

Shorelines

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MBA's Ms. Baerg is 'Excellent'

For the fifth year in a row, a teacher from MBA has been named a Teacher of Excellence by the Adventist Alumni Awards Foundation (AAA). Donna Baerg, MBA's math teacher, has been honored with the award that includes a check for \$1000 and a free trip to Arizona for the annual AAA awards presentation in February. "I feel truly honored," Baerg said. "This award means a great deal to me because teaching is something I love to do."

In receiving the award Baerg follows her parents, Bob and Betty Baerg, who are now retired after 38 years at MBA, Tim Kubrock, who received the award as MBA's history teacher and now serves as the school principal, and Steve Walls, who has taught English at MBA for 40 years. "My parents were thrilled when they heard the news," Baerg said. "It's very special to me that I'm the third person in my family to win this award. My parents were both outstanding teachers and they love MBA. I think it's incredible MBA has been honored five years in a row. I think that it's a real testament to the quality teachers we have here. I love teaching at MBA and I feel blessed to be recognized with this award. But, the most amazing thing about receiving this award is that it makes me want to do even more for the kids I get to teach."

Academy Days Coming Up!

Our annual open house event is coming up April 8 & 9 and you are invited! We have several activities for parents and students who are interested in finding out why MBA is such a great place to learn and grow. Visitors will learn about everything from academics to financial aid. All are welcome, but accommodations are limited so please contact MBA's recruitment office today to make your reservation at (831) 728-1481 ext. 1221 or by email at info@montereybayacademy.org. We hope to see you soon!

MBA Varsity Basketball

MBA's varsity basketball teams are picking up steam as they head towards the tournament at PUC. The mens team won three of four at the last tournament, with strong play from captain Meshach Faaeteete '07. "I'm very impressed with the commitment my guys have shown," Coach Bryant Worth said. "They have improved their defense and are becoming a very good team." The ladies team has not had quite as much success as the men but has seen promising play from Katie Chee '10 and team captains Makenzi Thompson '07 and Marisol Gonzalez '07. "We stick together and encourage each other," Cambria Hayton '07 said. "Win or lose we play as a team."

Calendar of Events

February 21 to 24

PUC Basketball Tournament

February 25 to 26

PUC Math/Science Workshop

March 2 to 3

Oceanaires/Westwinds Tour

March 9 to 11

MBA Music Festival

March 15

CCC Spelling Bee at MBA

March 17

Senior Variety Show

March 18 to 19

Ski Club Trip to Lake Tahoe

March 21 to April 3

MBA Mission Trip to Peru

March 22 to April 2

Spring Break

MBA Music Tours Sonora

MBA's select music groups, Oceanaires and Westwinds, traveled to Sonora from January 19 to 22, performing at Sonora SDA Church and Motherlode Adventist Junior Academy. "The best part was the homestays," Drue Hackleman '07 said. "Because they were extremely hospitable." "It was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with the people in Sonora," Music Director Joshua Rivera said. "We really appreciate the efforts of the church members that made this tour a success."

Youth Evangelism Team at MBA

For the second year in a row, the Central California Conference's Youth Evangelism Team (YET) has blessed MBA's campus with several weeks of Bible studies, special seminars and purposeful worship.

"We really just try to be a catalyst to whatever spiritual goals are already in place at the schools we visit," YET Director Godfrey Miranda said.

When Miranda's team came to MBA they were pleased to find that Campus Pastor Bryan del Valle was hoping they could put on an evangelistic series for the students. Having already done a series called "The Unseen," in Modesto, the team was more than happy to comply.

Over the span of three weeks, an average of more than 80 students showed up three nights a week for these meetings.

"It has been so nice to have these meetings where we can connect spiritually outside of our normal schedule," Ragini Kaligithi '07 said.

"We really just try to be honest about our love for God," Miranda said.

"Knowing I have a part in helping young people experience abundant life makes my job awesome."



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