



Annual Giving Campaign 2009—10 Newsletter

Digital Communication Technology Class Needs Your Help!

MSD's Digital Communication Technology class was founded in the fall of 2008 when Ms. Terri Vincent arrived as a new teacher. As a native New Yorker, Ms. Vincent's art was influenced from growing up in the New York City environment. She attended the School of Visual Arts, where she became immersed in photography then in film productions. NYC offers many international film festivals, which strongly influenced her skills in the use of multimedia.

Ms. Vincent began the course with the history of motion pictures. Students reviewed, studied and understood how films were made in the past and compared them with today's films. With this foundation and knowledge in hand, students learned how to combine digital video production, desktop publishing, and computer graphics in the development and creation of digital video productions. In addition, they are learning the techniques of digital editing. This component focuses on removing "bloopers," ensuring the plot is clear, the script is well written, and ASL is written into English for the captioning component.



Students from the Digital Communication Technology Class "act out" a drama. (Picture contributed by Larry Newman)

Since the class began, students learned many important aspects of digital communication technology. First, they learned how to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA). The PSA's theme focused on the importance of being responsible, being respectful, and being their best as an MSD student. The second thing that the students became skilled in was how to make a commercial. They discovered that this is a valuable marketing tool when trying to appeal to the audience at large. If students had time, they would do special projects for other teachers that taught them how to follow expectations and deadlines. And last but not least, the students' final project was to make a film that had either genre—drama or comedy. The students learned how to write a script, drew a storyboard, and then either acted or directed in their respective roles.

On top of all this, MSD's Career and Technology Education Department hosted their first annual Spring Film Festival last May, and it was a huge success! Ms.

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Digital Communication Technology Class (continued)

Vincent's class joined this event after the California School for the Deaf at Riverside (CSDR) invited MSD to participate in their competition, since they were in their fifth year. She was thrilled about this opportunity because deaf students' work in film productions is quite limited and this would be a great way to expand their repertoire of skills. Furthermore, MSD was the first deaf school on the east coast to participate, and the first deaf school on the east coast to host this event. As part of the competition, students submitted three films and movie posters, which were put on display. MSD won awards in the following categories: Best Story, Best Picture, Best Poster, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, and Best Supporting Actress.

The most difficult part of meeting the different requirements of this course is the lack of appropriate equipment. It is a challenge for students to produce more videos, because there are only two video camcorders and two tripods. One camcorder is showing signs of wear and tear and the film is not showing a clear picture. Neither of the two camcorders was designed for high quality filming or heavy usage. The class is in high demand and has a large number of students, but the school's limited budget does not allow for additional equipment at this time.

The course also needs to have a camcorder on hand to import the students' films into the iMACs. With additional camcorders and associated equipment, students can film and import simultaneously, accomplishing a variety of tasks at the same time instead of waiting for available equipment. If more equipment was available, students would be able to produce higher quality work that would benefit the school as well as the students. Most importantly, they would have more opportunity to learn the skills that could lead to productive careers when they are ready to join the work force.

**You can help support this class by sending a donation to: MSD Foundation,
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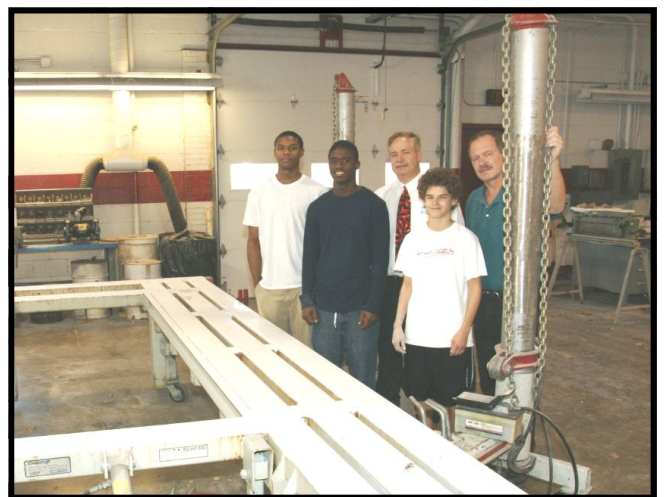
(Article contributed by Lisa Flynn and Terri Vincent)

MSD Foundation Donates \$15,400 to Auto Shop!!

Thanks to the contributions of last year's Annual Giving donors (see listing on back page), the MSD Foundation was able to donate \$15,400 to the MSD Auto Shop. The money will be used to replace worn-out tools and equipment. This donation also allows teacher Van Brewer to purchase items for the shop that will expand and enhance the skills he teaches to the students.

In addition to the money contributed, Tate Chrysler of Frederick donated a frame machine (see picture at right). Tate has been a long-time supporter of MSD, and particularly the Auto Shop. Tate has also employed students from MSD, and Van has spent some of his summers working at Tate.

The generosity of all those who made donations will allow the Auto Shop to provide the training needed for interested students at MSD to learn a skill that can lead to a life-long career.



Pictured, left to right: Donte Thomas, Malik Morris (students), Kenny Stine (Body Shop Mgr/Tate Chrysler), student Austin Cerasoli, and teacher, Van Brewer

(Picture contributed by Larry Newman)

International Orioles—2009

Article contributed by Chenae Laldee

I enjoyed an awesome spring break, 2009 traveling to Spain and Morocco with the International Orioles. The trip was fantastic despite our delayed arrival due to bad weather and cancelled flights, missing luggage which arrived several days later and being stuck in an elevator.



We visited many sites in Spain including Malaga, Madrid Toledo, Seville, and Granada. Seville was a very historic district with lots of churches, Christopher Columbus's gravesite, and buffalo battle arenas. One of the churches had a spiral walkway to go upstairs of the church; it was like climbing uphill to almost 40 floors. We were exhausted walking up! In the past, they had horses ready for people to ride uphill to the upstairs of the church. Interesting! Granada was the best place to spend your time there because it had lots of fancy places which made you feel like a princess in a fairytale. Everything was huge and luxurious. We enjoyed a performance

by Flamenco dancers while there. Unfortunately we could not take pictures of everything inside some of the beautiful churches and museums but I will always cherish the memories. Toledo is famous for its sword blades which are admired for their strength, elasticity, and craftsmanship;

the art was introduced by Moorish artisans. I actually bought a sword back home with me. Shopping was great in Madrid.

Morocco, Africa is not like your typical tourist site. Shopping was quite an experience! For example, the vendor

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does not quote the price for products that consumers are expected to pay. Consumers actually have the rights to make compromises and bargain with vendors about the product's price.

Instead of going to a grocery store once a week or several times per month, Moroccans always go to the village to get fresh groceries 3 to 6 times a day.

Cats are considered as outdoor animals (nobody wants them to be their pets). My favorite part of Morocco was riding on a camel. It was actually fun to ride a camel which was almost like horseback riding.

This trip provided a rich cultural experience full of lifetime memories. It is very important to understand other people's beliefs, customs and ways of living in order to have to work together for cooperation between nations and world peace. Thanks to the MSD Foundation and Maryland School for the Deaf for their support!



Chenae riding a camel in Morocco



MSD Foundation Funds \$22,000 in Projects



The MSD Foundation provided \$22,000 in support for scholarships, awards, leadership camps and educational needs during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The money was used for a variety of initiatives, including the following:

Annual Honors & Awards Program	Uriah & Bernice Shockley Scholarship	Space Camp
Youth Leadership Camp	Academic Bowl	iMAC Computers
Margaret Kent Scholarship	Mr. & Miss Deaf Teen America	Intern Program
International Orioles Club	Manidokan Deaf Camp	Auto Shop Class

MSDF Hosts 6th Annual Golf Tournament



On September 18, 2009, the beautiful **Hollow Creek Golf Club** in Middletown, Maryland was the scene of the annual Maryland School for the

Deaf Foundation's Golf Tournament. With its challenging 18-hole golf course nestled in rolling hills, the scenic course offered a day of fun for players of all abilities. The 6th Annual Golf Tournament brought out many seasoned players as well as a few beginners. The level of skill didn't really matter, as everyone was there to have fun and support the Maryland School for the Deaf. The event earned a net profit of over \$22,000, with all proceeds added to the MSD Foundation's fund to benefit the students of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Platinum Sponsor **Maryland Relay** brought two teams of golfers to join in the fun, and provided golf ball caddies to include in each of the golfers' goodie bags. Silver Sponsors included **First United Bank & Trust, Bray & Scarff, Shockley Honda, Morgan-Keller Construction, Best Buy, With Regards, and Canal Bar and Grill.**

These sponsors also brought along lots of enthusiastic golfers to enjoy the event.

The golfers arrived early and started lining up to receive their shirts and goodie bags. They then enjoyed breakfast in the club house before heading outside for a little practice before the 10 AM shotgun start. The **Canal Bar and Grill** of Frederick stayed busy grilling some awesome hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sandwiches, which were enjoyed by all. Throughout the day, the golfers participated in contests along the course, including a Putting-



Bill Myles (l) and Davin Phelps are ready to golf!

Contest, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Beat the Pro, and a \$10,000 Cash Hole-in-One sponsored by the **Civitan Club of Frederick.**

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HOLLOW CREEK GOLF CLUB

At the end of the 18 holes, golfers were again invited into the club house to enjoy a deli style buffet while receiving awards for the three top teams. A 50-50 raffle, door prizes, and golfing awards kept the crowd excited throughout the event. Auctioneer **Dana Dudley** got things off to a roaring start with the live auction, which included a 47" flat panel LCD HDTV donated by **Best Buy**, and airline tickets donated by **Air Tran** and **Southwest Airlines**. The silent auction contained 60+ items donated by businesses in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and was a huge success. Special appreciation also goes to **Myra Foley, (Interpreter), Airport View Signs, Tyler Joyce/FrederickDj.com,** and photographer **Bill Millios.**

I am certainly looking forward to next year's tournament, and hopefully all you golfers out there are looking forward to it as well. I can guarantee it will be a day filled with fun, food, drink, contests and prizes, and you won't want to miss it! So, mark your calendar for September 24, 2010 and have your golf clubs ready, 'cause I'm predicting it will be a great day for golf! For more information pertaining to the 7th Annual Golf Tournament, please contact Gwena West at Gwena.MSDF@comcast.net, (voice) 240-394-0330.

Columbia Campus Students Attend Manidokan Deaf Camp 2009

Deaf Camps, Inc. would like to thank the MSD Foundation for its support! Seventy campers and 30 volunteer counselors participated in Deaf and American Sign Language Camp at Manidokan Outdoor Ministry Center in Knoxville, MD. Manidokan provided a beautiful natural setting in which campers experienced trail hikes, teambuilding activities, river rafting, canoeing, wall climbing, and more. A highlight of the week was a hike into nearby Harper's Ferry, WV to enjoy the lovely historical town. Campers enjoyed swimming every day, and fun activities each night. They learned about the importance of clean water, and also created cards and letters for campers in Africa. The last night of camp featured a talent show put on by campers. Our campers say that Deaf camp gets better and better every year!

Deaf Camps, Inc. is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to providing fun, safe, communication-rich camps that promote the physical, spiritual, and social development of Deaf/hard of hearing children and children learning American Sign Language. For more information, see www.deafcampsinc.org.
 (Article contributed by Kathy MacMillan)



Campers learn wall-climbing

2009 Youth Leadership Camp

MSD students who attended Youth Leadership Camp last summer (Dan Mabashov, Michelle Mansfield-Hom, Bethany Weiner, and Hillary Frankowiak) made a presentation at the MSD Foundation's September 2009 meeting and provided information about their camp experiences. (Tandy Lewis also attended the camp but was not available for the presentation). The camp was held in Stayton, Oregon, and the students were there for four weeks. The camp provides an annual leadership program for deaf high school students. All the students continue to practice the leadership qualities they learned at the camp.

Their Motto at YLC was "Promoting the Tomorrow of all the Deaf by working with the Deaf Youth of Today." The students participated in group activities and learned much about team work. They met many new friends, as there were 51 campers in total. The campers began each morning with exercises. Some of the events they participated in included Olympic Day, Go Green, and Crisis Day. Everyone enjoyed the guest speakers and their leadership presentations. The students were very grateful for the opportunity to attend YLC and thanked the MSD Foundation for providing funds.

Thanks

"Please express my thanks to the board members of the MSD Foundation for awarding me a 500 dollar scholarship to attend this summer's Youth Leadership Camp. I am very excited about going and I know that I will learn a lot and I will put it to good use when I come back."Bethany Weiner

"Thank you very much for giving \$500 toward the cost for me to attend the Youth Leadership Camp! I really appreciate your support. I am looking forward to learning so much about leadership and how I can become a better leader."Tandy Lewis



Mr. And Miss Deaf Teen America

The Mr. & Miss Deaf Teen America pageant is an annual pageant for deaf and hard of hearing students, ages 13-19 in eighth to eleventh grades. The goal is to promote young, deaf emerging leaders, to lead stronger deaf communities. There are six categories in the pageant: private interview, state spirit, platform presentation, talent, formal wear, and on-stage interview.

Upon our arrival in Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, we had an ice breaking party. We met our new friends and we enjoyed getting to know them. The nine competitors were Western Pennsylvania, Model Secondary School, New Mexico, South Carolina, Fremont, Indiana, Texas, Illinois, and Maryland.

On Thursday, we enjoyed sightseeing at the Comerca Stadium, the home of Detroit Tigers. We rode on the Detroit People Movers system. It is almost like a subway but in the air around the city of Detroit. We had dinner at Hockeytown Café, a popular restaurant for the fans of the Detroit-



Dan Mabashov and Corinna Hill
Mr. And Miss Deaf Teen America 2009

Tigers. On Friday, we visited another part of Detroit about one hour from the Emerald Theatre. We went there for practice to get ready for the pageant.

We were unexpectedly thrilled and honored to be selected as Mr. & Miss Deaf Teen America. We enjoyed a great experience and brought pride to our school by being selected the winners. We want to thank the MSD Foundation for their generous support. (Article contributed by Dan Mabashov and Corinna Hill)



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