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Mission Statement:

"The purpose of OMI is to instill resiliency skills through education and developing life skills to "at-risk" youth in hopes that they will become productive members of society.

To provide opportunities that will focus on the entire mind, body, soul and spirit."

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Year In Review From Editor:

This year National Youth Week had strived and succeeded. In doing so, we have been able to create the positive change necessary in order to better serve the youth in the country. We have learned so much and have had so many experiences and I, as the

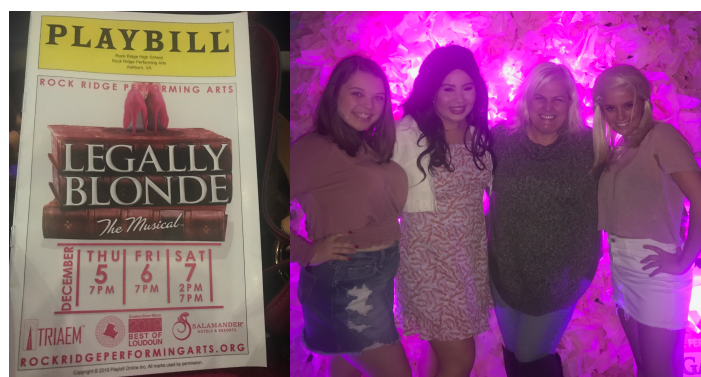
editor, have been able to share all of them with you, our readers, through the authoring of our monthly newsletter. I particularly was proud to be able to join our team at our 2019 National Youth Week Board Retreat held back in April.

-Cecil Bundick, Intern editor.



Nywusa Supports the Arts:

National Youth Week supports the arts. On December 5 our CEO had the privilege of supporting "Legally Blonde", a musical put on by Rock Ridge High School in Ashburn, Virginia. The acting, directing and scenic design was all created or led by youth. We are huge supporters of youth and firmly believe that young people will rise to the challenge placed in front of them. Are you challenging your youth to take the mountain and Make that Difference?



Save the Date:



Save the date! June 13-19, 2020!

Note From President:

My final note of the year is on distractions. As we look back through the year, I am sure there are some things we didn't quite finish or accomplish and it can be due to distractions. The definition states it is mental distress and divides the attention, or prevents concentration. It is important to have a goal that aligns with your purpose. That way, when a distraction comes, you can say to yourself "I am not going to allow that to stop my purpose." In



my case I say I am not going to allow that to stop me from helping any youth be the best version of themselves.

- Lori Hoff, President/CEO.

Spotlight:

This month we celebrate Matthew Knerr, a senior high school student from Virginia.

Matt discovered his passion for scenic design through his involvement in theater becoming one of three nationally ranked high school scenic designers and will attend college for this in the Fall of 2020. By getting involved in athletic programs and then ultimately theater Matt has learned that support exists whether on the field, stage or through being mentored. Matt is always willing to lend a helping hand. Matt will share, that being mentored has had a profound impact on him in high school. Hard work and rising above a challenge are essential life skills that Matt not only understands but does consistently.



-Christina F. Schmitt, M.ED, Board Advisor.

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