

CCS Students Win Chemistry Challenge

Middle school students competed in the You Be the Chemist Challenge at CCS in the fall. Eighth grader Alyssa Beach received first place; eighth grader Shea Forcade, second place; and eighth grader Shannen Longridge, third place (see photo at right). Shea Forcade placed second at the regional competition in February and will represent CCS at the state competition.



The You Be the Chemist Challenge is an academic competition that engages students in learning and helps promote the science of chemistry, the benefits of chemicals, and the importance of chemical safety awareness in a fun and innovative medium. Expo Chemical sponsors this competition. The Challenge offers new and different ways to:

- engage students in science
- encourage parental support and participation
- appeal to community and organizations
- provide tools that can help develop strong relations with communities

Members of the Old Testament Survey class adopted a needy family through Houston Children's Charity. They collected gifts and distributed them to the family over the Christmas holidays.



CCS Senior Attends Presidential Inauguration

CCS Senior Jordyn McCain attended the presidential inauguration in January as part of the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC).

Jordyn was invited to attend the National Young Leaders Conference held in Washington last February. During the conference, Jordyn learned about the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. After attending that conference, she received an invitation, based upon her leadership skills and strong interest in politics, to attend PYIC in Washington D.C. At the conference, Jordyn spent five days sightseeing, attending inaugural events, and listening to such speakers as former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



Highlights of the trip included hearing some of the speakers. "Colin Powell was so good," Jordyn said. "Archbishop Desmond Tutu talked about the Bible and Daniel, and I'm studying Daniel in Bible (class)." Jordyn says her favorite speaker was Eric Weihenmayer, the first blind man to climb Mount Everest.

"My favorite part (of the conference) was being on the National Mall and thinking that 'I was there when the first black president was inaugurated,'" she said.

Jordyn was also able to pray with someone, who in turn, became a Christian. Jordyn attributes this to an event that took place before she left. "Kate Bennett prayed with me, before I left, that God would use me."

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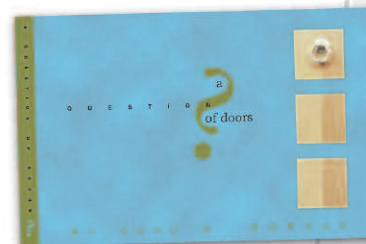
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