

# HUSKY PAW PRINTS

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## WHY APOLOGETICS?



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When I was in high school, I had some serious questions about faith. I'm talking about questions related to the **concept of God** (Who is this being? What does He expect of me? Why doesn't He answer my prayers?), on the **origin of life** (Where did I come from? Am I an

evolved ape? How do I reconcile biology with Christian faith?), **morality and ethics** (Why should I be "good" when "bad or evil" people flourish? Why is there evil in the first place?), **afterlife** (What happens at the end of physical life? Is there Heaven and Hell? What happens to people who have never heard of the Gospel?), etc.

I was first introduced to C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* when I was in college. In the first few chapters, I found convincing and reasonable answers to most of my questions. In addition, Josh McDowell's *Evidence That Demands Verdict* helped me to think through some difficult issues. In 1993, I heard Ravi Zachariahs speak at the Urbana Student Missions Conference in Illinois. I felt elated and liberated to hear such powerful and insightful defense of the Christian faith. Thereafter, I read up on J.P. Moreland,

William Lane Craig, Lee Stroebel, Stephen Meyer, Michael Behe, John Lennox, Alvin Plantinga, and Hugh Ross. Based on my personal journey and reading, I can confidently tell you that there is reasonable, persuasive, logical, and scientific evidence that point to the God of the Bible as the Creator of the universe, Author of life, Savior of mankind, and the loving Father.

While questions about God and faith remain relatively the same, external circumstances are exponentially more secular, more atheistic, and anti-religious than ever before. We now have militant atheists and anti-theists who are bent on humiliating believers and ridiculing all forms of religion. They use media aggressively to influence young people who do not have the ability to think for themselves. What's the outcome? Many young people between the ages of 12-20 walk away from their faith due to skepticism, unanswered questions, and faith in science as the ultimate source of all answers.

On February 23, NCA hosted Drs. Craig Hazen and Sean McDowell from Biola University for its second apologetics event. The speakers addressed the "problem of evil," spoke on the supremacy of Christian faith, and fielded a wide range of questions from the audience. It was an informative, encouraging, and empowering event.

NCA will continue to encourage students to ask tough questions about faith and God because our students deserve to know the truth. I urge all parents to be better informed so that they can confidently and openly share their insights with their children. God bless!

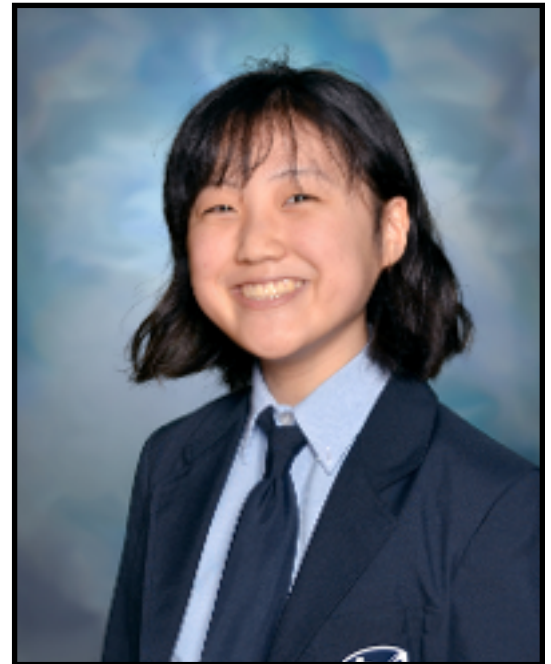


# HUSKY ACHIEVEMENTS

A huge congratulations to Gina Kim (10th) who received the *Gold Key* award from the Scholastic Writing Competition! Please congratulate and wish her luck as her short story piece will be sent to nationals for further consideration.

We also want to recognize Hannah Lee (10th), Eunwon Lee (10th), and Sarah Seo (9th) who all won first place in their grade levels for a writing festival about the March 1st Independence Movement in Korea. Enoch Han (11th), Rebecca Han (9th), and Danica Kim (3rd) also participated and received special awards.

Students! If you win awards through events or competitions, please let your teachers/admins know. Go Huskies!



# HANDBELL CHOIR MEXICO MISSION TRIP

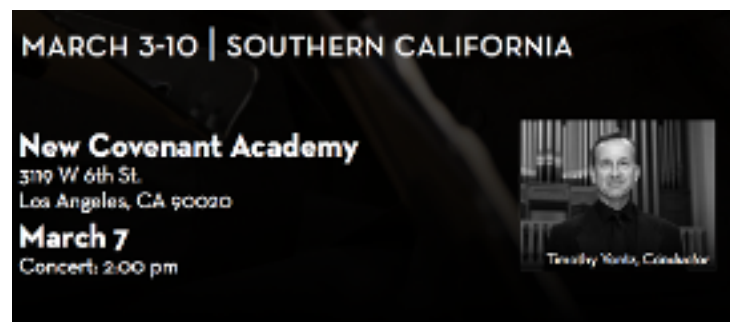


Mrs. Choi, the Handbell Choir's Director, will be taking our students to Mexico on April 21 for a mission trip! They will be performing their songs for the local churches in the area. Not to mention, eat lots of tacos!

Please keep this event in your prayers and encourage our choir students when you hear them practicing on Friday afternoons.

# WHEATON COLLEGE SYMPHONIC BAND

Wheaton College's Symphonic Band is on its Spring Tour, and they will be stopping by NCA on March 7th, 2018, at 2 PM to perform just for us. Come listen to these incredible musicians play their instruments and see how they use their music to share Christ's light.



# INTRODUCING MS. JASMINE MCKENZIE



Hello! My name is Ms. Jasmine McKenzie and I am honored to be a part of your community. Teaching and coaching are a joy and I am delighted to get to do both at NCA. From time to time you may see me subbing a class,

but more frequently, in the gym with our Boys' Volleyball team.

Fostering students' love of learning and athletic spirit is my daily goal. After earning my M.A. in Teaching from George Fox University, I was fortunate enough to work with students in the classroom at several grade levels. I also had the opportunity to

play and coach many sports over the years. My belief in positive growth through competition is what fuels my practice plans and sideline instruction.

*"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31*

God gives us passion to succeed and excel, and we get to honor Him in doing so. Being part of the athletic program at NCA means I get to help each player in some small way to reach God's potential for their lives. That is extraordinary and humbling.

In just a few short weeks the Boys' Volleyball team has grown leaps and bounds. With the spring season ahead of us, I look forward to watching each of them triumph on and off the court. Feel free to join us at the games to cheer them on.

As always, may the Lord bless and keep you, and Go Huskies!

## LEGO ROBOTICS KIT IS HERE!



Finally! NCA's Lego Robotics Club Kit are here! Though NCA purchased the material months ago, Lego informed us that they found a major glitch in the sensor unit, and that they will not ship their products until the problem was solved. In the mean time, Mr. Torres used different robots to introduce basic concepts to our students. Well, we finally receive our shipment this week. So, get excited, Huskies, for the Robotics Club. For K-3 students, Mr. Torres will take time in the near future to introduce robotics to everyone. So, stay tuned!

## CALENDAR ITEMS

### March

- 1-5 Class of 2018 Grad Trip to Hawaii
- 7 Wheaton College Symphony Visit
- 9 Disneyland (K & 1)
- 11 Daylight Savings ("Spring Forward")
- 16 Math Olympics
- 26-30 Passion Week
- 30 Easter Service

### April

- 2-6 Easter Break
- 16-20 Washington, D.C. Trip (TBD)
- 21 Handbell Choir Mexico Mission Trip
- 25-27 Terra Nova Assessment (K-8)