

# Community invited to Living Nativity, Heavenly Christmas programs at Emmaus Lutheran School

The students at Emmaus Lutheran School will participate in the Living Nativity inside and outside the church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at 840 S. Almansor St., Alhambra. Goats, sheep, and a donkey will also be part of this annual program. Following the worship service to which the community is invited, there will be a festival with pony rides, crafts, and a bouncer house.

The Alhambra Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive will collect toys to brighten the holidays for underprivileged children in the community. Last year Emmaus Lutheran School had the

distinction of collecting the most toys in Alhambra, which is part of the commitment to giving back to the community.

The community is also invited for the Heavenly Christmas Program at 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 21. Choirs and dancers, joined by the church's Chinese and English adult choirs, will perform. All the children will be dressed as angels. The program will also feature a comedy/drama performed by the students.

The varsity and junior varsity teams just finished the volleyball and football seasons. The three children's choirs, joined by the bell choir and dancers,

participated in all church services during October as well as the installation of the church's new minister, Rev. Carl Kaye.

The four cornerstones of Emmaus Lutheran School, a Christian academy, are Christ, Curriculum, Character, and Community. Students develop self-worth and good moral values through a variety of opportunities in drama, music, dance, musical instruments, sports, and community service.

Emmaus Church and School has been serving the academic and spiritual needs of children from preschool through eighth grade for the past 75 years.



Choirs and dancers, joined by the Emmaus Church's Chinese and English adult choirs, will perform in the Heavenly Christmas Program on Dec. 21.

# Cal State LA's School of Nursing receives *INSIGHT Into Diversity's* 2016 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award

Cal State LA has received a national award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine for its success in fostering diversity and inclusion in the School of Nursing.

The 2016 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award recognizes U.S. medical, dental, pharmacy, osteopathic, nursing, and allied health schools that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

"Our nursing program is ranked among the best in the nation," said Cal State LA President William A. Covino. "This award demonstrates that excellence and diversity go hand in hand."

The School of Nursing received the award based on its commitment to diversity and inclusion among faculty and staff, as well as students within the nursing programs. As a recipient of the Health Professions HEED Award, Cal State LA will be featured in the magazine's December 2016 issue.

"The School of Nursing's faculty, staff, and students proudly mirror the diverse communities we serve," said Gail Washington, director of Cal State LA's School of Nursing.

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iang Xu College of Health and Human Services at Cal State LA. It is home to 500 undergraduate nursing students, 175 graduate students, and 10 tenure-track faculty members.

Cal State LA's nursing master's degree program is ranked one of the best in the

tioner options in primary and acute adult, family, and psychiatric and mental health. Post master's certificates are also offered in each nurse practitioner option. Cal State LA launched its joint Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) pilot program in fall 2013.

Programs in the School of Nursing are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and receive accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

*INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine is the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of *INSIGHT*, said the selection process for the award is comprehensive and rigorous, including questions relating to recruitment, retention, and continued leadership support for diversity. This year, 31 schools received the award.

"We take a holistic approach to reviewing each application in deciding who will be named a HEED Award recipient," Ms. Pearlstein said. "Our standards are high, and we look for institutions where diversity and inclusion are woven into the work being accomplished every day across their campuses."

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