

Panther Academic Honors

by Valeria Esquivel



The thought of having to walk on stage and look into the faces of your classmates can be pretty intimidating. The pressure is on for Valedictorian, My Thuy Hai Vu and Salutatorians, Joselyn Calderon and Sergio Muralles. These students have dedicated their high school years to their education.

My Thuy Hai Vu has undeniably made her mark here on campus. Students and staff easily describe her as a thriving student. Acknowledging Hai as this year's Valedictorian shows that her four years of hard work has paid off.

"Being Valedictorian is my biggest accomplishment so far and it's such an honor. As for my parents, I believe that my dad teared up a bit, but refuses to admit it," commented Vu on being selected the 2014 Valedictorian.

Vu received Student of the Month for December as well as Student of the Year. For those who aspire to be chosen as Valedictorian, she recommends to aim for A's in ALL of your classes and rack up the AP classes whenever possible.

Over weekends when others indulged in recreation and socializing, Vu attended a lot of Saturday sessions. "I mean who wouldn't want to come to school on a Saturday at eight

a.m. and turn down doughnuts?"

This fall, Vu will attend the University of Southern California as a biomedical engineering. She intends to continue on to graduate school and get her PhD in biomedical engineering. Jokingly, Hai admitted, "My dream job is a professional puppy-petter". She plans to pursue a career in the field of medical research.

For the first time, Perris High School named two salutatorians: Sergio Muralles and Joselyn Calderon. Muralles will be attending University of California Irvine in the fall and is majoring in aerospace engineering. He then plans to get a job as an aerospace engineer at NASA or Boeing. Along the way, he wants to earn a Master's Degree in aerospace engineering. Throughout his high school career, he was able to participate in sports, specifically wrestling.

Senior, Joselyn Calderon will be going to the University of Pennsylvania. "For dear Pennsylvania we wear red and blue! I'm excited for the snow!" enthused Calderon.

She's majoring in Electrical engineering and later plans to be a patent lawyer and get accepted to Stanford for graduate school. Her favorite subject so far has been calculus. "I loved how everything in it was so beautiful and that things always had an answer that we need to be worthy of discovering for ourselves," added Calderon.

These three students are going to accomplish many great things after high school to make their alma mater proud.

Journalism Recognizes Student Leaders

Senior Awards night spotlighted scores of amazing students from Perris High School. Among those honored were Valeria Esquivel for Outstanding Yearbook student and Joselyn Calderon for Outstanding Newspaper student. Both students are part of the Journalism class which is responsible for both the school yearbook, El Perrisito, The Legacy and the school newspaper, the P-Town Press.

Esquivel was recognized for her leadership skills demonstrated over the past two years. She was the Junior Editor in Chief for the yearbook last year and then Editor in Chief for this year's book. She was involved in designing pages, taking pictures, allocating and following up on staff assignments for yearbook pages and organizing club photos. Esquivel demonstrated exceptionally dedication as well as continual commitment to go above and beyond.

Calderon was recognized for her work on the school newspaper but was also credited with a lion's share of the work on the "copy" portion of the yearbook. Adviser, Debbie Georgianna, stated at the ceremony that Calderon has a true gift for writing and that her distinct voice carries through the pages of not only the newspaper, but the yearbook as well.



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AVID Social

by Veronica Alvarez

The Perris High AVID program held their annual AVID Social in the multipurpose room on Friday May 16th. Every year at the Social, the AVID instructors/ advisers give treats to the AVID students. This year they gave the students pizza, cookies, and Gatorade—yum! Awards were presented to students and everybody enjoyed performance by the Senior AVID class.

At the beginning of fifth period, AVID students made their way to the MPR and checked in. Next came the food— AVID tutors handed out slices of pizza and cookies. Goodies in hand, students met up with their buddies and took a seat.

The event began with the announcement of the winners of the AVID write off. At the

end of the first semester all the AVID students were given a specific topic to write about. One student from each class received an award: Vanessa Zepeda, freshman, Usman Naz, sophomore, Alejandro Ramirez, junior and Elizabeth Guzman, senior. Additionally, two students, Victoria Morales, junior and Mubeen Naz, senior received an honorable mention.

Next, was the entertainment segment of the social. Seniors sang, danced, and yes somebody even rapped at this social.

When the curtains closed on the performers it was time to announce the winners of the AVID students of the year. This award is bestowed on both a senior female and a male who are selected by the advisers because of their outstanding efforts in the program. This year's recipients were Eduardo Gomez and Ronnae Lockette.

Breaking New Ground: the 2014 Yearbook

by Valeria Esquivel

Overall, the yearbook launch and distribution process went surprisingly smooth. One hundred and eight yearbooks were distributed on the first day. Positive feedback was received by our staff, along with many compliments on the book. A few mistakes were spotted – and to be expected unfortunately, but overall it is a great book.

“This year’s staff has worked incredibly hard to make this book and we take pride in our work. Even though there are imperfections within the book, I believe that’s what makes the yearbook perfect,” stated Valeria Esquivel, Yearbook Editor.

“Having the theme and cover kept a secret for so long (Breaking New Ground) has made the reveal ten times more special, seeing students’ faces after finally seeing the cover was priceless. It a good feeling walking around campus and seeing students looking through the book; it just gives us the satisfaction that our hard work paid off,” added Esquivel.

Many ask why the book costs so much, but at \$85, the price isn’t unusual. Jostens provides the software for students to create the book. Lifetouch does the identification photos for the school and sends photographers to some events and for team photos. The rest of the photography is done by the students who strive to take quality photos for the publication. Perris High School is fortunate to have assistance on photography from Bobby Ray Hester, a former middle school science

teacher and freelance photographer. Hester took several journalism students under his wing to mentor and enhance their photographic skills. Aside from the hundreds of hours that the yearbook students put into the creation of the book, professionals at the Jostens office assist students with the designs, information and application process. Jostens provides the highest standard of quality materials for the cover, the paper for the pages and the vibrant colors for the photography.

Adviser, Debbie Georgianna, explained further that costs at our school are slightly higher due to the fact that our school doesn’t sell all that many yearbooks and that drives the price higher. It is ironic that a school with economic challenges has to pay a higher price for the individual books but that is a fact of real world economics.



Students can still upload photos of Senior Week and graduation to RePlay and they will transfer to the Time Capsule which is available for ten years to individuals who purchase a book.

JROTC Change of Command

by Juan Carlos Chicas Morales

The Panther Battalion Change of Command ceremony took place in the Perris High School gymnasium on May 14th. Each company was in formation as events took place all around them. The event is held each year as the graduating Battalion Commander passes the torch to another loyal cadet who has gone far in the program and is certain to do a great job in the role.

The 2013-2014 ROTC Battalion Commander, Ruben Alvarez Mora, experienced many achievements during this tenure. He participated in four varsity sports: cross country, football, track, and soccer and was named “Director of Spirit” for ASB.

Mora will be attending CSUSB (California State University Santa Barbara) and plans to enroll in their ROTC program. His intent is to major in kinesiology and minor in military science. After receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he plans

to serve his country in active duty.

The new JROTC 2014-2015 Battalion Commander, Karla Ceja, enjoys her high school successes as well. She has participated in many other school programs besides JROTC. She is a member of Link Crew, an AVID student and has taken numerous AP courses. She has participated in the Girls Basketball team as well as the Girls Golf team. Despite her many obligations, Ceja still manages to stay on track with all of her responsibilities. She has earned the respect of her peers due to her compassionate personality.

Ceja is a “shoe in” to fill the sneakers that Mora leaves as she adheres to the JROTC Cadet Creed: I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, country, school and corps of cadets.

Be sure to extend thanks to Mora for a job well done and congratulations to Ceja when you see them in the halls of PHS.



Day Trip: AVID Style

by Veronica Alvarez

AVID is a program designed to help students prepare for college. It is an AVID tradition to take students on college trips throughout the year. In addition to the extensive trip during which AVID sophomores and juniors visit schools in Northern California, students have smaller day trips set up as well. On Monday May 19th, the junior AVID class went to visit the campuses of Chapman University, UC Irvine and University of Redlands. Students congregated at the pool gate and boarded two bus at the earlier hour of seven o'clock.

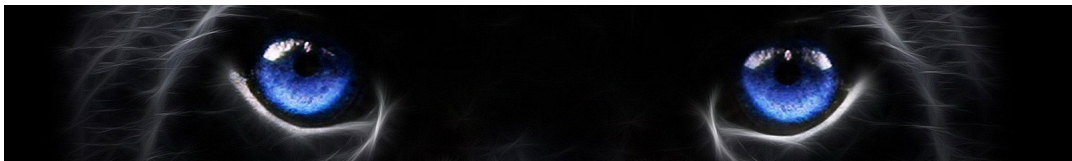
The first stop that the junior class made was Chapman, a small private school in Orange county. Before the tour started, they handed the students an information card to fill out. This enabled students to receive more information on the school. The class was later split into four groups for the tour. During the course of every college tour, students get an opportunity to see how the campus is run. After the Chapman tour, students had free time to go and explore the school on their own.

From there, the juniors proceeded to their second stop of the day, University of California Irvine. UCI is a public university and belongs to the UC system. At the home of the Anteaters, the group was split into two and began the tour. The groups started at the

College of Social Science, designated as building #241 on the campus map, next making their way through the UCI College of Engineering, the College of Humanities and ending up at a popular destination— the food courts. At one point in the tour, the two groups met up and had a “Zot-Zot-Zot” Challenge (What’s that you ask—From the minds of Scieszka and Shannon comes a tale of a quixotic robot determined to conquer the earth. The only problem is that the earth he lands on is a suburban kitchen and he is three inches tall. Robot Zot, the fearless and unstoppable warrior, leaves a trail of destruction as he encounters blenders, toasters, and televisions. <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/robot-zot-jon-scieszka/1112537400?ean=9781416963943>). The students had time to explore the school and also got a bite to eat.

The last stop of the day was the University of Redlands. This is a small private school in Redlands; it is also the Alma Mater of the AVID Coordinator Gypsi Perez. The students were split into two groups and toured the school. Students were taken to one of the lecture rooms and were given information about the admission process. Afterwards, they were able to ask questions about college. After the speaker wished the students luck on their academic journey, they loaded the bus and headed back home.

Jaws’



Piece

Fare Thee Well Class of 2014

by Joselyn Calderon, Editor in Chief

Hello Perris High School! I didn’t want this to be cliché and or sentimental, especially when I still don’t feel like a senior. Unfortunately, everything I wrote became dark, cynical, or sarcastic. So then I decided to leave advice for underclassmen, but it sounded too fake. This is what I decided on.

I’m going to Philadelphia, 39 hours away nonstop in good traffic, while most of my friends and people I know are here. I’m going to be leaving the town that raised me, the town I grew up in, my entire world. I’ve never been anywhere else and now I’m heading across the country, alone. I feel like Pluto. So far away from all of my friend revolving so close to the warm familiarity of Perris and I’ll be a speck of ice so far away and so small I won’t be considered important enough to be part of the solar system (even though Pluto totally deserves to be a planet). I’m going to miss seeing my friends almost every day and talking to them and hanging out. But you know what? It’s not so bad. I’m going to come back on breaks and I’ll see them again, some of them I am sure are going to remain my friends for the rest of my life. I am going to do everything possible to keep them in my life because one of the things I learned this year is ‘when you find someone you want to keep around, you do something about it.’ It’s something I want my friends and all of you to know.

There are so many crazy shenanigans that my friends and I got to do this year. One of my fondest memories is when there was a meeting for Academic Decathlon, Karina and I were on our way to the classroom and M-Dub was heading upstairs to his classroom and he had a lot of boxes with him. So of course, he decided to take the elevator. We asked if we could ride up with him (the elevator was always on our senior bucket list) and he said ‘Okay.’ Then more of our team mates showed up and everyone stumbled into the elevator. We were all really excited and just giddy about riding it. It was hilarious. It seemed like we were in that thing for such a long time but the whole trip was over just as suddenly as it had begun. From all these crazy things I’ve done throughout my four years, I have learned, that one should ‘Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it’s unbelievable.’

I’ve been asking everyone for help on this article and finally,

my younger brother offered the following: ‘Someone once said that “All good things must come to an end, that’s what makes them special.’

Then I got mad at him because I had specifically asked for his help to make this not cliché.

Unfortunately, he’s right. Think about all the things that are going to come to an end, High School, Adolescence, (senioritis [you know, hopefully]). If our high school careers never ended, we would never be able to start with real life. If adolescence never ended, we’d never be able to become our own people. Yet, the end of those things is what makes them special. The Simpsons recently aired a Lego-centric episode where SPOILERS ALERT! Homer created a fantasy world (made of Lego bricks) and Lisa stayed a child forever. However, Homer soon realized that the fact that childhood was so fleeting was what made time spent with his daughter so special. Yes, this year was great, and in our memories it will seem greater yet.

No one survives senior year. You might make it to graduation but the person who receives that diploma is not the same person that started out the school year and they are not the

same person they will be a year from now after living in the real world. Adapt to it, change. But, don’t change so much that you can’t even recognize yourself. When you change, build upon what was already there, don’t just completely throw everything out and start over. If you do, you’re not going to be improving.

Out there you’ll find that it won’t matter if you were the best football player, the best musician, the best student, the writer, the best dancer, the best ‘drama-actor’, none of it will matter because out there is someone who’s better. You’re going to find that it’s tough out there, but if it’s something you really care about, something you really love, something you’re really passionate about, you’ll find the discipline and determination to become the best, to condition yourself into doing everything to improve, and to work harder than anyone else around you. You work your tosh off because that’s the only way you’ll make it out there. Sometimes, it’ll seem like you worked hard and still failed, but you get right back up and you punch failure in the nards. In middle school, I learned Albert E. Grey’s Denominator of Success: ‘All successful people have the habit of doing the things failures don’t like to do. They don’t like doing them either necessarily. But their disliking is subordinated to the

strength of their purpose.’ The most successful people do what failures do not want to do. It doesn’t mean that successful people like doing it; it just means they are willing to do it in order to succeed. Be humble in all you do. Seniors off to college, remember that you are former and future freshman and if that doesn’t humble you, I don’t know what will.

Life doesn’t end here. Life is just beginning. Like I said, adolescence has ended, adulthood is starting. Make decisions carefully, take into consideration the future. Vasquez explained it to me like this. Most of us are 17 or 18, most of us are hoping to live up to 80-85 right? That means there are still about six decades left in our lives, we should not forget that, we should strive to make them amazing; we should strive to make ourselves proud of the lives we lead, we shouldn’t allow high school to be the highpoint of our lives. It should be a fond memory, but by no means the best.

I am happy and sad, excited and terrified, hopeful and hesitant, serene and nervous about this year coming to a close, and I hope you all have fun over the summer, whether you be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.

from Mr. Hilton . . .

Greetings Perris Panthers! I would like to thank all of you for the outstanding job you have done during this school year. There have been a number of events, activities, banquets, and performances during the year that have really demonstrated your panther pride. I have greatly enjoyed being back at Perris High and will always remember this first year with a smile.

Seniors, take the time to appreciate your accomplishments thus far. All that I ask is don’t stop here! Making it to graduation with a plan for the future is an outstanding milestone. It will be one of many as you journey through life. As you prepare to leave Perris High for better things please be sure to thank those that have a positive impact on your time here. Please also remember that the many experiences you have had thus far whether bad or good have helped to define you. Whether they show you what you aspire to be or what you want to avoid, it is the sum of these experiences that help to shape you and the person you will become.

For those of you underclassmen reading this message that are not involved in some sort of extracurricular activity, I cannot stress enough how important being involved is in making sure that high school is a positive and memorable experience for you. We have something for everyone. The best part is, if you are unable to find something that fits you, you can start it yourself. All the clubs and activities we have are active because students like you found something they enjoyed being a part of and make it that way.

As the school year comes to a close, I encourage each of you to take stock of where you are and where you want to be. Set goals for yourself and make a plan for the steps you need to take in order to accomplish them. As long as you hold true to the PHS motto there is no limit to the heights you can reach.

Our Voices.

I Choose Art...

We are gifted with a bit of sunlight in our lives. We see things in many different perspectives. We all dream and see ourselves in the shoes of success. We sleep in to hold those images in our mind, some things we want so badly that we try to grab ahold, but find them too far from our grasp.

We have a lack of street smarts, not in how to work outside of the house or on the street with a bike but the way you use your imagination when you walk through the street. We tend to overthink things that might not ever happen rather than to keep our eyes open to see how beautiful life and nature can really be. Breathe the air. Truly embrace the scenery that surrounds you.

Start a new hobby that will open up your mind. Painting perhaps or try writing—a poem, some lyrics, a story, a book.

We tend to shut down our minds during this time in our lives with all of the music that is be sent out to the younger generation. Is it our message or is it for somebody else?

We tend to want something but we don’t achieve it; we’d rather watch someone else do it. You can achieve so much if you work for it because your own mind is more powerful than any other person’s simply because it is yours.

Go to art museums and art shows, start to play a new instrument or start drawing. The mind is such an amazing thing. Don’t take it for granted, start using it and explore. We can use it to create.

Stop watching TV and get off the ‘Ethernet’ and start noticing what is actually happening in life. Life is all around us. Seniors are leaving, new students are coming and some of us are just stuck in the middle. I have learned from a lot from great people in this school, but sadly they have to leave because they are seniors.

We have all learned what we need to focus on. What we have and cherish . . . what we can do. Create something. Life is amazing and why not leave a small imprint of yourself so everyone can remember you?

Everything begins with curiosity. Read books and watch your mind open up to new opportunities. Just begin.

Marcos Monroy

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Corrections for May 2014 issue:

On the front page - the article about Nick Hilton contained a picture which should have identified his graduation year as 1996.

On page four—pictured with Estefani Buenrostro was the Perris mayor, Darryl Busch.

Ask Sally The Advice Guru

Hello PHS students and staff, this will be the last “Ask Sally” advice column of the school year. Do not worry though—you can submit questions next year and receive some really good advice.

Should I get back with my ex-boyfriend or should I just ignore him?

Well for this I would refer back to when you

dated and to the point where you broke up. You see, sometimes when we go back and remember all those things you two did together you can see both the good and the bad. We cannot forget to include what led to the break up as well as what was said during that time. When you look back,

you may come to realize that although you may have seemed happy to be with someone, you were just blinded by the idea of young love. Despite that, it can also go the total opposite, and maybe both of you will come to realize that you should give this relationship another try. If this happens, take your time and do not just jump back into the relationship.

Sally

So I am going to college and I do not know what form of transportation to take up

there. I was considering taking a plane or a car, but both of these scare me. Also I have a lot of stuff so...

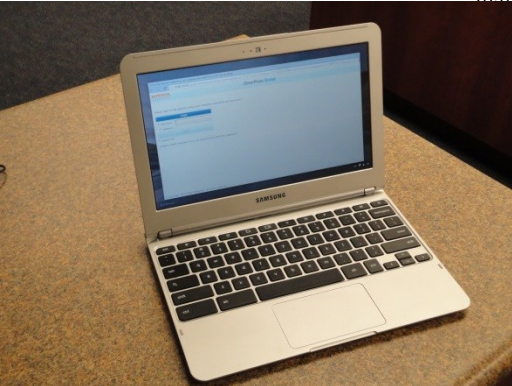
Personally, I would take the car to make my drive up to college because unlike a plane you do not have to pay if you take more luggage than usual and have restrictions on what to take onboard. I suggest that you get over your fear of driving a car by driving during the summer. Plan a day trip to Los Angeles so that you will not be overwhelmed when you head off to college.

Sally

CHECKING THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

by Jos Calderon

The 2013-2014 school year was an amazing year filled with changes campus-wide. The biggest change was obviously the beginnings of the use of Chromebooks in school. While at first, the librarians were worried that things wouldn't go smoothly during Chromebook check-out, with the help of useful videos made by technology and Video Production, everything went without a hitch. To the disappointment of many students, the chat feature on Chromebooks was disabled upon their return from Thanksgiving break.



Another change that our campus saw was the construction of two new buildings: the Social Studies aka History Building and the Foreign Languages Building. Both buildings became available for use during the school year. The History building since the beginning of the school year and the Foreign Languages building opened just before the end of 1st semester. The construction crew worked diligently to get these buildings up and ready for us to use and continue to work on the school entrance on Ruby Road.

Another big change to our campus was the demolition of the buildings next to the floral department. Mr. Cousin's room, Mrs. Pale's room and Mrs. Gartel's room are some of the notable classrooms that have gone.

A few other notable changes were the departures of: Gabriela Tesoriero, Keyisha Holmes, Lynne Sheffield, James Stotlar and Brett Bourbeau from the Perris High School community as they assumed new positions elsewhere. However, we have also welcomed back a member of PHS, our new principal, Nick Hilton.

Numerous new faces amongst the teaching staff included a drama teacher, Stephen Walters, who seems willing to stay a few more years at least. Another new teacher to join us was Lisa Llexum, our new photo teacher. Photography lovers found the chance to join Team Photo, Perris High's Photo club, to further explore the subject. Also new—in the English Department were Pavonne Cobb and Xochitl Almendaraz; in Foreign Languages were Jeff Cordon and Nancy Salcedo; in Special Ed were Jennifer George, Julia Minderman, and Matthew McDonough; the Ag team Krystal Thomas; and replacing Borbeau Social Studies was Rene Macie. Coach Kenneth Cohen became the new Athletic Director and has been making sports announcements every day during advisory, something that has not been seen in a few years.

In the addition to student schedules was an advisory period, a sort of study hall that takes place between 2nd and 3rd period, where students are able to catch up on homework, learn new things or tutor one another for half an hour. The common core standards have arrived to our schools and teachers are making sure students are prepared by incorporating technology and more free-response type questions into their curriculums.

Finally, SVAC testing has taken the place of CSTs and along with it those long tedious testing blocks for the underclassmen.

This year, our football team started off the year perfectly, turning around the game in the final quarter and bringing home the win! The Homecoming dance was unique to say the least as the theme was Glow in the Dark.



Ryan Hays had his annual rocket launch in which students were able to create bottle rockets and then launch them out near the baseball field. This year, the record was broken not once but twice. The first time, the SPED students broke the record and had such and such not come along, their record would have stood as the all-time farthest a rocket has ever been launched. Back to STEM, the Calculus Club held its third annual Pi Day competition. This year's winners were the Alvarado's or something like that I can't quite recall their name but yeah, they won. The perpetual trophy made its way symbolically through two generations of Pi Day Competition winners



before finally being handed to the winning team. It will forever stand proudly in Mrs. Gartel's classroom.

In the Fine Arts department, we saw two productions directed by Stephen Walters. The first, 12 Angry Jurors in November had a more serious tone while West Side Story in May had a funnier, lighter tone. Both were largely successful.

The counseling department placed a graduation countdown clock up for all to see that one day declared that there were only three more days until graduation... but we were still in first semester. It promptly died a few days later and has to the day of this article's submission never been resurrected.

Three blood drives sponsored by Livestream were held this school year and many students participated. You can always find out who they are whenever they wear their keep calm and donate blood shirts. ASB did a wonderful job of being there in case someone needed a hand to squeeze when the needle went in and of making fun adhesive bows to decorate donors' 'battle wounds'.

Perris High School's Marching Panthers have seen many opportunities to mentor the Innovative Horizons Charter School students. The elementary school students have visited our school and been part of homecoming, and a few of the band concerts with our own band. Together they have played music and have formed mentor/mentoree bonds

that are sure to encourage the younger students to pursue music in high school and to warm the hearts of our students as they see the early beginnings of a love for music being instilled at such young ages.

Prom was held at Rancho Las Lomas and most students agree, it was the most beautiful location that could have been chosen. The theme was represented very well by a few students who decided to go all out and wear sarri's, head pieces and henna tattoos. Prom was truly a night to remember.

Even with all the changes to our school, the year went by very smoothly. As we head off into summer, don't forget! Once a Panther, always a Panther, and 'Never Give Up!'

MEMORIES... Alumni Memories

by Karina Mosqueda

Here we are. The final countdown. The feeling of excitement, of uncertainty and of just plain giddiness overwhelms us all. But we are not the first, nor the last to be feeling like this. Many classes before us have gone through exactly what we are going through right now and they have ventured off, taking with them their fond memories of Perris High School. These are the memories of some that have been where we once are and have taken what they've learned at Perris High into the world. So as you remember all the memories of your years here, here are some memories of those that have come before us.

Everardo Ibarra, University of California, Los Angeles, Class of 2012: "My favorite part of high school was probably doing sports because it helped me become more social instead of just focusing on school. I also met a lot of cool people through it.

Desirae Dyson, Fresno State University, Class of 2013: "I think my favorite memory was when my team members in Calculus Club and I were waiting for the results of who won the Calculus Competition. Also when my team members of Academic Decathlon and I won fifth place. We were all really surprised and we ran up to the stage to get our trophy."

Jose Velasquez, University of California, Los Angeles, Class of 2013: "I think one of my favorite memories would have to be when I did a performance with Mr. Hays for the

Band's Winter Concert. That performance allowed me to do what I loved most in high school with one of my favorite teachers."

Nohemi Ayala, University of California, Irvine, Class of 2012: "My favorite memories from high school would definitely have to be spending more time with my friends: no matter where it was or what we were doing, we were having fun. It was those silly times we spent together that brought us close together and helped us create friendships that I know will last a lifetime."

Justin Guillermo, California State University, Chico, Class of 2013: "My favorite memory would probably have to be the day we finally got to sit on the senior's side during rallies and thinking, *We made it.*"

Marvin Aguirre, University of California, Irvine, Class of 2013: "My favorite memory is of when I qualified for CIF for Track."

Sandy Thai, University of California, Los Angeles, Class of 2013: "Well one of my favorite memories was playing piano in the Talent Show with Kyra Santacruz even though we were scared out of our minds. And we ended up getting 2nd place!"

AJ Evans, Westminster College, Class of 2013: "My favorite high school memory was attending football and volleyball games with my friends because it was so much fun cheering everyone on. Plus, it was a super fun when one time we were cheering so loud that Ms. Weathers asked us to join her and the cheerleaders."

The Perris High School campus will be closed this summer due to all the construction that will be taking place. Staff will be on hand in the Administration building over the short summer. Teachers return on August 5th and students return on August 11th. Have a great summer!

ROP Dental Assisting Closing

by Jimmy Ortiz

For many students, ROP courses can open their eyes to a new career and others as an assurance if they really want to go to their respective careers. Dental Assisting is a course which is open to all seniors. Students learn things such as taking Digital and traditional X-rays, panoramic X-rays, elastomeric impressions, mix materials for crowns and assist during general dentistry procedures such as extractions and restorative procedures. Students also learn the difference between dental careers such as the difference between a D.A., R.D.A., R.D.H., R.D.A.E.F. and a general Dentist and different specialties in dentistry.

Students receive hands-on experience as the classroom is an actual dental clinic with a dentist and staff working there. This is the last ROP class offered to high school students by the county; hereafter, high school students can take the RDA class which is about \$6,000 but students could be eligible for financial aid. These dental assisting classes are also given through technical schools, but they are far more expensive.

From my experience after completing my internship I realized this was a good field to go into and that many people lack the knowledge of how important it is to have good oral hygiene not only for appearance but also for personal health. I learned a lot of things about myself and that I would like to become a Pedodontist and maybe even an Oral & Maxillofacial Dentist.

Man on the Street

Thomas Macias & Stephanie Solis, reporters on prowl, asked seniors...

What has been your favorite memory while at Perris High School?



My favorite memory would have to be my very first basketball game freshman year against Redlands.
Jimmy Abner Ortiz



Prom, it was an indescribable night!
Elizabeth Patino



Prom, it was fun dancing the night away with my friends!
Gonzalo Lopez



I loved being the captain of the dance team.
Jonathan Sosa



My favorite memory would have to be my first band competition last year, it was really cool.
Jessica Quezada



I met some of the best people here!
Jesse Barrera



Making a ton of friends my sophomore year!
Jesse Padilla



I really liked the senior rallies, they were pretty fun.
Daniel Lopez

Senior AVID Students of the Year

by Brayan Rios and Stephanie Solis

Every year, the AVID advisers select one male and female student to be recognized as the AVID Student of the Year. They are chosen based on many well-rounded characteristics, such as balancing both academics and extracurricular activities. This honor is not an award that focuses primarily on grades but rather acknowledges students who demonstrate the spirit of AVID which is achieved through individual determination. “These students have proven to successfully obtain a path to higher education, whom with AVID have had the opportunity to develop and demonstrate these qualities and



strengths,” said AVID teacher, Gypsy Perez. Female nonoree, Ronnae Lockette recalled her best memory in AVID was making friends with classmates. When asked about future plans, she informed us that she will be attending University of California Riverside and studying business. She says she learned many things in AVID but if she had to state the one thing she will really take with her after high school is the better note taking. Eduardo Gomez the male honoree stated his best AVID memory was simply to be surrounded and to socialize with some of the most open-minded people. He will be attending California State University of San Bernardino and study music. Overall what he learned in AVID was responsibility and the determination to never procrastinate.



AVID was responsibility and the determination to never procrastinate.

Oh the Places We’ll Go

by Joselyn Calderon

California Baptist University
Jimmy Daniel Ortiz
Jimmy Abner Ortiz
Jaime Gastelum
Concordia University, Irvine
Desteny Soriano
College of the Desert, Palm Springs
Cindy Saldana
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
Malinaly Carrillo
Point Loma Nazarene University
Angie Soto
St. Mary’s College
Kaley Bahena
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Jisela Ramos
California State University, Chico
Victor Medina
California State University, Fullerton
Mayra Guerrero
California State University, Humboldt
Jesus Perez
California State University, Northridge
Thomas Macias
Stephanie Ibarria
California State University, Sacramento
Kristina Ceja
Zaira Carbajal
California State University, San Bernardino
Ruben Mora
Eduardo Gomez

Diego Dominguez
Juan Ortega
Moises Munoz
Alex Cardenas
Vivian Garcia
Marco Martinez
California State University, San Francisco
Sahrai Cervantes
California State University, San Marcos
Daniel Juarez
Jose Cervantes
Jeremy Guillermo
Michelle Mendivil
Robert Moreno
Naresh Singh
Monica Segura
Leiloni Parks
Selvin Pineda
Sergio Nuno
Guadalupe Botello
Jennifer Valdez
Juan Rodriguez
California State University, Santa Barbara
Randy Tapia
Marlyn Gonzalez
Berenice Mendez
Jannet Nunez
Joseline Ayala
Jessica Garcia
Daniel Acevedo
University of California, Berkeley
Victor Manuel Lozano
University of California, Davis
Daniel Van Patten
Maria Uribe

University of California, Irvine
David Mendoza
Victor Varela
Marylin Rios
Kyrn Daligdig
Heidi Valdez
Eric Perez
Lourdes Galindo
Yadira Martinez
Barbara Esparza
Sheila Garcia
Sergio Muralles
Karina Mosqueda Fonseca
Ana Isabel Romero
Saray Martinez
University of California, Los Angeles
Elizabeth Guzman
Cruz Gaeta Gonzalez
Michael Roesler
Ho Youl Lim
University of California, Riverside
Elizabeth Alvares Torres
Danny Martinez
Nicole Hernandez
Joey Gysler
Ronnae Lockette
Mubeen Naz
University of California, San Diego
Margarita Sanchez
Osvaldo Mejia
Kimberly Cherry
Cody Smith
Giovanni Martinez
Maria Castro
University of California, Santa Cruz
Summer Traylor

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Senior Hall of Fame

by Joseph Figueroa & Alexandra Esquivel

It is an honor to be a part of the Student Hall of Fame. Essentially it is a “Sampling of Excellence,” which in turn represents a selection of students who embody the excellence of the 2014 graduating class. In each subject’s department a student is nominated. The nominated student is one who has shown his or her academic capabilities and has surpassed the ‘bar that was set’ by the teacher. Any student who rises above this ‘bar’, who is head and shoulders above the crowd, can receive the privi-



lege of becoming nominated for this prestigious award. The student is then chosen by excellence in content.

This year’s Student Hall of Famers are: Yesenia Moreno for Female Administration; Joe Cervantes for Male Administration; Daniel VanPatten for Applied Arts; Elizabeth Guzman for Language Arts; Joseline Ayala of Humanities; Osvaldo Mejia for Mathematics; Ruben Mora for Military Science; Mando Luera for Personal Achievement (SPED), Magdalena Peraza Sojo for Physical Education; Kimberly Cherry for Science; and Joselyn Calderon for Social Science.

It is not a nomination to be taken lightly, especially since the participants in the Student Hall of Fame are showcased with an individual name card on a gigantic plaque in the front office. When you see your fellow peers give them a pat on the back or a high-five—they earned it!

Top Row (From Left to Right): Osvaldo Mejia, Joe Cervantes, Ruben Mora, and Daniel VanPatten
Bottom Row (From Left to Right): Elizabeth Guzman, Kim Cherry, Yesenia Moreno, and Jocelyn Calderon
*Students not shown in the picture above, but are in the Student Hall of Fame are: Joseline Ayala, Mando Luera, and Magdalena Peraza Sojo.



AVID Graduation

by Thomas Macias

The AVID graduation at UCR was a huge success! AVID Seniors went to UCR to attend their Graduation ceremony. This ceremony included recognition of every school in attendance and their AVID program. Many students were recognized at this event including our own Maria Uribe, recognized in front of the 1,000 students for winning the Dell Scholarship.

The AVID organization offered a scholarship for students who wrote an essay and one lucky Perris High student was fortunate enough to be selected: Esmeralda Gutierrez. She was recognized that night and received a \$1,000 scholarship for her hard work and dedication to school.

At the event, all seniors were awarded with their AVID sash and AVID medal. Students are going to be able to wear these items during the 2014 PHS Graduation. Ultimately, the night was enjoyed by all in attendance for it was packed with lots of fun memories!

Senior Awards

Academic Decathlon Awards:

Joselyn Calderon
Esmeralda Gutierrez
Victor Manuel Lozano
Osvaldo Mejia
Karina Mosqueda Fonseca
Margarita Sanchez
Hai Vu
ASB 4 Year Award
Yeimi Arceo
Joe Cervantes
Yamileth Fernandez
Daniel Juarez
Victor Manuel Lozano
Victor Medina
Maria Munoz
Ibeth Regalado
Queren Rivera

Avid Four Year Students

Evelyn Anaya
Alan Gonzalez
Stephanie Ibarria
Danny Martinez
Yadira Martinez
Berenice Mendez
Jose Mendez
Juan Ortega
Jesus Perez
Jisela Ramos
Efrain Ruiz
Maria Uribe
Victor Varela
Daniel Acevedo
Elizabeth Alvarez Torres
Kristina Ceja
Esmeralda Gutierrez
Michelle Mendivil
Robert Moreno
Mubeen Naz
Jannet Nunez Machado
Heidi Valdez

AVID Senior of the Year

Ronnae Lockette
Eduardo Gomez

CTE Baking and Pastry- Outstanding Student

Monika Gonzalez
CTE Baking and Pastry-Most Improved
Breana Jackson
CTE/Culinary Arts-Outstanding Student
Juan Vasquez
CTE/Culinary Arts-Most Improved
Daniel Chavez Mendoza
CTE/First Responder- Outstanding Student
Cassandra Gonzalez Beltran

CTE/Allied Health-Outstanding Student

Araceli Guzman
CTE/Introduction to Banking Participation
Joseline Ayala

CTE/Introduction to Banking Participation

Louis Ayala

CTE/ROP Cosmetology

Emily Rodriguez

CTE/ROP Dental Assistance

Jimmy Daniel Ortiz

CTE/ROP CAD

Jaqueline Padilla

Jessica Garcia

Jorge Elizondo

Jesus Gutierrez

4.0+ Cumulative GPA

Jesus Espinoza Romero

David Mendoza

Jessica Garcia

Angie Soto

Daniel Van Patten

Kimberly Cherry

Jisela Ramos

Esmeralda Gutierrez

Lourdes Galindo

Kyrn Daligdig

Kiana Gomez

Osvaldo Mejia

Stephanie Ibarria

Mubeen Naz

Cruz Gonzalez Gaeta

Victor Manuel Lozano

Giovanni Martinez

Michael Roesler

Ho Youl Lim

Elizabeth Guzman

Joselyn Calderon

Sergio Muralles

My Thuy Hai Vu

German National Honors Society

Sahrai Cervantes

Eddie Jaime

My Thuy Hai Vu

Emily Rodriguez

Randy Tapia

Daniel Acevedo

Jesus Juarez

Gold President’s Education Award

(top Ten)

Mubeen Naz

Cruz Gonzalez Gaeta

Victor Manuel Lozano

Giovanni Martinez

Michael Roesler

Ho Youl Lim

Elizabeth Guzman

Joselyn Calderon

Sergio Murales

My Thuy Hai Vu

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

Daniel Acevedo

Joselyn Calderon

Sahrai Cervantes

Katherine Chapple

Kimberly Cherry

Kyrn Daligdig

Diego Dominguez

Jesus Espinoza Romero

Joseph Figueroa

Sheila Garcia

Jaime Gastelum

Kiana Gomez

Cruz Gonzalez Gaeta

Mayra Guerrero

Esmeralda Gutierrez

Elizabeth Guzman

Joseph Gysler

Eduardo Hernandez

David Jimenez

Victor Manuel Lozano

Giovanni Martinez

Cedric McCain

Anthony Melendrez

Berenice Mendez

Jose Mendez

David Mendoza

Sergio Muralles

Mubeen Naz

Jisela Ramos

Marylin Rios

Faviola Rivas Deniz

Alan Robles

Michael Roesler

Angie Soto

Heidi Valdez

Victor Varela

My thuy hai Vu.

JROTC 4-Year Students

Tyler Barton

Kyrn Daligdig

James De La Garza

Henry Duarte

Jorge Elizondo

Milton Gonzalez

Manuel Guerrero

Terrance Harris

Eddie Jaime

Ruben Mora

Jeanette Santos

Daniel Van Patten

Eduardo Velasquez

Nicolas Whetsine

Zachary Whitehead

Medical Assisting Program

Fabiola Aispuro Gutierrez

Samantha Amezcua

Sariah M. Ayala

Patricia Barraza

Jessica Campos

Vanessa Carmona

Tamara C. Cervantes

Wendy Cordero

Kyrn Daligdig

Diego Dominguez

Elena Estrada

Mariela Gamez Suarez

Samanda Garcia

Casandra Gonzalez

Manuel Guerrero

Jeremy Guillermo

Marlene Gutierrez

Joana Ibarra

Christy JAimes

Lizbeth Lopez Bravo

Alexandra Lopez

Breeanna Lopez

Daniel Lopez

Melissa Macias

Melissa Maciel

Iridiana Mojarro

Gabriela Monroy

Yesenia Moreno

Celeste Nicoll

Kimberly Nunez

Elvia Nungaray

Magdalena Peraza

Ibeth Regalado

Evelyn Rios

Queren Rivera Gonzalez

Abigail Rodriguez Heredi

Margarita Sanchez

Jeanette Santos

Jose Luis Sarabia uniz

Thelma Self

Jennifer Silvas

Maresh Singh

Angie Soto

Linda Wallace

Mt. San Jacinto College

Cash for College Gabriel Ve-

lasquez

National Honors Society

Joselyn Calderon

Kimberly Cherry

Kyrn Daligdig

Jessica Garcia

Kiana Gomez

Esmeralda Gutierrez

Elizabeth Guzman

Micole Hernandez

Ho Youl Lim

Victor Manuel Lozano

Osvaldo Mejia

Sergio Muralles

Mubeen Naz

Celeste Nicoll

Michael Roesler

Cody Smith

My Thuy Hai Vu

Panther Honors Society (3.75 GPA

and up)

Jasmine Anaya

Jannet Nunez Machado

Kelsie Howgard

Nicole Hernandez

Cody Smith

Jessica Cruz

Maria Uribe

Heidi Valdez

Marlyn Gonzalez

Sahrai Cervantes

Marylin Rios

Margarita Sanchez

Lena An

Lisa Yang

Joseline Ayala

Tyler Mitchell

Eduardo Gomez

Faviola Rivas Deniz

Jesus Espinoza Romero

David Mendoza

Jessica Garcia

Angie Soto

Daniel Van Patten

Kimberly Cherry

Jisela Ramos

Esmeralda Gutierrez

Lourdes Galindo

Kyrn Daligdig

Kiana Gomez

Osvaldo Mejia

Mubeen Naz

Cruz Gonzalez Gaeta

Victor Manuel Lozano

Giovanni Martinez

Michael Roesler

Ho Youl Lim

Elizabeth Guzman

Joselyn Calderon

Sergio Murales

My Thuy Hai Vu

Perfect Attendance

Josue Sanchez Reynaga

Jesus Espinoza Romero

PHS Athlete of the year

Summer Traylor

Andres Mendoza

Panther of the Year

Stephanie Ibarria

Michael Roesler

Sumbelt League Champion for Character

acter

Stephanie Ibarria

Sergio Muralles

Seal of Biliteracy

Jessica Campos

Jannet Nunez Machado

Angie Soto

Maria Uribe Diaz

Nicole Hernandez

Joselyn Calderon

Victor Manuel Lozano

Thomas Macias

Celeste Nicoll

Jimmy Ortiz

Eric Perez

Ana Isabel Romero

Victor Medina

Daniel Acevedo

Joseline Ayala

Jessica Garcia

Danny Martinez

Abigail Rodriguez Heredia

Jared Colunga

Barbara Esparza

Eduardo Gomez

Esmeralda Gutierrez

Clarisa Melendrez Prieto

Berenice Mendez

Marylin Rios

Faviola Deniz Rivas

Heidi Valdez

Lizeth Bautista

Alan Gonzalez

Casandra Gonzalez

Marlyn Gonzalez

Giovanni Martinez

Yadira Martinez

Osvaldo Mejia

David Mendoza

Margarita Sanchez

Stephanie Ibarria

Elizabeth Guzman

Sergio Muralles

Lourdes Galindo

Silver President’s Award

Jor Shay Sambula

Shannika Reed

Raphael Smith

LaLoni Parks

Isreal DeMoulin

Elizabeth Alvarez Torres

Eduardo Gomez

Joseph Gysler

Perris High School 2013-2014 Students of the Month

by Karina Mosqueda & Jesus Perez

September: Joselyn Calderon
University of Pennsylvania
Major: Electrical Engineering
Career: Patent Lawyer



Inspiration: Abigail Grace Palmer, the daughter of my third grade teacher. Rodrigo Calderon and Joey Calderon, my two brothers.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't focus solely on studying, have fun.
Who would you like to thank: Each and every one of my teachers, especially

Mrs. Gartel.
Most memorable classes: Calculus and APUS .
Activities/Hobbies: Writing and reading.
Clubs: Calculus Academic , Constitutional Quiz team , Drama, & Journalism Club.
Leadership: Editor-in- chief of Newspaper, Captain of Constitutional Quiz Team & Captain of Academic Decathlon.

October: Daniel VanPatten
University of California, Davis
Major: Chemistry
Career: A Marine Force Recon and later in life, a high school chemistry teacher.



Inspiration: My grandfather who was in the Marines .
Advice to underclassmen: Just remember to keep yourself out of trouble because trouble does the body no good! Also , give Perris a chance, it's actually a pret-

ty great place!
Who would you like to thank: I would like to thank the Ag Program for changing my life in all manners and shapes you could imagine, & Mr. Cordon, my Spanish 2 teacher.
Most memorable classes you've taken: AP World History, AP US History, JROTC, Plant and Animal Life, Science, Piano, AP Calculus, Advanced World Geography and Spanish 2.
Activities/Hobbies: I like to play the piano.
Clubs: FFA and JROTC.
Leadership Positions: Battalion Executive Officer.

November: Lourdes Galindo
University of California, Irvine
Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Career: Neurologist



Inspiration: Martha Lucina from Fire Emblem: Awakening.
Advice to underclassmen: You will have plenty of time to have fun with friends and family but I cannot stress enough to please make time for your studies as well!
Who would you like to thank: My mother.
Most memorable classes: AP Psychology and Spanish V.
Activities/Hobbies: Drawing, playing video games and volunteering my time.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR & December Student of the Month:
My Thuy Hai Vu
University of Southern California (USC)
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Career: Biomedical Researcher



Inspiration: My parents and my teachers! Especially Mrs. Gartel, Mrs. Borrows, and Mr. Morgan Wilson (Mdub).
Advice to underclassmen: Senioritis is real, don't slack off!
Who would you like to thank: Definitely my parents and all of my wonderful teachers.
Most memorable classes you've taken: AP Biology and AP Calculus!
Activities/Hobbies: Blogging, cooking and streaming movies.
Clubs: Academic Decathlon, Calculus Club, National Honors Society, Constitutional Quiz team, ASB, Video Production Club.
Leadership Positions: Vice President of National Honors Society and Director of Academics for student government.

January: Giovanni Martinez
University of California, San Diego
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Career: Mechanical Engineer



Inspiration: My parents and Kanye West.
Advice to underclassmen: Know yourself and let yourself be known.
Who would you like to thank: I'd like to thank Mrs. Gartel for influencing my whole future by helping me decide I want to be an Engineer.
Most memorable classes you've taken: AP Calculus AB/BC.
Activities/Hobbies: Tennis, collecting and licking shoes and hanging out with the #Jerks.

February: Kimberly Cherry
University of California, San Diego
Major: Biochemistry and Cell Biology
Career: Trauma Surgeon



Inspiration: My family motivates me to be the best I can be.
Advice to underclassmen: BREATHE. Study and stay focused, but have fun too.
Who would you like to thank: All my teachers and librarian, Mrs. Barbara Wild.
Memorable classes you've taken: BAND, Calculus and all my science classes.
Activities/Hobbies: Playing flute, anime music or the music from, otaku, I watch more anime and read more manga than I can ever even remember.
Clubs: The Marching Panthers, Gamer's Club, & National Honor Society.
Leadership Positions: VP of Gamer's Club, during junior year and PR (personal relations) officer for NHS.

March: Joseph Figueroa
California State University, East Bay
Major: Criminal Justice & Fire Science
Career: Law Enforcement or Fire Department



Inspiration: My inspiration comes from the movie End of Watch and I feel as if my happiness come from helping others.
Advice to underclassmen: My advice to underclassmen is to respect your parents and respect your elders here at PHS.
Who would you like to thank: My water polo coach, Jeremy Elliot, my Yearbook adviser Ms. Georgianna and both of my parents.
Most memorable class: English I with Mr. Davis. **Activities/Hobbies:** Activities and hobbies I do in my spare time is playing Water Polo, keeping up with the latest hockey games and UFC Matches, giving and receiving advice, attending my very awesome youth group (LaRED), and bummin' it when I get the chance.
Clubs: Bible Club & Journalism Club.
Leadership positions: Vice-President of Bible Club.

April: Luis Castro
Riverside Community College
Major: Business
Career: Entrepreneur



Inspiration: To make my family proud.
Advice to underclassmen: People will always try to bring you down, but always keep moving forward.
Who would you like to thank: Mr. Hays and Mathew McDonaugh.
Most memorable class you've taken: Physics Honors.
Hobbies: Creating logos for apparel.
Clubs: JROTC

Senior Awards Night

by Joseph Figueroa

The Senior Awards Night had a great turnout to the point that there were many standing. Many seniors, alumni, parents, and staff were able to witness one of the most distinguished nights at Perris High—The 2014 Senior Awards Night. Thursday, May 22nd, students were bestowed with a variety of awards and scholarships. The PHS multipurpose room had a tangible air of excitement about it. Students chattered amongst themselves, parents were proudly beaming from ear to ear and staff and presenters sat in a special section, carefully checking their notes.

Everybody was looking at the impressive program which contained the main categories for the awards and scholarships; they included United States Military Awards, General Awards and Scholarships, School Awards, and Outstanding Achievement School Awards.

The night’s festivities were emceed by Veronica Pendleton, assistant principal, and frequently featured principal, Nick Hilton. Also on stage was the rest of the administrative team, Erika Tejada-VanRensberg and Adrianna Lepe-Ramirez, and the student counselors, Lee Alfred., Shirley Johnson, Gabriela Lopez, Carolina Salvador and Betty Tran.

A very special award was given to Roxana Melgar, senior. She had made an impression on the awards committee for the Rotary Scholarship. Although she did not receive a Rotary Scholarship, Melgar’s story and her passion for playing the flute in band as well as her dismay that she would not be able

to continue since the flute that she used belonged to the school, that the committee gifted her the gift with a flute of her to own.

When asked about her thoughts, Melgar replied, “I had gone to the interview for a scholarship, not an instrument.” Her shock and joy were apparent to everybody in the audience. Many were moved to tears by this very special award.

The night was one to be remembered by all for the many awards and scholarships presented.

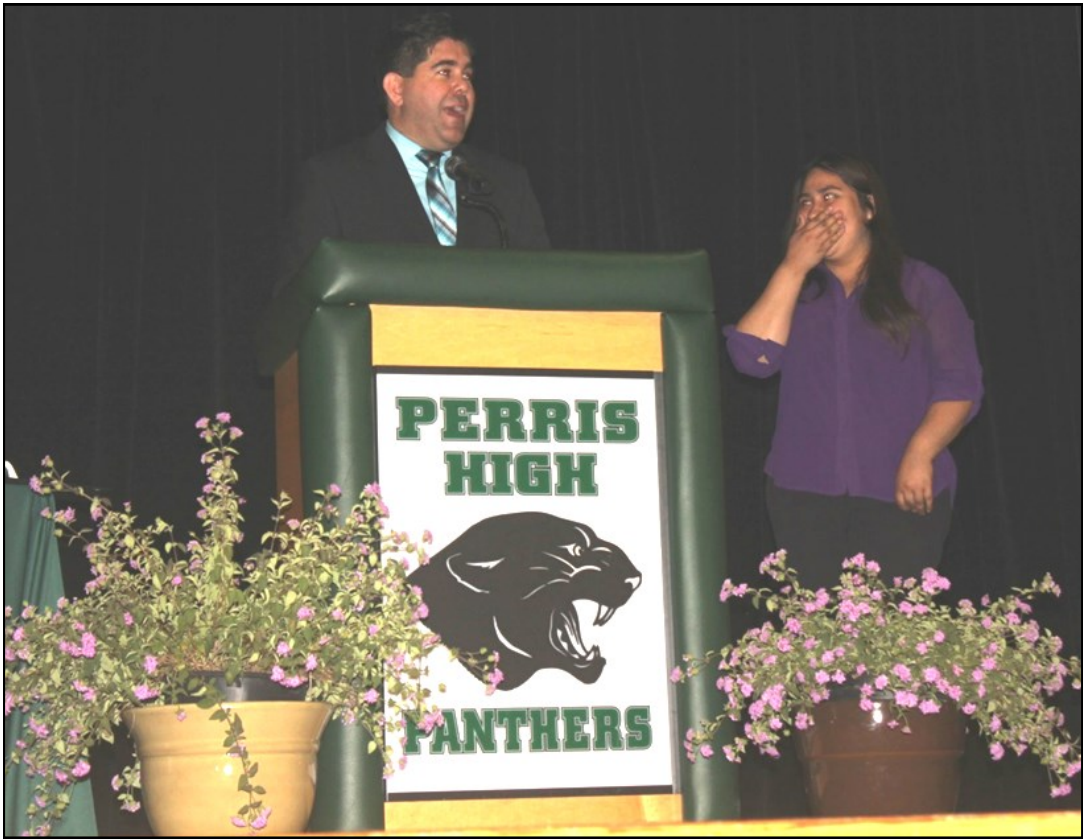


photo by Joseph Figueroa

SENIOR CLASS OF 2014: LAST WILL & TESTAMENTS...

Many underclassmen are moving up in the school, stepping into the shoes of their predecessors— the seniors. Basically, this is a message of trust that the Senior Class of '14 is leaving behind for the underclassmen. The Senior Class is going away, but before they leave, there is a legacy that must be kept; whether it may be in academics, clubs, sports, campus life... you name it. Enjoy the last and final words of the Class of '14's *Last Will and Testament*.

I, **Thomas Macias**, will Angel Carillo and Johanna Orozco, the ability to become amazing chapter officers. I know you two have the ability to lead this chapter into success. You both will do great things your next two years here at Perris High. You two were elected as chapter and section officers. That is already a great responsibility and challenge that I know the both of you will accomplish. Live every moment as if it were your last and remember to always “Ignite the Hero Within.”

I, **Tyler Mitchell**, will Orlando Santiago, smart guy, to continue to do well and stay out of trouble. You are really smart and you a beast at football. You can be a model for many younger kids. Continue my legacy of being a leader.

I, **M'Chae Hollowell**, will Alina Reyes my spirit, spunk, and fierce facials. Cheer to be heard, stunt to be seen. Cheer loud, cheer loud!

I, **Cody Smith**, will Kevin Phan, my sole heir to the position of Battalion Operations Officer, to not bring dishonor to the family name and to make sure that you do not fall under the spell that is known as 'Senioritis'. I will Ruben Nuno, my other sole heir to the Rifle Team Commander position, to try and take down my score of a 260.

I, **Daniel R. Van Patten**, will to the Underclassmen- To my dearest underclassmen, I have but only a few words for you all. Over my years here I have made many friends, done many great things with the time I was given. Despite this, and all things I have done, I would just like to say, enjoy everything. The time spent here, the friends, and the moments you make is ultimately what determines your outlook on high school. Perris was a wonderful place for me and for many others. Try to stay out of trouble too! Trouble never does anything good. Make high school a pleasant experience for you and I promise that the years will fly by!

I, **Vivian Garcia**, will Brisa Gomez and Mary Ann Gonzalez, the two most important girls for me on this campus, to remember high school isn't only about parties and “turning up”; but to remember to stay focused all times. I wish you both the best, you'll go far in life with such amazing brains. Education is key to your future. Keep your head up and always look towards the future. I love you both and wish you nothing but the best in life! <3

I, **Nicole Hernandez**, will my motivation and encouragement

to MECHA Club.I will my determination to Hispanic/Latino cultures that we come together to help one another in being successful and proving wrong the discrimination towards us; and not just the Hispanic race, but all of the different ethnicities can become successful together. Don't let anyone discourage you. Remember to never give up! Si se puede!

I, **Eduardo Jose Velasquez**, will Briana Gallardo, the love of my life, my strength and my will to keep pushing forward and keeping your head up. I also will you the ability to believe that you can achieve anything. I will,Taylor Arroyo, my great friend, the ability to see good in things and never give up hope.

I, **Victor Lozano**, will Jeremy Pagtalunan, the ability to become the very best that no one ever was. I will to Alejandro Ramirez the ability to remain the slickest throughout senior year as well as the ability to gain acceptance to your dream school- Harvey Mudd or wherever the wind takes you. Of course, I will to Juan Carlos Morales the hipster legacy of PHS. May the force be with all of you.

I, **Summer Traylor**, will my basicness to the Class of 2015... So says S-Thug.

I, **Jonathan Campos**, will David Campos, my brother, to do everything I couldn't do. Join a variety of clubs, and at least one sport. Get every girl you can and take her out on a nice date, you gentlemen.

I, **Clarisa Melendrez**, will Brenda Melendrez, my little sister, the ability to succeed in everything you do. Enjoy every year and mature in a responsible way. You can always count on me for support throughout your years in high school.

I, **Randy Tapia**, king of over-emotional eating habits, will to my favorite juniors Jamee Menez, Abby Aguilar, Veronica Alvarez, and Marcos Monroy the chance to do their best and be all they can be in their senior year. I hope that they do all they want to do and wish them the best of luck in all their endeavors. I encourage them to aspire to the highest of heights and make their senior year a beautiful, wondrous memory.

I, **Lourdes Galindo**, will Gabriela Galindo-Granados the GSA Club in order to make sure that the club continues to prosper. Therefore please carry on my legacy.

I, **Jack Williams**, will all underclassmen to keep Perris High progressing. Keep moving forward and make this school a better place! Don't forget to join swim and or waterpolo.

I, **Jordan Egbert**, will Shavondai Green, the best leader of P-Town Gamers, to do your best. I'm sorry I have to leave behind the P-Town Gamers and I will come visit, so good luck gamers.

I, **Jor Shay Sambula**, will Je'Lean Sambula to stay focused and remain the great individual you are. I, **Jor Shay Sambula**, will

all the underclassmen to remember you can do whatever you put your mind to. I, **Jor Shay Sambula**, will to the P.L.U.S. Class to change lives <3

I, **Ryan Best**, will always think of Omar Mendoza as a hero. He saved my life when I was at my bottom, his friendship and courage helped me carry me through the rough times. If I have to trust the future of Perris High, I trust it to my boy Omar. Omar, show the rest of your class and future underclassmen how to respect the school like I know you do everyone else.

I, **Michelle Mendivil**, will Xaela Cuellar the ability to beat my PR in the 400 meter race.

I, **Heidi Xitlali Valdez**, will Melinda Medina, a hardworking, beautiful human being, to be an all-league champ and lead our water polo team to multiple victories. Encourage others to do their best and never give up my love.

I, **Cathy Becerra**, will David Contreras the ability to make good choices, to always keep your head up high, and stay focused. I love you, brother. Remember I am here for you no matter what. Enjoy high school and make it an experience to always remember <3 Don't grow up to fast. I want you to stay my little brother!

I, **Eduardo Guerrero**, willStop trying to look cool in front of your friends by smoking dope or not doing your work. Just strive to be the best you can be.

I, **Michael “Moneyyyyyyy Mike” Roesler**, will Josh and Jeremy Pagtalunan, the two best Filipino twins around, the words that I hold for their utmost accomplishments in tennis, academics, and their very own lives. Do very great things guys, because you can. I will Jorge Medina the best of the best in all of his life. Stay up, and see you later down the road we call life, ace.

I, **Belen Coronel**, will to the Underclassmen- I'm gonna leave this place and never turn around. With no regrets do the same when it's your turn.

I, **Filberto Clamas**, will to the underclassmen, to do work! “The walls don't deserve it.”

I, **Michelle Luna**, will to the Underclassmen- All good things must come to an end, but I wouldn't have wanted it to end any other way... So make the best out of it.

I, **Natalie Amaya**, will to the Underclassmen– Life is a song– sing it, life is a game– play it, life is a challenge– accept it, life is a dream, realize it, life is a sacrifice– offer it, life is love– enjoy it :D

I, **Selvin Pineda**, will Bryant Martinez the ability to keep “The Jerks” alive! I want you to make your senior year as fun as possible and make good choices. I want you to make it to CIF in tennis, Boy! I will try and go to your games and support you bro. Always remember... Turn up Bruh! Love you bro, I will always be here for you!

Life after
Perris High School

by Alexandra Esquivel

This year’s seniors are facing a lot of change over the next few months. Some are going to continue their education by going to community college or a university while others will join the work force or enlist in the military. Whichever way we choose to live our lives, it is now our decision and if the odds are in our favor, we will have much success in what-ever we do.

As we have done for the last thirteen years, we observe and listen to our teachers as they teach us many lessons—

After Heather Avila, English teacher, graduated from Perris High School in 1991, she intended to look for a summer job. But before she had a chance to go looking, her father told her that he would pay for her expenses so that she would enjoy her summer . . . but with a catch. Her parents gave her three options: college, the military, or a job; they gave her six months to make a decision. After considering her choices, she decided to go to Park University.

With that in mind, she spent the summer not wor-rying about money. Most of her summer nights were spent driving to the March Air Force Base to watch the aircrafts land or take off. “It was beautiful,” shared Heather reflecting on that summer. When summer was over, she packed her things and went to Park University. She spent the next five years of her life changing majors, working hard to focus on the classes she believed would benefit her the most in her future: business administration and communica-tion theory. She said she honestly had spent those five years slacking off, procrastinating, and only taking classes she enjoyed seriously. When asked if she regretted anything during that time she said, “Everything that I have done, including my mistakes, made me the person I am today.”

There is much truth is in that statement. Just imag-ine how differently your attitude or your perspective on life would be if you didn’t make mistakes along the way? Making mistakes sounds scary; but remem-ber: “What would you do if you weren’t afraid?

Another role model, Jaime Longoria, JROTC in-structor, finished high school in 1980 at Escondido High School. He decided it was best for him to join the Navy. Looking ahead to that experience, he was more excited than anything else. During the six years he served, he was an aviation mechanic and had the chance to travel to Hawaii, Philippines, Sin-gapore, Africa and Australia. At the end of his service in the Navy he was a petty officer 3rd class.

After the Navy, he decided to get an education in industrial technology and started classes at Palomar Junior College. After Palomar, he transferred to San Diego State. Upon graduating second from San Die-go State University, he became a 2nd LT in the Unit-ed States Army. After 31 years of service, he retired and later applied to Perris High School for the JROTC instructor in 2011.

You don’t know what direction your journey in life may take. Don’t hesitate while pursuing your dreams. Don’t be afraid of making mistakes. The mistakes... the experiences in life mold and shape the person you become. Learn and grow from the world ahead of you.

STAFF SHOUT-OUTS FOR CLASS 2-0-1-4!!!

Congratulations Perris Aquatic Seniors: Karina, Heidi, Marylin, Berenice, Mali, Jocelyn, and Desteny. Four years of hard work and dedication paid off as you have all made your little brother Tommy proud. Coach Matt Schmidt

Link Crew Leaders. Words cannot de-scribe the pride I feel to have worked with such an outstanding group of students. Your graduation marks the beginning of the rest of your lives and I have no doubt that with your exceptional skills you will be successful wherever you decide to go. I will miss you dearly! Angelica Osuna, Link Crew Adviser

Journalism Seniors. It has been such a pleasure to work with students of your high caliber. You have grown and further developed skills which will make each of you a force to be reckoned with. I will miss you. Good luck and go fight for your dreams! Ms. “G”eorgianna, Journalism: Newspa-per & Yearbook Adviser.

I would like to give a shout out to all the Seniors that were involved in Drama Club or any of the plays (*Twelve Angry Jurors*, *West Side Story*) this year. It was a real pleasure getting to know each and every one of you! Your contributions to the Drama program went above and beyond the call of duty and you will be missed. I wish you all the best as you journey into the next section of your lives. Mr. Walters

To all of the counseling TA’s - Thank you for your assistance this year. You all have been valuable to our office and I have en-joyed spending time with you all. I will miss the laughs we shared. I wish you lots of luck with your future endeavors and congratulations! Love, Ms. Williams

To all my AP Literature & Comp students: Thank you all for a truly unforgettable year!! You guys taught me so much and I am thankful for all of your patience with

College Bound from page 5.

University of Southern California
Esmeralda Gutierrez
Kiana Gomez
Hai Vu
Grambling State University
Malik Boyd
Morehouse College
Tyler Mitchell
University Arkansas Pine Bluff
Devin Mitchell

me as I tackled AP for the first time. I will always hold a special place in my heart for your class! Enjoy your time in college (or the military for a few of you), as you move forward in the next chapter of your life. I wish you all the best! And, don’t ever forget TESS or the lessons you learned from that AMAZING novel!!! Love, Ms. Brusca :)

AVID Seniors from Class of 2014: Go work and learn to make yourselves better and the people around you better and the world around us all better!!! Mr. N. Johnson

To my graduating students...past, present, never, and sort of:

Here are a few rules to live by that I’ve discovered over the years:

- Rule #1: It is...and always will be...(even if you think it’s not)...a “you problem”.
- Rule #2: Life isn’t fair. Don’t expect it to be. (Refer to Rule #1)
- Rule #3: When someone else screws up or fails miserably, learn from THEIR mis-takes. You will save yourself a whole lot of grief.
- Rule #4: Work hard for what you want to achieve. It won’t ever work out if you give up, but it probably will if you persevere.
- Rule #5: Have faith and confidence in yourself. You’re better than you give your-self credit for.
- Rule #6: Yes, you WILL have to work with people you don’t like. Be cheerful, be pro-fessional, get it done. (Refer to Rule #1)
- Rule #7: Treat everything you do as a test: do your best and be happy doing it. Your work is a public representation of you! Sometimes you only get one chance to pre-sent yourself.
- My sincere hope and prayer is for you all to continue to grow, learn, and prosper.
- Good luck. Sincerely, Savage

University of Pennsylvania
Joselyn Calderon
Army
Eddie Jaime
Franky Rodriguez
Marine Corps
Kristian Luna rejected Stanford to go into the United States Marine Corp.
Eduardo Velasquez
Jorge Elizondo
James De La Garza

To the Seniors of 2014 "Thank you for giv-ing me a chance to make a difference." Mr. Hays

Guard your heart above all else, for it deter-mines the course of your life Mr. Salcedo

Here’s a loud shout-out to the best art students of 2014. Elena Estrada, Jasmine Anaya,Rodney Smith,Jesse Pailla, Ivan Alvarado, Eduardo Guerrero, Manuel Flores, Joan Hernandez, William Robles, Daniel VanPatten,Uver Gil, Moises Munoz, Richard Reyna, Steve Tran, Erica Rodriguez,David Jimenez, Angelina Miranda, Jayline Hernandez, Dann Malagon, Cody Smith, Randy Tapia,and Marylin Rios. I wish you the best. Sincerely, Mrs. G. Baldwin

Dear Senior Key Clubbers, Thank you for putting in so much time helping Key Club get reactivated. I had a core group of you always showing up for events and helping out. It was truly amazing to have students I can trust and depend on to see things through. You will always be remembered because you are my first group of Key Club seniors. You have taught me so much about being an advisor and about being a good person in general. I hope you continue to use your skills during your college years. I wish great pathways open for you in your fu-ture. With much much overflowing love, Ms. Choi

To my English IV students—Believe in yourselves. Know that you can achieve your dreams. Work hard and don’t give up! Ms. “G”eorgianna

To the graduating class of 2014, I want to leave you some words of encouragement, motivation and inspiration as you head off to college, the military, and the rest of that big wide world from Dr. Seuss’s *Oh the Plac-es You’ll Go*: ‘Congratulations! Today is your day. You’re off to great places! You’re off and away! You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose, you’re on your own and you know what you know and YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go.’

LAST WILL & TESTAMENTS, continued...

I, Jessica Garcia, will Diego Esquivias to keep up the amazing work he has done both academically and socially. Stay gener-ous and sweet. I will miss you kid. I will Cesar Godoy to be amongst the top 10 and possibly valedictorian for his graduat-ing class, which I am sure he is capable of accomplishing. Stay smart.

I, Kimberly Cherry, will my intelligence as well as my crazy-ness to Shavondai Green Jr. Mccue Nguyen, and Ambrozia Maria Douglas. I will the Marching Panthers my focus and love of music. The memories shared will never die.

I, Eduardo Martinez, will the returning water polo team to achieve heights greater than that of ours, and remember if you ain’t first then you’re last!

I, Andres “Spanish Hammer” Mendoza, will the upcoming Perris High Water Polo Team to surpass what my team and I have achieved this past year. I will leave you with these last words, “All gave some, some gave all.” Leave a legacy, some-thing to be remembered for and remember, “Nobody owes nobody nothin: You owe yourself.”- Rocky Balboa.

I, Jose Tapia, will leave PHD to do their best in every perfor-mance for the next years and to give 110% in upcoming com-petitions. Good luck, my dance family.

I, Magdalena Peraza, will Edson Mustache the ability to make the best choices, to keep friendships with the right friends, and to not get caught up with the wrong group of friends. I will Kevin Rojas the ability to do an amazing job during his senior year. Attend all events and finish your year making your family proud, as they already are. Love you both.

I, Fabian Cortez, will to the Future Soccer Players- To the next year varsity squad, you guys better make it to CIF for the fourth year in a row.

I, Josemary Solis, will ensure that my favorite family... Traylor Family, will continue our pride and legacy that not only I but others from the family have left behind. Always being proud and supportive of all clubs and organizations on campus. “That good Ol’ Panther Pride,” I love you guys! #TraylorGang Thanks for me and making me a part of this family.

I, Estefani Altamirano, will the underclassmen my determi-nation. I also will Andrea Macias the ability to never give up, no matter how difficult things get. Baby girl, I know you can do it. Avoid drama and choose your friends wisely. Keep pushing forward because you have the ability to be anything, if you stick your mind to it, I love you little sis. Further, I will Luis Ochoa the ability to make good choices. Hang out with people that will motivate you to do good and no matter how hard it might be, it’s all worth it at the end, I love you best friend. And I know your potential and you will go far in life.

I, Yeimi Arceo, will our future ASB President, Alejandro Ramirez, what, I as Senior Class President of 2014, has left behind—a campus filled with great memories and school spirit. I will Alejandro Ramirez to go strong his senior year and access his leadership skills on and off campus. I will that Simon Tautala will lead the football team with great leader-ship skills, motivation, and school spirit. I will that both these upcoming seniors will continue my legacy here on campus and do great things.

I, Elizabeth Vallejo, will Ivan Haury the determination to be in the Drama Club until you graduate and to perform in future

plays and musicals as well as the ability to sing out loud in front of many people. I also will my other great friend, Marcos Monroy, the desire to continue acting very well in future mu-sicals and plays. Stay awesome, Marcos, you have a bright and successful acting career ahead of you. I will Jocelyn Blanco the ability to have a fun and memorable senior year! Thank you for making me laugh, you are a true friend! I will miss you a lot!

I, Ronnae Lockette, will Sydnee Lockette the ability to suc-ceed and accomplish all things you set your mind to. I will you the ability to stay out of drama and keep the right group of friends. Always remember I am always here for you and I love you. Don't forget to get involved and prove to everyone who doubts you wrong like I know you will!

I, Ruben Mora, will all this school’s underclassmen to never stop chasing your dreams or stop till you reach success. Chal-lenge yourself to not be another statistic that bring future generations’ hope down. Be someone who makes a change not only for yourself but for others as well. Remember our school motto, “Never give up!” QUITTING IS NEVER BE AN OP-TION! -C/o 2014

I, Joseph “Figs” Figueroa, will the underclassmen my own tips that have helped me survive high school. Number One, don't get distracted by idiots who want to pick a fight with you because in the end, it's just not worth your time. Number Two, try to not get too distracted by the opposite sex. I'm a guy, and by nature, I'm attracted to girls, obviously—just keep at it with your education. Lastly, Number Three. Be proud to be a Perris Panther. There is no greater feeling than knowing that you have been a part of a school where you have either left a legacy or contributed to it. Life's a risk Carnal! Love ya'll.



Drop Zone Water Park

Trying to cool down while hanging out with your friends? Is the shade at the park not cool enough? Well then this park is definitely for YOU. Drop Zone is a very refreshing place to be during the blazing summer months. It's a great place to spend time with friends and family. Check out the prices. As you can see prices are pretty reasonable. Park opens at 11:00am-6:00pm. It is a fun place where kids can freely enjoy themselves with unlimited freedom to be able to splash around with their friends.

General Admission (42" +)	\$18
Junior (36-41")	\$14
Senior (55 years +)	\$14
Tots (30-35")	\$9
Under 30"	Free
Season Pass (Residents)	
General	\$53
Junior	\$47
Senior	\$47
Tots	\$41
Under 30"	Free
Family (4+ Pass)	\$47 per person

How to Handle Debit/Credit Cards

What is the difference between a credit card and a debit card? Debit cards and credit cards are accepted at the same places. Debit cards all carry the symbol of one of the major types of credit cards on them and can be used anywhere that credit cards are accepted. They both offer convenience.

The fundamental difference between a debit card and a credit card account is where the cards pull the money. A debit card takes it from your banking account and a credit card charges it to your line of credit. Debit cards



offer the convenience of a credit but work in a different way. Debit cards draw money directly from your checkings account when you make the purchase. They do this by placing a hold on the amount of the purchase. Then the merchant sends in the transaction to their bank and it is transferred to the merchants account. It can take a few days for this to happen and the hold may drop off before the transaction goes through. For this reason, it is important to keep a running balance of your checking account to make sure you do not accidentally overdraw your account. It is possible to do that with a debit

card. A credit card is a card that allows you to borrow money in small amounts at local merchants. You use the card to make your basic transactions. The credit card company then charges you interest on your purchases, though there is generally a grace period of approximately thirty days before interest is charged if you do not carry your balance over from month to month. In the past, many people felt that you needed a credit card to complete certain transactions such as rent a car

or to purchase items online. They also felt that it was safer and easier to travel with a credit card rather than carrying cash or trying to use your checkbook. However, debit cards offer the same convenience without making you borrow the money to complete the transactions.

It is better to use your debit card whenever possible, because it will prevent you from accidentally falling into a credit card trap. When you can pay cash for most items, you are doing better financially. Some rental car agencies or hotels may still request a debit card over a credit card because they want to have a card where they can bill you for damages to their property.

EL Teacher of the Year

by Joselyn Calderon

The EL Awards Night was held on May 21st in the MPR. Among the awards given out that night were the CST ELA and Math Proficient/Advanced awards, CELDT level increase, EL Student of the year (Male and Female) and the EL Teacher of the Year 2014 awards. This year, Norma Carrillo sent out a survey asking students who they felt was impacting their educations. The student body decided that Thomas Beese was that such teacher. The award may be a surprise to some students as they do not usually associate Social Sciences with EL. The fact of the matter is that over 60% of students on campus are English Learners. This means that every teacher teaches English Learners, including Beese.

Beese graduated from PHS in 1997. For him, this is home.

"This job is fun it doesn't feel like work, I feel like I'm on stage and people have to do as I say." His main priority is not to give out good grades for his students, he wants them to learn. He knows that if they learn, they will inevitably get good grades. He feels honored to receive this award, "It is a great privilege," he stated, "It's nice to know my students see my passion, dedication, and that they know that I care about their future." He also shared that he makes it his goal to talk to each of his students individually during class because he is "so excited to teach and show [his students] new things and that excitement is contagious." When you see him around campus be sure to congratulate him on his award.



Life as a Skateboarder

by Juan Carlos Chicas and Marcos Monroy Hernandez

Being a skateboarder is very fun in so many ways. You're never bored because you have 'nothing to do'. You spend all your time counting down the hours until the school bell rings or wishing the days could go by faster in order to skate all weekend. Most skaters feel subdued when they have to be at home and just sit down and watch television. In fact, a skater's mind can't be taken off of skating.

We think that once you start to skate, it's going to be hard to stop—definitely; the only time you'd be inside would be to play 'Skate 3' when they're injured or can't go out. You might consider watching a couple of new skateboarding videos that just hit the web or playing tech deck if you could find it in your old toy box from back in the old days.

For a skater, becoming pro isn't a big priority, but knowing that you actually could do it one day is. Knowing that one day you can be the next Nick Tucker or Sean Malto is what drives kids to skate and to try to accomplish this dream, that's only if you set high standards for yourself and really focus on it.

Besides, it's not all really about that, it's about just going out to have a rad day with a couple of pals and hoping you won't get kicked out of every spot. As a skateboarder we picture our-

selves as very talented, with many good friends and a lot of things to look back at and many new things to look forward to such as skate trips and new skate spots.

Street league, a new type of skateboarding competition that was introduced in 2011 will be starting a new season this summer. It is a competition something like the X Games but harder to qualify and tougher obstacles to challenge. That one moment of a spotlight when you hit that Nine Club Trick. Every year the skater that wins that season gets a Street League ring which, in our opinion, represents how much dedication and commitment they put into that specific season and more to come. We hope that all the skaters are safe and shredding the way they should be doing.



Photo by Juan Carlos Chicas of Juan Carlos Chicas

GAME ON: SWAGGERS

by Juan Carlos Chicas

Fashion in school is a big competition. Well for the "Swaggers" at least it's a huge deal for them to come to school looking good everyday. However, a snapback advertising a sports team or a company isn't enough to impress. You have to be unique, you have to have your own sense of style and can't just settle for copying classmates.

Everyone has their own style but I personally love the mellow "Indie Rock" people. The Indie Rock students like to go to school wearing their favorite band shirts, for example some of my favorites The Strokes, The Arctic Monkeys and Joy Division. That's not just it for them though they also like to wear things others wouldn't ever think of wearing like a crazy hat. I love to wear this cool sailor hat I have and these crazy all-star shoes. Indie students have to have one of the best styles I've ever seen. Now for the people who love to look professional—thumbs up, dude. You're looking

good and that'll get you far in life. Just remember everyone notices what you are wearing and that you represent classiness so keep it up.

Skateboarders could care less what they wear. Most of them like rock and they'll wear band shirts but what they care about the most is their shoes. They've got to have the best skateboarding shoes out there. The best pairs in my opinion would have to be either Americas or Nikes. Everyone should take the time to look good for themselves and not care about looking good for others.

Everyone should want to be unique in their own special way.



PANTHER

Panther Athletes of the Year

by Jaime Gastelum



This year Perris high school held the first annual Senior Awards night on Thursday, May 22. Many different types of awards were handed out that afternoon, like academic awards, scholarships, and even for sports. One of the sports awards handed out was the Panther Athlete of the Year award, an award that honors the hard work and devotion of our fellow peers, who week in and week out, go to their respective sports practices, matches, meets, etc. and shine above the

rest. This years honors of being named Panther Athletes went to seniors Osvaldo Mejia and Summer Traylor. Osvaldo Mejia participated in both track and wrestling this year. Summer was the captain of the girls soccer team, and ran track in the spring. Both students are considered by their teammates as great leaders, and really good players. On top of the pressure and hard work that comes along with playing any sport, our Panther Athletes still manage to

thrive in their schoolwork, as both Osvaldo and Summer are top-grade AP students. Mejia says he is most humbled for winning the award and states he is, "Mostly in shock, I didn't expect to win the award." Summer Traylor says, "I feel like a true champion." Congratulations to our Panther Athletes of the Year, and to all other athletes who did not win an award, but still give 110% for our school.

Boys Volleyball Makes School History

by Jimmy Ortiz

The Boys Volleyball team improved a lot this season making it to C.I.F. for the first time in school history; they finished League with a 6-6 record. The team experienced many changes at the beginning of their season with the newly hired coach, Edgar Tovar, who changed the team's tactics and practice regimen. Tovar took the team to a brand new level by instilling teamwork and hard play. The players hard work paid off as the team defeated many teams

such as Heritage, San Jacinto and Tahquitz. Team Captain Cesar Godoy had great things to say about the season, "Although I think we could've done better, we did awesome this season because not only were we the first team to beat Paloma Valley in at least one set, but we were the first team to ever make CIF's for guys volleyball. That CIF game was okay. I feel that we should've won it, but just the fact that we made CIF makes me glad. I am so proud of

this team, and thankful to have had the opportunity to lead the team with my fellow captain, Armando Estrada." We can expect better things to come for the Boys Volleyball team next season. It is obvious that team morale is high and the guys can't wait to start next season on the right foot with their captain Cesar Godoy leading the way.

SPORTS

Man on the Street

sports Edition

by
Jaime Gastelum & Jimmy D. Ortiz

Who do you predict will win the World Cup?



Germany or Brazil. There is a lot of talent on both teams.

Jan Herzog, math teacher

Portugal, because of Cristiano Ronaldo—the complete forward who will lead them to the final.

Jacob Franco, senior



Germany because they have Bastian Schweinsteiger.

Miranda Grolon, senior

Argentina—they have the strongest offensive team.

Jose Acuna, senior



Germany. They have a really good team.

Karina Rodriguez, senior

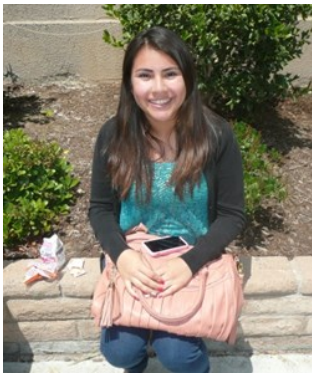
Germany because mostly random teams win.

Eduardo Alejandro, freshman



Italy because it looks like a boot; that shows they can kick.

Jennifer Penaloza, freshman



Congressional Art Competition

by Jaime Gastelum

Every year, Congress holds a competition for teenage artists to help motivate them and to recognize talented students in the field of Visual Arts. This year, one of the contestants who entered the competition was from our very own school. Rodrigo Contreras, a senior in Mrs. Baldwin’s Art I class, entered his collage into the competition and ended up winning.

Contreras’ collage gives the viewer a feeling of being in that match. The dark pieces surrounded by the Queen, Knight and Bishop of the opposing team, with a crucial decision about to be made—with only the King, Queen, Knight and Pawn, the white team needs to decide which piece to take out and which it will sacrifice.

Contreras chose to use this theme because of his love for the game of chess. He is always challenging his friends and teachers to matches, as he looks to improve his skills.

The selection of his art work, has earned Contreras a free trip to Washington D.C where his artwork will be showcased, a once in a lifetime opportunity which is sure to be a life changing experience.



Neighbors Film Review

Thumbs Up from Thomas Macias

Not every year do you get to experience a film you wouldn’t mind watching over and over again. The award to the comedy of the year goes to... *Neighbors*.

Neighbors stars the hilarious Seth Rogen and Heartthrob Zac Efron. The film starts off with a couple (Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne) who is in the bliss stage of their relationship, just starting off their life with their new house and newborn baby. They face unexpected difficulties: the major one being their new neighbors.—a fraternity.

This fraternity consists of many famous faces such as Dave Franco, James’ Franco’s little brother and Christopher Mintz-Plasse, also known as Fogel from Superbad. *Neighbors* is a great film and it will keep you laughing from start to finish.

I highly recommend to go watch this film before they don’t have it in theaters anymore because you will regret missing out on a great entertaining film.



http://www.fandango.com/neighbors_167439/movieoverview



This is a photograph. Do you know who the photographer is???

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LIGHT SHOW GLOVING

It was day six of presentations of research projects by seniors in Ms. Georgianna’s English IV class—their “Final”, when up walked Emmanuel Garcia with a very different topic: Light Show Gloving. What is that you ask? In an article by Andy Herman in the LA Weekly, he states:

Gloving is the latest twist on the light show, an old rave tradition. Anyone who's been to an electronic music festival has likely been the recipient of one. Back in the day, they usually consisted of a pair of frantically waved glow sticks. But in recent years, the preferred delivery method has become gloves, typically white, with an LED light in each fingertip.

Some naysayers believe gloving emphasizes the illegal aspect of rave culture — the drugs — and would prefer it went away. One of the country's largest rave promoters, Insomniac, has banned it altogether.

But the best glovers, like Munch, have become celebrities in the rave community. The most popular YouTube videos from two other top glovers, Gummy and Skittles, have more than 2 million views apiece.

Garcia performed three separate gloved light shows to the delight of his classmates

Competitions for this art form are held in West Covina and Santa Ana. Garcia has plans to participate.



The above images are from the Internet—our camera/ memory card glitched, but we didn’t want to disappoint... Ask for a light show when you see Emmanuel. He won’t disappoint...

West Side Story

by Marcos Monroy

A hard working five months of blood, sweat, and tears went into this production. People dropped out and people got hurt, but in the end everything came to a fantastic end. The whole cast did an amazing job with all of their hard work and cooperation, even including two people who choreographed the whole play (Elizabeth Patino and Eddie Lemus). The choreography was elegant from ranting down the stage in a hard paste manor to the salsa dance. All of the dancers were cheered on for their dancing and people from the audience complimented them for having such passion in the movement and showing that they committed one hundred and ten percent. The songs took months to master, a lot of people’s vocal’s became swore and many people who never sang before found their inner singer. The cast showed everyone what they had on the stage and for that we would love to thank them. People worked on the flats for months on end but there was a specific person who put their heart and soul into it, Randy Tapia. He put so much time into the artwork for the stage and “the beast”, he was the heart and soul of West Side Story, and for that cast and crew thank him. The experience was the best part, from the very moment the curtains opened and the spotlight hit you, you knew that all the hard work and dedication paid off. All of the amazing comments that you got in the end was the best, knowing that you did amazing in another person’s eyes.

The Drama Department ended on a high note thanks to the success of the musical production and all the great work from all of the actors.

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