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Congratulations Class of 2014!

Corydon Says Goodbye to Seniors



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Corydon senior staff members don their college sweatshirts: Michelle Sahlin (website editor), Victoria Lahney (editor-in-chief), Daniel Evans-Nakamura (feature editor), Danielle Pulido (athletics editor) and Kenya Rendon (copy editor).

By Charles Blanchard
Staff Editor

Writing, editing stories, creating pages, editing those pages, publishing the paper, and critiquing it are some of the many tasks completed every month by the Corydon staff. Without the senior editors none of these tasks could have been accomplished.

The Corydon's editor-in-chief, **Victoria Lahney** (or the girl who puts in the most work inside and outside of the class), has earned over 1000 service learning hours, is nominated for the Hall of Fame, is the captain of the varsity tennis team, a graduate Youth Leadership of Long Beach, and is a Girl Scout.

Lahney has been a member of the Corydon for three years. She will be attending Cal Lutheran University, majoring in liberal studies.

The editorial and feature page would be subpar without the contribution of feature page editor **Daniel Evans-Nakamura**. He will attend UC Berkeley, focusing on po-

litical science. Evans is also the junior producer for The Young Turks, an online news, politics, and culture show on YouTube.

The athletics page would not be published without the hard work and dedication of **Danielle Pulido**. She has taken nine AP classes cumulatively and has earned honor roll for all semesters. Pulido will be attending CSULB with a major in journalism.

Corydon Plugged In is new this year on Millikan's website, all thanks to **Michelle Sahlin**, its creator. Sahlin will be heading to Chapman in the fall to study TV and writing production. She also won first place in the PTA Reflections contest for a poem in 2012 and a short film in 2013. She is also the co-captain of the intermediate dance team.

Kenya Rendon, copy editor of the Corydon, also organized *Visions* online magazine this year. She had poems and artwork published in *Visions*. Rendon also won first place in a 6K Wrigley River Run and is on the honor roll. She will attend Washington State University to study English in the fall.

Select Seniors Receive Special Recognition

By Daniel Evans-Nakamura
Staff Editor

This year, 26 seniors were recognized at Senior Award night for maintaining perfect attendance for at least one of their four years.

Of the 26, six obtained perfect attendance throughout all four years of high school. Those seniors are **Megan Fountain, Andrew Gumbs, Antoine Gumbs, Monica Martinez Martinez, Michelle McDonald and Braxton Roa**.

Gold, Blue, and Jeweled M awards, given when students apply through ASB, awards points for Millikan related service, excluding time devoted to a club.

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Molly St. Pierre Aspires to be a Broadway Star

By Megan Honey
Staff Reporter

Senior Molly St. Pierre has left quite a mark on the Millikan theater department. Joining play production as a freshman, she has been a vital part of the cast.

St. Pierre has performed in 12 productions on the Millikan stage. She has taken on lead roles since her second year in the program; her first was Sabrina in "Sabrina Fair."

Deanie Loomis in "Splendor in the Grass" was St. Pierre's favorite role so far. "I had learned from my mistakes, and I had a lot of room to be creative," she said about her Fall 2013 role.

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Millikan's Finest to Wear Gold Robes



PHOTO BY DANIEL EVENS-NAKAMURA

Seniors earned gold robes by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school. Bottom row: Andrea Garcia (UC Berkeley), Jillian 'Stormy' Morrell (CSULB), and Kelly DeWeese (UC Santa Barbara). Second row: Colleen McGarity (Young Americans) and Allison Wall (CSULB). Third row: Kelsey Zerr (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), Roxanne Jacobs (CSULB), and Daniel Coles (UCLA). Top row: Madelynn Meisel (University of Utah), Maricela Sistos (Stanford), and Eduardo Torres (UCLA). Not pictured: Stephanie Hammond (UC Santa Cruz), Tyler Steer (UC San Diego) and Isaias Barrera (UC Berkeley).

By Victoria Lahney
Editor-in Chief

At Millikan's Senior Award Night, on Wednesday, May 28, 14 seniors were awarded one of Millikan's most prestigious awards: The Gold Robe.

"I'm excited to be recognized after so many all-nighters," says **Andrea Garcia**, recipient of the Mariano Ocampo scholarship. "Everything came together and it sure did pull off."

Almost all of the Gold Robes were nominated for several Medals of Merit which were also awarded at Senior Awards Night.

Not only do these students excel academically, but athletically as well, winning awards such as Scholar Athletes, captains, varsity letters, Most Valuable Players and more.

Madelynn Meisel holds seven Millikan swim records, and has been Moore League Champion and a CIF finalist during all four years of high school.

A common misconception of Gold Robes is that all the recipients are in QUEST. That is not the case, as COMPASS students **Jillian Morrell** and **Stephanie Hammond** are actively involved in COMPASS and both received a scholarship from their teachers at the COMPASS banquet.

Roxanne Jacobs is active on campus and is glad that she was able to explore so

many clubs, sports, performing arts and other courses at Millikan.

Long Beach Rotary awarded **Kelsey Zerr** with the 'Service Above Self' award. She specifically contributed to the 'Have Faith, Be Strong' memorial charity for former Coach Thayer by generating \$1,200 for the charity.

Allison Wall, student leader of museum studies and member of Best Buddies executive board says, "I am very happy to achieve something that I have wanted for a long time. I can't believe graduation is already here."

Eduardo Torres, winner of the science Medal of Merit award, took the most Advanced Placement courses out of all Gold Robe recipients. Beginning in ninth grade, Torres' total is 12 AP's.

Musician **Daniel Coles** is well known for being a member of the band The Really Really Goods, who played at several Millikan events including the homecoming rally, COMPASS Showcase, and Art Fest. He was an integral part of cross country, track, and jazz band as well.

Maricela Sistos is attending Stanford University and her favorite part of her four years at Millikan is her friendships and memories.

Throughout the years, **Kelly DeWeese** stayed very involved in the Millikan community through FOCUS, NHS, Cancer Awareness Club, and QUEST Interact Club.

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

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Marquetti Joins USC Trojans

By Danielle Pulido
Staff Editor

Senior Malik Marquetti has been catching attention both on and off the court for his hard work as a basketball player.

Marquetti was described by ESPN as assertive on the court, with excellent instincts. He has signed to play basketball for USC during the Fall of 2014, taking his versatile playing style to the Trojans court.

Marquetti says that he has had a memorable experience playing for the basketball team at Millikan. "It was a great experience," he says. "I couldn't have chosen a better place to play."

2014's basketball season was particularly extraordinary because of Millikan's student section who dubbed themselves "The Splash Zone" and cheered Millikan's team throughout the season.

Marquetti describes how basketball became a part of his life at the age of five, and has been an important part of his life ever since. "Basketball is all I know and it is all people know me for. I hope to keep it that way."

Basketball, according to Marquetti, means, "everything and more."

He describes his coaches as being tough and persistent people who have pushed him to become a better player.

College Bound Athletes Recognized



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARA FOSTER

Millikan celebrates its college-bound athletes of 2014 who are headed across the country to play the sports at which they excel. The seniors have shed blood, sweat and tears for their teams during their four years at Millikan. Bottom row: Alyssa Benton, Lauren Miller, Briana Benton, Sherridan Atkinson, Kelly O'Brien, Emily Knowles, Sara Foster, Rachel Cullen, and Malik Brown. Top row: Muny Chan, Rodrigo Casellanos, Malik Marquetti, Garrett Arnsparger, Dean Duggan, Anthony Modica and Raquel Bowers.

True Aims High in Cheer, Gymnastics, and Dance

By Jade Erin Hargrove
Staff Editor

Cheer, gymnastics and dance were more than enough to make COMPASS senior Katelyn True's high school career one to remember.

The past four years were anything but ordinary for True. From age 14 to 18, her time was consumed with athletics. She participated in JV cheer and JV gymnastics in her freshman year, varsity cheer and JV gymnastics sophomore year, varsity cheer and intermediate dance junior year and advanced dance her senior year.

When asked if she considered herself an athlete, True replied, "Yes, I consider myself an athlete. I am passionate and competitive in the sports I'm involved in. I try my best to be the best."

Though Katelyn was very involved the past four years, what makes her an extraordinary student is her willingness to go

above and beyond average. Not only was she cheer manager her senior year, she was also the JV cheer coach for the second half of the year and will continue to coach into this summer to prepare the 2014-2015 cheer team.

Aside from being a lovable cheerleader, gymnast and dancer, True is very much appreciated around Millikan's campus. "K True is a burst of positivity and a perfect role model," commented Thea Buckley, QUEST junior and advanced dance member. "She is the kind of girl who is always there for you. She doesn't act superior to younger team mates, and she makes everyone feel welcome. She's the most humble person I know."

True has committed to Colorado State University Pueblo with pre-nursing as her major. She also made their dance team.

Though she will be a distance away, she won't be gone forever. "Of course I'm coming back to see my teams," True said. "They're all my baby sisters."

St. Pierre

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However, 'Splendor in the Grass' also came with some challenges, the largest being her character's nervous breakdown. "Being honest, and not over the top, during that scene was very difficult," said St. Pierre.

St. Pierre dedicated much time and energy to her craft. Rehearsals frequently ran for as long as six hours, and she also participated in shows at Millikan

over the summer. Evoking strong emotion from the audience, she said, makes it all worth it.

St. Pierre has achieved great things in Millikan's theatre program, but her acting career is far from over.

She will attend The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York this fall. Her biggest dream is to perform on Broadway, and she hopes to transition into film acting later.

Recognition

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The Jeweled M, which represents more than 250 points, was awarded to **Reina De La Torre, Belinda Gonzalez, Drew Halderman, Oscar Lopez Jimenez, Hilda Jurado, Leonardo Ruiz, and Kathryn Vestre**

for their extensive time serving Millikan outside class.

Kaitlyn Cornejo and Veronica Craighead received the Gold M for having between 150-199 points. **Sherridan Atkinson** received the Blue M for having between 200-249 points.

Millikan Women Win Athletics Awards

By Victoria Lahney
Editor-in-Chief

During this year's senior awards night, many talented women were recognized for their hard work throughout their senior year, as well as all their years in which they participated in sports at Millikan.

Swimmer **Madelynn Meisel** and **Alyssa Benton** of the basketball team each took home an award for Co-Athlete of the Year.

Briana Guillory was also recognized that night and won the Doris Dought Award, which recognizes her for being the best all-around student athlete and

community volunteer.

Jocelyn Dominguez was awarded to be The Dave Shower Dual Sport Athlete Award for being an outstanding athlete in both cross country and track.

The last award, Robert Lee Lewis Scholarship, was handed out to **Kaycee Makemson** for also being a dedicated athlete.



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