Dear Diane,

Welcome to the first edition of the online news report from Blue Mountain Academy. If you’re wondering why this is the "first" edition the explanation is an easy one; our first semester news went out in a news magazine that was mailed to the homes of Alumni and constituents of the Pennsylvania Conference.

However, as we attempt to keep our friends informed, we realized we should be looking to communicate across all spectrums. So, if you missed news in the Fall, be looking for links in this edition that will allow you to read up on what's been happening!

Thanks for being a supporter of BMA and enjoy this quarters “news”.

Appalachian Staff

Find Out More!
There is a lot more you can learn about Blue Mountain Academy by simply visiting our website at www.facebook.com/bluemountainacademy. Swing by and see what you’ve been missing!

Celebrating New Industry

BMA’s Campus Industry and Blue Mountain Sign Co. has launched its official page. Stop to see the exciting things that BMA is doing through Vocation Education.

The Blue Mountain Sign Co. is a state of the art sign and graphics firm that works with its customers on projects ranging from small individual signs to large turn-key identity branding programs.

We want your business to belong here at BMA as well! For more information contact me at: sreese@bma.us or 484-662-

About Us
The mission of Blue Mountain Academy is to provide a Seventh-day Adventist education that leads students into lives of service for Jesus.

Appalachian is a quarterly news letter of happenings on campus for students and alumni alike. Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone that would benefit from knowing more about Christian education.

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Senior Field Trip
Members of the senior class enjoy a school day taking in the beauty of Fall in Jim Thorpe and then get educated about a part of Pennsylvania History by visiting the Pioneer Coal Mine in
Tour Group Spiritual Retreat

BMA has long been proud of its tour groups, so to better fortify them with the love of God that they represent, a spiritual retreat was held for all of them. These are some of the images captured from this special time spent with Bel Canto, Ariel Aires, and LaSonnette.

Principal Dave Morgan introduced the members of the three tour groups to the idea that while three distinctive groups, they are one in the purpose of being called to represent Jesus Christ. To further reflect this point he asked students to chose a candle to represent themselves and light it with the candle representing Jesus.

As the candles burned quietly in their presence, they soon noticed that the candle representing "them" was melting away to nothing while the candle representing Jesus continued to burn on. In the end, all that was left was a melding of individuals into one beautiful tapestry of color, texture, symbolism.

URGENT HELP REQUESTED

Blue Mountain Academy has worked hard to make Christian education affordable. Despite the financial support of many of you, and our efforts to be as efficient as possible, there are currently three students that, because of the parents inability to cover the expense of having their child at BMA, are in serious risk of going home. Two of these three are seniors. This is a plea for help. Staff have already taken in one of the students in an effort to drive the expense down by not having to pay for room and board.

The students are dong their part by working as many hours as they are legally permitted. If you can help cover a portion of the outstanding balance, you would be impacting the life of a student immediately. Can you help? We've exhausted all avenues for these girls, receiving donations from churches, our own worthy student dollars, and what little their parents can afford. If you would like to help, please e-mail the principal at dmorgan@bma.us for amounts and ways you can help.

Classes Give Gift to Inspire

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Ashland, PA.
News from the Music Department

Sylvan Singers, Bel Canto, and the BMA orchestra continued its efforts to represent our awesome God to our local community in November of 2013. Our music department is teamed with "The Bridge" church in Hamburg, Pa for a tribute to honor our veterans.

This unique collaboration gave BMA students a chance to represent how an SDA young person worships and honors God and country!

The classes of 1962 and 1963 have teamed up to raise funds for a monument intended to inspire today's young person at BMA to wait upon the Lord so their strength may be renewed and they will rise on wings like eagles. The monument will stand 12 feet high, and the eagles wingspan will be 7 feet in length. The eagle is being sculpted by a BMA alumnus from 1962 and will be dedicated during alumni weekend this year.

AA Coach poses with former members

Coach Alex traveled to Acrofest this year to serve as one of the practitioners for gymnasts from across the NAD. While there he took time to pull together former members of AA and pose for a picture. BMA Alumni making a difference!
He sat in my office, head in his hands. This was not the first time, not the first such conversation, not the first sense of frustration either had felt about the topic at hand. This is where discipline becomes crucial in the life of young person. While they resist the supposed control being exerted on them, the day will come when they realize the importance of this moment.

Like the kite that strained against the hand that restrained it, many youth pull against the guidance being applied at times at BMA. However, we as a staff have seen those students that have resisted the hand of restraint. They have become like the kite that finally broke free, free to aimlessly float through the cloud filled skies...until they were found either tangled in the trees or telephone wires.

So, on this particular day, the hand of restraint would be applied, consequences carefully and lovingly measured out, with the hope that one day...he will soar! At Blue Mountain Academy, you are, called to soar!

~Dave Morgan

Students Touch Lives Through Assist

Sophomore Joanna Choi takes a moment to write in her journal. She is part of the Assist program that sends students to the local care home for the
aged as part of their vocation education (no longer "work", more on that in future updates).

While there she socializes with residents. The foundation that funds a large portion of the Assist program asks participating students to document their experiences.

The Assist program currently has about 6 students from BMA participating. Most go to the Laurel Center while others go into the homes of seniors in Hamburg, PA and help with household chores.

Just another way BMA students are "called" to make a difference in the world.

Core Values at Blue Mountain Academy

Relationship with Christ. Seeking a relationship with Christ through prayer, Bible study, service and evangelism.

Mission Focus. Joining Jesus and His mission to reach our friends, community, and world.

Academic Excellence. Preparing students for success though an exceptional instructional program.

Family Atmosphere. Respecting and caring for each other in a safe, nurturing community.

Student Leadership. Empowering students to serve others through leadership.

Blue Mountain Academy announces that it has enrolled in the Miller-Keystone Blood Center High School Cord Recognition Program. This program is designed to recognize seniors at their graduation ceremony for being a life-saving blood donor, and to honor them for making significant contributions to our community.

Students must give blood or participate in a blood drive at least 4 times in their high school career. Students 17 and older are eligible to donate blood. For more information go to giveapint.org.

Student Shares Talent through origami: http://youtu.be/Ur76VrdA4o

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