

# LHS Guidance Newsletter

May 2011

## Freshman Wisdom

As part of the Freshman English final exam, I asked the students to reflect on how their faith connects with some of the material we covered during the year. I felt so uplifted by the witness of many of our students, and I wanted to share a few of their thoughts. They made me once again realize how blessed I am to have the privilege to teach these young men and women, and how wonderful it is to be able to share our faith with each other.

**Essay Question: We often connected our faith to the literature we read and the topics we discussed. Pick one topic we covered (or story/play/book we read) this year and explain how it connects to our faith and/or what lessons you learned from it.**

My favorite part of the year was with *Romeo and Juliet*. That five-paragraph essay we had to do really made me excited to put Bible verses into my paper. I have found so much comfort in those words from God and they have seemed to stick with me. I learned that we are all God's body and shouldn't tear each other down or try to kill

ourselves, because we always have God on our side. *Romeo and Juliet* may not be my idols when it comes to how I should live my Christian life, but it got me thinking, "What if someone in their situation came to me with their problem?" I turned to the Bible to share some words with them.

~Martha Steffen

In reading "The Most Dangerous Game," I realized that we are all like Rainsford. We are on a boat (our faith) and we tend to fall off the boat and go to places we shouldn't be (Shiptrap Island). The devil (General Zaroff) tempts us (hunts us) and tries to lead us away from the path (God). But we need God in our strategy to defeat the devil (Gen. Zaroff). We can overcome the devil with Jesus. He is our "hunter" and watches out for us.

~Phillip Leibham

In the play *Romeo and Juliet* we can learn from their mistakes. Out of anger and for revenge, Romeo kills Tybalt. God tells us that when someone wrongs us, we should

turn the other cheek. This means that we should not take revenge. Also, Romeo and Juliet lie to their families about their love for each other. Marriage is a gift from God and should not be needed to be done in secrecy. The last event that we can learn from is when both Romeo and Juliet kill themselves because they can't live without each other. God gives us a reason to live every day and we should use this life He has given us to glorify His name. When the time is right, God will take us to Heaven to live with Him for eternity.

~Bianca Castellano

Like in "The Necklace," pride sometimes gets the better of us. We focus so much on what we wear and how we look. But from that, I've learned that it really isn't that important. In the story, it took ten years to pay off losing something fake for something real. If pride hadn't been in the way, Madame Loisel wouldn't have had that problem because she would have been content with the things she already had. And I think that's a great lesson. God takes care and provides for us, so we shouldn't worry about these pointless things.

~Missy Miller

In the play *Romeo and Juliet*, I believe if they would have done the right thing and told their parents about their marriage, they would

not have ended up dead. If they would have tried to follow God's commandments, such as "Do not murder," "Do not commit adultery," and "Honor your father and mother," they might still be alive. Of course, it is our job to teach and tell God's word and commands to people, so that when they feel there is no hope left they can look to God for help and comfort. I have learned that I need to be more active in professing my faith in Christ Jesus.

~Erin Quam

I learned from *Romeo and Juliet* that teens' lives without Jesus can be very hard. I mean, they felt so alone after Romeo was told he was banished that they both did stupid things. In the end, they killed themselves. Maybe, if someone would have told them, "It's okay, God is always with you," they would have lived long lives. We, as strong Christians, need to spread the Word to all people, so that tragedies like this one don't happen in our world today.

~Kinsey Hopf

And from our Korean exchange student:

We read about Helen Keller in the first semester and it fixed my life. Annie never gave up on teaching Helen. But I "loved" to give up something if I couldn't do it. But

after reading this story, I keep doing something that I can't do right now. Who knows? Maybe someday I can do it.

~Shin Hur

## **Senior Final Transcripts!**

All seniors planning to go on to college: Your future school will need a transcript from Lutheran High after you graduate. Most of you have already requested transcripts through Docufide this year. This is also how you will ensure that your final transcript is sent to the correct school.

Simply visit the Guidance page of the Lutheran High website at <http://www.lutheranhigh.com/guidance.cfm>. Find the Docufide icon in the lower right corner and click where it says, "Click here to request transcripts."

You'll be asked to create a simple account (if you have not already), choose the school you would like your final transcript sent to, and then click on, "Next Grading Period Transcript – including grades for Semester." Your request will be processed after grades are posted on or about June 3rd. You will receive an automatic email verification when everything is complete.

You'll need a credit card to finalize the transaction (\$2.55). Then you're done and you don't have to think about it again! Please do this by May 28th. If you do not request your transcripts, they will not be sent, and your college entrance process will be in jeopardy. If you have questions, call or email Mrs. L. God's blessings on your very exciting future!

## **Growth Opportunities**

### **Ivy Insiders ACT Preparation:**

Last summer a few of our juniors and seniors took advantage of an opportunity for ACT prep. Those that I spoke with felt it was a valuable experience and time well spent. Ashley Schneider works with Ivy Insiders, an ACT Prep company. She is a student at Harvard and has great insights into doing well on this important exam. She worked with 23 students in our area last summer, helping them improve their ACT scores by as much as 7 points! She has two upcoming FREE opportunities and others available throughout the summer. There is an option to take her full prep course, but she does not pressure students to do that; rather, she offers it as another way to improve. I encourage you to check out her free seminars & see what you think.

**Tuesday, June 7th at 5:30 pm.** ACT workshop at North High School IMC. Includes:

- ◆ Intro to the ACT
- ◆ Strategies, hints, & tricks
- ◆ Practice questions
- ◆ Handouts on what to know

Call Ashley at 920-377-6352 or email [ashley\\_schneider@ivyinsiders.com](mailto:ashley_schneider@ivyinsiders.com)

**Thursday, June 9th at 5 pm.** Free ACT practice exam at North High School IMC. Receive a detailed score report AND a half-hour consultation discussing your score and how to improve. Enroll at [www.revolutionprep.com/ivy/ashley\\_s](http://www.revolutionprep.com/ivy/ashley_s) or contact Ashley at 920-377-6352 or [ashley\\_schneider@ivyinsiders.com](mailto:ashley_schneider@ivyinsiders.com)

**Minnesota Private College Week:** June 20-24. If you are considering a private college in Minnesota, be sure to visit [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/mpcw](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/mpcw) or call 800-PRI-COLL to register or find out more. 17 campuses statewide host two open houses per day. Bethany College, Concordia-St. Paul, St. Olaf College, and University of St. Thomas are just a few of the popular schools that cause many Wisconsinites to run for the border.

**Wisconsin Private College Week:** July 11-16. Each of the 20 private, nonprofit colleges & universities in our state will be holding an “open house,” with many special events planned. Students will receive a waiver of application fees at each campus they visit. Students can also register at [www.PrivateCollegeWeek.com](http://www.PrivateCollegeWeek.com) to win one of five \$1,000 “Go Grants” to help pay college tuition if they attend a Wisconsin private college.

**TECHsploration Camp:** June 20-23 at Lakeshore Technical College (M-W 8:30-11:30 am and Thursday 8:30-12:30). \$30 for the week reserves your spot which covers materials, snacks, etc. Transportation by bus is provided from LTC Sheboygan (on Wilgus Ave). The 3 camps include Energy Camp (green energy, nuclear energy, etc.); Protective Services (police, fire, paramedic); and Welding (very hands-on!). Students may pick up a registration form in the school office. Call 1-888-468-6582 if you have questions.

**ACT Test Prep Boot Camp:** This is an intense, one-week prep course at the UW-Oshkosh. The pre-test will be administered on Monday, July 25 (8:30 am to noon), with the academic classes and the post-test to follow Aug. 1-5 (9 am to noon each day). \$189 includes

Cambridge ACT Victory textbook, official retired ACT pre- and post-tests, analysis and instruction in four content areas, and parking. For more information, visit [www.peopleware.net/222115](http://www.peopleware.net/222115) (and click on "Youth Programs/Camp" or call UW-Oshkosh at 800-633-1442.

**Chinese Immersion Program:**

Valparaiso University is hosting this three week program from July 9th through July 30th. Students can "begin or continue Chinese language classes and cultural training with Scholars from the prestigious Confucius Institute, and enjoy five-star activities throughout Northwest Indiana and Chicago" (Valpo brochure). The \$1,000 fee covers everything - classes, activities, meals, and housing. For more information, visit [www.valpo.edu/international/summer](http://www.valpo.edu/international/summer).

**Air Force ROTC Scholarship:**

Students who will be seniors in the fall can begin the application process now. The deadline is Dec. 1, 2011. Air Force ROTC scholarships cover up to full tuition, \$900 per year for books, and provide a monthly stipend (tax-free) ranging from \$300 to \$500 per month during the school year. Additionally, Michigan Tech gives a free Room and Board grant to our first 12 High School Scholarship winners that choose Tech as their

school. That could equal a free ride to college!

The scholarship board bases their decisions on a whole person concept. They look at grades, class ranking, leadership experience (school clubs, sports teams, church, boy scouts, etc...), community service and fitness score (timed mile and half run, number of push-ups in a minute and sit-ups in a minute).

There is no commitment to the Military for applying for a scholarship. As a matter of fact, there is no commitment the first year of college. With the freshman option, they can walk away before their second year and they won't have to serve or pay back any money. Log on to [www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com) to begin the application process or find out more.

**Rep. Tom Petri is now accepting applications to Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Military Academy (West Point), and Naval Academy (Annapolis).** This is open to 17-22 year old residents of the 6th Congressional District of Wisconsin. For information, visit <http://petri.house.gov>. The application deadline is Oct. 15, 2011. NOTE: Students interested in this opportunity should take the ACT as soon as possible.

**Wisconsin Covenant for 8th Graders:** If you know of current eight graders, encourage them to sign the Wisconsin Covenant. Students who sign the Covenant promise that they will:

- ❖ Earn a high school diploma
- ❖ Maintain at least a “B” average in high school
- ❖ Complete the classes needed to prepare them for higher education
- ❖ Demonstrate good citizenship and participate in their community
- ❖ Apply for state and federal financial aid in a timely manner
- ❖ Take the necessary steps to gain admission to a UW system institution, a Wisconsin technical college, and/or a Wisconsin private college/university.

Visit <http://wisconsin covenant.wi.gov/> to learn more about the Wisconsin Covenant and get registered by September 30, 2011.

## Service Opportunities

**Neat Repeats:** Help is *always* needed at Sheboygan Lutheran’s thrift store. Organizing donations, tagging clothing, working as a cashier . . . there are so many jobs. It’s a great place to serve and a great ministry opportunity. Please try to help at least one day this summer. You can sign-up online

whenever it is convenient: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/952345634452500092>

## Student Achievements



On Tuesday, March 29, 2011, junior **Emily Mech** was awarded 3rd place in the Executive Women International (EWI) Scholarship Competition. The awards dinner and program was held at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee West.



Emily received a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for college tuition and a backpack filled with donations from the companies represented by EWI.

EWI invited 87 high schools from the five-county region of Milwaukee to participate in this year’s

scholarship competition. Each high school was able to nominate one student from the junior class to compete. Almost all applicants had a 4.0 gpa or higher with impressive lists of activities and achievements. The finalists were selected based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, good citizenship and extra-curricular activities.

### **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership:**

HOBY is a great opportunity for young people who want to develop their leadership skills. One sophomore is selected from the applicants each year to attend this weekend seminar. Each year, the HOBY Ambassador returns brimming with energy and positive comments. I asked the 2011 HOBY Ambassador, Liz Falconer, to tell us a little bit about her experience. The following are her words:

*The last weekend of April, I got the opportunity to spend 3 days at the 2011 Wisconsin HOBY Leadership Seminar at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. HOBY is an organization that was founded in 1958 by Hugh O'Brian. The mission of HOBY is to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to lead a life of leadership, service, and innovation. HOBY seminars are annually held all over the world to*

*selected high school students that demonstrate distinct leadership qualities in their schools and communities.*

*Over my weekend at HOBY, I learned all about the three phases of Leadership: personal, group and society. The thirty-three other HOBY ambassadors and I participated in different activities that helped us get a better understanding of the ways in which these phases of leadership are important. Also, we had the opportunity to listen to many*



*different public speakers including Colonel Victor L. Kapinos, the 2011 'Alice in Dairyland' spokeswoman Christine Linder, and even the mayor of Manitowoc, Justin Nickels. We even got the chance to participate in a community service project at a local food pantry in Oshkosh. The weekend was a very unique experience and gave me the chance to meet many different leaders my age from all over Wisconsin. I really hope that the*

*sophomores next year take advantage of this amazing experience. It really will make a difference in the way you view leadership and how much of a difference it makes.*

*Liz Falconer*

## Spotlight on ...

### Carthage College

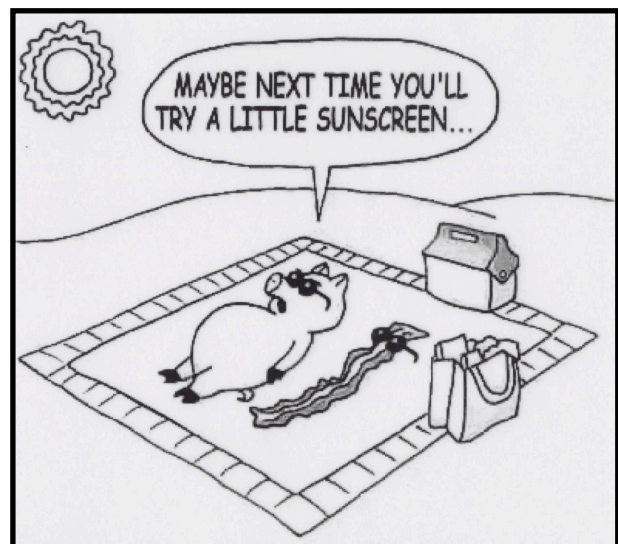


- ◆ Percentage of full-time students receiving financial aid: 98%
- ◆ Credit awarded for AP test scores 3-5.

Located in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Carthage College is a nice medium-sized school, known for its strong liberal arts education. It is associated with the Evangelical Church of America (ELCA). Its location between Milwaukee and Chicago offers many internship and career opportunities. Sports, clubs, and other organizations are also plentiful. They have invested \$130 million in renovations over the past ten years. Check it all out at [www.carthage.edu](http://www.carthage.edu).

#### Fast Facts:

- ◆ Named a 2011 Best Baccalaureate College by *U.S. News & World Report*
- ◆ Named a 2011 Best College in the Midwestern Region by *The Princeton Review*
- ◆ 2,500 undergraduates
- ◆ Student/faculty ratio: 14:1
- ◆ Average class size: 17
- ◆ 95% of Carthage graduates earn their degrees in four years
- ◆ Professors, not teaching assistants, teach all classes



**God bless your summer!**