



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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*Photo: Mt. Baldy 4-09-20*

It is Friday, and we have completed twelve days of our Online Troy High School Distance Learning Program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After twelve days all of us have been adjusting to our current way of life both in school and at home. None of us anticipated how this final Quarter of the school year would be playing out, but it is clear we are doing all we are able as students, educators, parents, and citizens of California. Social Distancing, and Staying at Home, while counter intuitive for humans is making the difference and appears to be “flattening the curve” in California and perhaps the nation on the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

I know we may all be getting a bit stir crazy being cooped up inside at home. On some level the rain has made this easier, but when the weather starts to improve, and it will very soon, please continue to Stay at Home and Social Distance until the Governor of California has lifted this Stay at Home Order. We are all in this together, and if we want this pandemic to wind down, continuing to be socially responsible is the best thing we can currently do for each other.

We are physically separated from each other for now. Our education is different and still evolving for both students and teachers. Flexibility and communication are keys to success for all of us. If teachers notice students not engaging, or not turning in work, they are communicating what they see and trying to help. Students, don't be surprised to get a direct

message from your teacher, attendance clerk, or administrator if you are missing assignments or not engaged in your classes. We are here to help you! Likewise, if you need help please contact your teachers, counselors, and administrators. Many of you have been contacting us, and we have been helping and successfully solving problems together. We are all Warriors and we are all in this together! When this pandemic is over, we will leave virtual Troy High School behind and be back physically here at Troy High School once again. ☺



I cannot take credit for this following statement, as I saw it online or on T.V. “For humans 2020 is turning out to be the worst year ever. But for dogs and cats, 2020 is the best year ever!” It was nice to see that two animal shelters were temporarily closed yesterday in L.A. due to the fact all their animals were either adopted or being fostered! Staying at Home is better with a pet and the family for sure! I don’t know how long it will take Luna (and Mrs. Mynster) to adjust once I, and all the rest of us are able go back to our regular schedules. ☺



Our students continue to be involved in the virtual world just like in virtual Online Troy High School! Commander Lauper reported some interesting voluntary learning opportunities

some cadets took advantage of when they watched the webinar with Admiral James Stavridis, Admiral William H. McRaven and USN Shannon Bream regarding *Leadership and a New World Order: The Need for Resilience*. I cannot think of a more timely topic for discussion and study!

Also, congratulations to our NJROTC National Academic Exam teams for dominating Area 11! There were 1,609 teams nationally and 142 teams in Area 11 that participated and took this test. For reference, Area 11 consists of NJROTC programs in Arizona and Southern California. Each school can have up to five teams in the competition and each team consists of five cadets and they answer questions in a timed, online competition. Here were the results!

Team #1 took 1<sup>st</sup> in Area 11 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the USA.

Team #2 took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Area 11 and 7<sup>th</sup> in the USA.

Team #3 took 6<sup>th</sup> in Area 11 and 35<sup>th</sup> in the USA.

Team #4 took 8<sup>th</sup> in Area 11 and 74<sup>th</sup> in the USA.

Team #5 took 11<sup>th</sup> in Area 11 and 85<sup>th</sup> in the USA.

Overall, I think these cadets more than represented Area 11 and Troy High School both in Area 11 and nationally! Go Warriors!

Lastly in Troy NJROTC news, we have a number of students receiving both ROTC scholarships to college and Academy appointments. From Commander Lauper:

*As I continue to build the list of what our 54 senior Cadets are doing next fall, the list below shows which of our Cadets have received funded educational opportunities from our Armed Forces, which, when completed, will result in a Bachelor's Degree and a commission as an Officer. This is a very selective process. Each candidate must qualify academically, physically, and medically. In an age where only 30% of today's youth meet the minimum requirements to serve, the results are a testament to our Troy students. Final notifications are due on April 15th, so we may see a couple more...*

*The following have been awarded an estimated combined total of up to \$3.0 million in educational value and the opportunity to be commissioned as an Officer (because some have multiple offers, the total amount awarded is greater than the amount than can be executed):*

*United States Naval Academy (\$450k value):*

*Roy Choi*

*Eileen Zhao*

*United States Air Force Academy (\$450k value):*

*Kristi Lee*

*Eileen Zhao*

*Navy ROTC Scholarship ((\$200k value):*

*William Mun*

*Thienan Bui*

*Esther Yang*

*Natalie Nguyen*

*Eileen Zhao*

*Air Force ROTC Scholarship*

*Viet Tran*

*Army ROTC Scholarship*

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*Still waiting on a couple more decisions...*

Congratulations to all of our cadets! To use Commander Lauper's statement, "NJROTC produces Leaders!"



This week we received word that two wonderful Troy AVID students received scholarships from AVID! From Troy AVID teacher and coordinator, Ms. Tiffany Wilson, "We had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Madeleine Dawes being awarded a \$25,000 scholarship from Sun Scholars! Here is a video and a screenshot of our Zoom! Another HUGE

shout out to Madeleine...your hard work did not go unnoticed, and we wish you the BEST at UC Davis in the Fall!



Additionally, Troy AVID student Sirina Walia received a \$12,000 AVID scholarship! It is not easy to obtain these AVID scholarships and we are super proud of Sirina's accomplishment!



The XII CyberPatriot Finals are going to happen on May 2<sup>nd</sup>! YES! This is one National Championship that is going to happen, but because it is cyber they were able to figure out a way to make it all online instead of all the national championship competitors having to travel to one location. Of course this makes perfect sense... ☺ Here are our four teams making their virtual appearance in the XII CyberPatriot National Championship!

Open Division and current 2019 CyberPatriot National Champions, Team **Troy Tech Support!** is back! Members of the team are: Clement Chan (12<sup>th</sup>), Evan Deters (11<sup>th</sup>), Timothy Kim (10<sup>th</sup>), Jimmy Li (12<sup>th</sup>), Rahil Shah (12<sup>th</sup>), and Jiacheng Xu (12<sup>th</sup>).

In the All Service Division Troy has three teams representing our NJROTC and school. They are as follows: Team **Fight for Tyler**. Members of the team are: Safe Gergis (11<sup>th</sup>), Sky Jung (11<sup>th</sup>), Junha Kim (11<sup>th</sup>), Brendon Won (12<sup>th</sup>), and George Yang (11<sup>th</sup>).

Team **PICNICs**. Members of the team are Chan Chung (9<sup>th</sup>), Anya Garg (12<sup>th</sup>), Andrea Jay Florendo (10<sup>th</sup>), Jessica Leung (12<sup>th</sup>), Brian Ni (9<sup>th</sup>), and Nicole Wong (12<sup>th</sup>).

Team **Subtle Cyber Traits**. Members of the team are: David Chang (12<sup>th</sup>), Zach Dang (10<sup>th</sup>), Patrick Roland Florendo (12<sup>th</sup>), Gabriel Fok (12<sup>th</sup>), Charissa Kim (12<sup>th</sup>), Aaron Yi (12<sup>th</sup>).

Congratulations to all these teams on making it to the National Championship and earning the chance to compete! Go Warriors and good luck!



We have made it! Students you are doing an amazing job in your classes! Teachers, you have been incredible with your content knowledge and ability to move your instruction online in a matter of two days. That shift is not possible without being a teaching staff of tremendous talent, will, and perseverance. We have all earned this holiday weekend! For Judaism, Passover began on April 8<sup>th</sup> and will end on April 16<sup>th</sup>. For Christians, this week has been Holy Week, today is Good Friday, and Sunday is Easter. If you are celebrating a religious holiday this week, or if you are simply going to relax and enjoy a movie, I hope everyone has the opportunity to rest, relax, and recharge. I will see everyone back in our Online Troy High School on Monday!

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