

Greater New York Academy



Spotlight

G N Y A - Reaffirms Goal

The 2011-2012 school year began with a very spiritual devotion to the faculty from Orette Mitchell, pastor of the Hempstead Seventh-day Adventist Church. In his presentation, he reminded the faculty that in the book *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 516, White 1923 states that “Education should be such that students will make right principles the guide of every action.” He also quoted the following, from the book *Education*, “Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal

to be reached.” Immediately after the devotion, the recommendation came for one member of the faculty that we should embrace this statement as our theme for this school year. This was overwhelmingly approved by the others. As such, our theme for the 2011-2012 school year is “Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached.” This has always been a requirement for all, however, this year, there will be a constant reminder in everything we do.

During the

registration period we enrolled 206 students from the 9th through 12th grades. We thank God for His continued blessings on Greater New York Academy.

The devotional speaker for our first chapel was Dr. Earl Knight. He informed the

students of his experience in a Seventh-day Adventist school and of the fact that it was there that he got baptized and made the decision to accept Gods call to the pastoral ministry.

To bring this home more forcefully to the students, Pastor Damali Boston in her first chapel sermon impressed upon the school family the importance of surrendering our will to God and trusting God always. She stated that after the will is surrendered to God, we should trust that He will never leave nor forsake us.

The students were reminded that they must be willing to live the godly life. When they live the godly life they will have a better attitude and grades will improve.

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Advanced Placement English Language students

Fifth Annual Prayer Breakfast and Parent Orientation

by Jessica Cadet & Danielle Samuel, Seniors, 2012

In the book Education p. 13, the author Ellen White states “True education means more than the pursuance of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.”

the minds of so many of us, therefore it was significant that our Prayer Breakfast was scheduled on this date, the tenth anniversary of the attack on the United States of America. In attendance was Dr. Earl Knight, President of the Greater



Dr. Knight brings greetings

New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Chairman of the Greater New York Academy Board of Trustees, who offered a special prayer for the country at large and for the families and friends of the those who perished on September 11, 2001. Mr.



Dr. Lashley, the Keynote Speaker

David Cadavero, Superintendent of Schools for the Greater New York Conference, members of the faculty and staff, parents and students of Greater New York Academy were also present. The goal was to dedicate each member of the school family to God and to implore His blessing and guidance during the 2011 -2012 school year.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Sylvan Lashley, Superintendent of Schools for the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Lashley admonished parents and students alike to continue their walk in the original path the Lord intended. He talked about the “three parts of image” which include the substantive, which is the

Holy Spirit; relational which means we were made to have a relationship with God; and functional because He gave us dominion over everything on earth. He further instructed the Greater New York Academy family to keep the order and to always go back to the image.

He emphasized the importance of Christian Education by imploring parents to invest in their children, not only for the present but also for eternity. He added, “Children need to be surrounded by teachers who reflect the image of God.” Lashley ended by saying that parents must enforce God as the foremost motivator in their lives and the lives of their children.

After the devotional, prayers were offered on behalf of the students, the parents and the faculty and staff by



Mr. Stephens leads the singing

With this in mind, Greater New York Academy held its fifth annual Prayer Breakfast and Parent Orientation on September 11, 2011. This date is forever etched in



Mr. Laborde on the Keyboard



Pastor Wong in prayer

Fifth Annual Prayer Breakfast and Parent Orientation Continued

Pastor Damali Boston, Pastor James Wong and Mr. Walix Valcin respectively. The administration, faculty and staff outlined the policies of Greater New York Academy. Afterwards we enjoyed a very appetizing breakfast served in the cafeteria.

At Greater New York Academy, the focus is to point students to the source of true knowledge, Jesus Christ. Do you know any other school that fervently prays over its school family unless it is another Seventh-day Adventist school? I believe there is no other. Greater New York Academy is ready and eager to do great things this school year. The theme for this year is “Godliness-Godlikeness is the goal to be reached”, and by God’s grace we will indeed attain it.



Leon gives praise in song



Ms. Ball sings



Parents gather in prayer



Students gather for prayer



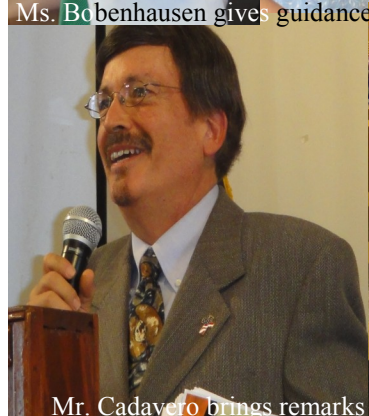
Platform participants, Knight, Lashley, Mitchell, and Patterson



Ms. Benhausen gives guidance



Mr. Valcin offers prayer on behalf of the faculty



Mr. Cadavero brings remarks



The table is set with appetizing delights

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Course Addition to the Curriculum

Course Title: Fundamentals of Film Production

Instructor: Bryan dos Santos

Learning Outcomes:

1. Perform the fundamental pre-production, production and post production concepts of digital narrative filmmaking.
2. Perform basic editing functions, including picture, music and sound effects, using non-linear digital software.
3. Recognize and discuss basic terminology of the motion picture industry, including technical, aesthetic and theoretical terms.
4. Develop an understanding of the moral and ethical aspects of editing.

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One Step Closer



Greater New York Academy is one step closer to realizing the dream of a new and larger gymnasium and a state of the art science laboratory. On June 13, 2011 the architect informed the board of trustees that the architectural drawings were approved by the New York City Department of Buildings. We are very thankful to God for the progress made thus far.