

William G. McCrary Chapter  
Of the  
National Honor Society



Most Active Chapter Contest  
Grandview High School  
Grandview, MO  
2009-2010

## *Narrative of Yearly Projects*

The William G. McCrary Chapter of the National Honor Society at Grandview High School has been initiating activities on a monthly basis throughout the year. In March of 2009 a number of our members attended the MANHS convention at Tan-Tar-A resort. Grandview High School's chapter of NHS was voted secretary school for the second year in a row and was also awarded the most spirited award for demonstrating school spirit and positive attitudes.



The major community service project for the month of April was the semi-annual Raytown Road clean-up. NHS members went off campus to clean trash and debris from a major entrance to the City of Grandview. Members, dressed in bright orange vests, picked up trash for an hour along the mile and a half stretch of road. After much hard work, they collected a total of 10 bags of trash.



Also, during the month of April, NHS members sold chocolate bunnies to raise money for our scholarship fund that awarded selected seniors at the end of the year.



The end of the school year is a busy time but we still managed to fit in multiple service projects. Some of our members assisted the Grandview postal workers in sorting goods from a canned food drive. NHS members provided the labor in organizing and transporting hundreds of cans that were donated to the Grandview Assistance Program.



Also in May, several NHS members served a meal at the Kansas City Hospice House. It was a great way to serve the community and hopefully make a positive difference in the lives of others. At the end of the year, we bid farewell to our seniors by giving them a pizza party in celebration of another great year!



The kickoff activity for the new school year was helping with the enrollment process prior to the start of classes. NHS members served in a variety of ways such as assisting students with the purchasing of clothing required for physical education, passing out textbooks, yearbook sales, athletic ticket sales, and assembling and issuing required

paperwork for all students. Many of these assignments were carried out with little supervision by the office personnel.

At the first meeting of the year in August, the school supplies drive was set into motion. The members were given a list of the most needed supplies and encouraged to donate to the children at Belvedere Elementary School. Students quickly responded and several boxes of supplies including glue, scissors, paper, markers, pencils, spiral notebooks, and folders were delivered to the school principal by Alexandria Crews. The supplies were then issued to the students who were identified by faculty as needing assistance. The timing of the supplies was important as students were able to receive the needed materials during the first two weeks of school.



Also, to start the school year strong, NHS students assembled welcome back goodie bags for the teachers. The bags included pop corn, crackers, candy bars, gum, and mints. The teachers were extremely pleased to receive these gifts.



September was a busy month as well. Several members volunteered to assist parents at Back to School night on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Having NHS members present to assist parents helped the evening move swiftly. Also in September, NHS members donated toiletry items to our GHS Nurse's office to help our own students in need. Many items were donated and NHS members Sabrina O'Keefe and Tiffany Kramer delivered them to the Nurse's office. This was an extremely successful project as our members knew they were aiding their own school mates who may not have the advantage of having certain toiletry items.





On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the annual walk-a-thon fundraiser was conducted. Students collected pledges and then walked at least one mile to earn the donations. Each member was asked to obtain a minimum of \$25 dollars worth of pledges. The money raised was used to supplement the NHS Diana Bundy English Award and the NHS Esther Dunnington Service Award, as well as our donations to charitable organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. After the completion of the walk, members, in teams of two, collected trash around the stadium left from the football homecoming game to help keep the campus clean.

In the month of October NHS members once again picked up trash along the side of Raytown Road.



Also in October, NHS members started preparing for the tapping of new members. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the current members went to the classrooms and read a welcome statement to each newly selected member escorted them to the library. The new members were then congratulated on their selection by GHS Principal Shunton Hammond and were told what NHS was about and what they had to do to become a member.



The induction ceremony held on November 12<sup>th</sup> was well-attended by the new inductees and their families and friends. The 33 new members were led into the ceremony by the current members. The NHS officers each spoke about the history of the chapter and the four qualities: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Mr. Shunton Hammond led the new members in reciting the induction pledge. Current members then gave each new inductee a carnation and escorted him/her to the stage for the issuance of a membership card. The new inductee then signed the membership scroll and lit a symbolic candle.



At the conclusion of the ceremony, a food drive was announced as the first service project for the new members. They were encouraged to bring canned goods to Miss Whitford's room to be donated to the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP). It was a very successful activity with the food being delivered in time for the needs of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Also, in the month of November, NHS members assisted at Harvesters, a main provider of food to the underprivileged of the Kansas City area. Members helped pack snack bags that will be given to children who receive free or reduced lunch at school.



Later in the month of November one team of juniors and one team of seniors competed in a trivia night hosted by the Grandview Education Foundation.



December activities are always one of the favorites of the year. The annual holiday party, with the exchange of white elephant gifts and snacks, provides a relaxed time for the students to enjoy. Members brought silly \$1-\$2 gag gifts to see who could bring the funniest gift and which one could bring the biggest laugh. Unfortunately, due to the weather, our annual scavenger hunt was cancelled.





The final activity for the semester was the adopt-a-family project. Three families from an elementary school were adopted and NHS members provided gifts for the children. Also, a \$50.00 gift certificate was provided to assist the family with groceries for a holiday meal. These families were very appreciative of the gifts.



Dear NHS,  
 We greatly appreciate your Christmas gifts. Leo, Eui, + Mary had a wonderful Christmas, + haven't stopped playing with their new toys.  
 Hope you had a great Christmas + a wonderful year ahead.

Very much!  
 Thank You,  
 The Arthur Family

With cold weather expected in the month of January, a mitten and hat drive was the focus of the first service project of 2010. At the first meeting of the second semester, the members brought in mittens/gloves, stocking caps and hat/scarf/gloves sets. This delivery to GAP couldn't have been timed better. Also in the month of January we had our first fundraiser of the year. NHS members sold lollipops and the profits went toward our scholarship fund and raise money for the state convention.





In the month of February we held our annual Pennies for Patients Drive. During each lunch shift throughout the week of February 22-26, NHS members collected donations from the students in the cafeteria. This activity was a great success. \$4291.94 was collected and donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



Also in February, NHS members began our chocolate bar fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards our scholarship fund.



NHS members are now once again preparing for the MANHS convention. Our chapter of NHS has been very active and hopefully we will continue to work hard for the remainder of the year. We have provided assistance to our school, our district, our community, and to social causes that are important to society as a whole.