

HARVEST HAPPENINGS

Homecoming Interviews

Author: Landry Leubbert

2021 Homecoming was an amazing event with a great court. If you were not at the football game to find out who the Homecoming king and queen are this year, no worries. The king and queen are Analissa Devereaux and Collin Croucher. They were interviewed, and hopefully readers can get to know them a little bit better.

Analissa, homecoming queen, hopes to go to either Baylor University or the University of Oklahoma. Though she is unsure of what career she wants to pursue, she knows she wants to do something that she loves, and that brings her joy every day. Anyone who knows Analissa can see that she is a strong follower of Christ, uplifting her classmates and teammates. She's encouraging and wants to give glory to God in every way possible. When asked about what it meant for her to be on the homecoming court, she said, "It is truly an honor to be a part of the homecoming court, especially during my senior year. I'll be surrounded by my peers that are such great inspirations and great representatives for Harvest!" Her advice to underclassmen is to "enjoy the moment." Looking back on her underclassmen years, she advises everyone to love their friends a little more, capture each memory if they can, and enjoy this time before it's gone.

Collin, homecoming king, is striving to go to DBU and have a career in criminal science. Outside of school, he plays baseball, plays video games, and enjoys spending time with his friends. Collin is a caring person, always willing to share with those around him. He is funny, with a great sense of humor, and always makes those around him laugh. He was excited to be on the homecoming court, as it was something that was fun and enjoyable, and a great opportunity. His advice to underclassmen is "Don't procrastinate, study for tests, and have fun while it lasts."

The History of Sweet Caroline

Author: Ashlyn Beck

The Homecoming dance is one of the most anticipated events in the Harvest community, and if you came to the dance this year, you noticed that one song made the students louder than any other. The tradition of Sweet Caroline started the Homecoming of 2019 and has gone strong since. What started out as a fun song to dance to with your peers has turned into a staple of Harvest dances. Usually, an upperclassman informs the DJ we would like for Sweet Caroline to be played last, and it's a great way to end the night on a high note. It starts as follows: once the song starts, everyone makes a circle around the dance floor. During the verses and bridge, the floor is open for couples, friends, siblings, or whoever desires to bring someone out on the dance floor for a couple seconds. As soon as the chorus starts, everyone crashes into the center of the floor and screams the lyrics. Senior, Anneke Gurnon, says, "It is the one time a year that, all together as a high school, we dance without restraint. It doesn't matter who you are next to or how you dance." The tradition of Sweet Caroline is one that has brought joy to Harvest's dances for years, and the seniors this year hope it continues for a very long time.



Homecoming Superlatives:

Author: Ashlyn Beck

Homecoming is over, and there are many students to recognize for their participation. There were many incredible theme day outfits throughout the week, but Elizabeth Cervantes and Emma Riggall by far win the award for best dressed. From the Bob and Larry costumes, to being the spitting image of Mrs. Younts and Mr. Cowan, these two nailed the dress-up days. The award for best mum and garter goes to Karys Walls and Hai Vo with their creative, Christmas themed mum and garter. "Best Moves" was the easiest decision to make. Dillan Marshall found himself at the center of the mosh pit several times, and never disappointed with his dance moves. Austin Sampley had to win the award for Freshman First Impression, with his cheetah print suit and dance moves to be envied. Most hype was also an easily reached consensus. Ryan Wood not only went all-out for the theme days, but brought energy to every event he participated in during Homecoming week. Congratulations to all of the superlative winners, and thank you for making this year's Homecoming exciting!

Standout Student

Author: Dillan Marshall

Excited to start each day, freshman, Reese Tisworth, joyfully enters HCA. A typical day for Reese includes the standard A and B school days and athletics. Out of the classes Reese is taking this year, Biology and English are her favorites. She has enjoyed reading

Animal Farm this past quarter while she is participating in Honors English. She has also enjoyed Biology very much, finding an interest in the study of Ecology. Reese is involved in various extra curricular activities at Harvest. She is the manger of the Volleyball team, assisting them during practice, helping with keeping stats, and attending games. Reese is also a participant in fine arts at Harvest, being a part of this year's theater production of Frozen Junior. When asked what hobbies she takes part in outside of Harvest, Reese mentioned that she enjoys reading along with taking voice lessons. In her time at Harvest, Reese has enjoyed the beginnings of high school, especially the camaraderie. Being very extroverted, Reese enjoys the feeling of connection within the student body, and also feels a deep level of respect between students and teachers. Reese is truly a outstanding individual. We are blessed to have her at Harvest and to have her as this month's Standout Student.



Teacher Talks

Author: Dillan Marshall

In this month's edition of Teacher Talks, we hear from Mrs. Younts. She is a math teacher and sponsor of Saints Crew. Mrs. Younts has gladly shared her hobbies, interests and life at HCA. After beginning her career in public education, Mrs. Younts has served at Harvest for 5 years, teaching Geometry, Algebra 2 and Pre-Calculus, with pre-calculus and algebra being her favorite classes to teach. Mrs. Younts also holds a prominent position as the sponsor for Saints Crew, providing oversight and giving input to students. Mrs. Younts, throughout her time as a teacher at Harvest, has loved the opportunity to teach and learn about her students. She spoke to what an incredible blessing it is to have the opportunity to observe her students as they grow over the years. She also enjoys learning from them and is incredibly grateful for the connections she has made with her students at HCA. Mrs. Younts is grateful for the truly special relationships she has with her colleagues. Previously part of the public education system, Mrs. Younts was well versed in the typical classroom decorations. Upon coming to Harvest, she decided to change her approach to furnishing her classroom. She was inspired by fellow teacher Mrs. Tysinger, decorating her room with beautiful decor as well as pieces of scripture. Outside of Harvest, Mrs. Younts enjoys a variety of activities including reading and local site seeing, as well as playing with her pets, a dog and two cats. When asked if she happened to have a favorite verse to share from the Bible, Mrs. Younts gave, Philippians 27:14. Mrs. Younts is one of the many amazing teachers that Harvest has been blessed with. Being dedicated to the ideals and education of her students, Mrs. Younts considers her ability to teach at Harvest as one of the greatest gifts she has been given from God.



Debut Lunch System

Author: Maddie Cox

For several years, Viandas has been serving HCA, giving hot lunches to HCA students. Unfortunately, at the beginning of October, HCA was informed that Viandas was unable to continue serving the Saints for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. While we were disappointed by this announcement, a new and exciting program is making its debut at HCA. Some older

students may recall that a few years ago, around 2014, we catered hot lunches from commonly known places in the area. Students looked forward to enjoying some of their favorite restaurants such as Chick-fil-A, Little Caesars, and Jason's Deli. These are now all options you can order within the new program! The cafe coordinator is Ms. Christin Carter, who is also currently serving the Saints as the Cheer Coordinator for both middle school and high school. Under the new program, all lunches must be preordered and paid for online. If you have any questions regarding this new program please email Ms. Carter at ccarter@hcasaints.org or refer back to the informational email that Mr. Caywood sent out on October 1. We look forward to this new season of the Saints Cafe and all that it will bring!

