

Eye on Campus

Brandywine Honors Students Help Kids in Ghana

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Deciding to skip class to a student in the US is not the worst thing that has happened in our youth. In fact, many children and college students pray for heavy snow or a professor to cancel class, just for a day off. However, to the children of the Heritage Academy in Ghana, a day in school is better than anything childhood can offer. The Honors students of Brandywine realized this childhood dream, and are arranging to make it reality.

Each year the Honors Program sponsors a National Service Day in which a goal is selected pertaining to the UN's Millennium Development Goals to eliminate poverty by 2015. This year the goal of universal primary education was selected. Last year the goal was the Afghanistan water project.

One of the co-chairman, Ben Bean, revealed that sending one child to school for a year costs seventy five dollars; for their total tuition it costs eight hundred dollars. There are five hundred and twenty students enrolled at the Heritage Academy from grades Pre-K to 9th. Taking these facts and more, Ben Bean and Kavita Chaudhry planned a week of events at Brandywine, in which we, the student body, can help reach this year's National

Service Day goal.

The week of October 24th will kick off the fundraiser with a booth being set up on campus where students and faculty can donate. Kavita Chaudhry (Freshman, Psychology) states, "I would like to show everyone on campus that any amount donated can help a child in another country. Without making an effort we

can contribute so much to changing a child's life." When asked how he felt about the fundraiser and the children of the Heritage Academy Ben Bean (Sophomore, LAS) stated, "when I traveled to Timbuktu in Mali, I spent time in a

youth and women's center. I seen how little opportunity they had, and this is what drives my passion for the fundraiser."

Although the fundraiser will be on our campus for a short period of time, there is a way of donating in the future. The Schoerke Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Melissa Koomson, is accepting donations to help fund children's education in Ghana year round. Donations online can be accepted at: www.schoerkefoundation.org or a check can be sent to the address on the website.



Mark Your Calendars For Penn State Day

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On Saturday, October 24th, Penn State Brandywine will be holding the annual Penn State Day festivities. Ms. Risa Pitman tells students, "Get excited folks. The campus' annual fall festival, Penn State Day, is getting a face-lift."

The event is free for all and is open to anyone, not just students. It will start at noon and continue until 3 p.m. This year, the university will host a carnival theme. Special events feature the 5k walk/run starting at 10:30 a.m. and the Blue & White Baseball game at 1:00 p.m. Traditional activities will be held such as reading games, arts and crafts, the toddler trot, and a THON flea market.

Those who attend will enjoy live music and of course free food- Penn State tradition grilled stickies too! High School students planning on attending Penn State have the opportunity to go to a special event from 9 a.m. to noon designed especially for them. Ms. Pitman welcomes everyone and is hoping for a great turnout. So don't forget to wear your PSU gear for the best dressed Penn Stater contest and come out for a great time!

More information is available at the website www.brandywine.psu.edu.



CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

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Students gathered at the Vairo building for free food, music and a show, all a part of the Caribbean festival that was made possible by the Black Student League.

They were treated to Caribbean foods, music, and dancing. Some students took part in a limbo competition while everyone else indulged in the food. Some of the audience members even received tee-shirts that were tossed out to them.

Performers showed viewers some Caribbean dances to the beat of Caribbean music. They wore Caribbean outfits that displayed bright festive colors and captured the attention of everyone there.

All who attended learned about Caribbean culture through their rituals and their food. It was a fantastic event enjoyed by all.

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