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ROUNDUP

Cypress Lakes choir visits NYC

By Jennifer James

Members of the Cypress Lakes High School choir reaped the benefits of a successful year in University Interscholastic League concert and sight-reading contests, as well as multiple community service acts, with a week in New York City recently.

The Cypress Lakes choir scored all "ones" in UIL competitions this year, a rare achievement.

While in the Big Apple, choir members had the chance to attend a Broadway workshop put on by the cast of "Aladdin."

Back home, the choir hosted a fine arts benefit concert for local flood victims May 16. The event raised \$1,500 for nonprofit organization Cy-Hope, which serves underprivileged children throughout the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.

Lelah Loftin is the choir director.

National group recognizes faculty

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at The University of Texas at Austin recently presented 20 Lone Star College faculty members with the NISOD Excellence Award.

The awards, given at the annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, acknowledge individuals who have made exceptional contributions at their respective institutions.

Honorees include: Aaron Alon, Blake Ellis, Chiung Yao Ho and Kimberly Lane of LSC-CyFair; Lisa Darling and Steve Davis of LSC-Kingwood; Romana Cortese, Lana Myers, Victoria Saunders and Kevin Sumrall of LSC-Montgomery; Marcy Delesandri, Lashun Griffin, Brian Kyser and Charles Treviño of LSC-North Harris; Janie Filoteo, Patricia Lyon, Maria del Carmen Marin-Ocaña and Sean Tiffie of LSC-Tomball; and Rick Smalley and Gina Sprowl of LSC-University Park.

For information, visit www.nisod.org or www.LoneStar.edu.

Dancers raise \$16,000 for Miracle Network

Jersey Village High School students raised \$16,352 for the Children's Miracle Network recently at a dance marathon that featured interactive games, a photo booth and a silent auction.

The event was the culmination of several smaller fundraisers that took place throughout the school year.

"The best part of Dance Marathon was getting to actually meet some families from Texas Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. They came out to say thank you and share their stories, which was very touching," senior Ketty Lam said.

Team honors 'School Lunch Heroes'

Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies and offering service with a smile, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District nutrition professionals have a lot on their plates.

To acknowledge their hard work and commitment, district schools celebrated "School Lunch Hero Day" May 6. School nutrition professionals across the district were honored with thanks, cards and recognition from students, school staff, parents and the community.

Learn more at www.schoollunchheroday.com.

Technology festival showcases talent

More than 1,100 stu-

dents presented projects to 4,246 guests at the seventh annual Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District student technology festival, TechNSpired at the Berry Center.

"It's always good to see so many community members show up to this

event," said Becky Cook, director of instructional technology. "We saw everything from kids who are very young creating presentations all the way up to robotics. There was a wide variety of projects."

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Cypress Lakes High School choir members enjoy a trip to New York City after a successful year. Cy-Fair ISD



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