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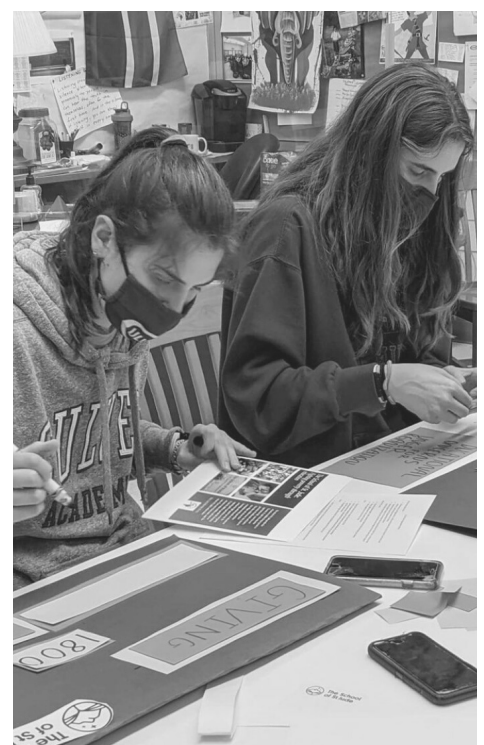
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Leadership Committee for Africa (LCA) is a non-profit, student-run organization with a mission to educate the Culver community about the various crises impacting different countries of Africa. LCA especially promotes health, welfare, education, and advancement of African women and children.

It provides opportunities for Culver students to learn and volunteer in Africa. LCA was founded in 2004 by members of Culver Girls Academy. Today LCA contains both CMA and CGA members. LCA currently partners with Christel House South Africa, Amani Children's Foundation, ECHO, and the School of St. Jude.



Color Run Poster Making



Quad bake sale!

Bake Sale!

By: Paloma

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there have been challenges that have impacted how we operate. Therefore, we needed to come up with new ways for us to raise funds and help our partner organizations, so bake sales were a perfect alternative for this. There have been three bake sales so far and they have been incredibly successful. Thanks to that, we were able to raise enough funds and make donations to Christel House and The School of St. Jude. Our hopes for the future is that we can raise enough money to rescue one child through Amani Children's Foundation. Our bake sales are located in the academic quad after school for two days. We sell cookies, chocolate covered strawberries, cupcakes, brownies, and so much more!

Christel House Video

By: Taylor

A Project in Process. The purpose would be the creation of a video that will acknowledge, thank, and celebrate the storied history and relationship between Christel House International and Culver Academies. The Leadership Committee for Africa will showcase the two educational foundations, their shared values and mission as they strive for excellence in a holistic educational approach and relentless commitment to fostering character and leadership in young people. LCA Members will record interviews of faculty and administrators, winter, and summer, and CGA Alumnae + one CMA who visited the schools in India, South Africa, Mexico, and Indianapolis.

Penny Wars

By: Jenna

Penny Wars is an LCA tradition, and we were very excited to execute it again this year! This year, the Steering Committee decided to donate the money from Penny Wars to the School of St. Jude, one of our partner organizations in Tanzania. As always, dorms and units were paired by Spirit Games teams and coins and bills were placed into water jugs at the Dining Hall. We saw some great strategy from teams who saved their coins for the very end of the competition, and earned just over \$650 for the School of St. Jude. LCA members had a blast counting the coins as well. Atrium and Battery C became the new Penny Wars champions! They are looking forward to their ice-cream party sponsored by Coffee Co!



Katherine counting penny wars change

Buckets of Hope

By: Taylor

In the month of December one of our partner organizations, Christel House South Africa, was doing everything they possibly could for their students prior to their winter break. Their main goal was to send every student home with a bucket in which consisted of non-perishable food items, which was considered "Buckets of Hope." The Leadership Committee for Africa, as always, was super eager to promote and support this project for Christel House. Culver's LCA team was in the hopes to make this as beneficial as possible for students in South Africa. Our winter sale that sold bracelets, necklaces, keychains, tapestries, stationary, and so much more helped us contribute a total of \$560 towards the Buckets of Hope campaign!



LCA hosting second workshop

Hosting Workshops

By: Katherine

After our team won the National Coalition of Girls School Moulton Grant last year, we were supposed to participate in and lead workshops at Christel House South Africa, but since we were unable to go, we decided to host the workshops here on campus. In November we hosted a workshop about Compassionate Listening, where the participants learned about empathy, active listening, and about how to be a supportive friend and good leader. All CGA Sophomores participated in the Strengths Workshop in January. Recently, in March, LCA hosted a Team Building workshop. This workshop had lots of fun activities that are decided to build trust among participants and teach them about how to work together and problem solve. We are also planning on having another workshop session after spring break. Overall, these workshops have been a great experience for us leaders to learn how to organize and lead an event, and it has also been a good experience for the Culver campus because LCA's workshops are being passed on to the next generation of Culver students. Our hope is that when LCA is able to return to Christel House, there will still be many LCA members who remember the workshops and are excited to lead and participate in them at Christel House.

The Color Run

By: Anne Marie, Ally, & Stella

We are planning to host a color run on Saturday May 8, 2021. So far, we have planned out the course and created 4 stations, one for each of our partner organizations (School of St. Jude's, Christel House, Echo, and Amani). We sold white LCA shirts before spring break to wear on the run, and we have created posters to talk about each organization that will be set up along the course. We will begin and end at the Naval Building and will have other activities at the finish. The run will go along the lake path and through Woodcraft. We also created posters to advertise the run to all students, faculty, and wrist banded adults on campus. We are looking forward to hosting this run soon and supporting LCA and our partner organizations!"



Beading Sessions

By: Abby

Throughout the winter, we have had many beading sessions where members of LCA come together to help make bracelets. The Amani Children's Foundation is a partner foundation of the Leadership Committee for Africa here at Culver Academies. They care for orphaned children in Kenya, and every one thousand dollars donated supports a child for a year. One way to raise money for the partner organization is through purchasing bracelets. Some of our bracelets consist of clay Kazuri beads, hand made, along with other beads. The beading sessions are great opportunities for members of LCA to come together, as well as, raise money for a good cause. We have successfully sold many of these homemade bracelets during a winter beading sale.



Winter bracelet sale



LCA Mission:

"Respond to the AIDS and poverty crisis in Africa by supporting programs that promote the health, welfare, education and advancement of women and children."

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

