PHHS welcomes new ASB Officers  
By Kim Ly

The new 2013-2014 ASB (As- sociated Student Body) officers were elected by the Piedmont Hills student body on April 12. Your new 2013-2014 ASB executive officers are ASB President Runi Tanna, ASB Vice President Andrew Stauffer, ASB Secretary Gianelle Kaliangara and ASB Treasurer Sergio Stauffer. Along with the executive board are the new ASB Commissioners, which are as follows: Publicist Janis Galindez, Activities Commissioner Mitchell Pathannavong, Clubs Commissioner Jasmine Escobar and Sports Commissioner Diane Trunick.

This year’s campaigning was not competitive; seven out of eight positions had only one candidate running. Candidates campaigned throughout the second week of April. Each candidate had to give a brief speech during lunch outside the theater by the Senior Glen on April 11.

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The new ASB officers already have goals for Piedmont Hills. “I want to make sure everything runs smoothly next year,” adds Runi. “Our main goal for next year is to make the activities at PHHS more exciting. I also want to focus on raising money for ASB because that is a big part of hosting school events at our school,” adds Rani.

Candidates gave out bubbles and stickers, made posters and created Facebook events for their campaigns.

School plans for new sci- ence building  
By Alan Ruynt

The new science building, originally planned to commence construction during this summer, has been delayed for two years while funding and organizational issues are worked out.

“From what they told us, there was an issue with the architects and the original design was over-budget,” explains Science teacher Lope Macasay. “They had to start over.”

In the meantime as funding streams in from Bond Measures G and I, teachers are discussing on how exactly to plan out the building. According to Science teacher David Vasques, the purpose of the new science building is twofold: to increase the amount of science classrooms overall, and to design, from the ground up, a suitable science classroom with an original design.

“One, we don’t have enough science classrooms. We also want to design a new classroom more suited for the class,” says Mr. Vasques, while showing how his classroom was constructed from two other science classrooms. Continuing further, he explained that the Science Depart- ment never had the opportunity for a new building, and any plans now are mostly speculation and discussion.

While details of the building are still up in the air, a few details were made concrete. Mr. Vasques and the Science Department plan to replace portables D-28 and D-26, as well as the two math portables to make room for the new building.

The gross area between the four portables is likely to be replaced by the sci- ence building.

The original plan for the build- ing was slated to be $8 million dol- lars, but modifications to the plan ad- justed the price upwards: Mr. Vasques himself estimated the cost to be up to $10 million dollars. According to Mr. Vasques, the funding for the build- ing will come from Bond Measure G, passed last year, and Measure I, passed this year. In addition, there is also word of a second building to be constructed for the Drama Department and Music Department.

Bond Measure I, put on the California Ballot and approved on the November 6 vote, The Measure called for $120,000,000 in bonds to be distributed to schools in the East Side Union High School district, mentioning Andrew Hill, Calero, Evergreen Valley, Foothill, Independence, James Lick, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Santa Teresa, Silver Creek, WC, Overfelt, and Yerba Buena in addition to Piedmont Hills to receive funding. The $12 million they are identified to be used to “upgrade com- puter/science labs, improve security/ safety, repair, equip, and construct classrooms/facilities,” according to the measure.

However, for all friendly compe- tition, this year’s Battle of the Tribes will probably be the last. FYC’s ap- plication to the city of San Jose for its annual budget renewal was not ac- cepted, and as FYC has virtually no other form of income, this spells the end for its activities.

“I know that (BotT and FYC’s mission to lessen gang activity) has been accomplished, but there are still many Filipino students that are addicted to gam- bling, alcohol, and especially drugs,” says Lazo. “We only have enough money to last until September of this year. BotT can continue, but it will be very, very difficult. We’d continue FYC at someone’s garage,” he adds half-jokingly.

FYC still meets every Tues- day at Welch Park from 5:30pm to 8pm, holding workshops on almost everything from alcohol and drug awareness to public speaking for Filipino American heritage.

Eightschools clash on last time:  
Filipino Youth Coalition’s Battle of the Tribes 2013

By Bryan Doan

Seven Deadly Sins (plus one) and eight deadly schools—that was the theme for this year’s annual BotT (Battle of the Tribes). With the podium spots taken by Ever- green in first, Silver Creek in second, and Independence in third, Piedmont Hills claimed fourth place, thereby losing out at only six points behind Evergreen. Having placed seventh last year, Pied- mont’s BotT team is rather pleased with its performance—even if this may well be the last Battle in which they will have the chance to participate.

The event is organized by the FYC (Filipino Youth Coalition). More precisely, certain volunteers called “Core Members” are responsible for the refereeing, orga- nizing and planning of BotT.

“BotT is a friendly, intense competition among different schools (in) the San Jose area. It was meant to bring Filipino away from temptations, such as gang activity, drugs (and) alcohol,” says Core Member and FPSA (Filipino Parent-Student Association) Co-President Daniel Lazo.

This year’s Battle was centered on a new theme for this year’s Battle of the Tribes. “We did better than expected,” reflects choreographer Alynah Alcantara. “We lost and I felt like we really bonded.”

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PHS Chapter 6336 of MHS students recently held an induction ceremony for the third time in the L-Building April 30. The ceremony included the inducting of senior members of the Music Department into the national organization.

"Music is here for organization for seniors in high school who have been participants in the music program. It shows extreme dedication and interest in the performing arts," explains MHS Vice President Marguerite Lehman.

The night involved a dinner catered by Sushi Coast, performances and the reciting of an oath upholding music appreciation to complete their induction. Student officers of the club organized and planned the event.

"Planning was definitely a little difficult, but we had it all under control," says senior Jonathan Anh Tran. "We had really good Japanese food.

Audience and club members enjoyed a dinner throughout the night available at a miniature buffet on the left side of the L-Building.

"The food was good," states senior Anh Tran.

"It was okay," adds MHS member Gallagher Wu. "Food's good—I eat anything.

The performances were an improvement in style on years before, according to MHS officers.

"This year was pretty interesting because usually we would have people who enjoyed performing pop songs like last year," states MHS Historian Andre Nuestra. "This year we had a lot of actual music going on for the performances, which was really nice. I really liked Irvin Lin’s bass performance. On top of that, in a crowd, the people couldn't really understand it, but if it's something that takes to play what he played, it was actually pretty awesome.

I was really not playing a main instrument and them going all out to show what they have learned in the past four years.

"All of the performances were good," adds MHS Secretary Pareel Leung. "Ken Nakamoto's and Justin Birch's performance were alright.

MHS inductions also recited an oath upholding their passion and appreciation for music. Though the club commemorates the students' performances in music, members may pursue goals in subjects other than music. Depending on the relation the club's community service projects have to music, club members may or may continue in college if the projects relate to music or pursue other goals if they do not.

"Of the music, we do a pretty good community service," states MHS Advisor Kathy Tippett. "Whether they integrate music is not up to that particular group. Last year's club didn't get that involved in music. The members created the buildings. That's not music-related, but when (a member) goes out to college and meets other people in music studies, some are very musical as far as what their service project was.

Some MHS members have plans for other subjects in college.

"I'm going to San Diego State to major in music," comments Gallagher.

"I'm planning on being a Biology major," adds Pareel.

MHS inducts 31 new members

By Catherine Lu

Music students attend CMEA

By Byrin Lin

Vocal Jazz makes treble in Reno

By Byrin Lin

The Treble Makers performed at the 31st annual Reno Jazz Festival. The festival was held at American Canyon High School on Apr. 20. String Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra each scored a ranking of Excellent, and Chamber Orchestra received an overall Superio.

"I was really surprised that we got a pretty decent score on the sight reading because we were seriously terrible," says Chamber Orchestra cellist Michelle Ly. "But I do think we deserved what we got; we didn't sound like total amateurs even though the first song we played was only re-hearsed two times in total.

The last festival date was attended by Treble Choir on Sat., May 4 at Joaquin Miller Middle School. Treble Choir scored unannounced Excellent and Concert Choir received a unannounced Superior.

The main challenge for the choirs this year was sight reading, and much more difficult for choral groups than for instrumental groups in terms of both rhythm and pitch, according to choir director Myles Ellis.

"When you sight read, the important thing is that rhythm is together and you all get to the end together," says Mr. Ellis. "Even if there are bumps along the road, you want to keep the little engine moving along.

The choirs have been practicing with softhearted singing and audition, which is a way of hearing the music mentally before actually singing it.

"Every year the groups have gotten many more and more people that are good musicians to the group," assesses Mr. Ellis. "The arrangement results with a harder repertoire, so I’d say it’s another step forward.

The number of vocal clinics and advanced performances, highly beneficilial experiences for all atten- dant singing jazz groups, also added to the level of excitement during the trip.

"There were a lot of clinics to go to whereas at previous festivals we have been to, there haven’t been as many clinics that we could attend due to time issues," says Margaret. "I really liked the clinics and the per- formances that we went to, especially just watching a lot of the other groups that were all really talented and at a higher caliber than groups we’ve seen at previous festivals.

The Treble Makers were also in- vited to perform with the West Valley College Choral Choir in their vocal jazz concert on Sun. 19.

Two Pirates to leave PHHS

By Kim Ly

Karen Hewitt

Joey Guthrie

What do you teach?

Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonomet-
ery, major in nutrition and Math Analysis)

For how long have you been teaching?

I've been teaching three years, in the district for sev-
en years and I was a sub for three to four years before that.

What are your future plans?

I have a new program called "The Birded Spot" at an afterschool tutoring center and hopefully it’ll soon be a community center. It’s a place for students to go to afterschool to hang out, study, do homework, social- ize, etc. instead of going home to watch television or in a car. This is something I am developing, I don’t have a location yet but I have the ini- tiative. For more information, you can go online on www.theneardspot.org to check it out.

Will you want to return as a teacher?

Since I am taking a year of absence, it is possible by missing a term or if my plan fails, I can come back.

Refractions

In the March issue of the Legend, the real dates for the musical are Wed., April 10 to Sun., April 14.
Students save lives through Red Cross Club’s biannual blood drive

By Shannon Sanchez

Red Cross Club conducted its second blood drive of the school year on April 26. In total, 74 people donated 88 pints of blood, according to Blood Centers of the Pacific Account Representative Wendy Theisen.

“We wanted about 200 sign-ups, and we got 116,” says Red Cross Club Vice President Paul Tran. “There were about ten stations with a lounging chair. Drawing blood took about eight to ten minutes, and donors could talk to their friends, play games and whatever else while they got their blood drawn.”

Snacks came after donation to revitalize donors.

“After donating, by law, you must sit, eat and drink for 15 minutes before you can go,” says Paul. “We gave donors Ritz Bits, pretzels, bunny crackers, peanuts, Oreos, crackers, Capri Sun, water and juice.”

The donated blood went to a noble cause.

“Blood is stored by Blood Centers of the Pacific. They give it to people in life-threatening situations,” explains Paul. The 88 pints donated can help up to 208 patients in the Bay Area community.

“Red Cross is about saving lives, and giving blood is one of the ways to do that,” continues Paul. Donating blood itself was a rewarding experience.

“I wanted to donate to get extra credit for Physiology,” says junior Kevin Nguyen, who donated for the second time in his life. “Overall, donating blood was tedious, but it was worth it. I feel like I’m helping people. It’s not like they had to ask me, just my existence guarantees that someone else can live, or at least helps them live longer.”

The donating process was briefly painful, according to Kevin. “When they stick you with a needle, which is bigger than the ones you get shots with, you’ll feel pain for about a second. After that, you’ll feel the needle in you, but it won’t hurt,” explains Kevin.

New gym to be completed in the near future

By Anthony Shih

Due to a series of hiccups during construction, the new gym that looms over the boys’ blacktop area has been delayed to an unknown time.

According to Athletic Director Peter Simos, the gym has had a couple things changed due to missing parts or pieces that didn’t correspond to an unknown time.

“Not very many people show up to an unknown time,” states Mr. Simos, the gym is expected to be completed by May 30.

“I’m skeptical that it will happen at May 30, but I’m hoping that it does get completed,” states Mr. Simos.

Perhaps the biggest reason the gym hasn’t been completed, however, is the fact that the original contractors hired to construct the gym went bankrupt sometime during the construction.

The Board of Supervisors was required to use a special insurance bond to help the contractors pay required bills, and thus a lot of time was wasted on that whole fiasco. But, Principal Traci Williams believes the gym hasn’t been completed yet because not enough workers come to assist in the construction a day.

“Not very many people show up, one to two people show up a day when it should be fifteen to twenty people working,” notes Ms. Williams.

“One thing I will say, the gym is beautiful on the inside,” expresses Simos.

Goodbye, high school

By Shannon Sanchez

If I had the chance to re-do high school, I would say no. High school was the worst four to five years of my life where I learned a lot about myself through embarrassment and irrational thinking, and as much as high school was fun, I’m anxiously ready to move on. You can’t move on if you’re standing still.

Cindy Liu, Editor-in-Chief

I never expected the end of my public school education to feel like this. That zeal of the approaching end of the school year on April 26 in elementary and middle school is gone. In this it feels like to be an adult? I’m ready to move on, at any rate. High school’s been the best and worst experience of my life. I learned a lot about the world and myself, found myself, and even though the experience has been rough, it’s been necessary.

Alan Hyun, News Editor

Sometimes singing sad songs solemnly scares spectators, decidedly during Disneyland dates. However, hilarity has higher importance, and sometimes people just give up trying to alliterate. I didn’t expect to become the crazy lunatic I am today, but high school’s been the best and worst experience of my life. I learned a lot about myself and social life, and made me into the sociable and at times socially awkward person that I am. Thx.

Catherine Lu, Features Editor

If there is one thing I learned in high school, it is that everyone is going to have their ups and downs. Much like the economy, we all hit peaks after a period of expansion and a trough after a period of contraction. And although the trough is literally rock bottom of the cycle, its main characteristic is that the cycle must continue by going back up.

Irvin Lui, Web Editor

Everyone goes through life asking questions. Sometimes we never find those answers, but that’s because by the time we find those answers we forget why we asked the question in the first place. I’ve spent an unhealthy amount of time asking myself questions without looking for the answers I seek, as such, I’ve barely moved on from where I started. High school has given me the opportunity to think, whether it’s about human nature or about the next math test, and it seems that the answers are out there, I just need to find them.

Anthony Shih, Sports Editor
Mysteries of the teenage brain
By Shannon Sanchez

B eing a teenager is difficult. Responsibilities are crushing. Adults don’t understand. Mood shifts quickly. Half the time teens don’t even know why they feel the way they do—but science is beginning to. Inability to fall asleep, difficulty understanding others (especially adults), recklessness and so on are gaining feasibility as studies on the adolescent brain yield surprising results.

Although scientists used to believe the brain only changed during the first few years of life, it is now known that brain development continues into the 20s. Just before puberty, the prefrontal cortex (just behind the forehead) goes through a growth spurt in cells. This part of the brain is vital in many functions including planning, judgment, impulse, emotion, understanding others and making memories. It develops slowly throughout puberty.

In contrast to this, the part of the brain that deals with pleasure and reward-seeking, the nucleus accumbens, develops much earlier. This leaves teenagers with an underdeveloped “want” center.

Teens not only analyze differently than adults in decision-making, but also in social areas like reading emotions. According to PBS’s Inside the Teenage Brain, teens have difficulty correctly identifying emotions on adult faces, missing fear as shock or anger among other mistakes. This extreme disconnection between adults and teens likely contributes to the many conflicts existing between them—for example, bedtime. Contrary to popular belief, teens aren’t actually meant to fall asleep at around 11pm and wake up around 8:15am as stated by PBS. Teens only get 7½ hours of sleep on average, as reported by sleeppassport.com, sleep deprivation results in daytime sleepiness, increased stress (from which the immune system suffers), high blood pressure (leading to heart disease), lack of emotional control, increased hunger, depression, poor concentration (leading to poor grades) and risky behavior. Exhaustion can also lead to spontaneous episodes of sleep known as microsleep, which last anywhere from less than a second to 30 seconds. Microsleep can occur during any action, from driving to studying, and leaves the experiencer unaware.

The most effective way for teens to get more sleep is for high school start times to be pushed up, a strategy that has resulted in better attendance, graduation rate, and health, but also disruption of family schedules and less time for extracurricular activities.

Since schools are unlikely to change, teens can help their sleep schedules in other ways. Circadian rhythms are often dictated by signs from the environment, and light is the one that has the most control over sleep. The 2011 National Sleep Foundation’s Sleep Poll showed that 72 percent of teens use cell phones in the hour before sleep. This is a problem because to fall asleep quickly, the eyes should be exposed to as little light as possible during the hour before sleep, including that from TVs, computers and cell phones. Limiting caffeine consumption to before 4pm also help maximize sleep.

As stated by sleeppassport.com, DSPD (Delayed Sleep-Phase Disorder) affects seven to ten percent of teenagers, mostly boys. It causes difficulty falling asleep until the early morning, such as 3am, and is often misdiagnosed as insomnia. Those with it have difficulty waking up in the morning and are not fully awake until the afternoon. It is likely genetic and often fades as teens reach adulthood.

Throughout adolescence, the brain goes through a process of pruning, in which it sorts through the many connections that developed through childhood. Connections judged as unneeded are destroyed, and those judged as important are covered in a substance known as myelin, which allows signals to move more quickly.

Both the myelin and pruning of unneeded connections make the brain more efficient. The process begins in the back of the brain, leaving the vital control center, the prefrontal cortex, last.

According to dreamonline.com, as the teenage brain sorts out what it needs, it also has high plasticity. This means it is molded by its environment. While children are the quickest at learning a new language, adolescence is the second best time to. The teenage brain is like a sponge, making memories and retaining information easily. This is a positive thing for academics, but a negative thing in risky behavior since the process of addiction is a type of learning. Teenagers that use alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs are left with a lasting sensitivity to them, easily leading to addiction. The adolescent brain is also less tolerant of injury than the adult brain. For example, alcohol kills many more teenage brain cells than adult brain cells. Marijuana is also detrimental as it blocks learning by stopping certain stages of memory making, acting as a kind of “self-induced learning disability.”

Despite the fact that this is the least active society in all of history, the brain has never before been subject to so much stimulation. Some scientists suspect that teens’ constant multitasking with technology may be leading to different brain development. It is not yet clear how to prevent or lessen the impact. New abilities may be developing, but another question also remains: are ancient, fundamental abilities being lost in the process?
Drama’s curtain closes with end-of-year banquet awards
By Margaret Chen

PHYHS’s Drama Department concluded the school year with its annual Dinner and Awards Petay Thursday last in the L-2 Building, where students who participated in shows or drama classes came together for potluck and shows.

“The goal of the banquet is to honor, recognize, and re-entrench the involvements of our theatre students as we look back on our 2012-2013 season, and to award each of the Academy Awards or Tony Awards,” shares drama teacher Anna Woods.

The Petay Awards officially began after the traditional senior musical and dance number, which featured a mix of “For Good” from the musical “Wizard of the West” and the more fast-paced “If I’ve Had The Time of My Life.” The female Drama Student of the Year went to senior Marley Westley, while Male Drama Student of the Year was awarded to sophomore Jack Hwang, each for his or her roles in various productions such as the spring musical “The Full Grown Fathers” for Algonquin.

A TIME OF THANKS Senior McKenna Lee accepts her award.

“I can’t describe how wonderful it is to share this experience with so many people. This has been for me… I just want to thank the whole Drama Department for being so wonderful and just—thank you. Thank you, thank you,” exclaims Marley in her acceptance speech.

Two of the members of the Ad- vancement Committee presented each of the 26 awards. Recipients of the other two shows: include sophomore Kaira Castillo for Rising Star (female); senior Tyler Magistro for Rising Star (male); and seniors Christian Durkin and Hina Vo for Achievement in Student Directing.

“Hikikomori” and the term was coined in its Japanese literally means “pulling inward.” Society’s demands and personal expectations such as the spring musical “The Full Grown Fathers” for Algonquin.

The first generation of hikikomori in our society was the postwar baby boom generation, which was comprised of one million socially inept and socially isolated young men of Takeyama, Japan. According to a 2010 estimate, the number of hikikomori in Japan is approximately 700 thousand. In 2010, there were 3.6 million hikikomori in Japan, with an average age of 31 years. However, the numbers vary significantly from expert to expert, with Japan’s own Minister of Internal Affairs announcing that there were 3.6 million hikikomori as of Feb. 6, 2010. The problem does not end with this generation, nor does it end in Japan, where the phenomenon was originally observed. The so-called “young hermits” are still steadily appearing in Japan, and reports have been made of others appearing worldwide.

The hikikomori phenomenon has serious impacts, both cultural and otherwise. Both domestic (within Japan) and global. The widespread withdrawal has created an entire generation’s worth of social inept and effectively incapable people who will have to eventually reintegrate themselves back into Japan’s society when their parents or guardians die. Michael Hoffman of the Japan Times cites this as the “2030 problem.” The mass, nation-wide reintegration of the hikikomori phenomenon is a major threat to the future of Japan’s economy and their substantial potential value to society. However, the numbers vary significantly from expert to expert, with Japan’s own Minister of Internal Affairs announcing that there were 3.6 million hikikomori in Japan, with an average age of 31 years. However, the numbers vary significantly from expert to expert, with Japan’s own Minister of Internal Affairs announcing that there were 3.6 million hikikomori in Japan, with an average age of 31 years.

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Recurrence quickly transforming into a global epidemic
By Bryan Doan

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Grab your domes, it’s time to hoof

By Chihsinau Bui and Anthony Shih

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**Plans for Summer**

**Summer Recipes**

**Spaghetti Carbonara With Peas**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 pound spaghetti (Thin or thick)
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 pound bacon, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

**Directions:**
1. Cook spaghetti according to package instructions.
2. In a large sauté pan, cook bacon until crisp.
3. Add garlic, thyme, and pepper. Place pasta in the large sauté pan and toss until coated with the sauce.
4. Serve immediately with Parmesan cheese.

**Avocado Feta Salsa**

**Ingredients:**
- 4 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1/4 cup finely minced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

**Directions:**
1. In a bowl, gently stir together avocados, onion, and garlic. Mix in parsley and cilantro. Serve immediately with tortilla chips.

**Peach and Raspberry Parfait**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups peach slices, diced
- 1 1/2 cups raspberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt

**Directions:**
1. In a small bowl, mix the raspberries, sugar, and lemon juice and let sit, tossing once, for 20 minutes.
2. Scoop the mix into six parfait glasses and top with fresh mint leaves.

**Summer Blockbusters**

**Star Trek Into Darkness**

When Kirk and Spock find themselves in the company of the mysterious Xindi-Aquians, they embark on a mission to save the Earth.

**Monsters University**

The story of Mike and Sulley, the most unlikely of heroes, unfolds as they navigate the halls of their university.

**Long Ranger**

From the directors of the Pirates of the Caribbean, the Long Ranger presents the untold adventures of Native American war hero John Reid.

**Despicable Me 2**

Gru, his loyal minions, Lucy, Edward, and Dru, must navigate the complexities of being good again.

**Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Sea of Monsters**

In order to rescue Camp Half-Blood, Percy Jackson and his friends must travel to Mount Olympus to find the Golden Fleece.
What’s one thing you’ll take away from high school?

The frans. —Will Chuang
The ability to over-analyze even the smallest detail in literature. —Sharon Tsao
Nothing. —Christopher Le
Not everything is meant to last forever. —Destiny Smith
High school helped me gain self-confidence and leadership skills as well as all the wonderful friends I made throughout the years. —Yvonne Chau
How much clubs have impacted my life. I plan to take my love for my clubs to college and continue them there. Clubs gave me a sense of community and purpose outside of academics. —Leanne Tran
Everyone is a judgmental butt who likes causing drama for themselves and then complaining about it later. —Henry Vo
I can’t read or watch anything without mentally drawing connections and doing reading notes in my head. It’s scary what your interpretations can come out to be when you’re insightful. Thanks, Mr. Brown! —Cindy Luu
A high school diploma —Alexandre Chong
The more work you put into something the more satisfaction you receive from your accomplishments. While taking easy classes and having a lighter workload was nice some years, the classes and teachers I will always remember are the ones that took over my days, nights, weekends, and vacations. —Daniel Kline

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Hey, what’s your favorite high school memory?

Playing hacky sack with teachers. —Tyler Kroiss
All the good times with my homies! —Ramsin Nissan
FANTASTICS because we had so much spirit and even though we didn’t win, we technically did because it was the first time we came together as a class and actually bonded.
—Rychele Rodarte
Going to Disneyland with the school symphony.
—Andrew Wang
Joining choir for the first time, and feeling like I belonged to something important.
—Alina Lee
Walking out of the halls during the Great PHHS Flood and hearing the joyful noise being raised all over campus.
—Alan Pua
Mr. Dolci and Mr. Brown wearing the cow suit!
—Melanie Chew
All Interact events and experiences because being part of Interact was the best part of my high school experience.
—Michelle Su
Joining wrestling.
—Brian J. Nguyen
Being in the L.A.S.O club in sophomore year and meeting new people because of it.
—Jashanpreet Singh
Being a part of Annie 2012, and Hairspray 2013. Best MUSICALS EVER!
—Nhu Phan
Performing at shows and rallies with SXC and attending DCON and FRN with my Key Club.
—Yvonne Chau
Friends.
—Chris Liou
Joining Cross Country.
—Rosemarie Talactac

Favorite subjects

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Science
- Foreign Language
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Other

Least favorite year of high school

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Favorite subject of high school

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Next, what’s your favorite high school memory?
CLASS OF ‘13 GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UC BERKELEY
Alexander Cree Chong
Amy W Shu
Andrew B Wang
Be Nguyen
Francesco Y Thao
Jadegdeep S Manik
Jonathan Lin
Joy Wang
Kirsty Jioseckel
Mahnoush B Allavala
Nelly Mateos
Phyllis H Thai
Roxana Gonzalez
Sherry Zhang
Tham Lam T Le

UC LOS ANGELES
Daguan Chen
Michelle Su
Neil Debrashi Sinha
Rahul S Gaon
Ryan J Kim
Spencer Ng
Will Chuang

UC SAN DIEGO
Alan Huyh
Alan Puch
Andy T Young
Derek Leung
Emily Yew
Jacky Ho
Jiang Duong
Justin Birch
Lee Phong
Phung M Mai
Yvonne Ngo

UC DAVIS
Alina Lee
Amanda A Nguyen
Andrew D Crolley
Andrew V Nguyen
Ash Tran
Helen Yang
Hilary Pham
Kasey Ke
Jessica Phan
Jimmy Phuong Thanh Nguyen
Norman Sheng Kuang
Timothy H Nguyen
Uyen D Leong
Victoria Huy Nguyen
Yvonne Lee

UC IRVINE
Brenda Nguyen
Brian Duan
Bryan Hahn
Christina V Nguyen
Cindy Y Chen
Irvin Lin
Jessica Lam
Joey Thai
Niki Pham
Parehd A Desai
Randy H Nguyen
Thao Tran

UC SANTA BARBARA
Johnson T Chu
Pearl Liu
Phlip Chit

UC SANTA CRUZ
Brian Tang
Makaylia M Hernandez
Pauline E Huynh

UC RIVERSIDE
Darrell Shih
Ieewan S Sandhu
Satvir S Baran
Ying Li

UC MERCED
Steven Chi

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES

CSU
Alexander Tran
Allen Touw
Alyssa M Buontempo
Aisy Chen
Amy Lam
Amy K Nguyen
Andrew H Young
Andrew Huang
Angela Diaz
Anh Tai D Nguyen
Brian T Lam
Camila Hu
Christian J Torres
Caitlin B Legaspi
Dan Q Doong
Eliza B Cao
Elizabeth Alvarez
Harleen Dhialon
Helen Zhou

UCSB
Jasmine Nguyen
Jasmine Tiu
Jessica Randev
Kayla Huynh
Ken Nakamoto
Kitty Zhou
Leanne Jean A Tubadura
Lisa Tran
Luis Tran
Mariam Tan
Mariam Hassan
Matt Martinez
Melinda Hu
Nhu Q Pham
Nicholas F Elen
Nhi Nguyen
PK Lalatee V Nguyen
Ramsin I Nguyen
Samantha A Pereira
Sandra Nguyen
Stephan Ngo
Tanya B Tran
Thao Nguyen
Trace J Starr
Tyler Maglio
Veronica R Garcia
Vincent L Dinh
Vivian Do
Yvonne Ngo

SF State
Alexandra Tello
Ariel Hernandez
Dominique R Cautho
Leon Pham
Stephen T Ho

SDSU
Anna K Ta
Gulliver Wu
Melissa A Giusto
Sherylyn B Arcinas

CSU EAST BAY
Alex Fernandez
Zechariah H Higa

CSU MONTEREY BAY
Garrett K Cintas

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO
Emily Nguyen
Jamie X Zhu-Zhang
Jonathan Tan
Megan Cheng
Pershon Yeh
Sharon Tsao
Stacy Okoro
Shanisa Cheng

CAL POLY POMONA
Kevin Do
Liliane T Thi Nguyen

CSU LONG BEACH
Charisse Demetria

CSU SACRAMENTO
Cindy S Lem

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (CALIFORNIA)

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY
Jack B Reynard

ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN
Natasha Yeh

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Morgan C Coburn
Kayla Huynh

COCOSWELL POLYTECHNICAL COLLEGE
Brian Mananpaac
Ting Ng

EXPRESSION COLLEGE OF DIGITAL ARTS
Roman J Moretti

FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING
Rhychelle Redarte

MILLS COLLEGE
Monika Sable

POMONA COLLEGE
Daniel Jin

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Christina J Hung

UNITEK COLLEGE
Destiny Smith

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
Baley E Gause

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
Marguerite Lehman

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Sydney Geng

OUT-OF-STATE UNIVERSITIES

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Edwards Martinez

MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

KANSAS UNIVERSITY
Regional Wheeler-Lewis

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO
Maina Mehrzotra

OREGON UNIVERSITY
Karlie Hulse

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Qyneh N Tran

HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Andrew N Nguyen

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Andrew H Hui

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Catherine Lu

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Daniel C Klein

OUT-OF- COUNTRIES

PAMPURH SWAMI MADHAVA MEDICAL COLLEGE
Rohita B Negi

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Leo Che

UNIVERSITY OF CARO
Zainal Gelle

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

DE ANZA COLLEGE
Aashik Kadakia

SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE
Mariam S Shaik

WEST VALLEY COLLEGE
Brandon Hagen

OCEAN COLLEGE
Brian Nicaragua
Nancy V Nguyen

ORANGE COAST COLLEGE
McKenna R Lee

OTHER UNDECIDED
Anthony Shill
Christopher Le
Henry Vu
Jerald Belong
Joanne Trinh
Kevin K Vu
Lilyan Nguyen
Linh Hoang
Matthew Lohmeyer
Melissa Gihuro
Nicole Stuart
Roseranne Ann C Talatasc
Stone K Aouga

WORK FORCE
Doris B Barbour

MILITARY
Cecil Rivera
Edward Eriksson
Isaiah Savernos Castado
Jeremy Penaranda
Richard Hoyt
Tyler H Kocis

Class of ‘13 Destination Distribution

United States

Across the world

PACIFIC OCEAN

Atlantic Ocean

Indian Ocean
Congratulations from The Legend! Check out what the valedictorian candidates of 2013 have to say on the next page!
Compiled by Vivian Vu and Catherine Lu

**Valedictorian candidates share their experience**

**Alan Puah**
College: UCSC
Considered Major: Structural Engineering
Future plans: Become a structural engineer.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* English 3AP (1st semester), Language Arts 11, Calculus AB (2nd semester), Physics Prep Room, 90.96%.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? 
Senior Year, Semester 1: Statistics. I had to study for at least three hours a day for my test. But I had to do that since I was all hard work. 4.0…..

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* English 3AP (1st semester): Do your home work and Calculus BC (2nd semester): Prayer for a nice curve on the final.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? 
Hardest: Keeping motivated second semester. Best: The year isn’t over yet, I’m still waiting. The best is yet to come, yeah? What’s an interesting fact about you? I’m not your interesting, pretty boring, actually. Something I’ll miss: Spending more time with my friends and eating in Ms. Lee’s room. I’ll also miss recognizing people when I walk into a crowded lecture hall. I’m looking forward to: The 3rd lunch table out side the Senior Hall and walking around campus seeing the faces I’ve gotten used to for over seven years. I’m looking forward to: Sun and surf at UCSD!

**Ryan Kim**
College: UCLA
Considered Major: Business Economics
Future plans: Law, business, politics.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* I brought my D in Calculus AB to 95%. Mrs. Nava graciously rounded it up. 

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: I had to manage and senioritis Best: Knowing I was almost done. What’s an interesting fact about you? I collect classic video games.

Advice to future candidates: Don’t worry, grades aren’t everything. Have a life.

**Joyce Jung**
College: Santa Clara University
Considered Major: Engineering
Future plans: Go to college, get a job, get married, have kids, work some more, then retire some where nice.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* English 3AP (first semester): Do your summer homework and Calculus BC (second semester): Pray for a nice curve on the final.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: Keeping motivated second semester. Best: The year isn’t over yet, I’m still waiting. The best is yet to come, yeah? What’s an interesting fact about you? I’m not your interesting, pretty boring, actually. Something I’ll miss: Spending more time with my friends and eating in Ms. Lee’s room. I’ll also miss recognizing people when I walk into a crowded lecture hall. I’m looking forward to: The 3rd lunch table out side the Senior Hall and walking around campus seeing the faces I’ve gotten used to for over seven years. I’m looking forward to: Sun and surf at UCSD!

**Amy Shu**
College: UC Berkeley
Considered Major: Computer Science
Future plans: Go to college, work, re search.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* It was in Mr. Land- shof’s first semester 3AP Calculus AB.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: Keeping motivated second semester. Best: A breeze (it’s normal), senioritis. Something I’ll miss: Getting more lenient grades. Something I’ll miss: Parents, getting more lenient grades after getting into college. I’m looking forward to: Meeting new people, seeing the faces I’ve gotten used to for over seven years. I’m looking forward to: Meeting new people.

Advice to future candidates: Take occasional study breaks to exercise.

**Haley Gause**
College: University of Redlands
Considered Major: Biology
Future plans: I plan to become either a trauma surgeon or an ortho - bipolar surgeon.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* Senior Year, Semester 1: Statistics. I failed my last test, but I had to make A on my last test to pass the class. I had to work hard. 4.0…..

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* English 3AP (1st semester): On my last test, I got 70’s and 80’s. I had to work hard. 4.0…..

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: Trying dedicated to my schoolwork, and not letting senioritis get the best of me. Best: Even though I’ve been going to school with the same people for 3 years, I made a lot of re ally good friends this year. What’s an interesting fact about you? I’ve collected some of the best show awards for my decorated cakes at the San Diego County Fair. Something I’ll miss: Having homemade food made with love wait ing for me at home (I miss Mom and Dad)! I’m looking forward to: Eating good food, and all the craziness that comes with in college

**Daguan Chen**
College: UCLA
Considered Major: Electrical Engineering
Future plans: I’m thinking about either going into industry or educa- tion. Or research. I’m not sure where life is going to take me. I’m not sure. I’ll go where life takes me.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* Several times. Junior year, I almost got Fs in both my AP classes, Mr. Landshof’s and Mr. Kuang’s.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: I had a seven-period school day and communi- ty college at the same time in my senior year. Best: Something really great happened. I was not having to take the Star test. Senior status yay! What’s an interesting fact about you? I used to write a lot of fanfic.

Advice to future candidates: Be a good friend to the people you can’t skip the final.

**Rachel Guan**
College: UCLA
Considered Major: Bioengineering
Future plans: Not sure yet.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* Calculus AB (first semester): It was my first AP class and I didn’t know what the heck I was getting myself into.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: You had to pick and choose which classes you wanted to take. The class you take, you have to be good in. Best: Sometime really great happened. I was not having to take the Star test. Senior status yay! What’s an interesting fact about you? I used to write a lot of fanfic.

Advice to future candidates: Don’t stress yourself out, you’ll regret it later!

**Christina Hung**
College: Stanford University
Considered Major: Computer Science
Future plans: I plan to go to college and get a job, get married, have kids, work some more, then retire some where nice.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* English 3AP (first semester): Do your summer homework and Calculus BC (second semester): Pray for a nice curve on the final.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: Being able to meet my friends in person. Something I’ll miss: Everything except for tests, finals, and exams. Of course, I’ll miss Runi tonight, I’m going to eat, sleep, and breathe.

Advice to future candidates: Don’t worry so much about your grades, just set what those tests reflect. They’re meaningless if you don’t earn them through hard work.

**Michelle Su**
College: UCLA
Considered Major: Physiological Sciences
Future plans: I plan to go to UCSF or Stanford for medical school and become a pediatrician. One day, I’ll also miss Runi tonight, I’m going to eat, sleep, and breathe. Something I’ll miss: Having homemade food made with love wait ing for me at home (I miss Mom and Dad)! I’m looking forward to: Eating good food, and all the craziness that comes with in college

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**Marguerite Lehman**
College: Brown
Considered Major: Social Ecology, International Affairs, Communications, Political Science
Future plans: Work at a non-profit organization that bet ters lives and communities.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* Calculus AB (2nd semester): I thought it was dependent on my final, but it turns out it is dependent on a very high grade on the final to maintain my A so I was worried for no reason.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: Set on a specific career yet.

Advice to future candidates: Don’t stress yourself out, you’ll regret it later!

**John Ho**
College: USD
Considered Major: Physiology and Psychology
Future plans: Tonight, I’m going to eat, sleep, and breathe.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* English 3AP (first semester): Do your summer homework and Calculus BC (second semester): Pray for a nice curve on the final.

What was the hardest part of Senior Year? And the best? Hardest: Completing the college applications because I am an ex treme procrastinator. Best: Sleeping during class. Whenev er I want, for as long as I want.

What’s an interesting fact about you? I eat my twins in the womb. Something I’ll miss: Everything except for tests, finals, and exams. Of course, I’ll miss Runi tonight, I’m going to eat, sleep, and breathe.

Advice to future candidates: Don’t stress yourself out, you’ll regret it later!

**Daniel Kline**
College: University of Colorado
Considered Major: Physics, Astrophysics
Future plans: College, grad school, postdoc, professor in physics.

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* Never worry about your grades. What’s the best? And what’s the worst? Best: My parents, get more lenient grades. What’s an interesting fact about you? I have won four best show awards at the Santa Clara County Fair.

Advice to future candidates: Don’t stress yourself out, you’ll regret it later!

*When I almost lost my 4.0...* My parents, get more lenient grades.

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**Sunny Park**
College: UCSC
Considered Major: Music
Future plans: I plan to go to UCSF or Stanford for medical school and become a pediatrician. One day, I’ll also miss Runi tonight, I’m going to eat, sleep, and breathe. Something I’ll miss: Having homemade food made with love wait ing for me at home (I miss Mom and Dad)! I’m looking forward to: Eating good food, and all the craziness that comes with in college

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**GRADUATION!**
Senioritis epidemic spreads

CLASS OF ’13 WARNS UNDERCLASSMEN OF INEVITABLE PLAGUE

By Alan Huynh

During the last few months of their final year of public education, many of our seniors have come down with a potentially lethal affliction: senioritis. This crippling seasonal sickness crops up amongst the upperclassmen every year. The roots of senioritis are well-defined. By March, most seniors already have a college acceptance letter and potentially a future ahead of them. With their eyes on the long term, they often feel the need to put forth the minimal effort, if they put forth any effort at all, before being liberated from public education.

With the end so close, seniors feel they barely need to put forth an effort before being freed of the chains of high school. The truth of the matter is that, even when close to the end, that is not the end. That college acceptance letter? Expect it to be revoked if the pace isn’t maintained in school. Life after high school? Put in jeopardy if high school is not completed. Senioritis is a widespread ailment that infects and spreads throughout the upperclassmen annually during spring, but one must not succumb to it. We wish to keep their life on track.

The official definition of senioritis is “an ebbing of motivation and effort by school seniors as evidenced by tardiness, absences, and lower grades.” Seniors and other upperclassmen, closing in on completion of their high school career, often feel an obligation to simply stop trying and cruise through to the end of the year. As this is a phenomenon that does exist and is rampant at our school, our fellow pupils offer their insight and experience dealing with this affliction.

“Senioritis is inevitable. I didn’t think I’d get it, but I did. All you can do is deal with it,” says senior Michelle Su. However, many students find themselves unable to combat this disease. “I embrace it and live with it.” admits senior Thomas Tang. “It comes to you, suddenly.” says senior Bryan Nham. “I want to fight it, but senioritis makes you not want to fight it.”

As tempting as it is to simply stop trying and sail through senior year, the end result of such behavior is often a jeopardized high school career or long term plans.

Class of ’13 warns underclassmen of inevitable plague

Senioritis epidemic spreads

Final words of our high school career

WHICH SENIORS WANT JUNIORS TO KNOW BEFORE THEY LEAVE

Compiled by Catherine Lu

“Join the plays and musicals! You can’t possibly feel more at home anywhere else. When I look back at high school, I’ll always miss and remember what a great family I made and all of the great experiences I had.” —Angela Diaz

“Make as many memories that you can because high school, especially senior year, flies by faster than you think.” —John Jeryl V Espanola

“Don’t procrastinate.”

—Brian Doan, Stephen Ngo, Kevin Nguyen, Sharon Tsao, Andrew Hoang, Sandra Nguyen, Richard Huynh, Nikki Nguyen, Brian Nguyen, Alissa Lee, Isabella Tran, Anh Tai D Nguyen, Kathleen Hsieh, Kyara Roshau-Wood, Kristy Juesekui, Nicholas Lien, Pauline Huynh, Cornelio (CJ) Balmaceda, Yvonne Chau, Melissa Zapien

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“Go to Stanford and start a company.”

—Jerry Yang Impersonator

“Be smart about your future decisions; do whatever makes you happy.” —James Marco Adriano

“Sleep.”

—Jimmy Nguyen

“Take advantage of every opportunity to be involved and spirited.” —Autumn Twitchell

“Don’t procrastinate on certain subjects that you know will be hard to manage. Also, don’t take more than you can handle!” —Anna Ta

“Have fun, but not so much that your grades slip.” —Sara-Amanda McGuire

“I know a lot of people MIGHT have already said this but... ENJOY IT!!! I know high school gets you sometimes and you just can’t wait to leave, but when the time actually comes near you’re not gonna want to leave... I know I don’t want to. Cherish this time because you don’t know where you and your friends will end up after high school, but also don’t be too sad about leaving either; because there are bigger and better things waiting for you out there.” —Rucha Negi

“Final words of our high school career”

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—Brian Doan, Stephen Ngo, Kevin Nguyen, Sharon Tsao, Andrew Hoang, Sandra Nguyen, Richard Huynh, Nikki Nguyen, Brian Nguyen, Alissa Lee, Isabella Tran, Anh Tai D Nguyen, Kathleen Hsieh, Kyara Roshau-Wood, Kristy Juesekui, Nicholas Lien, Pauline Huynh, Cornelio (CJ) Balmaceda, Yvonne Chau, Melissa Zapien

“Go to Stanford and start a company.”

—Jerry Yang Impersonator

“Be smart about your future decisions; do whatever makes you happy.” —James Marco Adriano

“Don’t procrastinate on certain subjects that you know will be hard to manage. Also, don’t take more than you can handle!” —Anna Ta

“Have fun, but not so much that your grades slip.” —Sara-Amanda McGuire

“I know a lot of people MIGHT have already said this but... ENJOY IT!!! I know high school gets you sometimes and you just can’t wait to leave, but when the time actually comes near you’re not gonna want to leave... I know I don’t want to. Cherish this time because you don’t know where you and your friends will end up after high school, but also don’t be too sad about leaving either; because there are bigger and better things waiting for you out there.” —Rucha Negi

“Final words of our high school career”
"Probably the most challenging aspect of college is time management, which fits into a larger challenge of living independently for many college-bound students. In high school we’re used to having teachers and family telling us what to do; what classes to take, what extra-curriculars to do, etc. It’s really different in college because although there are many people who care about your wellbeing, i.e. your proctor and academic adviser it’s really important that you set clear short term goals for yourself and strive to meet them. This can be simple things like doing your laundry on a weekly basis (which for many busy bookworms like myself is really hard) to more significant endeavors such as internning at a lab or working the night shift in the school library. The extent to which these goals can be met, and ultimately how much you enjoy college, is predicated on how well you budget your time. Sadly, there are only 24 hours in a day; you often hear of college students complaining that they would be lucky if they could have just 2 of the following: good grades, adequate sleep, and a social life. Micromanaging your time certainly helps you meet this end, if not more." -Albert Li, PHHS Class of ‘12 & Harvard University Class of ‘16

“For your first quarter or semester, I suggest investing time to get to know the people around you—your roommates, floor-mates, and classmates—because the first academic period is the best time to make long-lasting friendships.”—Kevin Nguyen, PHHS Class of ‘12 & UC Los Angeles Class of ‘16

"Don’t try to impress. Just do your best and don’t be lazy or procrastinate. And get a job because life is much better when you make your own income.” —Katrina Woo, PHHS Class of ‘11 & Academy of Art University Class of ’15

“Enjoy your freshman year, but keep your GPA up at the same time. Attending class will generally help you unless the class is taught by a TA. Use this time wisely to explore your interests, and discover what kind of schedule works best for you.” —Wilson Shao, PHHS Class of ‘12 & California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo Class of ’16

"Cherish the memories that you have with your friends right now. It’s going to be a whole different world in college, but it’s truly amazing. Get involved! The more you get involved, the more fun college will be. Make smart choices and enjoy the moment!” —Nancy Huynh, PHHS Class of ’12 & DeAnza College

“My advice for incoming college freshmen is to come with an open mind. You’ll really be surprised and humbled by how much you learn, about life and yourself.” —Jessie Tang, PHHS Class of ‘11 & University of California, Berkeley Class of ’15

“It really depends on the person - the transition to college is different for everyone. It’s difficult to ever think of yourself as truly ‘prepared for college’...because often times, you’re not. My advice would be to find something to do/to get involved in that will make your time at college worthwhile. Find something you’re passionate about because in all the stress of schoolwork (which does come at one point, trust me), it will be nice to occupy yourself with something you enjoy in good company.” —Tina Truong, PHHS Class of ‘11 & University of the Pacific Class of ’15

“Just embrace college. There will be good times and tough times, and you’ll meet once in a lifetime friends/people, but also running away from a few. The whole college experience is a mix of all of them and the person you become as a result will be the person you’re meant to be.” —Henry Sheng, PHHS Class of ‘10 & Santa Clara University Class of ‘14

"I think the biggest thing is to not worry too much about how others will perceive what you do after high school. Everyone has their own path in life, whether it be going straight into the workforce or going to a CC/4-year. Be proud that you got past high school because a lot of people don’t/can’t make it. After-high school is a fresh start, so work hard in what you do and you’re guaranteed success.” —Katherine Vu, PHHS Class of ‘12 & DeAnza College

“Put yourself out there and be open to new perspectives and trying new things, but don’t forget where you came from and how it’s shaped who you are.” —Stacy Ma, PHHS Class of ’12 & UC Los Angeles Class of ’16

"Life after high school is great! From here on out, you’re only moving forward. Work hard, play hard! Enjoy college. No matter where you go, college is about the people that you meet, the connections you make, the amazing experiences and all of the opportunities that are available to you. Also, be independent and never lower your expectations or standards.” —Idara Ndon, PHHS Class of ‘12 & Brown University Class of ‘16

“My advice for graduating seniors/incoming college freshmen is to learn to take care of themselves. It’s essential to learn the basic household things (laundry, dishes, cleaning, organizing, etc.) and make a habit of studying, exercising, sleeping, and having fun in proper portions to help yourself stay sane (time management!). It’s time to start that new chapter, but don’t lose yourself! I learned that life after high school isn’t about “making yourself,” it’s about finding yourself. Good luck!” —Melody Au-Yeung, PHHS Class of ’12 & UC San Diego Class of ’16

“Move far away as possible and don’t eat too much cafeteria food.” —Alexis Agsaoa, PHHS Class of ’12 & Foothill College

“College is no guarantee of success. There are thousands of smart kids with a piece of paper called a diploma with no direction or job. Likewise, there are thousands more who thrive and succeed because they have that drive and ambition, regardless of whether or not they fulfill that societal expectation of higher education. (But it does help!) But for those that will be college freshmen, please explore the city outside your campus! Don’t restrict yourself to a campus bubble when you’ve got all sorts of sights, sounds, and things in the local community! Go see a show, find a fair, visit the museum! If there isn’t anything to do, you probably aren’t looking hard enough.” —Nicholas Lee, PHHS Class of ’12 & University of California, San Diego Class of ’16

"I’d say try not to focus too much on where it is you’re going, wherever that is, but create goals for yourself. Whatever it is you want to do in school, in your personal life, whatever. Create that goal and make sure you remember it. I think time moves faster and faster the older we are, so it’s easy to forget the large goals we have when we get caught up in the day-to-day." —Raymond Cheng, PHHS Class of ’11 & Santa Clara University Class of ’15

“Do not slack off in college and keep up with all your work. Get out of our room and make friends! Enjoy college life!” —Cecilia Cai, PHHS Class of ’10 & Santa Clara University Class of ’14
Moving away from home and into a whole new place can be hard and terrifying. Often, many college freshmen forget to bring many important items with them when moving into their new dorm. This checklist of what to pack for college may come in handy and help seniors survive freshman year. Always check what the dorms will provide first to avoid bringing duplicates. Be sure to also check what students may not bring into dorms.

**Bedding**
- bed sheets
- pillows
- pillowcases
- blankets

**COOKING**
- personal set of pots and pans
- utensils
- bowls
- packs of ramen
- mugs
- plates
- instant coffee mix
- tea bags
- sticker labels (to label belongings)
- electric kettle
- mini fridge

**TOILETRIES AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS**
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- plastic cups
- multiple towels of different sizes
- shampoo
- soap / body wash
- conditioner
- shaving razors
- shaving cream
- deodorant
- lotion
- facial cleansers
- hair dryer
- hair brush
- feminine hygiene products
- sunscreen
- shower caddy
- hair ties and pins

**ITEMS THAT COME IN HANDY**
- sewing kit
- flashlight
- first aid kit
- extra batteries
- calculator
- tape
- bicycle
- bike locks
- bike helmet
- bike fender
- bike lights
- multiple USB drives
- compact external hard drive
- reusable bags
- headphones
- umbrella
- rape whistle
- pepper spray

**FOR THE ROOM**
- laptop or computer
- printer
- ink cartridges
- laptop charger
- laptop lock
- keyboard
- mousepad
- webcam
- air fresheners
- cleaning supplies
- fan (if no air conditioning available)
- small vacuum
- alarm
- mirror
- posters
- decorations
- tissue boxes
- extension cords
- plastic drawers
- mouse

**CLOTHING**
- undergarments
- clothes for all types of weather if needed
- clothes hangers
- shoes
- socks
- sunglasses
- laundry supplies
- laundry basket or bag
- iron

**DON’T FORGET**
- lanyard
- wallet
- mouth retainer (if needed)
- glasses or contact lenses (if needed)
- credit or debit card
- ID card or driver’s license
- health insurance cards
- emergency contact list
- cell phone
- phone charger

**ENTERTAINMENT (OPTIONAL)**
- TV
- video games and consoles
- speakers
- sports equipment

**MUST-KNOW RECIPES FOR THE POOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**Pad Thai, Ramen Style**

**Photos and recipes by Cindy Luu**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 package of instant Ramen, any flavor
- 1 lbs peanut butter (or sunflower butter if you’re allergic)
- ¼ cup of lemon juice
- 1/8 cup of soy sauce
- 1/8 cup of sugar
- 1 egg

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Unwrap the instant ramen and place it in a microwave safe bowl. Throw away the flavor package or save it for use later. Pour water until it covers the ramen and microwave for 1 minute.
2. In a separate bowl, mix the lemon juice, soy sauce, sugar, and peanut butter together.
3. Drain the water from the ramen, and pour the sauce over the ramen. Microwave for 30 seconds. Stir until the peanut butter has dissolved or is no longer clumpy.
4. Crack one egg in the ramen. Microwave for 30 seconds. Stir the ramen. Microwave for another 30 seconds, or until the egg is cooked.
5. Enjoy!

**Iced Caramel Macchiato**

**INGREDIENTS**
- Ice
- Instant coffee
- Caramel topping
- Milk (any kind of milk! Soy milk, almond milk, cow milk, goat milk, etc.)
- Sugar
- Hot water

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Mix 1 tablespoon of instant coffee with ½ of a cup of hot water, or just follow the instructions on the packaging. Make sure the coffee is very concentrated.
2. Dissolve as much sugar as you like into the coffee and then add ice cubes to cool down the coffee and dilute it a bit.
3. Mix in 1 cup of milk. Then drizzle as much caramel topping you want.
4. Enjoy! Never have to pay more for a caramel macchiato at Starbucks again!
**Drama's Hairspray a gigantic success**

By Margaret Chen

The Hairspray cast and crew took their final bows Sun., April 14, concluding the sixth—and last—performance of the spring musical’s five-day showing. The production was also nominated for seven top honors for San Jose Stage Company’s musical theater competition, receiving Outstanding and Excellent comments from judges.

The show was a smashing success, with high demand prompting the Hairspray team to add an additional Sunday show. Four shows were completely booked.

“It was the first time we’ve added an extra performance,” states student director Hieu Vo. “We didn’t want to deny anyone from viewing a performance because of other shows selling out.”

Musical director Anna Woods indicated that the show’s popularity may be due to a timely topic. “(It) still smile when I think back on how far that cast and crew came,” she shares. “I’m just so impressed by the amount of focus and love the performers gave on stage and how hard the crew worked behind the scenes.”

Set in the 1960s, Hairspray centers around a cheerful, plump teenager named Tracy Turnblad. “I’m very thankful,” she shares. “I’m wowed by the musical’s turnout.”

“We didn’t want to deny anyone from viewing the performance,” states student director Hieu Vo. “They all welcomed us as their own, and we were all one big family,” says sophomore Gurparsad Thind, who made his drama debut as a member of Motormouth Maybelle’s record shop.

“We all loved each other and supported each other. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime thing, and you can never do it again!”

Together with her best friend Penny (senior Nhi Pham), her agoraphobic mother Edna (senior Ray Raymundo), her crush Link (senior Aliri Hamption), Tracy works to racially integrate the show while fending off the petty Von Tussle mother-daughter duo (senior Marguerite Lehman and Marley Wehley).

“Honestly, I was pretty stressed out the most of the time, and it had a lot to do with not feeling that I was good enough,” admits Jona than. “However, as with every show, it has been so rewarding. Being in high school theatre has been my dream since third grade... and it has re ally been an honor being able to participate in the productions for the last four years.”

The two-and-a-half-hour show featured 19 musical numbers and according to Ms. Woods, multiple complicated variables.

“It was a high intensity dance show with 11 character parts, all of whom had to be talented, with some very challenging set requirements and quick location changes,” she explains. “On top of all that, it was a period piece, meaning that the costumes and hair and props all had to take the audience back to 1962. Add all that toget her, and you start to understand what made Hairspray so different.”

Around 120 students participated in the production, including approximately 100 in the cast and technical crew and 20 in the orchestra pit crew.

“For some, this was the very last Piedmont Hills High School production of which they will ever take part.”

“It was incredibly exciting and nerve-wracking to be a part of this production... I will never forget this amazing, beautiful experience for as long as I live,” says Hieu. For others, Hairspray was their very first production, and they look forward to participating in more of the department’s productions.

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**PIRA E EISSUE**

By Alan Huynh

FOR SCIENCE Mr. Vasques makes a smoothie as part of a nutrition unit.

The Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013, as chosen by staff vote, is Physiology teacher David Vasques, a longtime teacher who has dedicated 23 years of his life to PHHS. Mr. Vasques, having taught for over twenty years, reflects on his experience as a teacher and what he loves most about his job at PHHS, and this is my 23rd year here.”

“I think this year has some pretty good looking photos, but other years have been strong overall,” comments Photo Teacher Ian Tippetts. Judges honored the top 20 photos from each high school by giving yellow ribbons to the students. In addition, awards for best of school, best of show (digital) best of show (black and white), best senior portfolio and judges’ choice were given out.

As the hikikomori problem continues to emerge from their rooms. ♦

**Eastside 11 exhibits photos**

By Kayla Huynh

The 34th annual Eastside 11 Photo Exhibition and Contest displayed ESUHSD photo students’ artwork at the district office from April 26 to May 3. After a panel of judges evaluated the photos, an awards ceremony and reception was held on May 1 to announce the winners.

“I thought my classmates had photos that were better than mine,” says Amy. Some of the photos at the Eastside 11 Photo Exhibition and Contest were also presented at the art show at the Eastside Mall from April 26 to 28.

**A GALLERY OF PHOTOS**

Seniors Nelly Mateos and Veronica Garcia look at Evergreen Valley High School's photos.

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Hikikomori: Japanese people (mostly women) who would occasionally speak a short phrase. These videos were created by Aves (one of the largest entertainment companies in Japan) and aired at slowly reintegrating recluses without ever invading their rooms.

“The video shows that social experiences don’t have to be scary and tense,” says former American hikikomori Tom Jacobson. “People tend to emulate what they see, so if the hikikomori see videos of people talking to them, they might want to go out and talk to people themselves.”

As the hikikomori problem continues to exist and perhaps even grow, both researchers and friends of the shut-ins hope that as more information emerges about the hikikomori phenomenon (and therefore more effective treatments are found), the hikikomori themselves also emerge from their rooms. ♦
Boys Tennis makes second round of CCS

By Alain Mayhew

The Boys Varsity Tennis team finished the season strong, making it to the second round of CCS (Central Coast Section). This has been my best year, and I've improved a lot from practice," says senior Brian Lam. The Varsity Team concludes the year with a four only losses to their team. Though not undefeated, the team has lost one match against Evergreen on March 4, two games against Leland on March 5 and March 29 and one loss against Leigh on March 6, winning every other game. The boys scored a decisive victory in their first playoff game on April 11 against Serra High School, winning 7-0 with a score of 230-236. "The last game was an amazing experience once again," says mixed doubles player Norman Kuang. "I've gone through these four years in badminton, and they still believe that there is actually hope, and that they can win."

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The swimming season has gone swimmingly for the PHHS Swim teams this year. After swimming at league finals, several swimmers ended the season with CCS (Central Coast Sectional) qualifications.

By Margaret Chen

The PHHS Boys and Girls Water Polo teams will return to the CCS for the 2013-2014 season, says Athletic Director Peter Simos. The main reasons for their success (or water polo’s suspension) are the inability to secure an adequate practice facility with their current pool, the lack of qualified coaching applicants that have the desire or dedication to make a long-term commitment to either the boys or the girls teams, says Simos.

The news came suddenly to Piedmont Hills’ water polo players, who received the news early April. “When I found out that it was confirmed that water polo may be suspended, I was like, ‘what’s the point? I don’t want to be mad or sad,’” shares senior Keli Navalta, who would have been captain of the girls’ varsity team before the decision. “I guess it really hasn’t, even to this day, hit that my beloved sport, the sport I’ve played for so long, is now finished.”

Coach Melisa Anderson’s leave from the girls’ team intensified the coaching problem, it was the last straw. He said that the school does not have sufficient heating for the diving pool, which is what players usually use for practice. Finding coaches is also difficult, because it takes many training sessions and certifications to become a coach.

Many of the players express dismay for the news and are currently working together to repeal the suspension.

“We should...find as many solutions as possible and bring it up to the principal...it’ll be nice to have back next year and years to come,” says sophomore Ryan Lu. The players have a group on Facebook dedicated to the movement named “Save PHHS Water Polo!”

**Piedmont Hills Hills Baseball hits to a good season by Helen Yang**

The Piedmont Hills Hills Baseball team ended the season with a loss of 5-4 against Live Oak.

“The season’s been good. We’ve had ups and downs,” says senior Isaac Anderson. It definitely been disappointing, and the record doesn’t show the talent that we have,” comments Outfield Timothy Ballejo.

“we didn’t do as well as we could’ve,” adds Shortstop Timothy Basran.

Throughout this tough season, the team had come to realize some of their weaknesses and work together to improve on them.

**Softball runs to season’s end by Jessica Pan**

O n May 9, Piedmont Hills’ Softball team won 12-2 against Sotbo High School. The team had come to realize some of their weaknesses and work together to improve on them.

“Their defense is strong, but we need to communicate more as a team,” says second base Melissa Estrada.

“to improve more on their skills, they have done a lot of practice. “We do hitting, throwing and kinetic practices three times a week,” informs Estrada.

“You can see in the girls didn’t make it to CCS (Central Coast Sectionals), they have a lot to be proud of.”

“it’s been a good season. We only lost two games, and the team has been super supportive of each other,” asserts Outfield Aaron Deng.

The Pirates ended their season with an overall record of 16-1 and a league record of 10-1.

“The season was one thing the team has hoped to improve on throughout the season was focusing during practices. “But during the last game, we focused and got it together,” claims Deng.

Together, the team worked hard to achieve a successful season. Their strengths in hitting, defense, and pitching contributed in helping them do so.

**Water polo faces suspension next semester by Ben Yee**

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By Victoria Huynh

VSA (Vietnamese Student Association) held their first cafe event, Vàon Xuân 21, which translates to “Spring Garden Cafe,” on Fri., April 26 near the art building after school.

“The event was created so that others can learn more about our culture,” says Co-President Lisa Nguyen.

The female waitresses dressed up in Spring floral dresses and the males wore button up shirts when they served many different treats and beverages that related to Asian culture at the cafe.

“We wanted to serve food that would appeal to everyone, both people who were aware of the Vietnamese culture or not, so we served a variety of chè (Vietnamese dessert soup), drinks, snacks, and entrees. For chè, we had chè bột lúa (basil seed) and our signature chè thái, a Vietnamese version of a fruity Thai dessert,” expresses Co-President Leanne Tran.

The club also sold hot and iced coffee with milk, milk tea with bobo, green waffles, egg rolls, fried rice and Vietnamese sandwiches. The waiters and servers were very kind on taking our orders. The cafe was fun to visit and it was interesting to be served by fellow students and acquaintances,” claims senior Rosemarie Talvacca.

Many students and families dropped by for a treat, making the event more successful than expected.

“The turnout was great! We intended on having a lot of food left over and feeding the staff with it after but we actually sold out of everything before closing time! The cafe went really well and us officers are very proud of our members,” exclaims Leanne. “In all honesty, I was terrified for the cafe because I thought it would be a train wreck! But no, we had a great staff who kept the cafe running smoothly to prove me wrong. The cafe was an amazing experience because I got to see our members work together without any problems. The officers didn’t have to micromanage or check in much because our members handled everything themselves. We had our cultural show early this year so hosting a cafe with the members was the perfect way to close the year.”

By Jessica Phan

Premiere Studios will be presenting its annual end of the year film showing called “The Premiere,” featuring the works of club members. The “Premiere” will take place in the L-Building with free admission for all students, parents and anyone interested.

Films including “Feed Me Humanity,” “Favorite” and “Promise” will be making its way on the big screen. Other films are also being considered for the premiere, “Zombies”, “Junior’s Feel”, “Mockumentary” and more.

“Feed Me Humanity,” written by junior Daniel Lazo and featuring junior Amanda Nguyen and Christopher Tran, is a short comedy. “Promise” also by Justin and featuring junior Ethan Nguyen, is a romantic comedy with a twist.

“I don’t want to give anything away,” states Justin. “Premiere Studios have worked hard to create these films.

Making videos is really fun and a lot of work but it is worth it at the end,” says Justin. “It was especially hard this year since we are all juniors and we have other priorities. However, we knew that “The Premiere” had to happen so all of the officers sat down together and we were able to plan out everything,” concludes Premiere Studios President Kady Le.

After all this hard work, they hope that the audience can enjoy the films.

“I’m hoping the audience will not only enjoy the film for its darkness, but also its subtle portrayal of meanings,” expresses Daniel.

“I want to show the audience what we do in Premiere Studios is doable and I hope to inspire them to make their own films,” says Kady.

Premiere Studios presents “The Premiere”

By Vivian Vu

On Tuesday, PHHS students enjoyed a night of jazz music in the L-Building at PHHS’ annual Jazz in My Pants. The officers of PHHS Choir Council organized a jazz event in the L-Building to raise money for new microphones.

“Jazz in My Pants is a concert that features Piedmont Hills’ award winning vocal jazz ensemble along with other performances in the jazz genre,” explains senior Jonathan Lin.

Some notable performers at Jazz in My Pants include soloists Jonathan, Marguerite Lehman and duo Nhi Pham and Jeffrey Bui. In a competition to be the best singer, Jonathan came in first place singing an original song entitled “Mon Amour.” Marguerite came in second singing “Götterdecker” and duo Nhi and Jeffrey came in third singing “Fever.”

“Jonathan wrote his own song and it was extremely sexy!” exclaims Junior Tamana Mag-toto.

This year was the second Jazz in My Pants to have taken place, and an event like this requires a lot of preparation.

“As president (of Choir Council), I’ve been planning practically since last year’s Jazz in My Pants,” states Marguerite.

Although they did not raise enough money to buy all the number of microphones they wanted, this year’s Jazz in My Pants was successful.

“This year’s Jazz in My Pants was only our second year of doing it, so we’re still getting used to running a big event like this,” states Tamura. “Although this year did go smoothly, there’s always room for improvement!”

By Jessica Phan

PHHS clubs march for moms and babies

March of Dimes is an annual walk that raises money for research to babies as well as moms during their pregnancies. The money will go to help research for premature babies, life threatening illnesses and so much more.

Volunteers helped by passing out food and drinks for the people who walked the 2.5 mile course. Food and drinks were provided before and after the walk. At the beginning, they served breakfast foods and drinks such as coffee, water, hot chocolate, bagels and coffeecake. After the walk, they served chips, hot dog, and fruit for lunch.

“I enjoyed March of Dimes because I got a chance to hang out with my friends and help a good cause at the same time,” says senior Jenna Tran.

“I’ve been going since freshman year so I’m a little sad that this is my last year going to March of Dimes. I had so many great memories!” exclaims senior Nancy Nguyen.

Congratulations to the Class of 203! You guys are the i3omb! Have a #CowtasticSummer!

-Journalism Class of 2012-2013