

The Verity Good Report

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A Note from the Teacher

It has been a blessing to work with the Class of 2010.

First of all, I wish to commend the families of the students. As a teacher, I notice positive attitudes towards different challenges faced here at Verity, for instance: learning how to study, the material itself, respect for the teacher's authority etc. When I observe these character traits in the student body, I immediately have a high respect for the parents who spent years molding that character. So keep at the good work! We as a staff appreciate your faithfulness and endurance!

"Enthusiastic" is the word I am using to describe the classes thus far. It is always a pleasure for a teacher to work with students that are inquisitive and want to learn.

I have enjoyed coordinating Orientation, which gives the students a solid spiritual as well as academic foundation. One goal that I personally hold is to teach not only academic subjects, but to inspire students to learn from God's perspective the purpose of applying their academics to life outside of the classroom.

Looking over the student essays on the topic of "Life Purpose," I was impressed that these students were actively seeking to follow God's will for their lives. I can honestly say I am excited to see how God is going to use this class, not only during their Verity years but in their future—it is going to be good!

– Charity Larson,
Curriculum
Development Advisor

Sonnets

One of the first assignments students complete for Analyzing and Interpreting Literature is writing a sonnet. Enclosed is a sample for your reading pleasure.

Childhood's Home

*Thou patron of my hopes both new and old
Cradle of young years fleeting joyous ways
Never fading scopes of that old grand knoll
Remind me through tears of that grand place
All of thy sweet scenes that do capture still
Thoughts of where young days did find their rest
It's walls held dreams for me to yet fulfill
In this sweet place twas trained to love God Best
But as time's role is played too well
And in a moment my one small world changed
Those times can but only lie where they fell
While on I must move to new scenes arranged
Though life take me far from where I have known
None can replace that sweet, dear place called home*

– Annie Humphreys, 2010 Music Student



A Good Conclusion to Another Successful Orientation

A special thanks to our Student Affairs team and the Resident Assistants for coordinating our Pizza Fellowship. It was a good time of recreation and delicious food as we celebrated the ending of Orientation and said goodbye to the DE students. During the course of the evening we heard many good testimonies around the campfire of God's healing and faithfulness. So for all those who had a hand in yet another memorable and meaningful activity—thank you!

Using Flowers as a Ministry

Last week the Greenhouse manager John Lovette brought giving flowers to a whole new level. On a recent Tuesday evening, he and the students visited a local rehabilitation and nursing home to minister to the residents and pass out beautiful mums from the Verity Greenhouse. Upon arrival the students assembled into a choir and sang hymns and played musical instruments for the audience for the next hour and a half. As the choir finished their fourth song, they were surprised to hear another voice in the middle of the group—one of the resident physicians had jumped right in and was singing the hymns with her whole heart. Almost in tears, she thanked us for coming and bringing her some encouragement! The choir sang praises all the way back to the campus, thanking God for such an opportunity to serve!



Activities at the Pizza Fellowship ranged from rope-swinging, to walking around on stilts, to playing

volleyball or football, to singing around the campfire. Everyone had a great time at the barn!

