



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Last evening, the Class of 2018 walked across the stage at our commencement ceremony. It was a beautiful evening in our new stadium. Thank you to all of our graduates for their work and dedication getting to the high school finish line. Parents, our seniors benefitted from your love and support their entire lives and will continue to do so. Thank you for your wonderful children that chose to attend Troy. All of you will always be part of the Troy family. Congratulations, to our Troy's 51st graduating class! This is just the beginning as there are great opportunities in store for all of you as you enter college and careers. We are Warriors, forever!





On Tuesday night, Troy senior, Brianna Diaz was recognized by the Orange County Athletic Directors Association as one of the Orange County Athletes of the Year! Brianna is one of the most outstanding soccer players to have come out of Troy High School, and she is going to continue playing soccer at University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) next year. I look forward to hearing about her soccer career at the next level! Congratulations, Brianna!



Yesterday, at the CIF singles finals in the Round of 32, 9th grader Andy Hernandez qualified to the Round of 16! Troy's tennis season continues! Congratulations, to Andy on an amazing season and some simply outstanding play! Round of 8 here comes Andy Hernandez!



Wednesday evening we held our first major event in one of our newly renovated gyms when we held Senior Awards/Reflections in the South Gym. In addition to our Class of 2018 pictured here before the event began, notice the new floor covering designed to protect our hardwood floors! This is another level of being able to provide outstanding venues and utility to our facilities, especially our gyms that serve as more than athletic facilities! The air condition worked fantastically as well! Once Senior Awards/Reflections began, numerous students were



recognized during the hour long event and our final pre-graduation ceremony. Numerous scholarships were awarded and military academy appointments were recognized. It was a wonderful evening! Thank you to all the teachers, presenters, and counselors that make this event special. Also a special thank you to Counselor, Ms. Evans for creating the program and organizing the various student awards!



As the year has wrapped up, some valued staff members made the difficult decision to retire. We had three mid-year retirements with Custodian, Mr. Roger Hight, Counselor, Ms. Cindy Osborne, and Teacher, Ms. Dorey Madrid. Officially retiring tomorrow, Teachers, Ms. Pat Roach, Mr. Jerry Benner, and Mr. Dave Booze also will graduate/retire from Troy. All of these fantastic people and dedicated educators have called it a career after numerous years of valued service to our students and Troy family! We wish them well, and want them to return as often as they like! Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!

For all the parents, family members, staff, and students that attended and participated in the 2018 Commencement ceremony last night, once again thank you and congratulations. It was a wonderful night. As a final recap of the ceremony, I have included at the end of this final school year *Warrior Weekly*, the three senior commencement addresses and my own commencement address if you would like to read them. 2017-18 was a wonderful and highly successful year for the students at Troy High School! None of our success is possible without all

of us working together, so once again thank you everyone! Have a great summer and I will see you next year (August)!

W.V. Mynster



Senior Commencement Address #1

Ida Kazerani

“Look Ahead”

Good evening family, friends, and faculty. We’ve gathered here today to celebrate the class of 2018 as they graduate from Troy High School. To all you parents, you may be seeing today as the bittersweet event after which your children, and your money, will be going off to college in pursuit of bigger, better, and... more expensive things. But to us students, this is the start of something new and exciting.

I’d like to take a moment and thank the teachers and staff members that work hard each day to make sure we have the proper environment and resources to maximize our own potential. Most of the valuable life skills we have been taught came not from the curriculum, but from our teachers themselves. I know for a fact I’ll never forget the chain rule after taking Calculus with Mrs. Milord. And Mrs. Harper, I promise I got more than four hours of sleep before showing up here today!

Many of us, like myself, came to Troy on an interdistrict transfer four years ago as a part of the Troy Tech program. I remember sitting in Health over summer and hearing that weird bell as it first rang with its distinctive two-tone chime. But, it's really grown on me, and I'm sure we've all come to realize that our school has its own culture. From taking group pictures in front of the brick wall, to rejoicing over late start days, to cramming for that Econ test during break, or walking down State College to grab Starbucks after school, there are many little memories that have come together in a representation of the high school experience. Here at Troy High School, we've definitely had a chance to make the past few years our own.

So here we are. It's been four years and over 700 school days later, and each member of our senior class is about to go off on their own adventure. We were barely teenagers when we first walked through the front gates, and we're leaving now just as we enter the beginning of adulthood.

It's been quite the academic journey, as well. We're the last group of students to experience the grueling struggle—I mean, the unique educational experience brought about by the honors-bio bug project. We've endured countless video projects and hand-cramping in-class essays, and we've hoped for big curves on tests and dreamed about extra credit assignments. Most of us have pulled our fair shares of all-nighters to finish that giant stack of physics homework we procrastinated on or to submit essays two minutes before the deadline, and we've all struggled to stay awake during lecture in zero period at one point or another. This year's yearbook theme fits perfectly; it really is a Troy thing.

*The 693 students seated on this field make up the next generation of scientists, engineers, doctors, lawyers, journalists, teachers, politicians, filmmakers, artists, and more—the list is endless. We are the next wave of trailblazers and revolutionaries, ready to leave our mark. Yet despite spending the past 12 years of our lives going to school, there is still an overwhelming amount of things that we haven't learned. There will always be a significant amount of things that we won't know, but as long as we keep that sense of curiosity, we'll be just fine. To quote Dr. Seuss' *Oh the Places You'll Go*, "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."*

Four years ago, I had a choice to make. I could have gone to my home school and stayed with the friends I had known for years, or I could have left it all behind and come here, and I think it's obvious which one I picked. I won't deny that it's been hard, because it has. But the experiences

I've had here are invaluable. All of us will take the skills we've been taught within the four walls of our classrooms and apply that to our lives as we move forward, and we'll continue to learn. Because it isn't so much about where you go as it is about what you do while you are there. So, to the class of 2018, here's to taking the world by storm and showing them what we really are capable of. Thank you.

Senior Commencement Address #2

Anthony Maldonado

"The Lessons We Learned"

Class of 2018!

What a beautiful night for a graduation. Dr. Atkinson, Mr. Hathaway, Dr Mynster, Mr. Bletcher, Mrs. Llewelyn, Ms. Gates, Ms. Carpenter. Teachers, Counselors, I want to start by saying thank you for your dedication to our education over the last 4 years. Parents, Thank you for your support over the last four years.

Fellow members of the class of 2018. I know many of you already have your eyes set on the next step in your lives, but tonight I want to encourage you to be in the moment. Enjoy this celebration of your accomplishments.

Congratulations, you have persevered, you ran the Troy High School gauntlet and today, together, we cross the finish line.

Troy High School is a place of reputation. #3 in the state. #33 in nation.

These are all rankings that allured many of us here.

We were attracted by the opportunity to attach this ranking to our college applications. When we were incoming freshmen, we were told about the accolades, the rankings and the award winning programs:

Troy Tech, AVID, Science Olympiad (8 Time National Champs),

Water Polo teams that don't even need a working pool to be league champs

Girls soccer, 4X Freeway League Champs, Girls Basketball 25 years Undefeated Freeway Champs, Girls tennis, Cyber security, Our Award Winning Band and Orchestra. Our nationally ranked ROTC program. Our Troy Productions programs. There are many more programs and clubs we could be here all night. Now let me briefly run a few numbers by you:

At Other schools students also attend 182 days, six periods a day, and total that adds up to 4368 hours of instruction. That's at any other school. As many of us can confirm, our campus never sleeps. A lot of us here start our day at zero period, go to club meetings during lunch and are involved in activities after school. I would often finish practice at 6 and our campus was just as vibrant as it was during the middle of the day.

Add in Junior internships and other summer time commitments, I calculated about 5700 hours spent on campus or representing our school. But this time is more than just hours on the clock. Here at Troy, I spent 180 hours in Mr. Madrid's class. Junior and Senior year meant 360 hours in Mr. Milhizer's. Joining AVID, probably the best decision I made, meant 520 hours with Mrs. Robinson. I think I spent over 700 hours on the soccer field.

We can all relate with these numbers in some way, whether it was your favorite class or your time in extracurriculars. But it is not the things that we did in the classroom that will have a lasting impact on our lives. It is the people. When we look back on these days, it will be the time spent alongside our fellow classmates, teammates and teachers, where we learned the most.

Mrs. Link's Dedication. Mrs. Snipes optimism. Mrs. Madrid's Fighting Spirit.

The memories we made on Troy's campus will live with us for a lifetime. I am sure you will agree with me that we will fondly remember many firsts through these halls.

Many of you will remember your first Rally The first time we got to leave campus for lunch The first time you walked through the breeze way during passing period and were not sure if you were going to make it out alive. The first time your cleats hit that perfectly manicured soccer field.

Fondly, we will remember the lessons learned not just in the classroom but in the halls It was in these halls that some of us first learned to love.... and sometimes to let go It was in these halls that we learned the true meaning of procrastination

*It was in these halls that some of us got our first win on Fortnite... and some are still waiting...
Persevere!*

As we leave this place and think about the shared memories we have made, I know that this community will exist forever. We have shared experiences NO ONE else will ever understand. The truth is that the true reputation of our school will travel with us if we carry the lessons we learned here. We really are Troy high school.

Now, standing in front of me today, there are hundreds of different universities represented, Today our paths separate, But it doesn't matter where you go, or what profession you choose. Walk proudly reflecting the lessons you learned. Pay forward these lessons onto your new campus or chosen career path.

Leaving this campus we can know that we have been well prepared for the challenges that we will face in our future. Now beyond the reputation of our campus, our reputation, will be based on how we embrace future challenges.

Take the spirit of this school... the dedication of the teachers, the heart of the coaches and the drive of our classmates and share them with the world.

*Make a difference with your intelligence Make a difference with your sense of humor,
Make a difference with your empathy, Make a difference with your compassion,
Make a difference with your love.*

*You are a difference maker. You leave this place well prepared. What you do with it is up to you.
Fight Strong like a Warrior!*

Senior Commencement Address #3

Stephen Nguyen

“The Cycle”

Good evening teachers, students, parents, Dr. Mynster, and faculty members, for those who do not know me personally, my name is Stephen. However, Stephen is not the only title I go by. Some of you may know me as the president of the National Honors Society, and a good portion of you may know me by my YouTube promposal to the Olympian Chloe Kim.

Reminiscing about the past, I have executed many decisions in my high school career, some that I am proud of and others that I still regret to this day. However, it is these decisions that build off of one another to form the person I am today. Specifically, my experiences at Troy High School has aided me in finding my true definition of “self.” Allow me to swiftly guide you through my awkward development.

Freshman year. Also, what I like to call the years of “Learning to fit in.” I personally came from a private middle school that roughly had 30 students in its graduating class. Tiny right? So you can imagine my coping methods of fitting in with 2,800 new faces: I was annoying. Looking back, I now understand my freshman teacher’s frustration whenever I raised my scrawny arm to the sky and began my questions with two words: “what if.” I offer you my apologies now, Mrs. Ngo.

Sophomore year. AKA the years of “I’m starting to get the hang of this.” The workload has substantially increased, but we’re too far into the Troy experience that we can’t back out or some do not care to the extent that they don’t even notice. Congregations within our class have also formed by now. I could walk down the breeze way and categorize each student into their own clicks almost like stratified sampling (take AP Stats: this class will change your life). This year was also the year when I found my family: the NJROTC family. Oorah!

Junior year. This is the year of “Okay, I have to actually start trying now.” There’s not much to say about this year, other than SAT, ACT, and AP. Oh, I almost forgot, GPA.

Senior year part 1; the year of “I need to get into college. Any college.” This is key advice here for all underclassmen seeking to get into a good college: start your apps in the summer. You are going to save yourself numerous all-nighters and a few extra years on your life. You can thank me when you live to the age of 100.

Finally, senior year part 2. I only need to say one word: Senioritis. Yes, it exists and thrives in almost every senior. There is no cure. But, to be honest, as crazy as it sounds, this fictitious disease made my senior year so much more memorable. For instance, the number of times when I turned in an assignment at the very last minute was unfathomable. Google Classroom, I am not going to miss you.

To conclude my speech, I cannot offer the class of 2018 advice that is revolutionary, ground-breaking, or life-changing because after all, I’m in the same boat as all of you; however, what I can guarantee is that each and every one of you has an identity that is unique and has the

potential to shape the future. We just have to find it. Thank you so much for listening. Class of 2018, see you all at the reunion in ten years.

Principal's Commencement Address

Dr. William V. Mynster

Congratulations to the Troy High School Class of 2018! Four years ago, in 2014 all of you began Troy High School as wide-eyed freshmen, many of you wondering what you had gotten yourself into. Or perhaps wondering what your parents, or siblings had gotten you into. In 2014, like you I started Troy High School and I was the wide-eyed new principal. As much as I had learned about Troy, you never really know until you actually get here, meet people, begin school, and start to understand this place. I too was wondering what I had gotten into. What I soon discovered is Troy High School is a place, a school like no other. In my career, I have worked in five school districts and six schools.

When I say Troy is special, I do so with the knowledge and personal experience of working in schools that are similar to Troy, trying to be like Troy, and nothing like Troy. Troy is something hard to comprehend, especially to people on the outside--even within our own school district. You have come here from every school in Fullerton Joint Union High School District, and virtually every school district in the region. Students are here from four counties, and 100 different middle schools. The three seniors that just gave commencement addresses, described in their own words their experiences at Troy, experiences in the last four years that have helped shape who they are today. To the graduates tonight, many of their experiences likely sound familiar, there is truth in their words and I cannot do a better job describing the life of a student at Troy these past four years than those that have lived it.

As the graduates previously mentioned, it is true that Troy is a highly ranked at the local, state, and national level. There are very good reasons for this, one of which is that knowledge is only as good as its application. Class of 2018, you leave Troy not only with subject matter knowledge but the ability to successfully apply that knowledge. We apply our knowledge in a number of ways. We love to compete in athletics, academics, the arts, Speech and Debate. If we can compete in something we will find a way to do it. A great example of the competitive nature of our students can be found in senior, Alexander Tsao. In four years of Troy Tech he has been on competitive teams for FBLA, Cyber Security, Science Bowl, and Science Olympiad, then individual Olympiads in Math, Physics, Biology, and Computer Science and as a member of the

2017 National Biology Olympiad Team representing the USA, he won gold! Alex will be attending MIT in the fall. Application of knowledge...

Troy's first AVID class is graduating tonight! As a member of our first AVID class, Senior Standout, Samantha Place set the bar for future AVID students. Captain of our Cheer squad, Best Buddies vice-president, Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, she embodies unwavering dedication and diligence as she willed herself to overcome fear, unease, personal and academic challenges. Samantha will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall.

Application of knowledge...

Our students work hard and they are outstanding! ASB, Best Buddies, NJROTC, Choir, computer science, FBLA, Cyber Defense, Troy Tech Internship, AP, IB, AVID, and we are the Science Olympiad California state champion since 1996 and twelve time National Science Olympiad Champions four of the past five years, including this year!

Application of knowledge...

We excel at anything to which we put our minds, our blood, sweat, and tears. We love to learn, we love to excel, and we do so with the love and support of our Troy family! Is Troy perfect? No. Do we make mistakes? Absolutely. But we always try to get better, it is what we do and it is the expectation at Troy-- of students, teachers, classified, parents--the principal-- to learn from our mistakes, move forward, and keep improving.

We are a tight knit community and it is the Troy family that fosters and enables us to develop our abilities, talents, and identities. There is no greater responsibility than to be entrusted with a parent's most precious gift, their child. All parents tonight have done exactly that for the past four years and became part of the Troy family. Many Troy teachers have also entrusted their children to Troy and several of them are also graduating tonight. One of them, senior Kaylin Wittry needs little introduction. Long before she arrived at Troy, her beloved father taught Computer Science at our school prior to his premature passing in 2008. Kaylin's mother, Judy moved the family back into our area specifically so Kaylin and her brother could attend Troy. In Troy Tech, Kaylin has excelled in JROTC for four years, excelled in eleven AP courses including her father's subject, Computer Science. Earning a 4.4 GPA, Kaylin Wittry will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall.

In this Troy environment we are able to be different yet fit in, be protected, make lifelong friends, and push the boundaries of knowledge, of friendship, of family. We learned how to learn, we

lived how to learn, and we learned how to live! This is a special place, however for all of us there is the caveat, an understanding that someday we will take who we have become, and we must leave this place. This year, the Class of 2018 will graduate, and some longtime staff members will graduate/retire. Troy custodian Mr. Hight, counselor, Ms. Osborne, teachers, Ms. Madrid, Mr. Benner, Ms. Roach, and Mr. Booze, are also graduating with you. In our hearts they will never leave. In their time here, they have changed you, and you have changed them. All of us become part of the enduring legacy of Troy High School.

Students, tonight you will take the next step on your way to college, careers, and starting new families. Time moves forward, and life happens. We will never forget who we are, and how we have been forever changed by our experiences in the Troy High School community. In 2014, the freshmen class I shared a common bond--we were new and in a new environment, learning what Troy was about. We took this journey together, and I think it has been a successful one. I am grateful to see the fine young men and women you have become and I look forward to seeing and hearing about your achievements in the future! Class of 2018, you will always be Warriors!



Troy High School Commencement, 2018