



Ready for Competition!

The Week in Review

BUILT TO LAST

*Be strong in the Lord and in the power of
His might. Eph 6:10*

Strength was the focus of Christian School Finals Competition 2009. While we are all aware that Competition events require mental or physical strength, or perhaps even both, we at times forget that there is also a strength available that enables us to victoriously face challenging situations that arise in our everyday lives. This is the strength that is found in the Lord and in His mighty power. With His strength we are **BUILT TO LAST**.

SUNDAY - "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might." Ephesians 6:10

By the time the first Competition events of 2009, golf and baseball, got underway, 447 participants and sponsors representing 16 schools had already started catching up with old friends and were well on their way to making new acquaintances.

At the Welcoming Service, ORU Men's Chaplain, Eric Peterson challenged everyone to remember enduring strength is found in the Lord and in the power of His might. The sponsors were invited to pray over the students at the end of the service. This was just the beginning of changes taking place during this week of Competition.

MONDAY - Built in God's Image

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14
The first full day of Competition was a busy one

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starting the day with On-site Art, Mime, and the Academic Challenges. The athletic events got into full swing with Tennis Singles and the first rounds of Soccer. This large variety of talent at Competition was such a wonderful demonstration of God uniquely creating each individual in His image for a specific purpose.

Once again, the highlight of Monday was the Outdoor Worship and Prayer Service. Led by the ORU Worship Leader, Laura Cooke and Dean of Men, Matt Olsen, the evening filled with praise and prayer, breaking bondages and healing the needs of students and sponsors.

TUESDAY - Physically Strong

"Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous." Joshua 1:8 Physically strong proved to be the theme for Tuesday's Competition events as athletic events started and ended the day. The basketball and volleyball tournaments kicked off on Tuesday, and the Dramatic Art events displayed their physical abilities in the Dance and One-Act Play competitions. Keeping the day moving along on a high note, the vocal and instrumental competitions events got underway. Dinner was held outdoors at the Track Meet at Jenks High School, providing a refreshing end to this physically strong day.

WEDNESDAY - Mentally Strong

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2 Competition events on Wednesday provided many opportunities for participants to exercise mental strength. The Cross Country runners started the third day of Competition taking off early in the morning to run their race. The second rounds of Academic Bowl got underway, and Soccer finals highlighted the afternoon. The Praise and Worship Band competition set the stage for the evening's chapel message delivered by ORU Women's Chaplain, Carol Holderness. Following the week's theme, the message encouraged everyone to seek a closer relationship with God. The service ended with a precious time of ministry.

THURSDAY - Spiritually Strong

"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1 The Competition events on Thursday involved a combination of the strengths addressed during the week and challenged competitors to recall the message of the welcoming ceremony...that true strength is found in the Lord and His mighty power. Mental strength abounded with the French and Spanish competitions, Lab Investigation and the Academic Bowl finals.

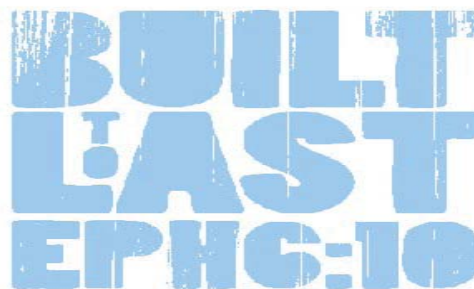
Thursday evening ending with a Competition favorite - the talent Showcase. Over 30 showcase entries highlighted the numerous and varied talents of this year's competitors. New to the Showcase this year was an exhibition Spelling Challenge demonstrating the aptitude of the events' finalists.

FRIDAY - The Whole Person

The final day of Competition opened with the Commissioning Service. ORU Dean of Student Life, Dr. Dan Guajardo, preached a message entitled, "Commissioned or Decommissioned-the Choice is Yours." He encouraged the students to live a "commissioned life" - as God's elect in Christ, justified by grace alone-through faith alone-in Christ alone. In living this life, the believer is given over to a new master, has a new identity, thinks with a new mind and expresses Godly desires in the context of humility. The "decommissioned" life is living without humility and relying on oneself. The Commissioning Service ended with an invitation to re-evaluate whether or not the lifestyle is a commissioned life or a decommissioned one.

Following the service, athletic events filled the final day of Competition. Volleyball, Table Tennis and Basketball finals were the focus, while Cheerleading and Winter Guard competitions kept the spectators energized.

The Awards Ceremony Friday night signaled the end of Competition 2009. After all the events were over and all the awards were given out, Competition hosted 447 winners in 2009. As God watched over the week, He saw each individual strive to develop and do their best each day. He saw physically disciplined, intellectually alert and spiritually alive whole people created in His image learning to be strong in Him and in the power of His might!



We would like to thank our photographers at this year's Competition: Joshua Hamilton, Jessica Renner and Matthew Holzmnn. They caught the essence of CSFC through pictures.

Monday evening Outdoor Worship & Prayer



Wednesday evening Chapel Service

Congratulations to:

Jesus Chapel School, Grand Champion Award

Agape Christian Academy, International Grand Champion Award

Jesus Chapel School, Team Decathlon Award

Christian Outreach School, Per Capita Award*

Word of Outreach Christian Academy, Spirit Award

*The Per Capita Award was re-evaluated and the winner was Christian Outreach School.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION: MAY 23-28, 2010.

To view the 2009 Competition results and to get more information about Competition visit our Web site at <http://competition.oru.edu> or contact us at:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2010 COMPETITION

Decathlon-Form K

The Decathlon-Form K will be due in the Competition office by noon on Friday, May 21, 2010. This form can be faxed or e-mailed. Each school is encouraged to participate in the Decathlon.

Competition Schedule

Many schools strategize for the next Competition by using the previous year's schedule. In 2010, we are attempting to streamline the schedule affecting certain events. We will be re-arranging the schedule this summer and will present a tentative schedule this fall for schools to use in planning. It will not be the final schedule as that cannot be completed until all entries are received in April.

Borrowing Equipment from the ORU Music Dept.

For future reference, please make a note that the Competition office will need to be notified in advance if your students need to borrow equipment for competing. Please alert the office of your equipment needs and for which events by Friday, May 14, 2010. Without prior notice a deduction will be applied to the event affected.

Housing Assignments

Each school's residence assignments forms H & I must be received in the Competition Office by April 15, 2010. These forms are vital to the ORU Housing Department for scheduling the Competition reservations.

Registration Deposits

Registration deposits are non-refundable. If for some reason a student or sponsor is unable to attend CSFC, the deposit is forfeited unless the student or sponsor is replaced.

Transportation during Competition Week

Each school is responsible to provide transportation to and from off campus events such as: track, golf and baseball. In the past schools have graciously provided transportation for each other. Please arrange to transport your students to these events. The Track Meet is a mandatory event for all schools to attend. Also when

transporting students to and from the University, make sure a sponsor accompanies students at all times.

Mandatory Attendance for all Schools

All schools are expected to participate in the following events:

- Welcoming Service
- Outdoor Worship and Prayer
- Chapel Service
- Commissioning Service
- Track Meet
- Showcase
- Awards Ceremony

Respect during Chapel Services

All schools should respect those around them during chapel services. Please encourage your students to refrain from talking, texting on cell phones and goofing off. Sponsors are to enforce these guidelines to ensure students are paying attention during these services.

Sponsor Responsibility Form P

A signed copy of the Sponsor Responsibility Form P is required from each sponsor at registration check-in. During Competition the sponsor should enforce the rules of conduct concerning the students' behavior under his or her care, uphold curfew and offer correction when needed. Reviewing the responsibilities before Competition will enable the sponsors to prepare themselves and review the rules of conduct expected while on the ORU campus.

Runnecard Registration for the Track Meet

CSFC will continue to use the Runnecard software to schedule the Track Meet. This program is very user friendly. Schools will be notified closer to Competition with instructions for registering and inputting students' times and distances. Schools will need to make sure to register for the events they wish to participate in on Form D. Otherwise a \$10 add fee may be assessed. There are no late adds at the Track Meet.

Letters of Invitation

International schools requiring a letter of invitation to Competition will be asked to complete a written request form demonstrating their serious desire to attend Competition. Forms will be made available this fall.