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MARS HILL ACADEMY RHETORIC STUDENTS ENJOY SPRING EVENTS

Mason, Ohio – Mars Hill Academy, a classical and Christian K-12 located at 4230 Aero Drive in Mason, recently hosted High Protocol Night for juniors and seniors and Fine Arts Night for grades 5-12, and the students' parents and grandparents. According to Mars Hill Academy's rhetoric curriculum, both events are designed to develop the students' social and presentation skills.

High Protocol Night was actually the finale to the school's rhetoric protocol curriculum, which is a series of spring classes and events designed specifically to develop the students' manners, etiquette, conversation and fine dining skills. Students are taught a wide variety of skills from table setting to adult conversation etiquette through videos, a Conversation Tea, and a Protocol Practice Dinner, which is typically hosted in a parent home. Students attended this year's High Protocol Night on Thursday, April 23, which included dinner at The Palace Restaurant in Cincinnati followed by entertainment at Cincinnati's Playhouse in the Park.

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Fine Arts Night was hosted at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 28. The venue was chosen years ago by Tim Giese, one of the school's music directors, for its acoustics and ambiance. "The church provides the perfect backdrop for the classical and Christian music presented by the choirs," he shares. Music director Beth Kenniv directed the 5th-8th grade presentations, which included "Rise Up Singing" by H. Prucell (1659-1695) and lyrics by P. Liebergen, "Et Misericordia" by T. de Victoria (1548-1611), "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Philip Stopford (1977-) and "Dies Irae" by W.A. Mozart (1756-1789) arranged by Russell Robinson. Tim Giese directed the Rhetoric Choir and Chamber Singers as they presented such pieces as "Kyrie," a 4th century Ambrosian chant, "If Ye Love Me" by T. Tallis (1505-1585), and "Elijah Rock," a traditional spiritual arranged by Jester Hairston (1901-2000). The event was rounded out with two Gilbert and Sullivan pieces, student piano solos, a Celtic band number, and teacher participation: one teacher sang a solo, one played the violin, one played the viola.

Mars Hill Academy was founded in 1996 in southeast Cincinnati. In 2006, the school purchased 13 acres at 4230 Aero Drive in Mason and built its own facility. The school holds true to the classical model of education by offering grammar, logic, and rhetoric stage classes, including the study of Latin. Currently, 230 students are enrolled in K-12.

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