

## Congratulations Class of 2018!

### Graham Gives Final Bow

By Chloe Pullman  
*Asst. Editor*

COMPASS senior Graham Wojcik will be greatly missed in the performing arts 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 productions eight times. He won best actor in his theater class, and also won second place for his team's improv performances at the Fullerton competition.



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 fellow Millikan students know 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 he feels on stage: happiness.

### 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 the Long Beach Commission 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*

Alma Gonzalez recently completed her QUEST senior project (QSP) entitled 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 are about love and friendship. Her videos convey the message about her interactions

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 going to 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, it prepared me for the future."

### MLA Seniors Sendoff

By Michael Malinski  
*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Male Leadership Academy 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.

MLA's house speaker Kailani McCaffrey, from the GREEN Academy, states, "Our goal in MLA is to create recognition 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."

Former president of Male Leadership Academy, COMPASS senior Andrew Wong also reminisces about his times with his brothers that he met at the club.

"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."

Wong, who will attend Long Beach City College in the Fall 2018 continues: "[Male Leadership Academy] has led me to many opportunities, academic success, and outlets to express myself," he says. "I'll never forget what the academy has taught me, including what it takes to be a leader."

Wong expects "the underclassmen to continue the brotherhood dynamic of the academy and utilize their resources to reach success."

Despite the change, Male Leadership Academy will continue their efforts in the following school years.

### The Campus Was His Canvas

By Keyla Campos  
*Photography Editor*

QUEST senior Elijah 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 who-

ever's looking at it," he states.

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 ethic, Ekstrom created a mock-up of 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

## Special Senior Issue



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

**Air Force**

Hailey Gonzales

**American University of Paris**

Kayce Marchak



**Arizona State University**

Denna Brown

Maizie Brown

**Biola University**

Erin Bath

Jessica Gonzalez

Julio De Paz



**California Poly Pomona**

Kevin Prize

Delance Simpson

**California Poly San**

**Luis Obispo**

Jonah Koch

Emily Manning

Gabrielle Reyes

Katie Taylor



**California State Long Beach**

Hannah Abaricia

Nick Addimando

Ashley Alas

Alexander Andrade

Nichole Athanitis

Dylan Ayola

Violet Benitez

Paola Bermudez

Juely Binir

Taylor Bobkowski

Fatima Castro

Rue Cepeda

Minena N. Chairez Ceballos

Sopheakno Chhom

Sergio Chinchilla

Quinn Concannon

Vanessa Contreras

Elizabeth Coryell

Mason Cullen

April Diaz

Rebecca Dobard

Carolina Dominguez Maldonado

Jocelyne Dominguez

Julia Dornblaser

Kendrick Espinoza

Brayan Fuentes

Ashley Fuentes

Jesus Garcia

Leslie Garcia

Sophie Garcia

Justin Gersjes

Kirrah Gibbs

Melanie Gomez

Yaritza Gomez

Andrew Gonzalez

Hugo Gonzalez

Hunter Hanks

Devin Hernandez

Noah Hidalgo

Ian Hobbensiefken

Brandon Hoeksema

Nathan Hunter

Jeremy Ibarra

Salvador Jimenez-Hernandez

Markham Justeren

Liam Laridon

Alan Lopez

Victoria Maahs

Kiarra Mack

Johanna Madrid

Kennidee Martinez

Eva McBride

Elyza Mendoza

Kaila Miles

Lily Moore

Yesica Morales

Stephanie Moreno

Damian Murillo

Denisse Nabong

Kaela Newman

Kevin Olea

Josh Pawlowski

Melanie Pineda

Julian Postma

Janelli Ramirez

Maria Rodriguez

Jacob Rosenthal

Jesus Rubio

Daisy Sanchez

Jonathan Saycedo

Samuel Schulman

David Sebastian

Rilee Simmons

Sheryl Skidmore

Madison Snyder

Carly Sterbentz

Rebecca Stevens

Everett Suos

Grace Thomas

Emily Torres

Dominic Vargas

Sophia Varlea

Jade Vasquez

Tara Walker

Peyton Willis

Nadiri Wilson

Sarah Zuelke

**Cerritos City College**

Ryann Albin

Jake Calise

Colson Morrow

Damian Nelson

Jonathan Vaoifi



**Chapman University**

Terra Gamboa

Morgan Gill

Julia Macias

**California State University**

**East Bay**

Jayde Holt-Wyindon

Jadd Jones

Taylor Sims



**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**

Irama Ayala Alcantar

Arquell Eastland

Paloma Guerrero

Rafael Hernandez

Adriana Juarez

Alejandro Reynoso

Areli Zagal



**California State University**

**Fullerton**

Carolina Gonzalez-Arguello

Makenzie Yearsley



**California State University**

**Los Angeles**

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**

Sophia Khoury



**SACRAMENTO STATE**

**California State University**

**Sacramento**

Hanna Tanner



**Colorado State University**

Troy Gallatin

**Cypress City College**

Charisma Fuentes-Saravia

Laya Shorts



**Long Beach City College**

Matthew Acebedo

Alicia Adam

David Dylan Antonio Duarte

Jason Aragon

Angel Avila

Allison Ayala

Alex Ca

Jade Cadella

Carmella Casabella

Cameron Chan

Kelly Chantha

Alex Chavez

Yaeline Chavez

Edward Chavez

Jesse Chitica

Robert Cobarrubias

Audie Davila

Dmitri Demendot

April Diaz

Marle Dinsdale

Ryan Docuyanano

Nolan Dykes

Kyler Ferris

David Garcia

Haylee Godinez

Quevin Gomez

Julio Hernandez

Stephanie Hernandez

Andrew Herrera

Alex Hicks

Ethan Horvath

Natalie Hull

Jillia Lantow

Mia Laverde

Zoe Lindeman

Parker Lopes

Ivette Lopez-Rosa

Julio Lopez

Taetum Lopez

Blake Maese

Jarrold Martinez

Naomi Martinez

Mia McCain

Hannah McConnell

Melissa McCullagh

Cassandra Mendoza

Adron Miller

Soriya Minjarez

Ethan Bernardo Mitchell

Savannah Monkemeler

Diana Morales

Cecilia Gomez Muro

Kaylyn Nnadi

Paul Norman

Isaac Oaxaca

Karina Payan

Iam Peyer

Angelina Pina

Cameron Quiroz

Jose Ramirez

Jose Rojas Ramirez

Chloe Reynoso

Mason Robison

Madeline Rodriguez

Ruben Rojas

Pablo Salazar

Christopher Sandoval

Grace Satterthwaite

Joshua Scott

Austin Tyler

Carlos Velasquez

Blanca Urtiz Vasquez

Janitzzy Vega

Christian Velasco

Villasenor Ruben Villasenor

Vu Simon Vu

Jada Wallace

Andrew Whitney

Kelly Zavala

Ben Zelas

\*\* Only students who participated in the survey are listed \*\*





La Guardia Community College  
Madeline Hardy



Rio-Hondo Fire Tec.  
Wyatt Hall



Sonoma State  
Daisy Cabot

Nijah Kitchen  
Aaron Lam  
Celine Najib  
Chaya Pearl  
Trevor Tuck



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ARIZONA.

University of Arizona  
Noah Parhins



Louisiana State University  
Andrew McConnell



SACRAMENTO  
STATE

Sacramento State  
Nnennaya Nkele  
Natalie Hernandez



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Texas A&M University  
Christian Bourgeois



University of California Los Angeles

Brian Chhoy  
Angelina Holt  
Madison Johnson  
David Mota  
Rebecca Remple



University of Oregon  
Kimberlin Banegas  
Bri Monahan



Marymount California University  
Mariana Turner



Santa Ana College  
Katrina Jakubowski



The New School: New York  
Foshee Lucia



University of California Merced  
Erika Ruiz



University of Southern California  
Dylan Palacios



Northwestern State University  
Michael Barrientes



Santa Monica College  
Sterling Raiklen



The Ohio State University  
Anna Haugh



Oklahoma State University  
Arquise Eastland



San Diego State University  
Isabella Enciso  
Kelly Striewig  
Katie Whipp



University of California Berkley  
Tristan Cox  
Chelsea Levy  
Dean Myers  
Kennedy Schaffer



University of California Santa Barbara  
Hannah Justesen  
Omar Lezma  
Libby Petersen  
Ajah Whitehead



University of San Diego  
Aidan Perry



Otis College of Art and Design  
Jessica Martin



SFSU  
Samantha Davetas  
Ella Eleopoulos  
Danielle Ysabelle R. Tan  
Danielle Tan



University of California Davis  
Winona Adams  
Katherine Moy  
Jaqueline Tapia



University of California Santa Cruz  
Elijah Ekstrom  
Maxine Hardy  
Alyssa Hodge  
Ava Jones  
Eliza Zawachi



University of San Francisco  
Julian Smith



Point Loma Nazarene University  
Logan Reboja



WESTERN STATE  
COLORADO UNIVERSITY

Western State Colorado University  
Kyle Mitchell



Police Academy  
Amir Montasser



Simpson University  
Eva Palacios



University of California Irvine  
Jaime Brizza  
Christina Chang  
Megan Cramer  
Michael Dela Cruz  
Caitlin Hruby



University of California San Deigo  
Sofia Francisco  
Oliver Hammond  
Jayna Kaveney  
Samantha McCuskey  
Liam Stone



Washington State University  
Claire Fine  
Riley Williams



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Principia College  
Caroline Carlson



Sierra Nevada College  
Jack Williams



Hillshiem to Attend CSULB



PHOTO BY HANNAH HUGHEY  
Georgia Hillshiem, COMPASS senior, on Tuesday May 8 being honored on senior day after four years on the varsity team.

By Hannah Hughey  
Staff Reporter

Georgia Hilleshiem pushed her 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 Hillshiem, 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.

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.

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.” Schwarz, who was his PE teacher for the last three years, reflects on his progress by stating that Cruz became “remarkably stronger and more

coordinated” over the course of 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 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.”

From the Basketball Court to the Dentist’s Office

By Tiffani Pope  
Web Editor

Clarissa 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 for 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 a 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.”

To Graduation and Beyond

By Benen Falkner  
Staff Reporter

