The purpose of the talent show was to make the Rider community aware of the existence and success of the mentoring program while donating money that will be used to help the youth of Trenton.

"I think it’s great that LASO organizes a Talent Show to help raise money for children that they have been helping," said junior Melissa Kanavel. “Talent shows are always fun to watch so I’m sure it will be fun to watch.”

LASO sponsors charity talent show

By Brooke Olster
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A benefit talent show with a variety of acts was organized on Thursday, February 27. The program was organized by the Latin American Students Organization (LASO) Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. All proceeds went to Trenton youth, grades 6-8 at the Dunne Middle School in Trenton.

"Performing in this show is one of my greatest opportunities yet and I’m excited to perform for a cause that I am proud of," said freshman Estefania Jancal, who sang the National Anthem.

The Rider Dance Team performs at the LASO charity talent show.

"LASO is full of members that are dedicated and hardworking to Rider, the community and our world," said senior Jessica Franko.

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters program started working with these children about one year ago with only six mentors and has grown to 19 mentors, including LASO and non-LASO members. The purpose behind the mentoring is for younger students to build teamwork and leadership skills, gain cultural awareness and to obtain high school/college preparation.

"It is important for students to interact with college mentors at an early age because many students lack role models and are not exposed to college life," said senior Nereida Montijo. "This first year program creates a safe and fun learning environment for students after school to participate in recreational, team building, cultural identity and goal setting activities.”

On March 7, the middle school students will come to Rider to participate in a Career Fair, allowing students to explore different careers and majors at a young age. They will also have the opportunity to see what a college campus is like and attend different workshops.

"I think it’s great to keep these kids out of trouble, and give them someone to look up to and respect," said junior Walter Seruby. "They seem to enjoy it, and we all enjoy doing it.”

LASO perceives the program to be successful for years to come, according to Jackie Silver, LASO Public Relations Chair.

"I think the Rider community will enjoy the show and learn more about our mentor program," said Silver. "We have a diverse group of mentors that are able to provide hands-on experience and hope to children that wouldn’t usually have this opportunity."

Results from page 1

These floorplans represent two more possibilities under consideration for new student residence halls, as discussed in a recent survey sent to all students at Rider.

No Comment

Drunk? At Rider?

A female visitor became intoxicated in Wright Residence Hall on Saturday, March 1, at approximately 1:30 a.m.

A female complainant, who witnessed the visitor’s inebriated actions, contacted security, who then called for an ambulance.

The visitor was taken to a nearby hospital where she was treated and released.

She was issued a letter of Persona Non Grata by the University and a summons by Lawrence Township Police Department for underage drinking.

Slick

In an effort to deceive security, a student displayed an old ticket on his vehicle, which was parked in a fire lane on Conover Drive on Saturday, March 1.

While issuing the vehicle a ticket security noticed another ticket, issued in February for parking in a sorority parking lot, displayed on the windshield.

When security asked the male suspect why he had displayed the ticket he replied that he thought that was what he was supposed to do.

Security informed him it was wrong and charged him with misrepresentation of items or services in addition to issuing him a ticket for not properly displaying his decals and for parking in the fire lane.

No Comment

Lodging an earplug in her ear proved unpleasant for a female resident in Olson Residence Hall on Wednesday, March 5, at approximately 1 a.m.

Security observed the position of the earplug and called an ambulance for medical assistance.

The medics, who did not have the proper tools to dislodge the earplug, transported the student to a nearby hospital where the earplug was successfully removed.

Reminder From Security

Students, including Poyda residents, and sorority and fraternity members cannot park in the Daly’s/Annex Lot, but are permitted to park in the main resident lot.