced College Prep Diploma.

Service

Each semester, NHS members donate at least 15 hours of community service to non-profit and medical organizations. In addition to volunteering at school, members help at church, doctor's offices, and for charity fundraisers in the community.



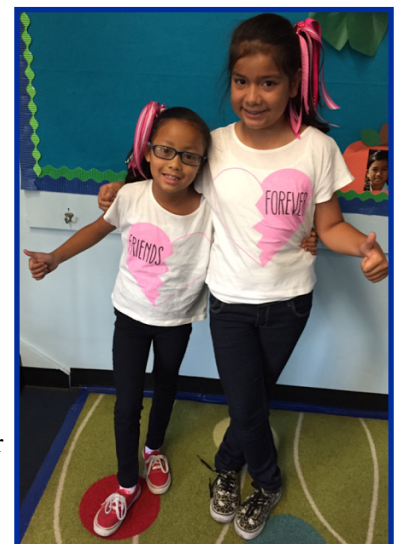
GAA goes Pink for Awareness

by Sydnee Nicolas, Class of 2015

On 03 October 2014, the school campus was awash in pink as students, faculty, and staff from Kindergarten through Seniors participated in raising funds to help fund breast cancer research and patient support. In one day, the school raised \$1471.00 for the American Cancer Society. The elementary campus raised \$796.80 and the academy brought in \$674.20.

Glendale Adventist Academy has participated in Lee National Denim Day since 2010 when NHS Parliamentarian Amy Matsuda, Class of 2011, proposed it as a community service project. Amy learned of Lee Jeans' award-winning fundraiser in which people are asked to set aside their normal business attire for one day and wear jeans in exchange for a donation to breast cancer research. Since its founding in 1996, Lee National Denim Day participants have raised more than \$91 million for the cause.

Now in our fifth year of participation,





Ms. Tauro's Students

GAE Safety Walkathon

Clad in yellow GAE t-shirts and school spirit, elementary students walked, ran, and biked to raise \$6500.00 to begin a fund to purchase and install a security fence on the campus. Students who raised \$20+ became eligible for prizes like Clippers tickets, a scooter, and Disneyland tickets.

Like many parents, Gigi Banaag-Guzman, Class of 1991, participated in the 05 October 2014 event with her son, Gregory, for the health and exercise, but also because she "wanted to help make the school a more safe and secure environment."



Koby Tobola, Kindergarten

GAA students contribute by wearing blue jeans and a pink or white shirt to school rather than regular uniforms. In exchange, they donate \$5.00. Of this annual project, Junior Grant Yamamoto said, "the people who participate are a part of the cure."

We Need a Cure

The American Cancer Society notes the following statistics concerning breast cancer in the United States: one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer; almost 233,000 will be diagnosed this year; and about 40,000 will die from the disease in 2014 alone. "It is not too late to help," says NHS Parliamentarian Mahta Marefat, "so together we can rise above." Go to www.DenimDay.com and add your donation to team GAA NHS (ID# 252768).

Experiencing Jesus

An Interview with Seniors Susie Chamorro and Krystal Danlag

What is Youth Rush?

Youth Rush is a ten-week summer literature evangelism program during which students distribute Christ-centered literature like *Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Desire of Ages*.



How did you learn of the program?

We learned about Youth Rush from Heidi Carpenter and David Fernandez who came to our Religion class last year.

Why did you decide to participate?

Susie: Keila Menjivar, Class of 2014, worked with Youth Rush, and she encouraged me to join. After hearing of her

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
 "Whom shall I send,
 and who will go for Us?"
 Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."
 Isaiah 6:8 NKJV

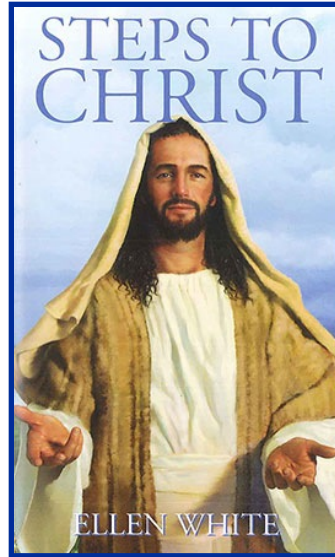
Memorable Experience

Krystal: One morning, during Youth Rush worship, we sang a song based on Isaiah Chapter 6. A line in the song says, "I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." I began to pray that God give me a love for His people because it can be difficult to find love for a stranger who has just slammed the door in my face.

The next day, I knocked on the door of a man. When he opened the door, I introduced myself and began to tell him why I was at his house. He told me that he had been a Christian and had read the Bible through at least six times. Furthermore, he had been praying to God for sixty years, but God had never answered his prayer. He felt that God did not love him and had forsaken him.

I tried to explain that God's ways are not always our ways, and that God's answer may not be the answer we want from Him. The gentleman asked me why I was saying this to him, and, tearing up, I just blurted out, "Because I love you and Jesus loves you."

The man seemed surprised and a little confused. I had never intended to proclaim love for this 70-year old man, but at that moment, I felt God's love for him. I offered him *Steps to Christ*, but he warned me that he would not read it and would probably throw it away when I left. I gave it to him anyway, trusting that the little book might be a witness for God.



experience, I thought the program would work to my strengths--which is meeting people and talking.

Krystal: I read Revelation last year for Outside Reading in Honors US History. The chapter about lukewarm Christianity challenged me to decide what type of Christian I wanted to be, and I did not want to be lukewarm any longer. I thought that Youth Rush could be a refining fire.

Would you share a memorable experience from Youth Rush?

Susie: I was having a difficult day during which door after door shut in my face. I felt discouraged, and I wanted to go home. I stopped to pray that God show me why I should stay, to show me that I was needed. After several doors of no response, a woman answered my knock. As we began to talk, she told me that she wanted her granddaughter to have God in her life. The granddaughter had many questions, but the woman felt that she was unable to give good answers. I shared a copy of *Great Controversy*. When she found out what stories were in the book, she told me that both the book and I were direct answers to her prayers.

Spreading Warmth

by Mahta Marefat, Class of 2016

Socks will soon take over at Glendale Adventist Academy. The National Honor Society has placed donation bins in Religion classrooms as part of Socktober, asking students to donate new socks to help the homeless. Walking is the main mode of transportation for the homeless, and they often walk 10 miles a day, with only socks as footwear. As winter approaches, temperatures in the Los Angeles County can drop to 47 degrees Fahrenheit. Many homeless people do not have the provisions necessary to help keep warm. By donating new socks, GAA can help spread warmth to Los Angeles homeless.



Scholarship Opportunity

by Jake Sy, Class of 2015

If you plan to pursue a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), consider applying for the Edison scholarship. Each scholarship is valued at \$40,000 and is payable over four years. Visit www.Edison.com and search for "Edison Scholars." The application deadline is 01 February 2015.

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"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Philippians 4:8

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October Calendar

06-31 Socktober NHS Heart & Sole project (donate socks, bottles of water, and snack foods for Los Angeles homeless)

09-11 Football Tournament at Rio Lindo Adventist Academy

14 Honors Outside Reading Deadline

15 Home Game Volleyball--Girls v. Buckley (3:30 pm GAA Gym)

16-18 Choir Festival at La Sierra University

24-26 Football Tournament at Loma Linda Adventist Academy

28 Home Game Volleyball--Girls v. SGA (3:30 pm GAA Gym)

27-31 Week of Prayer

30 Home Game Volleyball--Girls v. Oakwood (3:30 pm GAA Gym)

30 Fall Concert Music Department (7:00 pm GAA Auditorium)

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