

REACHING THE STARS

by Sam Waltermire and John Larkin



To walk on stage represents our years of education, but for Valedictorian, Estefani Guzman it represents her ultimate triumph. She explains her journey in her own words, “My family came from Mexico having nothing; but with hard work, they took advantage of many opportunities. Seeing them made me want to follow that path. There was not a single pivotal moment when I desired to strive better . . . it was always the way I was. I wish to say to all those who are trying to be in my place— always follow what you love and push yourself to do your best. Biology and Calculus have influenced me to get into Medical School and begin my journey there. It is important to keep your grades up even in the 12 week progress check and be involved—but don’t forget to have fun.”

As Perris High makes the turn toward summer vacation, many seniors are preparing for the next step into their lives, many going to college and others straight to jobs. As everyone waits to walk on stage to receive their final diploma, one person waits to give a speech to her classmates for one final time as a Panther. Who might that be? Perris High School’s 2017 Salutatorian Melinda Rose Medina. Medina said she was thought she could have been valedictorian with all the achievements that’s she’s gotten and many classes that she has taken. “I was excited and proud, but then I started thinking about how I had to speak in front of around a thousand people.”

“I’m really scared (to speak in front of a lot of people), It’s going to be nerve racking speaking to everyone. At the same time I’m happy that my family will

be there watching me and making them proud.”

Throughout Medina’s high school years she has been a straight A student, has been in sports where she has excelled. She says that she does not regret doing sports over clubs, because sports really helped her with multi tasking and time management and most of all is to make high school fun.

“I think this one of my greatest achievements, not only academically but athletically.”

Medina has accomplished many achievements in her sports. She has been a two time Water Polo Most Valuable Player, Swim Most Valuable Player, Riverside Academic Award recipient, 2016 December Student of The Month, two time All League Water Polo player.

“I would say my favorite (achievement)

is being an all league water polo player twice, because it’s more than just a school accomplishment it is picked by all the coaches in our league.”

At Senior Awards Night on May 23rd Medina received even more awards. She received the Sun Belt Champion for Character.

“I was genuinely surprised when I heard Kenneth Cohen call me up to receive my award.”

Medina was accepted to the University of California Riverside (UCR) on a full ride in Biochemistry

Congratulation Melinda Rose Medina for striving to get all that you have accomplished and achieved, and most importantly being the 2017 Salutatorian.

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FFA Banquet

by Flor Quintana Castro

On Thursday, June 1st 2017 the annual FFA Banquet has changed its location. What?!?! It's in the Perris High School gym this year. No more tiny Harrison Hall, it's all about that Perris High spirit and they are going to crush it.

Just like the 2016-2017 chapter theme *Crushin It!* This Banquet is about celebrating the end of the current era and the welcome for a new era of FFA officer who will strive to be the best group of officers for the upcoming year's chapter experience. They will be held responsible for all of the FFA meetings and events provided to the members, so that they will get involved in everything that the Perris FFA chapter has to offer: Southern California Fair, Indio Fair as well as getting members involved in the challenging competitive teams that FFA offers. Teams such as: Nursery and Landscape, Land Judging, Vegetable Judging, Veterinary Science, BIG, Copos. There will be recognition for those who have dedicated their time to these teams and fairs this year.

The Banquet will be filled with the last of the 2017 FFA seniors which will be presented in front of the audience and given their graduation sash with the bleeding colors of national blue and corn gold.

The best thing about this banquet is that FFA has a way of including every member into the Family of Agriculture; they will get to see a year's worth of pictures and videos. Every FFA member who attends will be receiving an award.

Wait but what will happen to our current officers?

The 2016-2017 officer will be stepping down—that is if they didn't re-apply to become an officer again. The FFA members have voted for the following candidates in the offices they've run in: President: Gaby Plantillaz and Cecilia Mandujano; Vice President: Crystal Estrella and Leslie Noriega; Sentinel: Scott Prah, Rosalie Blanco, and Luis Cabrera; Reporter: Julia Esparza

and Karla Alvarez; Treasurer: Cindy Sagahon and Nayley Sandoval; Secretary: Isuara Soto and Carlos Ruiz. The Vice President of Operations is the person who receives the lowest vote total from the race for Preseident.

The winners of the races will be announced and the FFA members will know who will be their officers who continue to strive to keep the FFA program one of the best in the state.



Spring Band Concert

by Michael Gutierrez

On Friday, May 19th, the Perris High School Band held their Annual Spring Concert, which included the sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands from Innovative Horizon Charter School to perform for their parents as well. The concert began with a performance by the Perris High Color Guard as they performed to the song, "My Heart Is Open" by Maroon 5.

Perris High School's Beginning Band performed "Montego Bay" by Calypso Song, as well as "Trumpet Voluntary". In addition to the band playing, there was a duet performed by Joshua Moreno on violin and Sergio Vazquez on piano. They played two songs, "Take Me to Church" and "Take Flight".

Perris High School's Percussion Ensemble, led by Justin Page, per-

formed "The Rules of Secrecy, Movements One and Two". The main event was Perris High School Concert Band, conducted by Donald Cerchia, performing "American Salute", "Variations on a Folk Song", "Danny Boy", "Bold Frontier Overture", "America is Beautiful," and "March for Early America."

Throughout the concert, food and beverages were sold to fundraise for Perris High School's band. Donald Cerchia commented, "Everybody did a very good job. It was nice to have the Innovative Charter School students there. The group played very well. Our group played very well. It was good to see some of the performing groups on campus and some of our outstanding soloists."



DANCE FUSION

by Sam Waltermire

Throughout the year, the Dance classes learn sundry dances from classic Thriller to modern pop. An important event for them is Dance Fusion. The event is held inside the gym in the evening towards the end of both semesters. All of the dance classes perform as a single group, then each period has individual performances. Dances they have learned as a whole pertain to the songs: *Lean On*, *Move Your Body*, and *On the Floor*.

Although dance is classified as a physi-

cal education class it also serves as a class that helps to develop confidence. While sweating through each move, trying to memorize and count in your head, you still have to perform in front of an audience and it's heart drumming. What helps to calm the nerves is practicing over and over again; with each performance, the dancers are more confident in what they are doing.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

by Evelyn Villaruel

The Perris High School Army JROTC Panther Battalion is ready to say goodbye to its graduating class of 2017. The past month has been very exciting with our awards night and change of command ceremony also with the announcement of our new Battalion Commander Rosa Baiza and our Command Sergeant Major Cruz Martinez. Rosa Baiza who is a junior has been in the program for three years and is very much involved in school activities like ASB, Cross Country, and National Honors Society. Cruz Martinez as well has been in the program for three years and is the previous commander for the armed drill team here in Jrotc, apart of the football team, and is really into fitness. Jrotc has been at Perris high school for over more than thirty years and each year is given a new change of command which introduces new leadership to the

in coming school year. Awards night is an event that takes place every year in Jrotc where we recognize each and every single cadet in the program and their achievements in academics, leadership, and physical fitness. Each year at awards night we have guest and organizations who come and donate medals, ribbons, and certificates in recognition of individual cadets achievements. Organizations like The Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the American Revolution, The Purple Heart Association, and The United States Army came and handed out a athletic scholarship, and academic scholarship. Over more than 100 cadets attended the ceremony is class A uniform. The class A uniform consist of the blue button up shirt, Dark navy pants, Black formal jacket. Each year awards night is one of the last main events

that the programs has and is also its a time when many of the cadets give their gratitude to the instructors especially the senior class of 2017 within the program who grew with them for four years. "It was a great experience from the four years that I was here and i've grown a lot since the beginning of freshman year even though i'm going to miss the program it has prepared me for my future in the military," said Giovanni Corona, senior.





SUMMER SCHOOL

SESSION I:

June 15—June 29

SESSION II:

July 6—July 20

7:30 am—1:00 pm

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SPECIAL ED

June 19—July 19

8:00 am—12:00 pm

No School:

6/30: 7/3-5

A Night at the Gatsby's

by Sam Waltermire

Prom was a nostalgic dance at the Pomona Fox Theater filled with magical moments originating from the elegance of the staircase, everyone's chic attire, and an open spaced venue. After many months of studying, school, working arduously, prom arrived just in time for students to get away from all the day to day drudgery. That night was a night when every moment felt like a movie clip and every memory was embedded in the heart of every person who attended. Memories of the exceptional food, the feather decorated tables, the car rides with close friends, the punny jokes we pull and the time being spent together. Special memories.

The majority were fooled by the theme thinking it was going to be *Call of Duty* as "the word got out"; but the prom committee was sneaky and hid the actual theme. At the assembly, the Prom Fashion Show released a big sign while a slideshow of *Call of Duty* was playing, the reveal under the sign was *A Night at the Gatsby's*.

Lasagna, bread, salad and chicken were served accompanied by water, soda, and pink lemonade; to top that off, treats included chocolate dipped strawberries, cookies, and brownies. Bathrooms were adored by the females in attendance as perfume, hairspray, and toiletries were provided within. There was even a place to sit down to chat with friends.

The building consisted of three stories. Gambling was offered in the third story where students had the opportunity to play card games; the second story was the place to hang out and talk. From a view high, you could look down on the guests who were arriving. A red carpet welcomed everyone into the entrance through doors to behold the dinner ta-

bles and the dance floor.

Matthew Nobles, senior, said, "Prom was dope because my friend Sean was so close to passing out from dancing, plus the music was great. We also got the opportunity to gamble which was pretty cool since we can't gamble because of our age."

Hiram Acosta, senior, confided, "Facetiming my little sister during the dance made my night because she is the most beautiful thing to me. The gambling was sick too because hanging out with the buckaroos made it memorable."

Cornelio Lucero, junior, shared, "I'm pretty happy I was on the Prom Committee despite it being my first year. Although it was a 12-hour work day, I had fun helping the venue give it the look of elegance."

Prom. Truly a night to remember.



AVID 2017 Social

by Zaria Acuna

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination; it's a program that gives students some extra support getting ready to be successful in high school and preparing for attending college. There is an event that occurs every year by the AVID coordinator Gypsi Perez called the AVID Social. The AVID Social 2017 was on Friday, May 19, and the event celebrated the success of many students.

AVID is a hard class and kids struggle for four years; they have so much to do and they finally made it. They've applied to colleges so the event is being celebrated for the seniors only. This program is known for numerous assignments, but primarily for keeping students on the right track and giving them the opportunity to go to college.

AVID Senior, Briany Padilla, describes how AVID has motivated her to actually go to college to further her education; having a ceremony to celebrate that accomplishment is very special to her.

This year's AVID Social was Oscar's Academy Awards theme and was voted for by the Senior AVID class. With the help of many AVID students, the theme was achieved successfully. AVID Senior, Yocelyn Deleon said that making the

decorations was fun and exciting because being a part of making the event according to theme was quite amusing.

The decorations were one thing, but the actual performances was another. One of the hosts for the event was AVID senior, Darah Santos. She stated it was fun to come up with ideas to entertain others even though it was stressful. However there was a lot of hard work and dedication.

AVID Senior, Alondra Romero, said it was very interesting being a part of one of the dance performance because she only had one time to learn the whole dance; but, overall it was a great experience.

The AVID Social is fun and gives the students who are willing to display their talents a chance to show them off. AVID Senior, Verence Rios described how she first started playing the piano the same week of AVID Social

so she just learned the song to perform, but playing with her friends was the best part.

Another student, Xaela Cuellar, loved performing and being involved in each dance because every practice was a blast. When it came to the actual performance

she explained how her dance group messed up, but it was a goofy enjoyable moment that they now laugh about.

In the end, this celebration is an important event for not only the AVID seniors but everyone who is in the AVID program.





Through the eyes of a panther...

Lunch: the Most Frustrating Meal of the Day

by Melinda Rose Medina
Editor in Chief

Lunch at Perris High School went quickly from a fun part of the school day to one of the most annoying. The recent spike in temperature has made it almost impossible for most students to have a relaxing and enjoyable lunch; anyone who does not rush to a shady area and secure themselves a spot has the unfortu-

nate luck of having to sit in the sun for 30 minutes in blazing temperatures.

Beginning second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, PHS opened up the brand new lunch area by the 4000 building where students are made to stay during lunch. As a result of this opening, students are now prohibited to sit at any of the former lunch areas such as those by the S.T.E.M. building, the multiple sitting areas that extend from the Counseling Office all the way down to the Discipline Office, and the quad by the old Ceramics

Room. At any other time of year, this prohibition is not an issue. It is only now that the heat has become unbearable that the school's restrictions on where students can and can not eat lunch is unacceptable. The amount of students the shade of the eating area by the 4000 building can practically cover is about 50 out of around 150 or more students who sit in that area. This means that more than half of students during lunch have the choice of enduring the direct heat of the sun or finding another place to eat their lunch like the library or a teacher's

classroom. Ironically, instead of sympathizing with students and allowing them to sit in the restricted lunch areas to avoid the sun - which for your information provides the most shade on campus - security guards yell at the students to return to the heat.

In my final analysis, the new eating area by the 4000 building is very aesthetically pleasing and adds a beautiful modern look to our campus, but in reality is not functional or practical for students having their lunch during this scorching time of year.

OUR VOICES...

LGBT

Do we ever consider or accept that we are all humans? That we shouldn't be treated any less of a person? Well, it just depends on who you ask. If you asked me if someone ever made me feel less of a person, then— yes.

Why do you ask? "LGBT" stands for its Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender. Myself being a part of that community has made people treat me differently for my preference and I strongly perceive I haven't been the only one treated this way. Everyone is entitled to have their own beliefs about the LGBT community.

What I don't think isn't okay is homophobics are making us feel unwelcomed and ashamed for something that we have no control over. Many people do not understand, only we know the struggle. How as infants, are we supposed to know we were going to be born like this? That we were going to have different preferences?

We didn't wake up one morning and decide "Hey!", I'm going to be gay or lesbian. All I can say is we were born like this, we are rainbows— the colors reflect the diversity of the LGBT community and the flag is often used as a symbol of gay pride during LGBT rights. Closeted gay people historically used bright colors to signal their homosexuality to each other. Not going to apprise people that we have the toughest time as a minority group. However, individuals are struggling with being discriminated against every day!

One of the many problems we go through, like being called derogatory terms like "fag" or "dike" simply because of our preference and even how we choose to not wear our gender clothing. By taking our preference as a joke, saying it's a phase, society, friends and family suspect that we aren't being ourselves; that we are simply trying to be someone we aren't or a gender we aren't.

Nevertheless, only we ourselves know if it's a phase or if we aren't truly being ourselves.

I'm not suggesting that everybody should wear a rainbow or to love or adore us— but respect us. Respect us as humans. Many people around us are in the closet, not being able to be who they truly are. Scared of rejections from their family and friends. We don't even notice this. How frightened they are because they think by what they see and how they see people putting themselves out there and end up being treated differently or insulted. Everyone should feel free to do be themselves.

LGBT teens and young adults have one of the highest rates of suicide attempts after being bullied. A political wedge issue in the contemporary efforts halt to legalizing same-sex marriages. Depression and drug use among LGBT people have both been shown to increase significantly after new laws are passed which discriminate against gay people.

Let's not forget the gunman that killed 49 people and left 53 injured in the early Sunday morning in a crowded Orlando gay nightclub on June 12th, 2016. It's been almost a year since that happened and it mustn't be forgotten.

Jo Rocha Delgado

Student Pride

Potential for the presence of a spirited environment begins with a sense of comfort and involvement. These attributes form a connection between students and their school as one feels more in place once aware of their surroundings. Students who become well aware with the aspects of Perris High produce a relationship with its setting. That is, they start recognizing certain features of the campus that builds their association with the school.

These features can be anything from a well regarded

teacher to the participation of an after school program. Once students get to know their school and what it consists of they begin to feel comfortable with its atmosphere. Involvement is also a key element to the success of a vibrant, school environment. Student athletes play sports competitively which automatically puts them in a prideful position. ASB, Yearbook, Link Crew, and FNL are a few out of the many clubs that help set the foundation of spirit. ASB shows this through promoting activities and allowing others outside the organization have a word like voting for themes. Link Crew breaks the ice between freshman and the nerve wrecking wall of bewilderment. They hold meetings throughout the year discussing pathways after and during high school, requirements to graduate, and even a simple helping hand. Yearbook showcases achievements that the students make possible. Simple attributions help bring spirit.

School spirit is not just about cheering against one's rivals, it's about supporting the people around you, caring for the environment, respecting staff, and various factors like the methods of individual representation. We can fix our school spirit through many techniques. Picking up after ourselves after lunch to help prevent birds from scavenging and dropping their waste on the campus is one way. The person you express yourself as is a reflection of our the school, whether it is shown through achievements or personality. We can become more considerate with our campus and its people. We can get this community to quit speaking of our school illy.

"Perris High's Ghetto" often runs through many mouths. Be the person to change this, to be able to say Perris High is much more. School pride changes the ghetto part as students become proud of where they come from.

Javier Castaneda & Sam Waltermire

FIDGET SPINNERS— The Hype... The Reality

Thank you Wikipedia....

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fidget_spinner

A **fidget spinner** is a type of stress-relieving toy. A basic fidget spinner consists of a bearing in the center of a design made from any of a variety of materials including brass, stainless steel, titanium, copper and plastic. The toy has been advertised as helping people who have trouble with focusing or fidgeting (such as those with ADHD, autism, or anxiety) by acting as a release mechanism for nervous energy or psychological stress. Experts were divided on this claim, with some supporting it while others disputed its scientific basis and argued the toy may actually be more distracting. Although they were invented in the 1990s, fidget spinners became a popular toy in 2017. Often marketed with health benefits, the toy began being used by school children, resulting in some schools banning the spinners, arguing that the toy became a distraction in classrooms. Other schools are allowing the toy to be used discreetly by children in order to help them concentrate. On December 23, 2016, James Plafke of *Forbes* published an article describing fidget spinners as the "must-

have office toy for 2017."^[4] In late March, users on social media websites such as YouTube and Reddit began uploading videos reviewing and performing tricks with fidget spinners.^[6] *The Boston Globe* reported that fidget toys in general "entered the mainstream" with the related Fidget Cube toy also rising in popularity.^[1] Several sellers on Etsy were reported to be creating and selling customized spinner designs.^[1]

The fidget spinner's popularity began to increase greatly in April 2017, with Google searches for "fidget spinner" spiking that month, according to *Money* magazine.^[11]

^[12] By May 4, variations of the spinner occupied every spot on Amazon's top 20 best seller list for toys.^[11] Many publications referred to the fidget spinner as a fad, with some journalists comparing it to the rise in popularity of water bottle flipping in 2016.^{[13][14]} On April 27, 2017, the *New York Post* detailed, "so-called fidget spinners, low-tech, low-price stress relieving toys, are a huge fad sweeping the country, and stores can't keep them in stock."^[13] In May 2017, there was so much demand for fidget spinners that in China, some factories that used to make cellphones and phone accessories switched to making fidget spinners.^[15]

On May 16, 2017, video game publisher Ketchapp released a fidget spinner app. The app re-

ceived 7 million downloads in the first two weeks after it was released.^[16]

With the rapid increase in the spinner's popularity in 2017 — combined with the spinner's often advertised benefits for individuals with ADHD and autism, among other conditions — many children and teenagers began using it in school.^[17]

As a result of their frequent usage by school children, many school districts have banned the toy.^{[5][6][20]} Cited reasons for their banning were often teachers arguing that the spinners distracted students from completing their school work.^[11] Taylor-Klaus stated, "there are definitely times that kids don't know how to use a fidget and it becomes the primary focus instead of the background focus", adding that, "spinners are visually distracting, and they can make some noise, so it's not an ideal fidget for the classroom. But they're becoming a distraction for some kids. For students who don't have a disability, it's a toy, and that's never been allowed."^[17] According to a study from the fidget spinner database Spinner List, 32% of the top 200 American high schools — the 100 largest private and 100 largest public schools, according to Department of Education data — have banned spinners from the premises.^[21]



PANTHER SPORTS



Epic Finish

by Melinda Rose Medina

On Monday May 22 at 5 p.m., Perris High School's entire swim team, athletes and coaches alike, gathered in the Multi-Purpose Room with their family and friends to celebrate the unique season. The night began with swimmer athletes arriving in the MPR with snacks to accompany the main course: Little Caesar's Pizza. Eventually, all swimmers, coaches, and family that would be attending the banquet arrived and everyone came together to eat chips, pizza, fried chicken, cookies, cupcakes, and drink either their choice of carbonated soda or the only healthy item on the menu, water. Soon after all in the room finished eating, the awards ceremony started.

The awards began with JV boys receiving their participation certificates from their coach, Joseph Valdez. The two JV players who received an award were Jonathan Menez, freshman, and Joshua Ramirez, freshman. Due to an alleged leg injury, Ramirez was not able to compete at most meets of the season. With that being said, it was not a surprise to anyone in the room when Menez was announced as JV swim's MVP; Menez singlehandedly won 3 meets this season.

Next in line to receive awards were the JV girls. The Junior Varsity Girls did great this season winning two meets with a whole new group of rookie swim-

mers. Again, only one trophy was awarded. Allison Campos, JV Swim coach, awarded MVP to a very dedicated hard working freshman who throughout the season was always the first in the pool, pushed themselves the most, and never stopped trying to improve: Yesenia Contreras.

This 2017 swim season was especially unique for both the girls and boys varsity teams. Traditionally, each team has their own coach, but because last year's boys varsity coach resigned his position, the swim team faced the threat of not having Boys Varsity Swimming. Thankfully for them, Matt Schmidt, varsity swim coach and history teacher, stepped up to the plate and coached both boys and girls varsity swimming which means he presented both teams their varsity swimming certificates and trophies; each team received three trophies.

Schmidt started with his favorite team, Girls Varsity Swim. The first trophy awarded was the Girls Varsity Most Improved Award; this award went to the third highest point ranking female swimmer on the entire team, Karla Alvarez, freshman. Alvarez began the team with raw talent that throughout the season she refined and perfected; it was her hard work that secured her a spot as one of the fastest on the girls team early in the

season and led her to drop the most time overall, earning her the Varsity Most Improved Award. The next trophy recipient was Melinda Rose Medina, senior, receiving the Varsity Team Leadership Award. As the only senior on the entire swim team to have been varsity all four years of high school, Schmidt believed Medina deserved this award because not only did she have a great amount of experience and knowledge on all aspects of the sport, but she also held a very prominent position as the unpronounced captain. In the words of Coach Schmidt, "No matter what the topic may have been, any girl would come up to me to talk about something and say, 'Let me run it by Melinda.'"

Last but certainly not least, the Girls Varsity MVP Award was given to Katerina Thap, freshman. Going into league finals, Thap and Medina were tied for MVP but that quickly changed when Thap swam her main event, the 100 Backstroke. Going into league finals as 5th in the event, Thap swam her heart out and dropped her P.R. down to one minute and 10 seconds. This race did many things for the freshman: made her 3rd overall in the 100 backstroke, landed her in the top ten backstroke swimmers in Perris High Swim history, and most of all scored her enough points to pass Medina and be this year's Girls Varsity MVP. With only one female senior varsity trophy winner graduating and the other two being freshman, the future of the Schmidt's Varsity Girls Swim Team is

promising.

The last trophies of the night to be awarded were for three athletes on the boys varsity team. The first trophy was the boys Varsity Most Improved Award and that was received by Gabriel Valdez, junior. When describing why he believed Valdez was the most deserving for this award, Schmidt said, "This person is always first in the pool for practice and seventh period swim and is always looking for ways to improve." The second trophy was awarded to Hector Valdez, junior, and he received the Varsity Most Impressive Swim Award. There is absolutely no other swimmer more deserving than Valdez; in just one season he became the fastest freestyler on the entire swim team with his P.R.s being a 23.75 for the 50 free and a 53.41 for the 100 free. The last award of the night was none other than Varsity Boys MVP and was earned by John Larkin, junior. The entire swim season, no one came close to beating Larkin in the race for MVP. Racking up points every meet in his two main events, 200 Yard Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke, Larkin held a constant lead above all his teammates that was ultimately unbeatable. With only one male varsity swimmer graduating this year, next year's Varsity Boys Swim Team will be the best Perris High has seen in a few years.

Softball's New Home

by Wendy Alvarez

Lady Panthers finally got to experience the new softball field after many years of waiting. These players have shown determination throughout the season. They practice from Monday to Friday every day after school until 5:30 pm. They put in a lot of effort during their practices, they have learned that when things are negative that is when they learned the most and grew as players and as a people.

During a softball game against Paloma High School, Lizeth Rodriguez freshman pitcher, strike out the opposing player. They played twice against Calvary Murrrieta High school and took the win twice, the scores were 13-6 and 21-10. While that happened, the crowd and teammates

were happy and showed their Panther Spirit for their teammates.

The Ladies are fully committed and worked hard this season. Softball regulations game consist of seven innings. Throwing fast pitches and stealing bases in fast-pitch games. The Softball girls appreciate their coaches for everything they were taught.

Valerie Carrillo, senior, said, "Playing



Varsity all four years was a challenge but I made a bunch of memories and meet new awesome people."

Perris High Boys Volleyball

by Javier Castaneda

Over the course of the past two years, the Perris High Boys Volleyball team worked together to form a strong skill set for the court. Not only were these athletes an effective group of volleyball players, but also a family who gained pride for Perris High jointly. As panthers, these boys developed a chemistry that lead them to victory for their 2017 season. It was inevitable that they were bound to make this a successful year due to their experience and passionate spirit to be triumphant. With the assistance and training of their captivating coach, Gerardo Regalado, the Perris High Boys Volleyball team has made history.

Since last September, the team pushed through practices on the court, field and weight room. These boys

have demonstrated their hard work by beating division one schools and other teams that are high in ranks. This season, the team earned a record of 25-6 (25 wins, 6 loses.) Throughout all these games, there were arduous moments our volleyball team got through, proving how noteworthy they are.

Coach Regalado comments, "I believe that what makes Perris Boys Volleyball a great team is that the boys know how to connect with one another. We as a team have learned to grow as a family and we know how to work together. The effort and ded-

ication that each of the athletes and myself put into the sport is something that makes us grow as a stronger team."

As a family, these Panthers left a mark on the court this year. This mark implements Perris High's motto "Never Give Up," which demonstrates our ability to fight across a net. Now, schools will not be looking down on our school's volleyball team, but rather see us as a threat.

This legacy now set on the court is the basis teams yet to come will work for.





CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

On Tuesday May 22nd, seniors Javier Castaneda and Melinda Rose Medina both received the Sunbelt League Champion for Character Award. This award was not one that could be applied for; this award could only be won by coaches nominating athletes they deemed worthy of such a title.

When the time came to decide who would be receiving the award, Ken Cohen, athletic director, asked all sports coaches their opinions on who the two recipients should be, “There was no doubt Melinda and Javier should get the award. Their names kept coming up.” These two athletes were deserving enough of the award that coaches who had not had the opportunity to work with them nominated them because all they had heard of their athletic performances and character.

Castaneda received the Sunbelt League Champion for Character Award for his achievements in Boys Varsity Volleyball while Medina earned her award for her achievements in both Girls Varsity Water Polo and Swim. “It means a lot to know that I did such a great job to the point where my coaches and coaches who I never worked with, believed my character was worthy of such an honorable award,” says Medina.

JAVIER CASTANEDA & MELINDA MEDINA: Sunbelt League Athlete Award 2017

SCHOLAR ATHLETES 2017

On Tuesday May 22nd at Senior Awards Night, Ken Cohen, Athletic Director, presented 14 panther athletes as Scholar Athletes of the Year. The qualifications for receiving this award were that students had to be involved in a sport for an entire season and also be able to maintain a minimum of a 3.5 GPA. The students who received this award were: Lucy Ramirez, Yocelyn DeLeon Jimenez, Samantha Valdez, Savannah Cook, Melinda Rose Medina, Dejohnna Butler, Ashley Andrade, Abigail Alvarado, Luis Perez Aguayo, Ector Lara, Joel Arevalo, Juan Callente, Rafael Luis Holguin, and Santrez Johnson. But of course, one male and one female scholar athlete shown above the rest in the eyes of coaches and teachers at Perris High School: Luis Perez Aguayo and Lucy Ramirez.

“The seniors this year have won more athletic events in the last 4 years than any group of seniors in the last 20



years,” says Ken Cohen, athletic director. In the case of these 14 athletes, that

has all been while they maintained 3.5 GPAs.

photo by Ken Cohen

MAN ON THE STREET

If you could do a senior prank what would it be?



I would feed the birds on campus.
Esmeralda Coronel, senior

What is one of your most embarrassing high school moments?



When I was a junior, someone random person tried setting me up with a girl. Little did she know we go for the same team.

Ricardo Valencia, senior

What is one of your most embarrassing high school moments?



On the first day of senior year, I fell down the stairs and everyone just laughed.

Claudia Fregoso, senior

What is your ideal date?



My ideal date would be something simple. Just chilling, watching horror movies and eating pizza—or maybe just hanging out at Yogurt Land.

Rosely Medina, senior

PERRIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By Rosi Dias Covarubbias

Every year, there are seniors who are selected to be Student of the Month for the months of September to April. Out of those eight who received Student of the Month, they are able to submit an application to run for the Student of the Year. The Student of the Year also receives a \$1,420 scholarship. Everyone receives a certificate and a medal for this accomplishment.

September: Andrew Sims



School: Lincoln College of Technology
Major: Automotive Technology and Engineering
Career: Automotive Technician
Inspiration: My Dad
Advice to underclassmen: NIKE - Just Do It
Who would you like to thank: All of my teachers and coaches who helped me and made school fun and supported me during the times I wanted to give up.
Favorite memory from high school: My favorite memory is the intense football practices and workouts with friends that turned to brothers and family.
Activities/Hobbies: My activities/hobbies are football running, wrestling, boxing, tennis cooking, art and crafting.

October: Sam Waltermire



School: MSJC

Major: Aerospace engineering
Career: Engineer for Aerospace
Inspiration: Elon Musk and Kevin Carter
Advice to underclassmen: The passion inside of you, make sure it's sincere and excel to its purest potential.
Who would you like to thank: I would like to thank everyone who has taught me the beauty of the STEM field and D. Georgianna for not holding my hand but showing me what I can reach and always being in my heart reminding me that I have someone.
Favorite memory from high school: My favorite memory would be after a competition in Robotics; we walked down the STEM building stairs like champions to song *Eye of the Tiger*.
Activities/Hobbies: My hobbies/ activities vary from being a cellist to engineering, journalism, card staking, and rope walking.

November: Estefani Guzman



School: University of California, San Diego in the fall of 2017.
Major: Biochemistry and Cell Biology and plan to minor in Mathematics.
Career: I plan to pursue a career in the medical field to help improve the healthcare system.
Inspiration: My inspiration has always been my hardworking and loving family.
Advice to Underclassmen: Always follow your dreams and do what you love!
Who would you like to thank: I would like to thank Mr. Espinoza for nominating me as the Student of the Month and all the other teachers who also supported his nomination. Most importantly, I would like to thank my amazing mom for always supporting me through the thick and thin.
Favorite memory from high school: My experience in high school has generated many memorable moments that I can not just choose one. My favorite memories from high school has been spending time with my friends such as when we got together to work on our tie-dyed panoramic shirts or when we performed for the AVID Social or even when we have spontaneous Del Taco trips.
Activities/hobbies: My favorite hobby is reading, but sadly school makes it almost impossible to enjoy a good book. I also enjoy taking photographs of landscapes and the sky, especially sunsets and sun risings.

December: Melinda Medina



School: UCR
Major: Biochemistry
Career: Undecided
Inspiration: My sister, Claudia, who is basically my twin in looks and brains and always pushes me to do my best.
Advice to underclassmen: Have fun and join sports! But while you're having fun do not forget to keep up with your academics.
Who would you like to thank: I'd like to thank my family for always being there to support me in all my decisions. I'd also like to thank Ms. Brusca, Mr. Ruiz, and Ms. Georgianna for being absolutely amazing teachers and human beings.
Favorite memory from high school: The entire 2014-2015 water polo season because we went to C.I.F. and my teammates were so skilled and hardworking.
Activities/ hobbies: I love taking part in physical activities, like sports and games. At home, I like to paint, read fiction novels, and binge-watch shows on Netflix!

January: Anahi De Leon Jimenez



School: Cal State San Marcos
Major: Criminal Justice
Career: My career is to be a Crime Scene Investigator.
Inspiration: My inspiration would be my teachers who have taught me that anything I set my mind into I will accomplish. My family also because they have taught me how to believe in myself and to be optimistic about life.
Advice to underclassmen: The advice I give to the under freshman would be to have fun in high school, join sports clubs and leadership roles. And also to stay on top of their grades throughout their high school experience.
Who would you like to thank: I would love to thank my coach from the Perris Varsity team because she has seen me grow as an athlete and I would have done it

without her advice. I would also want to thank my teachers like Mr. Nering, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ernst, and Ms. Perez for the support and advice throughout my High school years and how they inspired me through get through rough times.

Favorite memory from high school: My favorite memory from high school would be when I got Student of the Month.

Activities/Hobbies: My favorite activities would be getting involved in the community as well as my school. My hobbies are playing soccer, watching movies, hanging out with friends and family.

February: Samantha Valdez



School: MSJC

Major: Medical field

Career: Nursing assistant

Inspiration: My dad and my siblings because they always motivated me to be the best I can be.

Advice to underclassmen: Get your work done and don't slack off.

Who would you like to thank: I would like to thank my teachers for leading me through the way of my education and also my family for being supportive.

Favorite memory from high school: Becoming a captain for the Varsity Soccer team freshman year.

Activities/Hobbies: Soccer .. love it!!

March: Azreal Sanchez

And... STUDENT OF THE YEAR



School: San Francisco State University

Major: Biochemistry

Career: Pharmaceutical sciences (Pharmacist)

Inspiration: My family inspired me. Along with my interest in science.

Advice to underclassmen: Never give up or you

might regret it.

Who would you like to thank: I would like to thank my family and friends for always pushing me.

Favorite memory from high school: Donating blood at the school blood drives.

Activities/Hobbies: ASB, Ceramics, various clubs, etc.

Regarding the recognition as Student of the Year, Sanchez said, "I strongly believe my various accomplishments throughout high school were the main reasons why I had received this award. I was motivated to strive for the top when adults would say to take advantage of high school. If you are a dedicated student and you want to achieve Student of the Year, do as much as you can in high school and do not waste a second of it because it will make your experience at Perris HS worth the while and will eventually help you in the future. I put myself in a difficult situation when applying. As finals were right around the corner and there was testing, I waited the last 15 minutes to submit the essays for the application. It was not as simple as I thought it to be, there were so many requirements and I had to scavenge through my letter of recommendations and acceptance letters, and transcript. The last requirement was the two essays saying why I deserved and how have I helped the community out. Without stopping I wrote the essay and blindly submitted it and hoped for the best. I honestly had not expected to receive student of the year but I did not give up with the odds. I put myself in this situation but I did not let that stop me. Anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

April: Verence Rios

School: CSU San Marcos



Major: Environmental Studies

Career: I'm not totally sure yet, but I know I want a career that solves environmental issues.

Inspiration: Always striving to become a better person and self growth is a huge inspiration for me.

Advice to underclassmen: Care about your grades, be nice to everyone, and enjoy your high school years!

Who would you like to thank: I'd like to thank my family for always supporting me and Mr. Salcedo for recognizing my potential by nominating me for Student of the Month and supporting me as well.

Favorite memory from high school: All the times I was surrounded by my friends and just having a good time with them!

Activities/Hobbies: I like to paint on my free time and try to learn the piano and guitar.

Senior Awards Nite

Many students were recognized for their effort and standout achievements. Following are just a few of the many PHS students who left their mark at Perris High School:

Hall Of Fame

Administration – Male: Santrez Johnson

Administration – Female: Desiree Prado

Applied Arts: Diana Terrazas

English: Estefani Guzman

Humanities: Atziri Estrada Mendoza

Math: Naid Ibarra

Military: Vanessa Zepeda

Personal Achievement: Socrates Medina

Physical Education: Juan Vega

Science: Lyajzanee Timmons

Social Science: Naid Ibarra

Top 10

Melinda Rose Medina

Estefani Guzman

David Campos

Arami Monarrez

Azreal Sanchez

Rosalba Diaz Covarrubias

Esmeralda Castillo

Mariana Sierra

Naid Ibarra

Lizeth Sanchez

National Honor Society

Jennifer Ayala

Javier Castaneda

Esmeralda Castillo

Jasmine De La Cruz

Rosalba Diaz Covarrubias

Nadia Espinoza

Leslie Galarza Radilla

Estefani Guzman

Vanessa Hernandez

Patsy Martinez

Nefertari Marin

Briany Padilla

Jennifer Penaloza

Azreal Sanchez

Lizeth Sanchez

Mariana Sierra

Brenda Solorio

Juan Vega

Analysa Zaragoza

Vanessa Zepeda Ruelas

SENIOR BUCKET LIST

by Jo Rocha Delgado

Cruz Quintero Hernandez - Hang out with friends before moving to TJ.

Giselle Rodriguez - To become a meme.

Valeria Carrillo - To go up to a security guard and ask them how many times I be ditching.

Brenda Melendrez - Get as many school chocolate cookies before I'm out.

Jailene Vera - Have a bonfire with friends and tell my mother I'm going to school and ditch.

Briany Padilla Fonseca - Waiting for someone to take me across the street for some dang wings.

Eduardo Reyes Mota - Get a pretty nice hair cut.

Silvina Leon - Go shopping with Ms. G.

Patrick Rigg - Get a tattoo while skydiving.

Claudia Fregoso - EAT AS MANY SCHOOL CHEESEBURGERS AS I CAN.

Joi Edwards - Eat some chicken from across the street; I've heard good reviews.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Lip Sync 2017

by *Silvina Leon*

Perris High School teachers from various departments were nervous but excited, like the inner child in them shining to give the appreciative audience many unique performances. Perris High gave a Friday night to remember for all staff and students who attended. The Lip Sync was another memorable event during which staff and students sang along, karaoke style, moving and dancing! Students who came to entertain their classmates performed the most HILARIOUS and entertaining performances. A movie that recently came out this year which is recognized by many seniors and juniors called “Trolls,” was performed by the whole junior student body class, with the help of Angelica Osuna, teacher and event adviser; this group performed three songs! The class made their own troll hair which was

one of the funniest and cutest things ever!

Giselle Rodriguez, senior, who attended the Lip Sync said, “It feels so great seeing the teachers who you believe don’t have such a funny side go onstage and perform with a wig—singing a song you never thought they knew.”

From Pop Music to Spanish music, we had Donna Goode, Spanish teacher, (featured in the photo at right) who not only sang for us, but showed us pretty awesome Salsa moves with Francisco Macias, a teacher in the English Department.

Juniors performed as great backup dancers for Norma Carrillo, PUHSD ELA TOSA, who lip synced to Marc Anthony “Vivir Mi Vida”.

Another performances that caught the audience’s attention was with Meagan Tehseldar, English teacher, and Macias. Tehseldar donned a hilarious wig and performed crazy dance moves you would only see at a club—very surprising. We had Macias rapping to a

song that was very unexpected to the audience since he is known by many to be a serious person.

Evelyn Campos, an ASB officer said, “Mr. Macias and Mrs. Tehseldar’s performance was super funny in my opinion; it was my favorite one. They were both being super extra on their performance, making it the funniest performance of them all.”

This year we had two live performances that really made the evening feel very special. Nate Johnson, AVID and English teacher, and Syrett Sinet, a Tech TOSA, came together to give us a show that we could all enjoy and laugh about. With that that in mind, everyone was very happy and thankful to have teachers who stayed after school to give them a performance to remember.

Perris High had amazing performances from the teachers and students who stepped onto the stage. Everyone had an amazing time seeing teachers they know perform.

photo by Jo Rocha Delgado

BAILE!!!

by *Liz Ramirez*

A Mexican dance, Baile, took place in the small gym at seven o’clock p.m. for the very small fee of five dollars on May 19th. The dance celebrated the Hispanic culture and raised money for the baseball program. There was a great turn out, but for Flavio Espinoza, he wished that it could have been better. Espinoza is the baseball coach and the one who arranged the Hispanic dance fundraiser.

The Hispanic culture is an important aspect in our community since a large percentage of the students at PHS are actually Hispanic. The dance was a night filled with lots of laughter and joy; it was the perfect way to celebrate this culture. Although that was the theme, the event, of course, was open to everybody—all cultures.

Yanneli Pena, sophomore, said, “It was a great experience because I helped out the baseball team and had fun while doing it.”



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THE TREES ARE MISSING

by Melinda Rose Medina

Have you noticed an absence in the school parking lot? Like something is missing, but you do not know exactly what?

Well, over the weekend of Friday the 19th, all the trees in the school parking lot were cut down in both the student and staff sections. Where once there were beautiful trees with vibrant orange flowers . . . there are now only barren planters.

Summer is on the rise and with temperatures nearly reaching 100°, the shade available to students waiting for their rides home after school in the 3 o'clock heat is scarce.

When asked about how they felt that the shade was gone, most students replied negatively.

"I hate it! There's no more shade!" said Azreal Sanchez, senior.

In the case of students and staff who drive to school, shade for their car is nonexistent. When the drivers first open their car doors, they are greeted by a very unwelcome wave of sweltering heat.

"My car gets super hot now when I open it and it's really annoying," says Carolina Prieto, senior, "I'm scared that the paint on my car is going to peel off in the sun."

Whether it be because of the lack of shade or a tree-hugger's sadness

at seeing the multiple tree slaughter event, most students and staff dislike the new barrenness in the parking lot. This leads to an unanswered question. Why were the trees cut down at all?

Chris Genton, plant supervisor at PHS, says, "The removal of the trees was necessary to provide room for solar panels that are being installed this summer."

That's right, Perris High is going solar! Across the entire student and staff parking lots, solar panels will be installed. This renovation will not only resolve the "no shade" issue, but it should set well with those who were saddened by the disappearance of at least a dozen Perris High native trees to see their spots taken by something that is good for the environment.

The trees that have for so long stood in the parking lots of Perris High have been removed, but will soon be replaced by solar panels that will provide and save energy for years to come.

Your Piece in Time

by John Larkin

The Yearbook, the book that has all your precious high school memories. The good, the bad, the ups, and the downs that you had. The book that captured moments in time and will keep going on. The thing you can keep looking at to take you back in time—to have forever. Effort were made the whole 2016-17 school year and it contains almost every event, as well as pictures from all over . . . all the clubs, the sports, the events, the activities. Many may think of it as just another book, but to others, it's the high school days all over again. For one class at Perris High it is an accomplishment. The staff of the Perris High 2017 Yearbook. This yearbook staff has gone over the top, not only the yearbook but also with the school newspaper. They were equipped with a great helper and leader, Debbie Georgianna who has many years of experience. Georgianna has been in charge, setting deadline after deadline as well as helping each student to perfect their journalistic skills.

Throughout the year, the yearbook staff's Number One priority was to finish the book. Samantha Waltermire, senior, who was the Editor in Chief pushed everyone to finish and turn in each and every page for the yearbook. Waltermire did much more than just make the book, she laid out the book, page by page, and everything in it—with the help of her editorial staff.

"This past year I got to work with people

who had very different skill levels; and I had to figure out how I could apply it to the yearbook," said Waltermire.

During Winter Break, the yearbook staff made a move to the 4000 building. Many of the yearbook staff came in on their own time to help move many thing and organize all the yearbooks and supplies.

"In my opinion our previous room had more space which came in handy for storage, but the new room seems more modern," said Leigh La Paille, junior.

During the summer of 2016, four students went to Jostens San Diego National Workshop where they learned a variety of skills which were necessary for the production of both the yearbook and the newspaper. They learned how to market, how to use social media to interact with students, how to maximize coverage, how to enhance through design, and how to interview.

"If it wasn't for me going to the workshop, I would not know as much about yearbook and how it works," said Flor Quintana, senior and Business Manager.

The yearbook staff has put a lot of hard work and time into what is now the 2017 yearbook. Their hard work is for all to see and what memories were preserved at Perris High. This book is not just any other book, it is your piece in time, a tribute to the 100th volume of El Perrisito, The Legacy.

MAMA MIA!

by Leigh La Paille

Mother's Day this year landed on Sunday, May 14th. Well, where to begin? It is a day to celebrate the biggest heroes of them all! Our first teacher, our #1 fan, our biggest supporter, our personal psychiatrist, our best friends—our moms. PHS journalists took some time to sit, interview and speak with some of our Panthers and ask what they did for Mother's day.

"On the actual day we just cleaned the whole house for my mom and then we went out to buy her presents. The next day, we gave her our gifts and I even tricked her by wrapping the shoes she wanted in a Victoria's Secret bag. Her reaction was priceless!" says Matthew Nobles, senior, who is proud of his mom like so many other Panthers.

Brianna Zamago, junior, gladly spoke to journalists to express her love for her mom. "Well we all woke up at different times, but my siblings and I all got up and went to my mom's room and wished her a happy Mother's Day while giving her a bunch of hugs and kisses. She was so happy and she loved the gift I made for her too. I'm in Photography, so we had the opportunity to make a Mother's Day gift. I made this picture of me and all my sisters with my mom, putting more focus on my mom. After that, we all took her out to go eat some breakfast at Denny's and went home together and watched some movies with her til the day ended. It was really nice seeing her happy. I'm really blessed that I get to call her my mother."

"I bought my mom flowers and a candle and cups and a card. One of them was a Beauty and the Beast mug and a Little Mermaid bottle. When she saw what me and my dad and my brother got her, she was so happy; she loved the flowers and it made me happy that she liked it and I

was thankful to have her as my mom," shared Jordan Garcia, sophomore.

The pattern of gratitude and love for the PHS mommas continued, seems as though Panthers could not live without their moms.

Toni Gallardo, freshman, was more than glad to share how she spent her Mother's Day. "So for Mother's Day since my Nana has stage 4 cancer, my aunt that lives in Indio is currently taking care of her since she's the only one that can, so my whole dad's side of the family went down to Indio and went to a nice Mexican restaurant. We all got together and took presents for my Nana and we all had fun and everything. Afterwards, we all went to my aunt's house and took photos in the back yard with my Nana, then my mom and all the other mothers in the family and we all just chilled and talked and caught up on things. My mom really enjoyed herself and I'm happy my Nana did too."

Panthers know how to let their mothers feel how

SIXTH ANNUAL SENIOR INTERVIEWS

PHS seniors worked on their interview skills and on assembling their Senior Portfolios to prepare for the annual event of the Senior Interviews. Several hundred seniors attended the popular event held in the library which took place from May 17 to May 19.

Counselor, Xavier Padilla, spent months preparing for

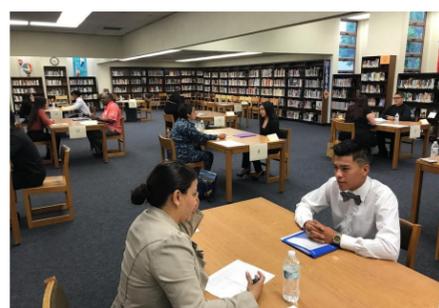
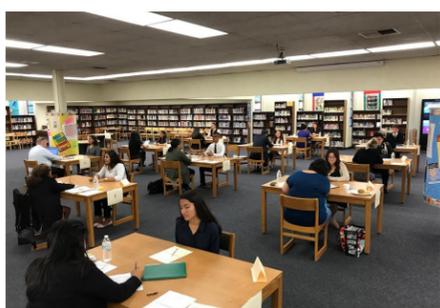
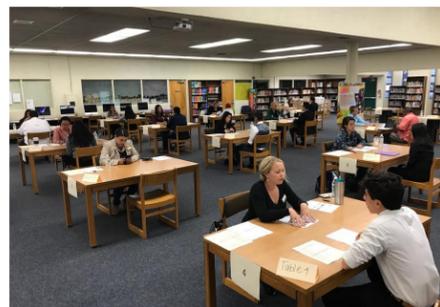
the event. He sent out numerous invitations to members of the community to elicit their help as interviewers, worked on "fine tuning" the actual interview questions, procured the library for the event and set up the interior to accommodate the interviews, arranged for refreshments for the interviewers, ordered thank you cards for the seniors, and set up the schedule. Whew! A mountain of work that paid off in a very successful event.

Seniors arrived wearing professional clothing, clutching their portfolios, and in a heightened state. Once the

first interview was behind them, many breathed a sigh of relief and admitted that it was a great experience. They truly appreciated the interviewers' interest in their portfolio which showcased their work and achievements throughout their high school years.

One senior, Andrew Sims, shared that his portfolio actually helped him to get a job. His "now" boss was quite impressed with the work he had done.

Photos provided by Xavier Padilla



JOURNALISM STUDENTS OF THE YEAR



Tuesday night, May 23rd, was a night filled with awards, proud parents and teachers, and beaming students. Once a year, PHS seniors are recognized for their achievements and hard work at the Senior Awards ceremony. Amongst those being honored and were Melinda Medina and Samantha Waltermire.

Medina is the P-Town Press, student newspaper, Editor in Chief. Journalism teacher and adviser, Debbie Georgianna, shared that she knew she would be able to count on Medina after observing her in her AP Psychology class. She shared that she recognized that she was detail oriented and quite importantly—an individual. She often expressed powerful thoughts and was self-confident when she voiced those thoughts as well as concerns and opinions. In other words, Medina would

and role model in aquatic sports, continued to demonstrate these skills in Journalism as well. She earned the recognition as the one student in class who met every deadline.

Samantha Waltermire is the PHS Yearbook Editor in Chief of *The Perrisito The Legacy*. She served as Junior Editor in Chief during the 2015-2016 school year, so began her position with experience under her belt. Georgianna did note that Waltermire might have started even earlier if she hadn't scared her off when she

be perfect for newspaper.

Georgianna went on to share that she had come to count on Medina's dedication with spreads in the yearbook as well as the work on newspaper articles. It was noted that Medina, who had already proved herself a leader

knocked on the "wrong door" one day. Fortunately, Waltermire accepted the invitation to join the Yearbook staff.

During the presentation, Georgianna many of Waltermire's admirable traits. Genuine. Kind. Truly amazing. Inspirational. Cool headed and even tempered. Georgianna admitted that she learned from her student during the course of the year as Waltermire demonstrated her own style of leadership in class.

Her dedication and commitment to the Yearbook was seen in her countless hours working on spreads, the ladder, preparing meticulous notes for her staff, and the time spent with them encouraging, instructing, and praising them with the job at hand.



photos by Jo Rocha Delgado

Summer Fun

by Mariah Pena

Summer vacation has dawned on Perris High School and as students push through the last remnants of the school year, there is nothing but chatter about how said summer is going to be spent. Some may have plans to go to another state, go to the beach, or to just relax at home and enjoy the time off.

Arianna Pena, freshman, is spending her summer becoming more "woke", or politically informed. "I'm just

going to try to be more educated about what's going on in the world. Besides that, I just want to have a good schedule so I don't waste days." says Pena.

If you have nothing planned or have no idea as to how you'll be spending your vacation, it may be beneficial to make up a summer bucket list. Pena created her list of things she wants to do before the next school year begins. "Making a bucket list really gives me something to look forward to and helps so I don't end up wasting my summer."

Many students are going to conferences and workshops that are related to school. Six yearbook students

is one of those groups who will spend a few days on an intensive learning curve.

Whichever way one decides to spend their Summer, it will be one well spent.

Yearbook asks that you upload your summer photos on the RePlay It app for Perris High School. We would like to include your summer in the 2018 book. It's a free app and all photos not used in the book will be accessible to everybody who purchases a book via a time capsule.

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