

EAGLES NEWSLETTER



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BASKETBALL SEASON 2016-2017



At the beginning of this year's season there was uncertainty because CCA's teams were young in experience, especially after a successful season last year. However, both the SUB 16 and 18 teams did not disappoint their fans. Coach Miller's teams, which consisted of AJ Hale, Angelo Fernandez, Emilio Baeza, Rodrigo Baeza, Franklin Cheung, JJ Harrill, Ken Chen, Mauricio Pichon, Ramses Garibaldi, Drew Pilliod

and Jesse Foster, participated in the U-16 ADECOP, U-16 Kiwanis, and the U-18 ADECOP leagues. SUB-16 finished the season with an overall record of 5 wins and 9 losses, which earned them a 5th place in ADECOP and a 6th place in their Kiwanis conference. The SUB-18 team had a record of 2-5, and earned a 3rd/4th place finish after losing in the semifinals to the Oxford School. Coach Miller describes this last game as a classic that he will never forget because of the great comeback during the 3rd quarter.



The SUB 10 team displayed fantastic sportsmanship whether it was a win or a loss, showing courage as they faced teams with older and taller players. They grew immensely over the season since many came into the semester not knowing how to play basketball. They accomplished their goal of glorifying Christ, playing well and having fun.

The SUB 8 team won their only game. They played really hard in practices and improved greatly. They showed tremendous dedication coming to practice s even though there weren't other SUB 8 teams to play against.

SUB 10: Samuel Ramirez, Sampson Rook, Joshua Shenk, Nora Skinner, Samuel Hiestrosa, Malachi Kenyon, Dylan Wester, Ethan Ferreira, Adriana Valdes and Jeremiah Shenk.
SUB 8: Oliver Rook, Samy (Samuel) Guarisma, Valeria Wilshusen, Ian Samaniego, Samu (Samuel) Ulloa, Bailey Chu, Pablo Diaz, Christian Fernandez, Lucas Inigo, Lucas Colteryarn, and Ethan Morales.
Coaches: Daniela Salamanca, Renee Williams

BASKETBALL NIGHT

On Friday, October 14th, from 7-9 pm, Basketball Night was held at the CCA Gym. While CCA families enjoyed good food and fellowship, the basketball team was honored and a fun environment was evi-

dent. This event provided entertainment and fun with many activities such as with several basketball games, as well as a craft station and free-throw contests for the younger kids. Throughout the event, Student Council sold food and desserts in order to raise money.



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CCA YEARBOOK STAFF:
Ricky Chavez , Paulina Estrada

PANAMUN 2016



The 24th annual session of Panamun was held on October 26th -28th at the International School of Panama. For a second year, CCA had the opportunity to participate alongside approximately 15 other schools and send eleven delegates: Paulina Estrada, Natalia Montenegro, Aaron Figueroa, Amaia Navarro, Keimi Chen, Lizeth Cañizales, Armani Cornwell, Kenny Su Qiu, Maria Andrea

Martin, Daniel Brostella, and Juan Carlos Navarro. This year's theme was Global Resilience, which helped our representatives become more aware of the issues others are facing around the world and the need for global assistance and unity. Congratulations to our very own delegates for the extraordinary work and dedication they put into representing our school.

FIESTAS PATRIAS



This year, for the Fiestas Patrias presentation of Elementary and Middle School, the audience had the opportunity of traveling to Panama's 10 provinces. CCA students honored and celebrated each province through very special performances of folkloric dances and poetry that exhibited Panama's rich culture.



To honor Panama, and for the first time, 9th graders had the privilege of marching with the rest of High School and saluting the President of Panama. On November 3rd, CCA participated with drummers, baton girls, and a delegation of students carrying the international flags. Congratulations to all participants!

SENIOR RETREAT

Over the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd, Seniors had the opportunity to attend CCA's annual Senior Retreat. As always, the retreat was held in Casa Paraiso and during the two days there was bonding, prayer and worship. This was also an amazing opportunity for the Seniors to spend some time together, encouraging each other as they enjoyed their last year at CCA. Some of their teachers accompanied them, sharing their testimonies and personal stories, from which the seniors learned valuable life lessons. This was a time that the seniors will always remember as one of the few moments they could relax and disconnect from their everyday lives.



CCA CHESS TEAM

This semester's chess club consists of a strong group of Middle School and High School students who are all participating in a tournament within the club / against each other. Due to the great interest by the student body and the leadership of Jorge Sucre, the club plans to host next semester a chess tournament at CCA, inviting other schools to participate. This club began two years ago because it is a very important element in Jorge's walk with

God. In the game of Chess, the players confront a lot with possibilities and options, which is similar to our life, and that living one without God is a bad move down the line. The lessons one learns while playing chess, according to Jorge, are very valuable. These lessons include areas such as dealing with defeat and strategic thinking.



DIA DEL ESTUDIANTE

On October 27th, CCA celebrated El Día del Estudiante. The day began with shortened classes where top students in each area were given the responsibility to teach for the day either a specific subject or class group. At 12, the whole school came together in the Gym to enjoy lunch together

after younger students were paired up with older "siblings". Middle and High School students shared and enjoyed afternoon activities with their younger Elementary "sibling". It was a really great day all around and there were many smiles and tired bodies when it was over.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

On Friday, October 28th, a group of 10 students, accompanied by Mrs. Pilliod and Mr. Neal, went to the Metropolitan School of Panama to attend an environmental conference. The CCA delegation consisted of Santiago Betancourt, Leonela Bautista, Eva Harril, Chandani, Isabella Elias, Kirsten Tjon, Stephanie Guerrero, Jady Young, Ricky Chavez, and Luis Delgado. During the conference, speakers from the Smithsonian, Summit Zoo, Ministerio del Ambiente, and a private animal conservation

firm outlined ways in which they are conserving our environment and described ways in which we can help. This conference was the starting point of a year-long competition between Balboa Academy, the MET, and CCA to see who can contribute the most to these conservation efforts. During next semester, there will be a Directed Studies Environmental Club that will meet to discuss how we can participate in projects to help preserve the environment.

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



...Ramses Garibaldi and former CCA student, JD Gunn, who are members of Panama's U-16 Basketball team which participated in the Campeonato Centroamericano. They placed 2nd in the tournament. This qualifies the team to play in the Centro Basket, which will be held in 2017.

...9th grader Paola Testa, who was part of the team that represented Panama at the Conteca Tennis Tournament in El Salvador from November 8-12.

...Brothers Santiago (6th) and Mateo (10th) Betancourt, who participated in the Centroamericano de Clubes Campeones y Subcampeones de Natacion in El Salvador from November 16-19.

... Juan Fernandez who participated in the Tennis Panama Bowl in the category U-18.



...9th grader Rose Nicole Manning, who participated in the Danza Activa 2016 competition on August 6th and 7th. This is an international dance competition held in Centro Convenciones Megapolis. Rose received platinum in 2 solos and diamond in one of 5 group dances she was in.

... David Loo who participated...



...7th grader Naomi Shenk—Middle School student of the month for August/September



...9th grader Jimena Segovia—High School student of the month for August/September



...11th grader Miguel Benitez—High School student of the month for August/September



... 6th grader Andres Gomez—Middle School student of the month for October.



...12th grader Ricky Chavez – High School student of the month for October.