

The Pro-Life Issue

BY CARRIE DURNING
Backpage Editor

Before the start of the March for Life on Friday, Jan. 19, President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence celebrated the pro-life movement with addresses from the Rose Garden in the White House,

which 40 PHC students were invited to attend. The White House also allowed five students to stand on stage with Trump during his address.

In his speech, Trump addressed the theme of the 45th annual March for Life: Love Saves Lives. "Under my administration, we will always

defend the very first right in the Declaration of Independence, and that is the right to life," Trump said.

Ian Frith, the chairman of the College Republicans, played a part in getting PHC to the March for Life and led the 40 students attending the Rose Garden Address. "Just the fact that PHC *continued on page 2*



continue / on page 6

NEWS

<i>community:</i> March for Life	page 3
<i>essays:</i> Pro-Life	page 4
<i>contributor:</i> Abortion	page 5
<i>profiles:</i> Hannah Waters	page 8
<i>forensics:</i> Moot Court Nats	page 9
<i>staff:</i> Meet Us	page 10

STAFF

EDITOR

Vienna Jacobson

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Marjorie Pratt

STAFF

Carrie Durning

Kara Brown

Kyle Ziemnick

Leah Greenwood

CONTACT

Interested in submitting an editorial?
Notice an error?

If so, contact Vienna Jacobson at:
theherald@phc.edu

COMMUNITY | continued from cover

PHC Students Invited to Attend Rose Garden Speech by President Trump

received an invitation to attend the Rose Garden address alone was an incredible honor and a real blessing, but being offered to have five students on stage while President Trump gave his address was a total God thing,” Frith said.

Dr. Michael Haynes, the director of the APP program at PHC, first received the call in the summer of 2017 with the proposition for PHC to lead the March for Life. Haynes contacted student Michael Patton, who, alongside student Manus Churchill, assisted Haynes in running the event.

“Dr. Haynes contacted me from his personal cell phone, which he has never done before, and said, ‘Michael, call me now,’” Patton said. “It was against everything that I had ever been instructed. He always

jokingly says things like, ‘Upon penalty of death, do not call me on my cell phone,’ so I knew it was important.” Patton called Haynes back, learned of the opportunity, and began to help contact the 40 students that would attend the Rose Garden address.

“Overall, PHC leading the March for Life and attending the Rose Garden address was a success,” Haynes said. “Patton and Churchill did an absolutely outstanding job of organizing and working tirelessly and even sacrificially to help me make this happen, and God definitely showed up. We were praying for 300 people to attend with PHC, and the turnout was about 600. God is good, and allowed us to do even more than what was anticipated.” ♦



PHOTOGRAPHER: CHRISTINE McDONALD

March for Life Reception

Generation Joshua hosts party after March for PHC students

BY LEAH GREENWOOD
Staff Writer

The energized hum of thousands of people united in one cause filled the streets of Washington, D.C., last Friday. In amongst the waving signs, over 600 PHC supporters were leading the progression along Constitution Avenue in the 45th annual March for Life. “[The pro-life movement] is the one social issue that the Christian movement is actually winning,” Dr. Michael Haynes said.

Once the marchers reached the end of the route at the steps of the Supreme Court, those affiliated with PHC gathered at the Capitol Hill Club for a reception hosted by Generation Joshua. Joel Grewe and Jeremiah Lorrig, Director and Deputy Director of Generation Joshua, helped to coordinate the reception. “We wanted something that people could do after the March...which would also highlight the pro-life movement at its best,” Lorrig said.

Generation Joshua has sponsored the March for Life for many years. When PHC received the opportunity to lead the March in partnership with Generation Joshua, Grewe wanted to remind people that the pro-life movement extends beyond just a march. The reception was the perfect place for



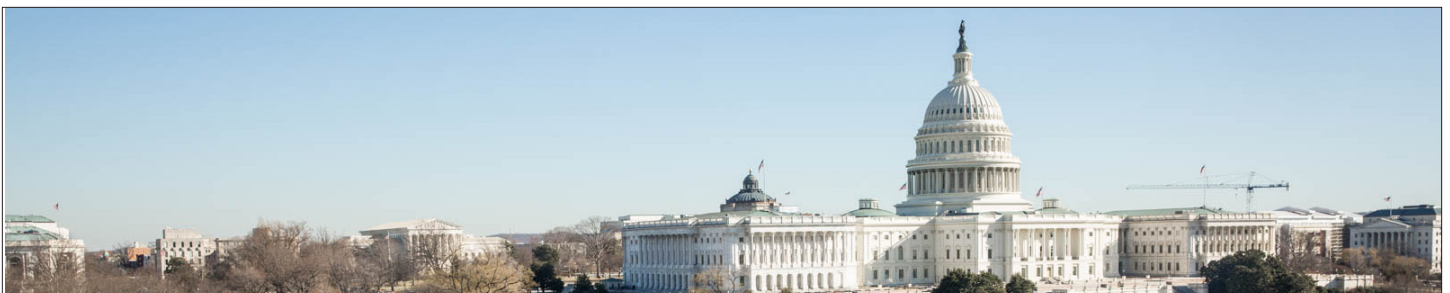
PHOTOGRAPHER: CHRISTINE McDONALD

this reminder. “It’s not the end of your engagement in the March for Life; it’s the beginning of it,” Grewe said.

Marchers were able to relax in each other’s company and enjoy various finger foods after a long day of being on their feet in a large crowd. Following the welcoming speech given by Grewe and the singing of the National Anthem by the PHC Statesmen, the event featured prominent pro-life speakers such as Virginia Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, Missouri Senator Roy Blunt, Indiana Congressman Jim Banks, and pro-life film producer Jason Jones. PHC President Jack Haye also spoke, along with Grewe, who told about his own experience with the pro-life movement.

Senior Katie Segesdy attended the reception and enjoyed getting to hear the stories told by the speakers. She said that the event helped to remind her why she was marching in the first place. “The March was about pushing to get to the end. There were a lot of people around who didn’t seem to hold to the same principles that we did. So it was refreshing to hear people in positions of power who care about the unborn,” she said.

The reception exceeded expectations with about 400 people in attendance. “This event was perfect; it had all the class of the Capitol Hill Club, and the energy of young people,” Lorrig said. “Young people fuel the pro-life movement.” ♦



One Day Is Not Enough

Being pro-life means acting the other 364 days of the year

BY VIENNA JACOBSON
Editor

Last Friday morning, around 500 groggy PHC students, families, and friends loaded on to buses in the crisp winter air. Assigned to their respective places, they waited in a queue to depart for Washington, D.C., to lead the March for Life.

When I arrived at the March, I stopped on the corner of 12th and Madison, watching people shuffle by. While I waited for my group to arrive, my view was crowded by these people, most of whom, strikingly, appeared to be high school students. Some were dancing with their friends to the Bluetooth speaker they had so wisely brought along, but most were engaged in deep, meaningful conversation with somber looks that added a sense of wisdom to these faces that were themselves, like me, not long ago in the womb.

The March stretched for about two miles over the course of three hours. People carried their signs with various messages, from the sweet Dr. Seuss quote, “A person’s a person, no matter how small,” to the more inflammatory, “The Pope Is the Anti-Christ.” While emotions for some were certainly heightened by such content, the truth is it is not enough to be moved one day and not shed a tear the other 364 days for the human beings that will never see the light of day.

Later in the day, over cups of tea, one of my friends mentioned how she had overheard a student ask what *Roe v. Wade* was. We talked about how we could not imagine participating in something without

knowing one of the most pivotal moments in its history. However, it made me pause, and despite my ability to spend a significant amount of air discussing and defending my view on the pro-life issue, I knew attending the March was one of the first things I had done to defend the sanctity of life.

I have always considered the pro-life issue to be one near and dear to my own heart. My little sister suffered a stroke in utero and will never be able to walk, short of a miracle. She will probably never develop the brain capacity of much more than a twelve-year-old. However, the most beautiful thing about her is that she breathes, and talks, and loves in a way that I do not think most humans can. Not everyone will be called to be an activist, or dedicate their life to the pro-life movement, but everyone should be able to say that he or she did something, because it affects us all. We were all babies.

Lastly, every action we take or don’t take has the chance to change something in history. If we do not act, we will have to live with the truth that we did not go when we

were called, until the end of our days. This does not mean we do not eat, drink, and be merry, but it does mean we understand our duty and actively take part in protecting the lives of the innocent.

As college students, we don’t have much extra time on our hands, nor the ability to donate much if anything at all, but we do have the ability to get involved. We can pray, a tool so often forgotten and undervalued. Moreover, we can talk (our favorite thing to do at PHC) about it. We can share information with those who don’t have it; we can talk about the issues with our friends who are struggling with situations that require a hard decision. We can volunteer, whether that is with a pro-life organization, on the campaign of a pro-life candidate, or at a pregnancy crisis center. Lastly, you can do simple things like volunteering at *The Night to Shine*, and interacting with those who were deemed worthless.

So, in all our pretend lawyering, our Greek reading, and our political activism, let us not forget to stand for those who cannot, because one day out of 365 is not enough. ♦



PHOTOGRAPHER: KAYLA SCHLEINING

The Economic Effects of the Unwanted Child

In the case of abortion, are morals and sound economics at odds with one another?

BY ERIN KONDAK
Contributing Writer

While financial policies largely influence the economy, policies or laws concerning things normally considered more of a social issue, like abortion, also play a part in the economic arena. With abortion, there is a redistribution of children – kids are distributed according to resources through adoption – and this leads to better-off children in terms of living conditions. However, if one believes that abortion is morally wrong, this raises an issue. In the case of abortion, are morals and sound economics at odds with each other?

With the 1973 United States Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade*, abortions suddenly became legal, cheaper, and much more accessible. Women who were unmarried, teenagers, earned a lower income, or all of the above were much more likely to abort. One study concludes that the average living conditions of the children born right after *Roe v. Wade* greatly improved. Children who were aborted would have been 60% more likely to live in a single-parent household, 50% more likely to live in poverty, and 45% more likely to live in a household that receives government welfare. Among these are some of the biggest factors common to people who grow up to commit crimes.

As a result of more abortions, less teenage pregnancy, and decreasing stigma associated with single motherhood, less American children were given up for adoption. In 1971, before *Roe v. Wade*, 90,000 children were placed for adoption. After *Roe*,

in 1975, the number was half of that. More American parents started adopting foreign children. The United States, and the world, saw a redistribution of children according to resources. The parents who could not afford or did not want to have children did not, and the parents who could afford and did want to have children adopted those who were unwanted.

We can conclude that there are some positive effects of a policy in which people can freely choose whether or not to have an abortion. However, we must also examine the cultural effects of liberalized abortion policy.

Legalized and easily-accessible abortion has contributed to the breakdown of the family unit. One study found that “women having abortions are twice as likely never to marry, 37% more likely to divorce, have (on average) twice as many lifetime sexual partners and three times as many partners before marriage, have fewer children, and experience both earlier sexual onset and later marriage.” Increased abortion use also affects men. In the United States, the father has no say in whether the woman aborts or not and cannot force a woman to carry the child to term. Abortion has fractured man’s traditional role of protecting and providing. Access to abortion has also enabled people to have sex without having a stable, financially responsible system in place for raising a child.

Most significantly, the abortion policies of the United States have reduced the baby to a “fetus.” After *Roe v. Wade*, while abortion rates

increased, so did conception rates, by 30%. Abortions had become so accessible in the United States that many women were using it almost like birth control. Essentially, abortion has damaged the sanctity of life. What is brushed aside as a medical procedure is responsible for millions of missing children.

Although some of the economic outcomes of liberalized abortion policies are beneficial to the numbers concerning the average outcome of an individual, when looking at society as a whole, abortion breaks down important and fundamental informal institutions of society. They are things such as family, marriage, and ultimately, the sanctity of life. These informal institutions are not separate from economics; they are the very basis of it. Destroy these building blocks of ordered society and you destroy the framework in which economics is able to operate. ♦

“Adoptions in America Are Declining.” *The Economist*.

Gruber, Levine, and Staiger. “Abortion Legalization and Child Living Circumstances: Who Is the “Marginal Child”?”

Levitt and Dubner. *Freakonomics*.

Loeber, and Stouthamer-Loeber. “Family Factors as Correlates and Predictors of Juvenile Conduct Problems and Delinquency.”

Sullins, D. Paul. “Abortion and Family Formation: Circumstance or Culture?”

"I marched for life. It was good for PHC but ultimately it's because of life, and I think there is nothing more central to the Christian worldview than life."

- Dr. Haynes



COURTESY OF GRACE ROBERTS



COURTESY OF OLIVIA BOWERS

"If you can help save one life, you're making a great impact."

- Anna Grace Stroven



COURTESY OF WYLY WALKER



"What better way to live out your faith in God than to be a part of this movement and to make even just a small difference?"
- Ian Frith



THOUGHTS ON THE 2018 MARCH FOR LIFE



"I marched because I wanted to be a voice for the voiceless. There have been nearly 60 million unborn babies killed in the United States, and I wanted our elected leaders to know that we as the American people are not going to stand by while babies are allowed to be murdered in this country."
-Michael Patten

Trusting God to Provide Life Fuel

PHC senior, Hannah Waters, recounts the lessons she's learned

BY MARJORIE PRATT
Assistant Editor

As a high school senior, Hannah Waters was no stranger to PHC. She drove past it every day, and she watched it grow over the years. But she had no intention of attending. She had considered schools from New England to California when she met Ardee Coolidge, a PHC graduate and admissions advisor at the time, at her church in Round Hill. He encouraged her to attend the open house event the next morning, assuring her that he would sign her up, and all she had to do was attend. Less than five minutes into the event, as PHC's then-president Graham Walker was speaking, she felt God tell her that she was in the right place.

Throughout her life, Waters, now a PHC senior, has learned to listen to and trust God, despite being unable to see His final purpose for her life. "[My brother and I] were homeschooled with the intent of going to school the next year," Waters said. Her family started homeschooling her because they moved



WATERS (L) AND FRIENDS AT THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

around so much. Each year, her parents told her to ask God what she should do, and then they would decide. Some years Waters prayed that God would allow her to go to school. Being homeschooled, she often felt left out, and hoped that going to school would help her to feel like a part of something. Every year, though, God told her that she should be homeschooled, and while she didn't understand why this was best, she obeyed. "If [PHC] hadn't been in my backyard, and if I hadn't been homeschooled, I wouldn't have ended up here," Waters said.

Once at PHC, she experienced a number of difficulties and revelations. She entered school believing that success meant good grades, lots of friends, and a couple of extracurriculars. She realized quickly that these things could make her happy for a short period, but to be truly successful, she needed more. Until PHC, she had lived a rather safe and happy life. Once at school, when faced with a series of personal trials, she discovered the importance of living transparently so that God

could shine through her.

She spent her entire junior year searching for an internship opportunity, but to no avail. After a nine-month long job search, the Lord blessed her with a marketing position at a pre-revenue start-up called LifeFuels. Through this experience and others like it, Waters came to better trust God's plan for her life. She was encouraged to live in such a way that everyone, even those who did not know her, could see what she stood for.

While God constantly affirmed that she was meant to be at PHC, she is still waiting for direction. "I thought I would be able to say by my senior year that this is what He wants for my future, and that is where I'm going to be working, and I actually can't tell any of that with certainty right now," she said.

After she graduates, Waters intends to work with LifeFuels as they continue developing a new kind of smart water bottle. "We call it a portable beverage maker," she explained, as it will be designed to fla-

continued on page 9



PHOTO COURTESY OF EVIE FORDHAM

continued from page 8

vor and add vitamins to the water via pods similar to Keurig's K-Cups. She took the fall semester off from school in order to work on the company's marketing campaign. She conducted photoshoots, configured traffic data, and ran the company's social media. After school she

hopes to switch to either data analysis, keeping up with the input from the apps connected to the smart water bottles, or accessory design, where she would design anything from t-shirts to hardware.

She doesn't know what else God has in store for her life or what He has planned for her after LifeFuels,

but she would love to open her own business or work in events where she can combine her love of science and art. Though His plans may not always be what she wants, she eagerly awaits the day she can understand God's intentions for her life. ♦

PHC Brings Home 11th Moot Court Championship

Juniors Christopher Baldacci and Caleb Engle win second national title

BY KYLE ZIEMNICK
Copy Editor

Juniors Christopher Baldacci and Caleb Engle claimed PHC's 11th American Moot Court Association (AMCA) championship last Saturday, becoming the first team ever to win two national titles.

"I really believe anyone on the team that went to Dallas had the ability to win the tournament," Baldacci said. "Caleb and I were just blessed with the strength and the opportunity to do it this time. All glory to God."

Of around 400 total teams in the country, 80 qualified to the national tournament at the UNT Dallas College of Law. After two days of competition, Baldacci and Engle faced a team from the University of Chicago in the final round. The AMCA had brought in Nathan Hecht, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, to preside over the final, along with six other justices from federal and district courts.

Freshman Sarah Brown recalled that the judges didn't recognize PHC when they asked where the teams were from after the round. "University of Chicago! Great school, great university!" they said to the other team. When they heard our school's name, they just nodded

and smiled," Brown said.

Moot court coach Dr. Frank Guliuzza led a Patrick Henry delegation of eight and a half teams to the national tournament. Of those teams, three advanced to the quarterfinals: Baldacci and Engle, Shane Roberts and Clare Downing, and defending champions Thomas Siu and Meridian Paulton. In that round, the previous two champions collided, and Siu and Paulton fell to Baldacci and Engle.

"It's always a bit disappointing if you don't win the tournament, but we had a fabulous round, and there's never shame in coming out on the losing end of a round between two past national champion teams," Siu said.

After the final round, all 80 teams gathered at the City Club in the Bank of America Plaza, the tallest skyscraper in Dallas, for the awards ceremony. All PHC students at the tournament finished in the top 32 teams, and four finished in the top 10 speakers. In addition, Baldacci and Siu finished second in the brief-writing competition.

"We couldn't have done it without Ashlyn [Roberts] and Dr. G [Guliuzza], who tirelessly practiced with



PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS

us and prayed for us every round, but also all of our teammates," Baldacci said. "The greatest strength of PHC moot court is how iron sharpens iron—we feed off of each other's energy and wrestle with each other's arguments in a way that elevates everyone on our team."

For many PHC moot court students, this tournament brought an end to their collegiate careers. Along with Shane Roberts, Siu, and Paulton, William Bock, Claire Atwood, Brenna Bakke, and Sarah Geesaman are scheduled to graduate before next season.

"I'll definitely miss getting to work with the other members of our team," Siu said. "We've all put in so much effort over the years, and it's hard to believe that this was the last tournament the seniors had together." ♦

Meet The Herald's Staff



PHOTOGRAPHER: CHRISTINE McDONALD

Front Row:

**Leah Greenwood, Senior
Staff Writer**

What is the last book you read? *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* by J.K. Rowling

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *Anywhere in Europe.*

**Vienna Jacobson, Junior
Editor**

What is the last book you read? *The Dirty Life: On Farming, Food, and Love* by Kristin Kimball

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *On a mountain, in a cabin... with Wifi.*

**Marjorie Pratt, Sophomore
Assistant Editor**

What is the last book you read? *The Girls* by Emma Cline

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *New York City*

Back Row:

**Kyle Ziemnick, Sophomore
Copy Editor**

What is the last book you read? *Leadership by the Book* by Brent Garrison

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *Here in Virginia - with visits to New Zealand.*

**Kara Brown, Junior
Social Media Editor**

What is the last book you read? *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *Australia*

**Carrie Durning, Junior
Backpage Editor**

What is the last book you read? *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *Palermo, Sicily, in a house in the mountains overlooking over the beach.*

**Dr. Les Sillars, Faculty
Head of the Journalism Program**

What is the last book you read? *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End* by David Gibson

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *Southern Alberta next to the Rockies, but I'd need to be able to teach here, so ...*



Night to Shine

Help the Leesburg Church of the Nazarene join forces with more than 500 churches around the world as they put on an “unforgettable prom night experience centered on God’s love” for people ages 14 and older with special needs. The event, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, will be held in the PHC gymnasium and common areas from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018. Volunteers are needed. Submissions for volunteering are due Friday, January 26th. Contact Leesburg Church of the Nazarene at 703-777-6850, or email them at office@leesburgnazarene.com with questions.

APP Conference

Come out to the Hyatt House in Sterling, Virginia on February 9-10 to hear speakers from the Heritage Foundation, ICE, and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission talk about immigration. Registration is \$20.

Blue Jeans for Bucks

Show your support for PHC’s Model UN team by putting aside your business casual and breaking out your denim today, January 26th. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the bookstore, Student Life, Emil Meintjes, Andrew Shepherd, Abi Carter, and Manus Churchill.

PHC Basketball

Come encourage PHC’s basketball teams as they start up their season with home games on January 26th and 27th. The women’s team plays Christendom at 6:00 p.m., followed by the men’s team vs. Williamson Free College at 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Both teams play Central Penn College on Saturday, with the women’s game starting at 3:00 p.m., and the men’s game starting at 5:00 p.m.

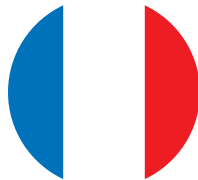


things you should know



An Iranian protester removed her head scarf and waved it in public like a flag. She hasn't been seen since.

Louvre museum in Paris shuts down lower level as River Seine continues to flood.



Senate vote to fund government fails, shutdown begins, White House responds, gov. back up.

Scan this QR code on Snapchat to watch a video of PHC students leading the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. (or check out Herald Media on Facebook)



“WHO SAID WHAT”

quotes from campus

[Cooper Millhouse]

“We should all do exfoliating face masks I have to look good for the mock trial tournament this weekend.”

[Gabriel Blacklock]

“We also just invented girls. They don't really exist.”

[Marina Moreira]

“I made kids eat playdough in preeschool if they wanted to be my friend. No playdough, no friendship.”

[Dr. Roberts]

“I'll never forget this... unless I get Alzheimer's. Then, of course, I will.”

”

Have a quote to submit? Have an event you would like to see featured?

Contact our backpage editor, Carrie Durning at CMDurning440@students.phc.edu



Follow us @TheHeraldPHC