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Hundreds Gather at Summit Christian Academy for International Festival

(Lee's Summit) – Over 400 individuals from Summit Christian Academy (SCA) and the community were part of the first annual SCA International Festival held at SCA. The Lee's Summit Human Relations Commission served as one of the sponsors of this community-wide event that also included members from the Kansas City Mayor's Ethnic Enrichment Commission.

Attendees traveled the continents, experienced music, art, games and sampled food from over 30 countries around the world. SCA elementary and secondary students and volunteers from the Mayor's Ethnic Enrichment Commission presented live entertainment.

"I am so pleased with the success of the first International Festival," said SCA International Program Director Kathy Tharp. "It is wonderful to bring the experiences, tastes, and sounds of other countries to Lee's Summit for the community to experience. Not only did the International Festival help to educate those who attended, but it united Lee's Summit with the world."

Summit Christian Academy is an independent, nondenominational Christian school, serving over 685 preschool through high school students. SCA ministers to all students, with programs for gifted students as well as students who need resource services. Established in 1989, SCA is located on a 36-acre campus and holds dual accreditation through North Central Association and Association of Christian Schools International.

Photo Caption: Dr. Emmanuel Ngomsi, Lee's Summit Human Relations Chairperson and Diversity Trainer, helps with an African game in the *Games Around the World* room at the SCA International Festival.

Photo Caption 2: A dancer from the Kansas City Mayor's Ethnic Enrichment Commission performs an Indian Folk Dance at the 1st Annual International Festival held recently at Summit Christian Academy.

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