

Mayor Nakamiya and Nanae High School Principal Kogoshi. Over 100 concerned Concert Band and Sci Fi students who had had home stays in Nanae during the 2010 band trip wrote letters of support to their host families that meant a lot during this time of crisis.

Another first happened in late summer. Nanae hired Ben Haydock, a graduate of CCHS and recently of Colby College as an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT). In August he began his duties teaching English in the Nanae elementary and junior high schools. This is the first time that Nanae has chosen someone from Concord as an ALT. From this time forward, Nanae will pick someone from Concord or Carlisle for the position. Ben will teach about Concord and American culture. Having a Concordian in the Nanae schools has made it easier to run joint projects between the Concord and Nanae schools. Global education has made a great leap forward in both communities.



Al Dentino and Katsuyuki, CCHS and Nanae Band Directors, at the end of the very successful joint concert.

The highlight of the year, however, was Nanae's September delegation to Concord, the largest one yet because it included the Nanae High School Band for the first time. A marvelous joint concert was held at CCHS, followed by a BBQ and dancing in the cafeteria with the seventy-three Nanae guests. On Monday, the Nanae High School Band played three additional concerts at CCHS, two for the CC student body and one for all of Concord and Carlisle's fifth graders. All seventy-three guests had successful home stays. CNN hosted a dinner for the Nanae adults and their host families that strengthened the sister cities' friendship.

Plans are now underway for next October's Nanae visit, the fifteenth anniversary of the sister-city relationship that will be celebrated in Concord.

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Community Access Television begins 7th Year of Service

It has been an exciting year for CCTV, Inc., which continued to produce an ever-expanding range of programming for the communities of Concord and Carlisle. Production training and outreach remained a high priority for our staff who continues to arm our members with the high level shooting and editing skills needed to produce effective, compelling programming that reflects the interests and passions of the communities we represent.

CCTV is an independent corporation that operates under contracts with the towns of Concord and Carlisle and utilizes franchise fee revenues from Comcast to fund most of its operations. Major services include programming on Channels 8, 9 and 10, devoted to Public, Government and Education programming respectively.

Community access television relies on local citizens to produce our programming. Anyone living in Concord or Carlisle or affiliated with a Town organization or company may apply to join as a member of CCTV.

We had yet another record-breaking year for training hours on edit machines, field cameras and studio equipment. We moved our Anycast mobile production equipment around the towns repeatedly. As those who have worked on the system know, it's not plug and play, but our hard working staff have trained members to make the setup and operation of the system as easy as possible.

On the CCHS front, board member (and teacher) Andy Sapp, evolved his independent study creating a school club called CC-News. Working with new Education and Outreach Manager Kester Krueger, they are teaching students studio production skills and creating a monthly news cast with stories that effect the students directly. Our CCHS Weather Services team, led by CCHS science teacher Jeff Yuhas, continued their hard work by expanding to daily forecasts. Weathercasts can be seen nightly on channels 8 and 10.

CCTV remains committed to use of our cable access facilities and channels to improve civic participation. Government access Channel 9 provides live coverage of Concord Selectmen meetings on Monday nights, and live coverage of Carlisle Selectmen meetings, Concord-Carlisle School Committee meetings, Concord School Committee meetings, special Carlisle School Committee meetings, and many of the meetings of local boards and committees. Committee meetings leading up to Concord Town Meeting are cablecast live and streamed on the web, and we also had the gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Town Meeting itself.

Government meetings are re-broadcast on Channel 9 and archived on CCTV's video-on-demand website for instant access on concordtv.org. As always, the amount of meeting coverage on CCTV is limited only by the number of volunteers in Concord and Carlisle who will learn the rudiments of meeting video coverage.

Nearly 500 locally produced programs were submitted for air on CCTV last year by dozens of member volunteers. Over 2,500 hours of government meetings were cablecast on channel 9, nearly 600 different programs aired on the education channel and over 300 community service messages were displayed on the CCTV Community Bulletin Board. Web access of our programming on the CCTV server has been reaching record numbers. Over 3,000 unique visitors came to CCTV's

Video on Demand site last year to view Concord and Carlisle Board of Selectmen meetings, CCHS Band and Choral Concerts, political forums and the over 1,000 programs available as video on demand content.

Another CCTV member-producer won a regional award from the Alliance for Community Media-NE Region this year, bringing more accolades to the hard work and dedicated members and staff at CCTV. CCTV went through a number of internal changes. CCTV Board of Directors hired Lindsay Alaimo as the new Executive Director of CCTV. She was the former Education and Outreach Manager of CCTV.

In fiscal year 2011, CCTV had revenue and support of \$368,873 with expenses of \$273,396. CCTV continues to prepare for future technology needs and long-term financial stability beyond the current contract periods with the towns of Concord and Carlisle. This year we began working with the school administrators and architects on planning a state of the art media production facility in the soon to be constructed new high school.

CCTV invites all residents to join their community television project. Come in and learn how to operate a camera, edit a program, and share the fascinating activities of Concord and Carlisle with an enthusiastic and interested audience. Our goal is to continually add to the transparency of the Concord and Carlisle communities through utilization of the three CCTV Channels. For more information, a membership form, and to volunteer, please see www.concordtv.org, or email manager@concordtv.org, or call the station at 978-369-5038.

