



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



April 22, 2016

It has been another typical week at Troy High School. Very, very, busy! We are wrapping up our regular SBAC/CAASPP testing, and have only makeups remaining after today. Troy's James Bond themed Prom is tomorrow night, so it is likely many of our students may be a little preoccupied. We have sold 800 prom tickets thus far, and this venue is fantastic. This is going to be one of largest and best proms in our school's history!

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday night, FJUHSD honored the ASB advisors, ASB school presidents, and class student leaders. Troy was well represented by ASB advisor, Ms. Christina Owens, along with Troy's ASB president and our class ASB leaders!



Congratulations to Troy senior, Winnie Wang for receiving a select honor when she earned the Gates Millennium Scholarship! This scholarship will pay for college up to ten years and through doctoral level! It is a very difficult scholarship to obtain and Winnie was able to convey how exceptional she is academically to merit the investment by the Gates Foundation!



In what is one of the marquee events at Troy High School, we are preparing for our Annual Troy Tech Fair on Thursday, April 28th! Student exhibitions of their internships will run from 10:30am—12:15pm and 6:00—7:15pm in both the North and South Gyms! Additionally there will be a Troy Tech 30 Year Celebration and Troy Tech Senior Recognition Ceremony in

the North Gym from 7:30—8:30pm. Thank you to Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum and all the many people that help this event be the wonderful celebration of student achievement it has become for 30 years!

Every year AP Economics Teacher, Mr. David St. Clair prepares his students to perform at a “5” level on the AP Exam in May. Prior to that momentous occasion, Mr. St. Clair encourages the students to enter into various Economic competitions that are offered throughout the So Cal region. Last weekend, Troy High School's Economics students finished 2nd in the Olympiad for Financial Literacy, Economics, and Business held at Cal State Fullerton! We did very well, especially considering there were over 300 participants from schools throughout CA! Mr. St. Clair also reported our individual student award winners, and they were: Brian Gahly, finished 2nd in the Business Plan competition. Daniel Flanagan and Ezekiel Levin, finished 3rd in the Financial Video competition. Shanel Huang, Joseph Jung, and Woo Seok Jung, finished 3rd in the Financial Literacy competition. Last but certainly not least, William Dai finished 1st in the Business News Competition. Great job Warriors!

There are various news media entities that rank schools throughout the nation. The rankings often are by categories and fall within state and national levels. Each news media entity creates their own metrics to create their school rankings, so there is often a large disparity between the different ranking entities. That being said, U.S. News and World Report has released their 2016 rankings and Troy has improved over 2015. As an overall high school, Troy is ranked #432 nationally and #69 in California. Our Troy Tech Magnet program is ranked #70 in the nation and in the STEM category we have been ranked the #10 STEM school at the national level! Taking a look at the other nine STEM schools in the top ten nationally, we are the #1 STEM school nationally with an enrollment of over 2000 students. Here is the email address to U.S. News and World Report. <http://www.usnews.com/info/blogs/press-room/articles/2016-04-19/us-news-releases-the-2016-best-high-schools-rankings>



Who are these guys? They are part of Troy's famous FBLA program! Advisor, Ms. Deborah Henniger reported that last weekend Troy placed 9th in California State competition! This is a program that is steadily getting stronger and I think there are great things in store for them in the 2016-17 school year! Additionally, eight students qualified for the National Finals! They are:

Adhitya Logan - 4th place in Agribusiness

Evan Mei - 4th place in 3D Animation

Austin Shin - 4th place, Desktop Application Programming

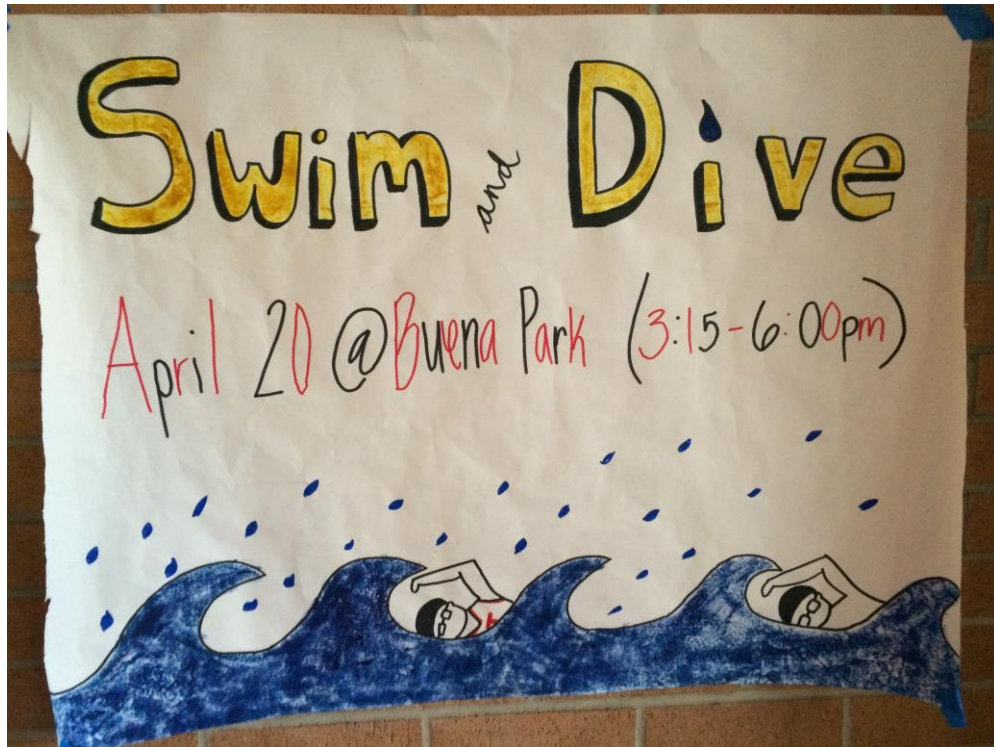
Bryan Ghaly - 2nd place in Accounting II

Marcus Wong and Kyle Wong - 2nd place in Computer Game & Simulation

1st place in Insurance & Risk Management - Elliot Stahr

1st place in Impromptu Speaking - Ahmed Abdalla





Spring sports continues to go well for Troy Athletics! Swim and Dive teams are having another good season, despite the travel for practice and all competitions! One more year and then we will have our new pool and we will be able to easily watch our teams! Additionally, our Track and Field, Tennis, Softball, and Baseball teams all had a good week thus far. I think we can all begin to eye the playoffs and prepare for the postseason! Again, and I think it bears repeating, our athletics is supportive of our academics. Sports and other extra-curricular activities together help create the well rounded young adults that are the hallmark of Troy High School. This is increasingly what the colleges and universities are looking for as well.



Yet another group of Troy students, applying their knowledge in competition were from our AP Statistics classes taught by Ms. Andraya Eisenman and Mr. Paul Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez provided the details and pictures of the event. “Last Saturday, April 16th, about 80 students across southern California competed in the annual poster competition held at Chapman University. Approximately, 40 of those students were from Troy High School. The competition awarded six prizes, of which five were runners up and one grand prize. Of these awards, Troy students captured five of the six awards, including winning the top overall poster.” Great job at this event, and congratulations on your achievement to all our Warriors!



Kudos to our school cafeteria! Ms. Geri Imler our lead in Troy’s kitchen was happy to inform me that our custodians are doing a fantastic job in the cafeteria. The result is another Award of Excellence from the Orange County Health Department! To be fair, this is a combined effort by both the teams that work in the kitchen, and our custodians. Thank you to both teams for working exceptionally well together and benefiting our students at this very high level!



We are nearing the final major theatre production of the school year! This year the spring musical is called *Urinetown*. It is my understanding this is a comedy. It promises to be a very interesting and challenging musical and I am looking forward to this production to showcase our theatre and choir programs!



Last evening, Troy held its 3rd Annual Wally Awards, tied to our Film Festival. This is our version of the Oscars, handed out for the Academy Awards. Our event began at 6:00pm and ran until 8:00pm. In that time there were six or eight categories spanning from film trailers and commercials, to horror, dramas, comedy, and documentaries. This is the second year I have seen this event and it is attracting some real quality films. The level of production is improving every year, and the winners in each category possessed both good storylines and production quality.

I have included some of the “publication photos” of the event. As it turns out Purgatory was the overall winner of the 3rd Annual Wally Awards! Great job students and Film/Media teachers, Mr. Jesse Knowles and Mr. Jim Falletta! Go Warriors!



It is almost the weekend! I hope everyone has the time to get out and enjoy time with family and friends. I will be attending the Prom along with many Troy students and staff members! Have a great weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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