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A Starry Night in Perris



by Danica Everett

You've made it to the end of high school but never forget Prom— one of the biggest most memorable nights for every teen before graduation. It seems like the only things that were important that night of Prom was the dress, the hair, the tux, the makeup, or the limo. It was an extra special night for the senior royalty who were crowned: queen, Rayah Davis and king, Eddie Lemus. They were stunning as they posed for their picture under the trellis.

Now that a Starry Night in Perris is over, the only thing to really look back on is the photos and the memories. Did you take any? Did you make any?

On May 7th, Prom 2016 was hosted at the Reef, a beautiful ocean view venue in Long Beach. Doors opened at 7pm inviting PHS students in to fill the walls with life-long memories and romance. Photos were offered for free rather than prom favors along with a photo booth. Although Prom 2016 wasn't so theatrical like Back to the Future, Pretty In Pink, Valley Girl,

and, thankfully . . . Carrie, it turned out much better.

Dancing to hip remixes, eating a delicious dinner, taking silly photos in the booth with your babe or your group, and waiting to hear who won royalty titles fulfilled our single chance at prom. In my opinion, all of this was more than perfection.

High school would be incomplete without Prom Night. It was definitely an unforgettable night that made an impact in everybody's heart and will last a lifetime.

Prom pronounced the memory of the night we all wore our first long gowns or our handsome suits and ties. Prom was a night that made us feel like, for once, we were real life princes and princesses. Prom made us feel that those glamorous and fairytale-ish moments are not only produced through imagination and love stories; those moments were brought together under the rhythms of our dance moves, the beat of music and the mysterious glitz of Long Beach's starry night, all brought together in unity for the class of 2016, seniors.

Prom Fashion Show

by Danica Everett

This year's 2016 fashion show advertised Rosa's Bridal products using our own PHS seniors and juniors as models for what to expect and what to wear as proper attire at prom. The runway was full of models like Samantha Waltermire and Aira Tapia in slim fitting women's suits,

Natalia Vasquez and Xaela Cuellar in dazzling gowns, Anthony Young and Deshawn Waddles in a burgundy and grey toned suit, and Damian Becerra and Eddie Lemus in an all black jacket, colored vest tux. All these models looked hip, fabulous and fierce. The real anticipation was the unveiling of the 2016 prom theme, which was a Starry Night in Perris.

Senior Awards Night

by Amber Guzman

Many students gathered in the multipurpose room to celebrate one of Perris High's most distinguished events, the Senior Awards Night. On May 23, seniors were awarded scholarships and recognized for their accomplishments throughout their years in high school. Parents/guardians and staff witnessed many of their children and students receive some of the highest honor awards for their success and outstanding accomplishments they have displayed through their hard work and dedication to achieve absolute success.

There was an impressive program lineup that featured Military awards, General Awards and scholarships, Outstanding Achievement School Awards, and Athletic Awards. The principal, Nick Hilton, counselors, teachers, recruiters, and club representatives proudly presented certificates, tassels, cords,

and pins to the called seniors.

An impressive number of scholarships were presented to a very important young man around the high school, Angel Carrillo. He was presented with many scholarships including, California Association of Office Professionals, California FFA Dorothy McMillan Memorial, Southern Region scholarship, and RCEAOP scholarship. All of these scholarships added up to \$4,000.

Another scholarship was presented to Quyerah Revilla from the Perris Valley Woman's Club. Her scholarship was presented by Willie Bourgeois and was \$1,000. The presenter spoke highly of Revilla describing how she remained and honest and humble young lady, providing the best for her community and still receiving excellent grades while taking AP courses. She is now continuing her education at the University of California, Irvine.

Perris High School awarded another student, Alisia Godoy the Dell scholarship that provided her with \$20,000 plus Dell technology. Her scholarship was presented by counselor, Ga-

briela Lopez.

As the night went on and more students were recognized for their dedication to things like AVID, it came down to start showing who the brightest students on campus are. The California Scholarship Federation, or the Lifetime (4.0) Award, was presented by Robert Long, who was very proud to announce nineteen students that have had a 4.0 since the beginning of their high school career. These students received a certificate, a gold tassel and cord to be worn at graduation.

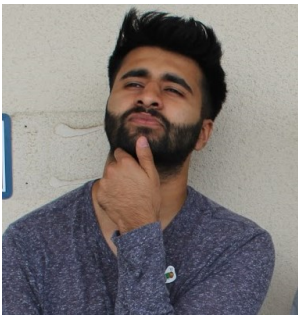
As even more awards were given, the crowd waited patiently to find out who are the two shining students that will end this senior year at graduation with a speech. Who was the Salutatorian and Valedictorian? The senior class of 2016 are proud that their close friends Guillermo Castro, Salutatorian, and Usman Naz, Valedictorian, will be representing this year's graduating class on stage June 8th.

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Soaring Towards New Records

by Luis Saldivar & Kaicey Santacruz

Rockets soar across the JV soccer field as Ryan Hays’ physics classes launch their homemade rockets the week of April 18th.

The weeklong event consisted of students building a homemade rocket out of plastic soda two liter bottles and a golf ball. Students were then required to launch their rockets a minimum of 2 times and review the altitude and distance reached using the required algorithms. “This year is so different because math teachers actually came out to try it too! We got an extra day to do it too. I’m working on my tan with this third day, getting pretty bronzed up.” stated teacher Ryan Hays as he prepared to launch another rocket. “ This lab really helps students compare theoretical calculations to reality and compete against peers.”

This project not only helps students understand the concept of aerodynamics but also has students come up with creative ways to get their rocket to break the current record of 685, held by Natalia Vasquez. “The best part of this lab is the satisfaction of seeing my rocket go far”, said senior Angela Barron, “ It’s pretty cool how all this fun relates to science.” Students also enjoy finding creative ways to design their rockets, such as painting it to be a shark or even drawing cartoons on it. To many students, the rocket lab is the most enjoyable part of Physics.



NHS Induction Ceremony

by Jose Salas

As the year comes to a close, it was time again to induct the new NHS members for the 2015/2016 school year. In the 15th annual NHS Induction Ceremony, NHS was proud to announce the largest amount of inductees in all of their history, a whopping 28 new members!

In order for these students to become members of the highly acclaimed National Honor Society, they had to meet specific requirements including: demonstrating leadership, showing service to their community and maintaining above a 3.6 GPA. Students are also required to complete one community service project per year of at least ten hours. With this impressive list to fulfill, it is clear that NHS has the most dedicated students in campus.

The event itself was hosted by Anieno Ibekwe, science teacher; guest speakers included principal, Nick Hilton, and former student and now officer, Ernest Dominguez. Throughout the night a total of 60 students received awards for being standing NHS members as well as awards for the new inductees.

“It is great to see more students taking their academics and community seriously. Knowing we have more people like this tells us that we are headed in a very good direction,” stated Andres Nunez, NHS member of three years.

Indeed it is a great thing for more people to be accepted into this group because that tells us that more students are taking their studies and their community responsibilities more seriously.

Perris High Political Spectrum

by Damian Becerra & Jose Salas

This year, in November, poses a rare alignment in the world of politics and high school graduates because this year, the 2016 graduates who are 18 years and older will be able to cast their vote for President of the United States. Since this year poses such a unique opportunity, here at newspaper headquarters we decided to conduct a poll. A poll that would outline the political spectrum of not just Perris High but the youth of our community. So we sent out an e-mail and the results were quite surprising. Let’s take a look.

So out of the 104 students that participated in the poll a grand total of almost 73.8% (76 students) chose that they would vote for Bernie Sanders while only 18.4% (19 students)

would vote for Hillary and 7.8% would vote for Trump (8 students). It seems to be that Perris High students lean highly to the Democratic side of the political spectrum for over 90% of the votes were directly toward candidates of the Democratic party Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

This tells us that students are highly supportive of Democratic ideals and logically it seems fitting due to the fact that candidate Sanders is pushing for college tuition to be paid for students and if offering free college level tuition doesn’t get the support of the student force, we have no idea what will.

In the end, this is just a poll—make sure you guys practice your duties as a citizen early because this is how your voices are heard in the political world.

AVID Graduation

by Angel Carrillo & Jose Salas

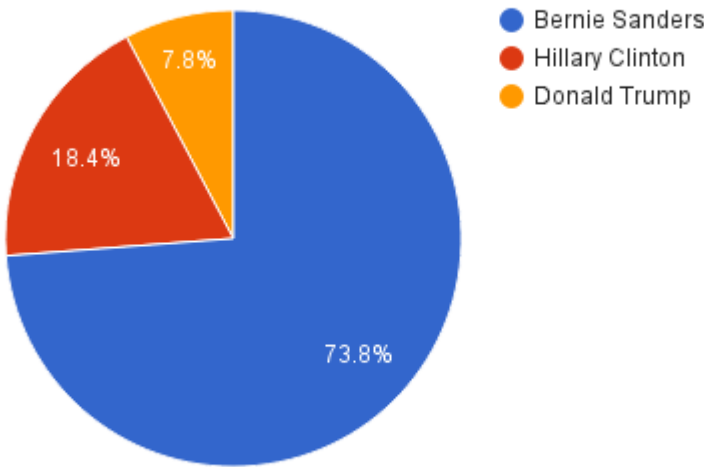
On May 6th, Perris High School AVID Seniors made their mark at the University of California, Riverside as they graduated from AVID.

Now graduating from AVID is not easy at all. There are multiple requirements that need to be completed to be able to achieve this honor. Each senior must have at least a 2.0 GPA in their AVID classes and were required to apply to at least 10 colleges. These college applications consisted of 4 UCs, 4 CSUs, and 2 out-of-states or privates. This does not conclude what needed to be done. Additionally, each AVID senior had to write a research paper and an argumentative paper on a subject of their choice. All seniors that fulfilled these requirements were recognized and received their AVID sash that they may wear on graduation day.

Although all the graduating AVID seniors were recognized, two individuals really stood out this night. Alisia Godoy and Monserrat Ojeda were acknowledged for their academic achievement and received a scholarship. Godoy was awarded the Dell Scholarship Award and Ojeda was awarded the AVID RIMS Scholarship Award.

One notable fact is that this year’s AVID graduating senior class is one of the largest AVID graduating classes Perris High School has ever had. Other than the largest class, we can say they were one of the loudest classes too! Our AVID senior Panthers represented P-Town, as they cheered and chanted the loudest they could to be noticed as the most energetic school at this year’s AVID graduation. Our seniors sure do know how to make an event memorable!

Count of Which presidential candidate would/will you be voting for in the 2016 election?



TRIGSTAR COMPETITION

by Samantha Waltermire

Pythagorean theorem , distance formula, the numbers, what are the numbers? Many meetings filled with math equations and solving problems step by step three students, sophomore Maria Silva, junior Angel Tovar, and junior Samantha Waltermire with the help of teacher N. Elias take on the challenge of entering a trigonometry based test at MSJC on April 23 which ended with taking home awards.

The National Society of Professional Surveyors created Trig Star in 1983 at a local level and in 1993 expanded it to a national level. The idea of Tristar was created during engineering week by Russell E. Kastle because he had a desire to promote the profession of engineering.



Before the test starts , students participated in math-related activities. In one, you would had to travel from point A to point B and use the Pythagorean theorem formula to get your hypotenuse. Once activities were over, students began the test that included four problems ; this lasted one hour. Angel Tovar shared, “ The test was easy with the first two problems but as soon as you got to the 2nd and 3rd problem—that is when your brain starts working hard.”

End results, Tovar won a college text books on how to do programming from a raffle and Silva earned \$50 for winning overall in the

Perris High School chapter.

TrigStar is a great opportunity for students who are looking for scholarships and have a passion for learning math to go into the engineering field. Not only do you meet others who have the same interests, but you also learn about schools which offer engineering classes— such as Cal Baptist University, and Chaffey College and have a one on one talks with students themselves about every possible question.



50 Days Left?!

Danica Everett

Coachella, IN-N-OUT, photo slideshow of high school memories and it's only 5 dollars? That sounded perfect! It was.

Until you looked around at all the people that are surrounding you and then realized there's literally only 50 days left, is that really it?

You then answer your own question with, "Yep, that's it!" and remember there's a delicious burger in your hand so you forget all about the more-than-mid high school life crises and chow down a mouth-watering bite of your burger. With friends pointing, you look up at a photo you'd kill to see in public and there it is yelling your name with that little bit of ice cream falling out of your mouth and a little more than half of the senior class looking at it too. That's sheer embarrassment at its finest that you will soon forget but stumble upon later in life when you're actually having a midlife crisis. You'll laugh when you're 50 . . . but it's not funny now.

ASB did right with IN-N-OUT and decorations this year. Students thought it was way better than last year's burger from Carl's Jr.. Many people shared their positive opinions about this years 50 days till graduation celebration. Students said things like:

"The vibe was so chill."

"The food was so good!"

"The sideshow was unforgettable!"

"This was the best senior event yet!"

It was really nice to talk to students who had genuine fun here at our school.

It was the ultimate experience to eat, to me, the best hamburger on the face of this planet at the tip top of the home bleachers looking out at a beautiful sunset. I never realized was there before. It was a feeling only a PHS student could feel.

With, now, less than 50 days left, many people are ready to graduate. Many people are ready to leave Perris and continue their life somewhere else. Everyone is ready to eat IN-N-OUT everywhere else besides here in Perris.

But one day we'll have to come back to the home side and eat another delicious burger. Maybe it'll be when we all have type 2 diabetes and when Coachella isn't even a thing anymore. Maybe it'll be when we all have laugh lines from the moments that made up our senior slideshow and maybe it'll be when a slideshow is like a vinyl record to us now. It'll be when we're all out of date and the only thing that hasn't changed is the darn good flavor of the IN-N-OUT burger.

Class reunion idea?

NEWS BRIEF.

Stay tuned.

Teachers are voting on a new bell schedule for next year. Seven periods are still in, but it looks like we might have a couple of late start days.

Yay! Let's hear it for a little more shut eye in 2016—2017.

Senior Year Expenses

by Imelda Llamas and Alma Rodriguez

Senior year is one of the most expensive years in high school. Let's start with school supplies: that is \$40, new clothes for the new school year, \$250. You are going to want to attend the school activities, ASB card is \$25, don't forget about the senior activities, \$20, and field trips, \$50. You are going to want to hang out with your friends and grab a snack after school, \$25 a week, and for those of you that like to drive your friends around, \$20 on gas a week. You're going to want to get a the club shirt, \$20 each. Don't forget about the school dances, \$50. As seniors do not forget to sign up for the college applications, which are \$55-\$77 each, and the ELM/EPT, \$50.

To enjoy most senior year activities and save money get the senior packet which is \$360, by itself it is \$120 for Grad Night, \$40 for the cap and gown, \$90 for prom, and don't forget that it is around \$100↑for prom accessories. As prom arrives, deposit fees are just around the corner. Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) \$100↑, Housing Deposit \$350↑, Orientation \$250↑. AP exams are \$5 or \$90 and you have to send your test scores, \$25 each. Don't forget about your senior pictures, \$50, and senior gear, \$50. Don't forget about your yearbook, \$85. It all rounds up to two thousand or more, so start saving up, get the discount items to save more money. This is an estimate, it does not pertain to everyone.

BEAT THE HEAT— RETREAT TO THE A/C OF A THEATRE

Summer 2016 Movies
by Danica Everett

In June, beginning our summer break, several movies will be released to theatre:

Me Before You 6/2,
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows 6/3,
The Conjuring 2 6/10,
Now You See Me 2 6/10,
Warcraft 6/10,
Central Intelligence 6/17,
Finding Dory 6/17,
Independence Day: Resurgence 6/24,
The Shallows 6/24

Starting in July includes:
The Legend of Tarzan 7/1,

The Purge: Election Year 7/1,
The Secret Life of Pets 7/8,
Ghostbusters 7/15,
Ice Age: Collision Course 7/22,
Star Trek Beyond 7/22,
Bad Moms 7/29,
Jason Bourne 7/29

And ending our summer in August are these few films:

Suicide Squad 8/5,
Pete's Dragon 8/12,
Kubo and the Two Strings 8/19,
The Space Between Us 8/19,
War Dogs 8/19

No reviews.... But we'll "see you—at the movies.

Horoscopes: *Admit It*

Taurus (April 20- May 20): you've tried to balance the light switch right in the middle at least once in your life.

Gemini (May 21- June 20): you've typed things into Google just to see if you spelled them correctly.

Cancer (June 21- July 22): you've practiced your signature repeatedly just in case you ever become famous.

Leo (July 23- Aug. 22): you've made a little kid cry and then you've tried to make them laugh so you don't get in trouble.

Virgo (August 23- September 22): during a multiple-choice test, you sometimes changed your answer because you used that letter too many times.

Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): you've pretended to be working hard whenever your teacher walked past your desk.

Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21): you've blown bubbles in your drink with a straw.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): you've ran up the stairs and into your room when you turn off the light because you were scared.

Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): OMG, like you know you're totally reading this in an annoying girl's voice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18): you've googled yourself before.

Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20): before starting a chapter, you counted the number of pages in that chapter.

Aries (March 21- April 19): you've talked in front of a fan just to hear your robot voice.



PERRIS FFA ELECTRIFIES FRESNO

by Johanna Orozco

It's a Bird? It's A Plane? No it's Perris FFA on their way to the 88th Annual California State Conference!!! This is your five minute WARNING!!!!!! Perris is here!!!! On Friday, April 22nd, 30 enthusiastic and electrifying Perris FFA members began the road trip of a lifetime! For some, this was their first California State Conference, for others their last. After six long hours of

intense games of I spy, Karaoke singing battles in the cars and a lot of snacks later these students finally arrived to Fresno! Perris brought the energy and passion to Conference! The students got to make new friendships all over california , celebrated successes and discovered the leader in each of us. After four amazing life changing days the students headed home thirty students, four vans, four teachers and countless laughs and memories.

The Good, the Bad

by Alma Rodriguez

The onslaught of the Advanced Placement (AP) exams took place during the first two weeks of May; many students could be seen reviewing for those daunting exams, both mentally or physically. For some, the scores will be critical to their success in college and by passing the exams for scores of 3-5, they will receive credit for those classes. Some students were "reviewing the AP exam booklets" such as Maria Silva, sophomore, while others... just "didn't do that," like Luis Saldivar, senior.

Although many students believe taking the AP exams look better for universities, this is not necessarily true. While they do like to see that you tried, passing the AP exam with at least a 3 used to be a great option since you could shave off some courses and save money. But universities have made it harder for students to save money now. Most universities are now only accepting a 4 or 5 on the exams for college credit. Though current research says that students with 4's and 5's are more likely to be successful in college.

A sampling of students were asked how they prepared. Juan Vega, junior,said that he doe nothing to prepare for the exam, while others like Rene Mijares Hungsberg, junior, decide to study. There are many ways used to prepare, including a new online resource called the Learnerator,

Results will be in mid July. Students won't know until exactly how they did.

FDA Tobacco Age Change

by Jose Garcia

Last month, the FDA changed the age requirement for purchasing any tobacco products from 18 to 21.The reason why they did this is to eliminate big vaporizer companies. The government realized many people were switching from big tobacco products such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco and cigars to e cigs. E cigs or as referred to as " vaping " is a non tobacco way of smoking but still getting the nicotine level except you do not receive all the chemicals that are used in cigarettes. Vaping only has up to 3 ingredients all it has is vegetable glycerin, propylene glycerin, and nicotine. You can choose the level of nicotine you would like in your flavor of choice ranging from 3 milligrams to 24. Vaping is basically an alternative for smoking cigarettes, but still receiving the nicotine inside a cigarette. The reason why the FDA has changed the age limit to 21 is because they realized they were losing money in big tobacco companies as for vaping the charts were rising as people would switch over to vaping. Another reason they raised the age limit is because teens are also using vaping as a hobby rather than alternative. In my opinion as a fellow vaper I believe this age limit change is ridiculous. Yea there are those teens that use vape for a hobby rather than its purpose but it also stops them from going to tobacco products such as cigarettes. Raising the age limit is not going to do much besides make the people angry. The government is also pushing to ban all vaping products from the market. Why would they ban a product that helps people get off of the "cancer sticks". This is an alternative that saves peoples lives and the government is going to push to get rid of it? That just doesn't make sense to me. They are only doing this because of the contracts they have with big tobacco products if they don't sell a certain amount we end up paying for what we didn't sell. The FDA and government need to throw this law away and let the people get the help the decided to choose



Through the eyes of a panther...

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at PHS

by **Danica Everett**

Co-Editor in Chief

Remember when PHS used to waste so much vegetables, fruits and water after lunches? Yes? Well, we’ve changed our wasteful ways!

The PHS Permaculture club and the PHS FFA Horticulture class recycle so much more now than they have ever before. We now have our own compost system located to the left of the 8000 restrooms and our own student made and grown garden located to the right of the Panther Den.

Daily, I see Jerald Powell, the Permaculture advisor, with his consumer math students and various FFA students churning the soil while adding food, cardboard waste and, livestock manure into the process of creating the perfect compost for the phase 2 garden development which will be located behind the library.

FNL also did their part during this past earth week by collecting several bags of recyclables. They will continue to do this into next year and will donate all recycled proceeds to the Free the Children's WE Create Change program. This charity collects funds to provide clean drinking water to help the 800 million people around the globe that go without it every day.

Administration and students have changed their waste division habits by throwing garbage into the appropriate cans, whether it’s the blue recycling bins versus the regular small black trash cans or the new green waste only bins located around school. After talking with Mr. Powell, we as a team at Perris High School can reduce the cost of trash disposal services by 3.2 cubic yards per month. Permacultures goal is to increase this number by informing students and staff about what type of conservation systems that PHS is offering and how everyone can contribute.

I could not be more ecstatic about the transformation PHS has contributed to over the last few months with the compost system and the collecting of recyclables and unwanted food and trash. The dedication that has come along with it from both our staff and students is unbelievable. After the graduating class of 2016 has left, I hope the dedication continues through and through with the incoming generations and we leave behind an evermore thriving compost system and expand our student garden to support the culinary program and our Perris students.

A Glass Half Full

by **Luís Saldivar**

Co-Editor in Chief

Perspective; it has the power to completely change the outcome of a day as it goes on. We may not realize it, but the way we look at the situations and obstacles that come our way is a huge part of how difficult they seem. A great example is an upcoming test; if you go into it feeling defeated, you are more likely to get a bad score. If you study for that same test, you may go into it feeling much more confident and the outcome would be a better score.

The same goes for anything in life. Just recently, my school bag broke while I was walking to class and all my supplies fell out. I was so embarrassed and angry with my bag for the next fifteen minutes. I could not believe that I spent so much money on this bag and it only lasted two months before being ruined. This whole little incident ruined my mood for the whole day. I did not want to eat. I did not want to talk. I just wanted to sit and be bitter about something as insignificant as my strap breaking. The only way I felt better was by getting home and laying in bed to avoid my

problems like I usually do.

Now this isn’t a way of saying that you should not feel any emotion other than happy, because that is just not the case. I am just trying to shed light on the fact that things are only as bad as we make them seem. If we dwell on the terrible things that happen to us throughout a day, a week, a month, then of course we will feel as if nothing will ever go our way. For some of us, it does not even have to be something that actually happened, but that we think may happen and become anxious in anticipation of it.

The best way to fix this pessimistic outlook on our day is to look for the positive things that happen. Whether it be that someone held the door open for you or that someone smiled at you, there will always be something good happening. An even better way to go about things is to be that small act of kindness that can cheer someone else up. You have so much potential to help others and make their day a little bit better and do not even realize it. If we all do these simple things, then maybe we can make the world a better place starting with us.

OUR VOICES. . .

Not All Heroes Wear Capes

(except maybe when learning about Romans)

A wise teacher once told me freshman year that if I made it to senior year, to never forget the teachers who helped get me there along the way. That same teacher later shared his knowledge of World History with me my sophomore year. Though his words were probably meant as a side remark they’ve stuck with me for the past three years. Now with this platform which allows us to share our voices, I thought I’d like to expand on his words.

Here’s to the teachers that dealt with us as lost freshmen. The ones who dealt with our constant disobedience and trouble. The ones who worked extra hard to help get us on the right foot early on. The teachers who may not have enjoyed our complains of how hard high school is but nonetheless offered words of encouragement, saying it would all be worth it three years down the road. Here’s to the teachers that may not get the credit they deserve, overshadowed by others who teach AP classes and focus primarily on upperclassmen. While you may not get the shout-outs and speeches, the work you do deserves to be showcased. After all, freshman aren’t the easiest to handle.

They say not all heroes wear capes, but some may just be wearing plaid shirts with papers to grade.

Kaicey Santaacruz

Double Lunching A Problem?

Having two lunches at a school may be a good decision when it comes to dividing the students into two different groups to prevent overcrowding. But . . are students responsible enough to respect their schedule and take only to their scheduled lunch?

As part of the Journalism staff this school year I have been going out to both lunches to get interviews or pictures and I have seen— more than once, a few students who attend both lunches. According to many students, double lunching has resulted in the best way of getting away from a quiz or test or any boring assignment during fifth period. Ironically, most of the students who decide to go to both lunches actually “hang out” in the same place during both lunches.

And the campus supervisors? We all know there are a great number of students at this school and it is impossible to remember every single one of our faces; we, as students should

not need a staff member to babysit us and send us to class. We should know our responsibilities, because at the end of the day, we are the ones who have to deal with the consequences of our actions.

Let’s start taking school more seriously; respect your schedule, attend your classes and succeed in life!

Miriam Garibay

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Jose Garcia

Footsteps. . .

Where will your footsteps through Perris High’s halls lead you?

High school a four year period to find yourself. . . so we are meant to think. Is this really the end? Or is it the beginning of something bigger than ourselves. Whether it be you coming in as a shy freshman and leaving as an outstanding individual or discovering that you are a natural born leader, actor, mathematician or athlete! Throughout these four years we all get to choose our own paths, share our own stories and embrace our own passions. Enjoy high school because yeah it might only be four years of your life but these four years are some you will forever cherish! I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and try something new this upcoming year!

Johanna Orozco

This Generation Sucks

The generation of booming memes, the generation of lost love, the generation where playing outside means taking your tablet out for a walk to see what app to go on, maybe candy crush, Instagram, Snapchat, a generation where hanging out requires taking pictures of every moment. I sit around my peers and hear how bad this generation is that the music sucks, smaller kids just play on their devices. Most of this is true except a little problem...this generation doesn't suck—it actually has done many things.

18 students from Paloma High School graduated with their associate’s degree. Four 17 year olds won an International NASA award for their space settlement design against 10,000 others, c’mon that is a whole bunch to go up against.

Here at Perris High you can see where “this generation sucks” gets turned around. Technology here can be used from programing to make a robot work to getting an assignment done. A student here taught himself to play the violin. Juniors get up to sing with staff members—voluntarily at the Lip Sync battle. FNL reaches out to students to support their cause in helping the community. As to genres, there are many musicians to discover even here at school; swing by after school and follow the tunes and you can hear the diverse music all come together. How can you not say that that is not amazing, students going against 10,000 other people and they are the ones to win, people gather to help better what’s around you, it builds character into something wonderful.

Our generation was introduced to technology and we have turned it into something amazing. Instagram doesn't have to be horrible if you use it correctly. What a beautiful generation we have today. I've gotten to meet some of the most fascinating people in my life that want to do something with their lives and help for the better. Savannah Cook, a junior who wants to become an Ag teacher, Uriel Guerra a marine biologist, mechanical engineer to cure diseases, Air Borne ranger to keep the country safe, Alma ... social worker to make sure every kid feels loved and wanted . This generation is filled with students who have dreams that plan on making each and everyone of them come into reality, students who pull all-nighters all because they care; they know that if they succeed, they can help others and the whole world included. To me, this seems like a generation filled with success to yet be boomed. So to those staff, students, readers . . . I say to you, don’t look at the minority but rather look at all the endless great possibilities we can bring. Goooo Panthers, show the fierce in you!

Samantha Waltermire

From Our Principal....

Panthers, as we bring another school year to a close I would like to take a moment to congratulate each of you on your accomplishments this year and encourage you to continue your hard work.

Seniors, I hope that you look back on your four years in high school with fondness and remember all of the positive experiences you had here. There is a lot that goes on in these very few years that will continue to have an impact on your for the

rest of your life. The decisions you make and the paths you take will all be affected by the experiences and learning that have taken place thus far. With that said, the learning does not stop because you have graduated high school. It is vital for each and every one of you to be life long learners. No matter what the subject matter you will find that you feel most fulfilled when you are doing something you find interesting and feel passionate about. You do not want to look back years from now and lament time lost doing something you do not enjoy. I wish you all the very best in all of your future endeavors.

For everyone else, I look forward to the upcoming school year with high hopes and great anticipation for yet another

great year at Perris High School. Next year is our accreditation year for WASC so there will be a lot of work being done to prepare for the visit in March. Additionally, we will see the new two-story building opening up 2nd semester, which will bring us some room to expand and improve upon our programs. The new Ag building and cafeteria/shop building will break ground and start construction as we continue our forward momentum in refreshing Perris High. It is a great time to be a Panther! Have a restful summer and we will see those of you not attending summer school back in August.

Man on the Street

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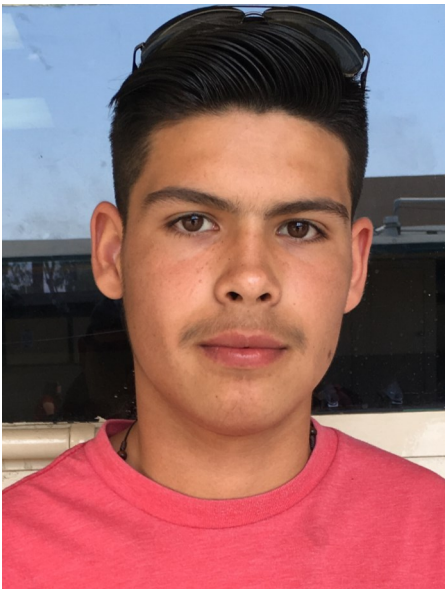
If you could change one way teenagers your age treat one another.... what would it be?



That everyone’s so judgmental before getting to know the real person; it leads to hate.
Virgin Leyva, senior



Stop harassing others. It affects race, genders, and religion.
Ellory Evans, senior



Stop making fun of each other; and quit the racism. It’s a big issue at the moment—at least for me.
Luis Munoz, junior



Their personalities—because people are not who they claim to say they are.
Odalis Aguirre, junior



To stop talking bad about one another and to stop talking behind people’s backs because why would you want to hurt someone’s feelings for no reason?
Amber Sanchez, sophomore



The fact that where they decided to be rude. Because some people can be affected in different areas such as at hoe and school; we all take it different ways.
Julian Barragan, sophomore



Nothing—because things change through generations ,so just let it flow through and change itself.
Arturo Naranjo, freshman



Stop bullying people over social media because people think it wouldn’t affect them as much as it would in person.
Ashley Lopez, freshman

The Magic of Aurasma

by Samantha Waltermire

What is Aurasma?

May 5, 2011 in Cambridge a software company, Autonomy launched an app for Apple and Androids. So what exactly is aurasma? Aurasma is this very amazing app where image recognition is displayed on a smartphone and overlies it with media on top that then goes into the process of either a slide show, video or just a simple animation. This is where physical meets virtual.

How is it beneficial?

Aurasma isn’t just for big companies who are trying to advertise and such, anyone can use it to their benefit. Take the example of prom coming up, wouldn’t it be cool if they put pictures on the walls and right away with your phone you can see a small tour of what the venue looks like. Nasa uses it so people can see what the mars rover



is doing. Thinking from what am I going to do on the weekend to I have a test tomorrow, sometimes important lessons in class are forgotten so how cool would it be if you just open the app scan the picture and it shows you how to do the missing steps.

If you want to check out more just type in this link. <https://www.aurasma.com/> Or you can also download aurasma on the smartphone and simply launch it on the app, another method is simply take out a dollar and use the app.

You might ask why there is an article in the PTown Press on this very special app—well, it will be used extensively in next year’s Centennial volume of the YEARBOOK. The class is recruiting for two a couple of students to be

Dreamers

by Jose Salas

I, like several students at the Perris High School campus am a what you call a “DREAMer”. Now what exactly is a DREAMer? Well, to put it in political terms I am what’s called an “illegal alien”, yes that is the proper political term for an undocumented person. Anyway, I digress, the point of this piece is to shine some light and bring awareness to the students out there that are struggling to think about what exactly it is that they can do with their lives if they are undocumented. As a person who felt like there were very few opportunities after high school, I felt quite desperate when my senior year was right around the corner— especially when college applications were nearing. I remember I would stay up late at night wondering how I would make something out of myself and cursing at myself for being undocumented. Why is it that I was fated to be undocumented, I would ask myself. I was disheartened, but despite my major bump in the road, I decided to pull myself off the ground and search for answers instead of feeling sorry for myself. So I did some research and through word of mouth and several television commercials, I learned of an executive order that Barack Obama had placed specifically for undocumented students like myself. This order was

named DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and what it did was deviate the action for immigration services to deport undocumented students, most specifically those students that have been here since before June 15, 2007 and were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012. Now that I had learned about this order my parents and I sought help at an attorney’s office and she counseled us on what exactly I should do in order to qualify for DACA. After a couple months of gathering information which included high school transcripts, letters from teachers, and attendance papers I was ecstatic to learn that I had in fact qualified for DACA. I have to say this program changed my perspective completely. I no longer feared that I would not be able to do anything after high school and now I felt like I could actually do something with myself. With this new enthusiasm, I applied myself to an even greater to school and to my goal of reaching college; that’s how I made it to the point where I am today. So if you’re undocumented and feel desperate and don’t know what you’re going to do after college—follow this advice: there is always an opportunity; we just have to take it because it doesn’t matter where you come from that matters. It’s where you’re going and what you do to get there that counts. Don’t let obstacles stop you, find a way through them or around them.

Oh The Places We’ll Go

by Kaicey Santacruz

Arizona State University
Quintin Foote

Army
Bertha Cardona

Azusa Pacific University
Celeste Arroyo

California Baptist University
Adriana Carrete
Tayra Duran

Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Yajaira Cervantes
Valerie Gonzalez
Valerie Gonzalez
Renne Huizar
Irma Lopez
Gabriel Sanchez Ferreyra
Fernando Vargas

Cal Polytechnic State, San Luis Obispo
Angel Carrillo

California State University, Chico
Damian Becerra

California State University, Fullerton
Mark Cerda
Freddy Martinez
Gabriela Mendez
Elda Quezada
Alma Ramos
Kaicey Santacruz

California State University, Los Angeles
Juan Gonzalez Meza

California State University, San Marcos
David Aguiar
Eduardo Campos
Gerardo Cardenas
Joseph Devora
Yarely Diaz Silva
Veronica Estrada
Jorge Lara
Cristal Martinez
Jaime Martinez Zuniga
Xavier McKenzie
Jose Mier
Andres Nunez
Lizbeth Perez Morales
Angelita Ramirez
Luis Alberto Saldivar
Kati Sanchez
Elizabeth Santos

Citrus Community College
Nina Aills

Humboldt State University
Karely Ramirez

Marines
Marcelino Gonzalez
Sergio Perazza
Andrew J. Rivera

Mount San Antonio College
Johanna Orozco
Jesus Peguero

Mount San Jacinto College

Zulema Gonzalez
Joseph Miranda
Karen Saavedra
Denise Villalobos
Gabrielle Zuniga

Navy
Gabrielle Fenderson

Northeastern Jr. College
Jacky Andrade Lopez
Maria Gutierrez
Maira Sagahon

Riverside Community College
Brenda Ramirez

University of California, Irvine
Brenda Ortiz
Lyla Revilla
Marina Alexis Rivera
Jewel Rios
Alexis Rivera

University of California, Los Angeles
Jenny Lim
Usman Naz

University of California, Merced
Cindy Cervantes

University of California, Riverside
Jaime Cardenas
Marybel Flores Cabrera
Eliseo Garcia
Samantha Garcia
Mirian Garibay
Jocelyn Gonzalez
Daniel Martinez

Maria Paniagua
Alma Rodriguez
Vong Yang
Rebecca Zuniga

University of California, Santa Barbara
Angela Barron
Jazmine Hernandez
Monzerat Luna
Reyna Nevarez
Larissa Ramirez
Tiffany Valdez

University of California, Santa Cruz
Alisia Godoy

University of California, San Diego
Eric Avila Nunez
Abigail Bustamante
Jasmine Evaristo
Armando Gallegos Ornelas
Gema Gutierrez
Armando Gallegos Ornelas
Saul Martinez
Montserrat Ojeda
Jennifer Recinos
Gustavo Ramirez
Jennifer Recinos
Jose Salas Reyes

University of La Verne
Juliet Romero

University of Nevada Las Vegas
Carol Avila

University of Southern California
Guillermo Castro

SENIORS’ LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

The following Members of the Class of 2016 of Perris High School, being of sound mind and body, bequeath the follow- ing:

Johanna Orozco - Do will Joshua Orozco my little brother the will to push forward and stay focused you can do whatever you set your mind to, remember you choose the path you decide to take and when your high school journey is over I hope you look back proudly of your accomplishments. Also Julia Marroquin my baby sister I will you the happiness through the rest of your high school journey. I will you the ability to keep that contagious smile on your face, even through the stressful times, because it always lit up my life baby sis I will you all the h happiness because you truly deserve it and hugs, because I'll miss receiving yours every day. Lastly I will my love and passion for the FFA program to my FFA Family you guys have always been there for me and I am thankful I got to share this high school journey by your side.

Griselda Sanchez - Will to the many opportunities to be part of school and make your time worth wild.

Emoni Bolden - Do will and bequeath all m how to walk in heals by rupaul videos to all thoses girls who think they can walk in heels

Julia Garcia – Do will and bequeath all the study guides i never did to my brother in which i hope he does his own.

Joana Campos - Do will and bequeath all my writing essay skills to my brother.

Yasmine Gutierrez - Try your best to be successful do all your work and do everything you can make yourself proud! To all underclassmen seeking success.

Maria Macias - Do will and bequeath my sister who helped me with the confidence to achieve more than i believed possible.

Zulema Herrera - Do will and bequeath to the freshman and more years of drama comedy terr0r and friendships.

Adrian Arellano - Make the most of high school because time will slip through your fingers.

Imelda Llamas Montano - As a senior leaving I leave behind a lot of great friends and memories that I have made over my 4 years but also teachers that i will greatly miss a lot .

Kaicey Santacruz - Do will my love for all things running to Tanya Loredo. Never forget how far you've come and how far you're going to go in the next years! I expect big things from you.We'll always be *Las Tres Amigas*

Danica Everett—Do will Savannah Elizabeth Cook, my one and only source of support, the ability of super strength. I will you the insight to find yourself like I did, you are more special than you'll ever know. I will you all the chances to forgive. I will you my undying love and forever friendship. Mostly, I will for you to do all that I never got the opportunity to do and

more. I will all of the underclassmen to see beauty in life, even when the horizon isn't looking so clear. I will Anessa White, and Adrian Diaz the ability to overcome all obstacles that are thrown at you your senior year, no matter what they are, I believe in the both of you. Finally, I will Ms. Georgianna, Coach Stenlake, Ms. Llexim, and Ms. Avalos, my absolute love, thanks, appreciation, and admiration to each of you. Thanks to everyone who impacted my life.

Miguel Canchola - Do will and bequeath to my brother Arthur Harper to always enjoy life and even though we lost our mother; you need to overcome the fear of being alone and show your ability to live life and smile through your beautiful life.

Karen Saavedra - Do not give up on your dreams, the person with BIG DREAMS is more powerful than the one with all the facts. You can do anything you set your mind to. With Christ all things are possible."

Moises Murillo - Do will and bequeath to anyone with chronic procrastination issues my ability to BS my way through presentations and tests

Hak Bun – Do will and bequeath advice to graduate from high school you must be on tasks at all time becuae times our limited. Be consistent and make every opportunity counts.

Gabriella Montantes - Will and bequeath to give all my hopes to the water polo girls with the coach Joe!

Leo Sanches - Do will Ms. G some Tylenol in case she gets my brother for a class.

Jose Martines - Do will and bequeath my sensational presentation skills.....later.

Brenda Gonzales - Make every day valuable before you realize you let failure walk with you.

Jorge Chaves - Do will and bequeath my playa statue to my brother

Bryan Audor - In the Marine corps there is a saying that applies well to life. "Hurry up and wait!" Some will understand, fewer still will appreciate it.

Eric Manning- Do will my little brother Marcus Jones my basketball jersey number. May he be as good of an athlete he thinks he is.

Jennifer Baillon- Do will and bequeath one lucky water polo player my spot and number in hope that one day they surpass me.

Gary Salazar- I wish to leave some advice. . . at the end of the day you make your path not your friends do good life is short and school is a big part of it so make it count!

Hall of Famers

by Vong Yang

The Perris High School Hall of Fame is an award which is determined by the teachers from each department; it recognizes one student who possesses qualities which excel in that particular department. During the Senior Awards Night at Perris High School on May 23rd, these Hall of Fame students were recognized and received a certificate and medal to show appreciation and acknowledgment for their hard work.

This year's Class of 2016's Hall of Famers are:

Jacob Munton for Male Administration

Jenny Lim for Female Administration

Gabrielle Zuniga for Applied Arts;

Joseph Miranda for English;

Lizbeth Perez Morales for Humanities (Foreign Language)

Guillermo Castro for Math

Brisa Gomez for Military

Gabriel Morrell for Personal Achievement

Delmer Geronimo-Valle for Physical Education

Gibran Garcia-Hernandez for Science

Usman Naz for Social Science.

Not only did these students receive a certificate and medal, but their names will also go onto the Hall of Fame plaque located in the Main Office. Loo for the new additions when you're in the office. Congratulations to these students who have done such great work!



The Accumulation of Their Efforts

by Vong Yang

It is that time of the year again, when students are exhilarated to know who will be presenting the speeches at the graduation ceremony. Well, here you have it. Here are the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2016— Usman Naz and Guillermo Castro, who were delighted to be interviewed and share some facts about themselves.

The Valedictorian, the one with the pensive look and furrowed brow, Usman Naz! Naz states that when he was named Valedictorian, he was surprised since his grades during the 12-week progress report were not that great. However, he then shared that he felt blessed and honored to prepare the valedictory at the graduation ceremony. His friends and family also congratulated him with much emotion that uplifted him.

Naz’s motivation to aim for Valedictorian or Salutatorian was, well, he had none. How astonishing! Instead, he said that his motivation was to only be an exemplary student who received the support from his family. His advice for underclassmen striving to become a Valedictorian or a Salutatorian is, “To have fun learning. Even if the class seems boring, or the subject uninteresting, find something about the subject you can enjoy and get passed the mindset of being indifferent. Once you learn the value of obtaining knowledge, you will put in the effort to learn.”

When asked about his favorite experiences and moments during this year, Naz replied that he enjoyed the times when he was able to play basketball with his friends as that allowed he and his friends to bond more. What a great way to freshen up from the stressful school life and spend time with friends!

Naz shares that his favorite school subject is mathematics— from Algebra II to Calculus, he has genuinely enjoyed the challenge each successive math course gave him, fascinating him with problem analysis and figuring out algorithms. His passion for mathematics does not stop here though; Naz plans to attend the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in the fall with a major in Mathematics of Computation. His dream career is to work for major corporations in the field of Computer Science to gain experience and he hope to create a business that will help people gain access to technology in a cost-effective and effortless way as possible.

After high school, Naz plans to dedicate his time reading

more as he says, “I believe knowledge is definitely power and reading is one of the best ways to gain it.”

Naz ended with this quote, “Those who do not talk their mind do not have anything valuable to offer.”

Now, the Salutatorian, the guy with his tongue curled and flashing a peace sign, Guillermo Castro! Castro says that his first thought when he was named Salutatorian was, “OMG I did it!” Even though he was not able to become the Valedictorian, he was proud to know that all his hard work got him this far. His friends were proud of him as well as they knew how much effort he put into reaching this goal; his parents were finally able to see that him studying late and waking

friends always have your best interest at heart.”

Castro’s favorite experiences and moments over the course of this year has been the senior activities and events he was able to participate in. He enjoyed spending time with his senior class outside of books and pencils which has allowed him to see his fellow classmates with a broader perspective. Ever since in elementary school, Castro had a love for mathematics, and this holds true even now. He states that here at Perris High School, he has Dr. Gartel to thank because she inspired in him to have a greater love for math.

“Each and every year, she makes Calculus the most fun class I have ever taken,” he says.

Coincidentally like Naz, Castro’s love for math will continue onto college; he will be attending the University of Southern California (USC) in the fall with a major in Civil Engineer. His dream career is to specialize in the environmental field of civil engineering so that he may be able to better the environment’s conditions and make the Earth clean for future generations.

After high school and college, Castro plans to move to Europe. While he does not intend to permanently reside there, he wants to experience a culture different than that of the United States. After spending enough time in Europe, he intends to travel to other places while working as a civil engineer, helping wherever he can to make the world a better place for all. Going further into the future, by middle age he hopes to have a family consisting of eight children, each with a different ethnic and cultural background.

Castro summed up his advice, “Once you find your true friends, hold on tight and never let them go. Remember to always love a lot and always forgive those who have hurt

you. And most importantly, live your life for yourself because at the end of the day, you are the one who should be happy.”

These two students, who have been bestowed with the honor to present the valedictory and salutatory for the Class of 2016’s graduation ceremony, are indeed well-deserving of this achievement. Not only do they both cherish their friends and family as much as they value their education, but they also intend to sustain their perseverance through college for the future’s sake. Usman Naz and Guillermo Castro— congratulations for embracing your opportunities, for striving even further, and for becoming the Class of 2016 Valedictorian and Class of 2016 Salutatorian!



early to study were all for this good cause.

Castro had an intrinsic motivation for wanting to become the Valedictorian or Salutatorian—he wanted to prove to himself that he was capable of achieving such a goal. The many long nights and early mornings he endured were also to prepare him for college, for when he becomes overwhelmed with the workload that requires him to spend more time to complete the work. His advice for future Valedictorian and Salutatorian hopefuls is, “Work hard. You can choose to procrastinate, but don’t expect to write your essays five minutes before they are due. Keep yourself on check and do not spread yourself too thin. And lastly, remember that your

Panther Scholar Athletes

by Angel Carrillo

Receiving the award of Panther Scholar Athlete is such a great achievement that reflects on both of the student’s academic and athletic success at Perris High School. The title of Panther Scholar Athlete is awarded to one male and one female Perris High student. On May 23rd at the 2016 Perris High School Senior Awards Night, the two individuals were announced. The female student was Kaicey Santacruz, and the male student was Nathaniel Bell.

Both of these outstanding athletes gave us a chance to glance at what their aspirations and goals are.

Santacruz has attended Perris High all four years. She has been an athlete on both the Cross Country and Track teams. She states that she was a bit surprised, hearing that she has received this award. She values the fact that throughout her participation in these sports, she was molded into a

leader. It was a great chance for her to break out of her shell and build greater confidence. She is very thankful for the support she received from Coaches Perez, Stenlake, and Corona. Without them, she would not be the person she is now. Her coaches taught her that it is

not always about being the best, it is about the amount of dedication and heart you have.

After graduating from Perris High, Santacruz will be attending California State University, Fullerton where she will be majoring in Kinesiology to become an Athletic Trainer or Sports Physician. She would like to help athletes reach their full potential without the risk of injury. She hopes to maybe be a coach at Perris High in the future. This accomplishment helped her realize all of her hard

work in high school.

Our male Panther Scholar Athlete, Bell has also been a pan-

ther all four years. He has been an athlete in Football, Basketball, and Track all four years, where he played in varsity for all three sports. He states that it is an honor and huge athletic achievement to receive this award.

Being an athlete, he has gained the work ethic of when things get difficult to try even harder because it will be all worth it in the end. Bell says that he would not be where he is today without the support of his mother. He would also like thank all of his coaches and friends.

After graduation, Bell plans to attend California State University, Sacramento where he

will major and earn a bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology to become a personal trainer. He wants it to be known that it has been an honor to be part of Perris High School’s Athletic Program and is proud to be a panther.

These Panthers know the meaning of dedication and hard work and exemplify what it means to “Never Give Up!” at Perris High.



SENIORS 2016

Make it on the Street

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If you had to identify the one thing you most look forward to and the one thing you most dread about going to college, what would it be?



One thing I look forward to is not being in debt and I dread that I might lose my friendship with Jose Salas. **Andres Nunez**



I look forward to meeting new people; I feel like it's going to be a new chapter in my life. I dread all the work— seems like it's going to be way worse than high school but yet worth it. **Alan Garcia**



Something I dread about going to college would be the timing since I'm not a morning person, but what I look forward to is becoming someone in life. I'm an ambitious person and I will get to where I want to be in life. **Yoselin Diaz**



I look forward to meeting new friends since I barely have any here at high school; what I dread is drowning in all the student loans I might have to take out. **Tayra Duran**



One thing I look most forward to is experiencing new things with new people and I'm terrified of not using my education to its full potential. **Marcus Phillips**



I look forward to the level of maturity people will have at college and I dread the amount of homework and tests that will occur while in college. **Jose Martinez**



I look forward to starting a new chapter in my life and I'm terrified of procrastination and falling behind on all my work. **Diana Torres**



I look forward to living on my own but I dread all the studying I have to for school; I'm not the studious type. **Alma Ramos**

ADVICE FOR COLLEGE...

by Alma Rodriguez and Miguel Canchola

Ana Velez, freshman (University of California- Irvine) "Put your priorities straight, give yourself free time for you, get a planner, keep this in mind always no class is easy."

Rocio Palomera, freshman (University of California- Los Angeles) "If they're attending quarter systems. Study every little section that is taught to them that day. Do not wait to study right before the midterms because it all piles up. Pretty much manage your time wisely, no procrastination!"

Kimberly Cabrera (University of California- Davis): "Well I'd say take the classes you need, manage your time, be ready to crunch up information because it isn't going to be high school. Find the time to release stress, have fun!"

Genesis Garcia (University of California- San Diego): "Take classes that you find interesting and make sure to explore different types of classes. That can help you with deciding what you want to major in, especially if you're undecided."

Flor Flores (East Los Angeles College): "Take your grades seriously but manage to have fun. Because regardless your future is out of your control, so enjoy your years of youth."

Flavio Mendez (CSU Northridge): "Don't wait last minute to

ask for help. Remember to work smart not hard."

Shevondai Green (Moreno Valley College): "Don't overload your first year. If you struggle in high school, you'll struggle in college. Don't take too many classes, take it easy."

Jonathan Sosa (MSJC College): "Even though you're different in school and people talk about you, it doesn't change what's inside; bring that inner negative energy from you and show everyone how flawless you could be!"

Elizabeth Patino (University of California- Riverside): "Dance through your way in college; if you trip through the way, get up and show off your one two step"

Derrick Hicks (MSJC College): "Before you start, always remember who you are and who are your friends are. Don't be afraid of who you are and always stick to your dreams."

Denise Gabriella (UCR): "Consider all options. Make sure all credits from a Community College transfer to a CSU or UC if you are taking that route. Make sure to become best friends with the academic advisor of the school you plan to attend."

Jason Georgianna (SOU): "Don't commit to a major too early."

Veronica Robles: Internships are more important than you may think! Also, don't stress too much about your major the first year. I myself changed my major twice before figuring out the one for me! It's good to take classes on things that interest you. At the end of the day, you may find the right career for you!

Ana Resendiz: Go make the best of this experience, enjoy it while it lasts and don't rush into things. If you have to stay longer than expected if your plans change, let them, accept change and be open to new experiences; those are the ones you'll learn from. At the end of the day working, getting a job it will come when its the time and you'll be working far more many years than you'll ever be in school as a student so enjoy school while you can. Work and life will happen when the time comes.

Kristen Liana Salazar: Don't be afraid to attend a school far from home, even if it's a few hours drive. Utilize your resources on campus! Be involved, study hard... & NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK! But most of all have fun while achieving success. It's truly the most fun years of your life. Live them to their fullest, but responsibly.



As the days go by and graduation comes closer than ever one thing on a seniors mind is . . .What do I want to do before I graduate? If you had a deadline to do a list of activities what would they be? Here, you can discover what is on the mind of seniors at Perris High school with a bucket list.

- Eat a spicy chicken patty sandwich from school
- Bungee jump
- Go to the beach with my friends
- Ride the golf cart
- Actually participate in spirit week
- Parasailing with my friends
- Take a selfie with Ms. V
- To have known what my last normal day of school would be to enjoy it
- Ask my crush how he feels
- Register to vote
- Take a girl on a date
- Finish my homework
- Actually graduate
- Get my lunch before the bell ring
- Tell my teachers the appreciation I have for getting me to this point
- Do a senior prank
- Change cafeteria food
- Make sure to still not use the school restroom
- Ditch lunch detention one last time
- Go to a senior party
- Make the security guards stop letting people cut

Some crazier than others, at the end we all want one thing and that is to have a great high school experience. There isn't a greater senior bucket list than the moments you have already had with your friends, the dances you attended, the relationships you've made, scandals with your friends, dating, nasty school lunches, great teachers, and most of all, all the experiences that created who you are today and all the knowledge you carry on. Go Panthers of 2016.

What are your responsibilities as an 18 year old?

by Alma Rodriguez

As we turn 18, most of us don't expect pretty much anything to change. Although there are some very important responsibilities everyone should know as they come to be 18. Once you become 18, under federal law, you are able to vote, you can work full time, establish checking and savings accounts, etc.

To register to vote, one can print the sheet, go to the local DMV and get a handout or request one by calling the voter hotline. Remember that if you are 17 or younger, it is illegal to

work full time; once you are 18, it is legal to work full time.

Also don't forget to file for taxes when you have a job and ask for the W-4 form if

it is not provided to you by your employer. When you turn of legal age you can start a checking and savings account and start applying for credit cards to build up your credit. You will go bankrupt if you do not pay your credit card bills.

If you violate any laws, you will be charged as an adult. You have to go to jury duty.

As a male you are required to registered with the Selective Service System, you have 30 days of turning 18, you can be prosecuted if you do not.

Don't worry. . . it won't turn out the way you planned.

-Danica Everett

You'll have your mind set on a dream school and end up going to a different school because the one you thought you'd get into, you didn't even apply to.

You'll wonder every day of your senior year if your life would've been different if you would've stayed in AVID.

You'll be assigned into group projects with people who you just don't like and you'll wonder if your teacher did this to you on purpose. Although those people are annoying you'll eventually end up sitting next to them in some class because that's the only one you don't have any friends in. Through their laziness and lack of motivation. believe me, you'll eventually see past all of it and just be their friend.

You'll jump on a different bandwagon than you intended. Either a stoner, a scene, a hipster, a jock, an aggie, or maybe just a that girl/boy.

You'll forget the outfit you had planned to wear the night before and realize that you didn't even have shoes to match it and now that you have a full-length mirror in front of you, you'll say, "Oh well, I'll still look cute

today." but you'll end up throwing on some leggings and the t-shirt you wore to sleep.This will turn into an everyday thing.

Then you'll see them, you'll see your high school sweetheart. You'll spend more time thinking what it will be like when you do homework together then actually doing your homework that you had set out in front of you. It'll be too late though because he'll have another girl and his best friend will be all over you. Ew no.

It'll be okay. Just remember to focus on what you're there to do, high school. It's just high school.

Your dog will literally eat your homework and honestly one of your teachers is bound to be a dog lover. Researchers say 1 out of 7 people are dog people. It's just up to what your dog is hungry for. Hopefully not the cat lady teacher.

You'll drop or almost drop your phone in the toilet or maybe you'll be like me and hear a teacher talking on the phone to her friend about how she dropped hers in the toilet. (Osuna)

Your Dell WILL have a computer fart and it'll delete that essay you'd been working on for 3 hours. You'll have to rewrite it.

You'll end up canceling a date with the guy you were sure was 100% pure boyfriend

Final Walk

by Kaicey Santacruz

After countless all-nighters, last minute Starbucks and early mornings, the big moment is finally here. Yes seniors, you're finally graduating.

On the evening of June 8th, seniors will grace their caps and gowns and walk down Panther Stadium, receiving their hard earned diploma. This milestone has been worked on for the past 4 years, through perseverance, dedication and multiple coffee breaks. After surviving the past four years, seniors will embark on the next step



of their lives; whether that be continuing their education at a college of their choice, serving in the armed forces, or entering the workforce. The class of 2016 is looking to be one of the most successful classes yet, having the most UC acceptances in the district. That evening friends and family will fill the stands, beaming down on their loved ones as

they watch them cross the stage and be awarded their diplomas, surely proud of their accomplishments.

While graduating means turning a new leaf and moving on in life, that doesn't necessarily mean they have to leave it all behind. Though this time can be bittersweet, countless memories have been made here, whether it be the excitement you had at your first school dance or when you scored a point in your beloved sport. Days may come and go, but the memories made will always be there. June 8th, these seniors will no

longer be students, but Perris High Alumni. Watch out world, here comes the Class of 2016.



there's something like 850 of them left, don't worry you'll get through it.

You'll be walking across that stage in a Perris green cap and gown with all your friends in no time, or you'll be like me and walk across it alone because they'll all be watching you from the bleachers because the majority of them were juniors. Either or, you'll receive that fake diploma and the confetti cannons will shoot off into the air, all the caps around you will go up and as they come down you'll whisper inside yourself, "I make it.", because you did, you really really did.

You won't be perfect. No one is. You'll be late or you'll be early. You'll leave your earphones at home. And dang it you left you snacks right there next to them. It's okay. Breathe. You'll have early onset Alzheimer's disease when it comes to everything. You'll change your mind. You'll change your heart. Don't worry, it won't turn out the way you thought it would.



PANTHER SPORTS



Determination

by Angel Carrillo

Just finishing their season, the golf team was proud of how much they have worked towards improving this year. This year's team was full of new and previous players. The golf team captain Erick Preciado, senior, was interviewed to explain what being part of golf is all about. Now, it is obvious that we do not have a golf course at Perris High School. All of the team's practices takes place at the Diamond Valley Golf Course and the team is coached by Charles Adams who is a math teacher at Heritage High School. Preciado described Adams as "a patient and caring man that wants to help us become better."

Since the golf season takes part in spring, it is notable that this season is full of patience just as the sport itself. Preciado specified "It's important to be



patient. Even professionals have a hard time when they get frustrated!" What attire may a golfer be wearing at their game you may ask? Preciado said that the normal clothing they wear is "a Nike polo, khakis, and a stylish visor." What a great choice in clothing, especially when the goal

is to look classy and determined at the same time! This year the golf team had a lot of great moments and fun times! Preciado even had the opportunity of playing in League Preliminaries. He highly encourages people to try out or if someone is interested, to give golf a chance. Anyone who may be thinking about joining could experience something similar to what has been a

tremendously productive season for the Perris High Golf Team.

Never Give Up!

by Miguel Canchola

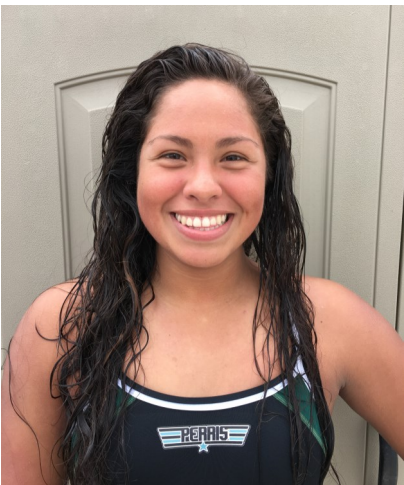
Perris High School Swim Team Coach Matt Schmidt picked not just one, but two MVPs. Yes, two were selected for their hard work and dedication towards each swim meet. Both of these ladies deserve recognition. "It's weird to say but I really really really dislike competitive swimming," said Melinda Medina. "Yet, there's a bittersweet feeling now that the season is going to be over."



Melinda Medina

"You have an inner strength that has to be shown," shared Sonia Adame. "Feel our hearts, pounding muscles, burning lungs. Screaming our love and hate for our oppo-

ponents. Feel the insane drive to keep pushing; To get to the wall, to win. I am a swimmer, I am a champion." Even though the Perris High School Swim Team didn't win any meets, that clearly didn't let them stop fighting. Each swim meet they fought a good fight with their



Sonia Adame

opponents, tried their hardest and never gave up. "Each swim member is important to our team," said Schmidt. "Our Varsity team puts up a good fight, even though we don't win at the end. The best experience with my girls is when giving them that extra push to not give up."

Cheerleading Tryouts

by Amber Guzman

During the week of May 16 through the 20, Perris Cheer had tryouts for our new shining stars. Every day for that week they stayed in the multi-purpose room after school . . . training hard. There are many hard working students that are determined to make sure next year's cheer will be the best. Miguel Canchola, current cheer captain, expressed how proud he is to say that the trainee's are showing amazing improvements and believes that next year's cheer will exceed all others. All who attended the weeks practice will most likely make it in Cheer next year and are already showing how outstanding they are, all seeming willing to commit their time

and complete focus. Canchola also added that besides all the rumors and down talk towards Cheer, "It continues to be an active sport and gives the students as much athleticism and strength as any other sport on campus and we are all proud to cheer for Perris High." The school looks forward to watching these students grow and make their mark here at Perris High.

Senior Night

by Miguel Canchola

Perris High School's Boys Varsity Volleyball coach, Gerardo Regalado recalls this season to be by far one of the best so far. 19 wins and 6 losses throughout their season. This season each volleyball player brought their A game. Their Most Valuable Player (MVP), Javier Quinones, junior, said. "Size doesn't matter. Being tall doesn't mean you can get the ball over the net or hit hard enough." "By far the best experience as a head coach," Regalado said. "Seeing each player grow is by far—the best."

Perris High School's Boys Volleyball team brought the roof down on Tuesday, April 25th. They played Murrieta Valley High School on their special Senior Night. Their hard work and hours of practice paid off with dedication. Coach Regalado chose Quinones as a team player who brings the heart to volleyball.



Senior Sport MVP's

The PHS Coaching staff selected the following senior athletes to be recognized as MVPs in their support:

Football - Carlevon Manuel helped lead the team to an undefeated preseason.

Boy's Water Polo - Juan Trevizo was this season's star goalie.

Girl's Cross Country - Kaicey Santacruz helped motivate the team throughout the season and was this year's Athlete of the Year.

Boy's Cross Country - Gabriel Sanchez has continued his 3rd trip to CIF and became the Sunbelt League Champion.

Girl's Tennis - Cierra Croom was a valuable member to this season's memorable team.

Boy's Soccer - Jesus Gutierrez & Jonathan Maciel both helped lead the team to the 2nd round of CIF and received MVP Offense.

Girl's Soccer - Leilani Amaya was 4th year varsity captain as well as MVP Offense.

Boy's Wrestling - Ivan Huary

Girl's Basketball - April McDaniel was the leading scorer for the varsity team.

Girl's Water Polo - Jenny Bailon helped lead this team to a memorable year with multiple wins over the season.

Boy's Swim - Ignacio Barrios had his best swim season this year with many new personal bests.

Girl's Swim - Sonia Adame had a killer season with her backstroke.

Boy's Track & Field - Freddy Martinez, Ka Naad Hall and Nate Bell all competed at League Finals with personal bests in the 800m, triple jump and discus.

Girl's Track & Field - Monserrat Ojeda competed at League Finals and finished the season with a 1600m personal best of 5:50.

Baseball - Rene Huizar helped PHS baseball perform one of their best seasons yet.

Softball - Monica Bermudez led the Varsity team to a stellar season as catcher.

PANTHER ATHLETES

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One Last Run at Home

by Kaicey Santacruz & Vong Yang

The Track and Field Senior Night was held on Thursday, April 21st, at the Perris High stadium where the team went against . . . and defeated Lakeside High School in one of the biggest wins of the season. Notable runners for that day included Monserrat Ojeda, senior, and Tanya Loredo, junior, who took 1st place and 2nd place in both the mile and 800m races. The crowd cheered as the two girls, along with Elva Vera, sophomore, swept all distance events, taking home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Another notable runner was Freddy Martinez, senior, who used this race as a trial run for the upcoming race against Paloma High

School, one of the league's best teams. Martinez would end up competing at league finals in the 800m. Sprints also took home big wins as the 4x100m took home both 1st and 2nd after a last minute addition to the heat. The last event of this home meet was bittersweet as Perris High took 1st place by default, with Lakeside not having a 4x400m team. Along with this amazing win, the boys finished the season with 7-3 and the girls 8-2, resulting in huge wins for both teams. Great job!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

An Instrument Can Change Your Life



by Mirian Garibay

Joshua Moreno is freshmen at Perris High School; he has been playing the violin since November of 2014. “It all started when I saw a girl playing the violin in the street,” said Moreno.

His passion for this instrument came to life when he saw her. He convinced his parents to buy him a violin. The first hurdle to realizing his dream was the cost of a teacher. Not to be defeated, he began to watch YouTube videos to learn how to play. His passion for this instrument was evident as he put all his time and effort into learning. “I cannot let one day pass without playing it— it’s just part of me.” Moreno shared that the violin has changed his life completely. He used to be a kid with many problems, but the violin became an escape. The only person who motivates him to continue paying the violin is Lindsey Stirling, a famous and recognized violinist who is also his favorite artist. Moreno’s story proves that when passion towards something is real, there will be no obstacle that will stop you from doing what you love.

Lip Sync LIVE at PHS

by Imelda Llamas



There was a full House at the Panther Lip Sync. On stage - entertainment extraordinaire! Our PHS staff and students made their way onto the stage on April 29th. It was a night to remember as we watched some amazing performances like the ones put on by the Special Ed department, AG department, English teachers and a few classified staff; they were all on stage in action to amaze us with their hidden talents. We were entertained by Angie Osuna, Francisco

Macias, Meghan Tehselder, Norma Carillo, Lori Hays, Nate Johnson, Steve Walters, Richard Sweeney, German Loustaunau, Julia Peacock, and Velma Borrows. Not to be outshined, we also had some students on stage that night, including the ASB junior class. This performance has turned into an annual favorite for the Perris High School community.

Artistic Students by Imelda Llamas

We sometimes ask ourselves what inspires artists to create their works of art; wonder no more about these PHS artists. Anthony Cueto, junior, (right) shared that the prehistoric times inspires him to draw because they no longer live in this world; it’s a way for him to have a certain connection with something that once lived but is



Arleth Pacheco, sophomore, (left) is inspired by the artists Andrew Griffith and Alex Mine. She likes the complexity of art—that it can be both dark and bright and can express feelings and emotions.



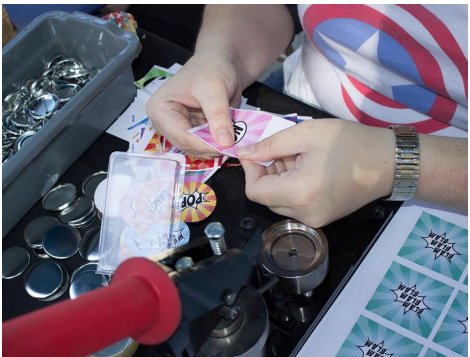
Luis Gueta, junior, (above) finds his inspiration from his country of Mexico because he was born and raised there. He feels like his work really represents who he is as a person and he came from.



Lissette Avila, junior, (above) was inspired by a person that she saw who used various colors and objects as art work. Avila expresses herself through her art and thinks art is a beautiful thing to be able to create. In the future, she wants to be an art teacher, an art museum curator, or a professional artist.



The class sorts through all the comics and jot down ideas about what they would want to learn to create.



RCC students along and PHS Panthers demonstrate their creativity as they make pins and buttons based on comic logos and symbols

COMIC ART FAIR

by Eduardo Campos & Jose Garcia

At the beautiful campus of Riverside Community College, Innovative hosted a Comic Art Fair. The Fair is for creative students both RCC and Perris Panthers as well as students from many other schools who have a passion for comics books ranging from comics from here in the US to as far as Japan. RCC holds this convention every year for all comic book lovers. One fellow Panther by the name of Leonardo Sanchez was at the Fair. When asked the

question “Why did you come to the fair and would you recommend other people to come?” He shared, “I came because I’ve always had a passion for comic books and would I recommend comic books to others? Yea I would, people judge it as a “nerdy” thing but it’s actually pretty interesting, funny and awesome; yea everyone should check it out.” Above are some of the interesting aspects of the Fair.

VAPA PRESENTS

by Danica Everett

Perris High hosted an art walk with a Drama/ Band performance on May 5th in the MPR. This gave students the opportunity to show off their work to parents, teachers and other students. The exhibitors also had the opportunity to see what it is we do here at Perris High in Drama and in Band. Together they performed an orchestral and musical number from the production of Hairspray, “You Can’t Stop the Beat”. This tune rocked the MPR with flawless lead vocals from Gabriella Zuniga and background vocals from other enthusiastic drama students. Besides the knockout band/drama duet, band performed Lady of Spain, and Sutherland Summit for the audience. Ceramics, Photo, Web Design, and Art lead by Carolina Avalos, Ceramics teacher, Lisa

Llexim, Photography teacher, David Sanchez, Web Design teacher, and Shelley Estes displayed various art forms from Perris High’s most artistic students. The band was led by Donald Cerchia, Band director. At the end of the night ASB raffled off two 2016 Warped tour tickets to everyone who attended the show. At the end of the night Steve Walters, Drama teacher, dipped his hand into a bucket of tickets to pull the winning numbers, true anticipation with each number read, the final match was a doubtful ticket owner—Alyssa Cabral. This lucky winner couldn’t be more excited about the Warped tour lineup. This art show was a great chance for teachers, parents, and students to share a couple of hours together while enjoying art, music, a special performance and a raffle.

Movie Review: The Jungle Book

by Alma Rodriguez

During the 21st century a lot of things have improved and you can add photorealistic computer-generated imagery (CGI) to the list. The Jungle Book is the perfect example of how CGI has improved. Jon Favreau turns Rudyard Kipling’s classic children’s tale into a jaw-dropping film. As we explore the jungle with Mowgli (Neel Sethi) we see as Kipling’s characterization on animals turn to life. As we dance and sing



with different animals in the jungle, we also shriek to the sight of Shere Khan (Idris Elba) and Kaa (Scarlett Johansson). As the man cub, Mowgli, grows with his pack, Kaa threatens the pack by stating that men are evil and that he will kill Mowgli whatever the cost. In this movie we follow Mowgli and his quest to go back to the man village and Bagheera, Ben Kingsley, accompanies him. Do not miss the opportunity to watch this movie now that it is in movie theatres.

RELAY FOR LIFE

by Jose Salas

Relay for Life took place on April 23rd and for the 2nd year in a row ,was held at Foss Field Park. Relay for Life is an event held by American Cancer Society for the benefit of cancer research. The Relay for Life highlights those who have survived cancer and is the largest and most significant fundraising event to find a cure for cancer.

A total of 19 teams attended the event; the teams stayed up for a whole twenty-four hours not only to fundraise for people who are currently fighting cancer, but also recognize the struggle that a cancer patient goes through when they are in their process of fighting cancer.


In order to keep the relayers busy, there was a flurry of activities that occurred

throughout the twenty-four hours. The morning included an opening ceremony that featured survivors and their experiences with cancer. Throughout the day, events such as an air guitar battle, auction, and lip sync all took place and kept the participants busy.

At the end of the relay, everyone gathered for their last lap and had their closing ceremony. The Relay raised an impressive \$39,222, which will go to the American Cancer Society so that they can continue researching cancer and hopefully one day find a cure.



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Get Yo’ Frappuccino!

by Vong Yang

Starbucks Happy Hour was a welcoming promotion which offered frappuccino beverage blends at 50% off. This promotion began on May 3rd and continued until May 15th, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M, at all Starbucks. This promotion allowed employees to engage with customers as they decided which beverage to drink. This was also a chance for new people to give Starbucks a try as prices were much cheaper than usual. More importantly, however, this promotion was to help the workers manage their time wisely with crowds and beverages as they transition into the hot summer.

Brittany, store manager of Ethanac Starbucks, said that this has been the sixth year

since the introduction of Happy Hour, making it a fairly new addition to Starbucks. “As a result of attracting so many customers,” Brittany said, “there were times when the place was too crowded.” To solve this issue, Starbucks created a rewards program. This program allowed people to sign up to receive Starbucks rewards by using gift cards, which gave them benefits such as free drinks from time to time. These benefits also applied to the Happy Hour, such as having the privilege of ordering beverages before non-card holders and having an extra hour each day when the happy hour shift ended-- from the usual 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. This extra hour may not seem so practical for an average person, but for those coffee enthusiasts who have to wait in long lines, this is a blessing.



It’s Perris Green!

By Danica Everett

The Perris Green City Garden, located on North D. Street, is more than just a garden, it is our backyards future. Perris garden feature harvesting structures that are as simple as raised garden beds and used tires to systems we haven’t seen before like Aeroponics, 6 foot gardening towers, aquaponics, and hydroponics.

The Perris Green City Garden was open to the public on Saturday, April 23 and offered tours ran by Melanie Nieman, an Easter Municipal Water District (EMWD) representative. She talked about all of the futuristic systems Perris Garden has to offer and the benefits that differ from system to system.

Using raised garden beds and old tractor tires use less water than a conventional flat garden, have less maintenance, and grow larger more plentiful harvests. Aeroponics is a process in which you grow plants vertically without the use of soil. Though you cannot grow underground plants like carrots and radishes you can grow leafy greens and herbs like spinach and rosemary.

Like Aeroponics, Hydroponics is a method of growing plants using mineral nutrient solutions and water. Instead of soil the hydroponic system used clay spheres which hold in moisture and nutrients. These systems use 98% less water than regular gardening and raised beds and there is no need for weeding and worrying about pests and pollutants because they are less of an issue.

Among all these systems listed, compost fertilizer is also made at the Perris Green City Garden out of fruit and vegetable scraps inside of another system called Garden Towers. These systems, with time, create worm generated compost that feed your plants everyday. This self contained garden is also weed free, 100% recyclable and can grow underground vegetables like radishes and carrots.

The final system that the Perris garden offers is Aquaponics. This system refers to any network that combines conventional aquaculture (raising aquatic animals like snails, fish, lobster type crayfish, and prawns (shrimp) in tanks) with hydroponics in a work together environment. This ecosystem starts with the water life. Excretions from the animals being raised can accumulate in the water increasing toxicity which is fed to a hydroponic system where the by-products are broken down and are utilized by the plants as nutrients and the water is then recirculated back to the aquaculture system. Plants that are common in salads (chiles, lettuce, snow peas, tomatoes etc.) have the most success in an aquaponic system. This mini system was donated to us from Cal Poly



Pomona and features several goldfish but in the future Perris Garden wants to expand the ecosystem to make it larger and more plentiful with larger fish like tilapia.

Designs have been brought together to expand the garden making it larger for more production and growth support for the community. The Perris City Green Garden hopes to get more supporters and volunteers in the near future for expansion. Volunteer and donation applications can be picked up at City Hall.