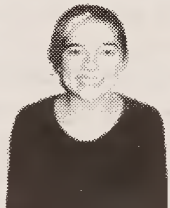


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## Students collect stuffed animals, coats, cans

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During the winter holidays, many student groups and organizations hold charity drives as ways to serve the community. For underprivileged families, the cold weather and holiday atmosphere can make for an even more difficult time. Service projects provide opportunities for students to contribute to the community by assisting those individuals and families in need of a more comfortable winter season.

DECA, formerly an acronym for Distributive Education Clubs of America, holds a coat drive every holiday season. Members collect gently used coats from students to donate to A Cleaner World dry cleaner on Battleground, which then distributes the coats to various charities. One of DECA’s goals is to develop leadership skills among its members, a task fulfilled throughout the year as students conduct various service projects. Last year’s drive yielded roughly 90 coats, a total DECA is hoping to surpass this year.

“I’m a firm believer that one man’s trash is another man’s treasure. Furthermore, it doesn’t cost the chapter anything to make a major contribution to the Greater Greensboro community,” said club sponsor and marketing teacher Atiba Bethea.

Another current service project is Student Council’s stuffed animal drive, which has been a tradition for years. Council collected approximately 100 stuffed animals last year and delivered them to Jones Elementary. The 2009 drive ends December 18.

JROTC’s canned food collection is yet another successful community service project. For the past six years, cadets have placed collection boxes in hallways and accumulated large quantities of canned goods. Last year, they gathered 1900 pounds of food, and if successful, this year’s goal of 2009 pounds will surpass the total from the 2008 drive. Sergeant Major Richard Dunlap will weigh and transport the canned goods to the Goodwill Industries of the Greensboro Food Pantry, which provides free canned food items to local



Joann Rivera, an employee from the Battleground “A Cleaner World,” helps collect and organize donated coats for children. DECA members took charge of the coat collection on campus during November. *Kirkman graphic*

families in need. JROTC rotates donation destinations among different charity organizations in the Greensboro area, such as Urban Ministries and the Salvation Army. Cadets receive a JROTC Community Service/Service Learning Ribbon as well as promotion points for cans they donate, and the cadet with the most cans wins \$25. Sergeant Major Dunlap provides himself.

Collecting and transporting coats, cans, and stuffed animals can be a complicated process, but student groups were ready and willing to do whatever necessary to help those in need. Clubs encouraged students to take advantage of this opportunity by publicizing their campaigns on posters, WHRL news bulletins, and morning announcement to enhance holiday spirit by providing for the needy.

## Governor Beverly Perdue kicks off CFNC’s College Application Week

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College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO) cosponsored College Application Week from November 16-20. During this time period, seniors from more than 400 high schools in North Carolina were able to apply to various colleges without paying the usually required application fees.

Through this program, CFNC hoped to encourage students to fill out applications who otherwise would not apply. However, this attempt is not CFNC’s first at such a program; it has hosted Application Week for the past three years as well.

“Last year’s College Application Week grew to almost 300 high schools, 19,000 students, and 38,000 online applications; a large increase in only three years,” said coordinator Julia Conrad.

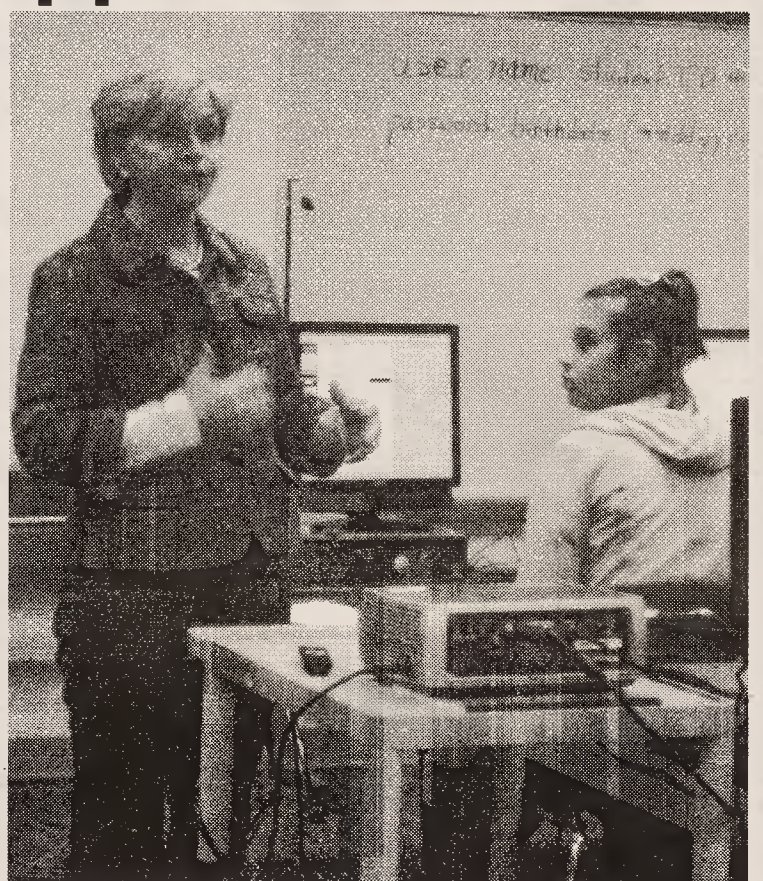
While seniors filled out applications in the media center, Governor Beverly Perdue paid a special visit to Grimsley on November 16 to commemorate Application Week and to encourage seniors to work hard in order to succeed.

“As Governor, I want every student in North Carolina to have the necessary skills to pursue a meaningful career and to be able to compete in the global economy,” said Perdue. “A higher education degree is an integral part of this process.”

Senior Christina Waddell applied to Wake Forest University during Governor Perdue’s speech.

“I’m saving \$60 on my Wake Forest application today,” said Waddell. “I think College Application Week is very beneficial for students who don’t have the opportunity or means to apply to college.”

CFNC helped students save a total of over \$2.5 million dollars through College Application Week 2009.



Senior Christy Nusskern listens to Governor Beverly Perdue’s speech in the computer lab on November 16. About 30 students were present during Perdue’s visit to honor College Application Week. *Detmar graphic*