



Millikan AP Scores Top in State

By Alyssa Newkirk
Co-Editor-in-Chief

In California's recently ranked Advanced Placement (AP) scores, Millikan finished with the highest percent of African-American and Hispanic students passing the AP World History exam last year.

AP World History teacher Timothy Mulvehill says, "The AP coordinators, Erin Hill and Katie Hickox, work extremely hard to encourage students to partake in AP classes and tests. As the history department chair, I would like to compliment the APWH and APUSH teachers for helping to provide students with the tools to help them pass the AP

exam in such high numbers, as well as the general education teachers who provided students with the foundation that helps drive the success they have in the



AP class."

"Most importantly," Mulvehill continues, "I want to thank the AP students for the hard work and motivation that earned this impor-

tant recognition for Millikan."

In addition to positive rankings for the history classes, AP English Literature also had high recognition.

Lee Underwood, philosophy and AP Literature teacher adds, "All three of the AP Literature teachers at Millikan--myself, Ms. Grothe and Mr. Hutchinson--are all well-read and dedicated to teaching this subject."

Underwood explains, "We all understand that there are two parts to teaching this class: it has to prepare students for the AP exam, but the appreciation and deep understanding of literature is what will lead to success."

Millikan Student Takes Action

By Laura Santy
Staff Reporter

Last month, Astrid Quirarte, Millikan junior and co-president of the La Raza Club, attended city council on February 7th focusing on the California Values Act and the California Religious Freedom Act.

"The proposals protect the safety of Californians by ensuring state and local resources are

not used to support deportations, separate families, collect information about an individual's beliefs, and ultimately hurt the economy," says Quirarte.

She was asked by the Immigrants Rights Coalition to attend the meeting in support of the bills. Quirarte spoke of her own academic life as a daughter of immigrants, compared to that of undocumented students. She explained that she has edu-

cational aspirations for herself that other students have, because of their immigration status.

"If Long Beach could become a sanctuary city, that would be one step toward a far more inclusive Long Beach, especially for undocumented students in higher education," she said. "Undocumented students need to be heard. I was proud to advocate for them, for my loved ones, and for immigrant families."

At 60, It's Time for a Facelift, Millikan

By Hannah Torres
Editorial Editor

It is time to put a stop to the rumors. For the first time in nearly 30 years, Millikan will be undergoing one of the biggest makeovers of its time.

Back in November 2016, a large disbursement of funds known as Measure E was approved for the purpose of rebuilding schools in the Long Beach Unified School District. The ballot measure is valued at a whopping \$1.5 billion.

All schools in the district will be under major developments including the implementation of air conditioning in every classroom.

However, Millikan and other high schools will also be improving sports facilities, building in-

frastructures and technology.

Principal Michael Navia says, "We are extremely excited to be undergoing such amazing improvements. The first major changes will take place with the softball fields and the soccer fields. We also have to make room for the new 1000 Building."

Mr. Navia proceeded to explain that the soccer fields and football field will have artificial turf and the track will be built for year-round weather.

After this is complete, the area where the girls' soccer field and girls softball field once were will be used to construct the new 1000 Building that will be used for additional classrooms.

"We will be renovating all the PE facilities and the current indoor pool will be made into a third gym.

We will be building a new outdoor pool as well," states Navia.

All of these changes and others will not be made overnight. Navia explained that the developments will be an eight-year project that will be completed in five phases.

Some schools in the district will be forced to evacuate their campuses and temporarily move to alternate school sites for a year during their construction. Millikan, however, was fortunate enough not to be displaced.

"We don't quite know yet how to cope with a full campus under construction. This will be a learning process that will require a great deal of patience. However, we must remember that by the end of this journey, we will have an amazing new Millikan."

Making Wishes a Reality



PHOTO BY ARLENE GUERRERO

Students purchased and taped the Make-A-Wish stars onto the front of Millikan's big gym throughout the month of February with the names of people they were donating the stars to.

By Isabelle Akeo
Staff Reporter

QUEST senior Ricci Confino is raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation for her QUEST senior project by selling stars to display in front of the gold gym.

The Make-a-Wish organization grants wishes to kids with life-threatening medical conditions to give them an amazing experience.

The wishes, when granted empower patients to keep fighting their illness. Confino says, "In the beginning of the school year, I was brainstorming physical product ideas for my QUEST senior project. I didn't know what I wanted to do exactly, but I had an idea of where I wanted to go with my project. I wanted to incorporate my personal experiences into my physical product to give my senior project meaning."

Confino's senior project was inspired by her older brother, Jordan, who was diagnosed with cancer eight years ago.

Confino says, "A couple months after his diagno-

sis, a team from the Make-A-Wish Foundation came into his hospital room and notified him that he was eligible to make a wish.

"His wish was to be the highest level character in a game called World of Warcraft. And weeks later, the wonderful people at the Make-a-Wish Foundation made it come true. All I could remember was the smile on my brother's face the moment he found out his wish became a reality."

To contribute to the fundraiser, you can buy a star for two dollars from Ms. Glenn in Room 415, which will benefit kids with dangerous illnesses through the Make-a-Wish foundation.



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Dear Editor

“School Dances Then and Now”

There is a lot of insight given as to what school dances were like in the 80’s and how they contrast the dances of today’s day and age. It’s really cool to hear the teachers discuss their time in high school because we see them every day in such a professional manner and it’s interesting to hear what their experiences were like.

Sophia Khouny
Grade 11

“Watching Paint Dry, the Sequel”

Movie adaptations shine light on other mediums, and for that I can only praise them. They interpret novels visually and give them huge publicity, telling moviegoers a story they might not have heard. Sure, maybe the movie borrowed materials from another source, but that doesn’t change the new experience the movie provides.

Tim Silva
Grade 12

“Rams Beat Jags”

Tracey McNulty’s photograph of Justin Chambers and his family stood out to me. This article really presented how exciting senior night was for Millikan Basketball. It’s also great seeing Justin receiving recognition for his great basketball skills and hard work. I love cheering for our basketball team, and it’s great to see your friends excelling greatly in the sport they love!

Julia Hart
Grade 12

“Tragedy Hits a Little Too Close to Home”

This article talks about an issue that many people in society take for granted because many have not yet had an experience caused by the violence of guns. We need to acknowledge that the risk of the improper use of guns can lead to the death of close family.

Fernanda Garcia-Martinez
Grade 12

Technology and Teens: A Dynamic Duo

By Alyssa Newkirk
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Why do adults think teens are lazy just because they rely on technology? They think teens should make a phone call rather than a text or go to the library for research rather than the Internet.

Technology is increasingly becoming a barrier between generations, as new phones, tablets, computers and even watches are

being invented, modified and re-marketed. There is always something new to help you “connect” with the world around you.

But, the older generation’s lack of understanding that not every young person uses his or her device to hide or miss out on the world we live in is inaccurate at best.

Many younger adults, such as seniors in high school, are well read and educated, especially here in Long Beach where

teachers and students pride themselves in a well-earned education.

Not only do we pay attention to details of current events, but when we are confused or don’t understand the truth of the matters the world presents, we ask questions, often turning to technology to help provide answers.

For example, when the travel ban was first enacted and we went to school questioning policies and their validity; we turned to the In-

ternet and our teachers for answers.

Often teenagers are stereotyped by the mistakes of a few teens. Some teens have attitudes with adults and cause problems or question authority, but technology and its use do not mean we are uneducated or lazy.

In a day and age where technology is the fastest source available, how else do you expect us to remain current on all the events happening all over the world?

College: To Go or Not To Go?

By Fatima Gonzalez
Staff Reporter

For many years we’ve believed that a college education is crucial, that it is extremely necessary in order to succeed. But is it really that necessary to our future for every person?

According to the site College-education.procon, college graduates make more money than high school graduates.

On average, a college graduate with a Bachelor’s degree earns around \$30,000 more per year, or around \$500,000 more, over a lifetime.

Another positive aspect of receiving a college education is that you will have more and better job opportunities. This is because the jobs requiring college degrees have grown by 187,000, while jobs requiring simple Associates degrees fell by 1.75 million.

However, something else we need to consider is that many students receive student loans while getting their college education. These loans can later result in debt that can last for years to come.

According to College-education.procon, 10 percent of students graduate with over \$40,000 in debt, and about 1 percent of graduates acquire \$100,000 in debt. This is a problem.

A large part of their income

will go towards paying their student loans once they get a job. If they’re ever late with a payment, or miss one, it can lead to low credit scores, and additional fees.

In the long run, earning a college education is more beneficial, money shouldn’t deter you. There are scholarships, grants and with the proper planning, you can make it happen.

It’s all about wise decisions. Your future is up to you.

Justice Will Come

By Nicolas Ramos
Staff Reporter

The Constitution gives the Supreme Court the power to tell the president if his actions are unconstitutional, and to tell Congress if a law or bill violates the Constitution.

The Supreme Court also judges the hardest cases, including abortion, Obama Care, and immigration.

There should be Justices in the court. The president appoints members while the Senate must approve of the nomination.

One year ago, former Justice Antonin Scalia passed away at the age of 79. Since then, there have been only eight justices on the

Supreme Court. This leads to a deadlock in voting, since half of the justices are Democrats, and the other half are Republican.

Now that former President Barrack Obama’s term is over, President Donald Trump must appoint a new candidate to take the open seat.

In February, Trump appointed Neil Gorsuch to that position and is waiting for Senate approval. Congress never approved Obama’s nominees while he was still in office.

Gorsuch currently serves as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. This court has the jurisdiction over the District of Colorado and Kansas.

The Fight for Women’s Rights

By Melissa Sahlin
Web Editor

Throughout history women have always been treated as subordinate. However, from civil rights movements in the past to the recent women’s march on January 21, women and other feminists have been pushing for equality.

A devout activist, Susan B. Anthony, along with other

activists, organized and led a group called the National Woman Suffrage Association.

This association fought for the right to be independent, including natural human rights, and the right to vote.

Women’s rights and all forms of equality are extremely important to society.

Participation in a movement or an organization can, and does, create change.

Spring Forward Into Daylight Savings Time

By America Hernandez
Staff Reporter

This year’s daylight savings time in California will start at 2 a.m. on March 12 and will end at 2 a.m. on November 5.

The main reason we have daylight savings is to make better use of daylight. Most states across the U.S. change their clocks in the spring to move an hour ahead.

Many countries have dif-

ferent dates when they change their clocks so not everyone is in the same time zone.

All clocks should be set one hour forward, as the day is going to get darker later. Now when you get up for school in the morning, it will more than likely be dark as well.

So don’t stay behind while the rest of us spring into the future. And hope your teacher gives you one less hour of homework to do.

St. Pat’s Day Can Pose Problems

By Andrea Prado
Asst. News Editor

Anyone who celebrates St. Patrick’s Day may know about the excessive drinking that’s involved. But do we really know *why* we consume so much alcohol on this holiday?

This annual event is celebrated in honor of Maewyn, better known as Saint Patrick, one of the most recognizable patron saints in all of Ireland. He was once a slave, but luckily escaped and fled to Great Britain.

According to GBP Network, he converted to Christianity later in his life and became a cleric.

Though Christianity was already popular in Ireland, he went back and helped spread the religion.

Although Christians are usually observing Lent around this time, some make an exception to drink alcohol on this occasion. This is why some people take advantage of drinking, and consume extreme amounts of alcohol on this holiday.

This feast eventually became a full-on elaborate celebration to commemorate Irish-Christian cultures and pride.

But, if you are out celebrating on March 17, be wary of drivers on the road who have celebrated with too much green beer.

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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Now in Our 60th Year of Publication

Millikan Performers Are the Nicest Kids in Town



PHOTO COURTESY OF GIGI SIERRA

Hairspray was performed on the Millikan stage from March 2-4. Gigi Sierra brought to life an amazing version of Tracy Turnblad. For more information on the beautiful rendition of the musical by the Millikan cast, check out the video coming out online. For interviews of the cast go to the Corydon Plugged In channel on Youtube.

Hilarious Holidays of March

By Nick DeLucca
Staff Reporter

Most people look forward to the big holidays of the year, such as Halloween and Christmas, but what about National Pi Day, National Puppy Day, or National Waffle Day?

Although these holidays aren't widely celebrated, they can make your day a little better.

On March 3, you should proudly wave an American flag over your home and take time to sing "The Starred Spangled Banner" because in 1931, the "Starred Spangled Banner" became our country's national anthem. The day is not supposed to celebrate the day the song was

written, but 100 years later when it became the song of our country.

Pi Day takes place on March 14 to celebrate the endless mathematical concept. The first three digits of pi are 3.14, also known as March 14 to us. The day is also used to celebrate Albert Einstein's birthday.

The next day, The Ides of March, is celebrated. The Ides of March is the first day of the Roman New Year and the day Julius Caesar was killed by his senators. Julius Caesar was warned about the Ides of March but did not take this warning too seriously.

National Puppy Day, celebrated on March 23, is a day to celebrate the unconditional love puppies bring. The main

things to do on National Puppy day are to either adopt a puppy or spend the day with your own.

There's even a day for the beloved treat, waffles. The holiday, taking place on March 25, originated in Sweden and can be celebrated by making waffles for you rself and loved ones.

To end the month, we celebrate National Take a Walk to the Park Day on March 30. It's easy to celebrate by simply taking a walk in the park to appreciate nature and relive stress.

The month of March may consist of some weird holidays, but they can make your day more enjoyable and help you appreciate the little things. These holidays can be celebrated by anyone.

Creativity Is Blossoming

By Chance Paxton
Staff Reporter

Creativity is in the midst of another rebirth. In the traditional sense, paintings seem to evolve at the same pace they have always been, along with music.

But creativity is coming into another form, and pushing the boundaries of what people see as fun and entertaining. This new evolution of technology has brought a second renaissance.

A few years ago, videogames were a novelty entertainment, while almost a century ago, television was never even thought of.

Now, we see different trends in technology, home entertainment, and the artistic medium as a whole.

While we still get the regular summer blockbuster movies, some films break previous limitations that held our creativity back. About a decade ago, the first entirely CGI movie came out, *Toy Story*, bringing things to life that audience members could not imagine.

Through time, art styles get refined or adapt over time, such as animation and special effects, but sometimes a new movie or idea breaks through the old and brings in new possibilities in gaming consoles, CGI animation and effects, and new technology.

If *Toy Story* changed the way movies were made a decade ago, what changes could we see in the artistic medium a decade from now with the technological advances today?

Millikan's Poetry Prizewinner

By Grace Powell
Staff Reporter

QUEST senior Cennemi Diaz wowed the judges at both the Millikan and L.A. regional Poetry Out Loud competitions. She is now preparing for the state finals, which will be held in Sacramento on March 12-13.

If Cennemi continues her winning streak, she'll compete again in Washington D.C. for the chance to win up to \$20,000.

Cennemi has chosen to recite "Cartoon Physics Part 1" by Nick Flynn, "Personal" by Tony Hoagland, and "Love Lives Beyond the Tomb" by John Clare in the state finals.

"Don't choose the poems you'll recite based on what you think the judges want to hear.

New Use for Netflix

By Melissa Sahlin
Web Editor

From classics to recently added movies, Netflix holds many heartwarming and inspirational films available for the monthly subscribers.

To Kill a Mockingbird: This movie is not only a classic book, but a classic movie that teaches the moral rights of human beings.

Minimalism: This documentary takes you into the lives of many minimalists of many backgrounds. It is a documentary about the important things.

Spotlight: Winner of an Oscar for Best Picture in 2015, the movie exemplifies the truth behind investigative journalism. This film is a true story based on The Boston Globe's

"Spotlight" journalism crew, who investigated church-related crimes, truly showing the devotion of hardworking journalists.

Jane Eyre (2011): This film, based on the classic novel, is a beautiful depiction of a young girl's struggle through life in the 1800s. Jane, the protagonist, falls in love with her employer, later hoping for his hand in marriage.

Good Will Hunting: This story about the journey of a twenty year old genius in need of a therapist is inspiring and eye-opening.

Netflix provides a vast array of movies, ranging from comedies to horror films, but if you're looking for something inspiring these movies reach that standard. Hopefully this list of movies may occupy you for the future.

Who Wore Red for Womens Rights?

By Stephanie Castillo
Staff Reporter

"For most of history, anonymous was a woman."

This quote by 20th century author Virginia Woolf, illustrates the wave of feminism that began within a male dominated world.

International Women's Day, on March 8, honors all the achievements done by women worldwide. Supporters were to wear red on the day that is celebrated all over the world.

International Women's Day began in 1911 in countries like Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland with celebrations such as parades and rallies.

Women demanded their right to vote as well as their right

to equal pay in the workplace. Women eventually gained voting rights in 1920 in the Unites States.

However, The Equal Rights amendment, first debated by congress in 1972, never became ratified before its deadline in 1982.

The proposed 27th amendment read, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

To show allegiance to the cause, women and men everywhere wear a logo that is purple and white and features the symbol of Venus, the symbol of the female.

The path to absolute equality among genders still requires the same perseverance there was decades ago.

QUEST Attends Exhilarating Trip

By Andrea Prado
Staff Reporter

QUEST Freshmen will be going on a three-day field trip to Catalina Island Marine Institute. The students will be going from March 31-April 2 to study and learn about the kelp forest ecosystem in Catalina Island.

Leslie Appel, QUEST Biology teacher will be a chaperone for the trip. She says, "It'll be a great opportunity for students to learn about marine biology."

Some activities include kayaking, hiking, and snorkeling. "We'll also be dissecting squids and examining algae and fish," Appel says.

According to the Institute's website, CIMI's expert instructors will guide students throughout the three-day period to stimulate minds and build character.

Want Moore from Girls Frosh/Soph Soccer



PHOTO BY JOSEFINA TITUS

The girls frosh/ soph soccer team battled against Poly on Thursday, February 2 for the Moore League title. The game was held at Millikan at 3 p.m. In the second half, Millikan was tied with Poly 0-0, until America Hernandez scored two goals and Aleena Searles one, leading Millikan 3-0 and winning the title of Moore League Champions.

Football Team Hosts Starts Annual Golf Tournament

By Nick DeLucca
Asst. Editorial Page Editor

The Millikan football team hosted their first annual golf tournament on February 20 at Hartwell Park. Over 40 competitors participated. Members of the football team

served either as caddies to the golfers or handed out water and made sure everything ran smoothly. The tournament brought in over \$5000 that will help fund new equipment for the team. Most of the 18 holes had a sponsor brought in by the football players. For \$500, sponsors had

their business signs on display at one of the 18 holes as well as a banner to be displayed at the DeHaven Stadium gate at each home game. The winner of the tournament received a trophy and the title of the first annual Millikan golf tournament winner. The football team felt it was a success.

Girls Wrestling Takes CIF

By Stephanie Castillo
Staff Reporter

The girls varsity wrestling team won first place at the CIF championship for the third consecutive. Sharnyle Gonzalez, COM-PASS junior and varsity team member, accredits her win to her team's dedication to succeed. Gonzalez states, "We won because we put in the most work. We train, train and train." Her team strongly believes that all that training is worth it in order to ensure

that they're ready to take on any challenge they may face. Stephany Arriaga, QUEST junior, is also proud to be a part of the varsity team. She believes that "the girls wouldn't have been so successful without the help of the coaches and our boy teammates as well." Being five-time league champions in addition to having won another CIF title, the girls wrestling team will continue to train four to five hours each day in order to "keep their streak" to win Masters and have state placers.

Boys Basketball Finishes Season Against Oilers

By Alyssa Newkirk
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Starting for the Rams in round one of CIF play-offs were seniors Christian Masing, Nijel Jones, Justin Chambers, Robert Ebert and captain Jackson McCombs. Taking the court, the Rams fought hard against the Huntington Beach Oilers but were down 43-32 at the half. Miles Dickerson led the team with 12 points in the first half. Millikan received the ball at the start of the second half due to alternating possessions. And with six minutes

remaining in the fourth quarter, Rams--down 63-56--Ebert fouled out of the game, and was replaced by McCombs. At the end of the enthusiastic game, the gym was loud with Ram fans, despite finishing the game with a loss and a final score of 77-69. Fans supported the teams many accomplishments throughout the season. Justin Chambers, leading scorer for the Rams all season, finished the game with 30 points followed by Dickerson with 17 as the Rams came up short this year in CIF. After posting a 17-10 record overall for the season and going 8-4 in the Moore League.

Badminton Back in Action

By Vincent Ngo and Emmanuel Evans
Co-Editor-in-Chief and Sports Page Editor

With a new coach and a new season, the coed badminton team looks forward to challenging the competition. The newest JV badminton coach, Isaac Lorico, is a former Millikan player, who graduated with the class of 2015. Lorico also coaches and practices with the varsity team. He says, "Even though I work mainly with the JV team, I support the varsity team wholly and hope they perform well in their games." Varsity QUEST senior Sean Phou describes the new challenges of joining the varsity badminton team: "The varsity team has very physically demanding practices. But the practice comes

with learning new skills. Isaac is also a very good coach. He is close in performance to Coach Melchi, our previous coach." "Sean Phou and Selina Manlapaz are promising players this year," says coach Lorico, "They show a lot of hard work and dedication to the sport" "I see lots of improvement in the team, both in the singles and doubles competitions," says Phou, "I really believe that we have a good chance of winning more games this year." Coach Lorico and the players both agree that Poly is their biggest opponent, but are cautious about Lakewood too, as they have been improving lately. Millikan badminton will play against Compton on February 28, in a tournament at Millikan at 3 p.m. It makes them more confident, which is usually a good thing.

Its a Sham: Beware of Scary Sports Scam

By Andrea Prado
Staff Reporter

On January 30, athletics director Kevin Marchael posted a news article on Millikan's website explaining how people were going around the neighborhood and asking for money near the school campus. Marchael says: "They

[the scammers] say they are trying to raise money to 'replace damaged sports equipment' due to heavy rainfall." He mentioned how these anonymous people were going out under request from a coach named Eddie Martinez, which is a false name for a fake invented coach. "This is a scam," Marchael concludes, "please be aware!"



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