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Congratulations Class of 2017!

Congratulations to the following seniors: Elissa Chau, Madison deMetropolis, Brittani Kealoha, Tatum Marshall, Stephanie Mendoza Jimenez, Karim Najib, Rebekah Pulido, Giustine Rabin, Angel Ramos, Maya Rosen, Hannah Smith, Kathrine Wall, and Kaylee Yap who will graduate with a perfect 4.0!



Drama Seniors on to Next Stage of Life

PHOTO BY ALYSSA NEWKIRK

Theater seniors say goodbye to the Millikan stage. (Back) Jack Lind. (Middle from left to right) Mira Hauer, Victoria Vindedahl, Gigi Sierra, Emily LaSalle, Nathan Jimenez, Seth Weaver, Ethan Cousins, Brianna Rhodes, Jordan Porter, Gabriella Lopez. (Front from left to right) Sam Epstein, Georgia Westwood, Dakota Clement, Justine Morrissey, and Catherine Picard. "Break a leg" on the next stage of life, seniors!

A Dazzling Drama Actress

By Grace Powell
Staff Reporter

"I do my best to be as involved as possible... I was a part of COMPASS showcase, I went to open mic nights... I did my best to support [the] arts in many different ways," says COMPASS senior Dakota Clement regarding her biggest contributions to Millikan.

She has participated in theater and musical theater all four years at Millikan, and belongs to four different choirs simultaneously. She is the president of the musical theatre club, and played

the part of Penny Pingleton in the spring musical *Hairspray*.

Clement will be moving on to study at CSULB this fall so that she can focus more on strengthening her dance and music skills as she majors in classical music.

Also, Clement talked passionately about drama teacher Wendy Atwell, who she feels has supported her the most throughout high school.

"She's a huge inspiration. She knows how much work it takes to direct, to make your own work. Whenever I want to do something, sometimes she'll tell me

it's not possible because of how much work it takes. But, at the same time, she'll encourage me to do as much as I can," she explains.

"Ms. Atwell has taught me that art isn't just showing off who you are, but it's also about communicating real issues. Art can bless the lives of people. I think it's really important to share it with others."

As with many seniors, Clement is reluctant to give up what has been her home for the past four years.

"Millikan is a really unique school because of all of the opportunities it provides. I was always grateful for those opportunities."

Corydon Seniors Sign Off



PHOTO BY MELISSA SAHLIN

This year's Corydon seniors, from: Samara Jones, Alyssa Newkirk, Arlene Guerrero, and Vincent Ngo, leave the Corydon in capable hands.

By Hannah Torres
Editorial Editor

The journalism class at Millikan is more like a family than it is an actual class. Most students have been together for several years and have grown as writers side by side.

Together they create one of the few print school newspapers still in existence.

There is a great degree of respect for the seniors in the class because they know the ins and outs of how to produce a quality paper.

QUEST senior Alyssa Newkirk and MIT senior Vincent Ngo both served as co-editors-in-chief this year. They spent months revising issues, developing ideas for new stories and teaching editors how to properly design a page.

Newkirk joined the class in her sophomore year and has not looked back since. She chose to attend the University of Northern Colorado next year.

"It's a little weird to be saying goodbye to the paper so soon. It seems like yesterday that I joined the class. Vincent has been the best to work with, even if it's just talking about school. And Mrs. Cathcart has been the best mentor and friend in the world. I don't know what I would have done

without her not only in journalism, but in AP English as well."

Ngo joined the journalism program in his freshman year and has worked from the bottom up to become one of leaders of the class. He plans to attend the University of California, Irvine in the fall.

"Journalism started as just another class I had to take but has developed into a passion for writing and analyzing the world around me. In this class I learned to better my writing and develop friendships with older classmates, who I have always been hesitant to approach. Journalism is more than a class to me. Now it's a future," says Vincent.

In addition, two cub reporters will also graduate in the fall. They are Arlene Guerrero from MIT and Samara Jones Brooks from QUEST.

Guerrero, who will be attending Long Beach City College, says, "I love the vibe in the class. Interacting with people around me makes me really happy."

Brooks decided to attend University of California Riverside next year. She says, "Journalism is an important class to keep around because when there's fake news beginning to spread, you can always find the truth from [a good] newspaper."

18 AP's Later...

By Stephanie Castillo
Staff Reporter

For Millikan High QUEST seniors Angel Ramos and Karina Barrera, their road to UC Berkeley has included hard work, constant dedication, and 18 AP exams, most of which they passed.

Both Barrera and Ramos credit their successes to the amazing teachers that they have encountered throughout their four

years, as well as their perseverance and time management skills.

Barrera explained that because her father only went to grade school and her mother never finished high school, she feels much more motivated to excel in her academic career. Barrera will be working towards becoming a chemical engineer in college.

For Angel Ramos, the best part of high school was getting to meet new people as well as having amazing

teachers like Mrs. Hickox, Mr. Mulvehill, and Mr. Allen. He is excited to see what new challenges and life long friends UC Berkeley will bring him.

Ramos advises other students: "Only you know how much you can handle. While you should be involved, volunteer, and challenge yourself, you also need to allocate time for yourself as well. Find a balance between your school and social life so that you don't go crazy. Also, sleep is a must."

** only students who participated on the survey are named.

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*"Once a Ram,
always a Ram."
-Don Keller, Former
Principal and MHS Graduate*

All That Glitters Is Gold

By Leslie Suarez
Staff Reporter

Receiving a 4.0 for your whole high school career is one to be proud of. It takes lots of late nights studying and doing homework. Those honored to wear a gold robe for Class of 2017 graduates are Karina Barrera, Elissa Chau, Madison de-Metropolis, Brittani Kealoha, Tatum Marshall, Stephanie Mendoza Jimenez, Karim Najib, Rebekah Pulido, Giustine Rabin, Angel Ramos, Maya Rosen, Hannah Smith, Kathrine Wall, and Kaylee Yap. "Earning a gold robe makes me feel like all the long nights I've had, doing homework or studying for test, was worth it," says Giustine Rabin. Earning such recognition reflects all the hard work these students have put into succeeding in the high school career.

2016-17 Sports Highlights

By Nique Campbell
Staff Reporter

Football

On October 14, 2016, Millikan went head-to-head with the Cabrillo football team for their homecoming game. Millikan pulled through with an ending result of 24-21.

Boys Basketball

Justin Chambers, varsity point guard, was awarded the Press-Telegram Athlete of the Week on Friday, February 3 after Senior Night against Cabrillo. The guys finished the season with an overall record of 17-10 and 8-4 in the Moore League.

Surf

Varsity surf finished their season with an amazing record of 12-0.

Girls Soccer Seniors Honored



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER CANTRELL

Millikan girls soccer had a celebration for their seniors which include: Nanati Alailefaleula, Arianna Murillo, Elizabeth Mendez, Miranda Cazares, Thayz Cisneros, Stefanie Bravo, Ariana Jorge, Gisselle Jimenez, Stephanie Perez, Kayla Vargas, Elise Padilla, and Madi deMotropolis. The celebration occurred on February 10, on Millikan's field after their season ended.

Girls Volleyball

Varsity girls volleyball kicked off the season by beating Jordan in five games and closed the season by finishing 6th place in

the Molten Classic tournament.

Color Guard

Color guard and marching band mixed their ideas "2gether" and

created their amazing production of "2gether." The team also won first place with a score of 87 out of 100 at a competition at San Clemente High School.

Gymnastics

The Millikan gymnastics team finished this season unbeaten and brought the Moore League title back to Millikan.

Star Player Shoots High for the Future

By Michael Malinski and Emmanuel Evans
News Page Editor and Sports Editor

Justin Chambers, GREEN senior, has been one of Millikan's star basketball players, and is hopeful to continue his skills further in life.

Chambers is currently committed to Cal State Long Beach, and hopes to get a basketball scholarship over the summer as well.

Chambers states, "I've been playing basketball since I was four years old." He always knew basketball was for him. "The competitiveness of the game and the great players that have come from the sport intrigued me."

During his senior year,

Chambers produced his best season yet for Millikan basketball. He averaged 26 ppg this year and was given the title of Player of the Month. He was also part of the All Moore League First Team, which recognized the top five players from this past basketball season across the league.

His biggest inspiration in life is his mother. Chambers explains, "[My mother] works hard everyday to keep food on the table and clothes on my and my four brothers' and two nephews' backs. I really look up to and love her."

His coaches have only positive things about him and his play.

Chambers has put a mark on Millikan's basketball team and he looks forward to continuing his love of basketball.

Wrestling Captain Ready to Takedown College

By Nick DeLucca
Asst. Editorial Editor

Bryan Samayoa, QUEST senior, says goodbye to Millikan as he prepares to graduate in June.

Bryan claims his biggest accomplishment at Millikan was becoming the head captain of the wrestling team.

As his determination and discipline propelled him to success, he won Most Inspirational Wrestler in his junior and senior years, the Ram Tough award his junior year, Distinguished Wrestler all four years, and Most Valuable Wrestler his senior year.

He credits his parents, coaches, and teammates for his success in the sport of wrestling.

Bryan will be attending CSULB this fall and is looking

forward to a new atmosphere and meeting new friends. He will not continue wrestling but will continue Jui Jitsu, which he previously did before wrestling.

As he reminisces, Bryan states his favorite class was Ms. Davis' Algebra II class because he enjoys math and Ms. Davis did a great job helping him to understand the content.

He says he will miss his friends in the grades below him, and the wrestling team, as most of the seniors will head off for different schools.

"Always strive to be the best person that you can be because that's how you're going to be remembered in this world. And always be determined in whatever you do and to always put your best work out there." says Samayoa.

Tyler Frierson, Passes to Wright

By Andrea Prado
Asst. News Editor

Tyler Frierson, center on the girls varsity basketball team, will soon be saying goodbye to Millikan and travel to Ohio to continue her education.

The PEACE senior received a scholarship from Wright State University. "I received a phone call in September from Ohio," Frierson says. "A coach requested to observe me and how I trained during practice, and I agreed."

Tyler wants to study psychology and become a physical therapist while continuing to play on the court at Wright State.

Frierson is not ready to say goodbye, however. "It's a bittersweet moment [to think about]."

Band Members March Into the Future

By Hannah Torres
Editorial Editor

"Millikan High School, you may take the field." The seniors who are part of Millikan's marching band and colorguard will hear these momentous words for the final time this year.

With graduation coming up quickly, it is time to say farewell to this dedicated group of students who have truly left everything on the field these past four years.

QUEST seniors Alyssa Newkirk and Jeremy Rodrigues served as the drum majors for the 2016-2017 season.

Newkirk will attend the University of Northern Colorado in the fall. She says, "When you spend so much time with 100 of

your best friends made through sweat, tears, and the occasional shedding of blood, it's hard to leave that family. However, knowing the band that has formed and grown this year, they will do amazingly after me. I can't wait to see what they do next year.

I love this band and the memories we've shared all throughout high school."

Rodriguez will attend Cal State Long Beach next year. He says, "I still cannot fathom that I am going to graduate so soon. I'm super excited to start at a new school and learn how to become an engineer, but I just wish that I could go back to one more tennis match, one more concert or one more field

show. I am looking forward to my future and I will always cherish the memories that I made here."

The trumpet section will lose COMPASS senior Leah Nocifore and PEACE senior Nicholas Munoz. Nocifore will attend Long

senior Jacqueline Olivares, will attend Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The percussion front ensemble will also say goodbye to senior, Emily Sanchez, who will continue her education at LBCC.

COMPASS flautists Molly Haun also heads to Cal State Long Beach, and Natalie DeLeon will attend California Lutheran University in the fall.

PEACE senior Raquel Moreno chose Franciscan University Steubenville; COMPASS senior Emma Williams will attend LBCC. Both served as captains for the colorguard this past season.

Moreno says, "I have had

such an amazing year and I am so proud of how far we have come as a team. I have made so many wonderful friends and memories. I am so grateful to have spent my senior year with this team."

Williams also says, "My last year was definitely the most memorable out of all four years and it's bittersweet that it's over."

COMPASS seniors Britny Miller and Emma Fay Miller, GREEN senior Hannah Goodman, MIT senior Monica Valle Lopez, and QUEST senior Adilene Aguilar bid goodbye to the guard this year as well. They all will be together at Long Beach City College in the fall.

Goodbyes are anything but easy for these seniors who have made so many memories "2gether."

"I am so grateful to have spent my senior year with this team."
-Raquel Moreno

Beach City College in the fall while Munoz heads for Biola University.

Trombonist and GREEN senior Mark-Anthony Garate will attend Long Beach City College, and tuba player, QUEST