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ANKENY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS

The sophomore English class participated in a book discussion commemorating the 50-year anniversary of the publishing of "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. The ACA students were part of a live audience at Iowa Public Television in Johnston on Dec. 6, and had the privilege of interacting with special guests for the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) event. The special guests were Polk County District Court Judge Odell McGhee, who brought special insight into the conversation as an African-American man who grew up in Mississippi during the '50s and early '60s; James Autry, author and retired Meredith executive and editor who was raised in the South and Sarah Wessling, the 2010 National teacher of the year who teaches English at Johnston. The ACA students also interacted via ICN with about 400 other students throughout the state of Iowa, discussing the continued relevance of

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reading "To Kill a Mockingbird." After the live broadcast, the students continued discussing the Pulitzer Prize-winning book and asking Autry and Wessling questions. The ACA students are taught by Donna Gallt.



Eight senior student-athletes received the Flying High Award at the November Ankeny

Christian Academy Board of Education meeting. ACA Secondary Principal Tim Olson recognized volleyball players Natalie

Heggen of Bondurant, Katie Morrow of Ankeny, Kaleigh Strong of Ankeny and Mickensee Wilson of Ankeny and football players Austin Alessio of Polk City, Michael Hamilton of Ankeny, Isaac Lopez of Des Moines and Tim Olejniczak of Ankeny.

Pictured above:
Ankeny Christian Academy Student Council members presented shoeboxes filled with gifts to Heather Rowley, a representative of Operation Christmas Child, on Dec. 1. At least two boxes were compiled by each class in developmental kindergarten through high school.

