



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

MCS wins E-Land Environmental Youth Alliance's Best Project Award

by Lori Lyn C. Lirio for Marianas Variety



Mount Carmel School's Eco Club won the Best Project Award in the second annual E-Land Environmental Youth Alliance, a program initiated by E-Land Group to promote environmental conservation and awareness among the young.

The award ceremony was held at Kensington Hotel on Friday.

Micronesia Resort Inc. president and chief executive officer Matthew Park said the projects presented by the students were all impressive.

The E-Land Environmental Youth Alliance ended in May, but Park encouraged the students to keep protecting the environment.

"Remember, you are the guardians of the environment," he added.

MCS Eco Club president Theresa Zheng said they focused on improving the environment by beautifying their campus, beach cleanups, teaching recycling and supporting other environmental activities.

She said many MCS students, including 70 club members, actively participated in the activities they hosted.

These included a school garden, and inviting guest speakers from organizations such as the Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality, Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension & Educational Services and the Micronesian Islands Nature Alliance.

The MCS Eco Club also hosted flyer, poster and recycling contests to educate people on and off campus, Zheng added.

"We had the support of teachers and other students," Zheng said as she thanked MCS teachers and students for their help.

Members of the MCS Eco Club received PIC waterpark passes and a \$1,000 in-kind Environmental Development Fund.

The Earth Care Award went to Kagman High School's Environmental Warriors. They received movie tickets and a \$500 in-kind Environmental Development fund.

Saipan Southern High School's Environmental Ambassadors won the Blue Planet Award. The members received movie tickets and a \$500 in-kind Environmental Development fund.

In the elementary school category, Kagman Elementary School's My Wave Environmental Youth Club and Koblerville Elementary School's Student Council/Environmental Youth Alliance both received the Better Future Award. The members of each group were given Coral Ocean Golf Resort swimming passes and a \$300 in-kind Environmental Development fund.

According to media coordinator Lindsay Ahn, the second E-Land Environmental Youth Alliance started in Nov. 2017. Ten environmental clubs from nine public and private schools participated in the program, she added.

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5 Books Worth Reading This Summer

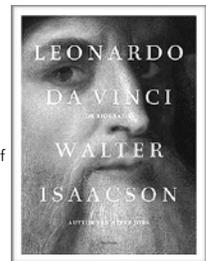
by Bill Gates

I've read some terrific books lately. When I pulled together this list of five that you might enjoy this summer, I realized that several of my choices wrestle with big questions. What makes a genius tick? Why do bad things happen to good people? Where does humanity come from, and where are we headed?

Despite the heavy subject matter, all these books were fun to read, and most of them are pretty short. Even the longest (Leonardo) goes quickly. If you're looking for something to read over the next few months, you can't go wrong with:

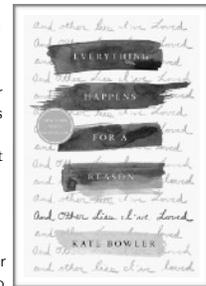
Leonardo da Vinci by Walter Isaacson.

I think Leonardo was one of the most fascinating people ever. Although today he's best known as a painter, Leonardo had an absurdly wide range of interests, from human anatomy to the theater. Isaacson does the best job I've seen of pulling together the different strands of Leonardo's life and explaining what made him so exceptional. A worthy follow-up to Isaacson's great biographies of Albert Einstein and Steve Jobs.



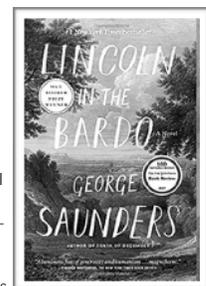
Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler.

When Bowler, a professor at Duke Divinity School, is diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer, she sets out to understand why it happened. Is it a test of her character? The result is a heartbreaking, surprisingly funny memoir about faith and coming to grips with your own mortality.



Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders.

I thought I knew everything I needed to know about Abraham Lincoln, but this novel made me rethink parts of his life. It blends historical facts from the Civil War with fantastical elements—it's basically a long conversation among 166 ghosts, including Lincoln's



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Announcements

Pre-Registration for 2017-2018

In lieu of the traditional scheduling fair, high school students will be able to pre-register for their 2017-2018 courses. Pre-registration has been rescheduled for next week Tuesday, May 29. **Only students who are currently paid and registered with the Business Office will be allowed to pre-register.**

Attention: Class of 2018

The school's 1990 AlumKnights are committed to assisting a graduating high school senior of its alma mater who are able to demonstrate a strong desire in giving back to our island community upon completion of his/her post-secondary program. This is a single scholarship award and will be no more than \$1,000.00 per recipient. The online application deadline for this year is Friday, May 30, 2018, 11:59PM- ChST. Visit the school's website at www.mountcarmelsaipan.com to access the the application.

PTO End of Year Carnival

Please join the school's Parent Council at its End-of-Year Carnival on Wednesday, May 30, starting at 10:00 a. m. on the school campus. The carnival will also feature a raffle with cash prizes: \$500 Grand Prize, \$300 Baby Grand Prize, and many more! Proceeds from the carnival and raffle will fund repairs to student restrooms. Winners need not be present to win.

For the Last Day of School

For the last day of school, Thursday, May 31, we will dismiss at 12:00 noon. Also, as a small token of recognition for the great things our students have done this past year, all students may dress down on that day. Please note that students must still follow the Dress Down guidelines laid out in the school handbook.

In the Future

Memorial Day

May 28 (no classes)

Awards Ceremony/Last Day of School

May 31, 8:00 am, Cathedral

K-5 Promotional Ceremony

May 31, 5:00 pm, Cathedral

Baccalaureate Mass

Friday, June 1, 6:00 pm, Cathedral

8th Grade Graduation

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 am, Cathedral

12th Grade Graduation

Saturday, June 2, 5:00 pm, Cathedral

ESLR of the Week

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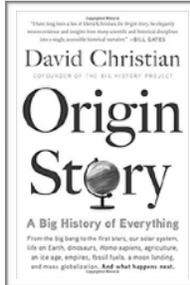
Summer Reading

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deceased son. I got new insight into the way Lincoln must have been crushed by the weight of both grief and responsibility. This is one of those fascinating, ambiguous books you'll want to discuss with a friend when you're done.

Origin Story: A Big History of Everything by David Christian.

David created my favorite course of all time, Big History. It tells the story of the universe from the big bang to today's complex societies, weaving together insights and evidence from various disciplines into a single narrative. If you haven't taken Big History yet, Origin Story is a great introduction. If you have, it's a great refresher. Either way, the book will leave you with a greater appreciation of humanity's place in the universe.



Factfulness by Hans Rosling, with Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Ronnlund.

I've been recommending this book since the day it came out. Hans, the brilliant global-health lecturer who died last year, gives you a breakthrough way of understanding basic truths about the world—how life is getting better, and where the world still needs to improve. And he weaves in unforgettable anecdotes from his life. It's a fitting final word from a brilliant man, and one of the best books I've ever read.



MCS Eco Club

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Last December, E-Land Group representatives met with Mount Carmel School's Eco Club as the club worked on the school's garden.

"During this term – Nov 2017 to May 2018 – we provided monthly financial resources for their club activities based on their requests," she said.

The next term will start in September or October this year, Ahn added.

Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance executive director Roberta Guerrero said she was impressed by the students' passion and enthusiasm for the environment.

Guerrero also expressed appreciation for the students' beach-cleanup activities.

"They know what kinds of debris should not be in the ocean. In their recycling efforts, they tried to incorporate the reduce-reuse-recycle concept in many of their projects," Guerrero said.

"It is now up to all of you to fix what our generation has messed up by taking responsibility to care for the environment," she told the students.

Parent Council Corner

YEAR END CARNIVAL

End of Year Carnival and Raffle

May 30, 2018

\$500 Grand Prize • \$300 Baby Grand Prize

and many more prizes!

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