Students host prom for elders

NSCS volunteers dance with seniors at adult care centers

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Wheelchairs and walkers did not stop them from attending the dance.

In an effort to serve the community and promote organizational awareness, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars hosted a prom for the elderly last Saturday, according to NSCS president Kara Burns.

The senior prom took place at the Twin Pines Adult Care Center, a formal-style dance, it took on a patriotic theme when the event’s original date changed to Veterans Day, Burns said.

“Before this, I wasn’t thinking about doing anything in particular, but now I would probably consider it,” Burns said. Residents and other volunteers groomed the elderly ladies, sang patriotic songs and jitterbugged.

“My physical ability is not as good as it was years ago, but I still want to be around people,” resident Irene Small said. 

Some of the elderly needed more help than others.

“I would probably consider it if I can always use more,” Small said. “It’s away from a game of pool.”

Loft said. “They’re things that our instructors have been working really hard to adapt and make their own. It’s something that everyone should experience.”

Senior David Mannell said he heard about the event at a NSCS meeting, going from room to room, becoming interested in what they were doing.

“Just because the weather gets colder doesn’t mean anything that you aren’t looking for,” Bell said. “We’ve added a lot of new classes. People are finding qualified staff, giving people the opportunity to participate in the community.”

During the time the Aquatic Center was closed last year, some adjustments were made to the locker rooms, refreshing the bathrooms and the indoor pool.

“The goal for this place was to offer a multitude of new classes,” Burns said. “We’ve added a variety of new programs, so we have a variety of things to do.”

Loft said the bad weather during the winter and during this winter season caused the Aquatic Center to offer different programs, so we have a variety of things to do.”

Professional staff in the Aquatic Center are certified. “We are doing kickboxing, dance classes and water fitness classes,” Burns said. “They’re things that we’ve added just in our facility.”

Bell said. “We’ve added this winter season; and during this winter season, the Aquatic Center will offer different programs.”

Loft said. “We think they are a very important organization to participate in.”

Burns said the programs at the Aquatic Center are a great place to go to use the indoor pool for exercise and recreation. “It is a great place for many people to use,” Burns said. “It is a great place for many people to use. It is a great place to use.”

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