

From: Rigsby, Shannon
To: McDaniel, Sean
Subject: Re: MEDIA REQUEST: INTERVIEW FOR NEWS STORY
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 10:53:17 AM

Or if you're interested in doing an on camera I'll set him up.

On Apr 16, 2014, at 10:49 AM, "McDaniel, Sean" <McDanielS@mustangps.org> wrote:

Looks great

Sent from my HTC Inspire™ 4G on AT&T

----- Reply message -----

From: "Rigsby, Shannon" <RigsbyS@mustangps.org>
To: "McDaniel, Sean" <McDanielS@mustangps.org>
Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: INTERVIEW FOR NEWS STORY
Date: Wed, Apr 16, 2014 9:40 am

Hey Mr. McDaniel

Teresa received this request from The Christian Post. I would imagine you would rather handle the dissemination of information on this topic instead of the building principal. I jotted down some answers. See if I'm on the right track. Let me know how you would like this handled.

Thanks!
Shannon

1. What is your opinion of this vote?

1. We are excited to be the test site for the unveiling of this curriculum, which is a study of the Bible in history and not a "Bible study" class. The Green Scholars Initiative has brought in more than 70 renowned scholars of different faiths from Jerusalem and Oxford to Baylor University to create the curriculum. The list of experts is impressive.

2. How will the Bible course be taught? Will it be an elective or a requirement? Who will teach it?

2. The course is an elective. When our pre-enrollment packets were returned by students earlier this semester, more than 170 students indicated the course would be their first choice for an elective class. There are more than 2,700 students total at Mustang High School in grades 9-12. We have the teacher identified. She's already a certified teacher on staff at Mustang High School.

3. How do you respond to the concerns some have about the course imposing Christianity in a venue meant to be religiously neutral?

3. First, the course is an elective. No student will ever be required to take it. Also, the professors with the Green Scholars Initiative who put together the curriculum come from different personal faith backgrounds, not just Christianity. The Bible is one of the most influential books of all time, permeating through history, regardless of a person's beliefs. It's a part of the phrases and allusions we use in every-day life, a component of classic literature and a building block of many of the country's institutions.

4. Could you provide me with a photo of Mustang High School to go with my article? If so, please tell me who to credit for said photo.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wilkerson, Teresa L" <WilkersonT@mustangps.org>

Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST: INTERVIEW FOR NEWS STORY

Date: April 16, 2014 9:16:15 AM CDT

To: Michael Gryboski <michael.gryboski@christianpost.com>, "Collins, Ramae L" <CollinsR@mustangps.org>

Cc: "Rigsby, Shannon" <RigsbyS@mustangps.org>

Hi, Michael. We would love to help you with your story, but our district public relations representative Shannon Rigsby is your first stop. I'll wait for her ok, and then I'd be happy to assist. I'm cc'ing her on this e-mail. Thank you! Have a great day!

Teresa Wilkerson
Principal Mustang High School

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Gryboski

[mailto:michael.gryboski@[christianpost.com](mailto:michael.gryboski@christianpost.com)]

Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:22 AM

To: Wilkerson, Teresa L; Collins, Ramae L

Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: INTERVIEW FOR NEWS STORY

Greetings,

I am a reporter with The Christian Post, an online publication based in Washington, DC. Today I am writing an article about Mustang Public Schools approving a Bible course for Mustang High School. I would like to get some perspective and background on the record. My deadline is today at 2:00 PM Central Time. Here are my questions:

1. What is your opinion of this vote?
2. How will the Bible course be taught? Will it be an elective or a requirement? Who will teach it?
3. How do you respond to the concerns some have about the course imposing Christianity in a venue meant to be religiously neutral?
4. Could you provide me with a photo of Mustang High School to go with my article? If so, please tell me who to credit for said photo.

Thanks in advance,

Michael Gryboski