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## Contestants Compete for the Crown



PHOTO COURTESY OF LUCIANO PICAZO Mr. and Ms. Ram Pageant winners were announced during the halftime show at Millikan's homecoming game against Wilson on October 19. From left to right, the finalists were: Jashon Jackson, Elijah Castro, Michael Malinski, Mr. Ram winner Isaac Richardson, Ms. Ram winner Chandra Atkinson, Veronica Gutierrez, Annora Taylor, and Brianna Campbell.

## Millikan Reflects on Recent Tests

By Paris Blanco Asst. Editor

OOctober 10, Millikan freshmen, sophomores and juniors took the PSAT while seniors took the SAT. The SAT is an entrance exam that is widely used by colleges to determine undergraduate admission.

Regarding the PSAT, QUEST junior Ryan Eastman says, "The PSAT gets easier every year for me and I think it shows significant improvement in my learning."
"I thought that the PSAT was kind of challenging but I also believe that it is very important because it helps give us an example of what the SAT will be like," states COMPASS sophomore Jairol Seng.

MIT freshman Ed Requejo states, "The PSAT
took very long but in the end, I feel like it helped in some ways to prepare me for the SAT."

PEACE sophomore Ximena Ramirez says, "The PSAT to me was fairly difficult, but it's great practice. It shows how much you can improve in preparation for the real SAT."

Perla Cedillo, a freshm a n


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says, "I feel like the PSAT did take long but the breaks made it easier. I think it does help prepare for the SAT."

The purpose of taking the PSAT for multiple years is to prepare students for the SAT. This practice test also allows students to
receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses.

The SAT allows colleges to determine a student's readiness for college and compare them with other applicants.

For both tests, Khan Academy provides practice and test prep that caters to a student's strengths and weaknesses.

In order to do this, the College Board has been partnering with Khan Academy to use students' PSAT/SAT scores to give them custom practice. Practice for reading, math, and essay writing is available on Khan Academy.

QUEST senior Marianna Torres, who took the SAT, says, "I believe that the PSAT gives you more practice for the SAT and prepares you more for it since [both tests are] formatted the same."

By Emma Sharman and Sara Steichen
Copy Editor and Feature Editor

Every year during Chomecoming seaMs. Ram pageant shakes the campus with a tsunami of glitter and talent.

This year's nine Mr. Ram contestants were: Michael Malinski, C.K Clemont, Jake Wyant, Jashon Jackson, Isaac Richardson, Elijah Castro, Isaiah Ringis, Bryan Rosales, and Nick Bravo.

The nine Ms. Ram contestants were: Jasmine Lopez, Brianna Campbell, Chandra Atkinson, Dani Picard, Veronica Gutierrez, Annora Taylor, Khloe Smith, Eva Simpo, and Sally Garland.

There was a multitude of unique acts in the talent portion this year, which included ventrilo-
quism, hamboning, Polynesian dance, an original rap, as well as several singing and dancing acts.

Mr. Ram winner Isaac Richardson states,"This is easily the most memorable moment in my four years of high school. Proud does not begin to describe how I felt when I was given the title. It really made me realize that the spirit and enthusiasm I have for this school was being recognized and applauded, and it felt great knowing I was be representing our school in the best way possible."

Ms. Ram winner Chandra Atkinson, who performed an original rap, drove the crowd wild without fail.
"I was so happy when they called my name...I almost cried." Atkinson remarks, "[To me, this title means that] people will respect me more not only because I'm a senior, but because I'm a hard worker."

## Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Dayquan Moeller Copy Editor

United Kingdom's Proposed Budget

The Chancellor of Exchequer for the United Kingdom's Conservative Party, Philip Hammond, announced the party's budget to the country's Parliament on October 29. The proposed budget has sparked criticism for its large tax cuts for the wealthy, with the Labour Party member, Jeremy Corbyn, labeling it a "broken promise budget."

In response, 20 Labour Party members have acted against whip interests to vote against the budget.

## Synagogue Shooting

On October 27, 46-yearold convicted criminal and Anti-Semitist, Robert Bowers, marched into the Tree of Life Congretion Synagogue in Pittsburgh and took 11 Jewish lives in an act of hate. He is now planned to be tried for the death penalty, the highest degree of punishment, towards the High Grand Jury.

Bower was seen in a gunfight against police, in which he was injured in the leg and was hospitalized. Robert Bower was a devout and vocal AntiSemitist, spouting blatant criticisms against Jews on various social media posts.

## Letters to the Editor <br> "AP World's Historic Change" <br> By Nick DeLucca Editorial Editor

I appreciate the article about the changes in AP World curriculum because it's interesting to see the student's perspective that the College Board took into consideration versus Mr. Mulvehill's perspective.

## Trista Movius

Grade 10
"Millikan Keeps Up With the World"

Your section on the news around the world is the perfect blend of controversial and relatable information that attracts young minds. I believe that every person needs to know what is happening around the world because we live on the same planet.

## Richard Ye

Grade 11
"Metal Stairs Added in Millikan"

This article was an important addition to the front page because it includes news about the school that many students may have been oblivious to. Although it was a good article, the picture may have worked better without people to make the metal on the stairs more visible. The title implies the stairs were made of metal but they just had metal plates added.

## Annie Tracy

Grade 11
"Marching Band is Back, and with a New Beat"

As a part of [the marching band], I feel that you and your interview gave an accurate representation of what the group is like and the work that is put in to perfect our show.

## Cadence Jackson

Grade 10

By Emma Sharman Copy Editor

TThis year, the LBUSD High School Office proposed the scaled grading system to Millikan High School, in hopes that this new method might even the playing field for students trying to earn good grades.

While this new grading strategy was not mandatory for teachers to adopt, several teachers have chosen to utilize it.
"We thought it would be great to try it out this year and see how it affects grades," Co-principal Michael Navia explains.

Personally, I find it disappointing that so many teachers opted not to try the new system. It would be an excellent opportunity to encourage students to succeed.

## Inside the iOS Invasion

We've been made aware many times of the negative effects that come with owning a phone, from the yelling of our parents to the presentations at school, (you know which one I'm talking about) but what about all the good that comes from these increasingly smart phones?

With recent updates, such as iOS 12.1, we have the ability to Face Time up to 32 people at once. It may be a little excessive, but still an impressive feature.

New Emojis are being released in rapid fire to satisfy the spectrum of worldly users. Not to mention, I can look at the street view of a random road in Idaho on maps whenever I'm bored.

Social media always has some sort of negative connotation, but with 2.34 billion social media users, according to Statista. com, (compared to the 7.7 billion population) it's easier than ever to keep in touch with those distant friends and share pictures or videos within seconds.

Media alerts can instantly hit the phones of waiting est news, now including involuntary presidential alerts. This can also include Amber Alerts and evacuation notices, providing a safe measure to those who may be affected.

With tools such as a calculator, a timer, and most recently added, a measur ing tape, each daily task can be completed with ease.

Even though they lack storage space and battery life, iPhones include high definition cameras that can make anyone on Ins

consumers to keep every tagram look like a model. with temporarily blocked one updated with the lat- The level of apps, including a report
convenience iPhones now provide has increased drastically. I mean, how else am I supposed to set four alarms with different labels and sounds in the morning?

However, phone addiction is an increasing problem. Constant interaction over the phone without a healthy balance of social interaction can have unhealthy consequences, but with the new update, users can now set screen time limits
of the users daily usage.

Some adults still can't comprehend the drastic changes the last few generations have undergone.

This is how our daily lives have conformed and I say to accept all these changes.

You'll always see articles or hear critics ranting about how phones are ruining our lives one way or another, but take advantage of every feature offered, as they can make life much easier.

## Scaled Grading Slides Into Style

The scaled grading system, also known as the five point grading system, makes it so that students can avoid stressing about constant grade fluctuation.

To put it in perspective, in the conventional percentage-based grading system, any grade below $60 \%$ is an F . This means that the student would have to raise their grade at least $10 \%$ in order to obtain a higher letter grade.

However, the scaled grading system is both beneficial and encouraging to struggling students. This five point grading system makes it so that the student would only have to earn one additional point to improve their grade, as opposed to earning $10 \%$ worth of points in order to improve their grade by one letter.

The differences between each grade in the scaled system are equal, one point for every letter grade, whereas in the percentagebased system, there is more room for students to fail. $60 \%$ out of $100 \%$ is an $F$, which means that there is only $10 \%$ worth of room for every other letter grade.

QUEST sophomore Melanie Perez describes the many benefits of this system, currently being utilized in Mrs. Peterie's German class.
"It's great! It's almost impossible to fail as long as you're putting the effort in, especially because our teacher really pushes us to try. It's probably my most enjoyable class, and it's definitely the least stressful," Perez states.

The system consists
of using an average scaled score to finalize grades instead of using an average percentage. The way the class grade is calculated is similar to the way our GPAs are calculated. For example, 4.20-5.0 is an A, 3.20-4.19 is a $B$, and the scale continues in the same manner.

This lack of percentages drastically reduces the amount of pressure surrounding individual assignments, thus preventing students from worrying incessantly.

Consequently, the concern of laziness arises because it's easier to raise failing grades with the scaled system. It's easy to wonder, will students start letting their grades drop with the knowledge that they could raise it back up just as easily?

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## The Great Debate on Classic Fall Films

By Chloe Pullman Athletics Editor

Fall, the greatest season of them all. Halloween, cooler weather, hot cider, leaves falling. What's not to love? What makes fall even better is the films.

In the fall, all of our fa- not least, Hocus Pocus. loop (drum roll please) that vorite classic films come back to be watched again. When I think about the classics in terms of the fall season, the movies that surface are: DeadPoets Society, Fantastic Mr. Fox, You've Got Mail, Halloweentown, and last but certainly

But, not all of these can be remembered as the best, only one can be chosen in order to settle this debate.

In a google form that was taken involving approximately 345 Millikan students and teachers, it was decided through school

Halloweeentown prevails as the absolute classic.

With fun, humor, and that classic Disney flare we all loved long ago and still do to this day.

It truly brings out the essence of Halloween and all that Fall has to offer.

## Follow Your Money Before Voting With Your Dollar

By Dayquan Moeller Copy Editor

Many activists have an understanding about how their dollar can be used as a means of protest.

Boycotting, for instance, is perhaps one of the oldest tricks in the book when it comes to stripping away power and influence from society's oppressors, often large scale businesses.

Similarly, voting with
your dollar to financially support a movement is also an effective tactic.

However, before one opens their wallets for what they believe to be a noble cause, it is important to do your research.

Noticing the recent surge of interest in progressive politics, many corporations have decided to adjust their advertisements to appeal to these consumers.
what is happening be- that "Nike and its emhind the scenes before ployees spent more than you open your wallets. three times as much sup-

Take Colin Kaepernick's recent Nike endorsement. Nike was initially applauded for running the ad, with sales spiking up thirty-one percent.

However, a report by the Center For Response Politics later brought to light Nike's ties to the Republican Party. The organization found
porting Republicans compared to Democrats."

Voting with your dollar can be a useful tool for activists, but at the end of the day, these are businesses with a product to sell.

With this concept in mind, "follow the money" should be a quintessential calling cry of all
conscious consumers.

Letters to the Editor

## "Just Do It"

I think this is a fantastic idea, especially in a school as diverse as Millikan, because it brings attention to the importance of individuality and racial acceptance. Regardless of what position a student may take when perceiving this controversy, it is vital that they are exposed to the real world issues like this so they can develop their own thoughts on it.

Dylan Galbreath Grade 12
"A Team United Rising as One"

The article goes into an in depth game by game breakdown of the development of Millikan's football team and their ability. The implementation of the "rise as one" saying that has been preached by coach Utupo has had an obvious effect of the players and their team morale.

## Mateo Sarro

Grade 11
"Make Choices Count at the College and Career Center"

Being a senior, most of us are stressed out about our college application deadlines approaching fast, along with scholarship applications, FAFSA applications, and more. With that being said, bringing more attention to the College and Career Center is a beneficial reminder to keep a lot of seniors at ease.

Destiny Taylor
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Beloved QUEST teacher, Pamela Cathcart, has officially retired on November 8, 2018. She has worked at Millikan, begining in 1996, for 22 years. Cathcart has taught Journalism, AP English Language, AP Capstone Seminar, and everything inbetween over the course of her career. She plans to spend her free time traveling with her husband, spending time with her grandson, and writing for pleasure. Mrs. Cathcart states, "As Winnie the Pooh once said, 'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.'" The Corydon would like to thank Mrs. Cathcart for all of her years of hardwork, dedication, and passion for education.

## Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Michael Malinski
Co-Editor in Chief

## Macedonia Name <br> Change

The Republic of Macedonia has officially voted for changing their name to the Republic of Northern Macedonia.

The country's Parliament voted 80-39 in favor of the proposal to amend their constitution to adapt the new name. Greece currently has a province of the same name which is why Greece vetoed the Rep. of Macedonia to join the E.U. and NATO. With the name change, the Greece veto has officially lifted.

## Brazilian Elections

Far-right retired military officer, Jair Bolsonaro, of the Social Liberal party won the second round of Brazil's general election and will be sworn in for the position in January. The former army cap-
tain defeated Fernando Haddad of the Worker's Party by a $10 \%$ victory and swears he will eliminate crime throughout Brazil.

The Worker's Party has been scrutinized over corruption, including the previous president Dilma Rousseff, who was impeached for breaking budget laws that brought a sharp decline in Brazil's economy.

## Russian Orthodox

Church Separates from Constantinople

The Russian Orthodox Church has officially separated from the Constantinople Patriarch. This was a result of Patriarch Bartholomew I recognizing an independent Orthodox church in Ukraine. The Russian sect believes they have the authority over Ukraine's orthodoxy and desires to keep the country under Russian influence.

## FAFSA: HOW TO APPLY

Free Application for Federal Student Aid
October 1, 2018 - March 2, 2018

## WHEREDOIFINDTHEFAFSA APPLICATION?

FAFSA is available in three different places:

1. Online at
https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa 2. A PDF version can be downloaded at Www.studentaid.ed.gov/PDFfafsa 2. Call FAFSA directly at 800-4-FEDAID (433-3243)

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It is suggested that families complete their income tax return at least two weeks before planning to apply for FAFSA. By doing this, you will be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when filling out the application. This tool automatically transfers your income tax data directly from the IRS to your online FAFSA.

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## HOW SOON SHOULD I APPLY FOR

## FAFSA?

Apply as soon as close to October lst as possible. College, state and private aid deadlines may be set earlier than federal deadlines. Be sure to check with your prospective schools to see if they have priority financial aid


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Earn Blue Bucks for: <br> - Pressing up on Spirit days - Attending rallies

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member - Being in a sport - Attending games and sitting in the student section <br> - Being in a performing arts production <br> ..and more!
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By Chance Paxton Copy Editor

While the term 'Buck' derived from traders and hunters using buck heads as a form of currency, the Millikan Rams have now fully adopted this form of currency within the school, albeit in a less gruesome way

Introduced last year and fully implemented this year, Millie Bucks allow students to earn special rewards for good behavior, academic prowess and school spirit

While classrooms are not obligated to use the Millie Buck system, many teachers have adopted this new currency within their classroom

It can be used either as a reward for good behavior or grades, or to use them as a currency to better ones grade. This includes extra credit, the ability to turn in homework late, as well as a plethora of other perks

There are three types
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Given out by Teachers and Adwinistrater:
Earn Platinum Bucks for:

- Student of the Month - Honor Roll
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- Principal's Awards
- 4+ score on AP exams
- Award Recinient
- Award Recipient
- College App Submission
- FAFSASubmission
- ...and more!
- Any other quality that demonstrates good character
of Millie Bucks: Blue, Gold, and Platinum Blue Bucks are given to students who contribute to school spirit and the overall feel of Millikan High School, such as being a part of a sport, attending rallies, being a club officer, being in a preforming art, etc. Five Blue Millie Bucks can be exchanged for a lanyard or standard pin; 10 can be exchanged for a specialty pin, and 20 can be used to gain a blue medallion.

Gold Millie Bucks, on the other hand, reward students for kind and caring behavior within the school. Students can earn Gold Millie bucks by representing Millikan values such as kindness, respect, responsibility, and integrity. The rewards for Gold prizes are: five Gold Millie bucks for a lanyard or pin, 10 for a specialty pin, and 20 for a gold medallion.

Be aware that turning in Gold Millie Bucks allows students to join a special raffle to
earn prizes.
Lastly, there are Platinum Bucks. Platinum Bucks reward students with academic achievements, such as honor roll, passing AP exams, all E's, etc. Platinum Buck prizes are as follows: five for a lanyard or pin, 10 for specialty pin, and 20 for silver medallion.

All earned Millie Money can be turned into ASB to receive the awards mentioned.

However, speak with your teacher and look at your syllabus to see if your teacher sponsors Millie Money, as you can gain certain classroom rewards for turning in these special bucks.

Many teachers offer special credit; others, such as AP Language teacher Mr. Wilson, offers 100 pages off an 800 page reading assignment for each Millie Buck turned in.

Make sure to hang on to those Millie Bucks, Rams, they can come in handy.

Redeem them today!

## Millikan's Red Carpet Roleabout Competition

By Chloe Pullman
Athletics Editor

On October 13, the Roleabout Theater Festival began early in the morning with improv teams rehearsing, monologues being prepared and voices being warmed up for their awaited solos

The Roleabout Theater Festival is an annual com-
petition open to all Southern California high school theater departments held at Irvine High School. Millikan students competed in improv, original monologues, contemporary and comedic monologues, and group scenes in front of judges

Tech Olympics, and production design teams also competed.

Millikan winners include Maddie Jones in third place for an original monologue, Jaya Pettiford in second place for her dramatic Film/TV monologue, Eli Howe, Maddie Jones, Gavin Tilles, and Brianna Pearson (blue improv team) in third place for improv, and Jessica Binkley and Jenna Web for production design landed on third place

## Will Astonish

By Paris Blanco Asst. Editor

Not only will LBUSD students soon be able to receive a lower tuition rate to selected schools, but also free tuition for their first year at LBCC.

Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach will be starting a dual admission program, the College Promise 2.0 , that will "make higher education more attainable for our Long Beach students", said LBCC Superinten-dent-President Reagan F. Romali in a press release.

In order to take part in the College Promise 2.0 , LBUSD students must apply to CSULB.

If accepted, their first two years of coursework (45 units) would be taken at LBCC.

They would then transfer to CSULB for the completion of their

Bachelor's degree. In addition, students would be given both LBCC and CSULB student ID cards allowing them to enjoy the benefits of both colleges. For example, they have access to counselors from both of the colleges.

Additionally, the Port of Long Beach recently joined as the newest partner in the Long Beach College Promise.

Their goal is to build awareness and understanding of the port and the maritime industry by providing students with training and job opportunities.

In the same LBCC press release, LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser stated that "Dual admission at the community college and university, combined with additional academic support, will make a college education possible for many more students."

## 4th on 4th is for All



## Every 4th Friday

 of the Month
## FROM 6.9PM

By Elizabeth Dodd
Copy Editor
Cometimes it's hard to find new and fun things to do with your friends. Luckily, Long Beach offers a range of things to do.

There is a place off E4th Street and Cherry Avenue called Retro Row that is a good place to go to if you're looking for something new.

Every 4th Friday on 4th Street the stores stay open a little longer. There are food and drink specials, discounted merchandise, pop up shops, art shows, and live music.

It is a great place to go thrift shopping and have a good time with your friends and family.

According to a COMPASS sophomore, Lauren Jensen, "It's a good place to go with friends. It's always an adventure and you never know what you're going to find."

If you are interested, the next one will be on November 24th.

Even if it's not what you're used to doing, giving it a try. It may lead you to finding something that is new and enjoyable.

## Centrist Solution

Noah Devine Web Editor

We live in a time where our country is splitting at the seams down a party line, pitting Americans against each other simply because the word Democrat or Republican is attached to their name. However, some Americans are attempting to fight this form of party politics. This group of citizens call themselves Unite America.

The organization's mission statement: "We're building a movement to elect common-sense, independent candidates to office who can represent We, the People - not the party bosses or special interests."

They claim to be the only organization in the country "building the grassroots community, donor network, and electoral infrastructure to help independent candidates run winning campaigns."

Their "Fulcrum Strategy" (strategy for change)
is focused on electing independent candidates to narrowly divided legislatures, like the US Senate, where "they can deny both parties an outright majority and use their enormous leverage to forge common ground solutions."


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In fact, Maine Senator, Angus King, has been described as a moderate Independent since 1993.He has called himself "neither a Democrat nor a Republican, but an American."

The nonpartisan National Journal gave him a 2013 composite ideology score of $59 \%$ liberal and $41 \%$ conservative.
This is evidence that cen-
Country over party. trists like King can both run and be elected to office at a national level.

However, turn-

So you might be thinking right about now, "this sounds great and I wish our politicians and voters could put country and common sense over party, but is this actually possible? Am I getting my hopes up for nothing?"

The answer is complicated, yet simple. Yes, it is possible. Anything is possible in America if enough people want it to happen. ing this movement into a national initiative will take both Democrats and Republicans alike to have the moral courage to stand up to the tradition as old as our country known as "party politics."

If you wish to be a part of this movement for unity and common sense: visit UniteAmerica.org to read more about the movement. You can even possibly sign up or start your own chapter right at Millikan or begin your own club next semester.
Underwood Reigns Supreme


PHOTO BY JULIAN MURILLO
Caption: Check out reigning Teacher of the Year: Mr. Underwood's Teacher Feature online at https://millikancorydon.weebly.com or visit our Youtube channel: Millikan High School Corydon Plugged In.

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL MALINSKI

## By Michael Malinski Co-Editor in Chief

Dead ends filled with spooky monsters at every turn consumed Millikan's bleachers for three terror fueled nights in collaboration with Knott's Scary Farm and Warner Bros designers.

Designed by Benjamin Thompson, MBA junior, the Halls of Fright consisted of a maze, a full-blown 50s inspired scarezone, a foodbooth, and a screening of the classic George

Romero film "Night of the Living Dead". "This maze is a product of a concept I've been wanting to do for a long time. I have been designing it and collaborating with some of the designers from Knott's Scary Farm and Warner Bros including Jon Cooke, Ken Parks, and David Finch," Thompson says.

The maze opened for three horror-filled nights, attracted many people and was considered by Thompson to be a "great success" overall.

# History of Hispanic Heritage Month 

By Andrea Prado Front Editor

NTational Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 to October 15 when Americans celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

Hispanic Heritage Month was founded in 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson initiated Hispanic Heritage Week.

It was later expanded into a month-long celebration under President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

In Long Beach, hundreds of people came out to celebrate South and Central American cultures in the 17th-annual Baja Splash Cultural Festival held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach on October 7.

The city also continued its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with the second annual Fiesta in the Park at Silverado Park,
featuring live entertainment, dancing, and more. Columbus Day, also known as "Día de la Raza", is also celebrated in the states on October 12.

This day is not simply a celebration of Christopher Columbus himself, but rather the actions and influences of those who melded their European culture with the indigenous cultures that created the culturally and ethnically diverse society we now know today.

Spanish teacher Olga Díaz says, "I think its important to have a month dedicated to Latinos to celebrate their heritage and show others that its important to know where you come from to know where you want to go."

Hispanic Heritage Month is a great opportunity for Americans with Latin roots to delve deeper into the history of their ancestors and instill pride in their cultural heritage while living in the United States.

## Marching Band Moves Up the Ranks



Millikan's Marching Band, pictured above, at their second competition of the season hosted at Gahr High School. The group placed second in the $5 A$ division with an overall score of 76.7 .

By Nick DeLucca Editorial Editor

NJow that football season is coming to an end, Marching Band has their eyes set on a new goal: taking first within their division.

Marching Band placed first in the first competition at California high school and placed second in their second competition at Gahr high school, competing in the Southern California

Band and Orchestra association (SCSBOA) circuit. They placed eighth in their third competition at Warren High School, competing in the Western Band Association (WBA) circuit, a more difficult circuit.

QUEST freshman Michael Torres, who plays the alto saxophone, described his first few months in Marching Band stating, "At first it felt a little chaotic but we all became good friends."

Suzanna Cantrell, a Alicia Bond, who plays QUEST junior, who plays the marching euphonium the snare drum added, adds, "Practice and the "Saturday competitions are the thing we work for. Football games are good practice but this is the reason we're all here."

This year's show theme is, "The Finish Line" depicting the motions of someone running a marathon, identifying the fluctuation of their emotions as the race progresses.

COMPASS senior,
games help us prepare for the competitions because we get to analyze our mistakes and make them better with lots of reps."

This years drum majors, orchestrating the band are, COMPASS seniors Madelyn Roberts, Keoni Baxter, and QUEST senior Alyssa Romero, who keep the tempo and conduct the marchers.

When speaking on Saturday competitions, Baxter stated, "It's really exciting because we're there for a crowd that wants to see us. We feel like when we're around all the other bands, we get to perform better than we do at football games."

Marching Band looks to continue placing high at their Saturday competitions in order to move into a higher bracket and eventually compete at a national level by the end of the year.


PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIETTE RUAUX Ruaux givng her all as she goes for a swing at Moore Leauge.

## Ruaux Recognized as Moore League Medalist

By Andrea Prado Front Editor

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{s}}$s Millikan girl's golf season is wrapping up, the Varsity team placed second overall in Moore League after defeating Poly in their last match on October 4.

QUEST senior Juliette Ruaux, was recognized as a Medalist between both teams for ending with the lowestscore of 39 in one over par at the Recreation Park 18 Golf Course, where they played a nine hole game.
"I'd knew I been playing really well that day, and I needed to maintain it through all nine holes." Ruaux says, "Once I finished, I was relieved. My girls were coming in behind
me, and they were all doing really well too. That probably made me more happy than receiving a medal"

The QUEST senior has been playing golf since she was eight years old, but more as a summer activity rather than an actual sport. "My mom would say, 'don't stay at home and watch television.""

Ruaux hopes to receive an athletic scholarship and continue her education at Occidental College next year, as well as playing golf there on Occidental's NCAA Division III team.
"Playing golf is fun!" Reaux exclaims. "It takes some experience and a lot of dedication [but overall] it's a blast."

## Varsity Volleyball Reflects on Season <br> By Dayquan Moeller Copy Editor

Girls Varsity volleyball finished 18-13 in the season and 6-6 in the league, leaving them with a 4th place rank.

The team experienced a short CIF run, losing their first match to Culver City on October 18."There are always going be tough teams," says QUEST senior, Sage Salice, "but we fought through the tough games and I'm proud of us for that."

QUEST senior, Annaliese Guthmann, added "I was bummed we lost against Wilson."

Still, the team is optimistic with Guthmann stating "it was a super fun game to play."

