



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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I have never met a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Yesterday our NJROTC cadets, and some staff members had the opportunity to hear Staff Sergeant Leroy A. Petry speak about his life, lessons, and thoughts. Sgt. Petry was able to relate to our kids, is very humble, and very well spoken. He challenged our students to uphold high standards of honor, character, integrity, courage, and sacrifice, for themselves and their fellow humans throughout the world. While he was speaking with the students, he passed a spare robotic hand through the rows of students. He also took off his Congressional Medal of Honor from around his neck and passed it to the students to hold and examine closely. His name and date is inscribed on the back of the medal, presented to him by President Obama. It was not a wearers copy. Sgt. Leroy A. Petry, is inspirational and was exactly our students needed. Sgt. Leroy A. Petry has an open invitation to return to Troy either officially or unofficially. We all thanked him for his service and his continued devotion and service to our country.

<https://themedalofhonor.com/medal-of-honor-recipients/recipients/petry-leroy-war-on-terror>





Yesterday was a busy day, and for virtually the entire day and into the evening, our annual Troy Tech Fair, followed by our ceremony for our Troy Tech seniors kept the campus hopping. It was amazing to walk amongst the students and their displays regarding their 150 hour internships they completed as part of our Troy Tech Magnet Program. The work our students were able to experience and perform in many areas ranging from academia, manufacturing, computing, medicine, property, engineering, to legal, is simply amazing! I wish this had been available for me when I was a high school student. It was fun to speak to the students about their experience and also ask them where they are attending college next year. Every single student with which I spoke named a college they would be attending and they were listing some great schools! Thank you, to all our mentors willing to provide such experiences for Troy High School students. Thank you to Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum, as she is the ringmaster that ensures all of the internships come together while she oversees the students, Internship Coaches, mentors, and internship success and completion. It is no small feat and we don't take her tireless work for Troy Tech students and our school for granted. 😊

Today the Troy High School Best Buddies Friendship Walk campaign is wrapping up. Thank you to all the students and staff that have participated and donated to this campaign to raise awareness regarding inclusion for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Last week, Ms. Jennifer Heuerman shared some information on this campaign. *"Since 2009, more than 150,000 participants in 60 cities have walked to raise awareness for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for*

people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Funds raised at the walks help move our mission forward by funding local Best Buddies programs, just like ours.” Troy High School will be participating in the actual Friendship Walk, walking on May 4th in Long Beach. Go Warriors!

<https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/>



On Monday we held the last Signing Day ceremony of the year for the following athletes committing to some great school to continue playing sports as well as obtaining an excellent education! Not only is Troy known for academics, but it should be more widely known for our athletics as well! Congratulations to the following students:

Jake Reid—Football—Lake Forest College

Jared Boren—Football—Oberlin College

Julianna Sabile—Women's Tennis—UCSD

Jetty Sivongsay—Men's Golf—Cal State San Bernardino

Veronica Chen—Cross Country & Track—Hope International

Patrick Martinez—Cross Country & Track—Caltech

Tye Hernandez—Men's Soccer & Track—Occidental College

Arnold Gomez— Men's Soccer—Fullerton College

Eduardo Ramirez— Men's Soccer—Fullerton College

Madison Dack— Women's Soccer—Cal Maritime



Thank you to all the members of our PTSA, that took some of their Easter evening last Sunday to chalk mark the walkways around Troy High School. We all appreciate the messages of hope, love, and support for our students and know we appreciate everything our PTSA does for Troy High School! BTW, the school cameras show the outstanding work being done and when put into high speed mode, the transformation of our walkways was amazing! ☺



Last weekend two NJROTC teams left to participate in the Brain Brawl National Championships at Embry-Riddle University in Florida. They did well, and finished #8 and #9 in the Nation. Not a championship, but not a bad day either! Congratulations to our teams and thank you for representing Troy High School on the national stage! Great job, Warriors!

It is that time of year when some of the various entities that rank high schools start to release their rankings. Keeping in mind that these rankings are for parents, and colleges and universities have their own metrics they use for schools. Here is the first one from an organization called FamilyMinded. This organization basically applied their own additional criteria to the high school rankings done to Niche and U.S. News. Follow the link and then the top high schools are listed state by state. We are #3 in California. ☺ Go Warriors!

<https://www.familyminded.com/s/best-public-high-schools-by-state-307ec28a52c4434d>



Troy Computer Science Teacher/Guru, Mr. Don Allen wrote, “I wanted to let you know the following female Warrior have been selected by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) as winners in this year’s Aspirations in Computing. They are being recognized at an awards ceremony on April 25 at UCI. Thank you to Ms. Teng for providing the picture! Here is a list of our recognized Lady Warriors: Charissa Kim, Megan Loh, Sophia Hetts, Audrey Young Darby Clement, Fan-Yu Liang, Felianne Teng, Jennifer Ho, Lavanaya Garg, Shivana Anand, Tanya Jomaa, Kanin Liang, Kira Olaes, Natasha Barsagade, Nicole Wong, and Willow Huang.

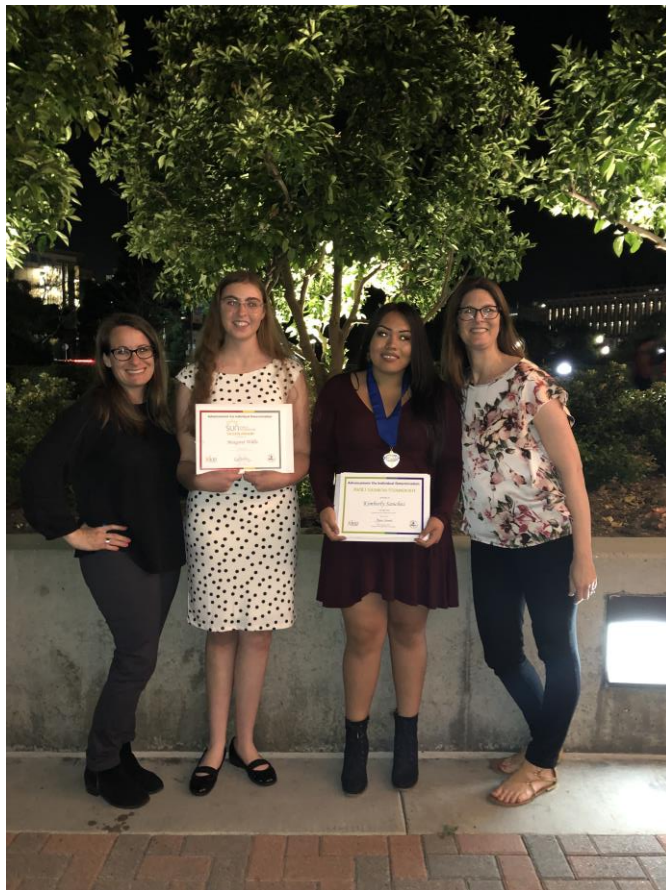
Congratulations to all of our wonderful Troy Computer Science students!

<https://www.ncwit.org/programs-campaigns/aspirations-computing>



Once in awhile, there are meetings that involve all the FJUHSD principals. One such meeting was lunch with the President of Fullerton College on Wednesday.

In this photo I was speaking to Dr. Sonje Berg, principal of Buena Park High School. It is unclear if Ms. Laura Rubio, principal of Fullerton High School was listening...Thank you to Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sylvia Kaufman for the photo. In FJUSHD we have a great team, and it continues across the district. We spend a lot of time working together on behalf of all FJUHSD students. It helps that we enjoy being around each other, and this lunch meeting was a relaxing opportunity to hear about the wonderful opportunities for our students at Fullerton College as well as being able to review Fullerton College's data on our kids. Our students do very well and have an outstanding transfer rate to four-year universities.



On Wednesday night the annual AVID Senior Standout and Scholarship Awards were held at UC Irvine. There were eight students from FJUHSD honored and they received recognition for their accomplishments as well as scholarship money for college next year! Congratulations to all of these students, and special congratulations to Troy students, Margaret Willis and Kimberly Sanchez Gonzalez! Pictured with these two outstanding students are Troy AVID teachers, Ms. Tiffany Wilson and Ms. Sara Velarde. Great job, Warriors!



I love being able to share information regarding what Troy graduates are up to. Troy alum, Class of 2016, Ms. Brooke Sinek is currently working at the George W. Bush Presidential Library. Brooke is studying Communications and is currently in her junior year at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. At the presidential library, she runs the Twitter feed, and on this day, had an opportunity to take a picture with the “Big Boss” as President Bush likes to jokingly call himself with her. Thank you to Brooke’s mom, Ms. Anne Sinek for this information and the photo of Brooke and President, George W. Bush!



Let me explain. I was brushing my teeth and walking through the bedroom when I was mercilessly accosted by my wife's dog, Luna. The struggle went beyond the second picture but I was able to continue the proper two minute, four quadrant brushing cycle for my teeth. This is very important if one desires to keep all their teeth for life. ☺ Luna must have been thinking the same thing... be careful when brushing your teeth.

I hope everyone the opportunity to spend with family and friends this weekend. There is so much to do in Southern California, hopefully taking advantage of our wonderful weather. I will see everyone back here on Monday, and don't forget we have our last we have our Late-Start of the year! Have a wonderful weekend!

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