

# IN TOUCH

BLAIR CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY

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## *The World Ambassadors of Blair Christian Academy, A Special Look at Our Programs...*

Blair Christian Academy offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of students of all ages and a wide range of interests. This quarter's issue of In Touch highlights some of the recent activities that our students enjoyed.

### Budding Scientists Flourish at BCA

#### Science Fair

Young scientists at Blair Christian Academy had an opportunity to showcase their talents this year at BCA's Annual Science Fair, as well as the George Washington Carver Regional Science Fair. First place winners in the BCA Fair were: J'Taime McKissic, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Alexis Anderson, Jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Damon Finney, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; Aravella Dennis, 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade; and Mellisa Maiden, 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Seniors Kimberly Jenkins and Cierra Lessene also participated in the George Washington Carver Regional Science Fair, where Kimberly won first place and Cierra came in second. Several middle and high school students also are scheduled to participate in a regional science fair sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International.

#### Egg-Citing!

The third graders at Blair Christian recently had an egg-citing experience! As a part of an embryology program sponsored by the 4H Club, the class nurtured four eggs and watched in awe as the eggs eventually hatched into four fluffy baby chicks. "It was an experience that will never be forgotten," remarked their teacher, Ms. Judith Robinson.



ACSI winner David Holland (above) & BCA's Gospel Ensemble (below).



George Washington Carver regional science fair participants.



Third grade chicks hatching.

### On a High Note...BCA Student Wins Highest Honors

♪ Finally! Blair Christian Academy was a school to be reckoned with at this year's Fine Arts and Music Festival sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). With nervous energy and excitement, the middle school students traveled to Langhorne, Pa., for this year's competition.

The results were impressive! Seventh grader David Holland sang his soul stirring rendition of the Negro spiritual *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* and was awarded the highest honor in his category.

The High School Ensemble traveled to Calvary Chapel, where they ministered *Total Praise* by Richard Smallwood and the Negro spiritual *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*. The judges awarded the group with good and excellent category ratings for their performances. Soloist Kim Wicks did an exceptional job singing *Hero* and Kimberly Jenkins did an extraordinary job as she sang *Open my Heart*. As a duet, the two Kims sang *Count on Me*.

Blair Christian Academy...the School Children Call Home.

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## SAVE THE DATE

SAT9 Testing  
May 5-9

Elementary School's  
International Night  
May 15

IYWCC's Night of Elegance  
May 16

Middle/High Schools'  
International Night  
May 22

Middle/High School s' New York Trip  
May 23

Memorial Day Holiday  
May 26

BCA School-Wide  
Community Service Day  
May 31

Graduation Rehearsal  
June 3

Enrichment Program Tea  
June 5

Middle/High Awards Ceremony  
June 9

Elementary Awards Ceremony  
June 10

Graduation  
June 12



## STUDYING THE NATIONS

### National History Day

Blair Christian Academy seniors won first place in the regional National History Day competition on April 5 at West Chester University. National History Day is a year-long education program that engages students in grades 6-12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Each team of Blair Christian Academy's 12<sup>th</sup> grade American History class won first place with dramatic performances and an exhibit based on this year's theme, *Rights and Responsibilities*.

### Junior State of America

Blair Christian Academy students recently traveled to New Jersey to participate in Junior State of America's (JSA) Spring State Convention. JSA is the largest student-run high school organization in America. It is filled with members that are interested in politics, government, debate, the law, and education. JSA conventions allow for an exchange of ideas through student participation in debates, thought talks, problem solving, and open forum discussions.

### National Constitution Center

Blair Christian Academy's 12<sup>th</sup> grade American History students served as an evaluation and assessment class for prototype programs and resources developed by the National Constitution Center, an organization established by the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to be the first museum in the world dedicated to honoring and explaining the U.S. Constitution. These evaluation sessions were instrumental in providing constructive feedback so that programs may be redesigned for national distribution.

## CHESSMASTERS...



Ten Blair Christian Academy students were among young chess players from throughout the Delaware Valley who participated in the annual Chess Tournament sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International in Lancaster on March 17.

## BCA Delegates to the WAC

Blair Christian Academy's seventh and eighth graders participated in the Junior Model United Nations with the World Affairs Council. Students were assigned as delegates to various countries and took a trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum, where they learned about cultures and the United Nations.

For months, the students researched their country's culture, history, government, and even the language. They also had to learn the "ins and outs" of the United Nations, including how to represent their country and how to respectfully debate. The culmination of the program was one full day of model United Nations. Blair, in addition to 10 other Philadelphia-area schools, debated and voted on topics ranging from Iraq to literacy. Each student took on the role of delegate, greeting others in his or her country's native language and debating on the country's behalf.