



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



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Warriors,

Summer vacation has arrived! The end of the regular school year was yesterday, and culminated with Troy's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2022 last evening! This is a



amazing class and we are going to miss them next year. However, we do have faith that their legacy will continue with the Class of 2023! Thank you Dr. Karl Zener for these photos! It was a wonderful graduation ceremony and thank you to all the parents, friends, family, and our Troy and FJUHSD Staff members who attended this event. Our students would not be who they are without you. If you would like to see the 2022 Troy High School graduation ceremony this is the link to broadcast from June 2, 2022. Thank you to our Omnia students and their Teachers, Dr. Jesse Knowles and Mr. Daniel Flanagan. [https://youtu.be/o9v\\_Wr3MMPg](https://youtu.be/o9v_Wr3MMPg)

The Class of 2022 is a remarkable group. Here is a copy of my Principal's Commencement Address from our graduation ceremony last evening.

*Good evening Troy Family!*

*Once again, welcome and thank you to everyone here tonight and as well as those near and far who are also watching at home as we celebrate our Troy High School Class of 2022!*

*We have a senior class of over 600 young people who will be graduating tonight. I would also like to take a moment to recognize Alexis Nila Ortiz, Troy senior, and four-year cadet with our NJROTC who passed away suddenly this past December. We miss him and remember him. We appreciate his family being here tonight, and his sister will be accepting Alexis' diploma on his behalf.*

*This Class of 2022 is a very special cohort and truly stands apart from others. They were the last class to have what we quaintly now look back upon as having had a complete "normal" school year. That was in 2018-19, their freshman year. In their sophomore year, we know what happened in March of 2020, on Friday the 13th when in California the COVID-19 pandemic began and in-person learning was suspended. This was followed by Distance Learning and the cancellation of in-person graduation in June, 2020. In 2020-21 we continued with Distance Learning and then Hybrid Learning. This year, we were all able to return to in person learning and even though we were required to wear masks until the early spring, and they are still an option for all of us, we are here and together. We have told ourselves that things are returning to normal—and they are—but not as fast as any of us would like. Our seniors have led by example demonstrating to all the other classes that all of us moving forward together, –TOGETHER–has been and will continue to be the key to get us through this pandemic and return to a semblance of normalcy.*

*There is an interesting effect that comes from facing unforeseen challenges, they force us to do things differently. We must adapt, as there is no other choice. This class met the challenges, made the adaptations and then continued to grow not only as young people, but as students, and teachers. I will explain what I mean by "teachers" shortly. Last night at the Reflections and Senior Awards in our North Gym, Troy seniors, Desiree, Lois, and Jade, spoke of their experiences and lessons learned during their time at Troy. Earlier tonight we had the insight of hearing commencement addresses from three members of our Class of 2022 and some thoughts about what they have learned during these past four years. Ivette, Amber, and Caden*

wrote of kindness, appreciation, limits and pushing those limits. Each of them wrote of their experiences and within each of their stories, they also shared the common themes of growth and possibilities that indeed, apply to all of us.

A few moments ago I mentioned the Class of 2022 also became teachers at Troy. This was especially true this year. Why? Because current Troy students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades had no idea what a “normal” year looks like. Traditions and practices around activities, sporting events, Pep Rallies, Club Rush, Dances, walking through the tunnel during passing period...these were all things that had to be taught to all the other students. Only the seniors could do this and help Troy emerge this year from the past two years of very much “not normal”. Our seniors, leading by example, and building upon their established relationships with each other and Troy Staff Members, have brought our underclassmen along in the ways and traditions of Troy. This year, setting an outstanding example and laying a strong foundation for next year’s students, the Class of 2022’s influence on the remaining students will continue. The torch has been passed and the next senior class will continue the process and progress of bringing Troy closer to the return of “normalcy.”

For our seniors, they have demonstrated through their actions, accomplishments, and perseverance, that they are ready for their next challenge in their lives. This statement is always true of Troy graduates, and has never been more true or important than today. Knowing this Class, speaking with our students, listening to their stories, seeing their accomplishments, large and small, and the pride they take in their courses, sports, music, internships, journalism, competitions in academics, athletics, the arts, their teachers, and in just being a student of Troy High School. All of this is important to them, and is who they are at their core. The Class of 2022, possess a quiet confidence in their knowledge and abilities. So many of them have already applied their knowledge in real world applications, and they know they are ready for college, career, and whatever else life sends their way.

Our seniors overwhelmingly go to college at a 99% rate after graduating from Troy. With a consistent 80% of our seniors meeting the UC requirement “a-g” rate, our graduates have many options from trade schools, community colleges, and 4-year universities, to military academies. There are more than 240 different schools of which I am currently aware, members of this Class will be attending next year. From Fullerton College in California to Durham University in Great Britain. Stanford, UC Berkeley, Yale, Harvard, MIT, UCLA, USC, UCI,

*Carnegie Mellon, US Naval Academy, Westpoint, Claremont McKenna, Boston University, Pitzer, Brown University, Vanderbilt, and so many more.*

*Tonight all of us celebrate our students, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, friends, and members of the Troy's Class of 2022. They are ready to begin their journeys of college and career. Someday, many of them will have families of their own. Will they continue to lead by example? What will our graduates go out and accomplish? Will these young people change the world in a way that reflects their values of kindness, appreciation, pushing the limits and expanding possibilities? Will our graduates make this world a better place for everyone? We will be watching. This class has demonstrated their character. They are kind. Their appreciation for their lives, families, friends, relationships, continues to grow. This class will push their limits and reach for goals—goals which perhaps even they did not realize they have the ability to attain. Will they make a difference? Class of 2022, I know YOU will make the difference.*

*Graduates, you are all family, and this will remain forever so. Congratulations, to our Troy High School Class of 2022! It is a great day to be a Warrior!*



*Artist: Ms. Shannon Cogswell*

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To all our Troy Warriors, and our entire Troy community, it is important to understand that despite the conditions regarding COVID-19 are greatly improved from where we were in the darkest days of the pandemic, this disease is not down to a level that ensures that it could not become a disruption in our lives in the summer or fall. Please take precautions to protect yourself as we are still in a situation where County Departments of Public Health could reinstitute mask mandates and the like.

As the regular school year has ended and with the beginning of the Summer Session beginning Monday, again take this reminder that all staff, students and families and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) remains under the Governors' Public Health Order. For Staff, the order requires all staff members to either show proof of full vaccination status or to test on a weekly basis and extends into the Summer Session. All staff who are working during the Summer Session or who are year-round staff, and required to test weekly, will continue to do so during the Summer Session.

Our FJUSHD also remains under AB86 which regulates that school districts notify the local health jurisdictions of positive cases. We work with site administration and the Orange County

Health Care Agency (OCHCA) with notification and monitoring that current protocols are being met. While contract tracing is no longer required, known positive cases are reported to the OCHCA and any recommended action or protocols are continuing to be followed. FJUHSD will continue to adhere to this practice during the Summer Session.

It is important to note that for the duration of the Summer Session, students who have been close contacts and exposed to COVID-19 are **STRONGLY** recommended to mask following the 10 days from their exposure date. It is also important to note that exposed Staff are required to mask following the 10 days from their exposure date.

### **COVID-19 Reminder for all Troy High School Students!**

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), CA Dept. of Public Health (CDPH), and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), we ask that you complete the Qualtrics survey each morning prior to arriving on campus. However, **please do not attend school** if you have experienced any COVID-related symptoms:

- Flu-like symptoms such as fever of 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose that is not associated with a pre-existing condition or other chronic health condition.
- Last but not least, **if you have taken a COVID-19 test** and are still waiting for results, **please do not attend school until you receive the results of that test**, and then **only come to school if you are negative for COVID-19!**



Are you feeling stressed or need a quick pick me up? This link to our FJUHSD virtual calming room with all the various relaxing and humorous options is for you! You have my word, the puppy cams are the way to go!

<https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>



Yesterday, our Troy NJROTC received word that we have been awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Unit in the Nation by Naval Service Training Command! This award is on top of the Most Outstanding Unit Award for Area 11 and our 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Academic and Drill National Championship in Pensacola, Florida a couple months ago. Great job to our cadets and their instructors, Lt. Cecil, Lt. Fronек, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Barnes, and 1Sgt. Lyon! Way to go, Warriors!



*Lt. Roger Fronек*

Outstanding cyber news from our Cyber Leader, Mr. Allen Stubblefield!

*Troy!*

*We had several students named as **SCHOLARS** by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF):*

- *Yipang Hsieh*
- *Cheryl Wang*
- *Mahak Mathur*
- *Ashmita Kumar*
- *Sean Shin*

*Also named were 5 **FINALISTS**:*

- *Rishabh Jain*
- *Jaden Wijata*
- *Kyle Pak*
- *Xiaolin Yu*
- *Ayushi Mehrotra*

*NCSF is a national nonprofit whose mission is to identify, nurture and empower the next generation of cybersecurity experts; and eliminate the cybersecurity skills gap in the United States. Our cyber students solved a wide range of cybersecurity challenges. Each has earned an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy, with the chance of earning bonus college scholarships. Once again, our students and teachers are what makes the difference in what our students accomplish in the cyber defense world! Great job!*



Here comes the Class of 2023! Senior Takeover was Thursday afternoon! The Class of 2023 is already hitting the ground running, so I cannot wait to see them at the start of the Fall!



Great news from the Esports world from our own Esports Coach and Teacher, Mr. David Kim! *Hi everyone, I just wanted to share one final update from our Esports program this semester! After having defeated Sunny Hills 2-1 in the semi-final round, our League of Legends team defeated Carmel High School 2-0 in the grand finals to claim the title of grand champs in UFEA's Spring 2022 Playoffs! Congratulations to Samuel Chen, Aaron Romero, Justin Zheng, Connor Kim, Mo Zhou, Phil Nguyen, Jasmine Zheng, and Terrian Kim for a successful season!*

A graphic for the California Valorant Championship. At the top, "VALORANT" is written in yellow. Below it is a yellow outline of California with a red and black Valorant logo. To the right, "CALIFORNIA LEADERBOARD" is written in white on a black background. Below this, it says "These teams were the top 4 teams in the California State Valorant Championship!". The top 4 teams are listed: 1st Place - BOSCO: VALORANT VARSITY, 2nd Place - Arcadia: Arcadia Red, 3rd Place - Troy Esports: Troy Warriors, and 4th Place - MMHS eSports Club: MMHS Valorant Black.

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*In addition, our Valorant team defeated Mira Mesa High School 2-0 to claim 3rd place in*

*HSEL's California State Championships! Congratulations to John Levy, Henry Sanders, Hojun Lee, Nathan Busbin, Christian Johnston, Leo Chang, Leno Lin, and Jabez Lee for their accomplishments! Another very nice job in the eSports world to our students and their Coach David Kim! Congratulations on another successful year!*

Nobody likes to say goodbye, and there is never a good time. However, it is that time of year when we see staff retire and or move to far away places such as Tennessee...like Science Teacher, Mr. James Melton. I previously mentioned we have a few retirees, such as Math Teacher, Mr. Jerry Cowgill and NJROTC Instructor, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Steve Lyon. Both of them at Troy for 25+ years and deeply valued by our staff and students. From our Special Education world we are losing three valued Staff. Instructional Aide, Mr. Josh Lomeli is pursuing new endeavors. Instructional Aide for 22 years, Mr. Jim Hawkins is retiring and moving to Texas and near family (Pictured below). Former Special Education Department Chair, Ms. Jenny Redmond



is moving into a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) with our District Office and will be lending her experience and expertise to all of our schools. Troy's immediate loss of

Ms. Redmond will be every other schools' gain! Last but not least, the end of every year is the logical and least disruptive time of year to move school administrators to best fit are the needs of schools and the entire FJUHSD. On Wednesday an email went out districtwide that detailed some of these moves, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Jillian Davis has been selected to move into a new and exciting role at Sonor High School! We do have a new Assistant Principal coming to Troy High School, pending Board Approval and she may be a familiar face as she is Dr. Alison Wills! Again, congratulations to all of our family—we will miss all of our friends, but we hope we will see them often in the future! Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!



Pictured above is our 2021-2022 Troy High School Administrative Team. From left to right, Dr. Will Mynster, Mr. Lance Bletscher, Dr. Jill Davis, Ms. Tina Wilde, and Mr. Jeffery Padgett. This has been a wonderful administrative team, and it remains our honor to serve our school, district, and community. Go, Warriors!



Luna knows it has been a wild ride this school year! For fun, just go to our school website, <https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/19> and read back through a few issues of the Warrior Weekly, and you will know what I mean. I hope everyone has a wonderful, restful, and relaxing summer. Come back in August ready for the new school year and one hopfully with far less pandemic related issues. ☺ I think we will get there.

Once again, congratulations to our Class of 2022! You will continue to make all of us proud and we cannot wait to see the awesome things all of our graduates will accomplish! Have a safe and relaxing summer! The first day of instruction with students is August 15, 2022!  
W.V. Mynster