Congratulations Class of 2018!

Graham Gives Final Bow

MLA Seniors Sendoff

By Chloe Pullman Asst. Editor

OMPASS senior Gra-Cham Wojcik will be greatly missed in the performing arts fellow Millikan students know department at Millikan. His success in choir,

his position as improv co-captain, and his leading roles in Millikan musicals have left a mark on Millikan arts.

He was a lead in Millikan play proeight ductions times.

He won best actor in his theater class, and also won second place for his team's improv performances at the Fullerton competition. he feels on stage: happiness.

Tale Leadership Acad-

Memy is ready to renew

and prepare for the next

school year with help and high

hopes from the members of

the graduating class of 2018.

Kailani McCaffrey, from the

GREEN Academy, states, "Our

goal in MLA is to create recog-

nition as well as to serve our

community. I humbly believe

that we accomplished just that

this year and cannot wait for

what the future classes will do to

continue the academy's legacy."

Male Leadership Academy,

senior

president

of

Andrew

MLA's house speaker

By Michael Malinski

Co-Editor-in-Chief

In the fall, Wojcik will attend San Francisco State University. He plans to study drama, film, theatre, and education.

He would like to let his something important:

"Always be mindful of something. Pick something that makes you smile and stick with it. Take what you do and make people turn away from their troubles. [I'll] never stop acting. You never stop living."

Graham's mission as a Millikan student has been to inspire fellow students to do theater and to make people feel what

"My personal favorite

memory," he begins, "was

hosting the carnival booth

together. We all united for

a common goal and we left

with a good experience."

Long Beach City College in

the Fall 2018 continues: "[Male

Leadership Academy] has led

me to many opportunities, aca-

demic success, and outlets to

express myself," he says. "I'll

never forget what the acad-

emy has taught me, including

what it takes to be a leader."

derclassmen to continue the

brotherhood dynamic of the

academy and utilize their re-

Wong expects "the un-

the

change,

Wong, who will attend

Parsons Soars Off to Stanford

By Sara Steichen Feature Editor

Stanford University accepted only 2,049 students for its 2018 Fall Semester, its lowest acceptance rate in history with a 4.29%. This statistic makes it all the more impressive that Millikan's very own Emma Parsons was accepted.

Parsons is a QUEST senior who has achieved the weighted GPA of a 4.67. However, her academic achievements are not the only things at which to marvel.

On top of her excellent grades, Parsons was on the cross country team for four years and track for three years. She is also trilingual (English, French, and Spanish) and has lived in Long Beach, New York, Bolivia, and Peru.

She began her own organization, called the Awareness Project, which she says, "serves to help teenagers find a passion in community service"

Additionally, Parsons founded the Rise Up Club in order to raise awareness about the lack of educational opportunities for girls and young women in developing countries. The club plans to continue at Millikan after she graduates.

Emma Parsons is also involved in local government, as she is a member of Commisthe Long Beach sion of Youth and Children.

Regarding going to Stanford, Parsons is very excited for the future and says, "I am in shock and disbelief. It is such an iconic place."

Senior Puts Poetry Into Motion



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALMA GONZALEZ

Gonzalez, who is also a staff reporter for Millikan's Corydon, developed a passion for writing and poetry

By Andrew Ho Staff Reporter

Gonzalez lma recently \bigcap completed her senior project (QSP) titled Poetry in Motion. She worked on it for six months.

Her QSP involved turning her original poetry into short films. Gonzalez says, "I've always been shy about my poetry, so I wanted to do this to be able to share it with confidence."

This was not just a grade for her. It was about expressing herself to the world. She says, "I always knew I loved writing, and poetry was just the style I fell in love with."

Gonzalez's poems about love and friendship. Her videos convey the mesabout her interactions it prepared me for the future."

with her friends and family as well as meeting new people.

You can find her video on YouTube under "Poetry in Motion". It consists of 12 short films and a trailer.

Throughout her four years at Millikan, Gonzalez has taken several AP classes. She also took Italian for three years and was the top of her class.

Gonzalez was also a wrestler during her sophomore and senior years. She says, "It was a stress outlet. I like meeting new people and made a lot of friends."

Gonzalez will be goto Cal State Long Beach to major in English.

"I loved that all the teachers were always so caring and involved with their students. Although QUEST is difficult,

Male Leadership Wong also reminisces about Academy his times with his brothwill continue their efforts in ers that he met at the club. the following school years.

Despite

sources to reach

By Keyla Campos Photography Editor

Former

COMPASS

Eli-Ekstrom, made a mark - literally - on Millikan's campus and this senior project may be permanent.

On the right side of the auditorium, facing the 800 Building, Ekstrom painted a mural of hands holding a camera that is "focused on whoever's looking at it," he states.

The Campus Was His Canvas

Part of his project was to research a career, which for him was to study commercial artists. After his research he logged 45 hours working in this field, 25 of which were used to create his mural.

With a strong work eth-Ekstrom created a mockof his mural at home, before beginning the final project on the Millikan campus. QUEST junior Alexander

Avalos says, "I think it's cool to look at [the mural], and it's impressive that a student created it."

QUEST senior project teacher Tom Lind states, "He made the campus that much more beautiful with his art. I'm really proud of him and I'm really proud of his work." Lind believed Ekstrom would create an amazing project from beginning to end, reaching all expectations placed on him.

One Ram Stands Out Among 12,000

By Hannah Torres Co-Editor-in-Chief

There are currently 15.1 million high school students in the United States. Of those, a mere 0.08% of them are annually awarded the National Merit Scholarship based on their PSAT and SAT scores.

QUEST senior Tristan Cox has earned his spot among the prestigious 0.08%.

Cox was one of 12,000 to earn a superior score on the SAT, making him one of the very few to receive this recognition.

"I was pumped when I found out I had earned this scholarship. It was all pretty exciting," says Cox.

He will be taking his talent to the University of California, Berkeley this fall where he will study computer science and math.

"I've always done computer programming as a hobby and once I took calculus last year, I really started to like math.'

Throughout his four years at Millikan, Cox made an effort to try a variety of activities. He participated in extracurriculars ranging from music to volleyball.

"I explored everything from the arts to different sciences," says Cox. "I'm really proud of what I've accomplished at Millikan."

WHO'S GOING



U.S. AIR FORCE

Air Force Hailey Gonzales

American University of Paris Kayce Marchak



Arizona State University Denna Brown

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Biola University

Biola University Erin Bath Jessica Gonzalez Julio De Paz



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Tara Walker

Peyton Willis

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Ryann Albin Jake Calise Colson Morrow Damian Nelson Jonathan Vaoifi



Chapman University Terra Gamboa

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California State University East Bay

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California State University Monterey Bay Joel Swiatkowski



California State University
San Marcos
Aaron Fisch



California State University Channel Islands

Helen Taitano



California State University Dominguez Hills

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California State University Fullerton

Carolina Gonzalez-Arguello Makenzie Yearsley



California State University Los Angeles Kyle Brown

Kyle Brown Trevor Scott



Duke Will Sears



El Camino College Chloe Robinson

Forsyth Tech Community College Elijah Smith



Humboldt State University Courtney Campuzano



California State University
Northridge
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California State University Sacramento Hanna Tanner



Colorado State University Troy Gallatin

Cypress City College Charisma Fuentes-Saravia Laya Shorts



Long Beach City College

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> Angel Avila Allison Ayala Alex Ca Jade Cadella

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Mia Laverde Zoe Lindeman

Parker Lopes Ivette Lopez-Rosa

Julio Lopez Taetum Lopez

Blake Maese Jarrod Martinez

Naomi Martinez Mia McCain

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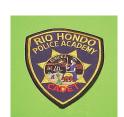
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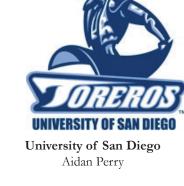


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ATHLETICS

Hillshiem to Attend CSULB



PHOTO BY HANNAH HUGHEY

Georgia Hillsheim, COMPASS senior, on Tuesday May 8 being honored on senior day after four years on the varsity team.

By Hannah Hughey Staff Reporter

eorgia Hilleshiem pushed Ther limits from the start of freshman year until the end of her high school career. She made varsity softball in freshman year and continued playing all four years.

As a sophomore and junior, she was the starting first base-

men. In addition to practicing three hours a week, she also was in charge of the team video that was shown at the banquet.

"If school practices ran long, I would normally skip either my batting, pitching lessons, or my travel ball practice to make sure I got everything done and still got a decent amount of sleep." Sophomore year was un-

fortunately a tough one for Hilleshiem, due to a shoulder injury.

Junior year was difficult because of the activities she had to balance, between school, softball, and the banquet video.

Hilleshiem plans to go to CSULB and major in both journalism and communications, also hoping to make it into the world of sports broadcasting.

From the Basketball Court to the Dentist's Office

By Tiffani Pope Web Editor

larissa Rodriguez is a graduating senior signed to attend Cerritos College for two years in order to obtain her dental license and the credits needed to go into the field of dental hygiene.

Rodr is a star basketball player at Millikan, and is debating playing Cerritos College during her two-year term.

She had an interest in dentistry early on, being influenced by her mother who works in a dental office. She would often tag along with her mother, and over time, learned to love the instruments.

After Cerritos, Rodr plans to either attend University of California, Los Angeles, where she has been offered

> scholarship, or Arizona University, in order to complete her dental hygiene requirements. She sought advice from her counselor Jessica

Mullen, who suggested to her which classes she should take based on her interest in dentistry.

Sepulveda Raises the Bar to the Next Level

By Andrea Prado News Editor

As the school year comes to a close, QUEST senior Jose Sepulveda, will say his last goodbye to Millikan students and staff. He will heads to the School of Business at the University of California, Santa Barbara this fall.

Sepulveda, who has participated in cross-country and track and field since middle school, claims his biggest accomplishment took place in his junior year at Millikan.

"In my Moore League performance, I received the most medals and even made it to CIF," says Sepulveda. "I remember going against a really competitive team, but my team and I pushed through [until the end]."

Thereafter, Sepulveda decided to focus on training for high jump in his senior year. He won it twice during senior year, and he hopes to further develop his skills after graduation.

"I first started practicing these sports because I thought I was pretty good at it," Sepulveda admits. "I wanted something that could take me to new places and would also [spark] my interest. [Running] was a good way to learn new things, such as self discipline and motivation."

Besides his athletic talent at Millikan, the QUEST senior was also accepted into the UCSB Promise Scholar Program, which distributes a minimum of \$120,000 in financial support for incoming freshman students over their four years at UCSB.

Although he is leaning toward studying either finance or engineering, Sepulveda would also take the chance to become a coach for the sports he has participated in.

"If you're interested in trying out for track or cross country," Jose advises, "don't be discouraged. It will take time to find your stride, but with a lot of practice, you'll eventually find your own pace. and hopefully make the team."

Commander of Strike Zone and Computer Science

By Emma Sharmin Asst.Editor

Throughout his high school career, QUEST senior Kelly Hawkshaw has been a crucial member of Millikan's baseball team. Hawkshaw has been passionate about the sport for a long time, despite having to balance it with his academics.

"Baseball has been a passion of mine pretty much since I was little," Hawkshaw says.

Millikan baseball coach Ron Keester has nothing but praise in regard to Hawkshaw's performance on the team as of late. "[Hawkshaw] is a guy that's

able to control two or three pitches, a guy who commands the strike zone, he defends his position and is able to give us momentum that we need defensively, and then we can take advantage of it offensively." Keester stated in a recent press telegram article.

Hawkshaw is currently enrolled in four AP courses: English Literature, Capstone Research, Calculus, and Government; all impressive commitments considering his parallel devotion to the baseball team.

The scholar and baseball star is evidently more than willing to branch out in more than one subject, as he took the AP Capstone Seminar and Research courses the first years they were made available.

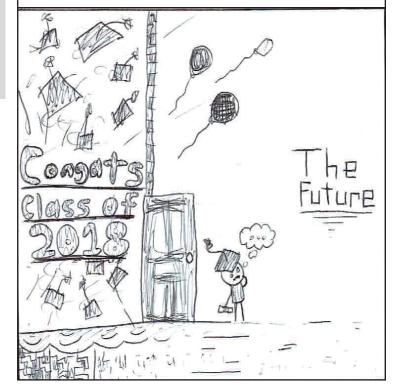
Hawkshaw plans to attend Chapman University and major in computer science. "I'd say I'd like to pursue a career in it," he adds.

Regardless of his continual enthusiasm for baseball throughout his young adult life, Hawkshaw isn't certain of where the sport will fall into place during his college experience. "The coach said I could walk on, but I'm not sure about

continuing," Hawkshaw explains. He isn't completely sure of what his future and college career entails, but hopes to continue to grow wherever he lands.

To Graduation and Beyond By Benen Falkner

Staff Reporter



P.E. Medal of Merit Winner

By Dayquan Moeller Copy Editor

MIT senior Johnathan Cruz was awarded the Medal of Merit for PE by teacher Amy Schwarz for "serious work accomplished this year."

teacher for the last three years, reflects on his progress by stating that Cruz became "remarkably stronger and more

coordinated" over the course his high school career.

"He exemplifies the best of PE," Schwarz says, "not only doing [his] best and achieving success, but sharing what [he has] learned with others."

Cruz says he is proud of Schwarz, who was his PE his progress, stating, "I barely put any work in freshman year, but sophomore year I decided to really put in work.

"I do not want to waste my

time, "he continues, "I want to follow the rules and directions."

After graduation, Cruz will attend Long Beach City College, where he will study coding, and is interested in pursuing a career in game design.

To his underclassmen he leaves this message: "It is important to take advantage of classes and really try to put what the teachers are trying to teach you in your head."