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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.

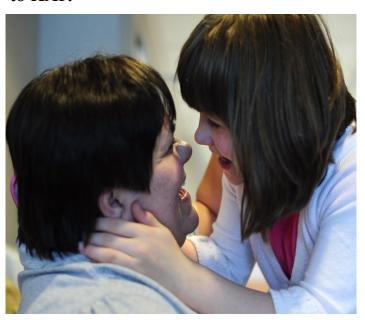
SIFE and KAP

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 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 Congratulations to SIFE for participants. placing Second at the National Competition.

Elementary participants talk about emotions and positive choices.

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 the Exceptional Education assistant in Michelle has been a very Department. 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 Stenger and Tammie from Outdoor Recreation, down Trammel Fork Creek. Trammel Fork is a creek located just eight Bowling Green and is miles outside of a popular fishing location; known as however, KAP participants were able to enjoy the outdoor experience with other members of Spencer's classroom, traveling which miles took four two 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. Carrrie Pritchard and Virginia Pfohl, advisors for 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

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

VFW Post 1298

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.