



Francis Torralba is Humanitarian Award winner.

The Golden Citrus Scholars recognition program awarded Francis Torralba the 2012 Humanitarian Award at College of Central Florida on May 14. Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Himmel presented this first award of the night to Francis for his two years of leading his IB peers in their service organization “Page of Hope”.

Francis and POH were judged by a panel of professionals from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce on their accomplishments and community service. Several other IB students also won top academic awards, including: Hanain Fazal, Kileigh Huscher, Rachel Neale, and Jake Tamposi.

Francis won his award for his work leading IB peers in collecting and shipping textbooks and educational materials directly to schools in a region of the Philippines he had visited two years ago as a beginning IB student. Also many hundreds of quality books were collected and donated to the Youth and Family Refugee Programs of Hillsborough and Pinellas counties which helps children being resettled in Florida from war affected areas overseas. POH both earned and raised monies to ship the texts.

Francis began the program and worked continuously to ensure it would become a yearly CAS and service activity at LHS by training future officers, writing bylaws, and working within the school to ensure “Page of Hope” continues. Working for two years alongside Francis were seniors: Kaitlin Beranek, Sarah Wilker, Brandon McKinney, Ed Daley, Amy Chen, Mary Lumapas, Kyle DeCurtis, Chandni Patel among many other members of the classes of 2012 and 2013. Good luck to next year’s Page of Hope new officers: Chandi, Mary, Amy, Larissa Barnes, and Zuhair Sami.



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A Page of Hope
Book Drive





Dr. McBrien’s visit inspires students to help.

Guest speaker from USF Sarasota, Dr. J. Lynn McBrien spoke to all LHS IB students about her work with the victims of the Ugandan civil war. She works directly with organizations that help widows, orphans, and former abducted child soldiers known as the “Invisible Children”. Her visit inspired many members of the class of 2013 to support victims of violence by selling their beautiful imported paper beads and crafts. Dr. McBrien brings these crafts directly to Florida from Uganda.

Chandni Patel has led an effort to promote awareness of present day victims in Uganda and sell the crafts at local festivals. At the Manatee and Strawberry festivals over \$1000 was raised and forwarded directly to the Children of Hope orphanage and the Te Cwao association serving widows and victims of Joseph Kony’s violence in Uganda. It is the women and children of these organizations that have made the beautiful beads and crafts seen for sale at local festivals and by the group led by Chandni and Amy Chen. Other juniors involved in the group Ugandan Pearls are: Adrian Fonseca, Kristina and Erica Aare, Shivani Patel, Ina Lim, Angela McHugh, Mary Lumapas, Kristen Carney, Jennifer Hafner, Marissa Aretz, Suhair Sami, Amanda Pitre, and Michael Wyka. This group looks forward to continuing its support for Dr. McBrien and victims who have suffered greatly due to the widely publicized violence in the past years in Northern Uganda.



- a) childrens artwork depicting violence shaed by Dr. McBrien.
- b) crafts made in Lira before shipped to markets outside of Uganda.
- c) Angela, Chandni, Kristina and Erica at Manatee Festival also attended by Adrian Fonseca, Ina Lim, Kristen Carney, and Marissa Aretz. The group has raised well over \$1000 which they donate directly to victims of the brutal war in Northern Uganda. With Dr. McBrien of USF and Dr. Castillo as their mentors, they plan to continue the CAS project over the summer and into next year.
- d) Ina Lim at the Manatee festival. Students found that the crafts brought to them directly by Dr. McBrien were a real conversation piece and a natural attraction to festival attendees.



Reading Buddies Restarted



Well before IB at LHS, teachers Cindy Shear and Scottie Spry mentored an activity called “Reading Buddies”. Reading Buddies met at the Central Ridge Library, and over the years served hundreds of elementary school families, pairing up LHS students with younger children to teach and enjoy reading. So when Katie Schulze suggested organizing a group to tutor elementary students in reading for her CAS project, the idea fit perfectly. Katie contacted LPS Principal Mrs. Vicki Lofton, and with the help of Morgan Dawson, negotiated the reforming of this activity serving our community. Next generation Reading Buddies comes with a variation on the original theme though—instead of meeting at the public library, IB students would devote their time after school to go into LPS classrooms. Reading Buddies 2.0 was instantly a natural partnership taking advantage of both scheduling and close ties between many IB reading mentors and their former teachers. LPS dismisses about 1 hour later than LHS allowing for IB students to devote their time after school. Thank you to the following LPS administrators and teachers for supporting this IB CAS project: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lofton, Mrs. Keeran, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Dusek, Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Stabb, and Mrs. Hurley. Katie and Morgan may need to move on their senior year to other obligations, so students interested in helping Reading Buddies continue into 2012-13, please see Katie or Morgan, or Mr. Carella

ZUMBA for FOCCAS.

In August, Kristen Carney had her CAS project planned. A February fundraiser that would have the new LHS cafeteria descended on by furry creatures in need of help and Latin – Salsa inspired dancers to help have fun and raise awareness to their needs. Kristen’s project was in support of Friends of Citrus County Animal Services (FOCCAS). FOCCAS provides homes and medical care to pets beyond the scope of what the county shelter can do. Students and supportive people from the community came, and they did have fun, and they did help. Donations to FOCCAS totaled \$665. Before the Zumba workout, poised pets in need of homes were introduced while their FOCCAS sponsors described their background and needs. Several dogs were adopted on the spot, including a beautiful mastiff which needed surgery which the adopter agreed to cover the costs for. This was a fundraiser event unlike any other held at LHS, nice work Kristen!



Brutis, a Mastiff mix, is 2 years old and 100 pounds. After being hit by a car, he needed surgery to survive, and thanks to Kristen’s CAS project Brutis had his successful surgery on March 27th and is doing well.

The fundraiser took place on February 11th and included Zumba, a Latin inspired aerobics workout. Kristen worked at obtaining numerous sponsorships including from Wal-Mart, Carney and Associates, Samantha Phillips, Louis and Anna Olivero. She raised \$664.00 and reached her goal of raising awareness for a cause that she is passionate about.



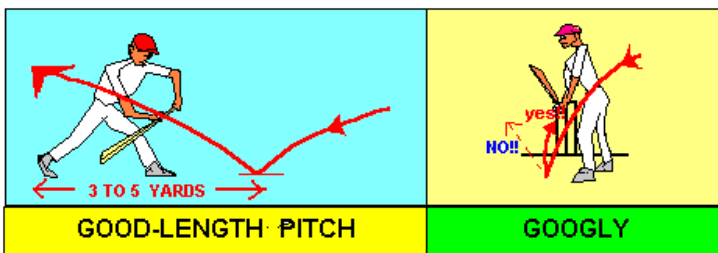
Minority Report are opening performers at the 2012 Relay For Life.

A group of juniors have formed the first LHS band as a CAS project. Their talent and dedication to practicing certainly fulfills the Creativity and Action requirement. But at the May 4, 2012 Relay for Life event, with this years' cancer survivor honorees seated just a few feet in front of them, this CAS project certainly exceeded any level of service requirement. Performing a full set of songs as opening performers, the band, "Minority Report," helped the 2012 Relay event on the LHS football field get off to a memorable start. With vocals

by Anna Dumon and Adrian Fonseca, the band also includes Caroline Brockett, Jordan Castillo, Zuhair Sami, Lloyd Justo, and Ina Lim. Congratulations to the members of Minority Report for helping the 2012 Relay for Life get off to such a great start.

Students unwind at Friday afternoon Intramurals.

Jeremy Lee originally wanted to begin a Lacrosse group, but when there were more people than sticks touch football quickly became the game of choice. Jeremy's interest in Lacrosse led to Friday afternoon Kickball, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket, a hybrid of touch – tackle football, in addition to Lacrosse being enjoyed by IB students and guests. The group was primarily composed of class of 2013 IB students, some of whom would like to challenge the class of 2014 to a friendly contest in the future. The group chose to meet on the fields in the Lecanto Public Park next to the tennis courts and County Public Health Building. This was a good choice as students would observe the intramural program when leaving the campus, become curious and stop by the field to join in, or just watch. The highlight of the entire program may have been a rousing kickball game that in the end was dominated by Ryan Morrill, who was literally all over the field. Football standouts were J.D. Heinzman and Marissa Folsom (what a throwing arm!). Zuhair patiently explained the rules of Cricket to one and all, and under his tutelage several games were played using tennis balls and folding chairs and / or trash can for wickets. Will Davis excelled as both a batsman and fielder in Cricket. Zuhair, in addition to being a definite excellent advocate of the game, is an excellent bowler (although he needs to work on his googly.) Thank you to Zuhair for lending the group his equipment and sharing knowledge of the game.



googly (see pic left) from wikipedia
A pitch which is thrown with baseball's "screwball" grip but reverse finger spin... to look like a leg-break (see definition) that should move across and AWAY from the batter, but actually moves in the OPPOSITE direction, i.e. INTO the batter like an off-break (see definition), after it bounces.