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IN THEIR WORDS

Campers tour UD, leave in awe

As part of the senior camp program, youngsters visited the University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment campus in Lewes on Aug. 2.

Check out these quotes from our senior campers who recently made the visit:

"What I liked about the trip was looking at the windmill, it was huge, over 400



Every day we are reminded of the importance of our volunteers. Not only do they help with daily tasks - - such as washing dishes and reading to children -- but they organize and support important fundraisers that help keep our programs running. A perfect example is the 8th Annual Beach Barbecue scheduled for 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 28.

At the heart of this event is the auction, this year featuring 12 eye-catching benches that community artists have decorated. The benches are now displayed in the shop windows of business owners in Rehoboth Beach and Lewes. Thank you for sharing your passion for Beach House with your customers.

A special thanks also goes to the artists participating who gave of their time to paint the benches: SherryLee Biele, Jean Doran, Tara Funk Grim, Kim Klabe, Faith Lord, Lynne McKay, Connie Miller, Aina Negaard Naamack, Damon Pla, Steve Rogers, Nick Serratore, Gary Crowl and Carolyn Freas.

Many others have also worked closely with event chair Eileen Clark to ensure that the Beach Barbecue is another successful event. A heartfelt thanks goes out to you as well. You all

feet. Another thing was that I saw how big the oil leak was on Google earth.

My other favorite thing was looking inside the green house as we walked through it,"

Seth, 11.

"Today I learned about a thermal vent. A thermal vent is where they find different creatures like Pompeii Worm and different types of fish," Bri, 13.

"Today I learned that they use horse shoe crab shells to make dissolvable stitches," Ashley, 14.

"I liked going to the college, I've never been to one so it was a new experience. The students there take boats out to do research and may be out on the boat 200-250 days a year," Phillip, 14.

"I learned a lot about the earth, sea life, and the windmill, which is 445-foot high," Isaiah, 13.

"I learned that if you do something long enough, you can make a difference in the world," Dallas, 14.

exemplify the saying that it takes a village to raise a child.

It's not too late to buy a ticket and join the celebration of unity on Aug. 28. Visit www.cbhinc.org to buy your tickets for the dinner event at the cost of \$85 each. We'll be looking for you there.

Best,

Richard T. Garrett
Executive Director

AN INSIDE LOOK

Miss Delaware tells CBH campers to 'embrace your differences'

The newly crowned Miss Delaware Kayla Martell connected almost instantly with the campers when she visited at Children's Beach House in late July.

That's because she spoke with them compassionately about how to be proud of what makes them different.

"You need to embrace your differences but not let them define you. Grow from them because you have what you have for a reason," she said to the attentive youngsters.

Martell knows what it's like to stand apart from others. At the age of 10, she was diagnosed with alopecia, an autoimmune skin disease that causes people to lose their hair. Because of her condition, her life has taken her down a path of advocacy and she's proud to detail with any one who will listen facts about alopecia.

"I'm healthy and I'm normal in all other aspects of my life. I just lose my hair," she said.

During her visit to the Beach House, Martell took off her wig and shared the many other elements that make her unique: She dances, loves to eat chocolate, adores her mixed-breed puppy, Bridget, and considers herself a terrible driver. She's also tenacious, and proud of it. She won the tiara on her fifth try!

Campers too talked about elements in their lives that make them who they are. One girl said she had cerebral palsy. Another girl communicated in sign language that she too loves to dance. Several children mentioned they had a twin.



MORE ABOUT CBH

At CBH we partner with parents to enhance the lives of children. We need parents to be involved in all that we do and all that their children do.

We know that children and young people crave for dialogue with their parents about what they think and feel. Only when parents are tuned in with their children will the latter truly succeed.

That's why we organize parent workshops on a regular basis in addition to coordinating ongoing meetings with parents.

If you would like to learn more about how we inspire parents to take a more active role in the lives of their children, please call Jen at 302-655-4288.

As they listened, they ate chocolate M&M's of different colors and flavors that Martell brought into make the point that the world needs variety.

"How wonderful that we are not all the same and that by being different we make each other a lot better," she said.



AN INSIDE LOOK

Children's Beach House campers honor founder of 'enduring castle in the sand'



Back in the day, campers at the Children's Beach House danced to the Bunny Hop and played hopscotch; but even then, the joys of childhood and waterside fun characterized all activities at the seaside retreat that remains a pillar in the community.

At least that was the consensus of the 12 present-day campers who gave a presentation for Founder's Day at Children's Beach House on July 21. The event was aimed at remembering Lydia Chichester du

Pont.

"Her hard work so many years ago has paid off and we, the campers, are grateful for the magic we experience here in our Children's Beach House community," said Ashley, a 14 year old camper who donned attire from the 1950s.

Founder's Day gave campers an opportunity to envision the center in another era. They focused on the 1950s in particular because that was the last decade that du Pont enjoyed. She died in 1958, at the age of 50, in an automobile accident.

But it was with joy that the children remembered du Pont and the 1950s. They shared curious facts: for instance, gasoline in the late 1950s cost 20 cents per gallon. They showed how girls wore mid-knee skirts and boys dressed in button-up

shirts. They presented black and white photographs of a Beach House that lacked air conditioning units but not joyful kids.

One camper noted that throughout the years, the Beach House has always helped children recognize their individual gifts and believe that anything is possible.

Thomas Sturgis, president of the Children's Beach House Board of Trustees, reminded the group that duPont "was born to a family who believed that to whom much is given, much is expected."



Our mission is to help children reach their highest potential as functioning members of their families and communities. And in the process, they have lots of fun!

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