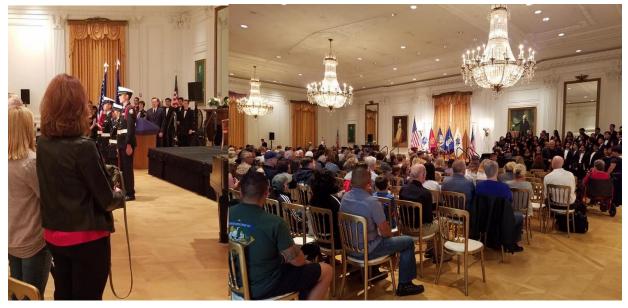


November 15, 2019

It was wonderful to have Monday off to celebrate and recognize the military veterans of our nation. While most of us took the time to enjoy the day, resting and relaxing, some groups of Troy students were also part of Veterans Day celebrations throughout the Southland!



Here is our NJROTC color guard at the Nixon Library for their Veterans Day event! We were also at the Fullerton Veterans Day Parade, which for our NJROTC is a yearly tradition and something in which we love taking part.



Our NJROTC also had the honor of participating in the first ever Veterans Day LA event at the Memorial Coliseum. We hope to also be involved in this event in the years to come.

Troy Challenge Success update! Here is my weekly Challenge Success Parent Survey completion numbers update.



In a super slight improvement on completion of our Parent Survey this week, the responses have increased from 401 parents to 418. Thank you to our 418 parents / guardians who have completed the survey. Time is running out, and your chance to have your voice be heard as part of the study is also running out. Stanford has completed their analysis of the student surveys, but they are still waiting on more of our parents to complete enough surveys in order to have more reliable data. The last day to complete the survey is November 30, 2019. <sup>(2)</sup> Troy High School Parent Survey Link: <u>http://bit.ly/2kuTHSps</u>

It is still competition season for our Marching Band and Warrior Guard! I know many of us have seen the messages from our Band Director, Mr. Jo-jo Castillo and I hope everyone is sensing the pride he has for our students. They have worked exceptionally hard this year and they are preparing for the semifinals at Irvine High School. If things go as planned they will be performing again on November 23<sup>rd</sup>! Go Warriors!



The fall sports season will soon come to a close. Our Boys' Cross Country and our Girls' Golf teams are still in competition, but for all our other fall teams the season has ended. Last week, Girls' Tennis and also Football saw their seasons come to a close. The Girls' Tennis team is always a favorite to go to the Finals. Our football team, having worked very hard the past two years to have an opportunity to make it again to the playoffs, this year they succeeded. While their season ended last Friday night, they have the core upon which to build stronger teams each year for the foreseeable future! We are proud of every fall sports team, and this year every single team moved to the postseason. Great job, Warriors!

It is already tour time for Troy Tech and Open Enrollment for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2020-2021 school year. Already we have done three tours and it helps those families thinking of Troy to make up their minds. Of course being able to travel the campus and give a glimpse of our culture and classroom instruction is a huge benefit. Also being able to take the time to answer questions regarding our programs, pathways, and sports programs is also how we help convey the benefits of Troy High School. Thank you for everyone who has been very instrumental in opening doors for students seeking to come to our school!



On Wednesday we held one of several Signing Days for students at Troy that have been offered admission and scholarships to play collegiate sports next year. This fall all the members being recognized were for the first time in my memory, young ladies! Is this a surprise? I don't think so. We have awesome sports teams, and often our girls teams are among the best!



Right on cue, our Girls' Golf team has again earned another berth in the California State Championship tournament beginning on Monday up in Monterrey. Our team is the defending

State Champions, and they will be a force to be reckoned with next week. Great job at Brookside Golf Course on Thursday and on qualifying for State! We will be watching the leaderboard closely on Monday! Go Warriors!



Last weekend, Troy student 11<sup>th</sup> grader Ethan Huang performed in the All National Honor Concert Band in a concert held in Orlando, Florida. He had the opportunity to be part of this group with students from across the nation and three other students from California. Ethan plays the bass clarinet and was in the second chair. Being a musician of this caliber is extraordinary, and I can only wonder what his future career in music will become! Pictured with Ethan at right is the conductor of the All National Concert Band, Dr. Emily Threinen from the University of Minnesota. Thank you to Ethan for representing Troy and California!

Kaitlyn Bokyung	Jang	Silver Medal	Fullerton
Katrina	Mizuo	Silver Medal	La Mirada
Sarah	Yoon	Silver Medal	Fullerton

These three Troy students were among twenty-two students recognized last Saturday at the Congressional Award for California's 39<sup>th</sup> District at a ceremony held at the Nixon Presidential Library. Congressman Gil Cisneros presided over the awarding of the medals, and reminded the crowd that this is the highest honor bestowed upon a youth civilian through the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The honor is recognition of initiative, service, and achievement in youth, ages 13 ½ to 23 years of age.



At the FJUHSD Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday evening, senior Ms. Megan Loh was recognized for her numerous achievements while attending Troy High School. Her most recent achievement garnering her national attention was her attainment the National Gold Award Girl Scouts as only one of ten girls selected out of 6,000 potential candidates. Megan was also recognized on the U.S. Congress House Floor by 39<sup>th</sup> District Congressman, Gil Cisneros and these are his comments on the floor.

"Mr./Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 39th Congressional District resident Megan Loh and her passion to ensure more young women and girls are represented and encouraged to participate in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Megan, an avid Girl Scout and Troy High School Student from Fullerton, formed her own nonprofit, GEARup4Youth to encourage girls' interests in STEAM and STEM career paths. GEARup4Youth has already benefited more than 9,500 girls to date. Megan also initiated the first girls-only robotics classes at a local Boys & Girls Club. And she partnered with over 200 organizations from national STEM groups, and the LA County of Education, to children's museums and public libraries—to host presentations, family STEM events, and expos about her technology curriculum."

"Megan authored her own book, 'Easy STEM Activities You Can Do at Home!' in order to broaden more young girl's interests in STEAM. For all her amazing and passionate work on behalf of young girls, Megan was named one of the 2019 National Gold Award Girl Scouts. In Megan's own words, we must continue to show young girls that "they do belong and that tech fields aren't simply open to them, but need them." As an education advocate, I couldn't agree more. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my sincerest congratulations to Megan and thank her for all her work on behalf of young women like herself." *"Thank you, Mr./Madam Speaker, and I yield back the balance of my time."* It truly was my honor to speak about Megan to our Board of Trustees. I know all of us in the Troy community will be following Megan's continued success and future very closely, as she is one of the most driven and capable students with which any of us have ever had the opportunity to be associated. She will continue to do amazing things!



Yesterday and today we have tables with Grateful-Gram postcards. At the end of the day we will have all the various cards from students and they will be delivered on Monday. There will also be posters such as the one pictured that will give students the opportunity to write down notes about things for which they are thankful or grateful. With Thanksgiving the week after next, this is a nice time to step back and count all our blessings. Thank you to Ms. Tiffany Wilson, our Challenge Success team, and our ASB for helping create this opportunity for our school community.

Today is absolutely fantastic and I am so grateful for the fall like weather. Enjoy it, because over the next two days we will have a short lived heat wave. 20 degrees hotter by

Sunday! However, we have a reprieve on the horizon with light rain in the forecast for next Wednesday and Thursday. Just in time for us to get ready for Thanksgiving Break!

Students a reminder, we are <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> through the semester and after Thanksgiving Break time will really begin to move through the end of the semester. Now is the time to bear down and take advantage of next week before Thanksgiving Break to speak with your teachers and do what you need to get done to prepare for the final push for the fall semester. Don't forget, Monday is a Late-Start!

I hope everyone will have a great weekend, taking some time to rest and relax and perhaps go for a Sunday Drive. If you recall, last weekend I wrote of taking a drive looking to find more fall colors. Well, I did a little bit of that and also went to a local drive-through with Luna. She likes to stick her head out the window, but to protect her eyes, she enjoys her protective glasses. ©



These pictures make me laugh every time... Have a great weekend and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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