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November's Shining Students



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From left to right in the front row are Aracely Esquivias, Reilly McGrath, Hannah Justesen, Benjamin Vargas, Evelyn Elias, Alyssa Newkirk and Bryan Gonzales. The people in the back row is Dominic Johnson, Angel Ramos, Bryanna Castillo, Joseph Fischer, Alondra Abundez, Oscar Macias and Mr. Navia.

By Natalie Martinez
Staff Reporter

Have you ever stopped by the main office to look at the Students of the Month? Usually three SLCs are highlighted at a time. November's SLCs were PEACE, MIT, and QUEST.

Outstanding students who were chosen this month from the

PEACE Academy are 9th grader Oscar Mafias, 10th grader Aracely Esquivias, 11th grader Hannah Justesen, and 12th grader Alondra Abundez. MIT honored 9th grader Joseph Fischer, 10th grader Evelyn Elias, 11th grader Dominic Johnson, and 12th grader Bryan Gonzalez. QUEST selected all seniors: Bryanna Castillo, Alyssa Newkirk, Angel Ramos, and Benjamin Vargas.

Some schools pick the people with the highest GPA for Student of the Month; Millikan is not one of those schools. Although some here are among the highest, all were chosen for their kind-hearted personalities; the people with a good sense of character.

The December awards will be on the 11 of January at 7:00 a.m. at the library.

Rebel Without a Cause



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARIES

Seth Weaver (left) and Gigi Sierra (right) on stage during their dress rehearsal of *Rebel Without a Cause* on November 16.

By Alyssa Newkirk
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The new kid on the block often has a hard time fitting in, especially when he falls for the sweetheart of the toughest guy in town.

Under the direction of drama teacher Wendy Atwell, *Rebel Without a Cause* was performed on November 17, 18 and 19 in the Millikan High School auditorium.

Millikan's interpretation

of the play was a culmination of hours upon hours of hard work put in by students in the play production class.

QUEST senior Georgia Westwood says, "*Rebel* was a very exciting, deep and challenging show that really tested everyone's abilities. The crews really pulled together and were on top of their game."

Seth Weaver, QUEST senior, adds, "The show was bittersweet. But the drama program is ea-

gerly looking into the next performance of the year, *Hairspray*."

Hairspray will be performed by the Millikan arts programs, including drama, choir, instrumental music and dance, on March 2, 3 and 4 in the auditorium.

Weaver says, "Don't feel intimidated to join theater. We might look like a tight clique who doesn't like outsiders, but we find enjoyment when people fall in love with the art as much as we have."

Make a Date! Winter Formal Promises to be Fun

By Vincent Ngo
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Winter Formal is open to all students in grades 9-12 each year.

This year's dance will be held at the Hotel Maya on February 4, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

However the event is more than just a dance. Last year there was a photo booth, caricature artists, poker tables, and a buffet table. All of these features expect at the upcoming formal as well.

QUEST senior Rubi Nunez says, "Formal last year was amazing! I loved dressing up and taking pictures with my friends. It's a high school memory everyone

should experience. The most memorable part was when the lights accidentally fell on the beat drop of a song and everyone kept dancing. It was so funny.

"It was really fun to spend time with everybody, even the people you wouldn't normally hang out with," says current formal queen Taylor Rogers.

Nunez tells us that formal is a magical high school memory and everyone should experience at least once.

If you are interested in going to Winter Formal buy your tickets now as they are at the lowest price of \$75 with an ASB card (\$80 without). These prices will increase as the days get closer to the dance.

QUEST Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary!

By Annie Tracy
Staff Reporter

The QUEST program (Questioning, Understanding, Engaging, Success through Technology) has been a part of Millikan High School for one third of its existence. QUEST was first established in the Fall of 1996, making this year QUEST's 20th anniversary, as well as Millikan's 60th.

Katie Hickox, QUEST lead teacher, stated, "One of the greatest experiences of my teaching life has been to work with my teacher colleagues

in QUEST. QUEST has grown to about 768 students thanks to the positive reputation of QUEST teachers in the community, and because of the strength of their collective leadership.' They each have made me a better teacher. Thanks to the strong program built by the QUEST teacher team, the incoming GPA of students selected to QUEST is at 3.9, and all incoming stu-

dents are advanced or proficient in their test scores."

AP Computer Science teacher Tom Sutfin, who helped to launch the program, adds, "QUEST has always been on a quest of self-discovery, excellence, and growth. Educational excellence is exemplified in the QUEST process as much as it is in the students who graduate as broadly capable individuals."

QUEST Senior Project teacher Tom Lind also taught the first graduation class. He says, "The first... group [were] really neat and interesting

kids, but not all of them would not be accepted today. Our program goals have become a lot more precise."

AP teacher Pamela Cathcart joined the program in its second year. She states that "the QUEST program from its very first year has felt like family- a warm and functional one."

QUEST students work hard every day to maintain their program's reputation.



Dear Editor

“Practice Makes Perfect in By Week”

Nick DeLucca talks about how much work the freshmen and junior varsity teams have been putting in and how many plays they have been running. They even scrimmaged each other to really prepare for their game against Wilson which eventually led them to victory. Because of this article, not only am I rooting for varsity football, but I'm now also rooting for our freshmen and junior varsity teams as well.

Julie Marquez
Grade 11

“Homecoming Week Highlights”

I loved coming to school all dressed up for homecoming week. Getting to see all of the decorations was super cool. The excitement around school got us all ready for the homecoming carnival and, of course the homecoming game! This homecoming has topped all of the other ones. I can't wait to see what next year will be like!

Julia Macias
Grade 11

“Should Women Serve in Combat?”

Women serve to protect their country as well as men. Many women would be glad to serve our nation. Women are phenomenal and I agree with Hernandez that women are hard workers. Many still see women as caregivers for children and their families. But why not see women lead in combat, while they protect the children of the United States?

Syra Cruz-Aguilera
Grade 11

“This Month in Millikan History”

While reading this article, I compared the Millikan students of the sixties to the students of the present. It's clear that times have completely changed. Overall, the author made me want to know more about Millikan's past.

Alijah Leach
Grade 11

What They Didn't Tell You About Your Senior Year

By Alyssa Newkirk
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Senior year is the climax of your four years in high school, the culmination of years of learning and preparing for the real world. At the end of your senior year, you jump into the wild open unknown, sent off to college by yourself.

However, to get to this brave new world in one piece, you have to struggle through all the difficulties senior year hurls at you.

College is drilled into the students' brain as an inevitability from the moment they walk onto Millikan's campus. It's essential as a student in high school to keep *everything* in mind.

Planning your life accordingly is important, especially when there are so many deadlines to remember in the first half of senior year. Students need to keep in mind that homework doesn't stop just because they need to apply to college. Time management is critical for students at all times.

Luckily, the staff at Millikan

is made up of friendly individuals who consistently remind seniors of the upcoming dates and help everyone throughout the application process.

Although the world seems scary, the support system at Millikan will successfully spring the seniors into life beyond the gates of Ramhi.



Con: Textbooks Have the Answers

By Maria Carter
Staff Reporter

Many students, specifically adolescents, often say they would prefer to have their current school textbooks replaced by tablets. For an 11 to 18-year-old, any new form of technology is incredibly intriguing.

Within the past few decades our world has experienced a huge technological boom. People have become so dependent on certain technologies, such as cellphones, laptops, and tablets that they have been ignoring all the possible risks that they offer.

Although, technology has helped us in many ways and would facilitate certain aspects of learning, in the long run, it's just a waste of money. Our schools are already struggling to find money for activities and events, not to mention the price of re-

pairing and replacing tablets. Why make them a priority when there are much more important issues this money could be used for?

Tablets would simply result in students paying more attention to technology than to their teachers. Tablets are much more likely to cause distractions.

There is also a wide range of health issues associated with the constant use of technology. The most prevalent ones being eyestrain, headaches, blurred vision, and dry eyes.

Students would take advantage of this technology, as many people do. They would find more ways to avoid their work and have more excuses for not doing their work. Textbooks are much safer and have been a trustworthy source for years now. Tablets offer nothing but an unnecessary and expensive change for school systems.

Pro: Tablets Shall Prevail

By Stephanie Castillo
Staff Reporter

Today's society is modern and all about technology; however, when it comes to schools, old-fashioned textbooks still exist. It is time for these heavy and unnecessary wastes of paper to be replaced with tablets that will allow students to succeed in the 21st century.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, switching to tablets will increase the time spent teaching and comprehending 30-80%. The fascination of a new device will increase the students' motivation to engage in the activity and truly learn.

School districts pay about eight billion dollars per year on textbooks; however with a tablet this could reduce costs 50-60%. With tablets typically ranging from \$100-\$200, dis-

tricts could save anywhere from \$250-\$1,000 per student. The cost of downloading the e-books would be much less than the \$100 hardcover required per class.

This would not only benefit students with the weight load they are forced to carry with multiple textbooks (which can create back problems), but also in the way that they manage their research.

All of their textbooks would be loaded into one light tablet. They would also have full access to internet resources that would enable them to expand on their searches and perform 20% better on standardized tests, according to Publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

With constant updates in technology, students will have easy access to numerous resources that they need in order to succeed inside their classes as well as at home.

Is Black Friday Worth It?

By Cody Bey
Feature Editor

Black Friday is a joy for lots of people because prices drop in stores on the most coveted items. But let's take a look at the dark side of Black Friday.

Over the years, stores ranging from Macys to Costco Wholesale have been filled with crowds literally stampeding over one another and breaking into fights. All for what, 20% off of a washing machine that you may not even get?

According to CNBC, most stores carry only limited quantities, and if you're not one of the first people in line you may not get what you came for.

This year especially, social media was bombarded with posts of fights and angry shoppers.

Overall, Black Friday is said to be one of the most productive shopping days of the year for consumers and retailers. But what does the frenzy say about human nature, especially after a day honoring thankfulness?



U.S. Elections, One Month Later

By Michael Malinski
News Editor

On November 8, America decided on the next president of the United States, Senate seats, House of Representatives, and governors which took the country by storm.

The Republican party is now officially the dominant political power as they have the majority in the Senate, the House, and the presidency which will be occupied by Donald J. Trump in January.

Trump's win caused tremendous controversy nationwide because the electoral college voted him in as president

while the popular vote across America favored Hillary Clinton by two million voters.

Trump also chose some controversial appointments for his cabinet in the recent weeks, which include retired army lieutenant Michael Flynn as National Security Adviser; Reince Priebus, the current chairman of the Republican National Committee, will serve White House Chief of Staff; and alt-right Stephen Bannon, Trump's former campaign CEO, as Chief Strategist.

Protesters are organizing nationwide marches for Inauguration Day on January 21, to express concern about the new administration.

The Corydon encourages its readers to submit letters of commentary on any school issue. We reserve the right to edit letters for content or space. All letters must be signed with the writer's full name and grade level and sent to Room 833.

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MBA Goes on Field Trip

By Andrea Prado
Staff Reporter

Students from Millikan High School's MBA Capstone classes went on a field trip to San Diego for two days in early December.

The field trip's main purpose was to learn business skills as well as to observe how trade shows are run.

Carri Valdez, a Millikan teacher who chaperoned the trip, helped to run the mock trade show for high school students.

"It's the first field trip that they'll be going on," Valdez says. "We don't handle real money in these competitions, but we try to get our students to sell their products to other students in these trade shows."

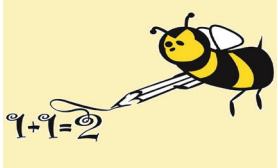
Each Capstone class had a variety of products to sell. One was a candy company, another offered solar powered backpacks, and one sold personal styled box subscriptions. Each student had a job to do to help their company grow.

Students also visited the San Diego Zoo and Belmont Park to have fun and a relaxing time on the trip as well.



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Educators of the Future

By Isabelle Akeo
Staff Reporter

Calling all future teachers! If you are thinking about a career in teaching, or if you aren't sure of a career path yet, the Millikan Future Teachers Club can be helpful in shaping and preparing your future. You may even find a passion for teaching along the way.

This club is sponsored by the

GREEN academy's lead teacher, Tylene Quizon. She says, "The club will be working and connecting with the Educators Rising organization and LBCC."

Quizon explains, "After school students will be participating in activities related to teaching as career exploration."

This club contains aspiring future teachers that have a purpose and meaning in wanting to teach.

The club expands the knowledge of the profession and provides insight into what it is like to be a teacher. Club members gain valuable knowledge that may not be taught in a college classroom.

If you are interested in joining the Millikan Future Teachers Club, it meets every Thursday after school from 2:50 to 4:00 in Room 407. The teachers encourage students to join.

CLUBS ON CAMPUS

Current Events Club Keeps Up With the Times

By Emmanuel Evans
Athletics Editor

Do you want to engage in friendly arguments about the current events happening in the world? If so, join the Current Events Club.

The current events club meets every Thursday at lunch in Room 832. The club's co-presidents are Ashley Miller and Dylan Kennelly. Kelly Hawkshaw serves as treasurer; Hannah Justesen, secretary; and Vincent You as vice president.

The club creators talked about politics at lunch and wanted to do it in a more organized setting. One of their goals is to inform students. The other is to raise money for charities, and various including sponsoring water for Flint, Michigan.

This club also helped to run the student debates in the auditorium before the national election.

Anyone can join the club. They hope to host a political debate that would involve teachers as well as students very soon.

These debates with the teacher may be coming some time in 2017 so stay on the look out for future announcements from the club.

PEACE Tailgate Party

By Nicolas Ramos
Staff Reporter

The PEACE academy hosted its 2016 tailgate party in the quad of the 700 Building on December 9th from 3:00 pm to 5:30 p.m.

The party is funded by donations from PEACE families. A variety of games, music, and refreshments were provided.

Since the event was near winter break it was holiday themed. The goal was for students to get to each other, have fun, and to interact.

Ask a Senior!

Dear Senior,
Do you agree with the idea that being in a relationship can be stressful, especially when in school?
-Tentative Teenager

Dear Tentative Teenager,
Yes, being in a relationship can be quite stressful but you shouldn't let it control you. Find a balance. If it doesn't work the way you envisioned, don't let it determine your future approach to relationships.

Dear Senior,
Were you able to maintain your friendships since freshman year?
-Friendly Freshman

Dear Friendly Freshman,
When I was a freshman, my friends were seniors for the most part. The few I have remaining from freshman year, however, I love dearly.

One of them I even knew from kindergarten to third grade. But we were separated until freshman year and just picked up where we left off.

If you find something in common that you're both passionate about, friends will last all four years, and hopefully into the future as you both take on college together.

Dear Senior,
Considering the amount of extracurricular activities offered at Millikan, how have you managed your time?
-Busy Bee

Dear Busy Bee,
There are so many extracurricular options to choose from, so my first suggestion is to explore many activities as a freshman. Then settle into the ones you feel most passionate about as you go into your sophomore and junior years.

Personally, I have been involved in many activities on campus and each has been a little challenging to schedule during the school year.

First of all, use a calendar whether it's in print on your wall, or a calendar on your phone. Write everything down. Leave yourself little reminders on post-its if you really feel that you'll forget about something important.

Finally, my last piece of advice is don't stress yourself out by trying to put too much into your schedule. I'm not saying go easy on yourself or slack off, but getting sick or drained from too much stress is not worth it either.

Visit the College Application Station

By Stephanie Castillo
Staff Reporter

Millikan believes that having to decide whether or not you want to go to college should not be dependent on your financial status.

Because of this, Millikan will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on January 19 in the Millikan library (and in the cafeteria for Spanish speaking families). This is an opportunity for families to learn more about the financial aid aspects of the college application process.

This workshop, created by a team of counselors, AVID teachers, and AP coordinators, will assist in the success of all students who plan to attend a four-year college.



Basketball Teams Bounce Back Into Season

By Vincent Ngo
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Basketball season is starting soon! With new captains and new aspirations, the varsity boys and girls basketball teams looks to take home all victories this year.

Currently, the boys varsity team is participating in a tournament in Santa Monica. They've played two games so far, with one victory against Hamilton and loss against Santa Monica High School.

Boys varsity co-captain Christian Masing explains how the pre-season has been going so far: "Practice actually has been light recently. We focus more on game plans during season."

The girl's varsity team is also in the Redondo Tournament and has a victory against St. Anthony.

Girls varsity co-captain Tyler Frierson says, "Practice isn't

always fun like [we'd like it] to be. And the best way for us to focus and to get things done is when our coaches are hard on us. I think that's when we're able to learn new things, to get better and work as a team."

Both captains are seniors in PEACE and are aiming to win the Moore League and CIF titles this year.

"Our team this year is really young but we're good. I think we will be able to win another CIF championship this year. Also our other goal this year is to beat Poly," says Frierson.

The boys and girls first game will be on December 19 at Jordan. The girl's game will begin at 5:30 and the boy's at 6:30.

"I just hope everyone comes out to support and gets their school spirit on and joins the Splash Zone during our games," says Masing.

Dance Team Prepares for Holiday Performances

Melissa Sahlin
Website Editor

As winter rolls around the dance team prepares for their annual winter performance. The dance team has their first dance show of the school year this month.

The team began learning the choreography in October for the holiday show. Both the intermediate and advanced teams will perform on December 21

in the evening and also for the holiday assembly on December 22 during the school day.

The teams will perform two styles: ballet and jazz. A couple songs that will be featured are "Drummer Boy" by Justin Bieber and "Carol of the Bells."

Alyssa Hodge, QUEST junior on advanced dance, says, "The winter show is important because it is a great way to showcase dance and celebrate the holiday season."

Color Guard Takes the Field Once Again

By Hannah Torres
Editorial Page Editor

Color guard has been working hard to maintain an outstanding field show season all this year. They have participated in a numerous amount of competitions for this years season.

They recently collaborated with the marching band to make their new production of "2gether".

The team is led by senior co-captains Emma Williams and Raquel Moreno.

Color guard scored first in high auxiliary (a generalized term for the dance team, color guard and drills team all together) during a competition at San Clem-

ente High School on November 5 with a score of 87 out of 100.

Moreno states, "Our hard work is truly being paid off this year. I'm so proud of my teammates for working so hard and putting out such an amazing season."

The color guard ended their field season this year in sixth place out of the 20 other groups on November 12 at the California State Band Championship (CSBC) semi-finals.

Millikan's marching band and colorguard did compete as one group "2gether" in the CSBC circuit competitions.

Overall the group placed an unlucky 13th at the semi-finals and did not advance to finals.

Millikan Marching Band Competitions Come to a Close

By Chance Paxton
Staff Reporter

After many rallies, football games, and competitions, the Millikan marching band has finally concluded its long and tiring competition season. These 112 students have made all of their work pay off.

Working every Wednesday, and competing every Saturday, the Millikan marching band placed won during their August through November season. Their final three competitions showcased and proved how much these high school students worked and improved.

On October 22 at Capo Valley High School, Millikan Marching Band scored first out of seven high schools.

After that, on November 5

competing at San Clemente High School, Millikan placed third out of five other marching bands.

And in the semi finals on November 12, they missed the finals by two getting 13th place out of 20 high schools.

The great effort from all the members was the real story. These students have gotten so much more than just good placements on the leader boards.

The students have created friendships, experiences, and memories that can only be achieved through the marching band experience.

Now, with all competitions out the way, the marching band will preform at basketball games during winter sports, and of course, they made their traditional appearance in the Belmont Shore Christmas parade on December 3.

Dodgin' Through the Dodge Ball Tournament

By Cody Bey
Feature Editor

Isaac Zambrano, Spanish teacher at Millikan, organized another annual dodge ball tournament that is school wide.

The tournament consists of people ranging from baseball, water polo, varsity basketball, and groups of friends.

The tournament is a one-game elimination and teams have to battle it out through a standard bracket.

One of the participants, Isaiah Collins, says, "We are ready to take on anyone and we will win this tournament--mark my words." Most of the other teams have the same aspirations.

Dodgeball teams compete at lunchtime on even days. The tournament will end before winter break.

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