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STUDENT LIFE

STEM Trip Provides Interactive Learning Opportunity

Juniors and seniors from Gem State Adventist Academy recently embarked on a STEM trip to California for interactive learning about science, technology, math, and engineering. Their trip included visiting the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Computer History Museum, the Intel Museum, the Apple 2 Campus, the Exploratorium, the California Academy of Sciences, and the Jelly Belly Factory; as well as observing elephant seals on the coast, tide pooling at Maverick's Beach, exploring the Redwood Forest, and walking the Golden Gate Bridge.

The group also visited Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf, as well as spent a day at Six-Flags Discovery Kingdom and touring Pacific Union College. The trip closed with the Sabbath on Point Reyes Beach for their final get together.

Junior, Kelton Turner, says, "The most exciting part of the trip for me was visiting the Apple 2 Campus. The attention to detail in the perfectly designed buildings was stun-



ning. Huge glass panels used for walls gave such a feeling of openness and cleanliness, while the perfectly shaped wooden accents of the buildings gave a simple, but completely modern look. However, nothing amazed me more than the perfect fusion of design and engineering efficiency.

The Spaceship, or Apple's official headquarters building, can move up to six feet to compensate for ground movement during an earthquake. The building is placed

in such a way that the surrounding hills direct wind towards the building so that air conditioning is not needed for nine months out of the year. Apple's headquarters can do this and so much more while still having an incredibly simple design and beautifully sculpted architecture. For me, inspiration could be found everywhere there, and it was exactly what I needed to help push myself to get a good education and to make my crazy dreams a reality."



view more photos from the STEM Trip on our website at www.gemstate.org/alumni/gsa-link-newsletter.

ALUMNI NEWS



Gem State Celebrates 100 Years

During Alumni Weekend, March 30-April 1, Gem State Adventist Academy celebrated its 100th birthday. There were about 800 people in attendance during the weekend to enjoy the festivities, coming from as far away as New York. A special 100 years historical exhibit with memorabilia from over the years was put together by Yvonne Iwasa.

The weekend kicked off with a dinner Friday night with former faculty. Former principals and teachers from over the years came from all over to reconnect with their former students. The 50th anniversary class was especially delighted to see their former principal Walt Meske in attendance, says class president **Clinton Schultz '68**.

ing years from 1918 to 2018 asking people from each graduation year to stand and be recognized.

The church service included an alumni and student choir, special music by His Voice Quartet (arrangement by 1938 GSAA graduate Wayne Hooper), and an inspirational message from **Bruce Avery '74**. Class reunions, a veteran's recognition and a concert honoring former faculty Richard and Thelma McCoy filled up the remainder of the afternoon.

At sundown a special lighting ceremony commemorated the 100th anniversary, complete with sparklers for everyone in attendance and birthday cake. Current principal Marvin Thorman said he felt honored to be presiding

for such a monumental occasion, "So many lives have been impacted over the years because of this school. We are blessed to have such a supportive community surrounding Gem State Adventist Academy. Following the lighting ceremony was the annual Alumni vs GSAA Varsity basketball and volleyball games.

The weekend closed with a 5k Color Run/Walk on Sunday morning with 79 registered runners and walkers. Area Pathfinder Clubs and Adventist schools offered food and activity booths to the



Alumni President Pat Francisco '73 and Senior Class President Hannah Miller '18 lead the roll call for each graduating class from 1918 to 2018.

200 people that came out for the color festival. The race winners were Emma Strommen for ladies with a time of 24:22 and Manny Rosas for men with a time of 18:58.



Alumni, students, and community members participated together in the 2018 Color Run/Walk.



The 100th birthday party for GSAA included the lighting of a giant 100 on the front lawn, sparklers and birthday cake.

Sabbath morning began with roll call by the alumni president **Pat Francisco '73**, and the senior class president **Hannah Miller '18**. They went through each of the graduat-

HOMECOMING 2018

Honor Class Photos



Class of 2008

First row: Angel Ziegele, Laura Rogers, Bethany Lang. Second row: Braden Way, Rosanna Hardin, Matt Leake, David Bryson, Summer (Andrews) Cromwell.



Class of 1998

First row: Ryan Moore, Mandy (Bowker) Miller, Angela (Kreuder) Lowman, Mindy (Barr) Robinson, Lisseth (Perla) Davis, Ty Davis. Second Row: John Barrie, Karl Riebow, Katrina (Beddoe) Koch, Erin Heschke, Malinda (Hessel) Kearbey, Joshua Reinbold, Craig Kellogg.



Class of 1988

Back row: John Andregg, Joe Brookins, Randall Douglas, Leza (Wallen) Winters, Darin Alexander, Lyle Reeve, William Mason. Middle row: Ted Davis, Erin (Raines) Jensen, Cheryl (Hopper) De La Rosa, Jennifer Sequeira, Tina (Crouch) Langlois, Sam Smith, Dinn Lawson. Front row: Stephen Pflugrad, Heidi (Dennis) Hughes, Racy Lay Rebecca (Gorham) Huxel, Lisa (Maas) Tucker, Melanie (Olsen) Lawson

View more photos from Homecoming Weekend 2018 at www.gemstate.org/alumni/homecoming-2018.



Class of 1978

Back row: Clayton Worman, Coralee Thompson, Terry Pflugrad, Mike Denny, Terry Campbell, Alan Woodruff, Chris Solis. Middle Row: Dan Moore, Fran (Crew) McKain, Susan (Ring) Cruz, Mike Kelly, Brenda (Bursell) St. Clair, Del Jean (Herbel) Tabor. Front row: Angela (Roles) Van Orden, Debra (Hill) Wood, Linda (Drury) Vixie, Debbie (Heid) Schnell, Robin (Soule) Brown, Becky (Hilde) Kelly, Calvin Tabor



Class of 1968

Back row: Trudy (Carpenter) Klein, Tia (Ludden) Biegel, Larry Drury, Larry Moore, Clinton Schultz, Walt Meske, Bob Fullmer, Dale Jenner, Mark Miller, Dave Russell. Middle row: Gary Wagner, Kenny Rogers, Janet (Roba) Phelps, Pamela (Franklin) Loop, Nancy (Crisp) Worley, Dianne (Qualley) McBurnett, Linda (Haugen) Schultz, Colleen (Williams) Depner, Karen (Jaeger) Andregg, Maylene Russell. Front row: Sue (Dousay) Mack, Caryn (Loeffler) Sjoren, Helen (Spencer) Clough, Pattie (Woodruff) Heinrich, Linda (Abbott) Caverly, Noreen (Thorgersen) Krogstad, Suzanne (Miller) Shafer.



Class of 1958

Back row: Darrell Michel, Doyle Wilson, Harvey Harden, Gerald Wade, Bill Heid. Middle row: Sarena (Morris) Hurles, Mary (Wren) Cassity, Marie (Logan) Stratton, Judy (Kelsey) Kramer, Olene (Olsen) Valdez. Front row: Pat (Heffel) Breckenridge, Ethel (Stringer) Wilson, Gay (Butterfield) Wilson, Georgia (Wilson) Vaughan

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HOMECOMING 2018 Honorees

Family Legacy Award

The Botimer and Drake families received the 2018 Family Loyalty Award from the GSAA Alumni Association.



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NOMINATE ALUMNI!

Now accepting nominations for Vice President, Secretary and Historian for the Alumni Association. Please send names to Nicole Batten at nbatten@gemstate.org.

Centennial Service Award

Victor '66 and Tracy (Calhoon) '86 Cook received the Centennial Service Award recognizing their service to GSAA, their local church and their local community. This is the first year this award was given in honor of the Centennial Celebration of GSAA.



Volunteer of the Year Award

Harold and Gloria Becker received the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award from GSAA for their dedication and numerous volunteer hours this past year, including their tireless work to renovate the JAG Fitness Center.



GSAA Receives \$80,000 Matching Donation to Repair Music Building Roof and Update Dorm Bathrooms

A generous donor recently donated \$80,000 to GSAA as a matching gift to repair the music building roof and renovate the dorm boys' and girls' bathroom shower facilities. The total cost of these two needed improvements is \$160,000.

The music building roof currently leaks during heavy rain or when snow builds up. It needs to have the membrane replaced and recoated to provide a better space for students to practice and learn in, as well as to protect expensive music equipment from being damaged.

The dorm bathroom shower facilities have not been upgraded in over 30 years. The new upgrades will provide a warmer and more home-like

environment for students, including in-floor heating, instant hot water tanks, and larger shower cubicles. No more freezing during the winter due to lack of heat or hot water. In addition

a new drain system will be installed and the whole shower facility will receive a face lift to provide a more up-to-date space for our dorm students. The new space will also be easier to clean for our janitorial staff.

Please consider making a gift to this important project. Your gift will be doubled due to the matching gift



we received. You can have double the impact. You can make a huge difference in the lives of our students.

You can give online via our website at www.gemstate.org, by phone at (208) 459-1627, or use the enclosed envelope to return your donation. Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers.

GSAA Golf Tournament Raises \$4,000 for Scholarships



Ryan Moore '98, Terry Day, John Miler, and Dwayne Moore '74 placed first in the tournament.

First Place Team:
Ryan Moore '98, Dwayne Moore '74, Terry Day, and John Miler

Second Place Team: Jim Waters, Larry Walker, Michael Gee

Third Place Team: Rusty Biggs, Anthony Bull '61, Stephen Cook '64 and Roger Dutt '65

- Better Buy Design
- Community Development Inc
- Idaho Conference of SDA
- Iwasa Eye Center
- Northgate Senior Village
- Outdoor Wilderness Fabrics

We were blessed to have lots of great prizes to give away at the tournament and fun contests. A big thank you to our prize sponsors too: **Boise Chiropractic, Bogus Basin, City of Caldwell, D & B Supply, Dixon Golf, Mountain West Bank, Redhawk Golf Course, Ridgecrest Golf Course, Roe & Roe Inc, and Stewart's Grill.**

Check out our news blog on our website for more photos from the tournament.

Be sure to mark your calendar for **next year's golf tournament on Sunday, May 19, 2019.**

The GSAA Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament on May 20 raised \$4,000 for scholarships! Thank you so much to all our sponsors and players. We had players come from as far away as Twin Falls to participate.

Our winning teams were the following:

our Marshmallow Longest Drive winner was Andrew Aitchison, Straightest Drive winner was Dennis Parks, and Closest to the Pin winner was Terry Day.

A big thank you to the 52 players who participated and our hole sponsors:

In addition,

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Mark your calendar!

Sept 16 | Seattle Brunch
Jan 12 | Steelheads Hockey
Jan 27 | Walla Walla Brunch
April 5-6 | Homecoming
April 14 | 5K Color Run Walk
May 19 | Golf Tournament

Want to stay in the know about upcoming events? Join our email list to receive invites. Contact nbatten@gemstate.org.



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Class of
2018

Congratulations to our newest alumni!

Front Row Left to Right: Todd Driver, Senior Sponsor;
John Martell; Montanna Gross, Senior Social VP;
Summer Gonzalez; Teela Kilby, Spritual VP; Cody Davis;
Aurora Gault; Cecelia Simmons, Senior Sponsor;
Back Row Left to Right: Davis Le, Treasurer; Ethan
Tagalog; Ryah Shelly; Jordan Rivas; Alexa Davidson.
Secretary; Gabriel Uvay; Daniel Kilby; Jamie Jansen;
Hannah Miller, President; and Tristan Driver, Historian.



Find more graduation photos on Facebook or at gemstate.org!