



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



May 1, 2020

Photo by Donna Mynster: Roses in Alta Loma

Wow, it is hard to believe we are in the month of May! Despite the pandemic and disruption to our normal lives and routines, as a school community we are still moving forward and to that end I have much interesting and awesome news this week! We have a wonderful school, district, and community and it is not by chance. Decades of dedication and work by our entire community have enabled our school district and Troy High School to be outstanding educational institutions they are today. This is what happens when a community puts 100% of its heart and soul into its kids and if you don't already know what I mean, I think you will by the end of this newsletter. Meanwhile and someday soon, we will begin to return to our normal lives and will once again be able to be together at Troy and in the community. We all look forward to that day, and we are getting closer. Class of 2020 and their parents, look for an email from me later today with some details specific to graduation and the end of the school year. Stay strong, Warriors!

AP Exams are coming with the first exams on May 11th! With the new testing formats here is more key info! This information is also posted on our school's website.

Additional information is now available to help you through the AP® Exam day experience:

New Resources

- [2020 AP Testing Guide](#) (.pdf/10.9 MB): The guide, designed for educators to walk their

students through test day, provides information about:

- The AP Exam e-ticket
- Five steps to take before test day
- Understanding the test day experience
- Exam scores, credit, and placement
- [2020 AP Exam Day Checklist](#) (.pdf/526 KB): Teachers should have their students complete this checklist for each exam they take and keep it next to them while testing.
- [Explainer Videos](#): New videos are available to give students quick, easily accessible information about their test day experience, what they need to do to prepare, exam security, and more. Explore the [playlist](#).

Other Reminders

- **AP Exam Demo (available May 4):** AP students should use the clickable exam demo to practice the different ways to submit their exam responses. The demo will help students confirm that their testing device will be able to access and run the online exam. If they can't access the demo, the final slide of the Testing Guide can help them troubleshoot. The sample content in the demo will be the same for all users and isn't a practice exam. We'll send educators and students an email to remind them when the demo is available. **Please encourage your students to take this important preparation step.**

Information for AP Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish Language and Culture Exams:

- The above exams will be administered using a new dedicated app, the **AP World Languages Exam App**. Students taking these exams **must use this app on smartphones or tablets**. This free app will be available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store the week of May 11. We'll email students and their

teachers to let them know when the app is available to download. Visit [our site](#) for more details.

- A video walk-through of the test-taking experience will be available the week of May 4.
- Details on accommodations for the above exams are also [now available](#).
- If your students are unsure about accessing the app, or if they don't have a device, they can fill out [this survey](#) (or you can complete it on their behalf) as soon as possible so we can help support them (applicable to U.S. and U.S. territories).
- **Information for AP Music Theory Exams:**
 - Before exam day, students will need to print or hand-copy the 2020 Music Theory Answer Sheet and gain access to an audio recording app or software before exam day. Please see more information on the [website](#).

https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule?SFMC_cid=EM298257-&rid=29613194

Yesterday was our first and likely only Virtual Troy Tech Fair. In case you missed it, the link is still live through Saturday, so unlike past Troy Tech Fairs, there is still an opportunity for you to check it out! 😊 The Virtual Troy Tech Fair is today! [LINK to VIRTUAL Troy Tech Fair](#) will be active through Saturday, May 2nd.

Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum-Bonnett wrote, *“Congratulations Troy Tech Class of 2020 Seniors! The Troy High School staff congratulates all 406 Troy Tech Seniors on completion of the four year Troy Tech Magnet Program at Troy High School in Fullerton, California. Though we are limited to this virtual format, we celebrate with you all the same! We recognize your participation in the internship experiences represented in the following presentation. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and look forward to hearing of your future success. We invite Troy staff, Troy current and incoming families, and Troy Tech*

Mentors to honor YOU. On behalf of the entire Troy High School staff, I congratulate you.”

Laurie Downum-Bonnett, Troy Tech Coordinator [LINK to Video Welcome Message](#)

Troy Families:

April 30, 2020

Virtual Troy Tech Fair

featuring our 407 Troy Tech Seniors
The link will be sent to you that day.



In eSports news, in Round 2 of the NASEF *League of Legends* tournament, yesterday, Troy eSports manager, Mr. Carlos Aldaco informed me that our Troy team defeated Valencia High School 2-1. Round 3 will be next week against University High School. More information will be forthcoming but our *League of Legends* team has a reputation as being extremely difficult to defeat! Go Warriors!

In CyberPatriot news, the National Championship will be held tomorrow and we have four teams in this competition! I cannot do a better job than our cyber Warrior's coach, so here is what Mr. Allen Stubblefield wrote earlier this week. "Troy will compete this Saturday, May 2, in the CyberPatriot high school nationals competition. Previously scheduled for Washington DC on March 21, this year's competition was rescheduled to be online with each student competing from their own home.

There are two divisions: Open and All-Service.

Troy is the defending National Champion in the Open Division with team **Troy Tech Support**.

We lost only one team member from last year's team, so our team of six will be seniors **Jimmy**

Li (captain), **Rahil Shah**, **Joseph Xu**, **Clement Chan**, junior and new team member **Even Deters** and sophomore **Timothy Kim**.



Troy was last year's National Runner's Up in the All-Service Division. Troy is also sending two other teams in the All-Service Division; we were ranked 2nd, 3rd and 4th nationally after the February semi finals.

= Senior **Lavanya Garg**, the team captain of last year's runner-up team now heads up team **PICNICS** along with seniors **Nicole Wong**, **Jessica Leung**, sophomore **Andrea Florendo**, and freshmen **Brian Ni** and **Chan Chung**.



= Team **Fight 4 Tyler** has senior **Brendon Won**, juniors **Safe Gergis** (captain), **Sky Jung**, **Junha Kim** and **George Yang**.

Team CTRL-S NATIONAL FINALISTS



= Team **Subtle Cyber Traits** is making their second consecutive appearance with seniors **Gabriel Fok** (captain), **Aaron Yi**, **David Chang**, **Patrick Florendo**, **Charissa Kim** and sophomore **Zachary Dang**.



Charissa Kim will be Troy's first cyber All-American having competed at Nationals for all four years of her high school career.



The competition has two phases:

9 am-12:30 pm is the Master Security Challenge. 5 team members work to keep a small businesses network and computer systems and servers online despite the best attempts by the Red Team to hack into their system.

2:30-4 pm is the Cisco Networking Challenge. 5 team members will work together to configure a virtual network while answering quiz questions.

The awards ceremony will be on Sunday, May 3 online from 3:30-5 pm. This is Troy's 6th appearance at Nationals.”

Congratulations, and thank you to all our students, Cyber coaches/teachers, parents, and district/school technology staff, whom have made this event possible. It is not easy to get to the level of this national championship, let alone help organize something that was going to be in person, only to go full online. Go Warriors!

On Tuesday a number of our teachers and quite a few students participated in an event that is normally in person. Troy Computer Science Teacher, Mr. Don Allen gave me the details on this event. *“Yesterday Joe Coglianese, Allen Stubblefield and myself virtually attended NCWIT's OC Aspirations in Computing Awards (<https://www.aspirations.org/>) ceremony hosted by UCI.*

While most schools had only 2 or 3 students being recognized, and I do not think any school had more than 5, Troy had 32 young ladies being recognized. In addition, Allen Stubblefield was selected as an Educator winner. (More on this is a bit.)

Should probably add that there were over 4700 applicants. (Do not know how won awards). Here is a list of the students that were recognized.

Alexis Raya, Jennifer Ho, Megan Loh, Aishwarya Sitaraman, Shivana Anand, Nicole Wong, Kanin Liang, Catherine Wang, Erin Liu, Charissa Kim, Veebha Havaldar, Ashmita Kumar, Charliene Lien, Natasha Barsagade, Ashley Suh, Ah Hyun Kim, Julia Hsing, Kexin Xie, Ashley Lin, Willow Huang, Terrie Kim, Kristy Kumagai, Katrina Mizuo, Esther Park Sneha Vivek, Vanessa Chen, Kendra Chen, Amisha Kumar, Boyue Dong, Noah Kim Susanna Cao, and Kaleigh Beachler.”

Additionally, Mr. Allen Stubblefield was named the NCWIT Orange County Educator of the Year! The students were recognized for their work in attracting more females to Information Technology. Mr. Stubblefield also pointed out that Troy also have a team of four ladies who we hope will be competing in the GirlsGoCyber nationals online competition in May. They find out if they qualify on May 6. Also, six of our CyberPatriot nationals competitors are female, as is our very first CyberPatriot All-American, Charissa Kim. To further support you ladies interested in technology, Troy also started the G-TEC club this year for Girls interested in Technology, Engineering and Computers. Congratulations to Mr. Stubblefield on NCWIT OC Educator of the Year as well as all our Troy Computer Science teachers and amazing students!

There is a high powered mathematics competition known as the *MC3 MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge*. Coach for the team Mr. Don Allen shared some fantastic news regarding some of our students. “Just wanted to forward this email bearing good news about 4 Troy Seniors. The seniors in this competition are Soham Bose, Jimmy Li, Lucas (Ho Lyun) Jeong and Rahil Shah. They finished second in the Technical Computing Awards:

Technical Computing Awards

Winner, \$3,000 Team Prize: Team 13662, Montgomery Blair High School

Runner Up, \$2,000 Team Prize: Team 13638, Troy High School

Third Place, \$1,000 Team Prize: Team 13403, Huron High School

This was the message to the students from the M3 Challenge.

“Dear M3 Challenge Finalist teams,

The top of the heap. The highest level of distinction. These terms apply to YOU, finalist teams! Regardless of what is your prize status, being a FINALIST means you have endured the most rigorous judging, discussions, and dissection of your work and is something for which you should be very proud. Differences between the quality of your papers exist but are typically quite small at this level. You are all the highest category of M3 Challenge winners.”

Congratulations Troy Warriors!

Today, May 1st is National Decision Day for students that have been accepted to colleges and universities. We have a strong group of seniors this year, and while many of them have already committed to their college or university I am going to wait for another week before spreading the good news on their choices! Look for info on this topic next Friday!

A few days ago, USA Today announced student athlete nominees for Athletes of the Year. From Troy High School we have a few nominees! In Girls Golf; Isabel Sy and Sherilyn Villanueva are nominees! In Girls' Soccer, Maribel Flores is a nominee! The awards ceremony will be announced on June 18th during an online awards show that will be streamed live on YouTube and at sportsawardsla.com.





Earlier this year our school held a Letter of Gratitude Campaign in which many students and staff wrote letters of gratitude on cards our paid for by our foundation. The messages were very uplifting and heartwarming. Troy Support Organization Foundation President, Ms. Christy Choi sent me an email with images of the cards, asking if this is something we would like to do again. I think it is a wonderful idea, and I am attaching images of the cards for everyone. If you would like to send these out in our Troy family and beyond, please feel free to copy and forward with a message!



TGIF. It is the weekend! This photo is from last weekend and is an example of my new pandemic designed hairstyle. I am watching a morning show on the *Cooking Channel* and Luna is very happy to curl up with me on the couch. We are all in school and we are all still working!

Take some moments to rest and relax this weekend! Unless you are on our Cyber teams and competing in the CyberPatriot National Championship!!!! Go Warriors!

Truly, it is going to be a wonderful spring weekend, so if you are able to go outside and get some fresh air, I strongly encourage that action! Stay safe, stay well, and we will all make it through this pandemic together. We have four weeks of school until the end of the semester, and everyone is doing their part and pulling their weight. If you have not already see it, this article was published this week and is about our school district, and how we have structured our instruction and opportunities in order to still provide meaningful education to our students during this pandemic. I think you will recognize a few of the names throughout the article. ☺

<https://edsource.org/2020/why-distance-learning-is-a-success-in-one-california-district/630051>

Troy family, you are amazing and are the heartbeat of our community. We all look forward to being back on site in the future, but until then I will see everyone back in our Online Troy High School on Monday!



This is Stella, Mr. Bletscher's fantastic puppy. She loves to swim in our Troy pond as she looks for fish. ☺ Everyone have a relaxing weekend!

W. V. Mynster