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### **Upcoming Events**

**June 8-24, 2010—First Summer Session**

**July 13-29, 2010—Second Summer Session**

**August 30, 2010—WKU Fall Semester**

**October 16, 2010—Run/Walk for Autism**



## **Dylan Beckham's Mission: Autism and Bullying**

Dylan Beckham is an eleven-year-old from Plano Elementary School, who is undertaking a huge endeavor for individuals with Autism. His mission is two fold: decreasing bullying while increasing autism awareness. Dylan's exposure to bullying occurred when he witnessed his friend being teased. This incident spurred him to become a "voice" for a campaign dedicated to individuals who have faced any type of ridicule. In pursuing his goal, Dylan has become the chair person for the annual Life Skills/Kiwanis Run for Autism in October.

As a leader of such a large campaign, Dylan has met with Brian Packard and Mark Elliot, co-chairs of the event. Dylan hopes to raise \$30,000 for KAP while leading an anti-bullying campaign.

Dylan's efforts have ignited a reverberating effect within the schools and community. Leadership teams are hosting a baseball game, his basketball coaches are raising money, and a golf scramble was supported by



**The Creek family supports Dylan Beckham in his endeavor to raise money for Autism.**

parents who wanted to get involved in Dylan's mission. Joe Lyons, KAP staff member, is completing an internship and will support Dylan as needed. KAP is looking forward to working with him in the coming months and is so proud of this young individual and the impact he will make in our community.

## **SIFE and KAP**

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) have been working with KAP participants on projects that utilize their innovative talents and teach the fundamentals of business. SIFE has been able to teach the participants how to use fundamental skills and knowledge in practical business projects. One of the popular projects that KAP and SIFE pursued was the construction, design and sales of corn-hole boards. The corn-hole boards have been designed with college and Greek logos. Other items for sale included: t-shirts, roses, necklaces, bracelets, and baked goods. KAP thanks SIFE for the involvement with our participants. Congratulations to SIFE for placing Second at the National Competition.

**Elementary participants talk about emotions and positive choices.**

**[www.autism-piecebypiece.com](http://www.autism-piecebypiece.com)**

**View Caitlin's story as well as other participants on the website above. This multimedia presentation was produced by the journalism class at WKU then donated to KAP.**



## **SAE Participation with KAP**

For another year the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity has made KAP their philanthropy raising funds for the program. Their main event included March Mustache Madness, where fraternity members grew their mustaches in a contest to see who had the best looking facial growth. In their fundraising activities, SAE alumni and other anonymous donors presented checks to raise a total of \$7,000 for KAP. Thank you SAE's and anonymous donors for your fundraising efforts, they are greatly appreciated.



## **Elementary Participants**

During the spring semester, elementary participants have been involved with very exciting classroom activities. Everyone is learning new and fun ways to understand academic and social lessons during their time at the program. These activities have been taught in a variety of settings including the kitchen. Also, the participants completed balloon experiments and made flubber, which is great to increase tactile sensitivity. Other activities integrate subjects like anger management and positive choices. The staff is proud of our elementary participants.



## **KAP Leadership Award**

This year's recipient of the KAP Leadership Award is Michelle Greenwood, a graduate assistant in the Exceptional Education Department. Michelle has been a very dedicated leader to all participants by providing influential direction and advice to those in need of her services and support. Talking about her time at the program, Michelle said, "My experiences with KAP have added to my twenty year long journey into the world of autism. This exposure has enriched my life and added perspective that will last a life time." Michelle's aspiring plans for the future include becoming a teacher and specialist in the field of autism, and possibly opening a KAP program in her home area, on the west coast.

**Michelle Greenwood speaks with college participant Rachel Pierce.**

## **Canoe Trip**

During the spring, KAP college participants enjoyed a canoe trip with Drs. Steve Spencer and Tammie Stenger from Outdoor Recreation, down Trammel Fork Creek. Trammel Fork is a creek located just eight miles outside of Bowling Green and is known as a popular fishing location; however, KAP participants were able to enjoy the outdoor experience with other members of Spencer's classroom, traveling two miles which took four hours. Participants said that the opportunity to get involved with outdoor activities and be with friends was what they enjoyed the most. A big thank you goes out to Drs. Steve Spencer and Tammie Stenger. We will be looking forward to these trips again next year.



## **Bowling with the Psychology Club**

The Psychology Club hosted the annual bowling event at Downing University Center (DUC) for the middle and high school KAP participants. Dr. Carrie Pritchard and Virginia Pfohl, advisors for the Psychology Club, organized these events each year with pizza and drinks for the participants who attend. KAP appreciates the various activities and being involved with WKU organizations and wants to extend a sincere thank you for their involvement with our program.

**Director's Corner**  
**Written By: Marty Boman**

KAP staff has so much to be grateful for as the Bowling Green community and WKU has continued to make the program the greatest place for the families and participants. This is evident as we review the various organizations that have stepped forward to add to the variety of support for everyone. These include:

**AT WKU:**

Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)  
Journalism Class/Multimedia Production  
Psychology Club  
Spanish Club  
Literacy Masters Program  
Exceptional Education Transition Class  
Outdoor Recreation Course  
WKU Gifted and Talented Program

**Bowling Green Community:**

Kiwanis  
LifeSkills  
Bowling Green and Warren County Schools  
Dell Perot Systems  
Bowling Green HotRods  
Bowling Green Parks and Recreation  
Houchens  
St. Vincent dePaul  
VFW Post 1298

Thank you for your continued support. We could not provide the high quality of services without you!

*Thank you and Best wishes to the Graduating Staff*

*Danon Camic*

*Tara Hill*

*Kassandra Carter*

*Molly Perkins*

*Sally Funkhowser*

*Ryan Proctor*

*Rachel Reetzke*

Lou Ann Sanford, KAP Office Associate, will be leaving KAP also. She has accepted a physical therapy position at the Medical Center at Bowling Green. Lou Ann has been our office associate for two years, we truly will miss her.



**Scholarships and Charitable Giving**

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community and families. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.