



International Banquet recognizes various countries

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On March 9, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had its annual International Banquet, where students and teachers recognized the different countries that students of PPAS represent. Junior Alejandro Herrera, 17-years-old, said at the International Banquet students different countries can share their culture

and foods they eat in their country. “I was very excited and happy because my friends like Grace Han, Monika Ruiz, Alan Galvan, and Armando Navar were talking about what type of languages, food, and cultures each country has,” Herrera said. Junior Ulysses Iracheta, 17-years-old, said the best part of the International banquet was when he ate the



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From left, Karla Perez, Estrella Galvan, Ingrid Araujo, Igor Ngabo and Teodoro Alvarado at the International Banquet.

different kinds of food. awesome,” Iracheta said. Iracheta said he liked the international

banquet because he learned about different cultures. Freshman Eutimio Palacios said he enjoyed the decorations because he remembers his own country and his culture. “I love the international banquet because my friends were excited about what they were going to eat and because I wanted to eat some Korean food,” Palacios said. Senior Katia Navar

said the most important part of the international banquet was when the sophomores were talking about each country and when everybody was quietly eating. “I love this international banquet because I was with all my friends eating different kinds of food, and because this is my last international banquet at PPAS,” Navar said.

Local students attend Annual Career Expo PPAS kicks off Pennies for Patients

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The juniors and seniors of Presbyterian Pan American School attended the South Texas Career Expo on March 8 at the J. K. Northway Expositions Center. The students arrived at 10:30 and looked around for an hour. During that hour, the students had the opportunity to talk to different college representatives, see brochures, get information, and search different career choices. “The South Texas Career EXPO goals are to provide students with hands-on or demonstration type career exploration opportunities, to provide students with an opportunity to connect knowledge of a degree or certificate with a specific career, to expose students to current and future career fields, to provide students an opportunity to as many students in the region as possible, and



From left, Silivie Uwimbabazi, Samantha Moreno, Elizabeth Aguilar, Sarai Bernardino and Daniela Duenas working the concession stand at the Career Expo.

to provide connection between educational and workforce components through involvement of regional business and industry employers,” according to Riviera I.S.D., one of the Expo’s sponsor at www.rivieraisd.esc2.net. Many high school students attended the EXPO not only from PPAS and not only juniors and seniors. The EXPO helped many students

since the universities and their representatives tried to answer all the questions the students had and they also made an introduction to the careers and colleges they were representing. The place was packed and the EXPO had been opened since 8 o’clock in the morning. There were different booths from colleges and universities across Texas such as Texas A&M University-College Station, Texas State Technical College, Texas A&M International University, University of Texas-Pan American, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and many others. Some booths also had interaction demonstrations for careers like the army and the marines. At the end of the day, the students left the EXPO with information, which will help them in the future when choosing a career or a university.

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On March 1, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School recognized its annual “Pennies for Patients” kick off at the cafeteria. Students were released earlier from their fourth period for a presentation and to watch two videos about the organization. Nathan Zelaya, senior and Student Council President, led the kick off and encouraged the student body to be part of the organization. “Every penny you give to the Pennies for Patients helps them get that much closer to finding a cure and saving someone’s life,” Zelaya said. Jimena Gonzalez and Regina Hernandez, seniors and Student Council members, also encouraged the students to donate and

be part of the change. According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, programs like Pennies for Patients involve kids by teaching them about community and helping others by joining in the fight against blood cancers. In its 16th year, School & Youth Programs have given students the opportunity to help raise awareness and funds in honor of local patients battling a blood cancer like leukemia. By collecting spare change, kids involved with School & Youth Programs, have raised more than \$211 million for research and patient services. Omar Moreno, senior at PPAS, said that after watching the videos and the presentation,

he thought that it was a blessing that people got together to help others. “Helping people makes me feel good because you can put a smile on a face that needs it,” Moreno said. Moreno also said that when helping and participating, you are also helping yourself because you got the chance to help others in an easy way; all you have to do is to collect pennies. Rosalinda Galvan, junior, said that she likes to help and she definitely will participate because Pennies for Patients helps people with their treatments and research about cancer. “I believe my participation makes the difference because it is better when more people get together to help others,” Galvan said.

Track & Field compete in Ben Bolt Eagles Baseball plays in 1st tournament

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Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Track and Field team went to Ben Bolt Palito Blanco for a tournament this past March 2, 2013. The athletes who have been practicing for a month, went to give their best at the competition in which some of them stood out such as Hefzi Jimenez and last year’s state champion in 110-hurdles, Daniel Ishimwe, said Coach Reili Cantu. 16-year-old Hefzi Jimenez broke two of the school records that she already had broken before. In the two-mile event, she ran a time of 13 minutes and 41 seconds, and in the one-mile, she had 6 minutes and 22 seconds. Jimenez said she feels really



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From left, Manuel Hernandez, Daniel Ishimwe, Samuel Rivero and Farid Redondo.

proud of what she did this past track meet because she feels that all the work she has put into track has paid off. “I hope Ishimwe will have a chance to defend his state title in the 110-m hurdles

and improve in his 4th place in triple jump. I also hope that Guillermo Aranda will improve in his state rank. As for the girls side, I am hoping that senior Adriana Sanchez will enjoy the state meet as

she missed it last year by one spot. Also for Jimenez, by last year’s results, that’s pretty realistic, but also hoping that there would be more surprises on the boys side and girls side as well, especially my freshmen girls,” Cantu said. Cantu also said that she has seen great improvement in the girl’s side because of soccer over the winter. Conditioning has improved from last year. On the boy’s side, it is hard for her to tell, as she does not see them as much because a lot of them participate in baseball. Many of them will compete for the first time. I am excited to see what is to come and my main hope is to have more kids advance from district to regionals and from regionals to state,” Cantu said.

Madrid beats Manchester United

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“The best team lost,” said Jose Mourinho, manager of Real Madrid. On March 5, one of the biggest games in soccer world was played. Manchester United (Manchester) played against Real Madrid (Madrid) at Old Trafford for the ticket to go to the quarter finals. Their previous game ended one to one. However, because they had a game at home stadium of Madrid,

Manchester had an advantage of the away goal rule. But Madrid was not an easy team to keep their advantage. The first half went fast under Madrid’s control of ball, sixty percent to forty percent. But the game seemed to be changed after an own goal of Sergio Ramos, a central defender of Madrid, in the beginning of the second half. Even though the score hurried Madrid, they were being more relaxed and

more focused. From the fifty sixth minute, Nani, winger from Manchester, kicked Alberoa, defender from Madrid, with high foot. It was dangerous play and the referee gave him a red card, after that, the game started to change. Jose Mourinho substituted Alberoa for Luka Modric. Like a miracle, seven minutes after he came in, he tied the score. Two minutes later, Christiano Ronaldo, Forward

of Madrid, made the final goal of the game. Madrid beat Manchester United by the final score of three to two. “It was so beautiful how they played. Christiano Ronaldo was the best player in the game,” said Victor Rios, 18-year-old senior at Presbyterian Pan American School. This victory leads Madrid to the quarter finals. The quarter final matches are on April 2, 3, 9 and 10.

Eagles Baseball plays in 1st tournament

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2012-2013 Eagles Baseball Team

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School’s (PPAS) baseball team had their first tournament. Eagles’ baseball team played two games that same day against teams from Agua Dulce and Premont. They lost 14-9 against Agua Dulce and 13-2 to Premont in their second game. “They are doing well, they are making progress,” said Eagles Baseball Coach Hardy Robertson. Eagles’ pitchers for these games were Juniors Hyunsuk Choi, Samuel Godinez, Kevin Ishimwe, and Zack Duran. Eagles’ catcher for both games was junior Ulysses Iracheta. “I want the boys to have fun, and to continue to get better, and hopefully win some games,” Robertson said. Robertson also said that Freshman Eutimio Palacios and Ishimwe are some of the players making big progress. Senior Gustavo Rodriguez thinks that this is going to be a good season for the team. He said this year the team is composed of players with more experience. Rodriguez also thinks that the team will have a really good time this season. “Even though our team lost, I think it was a good game because we have learned lots of things and we enjoyed. We will practice harder and harder to be a better team, and try beating the teams that have beaten us,” said Choi, who also plays shortstop.

PPAS attends Black History Show

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On February 26, eleven Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students, from Rwanda, Africa, attended a Black History Show at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK). The Black History Show was sponsored by the African Student Organization (ASO) in honor of black history month. The show was from 7:00 to 8:30.

ASO prepared about seven different events for the presentation such as “Who Am I”, Historical and Powerful Figures, Poetry, Rap, Viola, Fashion Show and Dance. “Who Am I” consisted of ASO presenters reciting a brief biography and description of famous black people such as President Obama, Martin Luther King, and Will Smith and audience



PPAS students attended the Black History Show at TAMUK, sponsored by the African Student Organization for Black History Month.

members had to guess. Aime Shema, senior at PPAS, said that he enjoyed the show

and learned how to be proud as an African. “My favorite parts were Corpus Dance and the Fashion Show because I felt like I was in my country, my hometown. I wasn’t feeling lonely in the United States and it was also good to see all the black students from other schools,” said Francine Umumarumgu, 16-year-old junior from Rwanda.

Umumarumgu came to PPAS in January 2013 as a junior. She said she misses her family a lot but the Black History Show made her feel comfortable. “I like the Rap and Poetry sections too, because the messages behind the rap and poetry were interesting. I’ve learned a lot from those,” said Anais Umuhiza, senior from Rwanda.

Basketball Player named Student of the Month

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Gustave Rumongi has been chosen as student of the month (SOM) for March. Rumongi is 18 years old and from Kigali, Rwanda. This is Rumongi’s second year at Pan Am and also his last as he is graduating this May. “I feel honored and it feels like my hard work has paid off,” Rumongi said. “To become S.O.M you have to work hard and not procrastinate,” Rumongi said. Rumongi not only exceeds in the classroom but also on the basketball court.



photo by: Kevin Ngarambe
Senior Gustave Rumongi

He plays as a power forward for the Pan Am varsity basketball team, with his tall physique and defensive skills he is a nightmare for the opposing team. Rumongi’s favorite memory at Pan Am is the trip to Mo Ranch

he took his junior year. Rumongi’s favorite subjects are Pre-Cal, Speech and U.S History. His favorite teachers are Mr. Meek, Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Garcia. “Pan Am has helped me grow spiritually and has also instilled in me a reading culture,” Rumongi said. After graduation, Rumongi hopes to attend UTSA, majoring in civil engineering and after college, he wants to return back to Rwanda and start his own civil engineering company. When he is not busy with school work, Rumongi likes to hang out with friends or watch movies.

Mission groups visit Pan Am

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On March 10, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) received Missionaries from Georgia and Austin with open arms. There were 28 people that include 14 girls and 14 boys. The Missionary students spent their spring break developing relationships with PPAS students along with helping put

plants around the fountain, cleaning up behind the pool and painting. In addition to the mission work, they also participated in several activities on campus. The Missionaries were invited to choir practice in the chapel and a Linter Vesper Service. They attended a comedic play directed by Rick Saenz and the Theater Arts class at the Sub. They also participated in field day with PPAS students after Terra Nova testing. “I’m excited to have so many youth here to learn about the school and meet the students. The work they will do is a gift, but the greatest value will be the relationships that form,” said Pastor Mary Rogers-Ellsworth.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Students place at County Fashion Show

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4H Fashion Show Participants, from left, Teodoro Alvarado, Sarid Ramon, Rebeca Lambarría, Estrella Galvan, Frida Monreal and Edgar Garcia.

Seven students from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) participated in the Kleberg-Kenedy County Fashion Show on Sunday, March 3rd at the Santa Gertrudis school. The participants were Juniors Tito Alvarado, 2nd place in Buying Division and Casual Category; Frida Monreal, 1st place in Buying Division, Dressy Category and advancing; Estrella Galvan, 1st place in Construction Division, Formal Category, advancing and 2nd place in Fashion Storyboard and Wearable Division; Edgar Garcia, 2nd place in Buying Division and Dressy Category; and Seniors Regina Hernandez, 1st place in Fashion Storyboard, Wearable Division and advancing; Rebeca Lambarría, 3rd place in Fashion Storyboard and Wearable Division; and Sophomore Sarid Ramon, 1st place in Construction Division, Dressy Category and advancing. “I decided to participate in the 4-H competition because I like to design clothes,” said Regina Hernandez senior at PPAS. Estrella Galvan, 17-year-old Junior, said that she doesn’t know exactly where she got her ideas from, but they have been on her mind for a while. Hernandez said that the future and her magazines were the things that inspired her in designing her clothes. She also said that she selected her outfit because it is something that she would like to wear. “When I was at the competition, I didn’t know if I was going to win, but I was so nervous,” Galvan said. Teodoro Alvarado, 18-year-old Junior, said that he didn’t know exactly what he could use to compete but he had some ideas before about what he was going to wear at the competition. Katherine Kriegel, English III teacher, said that 4-H is a good experience for the students to know how to become better citizens and leaders. “I didn’t get anything yet for my participation but I passed to the next round and it was a good experience because I can use a lot of colors in my fashion storyboard as I like it,” Hernandez said. The students advancing to the 2013 District 124-H Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, April 16th, 2013 in Falfurrias.

Two participate in Photography Contest

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This year, Presbyterian Pan American School 4-H club participated for the third consecutive year in the Kleberg-Kenedy County 4-H Photography Contest. Adriana Sanchez, from Mexico City, and Edgar Garcia, from Patzcuaro, Michoacan, are the 4-H members who are going to compete into the categories of Nature/Landscape, Night Photography, Catch All, Details & Marcos, Dominant Color, Plant/Flora, Theme, and People. “I take pictures, mostly of plants and green areas or nature because I



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Adriana Sanchez and Edgar Garcia.

feel like I preserve them just like they are in that moment,” Sanchez said. For Sanchez, it is her third year participating in this contest. Last year, Sanchez won a blue ribbon. She said that it is pretty cool and she would like to do it even after she graduates. For Garcia it is his first year in the contest

and he would like to participate next year not just in the area of photography, also in the areas of Livestock and Clothing & Textile. “It is a good and new experience,” Garcia said, “I wanted to do something new and show some photos of my hometown.” Garcia expects good results, in as much as he heard most

people like his photo. Sanchez also hopes to get a good place, she thinks that this helps her to improve taking pictures and later on in her work experience. Desiree K. Alegria, PPAS’s teacher, in charge of Eagles 4-H Photography, hopes that most people get involved in this kind of contests because they can have a lot of opportunities while they are doing what they like. The county winners will be chosen in April. All the winners will advance to the District competition, and senior members will advance to State competition.

“Warm Bodies” is funny and romantic

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A few weekends ago, Presbyterian Pan American School students watched the movie Warm Bodies, directed by Jonathan Levine. The stars in the movie were “R” played by Nicholas Hoult and Julie played by Teresa Palmer. Warm Bodies was released on February 1, 2013.

This movie is both a comedy and a romance, according to www.imdb.com. This movie is about a fight between humans and zombies. The problem begins when the humans arrive to the airport that the zombies inhabit. The zombies seize Julie and all her friends go looking for her. Julie is also the daughter of the boss of the mili-

tary and his main purpose is to get rid of the zombies and now his mission includes fighting for his daughter. But amongst the fighting, an interest and love sparks and Julie and “R” end up defending each other and their love. This movie was great because it is very different than others, especially the combination of come-

dy with romance. Everybody was excited about it because it is like if we were viewing a real story. Overall, this was my opinion Warm Bodies was one of the best movies with a fantastic story and excellent actors. With the addition of new places and characters and the romantic aspects, this movie is one of the best ones.