

days were filled with home stays and cultural activities. All of the students had home stays, visited three schools, and took part in a number of cross-cultural experiences. After Hokkaido they briefly toured Tokyo and Nikko before returning to Concord.



Nanae Students at Salem Harbor

In October, Chris Howell, began as CIR in Nanae. He brings many talents to the position including a long-term love of Japan and a facility with Japanese language. He has hit the ground running.

This year's annual Nanae October delegation to Concord included six adults and eight students. They had home stays, visited the North Bridge and Orchard House, toured Boston and Cambridge, and attended the annual Concord Nanae Friendship event. Students enjoyed attending classes at CCHS, joining a Sci Fi Club meeting, and participating in CCTV and CCHS Radio Station productions.

As 2015 is the 25th Anniversary of the Massachusetts Hokkaido Sister State Relationship, Nanae's October 2015 visit will be a very special one.

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CCTV enters its 10th Year of Service.

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 the operations of the station. Major services include programming on Channels 8, 9 and 99, devoted to Public, Government and Education programming respectively.

As always, 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 become as a member of CCTV. Our goal is to make CCTV a one-of-a kind public access facility and to that end, staff and volunteer members are making community television a great resource for Concord and Carlisle.

Staff and volunteer members continued to produce an ever-expanding range of programming. Production train-

ing and outreach remained a high priority for our staff, who continue to arm our members with high level shooting and editing skills. These trainings help members produce effective and compelling programming that reflects the interests and passions of the communities we represent. We've also diversified our workshop offerings to attract more residents. This year, we offered more 21st Century skills, such as social media, blogging and more.

All our training seems to be paying off: more than 570 locally produced programs were submitted for air on CCTV last year by dozens of member volunteers. Over 3,600 hours of government meetings were cablecast and nearly 600 different programs aired on the education channel. New programs in 2014 included The Vitality Project, a program on health, fitness and well-being; The Sustainable Dish, a show devoted to Sustainable Farming and Homesteading; Money Talks, hosted by Susan Wornick, Open Table, La Traviata, An Introduction to Fishing in Concord and much more. This is in addition to all of the student produced shows as well as the many ongoing programs.

CCTV remains committed to the use of our cable access facilities and channels to improve civic participation. The government access channel (9) provides live coverage of Concord Selectmen meetings on Monday nights, and live coverage of Carlisle Selectmen meetings on Tuesday nights, 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 gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Town Meeting in both communities.

Additionally, we continue to expand our relationship at the high school with CC-Club, a twice weekly after-school club, which produces a monthly news program. In addition, students from two classes have been producing short weather forecasts and 'The Green Minute', PSAs that teach viewers how to be more 'green.'

All of our programming is archived on CCTV's video-on-demand section of the website, which has HD capability for all new content. In 2014, concordtv.org had almost 2,700 unique visitors where people viewed everything from municipal meetings to lectures, political forums and more.

In FY14, CCTV had total revenue and support of \$701,702 with expenses totaling \$315,610.

In anticipation of our new state-of-the-art media production facility in the new high school, the staff and Facilities Committee of the board have gone through a rigorous procurement process to select the vendors best suited to implement our design. CCTV will be spending a significant amount of money to equip the new studio, and this will have a significant financial impact our cash position during 2015. Fortunately, we are going into this year in a very strong position, thanks to the planning of past board members and officers.

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.

We continue to serve new viewers, welcome and train new producers, and strengthen the bonds that connect citizens and local organizations. As always, community access television relies on local citizens like you to produce our programming and we can't thank you enough for everything you already do!

VETERANS' SERVICES

Richard Krug, Veterans' Services Officer

The Veterans' Services program is mandated according to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115 and is administered under State guidelines to provide information, advice and assistance regarding benefits to veterans and their families. Every city and town in the Commonwealth is required to have a benefits program for its resident veterans and their dependents, as well as a Veterans' Services Officer. The Veterans' Services Officer must be a war-era veteran and be available to provide assistance. The Town is reimbursed by the State for 75% of benefits paid under this mandated program. With the support of the Commonwealth's House, Senate and Executive Office, Massachusetts is now recognized as having one of the most comprehensive veterans' programs in the nation.