

# City Academy

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## Please Donate

Our office manager, Lindsay, likes to have a stash of feminine hygiene products available at the front desk for our female students when needed. We are running quite low, and are looking for donations from the CA community. If you can help out please drop them off at the front desk at any time. Thanks so much!

## Science Fair Judges Needed

The CA Science Fair takes place on February 25th. We are in need of about 5 guest judges. If you have a background in science and could volunteer, please contact [d.vala@cityacademyslc.org](mailto:d.vala@cityacademyslc.org)

## Spread the Word!

Please bring a family member or friend to one of our Making a Difference information hours. The next information hours will take place on **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Find out more about about these events on our website: [www.cityacademyslc.org](http://www.cityacademyslc.org)

## Find CA Online

Blog: <http://cityacademy.wordpress.com/>  
Tweets: <http://twitter.com/CityAcademySLC>  
Website: [www.cityacademyslc.org](http://www.cityacademyslc.org)  
Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/cityacademyslc>

*This week marks the end of Second Term at City Academy. Talk to your students about some of the exciting final projects and assignments they have been working on in each of their classes.*

## ACT Test Prep for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

We are very pleased to offer you an outstanding test preparation opportunity. Higher Ground Learning (HGL), one of the premier test preparation organizations in Salt Lake City, will offer ACT prep classes at City Academy in February to help students be ready for the March 1 test date that all juniors will be taking. Please see the following link for more information. If you have an 11th grade student and did not receive a letter about the ACT from our counselor, please contact [l.mcgrath@cityacademyslc.org](mailto:l.mcgrath@cityacademyslc.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES

JAN. 12

Advisory Council  
Meeting

JAN. 14

Basketball Games at  
Beehive Academy

JAN. 14

End of Second  
Term



## City Academy Parents

For your convenience, we are sending home envelopes that you can put up on your fridge for collecting "Labels for Education" and "Box Tops". Please ask your students for them. They will tear if they remain in backpacks for too long. Below are the links to products that participate in the program.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx>

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/image.aspx?id=2164>

We appreciate your help in earning easy cash for the school.  
Fund Raising Committee

## You Can Sponsor a Student Abroad

You can help a teen from Utah, age 15-18, spend a year abroad on this prestigious scholarship program from the US State Department. City Academy has been fortunate to host exchange students from programs like this. For the year 2011-2012 YES Abroad scholarship is available for the following countries.

Egypt  
Ghana  
India  
Indonesia  
Mali (semester only)  
Malaysia  
Morocco  
Oman  
Thailand  
Turkey

For more information go to: <http://yesprograms.org/yesabroad>

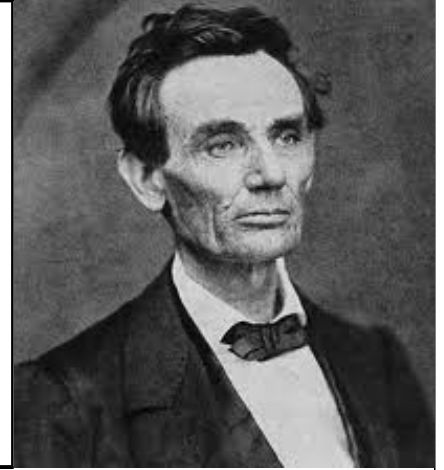
Unfortunately, the application deadline is coming up very quickly, January 12th, 2010. Please note that the application is long and can be very time consuming. Anyone interested in this wonderful opportunity should start the application process right away. They should put down PAX if they want me to interview them.

Copy and paste the link below to hear what the first batch of YES Abroad students (2009-2010) have to say about their experience:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JExtfjm-RIU&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JExtfjm-RIU&feature=player_embedded#)



# Honestly, Abe, what should we make of you?



*“There's a Lincoln for all seasons in America. There are dozens of Lincolns. There's Lincoln the atheist, the Northern Lincoln, the Confederate Lincoln, Lincoln the war criminal, Lincoln the savior of the union, Lincoln the humorous, Lincoln the melancholy, Lincoln the white supremacist, Lincoln the Great Emancipator...”*

*Henry Gates Jr., Harvard University*

## An Evening of Presentation and Discussion Interpreting Abraham Lincoln

Hosted by City Academy's  
Advanced US History Class of 2011

Thursday, January 20th

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Refreshments

*"No other American story is so enduring. No other American story is so comforting. No other American story is so false."*

*Lerone Bennett Jr., "Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream"*



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## **Habitat for Humanity Service Project**

The service learning committee had a great success completing a project and learning about an important organization on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that provides homes for the needy. They don't just give out houses, building them anywhere. They preview the families' status and economic situation first. Once they have done this, they build houses in an area where other Habitat families will live. In other words, they create communities for the Habitat for Humanity families.

You must be wondering where Habitat gets the money for building all of these houses. Well, some of it comes from their store, where they sell re-usable or donated home items. Think of it as the DI of the Lowe's and Home Depot world. That money goes directly into building homes. Of course, this money doesn't pay for the full building; the families have to put in money or show that they can pay for some of their new homes. Their putting in money gives them a feeling that they aren't just receiving their homes – they are earning them. The labor that the families put in to actually constructing the homes increases this feeling.

Nine students and two adults attended the service learning project. We started off with the idea that we would be stuffing stockings for families working with Habitat, but when we arrived at the store, we didn't see any stockings. Instead, we saw glitter, light bulbs, candy, and paint. The project had changed. We were surprised, but no one complained because we were there to help in any way that we could. Instead of stuffing stockings, we created ornaments and decorations by reusing light bulbs. (Cool idea, huh?)

Looking around the room, you could see the joy and happiness on all the students' faces. They were highly creative, not to mention energetic. They produced many different ornaments: some glittery, some blue, some white, some with penguins, others with flowers, and a few with polka dots. All of the ornaments we made were given to Habitat families in the Salt Lake Valley to help decorate their homes.

Thanks, students and teachers, for your participation and volunteer work! It was our way of giving during the holiday season!

(Special thanks to Viviana, who arranged the outing and wrote the above article)

## **City Academy Announces “I’m Ready Scholarship”**

We are thrilled to announce that beginning in spring 2011 City Academy seniors will have the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to the college of their choice worldwide. Requirements for the I’m Ready Scholarship can now be found on our website and include earning the City Academy Board of Trustees newly approved College Ready Diploma. At City Academy our graduation requirements have always been set at college ready standards. We are proud to now be awarding a diploma and scholarship money that acknowledges the accomplishment of our students.

## **Parents of Students with Disabilities**

The Utah Parent Center will be offering another IEP class at Paradigm High School on January 20th (see details below). Please consider attending if you were unable to make the class held at City Academy in November.

Title: “The IEP Process”

When: January 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Paradigm High School, 11577 South 3600 West, South Jordan

Who: All charter school staff, parents, and students

RSVP: by January 15, 2011 to: Kathryn Vigil: 801.676.1018

## **Screamin’ Daily Deals School Rewards Program**

We are pleased to offer the Screamin Daily Deals School Rewards program to local schools. With our School Rewards program your school will earn 5% to 10% of our proceeds from each sale every time a member from your school purchases a deal from our site.

We are participating in a fundraiser which will give us a dollar per person who signs up. Please take a moment to sign up.

Directions

Go to <http://www.screamindailydeals.com/r/44U0XN2AFW>

Follow the prompts and be sure to choose City Academy as your primary school to support.

During the next 45 days we will get a dollar for every person that signs up...

The Fundraising Committee