

Bringing Yule Cheer: Aurora collegians celebrate holiday with nursing-home residents

AU students brought a Yule party to residents of Presence McAuley Manor long term care facility in Aurora.

The celebration was Mu Sigma Pi pre-health-professions fraternity's annual community holiday party.

Activities included crafting personal Christmas stockings, singing carols and playing a holiday-themed spelling game.

AU biology professor and North Aurora resident John Lloyd donned a Santa costume to lead the university delegation. Student volunteers were Jordan Hansen, Sugar Grove; Ashly Stotler, Oswego; Sadie Jones, Bradley; and Jessica DeVries, Peoria.

Lloyd said he holds several community-outreach activities annually to acquaint college students with local seniors.



PHOTO: (Bottom) Oswego resident Ashly Stotler, second from right, helps a senior citizen craft a Christmas stocking Thursday at Presence McAuley Manor long term care facility in Aurora. AU students assisting from left are Jordan Hansen, Sugar Grove; Jessica DeVries, Peoria; Stotler and Sadie Jones, Bradley. (Al Benson photo)

PHOTO (top): Sugar Grove resident Jordan Hansen, standing left, was among Aurora University students who held a spelling game during a Christmas party Thursday for residents of Presence McAuley Manor long term care facility in Aurora. Front left are Hansen, Jessica DeVries, Peoria; Ashly Stotler, Oswego; and Sadie Jones, Bradley. AU biology professor portrayed Santa and led science students who staged the annual Yule party. (Al Benson photo)