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Change in Graduation Venue for Santa Ana Students



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Senior, Jasmine Gaona, is not too happy about the change in graduation venue.

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The graduating class of 2016 will be the first and only group of seniors to graduate at Godinez Fundamental High School. This change in venue has received mixed reviews on campus.

The original plan was to

hold the ceremony at the Santa Ana Bowl like previous years. However, the Santa Ana Bowl was scheduled to be under construction until after graduation. Schools were told that only half of the Bowl would be available for graduation.

The Santa Ana Bowl's construction had been extended into the summer. Therefore, the question arose: Where would graduation be held?

The answer to this question came in late April as the Board of Education, along with Mrs. Cindy Landsiedel, the principal at Godinez, and Mr. Damon Voight, the assistant principal, planned to have graduation on Centennial Park's field.

The main concerns are over parking and seating. Many of the options were crossed off the list due to their limited parking

SAUSD Students Get Free Tuition at SAC

Arturo Martinez
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With the tuition at colleges rising, Santa Ana College has opted to make college tuition free for all Santa Ana Unified School District students. The free tuition will cover SAUSD students freshman year.

According to statistics from College Board the "Average Published Yearly Tuition and Fees" are: Public Two-Year in college (in state students) = \$3,347, Public Four-Year College (in state students) = \$9,139, Public Four-Year College (out-of-state students) = \$22,958, and Private Four-Year College = \$31,231.

Tuition and Fees are not the only expense. Amongst the rest there is room and board, books and supplies, personal expenses and transportation.

Gerard Elizondo, teacher at Godinez and SAC was asked if the free tuition affected his pay. Elizondo said, "The free tuition does not affect my pay check."

The SAUSD website states, "In fall 2015, the Santa Ana Partnership's leaders made history when the University of California Irvine(UCI) Chancellor, Howard Gillman, Ph.D., and the California State University Fullerton(CSUF) President, Mildred Garcia, Ed.D., renewed their commitment to guaranteeing university transfer to their institutions for SAUSD students who graduated high school and enrolled the following year at SAC. When ready for transfer these students would receive guaranteed admission to UCI or CSUF as long as they met the respective institution's academic requirements."

According to the SAUSD website, "The program is made possible by increased funding from the Santa Ana College Foundation (SACF), a longstanding affiliate

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CAMPUS NEWS

Everybody Has A Story: Jennifer Alvarez



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How do you decide what is more important to you? Do you place priority on your family's expectations, or do you decide your own path?

Jennifer Alvarez, a senior at Godinez Fundamental High School, has taken the first steps towards her future by deciding to attend Brown University this fall.

Alvarez is not the first in her family to be attending college, "My family has a strong emphasis on education as my oldest sister accomplished so many great things. She went to A Better Chance school and a great college, so I knew I would accomplish great things as well," said Alvarez.

Her decision to apply to Brown was encouraged by family and friends since they knew that she would be able to accomplish anything that

she set her mind to.

"I fell in love with Brown's Open Curriculum because of its endless possibilities," said Alvarez.

To some, the fear of rejection may confine them from chasing their dream but ultimately, the fear of not trying was her motivation to apply. "The 'what if's', always kill people and I didn't want the 'what ifs' to kill me too." said Alvarez.

For Alvarez to be able to achieve attending her dream school, she took 7 AP classes total. She balanced her hectic academic coursework of having 4 AP classes her senior year, and remained within the top 20 students of the class of 2016.

Her extracurriculars include being a member of National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, and French Club. She has been able to accumulate over 800 hours of community service ranging from different organizations; but mostly volunteering at Madison Elementary School and Madison Park Neighborhood Association, a nonprofit where she is currently the secretary of board.

What Alvarez takes away from her senior year is a lesson well learned: never hesitate to pursue what you love in the face of uncertainty. Alvarez believes, "Fear kills more dreams than failure ever will."

As Alvarez travels to Providence, Rhode Island, in the fall she hopes she can make her family proud like they are of her sister.

"Monster" Mike Goes to Stanford

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Carrying a family legacy can be stressful, but not for senior, Michael Solorio.

Solorio has maintained a 4.6 GPA, and is valedictorian. However, he never felt the pressure to meet his family's standards when it came to choosing a university. Solorio applied and was accepted to: Cal State Long Beach, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UCLA, UC Berkeley, University of Chicago, Emory, Georgetown, Columbia, Harvard, and Stanford.

Both of Solorio's parents attended Harvard for grad school. His mother, Linn Lee, attended UC Santa Cruz, then Harvard, and now teaches ethnic studies at Century High School. His father, Jose Solorio, attended UCI, continued at Harvard, and is now a lobbyist at Nossaman LLP law firm. Knowing how successful his family has been, Solorio never stressed about meeting the same achievements. "Even if I decided to attend OCC, I know they would've been happy and supportive," said Solorio.

Solorio has managed four AP courses this year: AP Government, AP Computer Science, AP Statistics, and AP Literature. "He's always up later than I am. He never wastes time. For a while, I felt like I was stressed just seeing him stress," said Mrs. Lee.

Throughout his life, Solorio faced an inner struggle, he is half-Mexican, half-Chinese, which has made him feel incomplete, "I've never been part of the Chinese community, so I feel like there's still a part of my identity missing," said Solorio.

Wrestling at school gave him a focus while



Michael Solorio, A.K.A. "Monster" Mike by his friends, beams at his college decision.

he flew out to several campuses to check out their programs. "It was really important for character building and to keep my motivation at it's highest. Wrestling was probably the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. Practice was painful, but it showed me that I'm capable of completing uneasy tasks that seem impossible at first," he added.

After visiting the campuses of: Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Emory, and the University of Chicago, Solorio decided on Stanford.

"I knew that I was going to choose between Colombia, Stanford, or Harvard; just because they're at a higher level than the other schools. I really liked Harvard because their

policy program is the best; but once I went to Stanford, I enjoyed the vibe. The school spirit was outstanding, I felt more comfortable, the weather and campus is beautiful, and I knew I would be happier there."

"I'm really proud to represent Santa Ana at Stanford, I'm impressed by how great our district, SAUSD, and schools like Godinez, can produce top level students that go to Ivy League schools." commented Solorio.

"It's going to be hard to live on my own but I'm more excited than nervous," he added.

Counting on Our Counselors to Get to College

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At Godinez Fundamental High School (GFHS), the school counselors have a major role to complete: prepare seniors for the real world.

Gerry Oxx, a counselor at GFHS, has gone on to help thousands of students get into college.

"Seeing the labors of all of our efforts come to fruition at the end of their tenure; whether it be getting that valued high school diploma, or going off to a university of their choosing. That's the most rewarding part for us to see," said Oxx.

Oxx is also the advisor of the Fly In Program that assists students who want to attend a university out of state. The program gives students the experience of an out of state school.

"The Fly In program allows these pioneers to experience a school outside California so that they can see if they truly have 'the right stuff.' It takes work, lots of work," said Oxx.

Richard Perez, a senior at GFHS, has a great relationship with Oxx. He maintained a 3.8 GPA and is ready to attend Denison University in Ohio.

"At the beginning of the year, he helped me fly out to Denison. I was lost with the whole college process but he helped me," said Perez.

Elizabeth Castro, the head counselor at Godinez, expressed her delight on being able to assist students with future plans.

"Seeing students' attitude, outlook on life, and education change throughout the four years is amazing. One of the most fulfilling moments of being a counselor is seeing a student accomplish their goals," said Castro.

Jennifer Alvarez is set to go to an Ivy League school, Brown University in Rhode Island. Castro is counselor.

"Castro helped me immensely when the time came for me to decide which college to attend. Even during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring break she



Counselors smiling because college decisions have been made.

answered the questions I had," says Alvarez. Matthew Hall, a new counselor at Godinez, believes that the right help is important to succeed in life.

"I do everything I can to make sure the student feels supported. I understand that there are things that go on in their lives outside of the Godinez gates; so I also try to take that into account," said Hall.

Marcos Mendoza, a senior at Godinez, explained the immense help he received from Hall this year.

"He has been a huge help this year with my college process. Hall not only helped me get into UC Santa Barbara, but he also gave great advice to me on almost everything," said Mendoza.

Another new addition to counseling this year is Alba Valenzuela. Valenzuela has had to adapt to a new school, but happily expressed her delight on working at Godinez.

"I have many positive experiences with students at GFHS. The students are highly motivated and take an active role in his/her educational plan," said Valenzuela.

Sarahi Guerrero, a senior at GFHS who will attend UC Santa Barbara this fall, has created a good relationship with Valenzuela.

"Valenzuela was key in my application process and final college selection. She went above and beyond the call of duties as a counselor.

Aside from her professional help, she offers her friendship," Guerrero said.

Veronica Chavez, another counselor at GFHS, is also in charge of the AVID students.

"As the AVID counselor, I am able to visit the AVID classes and meet with my students. I have the opportunity to talk to them as a group about college, registration, grades etc. I also work closely with the AVID teachers to ensure that students succeed in every area during their four years at Godinez," said Chavez.

Ashley Reyes, a senior AVID student at GFHS, is on Chavez's roster. Reyes has a 4.2 GPA and will attend Vanguard University.

"Dr. Chavez helped me through every moment of my college applications. She answered questions and took the time to go step by step," said Reyes.

"When it comes to college applications, listen to your counselors because they know what they are talking about. Follow directions. Do not slack off," said Reyes.

The seniors at GFHS will soon be standing tall as high school graduates, ready to start the next phase in their lives.

Thanks to the help of a great counseling staff, they can do so.

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Grad Change Cont.

list due to their limited parking spaces and poor seating capabilities.

"The seats could not be put on artificial turf," says Landsiedel.

This made Centennial Park the most appealing choice as its field is not artificial and the area surrounding the park has ample parking spaces compared to the other options.

"While hosting these events was never on my list of things to do," said Landsiedel, "I knew that if it was going to be held at Centennial, it was necessary to make sure the graduations are successful, and the least disruptive to the work we do at Godinez."

How does the graduating class of 2016 feel about the change in venue?

"It's tradition to graduate at the Bowl," said instrumentalist Kathleen Lopez, "I feel really disappointed because I expected to graduate there. I feel especially bad for my grandparents because they are coming from Guadalajara and they have to smell that pond."

"I'm indifferent but I feel like it is going to be too cramped," said varsity football tight end, Michael Rodriguez.

"We have spent four years here at Godinez so I think graduating here is pretty cool," said ASB president Maria Tejada, "I mean we spent all this time here so it seems fitting to graduate here."

Tejada's beliefs were welcomed by Landsiedel. Both believe that the location of the venue is not important but what is important is the celebration, which marks an end of one journey and the start of another.

Landsiedel said, "I do know that years from now, no one will remember where they sat for graduation, but our kids will remember the great experiences they had at Godinez, the caring teachers, friendships they made, and how they graduated as a better person than when they entered as freshman. For this, we can all be proud."

The renovation of the park to accommodate the graduation ceremonies will be ready June third in order to keep up with the graduation schedule of Santa Ana College, as well as all SAUSD High School graduations the following week.

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Morgan's Ewoks Win AVID Olympics

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Throughout the year, AVID holds a contest called the AVID Olympics. In total, there are seven competitions held.

The first competition played involves attendance at the Godinez VS. Segerstrom football game. The students must sign in with their AVID teacher as soon as they get to the game. The class who has the best attendance wins the competition.

The second game is a Scavenger Hunt. Teachers hand out a list of items that students must accumulate. The class with the most, wins the event.

The third game is called: Just Don't Say No. Each class is given 40 beads, plus a bonus that is worth 10 points. None of the AVID students can say "no" to another AVID student from a different

class. If the student says no, then their beads are taken away. The class with the most beads wins.

The fourth competition is 1st semester grades average. Each class calculates their overall GPA as a class and whichever class has the highest GPA wins.

The fifth game is Neighborly Neighbor. In this game, there are cups with a picture of each mascot from each class. The students get to put as many coins as possible in other classes cups. Pennies, dimes, nickels and dollars are negative, they take away money from the other classes. Quarters are the opposite, they help regain points that were taken away by the other coins.

The 2nd to last competition is the Club 33 dance off. Each class creates a video that is later shown in the theater. Before you enter you need to pay exactly 33 cents. The videos

are played starting with the freshman to seniors. After the videos are over, everyone in the theater has to vote on which one they thought was the best.

The last and final game is the AVID dodgeball competition. Every class plays against each other until they reach the last two groups.

Then, the winner of the AVID Olympics is declared the next day.

Senior David Delgado states that, "The AVID Olympics are a good way for students to have friendly rivalries between classes. It is a way to meet new people that are as competitive as yourself." Jazibe Vasquez, Senior, said that it "helps bring everyone closer together as a team and a family."

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Morgan's Ewoks win Sophomore class on winning the 2015-1016 AVID Olympics.



AVID students compete in dodgeball tournament.

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Santa Ana College Continued



Teacher, Gerard Elizondo, left, is interviewed by staff writer, Arturo Martinez, right.

of the Santa Ana Partnership. The college will also support the program with funds it received from the State of California's Award for Innovation in Higher Education last May. It will add additional funds as needed from Santa Ana College's Centennial Scholarship Campaign. The campaign, which is still underway, has raised over \$1 million."

The SAUSD website also states that, "This

is another example of how our successful partnership with Santa Ana College, Cal State Fullerton, and UCI, continue to provide unique opportunities to SAUSD students to make their dreams of college come true," said SAUSD Superintendent Rick Miller, Ph.D.

"It's going to benefit middle class students and those who have parents that cannot afford

a four year university because the financial aid package did not help," said Jimmy Bravo, Higher Ed. Coordinator at Godinez. "I just think it is important for everyone to realize that, whatever your goal in life is going to be: go to school. It opens endless possibilities regardless of your goals."

Sara Landquist, Vice President of Student Services and Lilia Tanakeywon, Dean of Student Affairs said, "The reason that the Santa Ana College Foundation created this was because research showed that students would do better if they had a good Freshman Year" and added, "We are excited because we are introducing the Digital Dawn students who will be able to check-out a small HP laptop, a state of the art computer, completely free or buy it and pay half (\$200) and our foundation pays for the rest.

The hope is that free tuition will continue for incoming freshman indefinitely. All students who graduate from the class of 2016 and onward will be applicable for it. Requirements are that students must be from the Santa Ana Unified School District, complete the Financial Aid, and must be a full time student at SAC.

Santa Ana College requires that everyone who is admitted takes a placement test, along with transcripts from high school (if possible).

In order to register call SAC at 1-714-564-6173.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Artists of the Month: Martinez & Vargas

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Senior Chambers Singers, Daisy Vargas and Juan Martinez are the Artists of the Month.

Prior to being a part of concert choir as a freshman, Vargas had began her first year in choir as an eighth grader when she met Jeanette McMahon, our choir teacher. Ms. McMahon had attended her middle school in order to get those who were attending Godinez to sign up for choir, to see if they wished to continue. Vargas definitely did.

"I chose choir because I really loved how it made me feel. I have more confidence in myself," says Vargas. She was in concert choir prior to joining Chambers Singers.

Martinez, on the other hand, had a year of

men's choir, and during his exam he had to sing the National Anthem which doubled as his audition to be a part of Chambers Singers. "I was extremely nervous because I didn't want to mess up and I wanted to make McMahon proud," says Martinez. Through his effort, he wanted to show how much he had grown with just a year of instruction.

Aside from being a part of Chambers Singers, both Vargas and Martinez are involved in musical theatre. Vargas and Martinez have been a part of musical theatre since their junior year, taking it as zero period.

Vargas was in the District Wide Musical, Beauty and the Beast and Fiddler On The Roof, along with Martinez. In Fiddler On the Roof, Vargas received her first lead, as the character of Tzeitel. The hardest part about portraying the character was "trying to be 'in love' on stage...since my character was hiding it from her family," Vargas said.

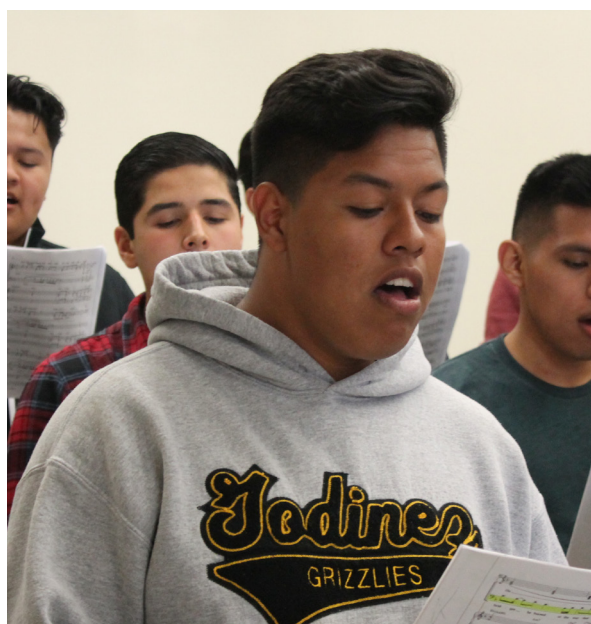
Martinez played two characters in Lés Miserables, one in which he played a rich man that tries to buy one of the leads of the play, which had become a prostitute. "That role was awkward because I was very shy," said Martinez. Although the role proved to be somewhat challenging, Martinez loves all his roles because he gets "to work with others and get out of [his] comfort zone."

It's safe to say both singers have a supportive choir circle, but aside from that, they have incredible families and friends that have helped them both grow not just musically, but as people. "My mom has come to just about every concert I've ever had...she really does whatever she can to just help me be happy," said Vargas.

"My parents support my singing because they love to hear me sing, even if it annoys them

at times," Martinez says. His family loves to come down and attend his performances, whether it's choir or musical theatre and they always "have lots to say about it," says Martinez. Aside from his family, Martinez has found other sources of encouragement that include Vargas alongside junior, Danni Garza. "Not only do they help me sing better, they're also there for me when I need them and [have] never left my side."

Advice that Vargas would give to someone who is thinking of getting into performing arts is "don't let fear overcome you...just know the more you do something, the more confident you're going to get." Martinez would add that "it's actually easier than you think, just remember when you perform, the people are there to enjoy all your hard work and dedication." Congratulations to these artists for being chosen for the last issue of this year's Grizzly Gazette.



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Senior Activities: Dates to Remember

Leslie Catalan

Staff Writer

As the school year comes to an end, seniors look forward to our end of the year activities. Alright seniors, so here are important dates to put on your calendar:

Keep in mind that any misbehavior, suspension, failure to complete community service hours, misconduct at any senior events, or not meeting graduation requirements, can result in loss of one or more activities including graduation.



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June 7-9: Senior Finals

June 10 : Last Day of Classes for Seniors

June 13: Graduation Rehearsal

June 14: Graduation Ceremony 8 p.m. @ Godinez

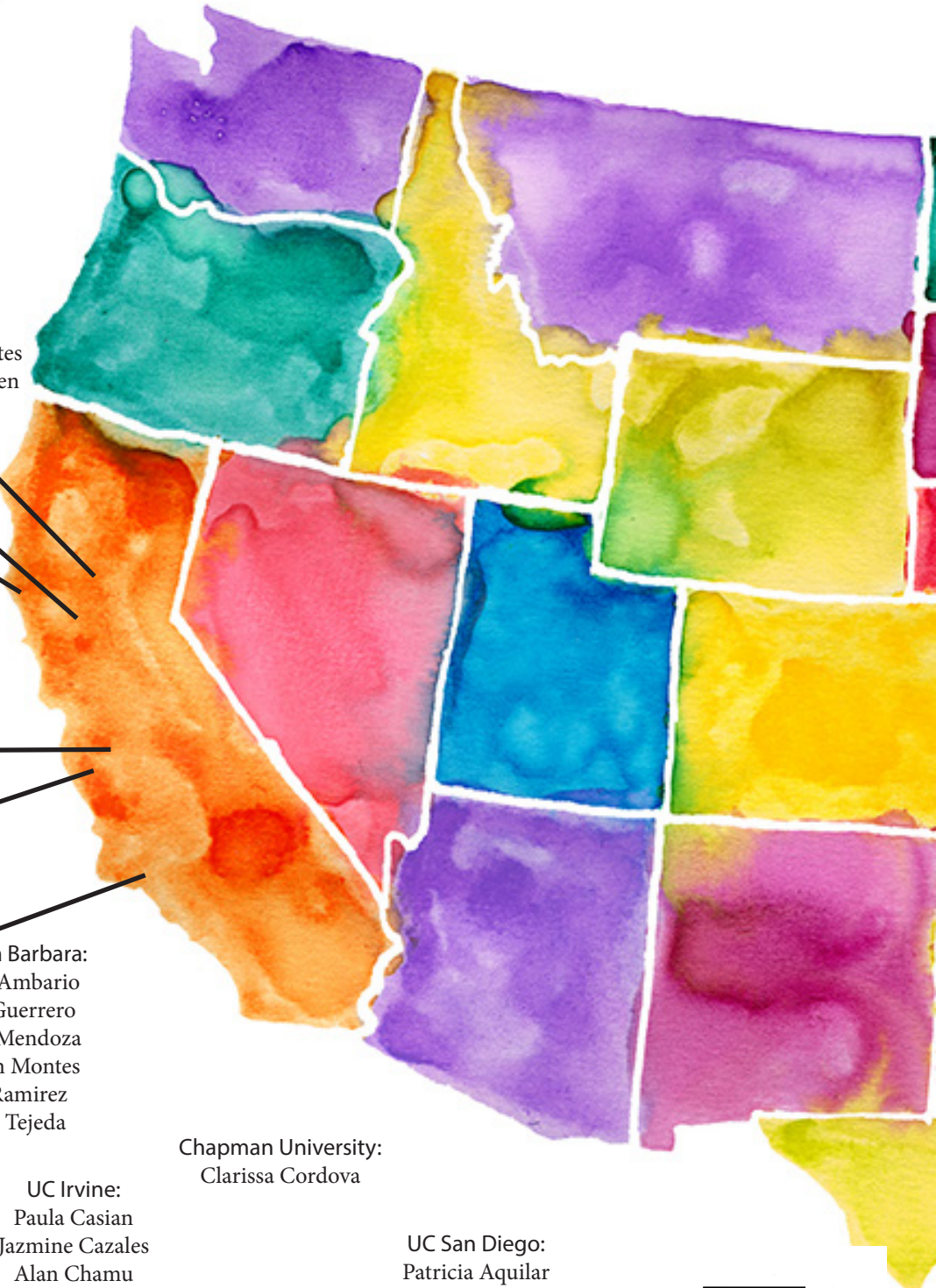
June 15: Dave & Buster's 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 16: Disneyland & California Adventures 8 a.m.-midnight

Have fun Grizzlies!

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Sizzling Summer Snacks

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With summer approaching shortly, many of us will be going out and hanging with friends all day, leaving us hungry for some fun summer food. So I did my research and looked for the 4 best food spots in Orange County that will not break your budget.

First on the list would be **Dog Haus** at MainPlace Mall, which serves creative hot dogs with prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$7.25.



The second stop would have to be **Bruxie**, home of gourmet waffle sandwiches, waffle fries and chicken tenders and shakes that will have you coming back the following morning; prices are 3.95 to 7.95.



Third is **Cafe Calacas** and although seating is limited, it is worth the wait for their amazing chilaquiles (\$8.79) and tortas (\$9.69).



Last but not least, we have dessert at **Tebo Tebo**. On their menu, they include "Toast Box", which is thick toast topped with ice cream and fruits. Who can forget their infamous tea selection that will have you refreshed during the summer heat all for under \$5. That concludes our summer food list, Grizzlies! Happy eating.



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What are Your Summer Plans?

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Ivette Alarcon 12th Grade



"Go to work and save up money for college. I also plan to relax and spend some time with friends."

Eric Terrones 11th Grade



"I'm going to be at Disneyland a lot and watch live soccer matches."

Emilia Soto 10th Grade



"I'm going to summer school, play tennis, stay up really late, and sleep during the day."

Chester Maharaj, Digital photography teacher



"I am going to be teaching 'Art of Graphic Design' at Valley High School."

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I have to take summer school for Spanish, but it's all full and I might have to drop one of my electives that I had to try out for, and put a lot of effort into. What should I do?

You can take an APEX course during the school year and depending on how you work on it, you can be finished with the class in a matter of days. This will allow you to go back to your elective if you choose to.

When is the right time to tell her you love her?

There's no really perfect time to tell someone special that you love them. Just be sincere. Good luck.

I think I'm falling for someone but the school year is almost over and we're graduating. Should I just ask her out?

School shouldn't interfere with your love life. You can always do things outside of school.

How do I have a good summer?

Try to always have something to do. Don't stress about it; just have fun.

How do I deal with an ex-boyfriend that still likes me, but I've moved on to another guy?

Tell him that you don't feel the same way and he has to move on too.

What do I get my mom for her birthday?

Get her something she would get for herself. Show that you know your mother well, and get her something that will be special to her and she'll treasure forever.

Stung by a Bea(Correa): One Last Time



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Bea Correa

Staff Writer

There are all kinds of things people do because they feel like they have to follow social norms.

Relationships: People can think they are incomplete without a partner because of what the media has taught them. They think they actually have a chance at finding love in high school, but the sad truth is that it probably won't happen. People change a lot in their younger years, and odds are the person

they love at that point won't be someone they'll want to spend extended time with.

That's not to say, however, that one can not find love at all. It's just that emotions change. Real love is a choice. When someone goes through hardships in relationships, and they manage to get through it and still choose to love each other, that is a sign of a good relationship. The best relationships are forged in iron and steel, not merely flowers that bloom in a garden.

Respect: Most people have been taught to hold respect for everyone, especially their elders.

Part of this is true and most people should be treated with basic respect, however, there are multiple forms of respect. There is basic respect, which involves treating everyone as an equal. Most adults treat younger people with this type of respect. The other type of respect is how they expect us to treat them: as higher beings.

Adults probably know more than younger people, only

because they've been through all the stages of life the younger people are going through. They claim they were also children teenagers, and young adults too, but don't factor in that they grew up in a completely different time period. They don't know as much as they think they do about students.

In short, one must not necessarily stop listening to adults entirely, nor should they blindly follow all that they say. They must merely consider what they say and weigh all the options before deciding on their opinions on issues.

Honesty: People are taught to be kind and supportive, even if it means lying to make someone feel better. Being honest is going to hurt for both parties involved sometimes, but it will definitely simplify things in the future. Lying is just going to hurt everyone in the long run.

For my last article of the year, I would like to conclude with some basic advice: see all the sides to an argument before taking a stance, and always think for yourself.

Vivian's Declassified: Constructing Your Junior Year

Vivian Juarez

Staff Writer

Some seniors can no longer wait for graduation, meanwhile, we underclassmen should take a pause to reflect and reminisce about the good and bad of this year.

I can tell you things I would have done differently: time management and course selection.

My junior year consisted of a simple routine. This year consisted of going to school, going home to do homework until midnight and staying in most weekends.

On the other hand, there are students like junior, Lizbeth Gonzalez, who has an admirable daily routine. Gonzalez's daily routine consists of waking up at 6 a.m., arriving at school before 7 a.m. to serve for ASB, going through all six periods, including sports, going home to clean in order to help her mother, then starting her homework and staying up until midnight, depending on the amount of work.

Within that routine, there was a time period where she would sacrifice her mornings and lunch to attend tutoring for AP Calculus since it was a class she had much

difficulty with. Even though she struggled she said, "taking AP Calculus is something I don't regret because it taught me to not give up." Unlike Gonzalez, I'm taking Math Analysis Honors this year. Like Gonzalez, math was one of my biggest struggles. However, I also learned to not accept failure as I studied and was tutored.

As juniors, both Gonzalez and I can agree that "Junior year is the most important so that means that it won't be easy." Junior year contains so many tests and at times it can seem overwhelming and stressful. But by the end of the year, you'll notice that everything was worth it.

All the late nights will be worth the effort and time, unless you procrastinated. I can not emphasize enough how important it is to not procrastinate. I remember at the beginning of the year, I would turn in papers on time, but they were mostly done the night before the due date. Before I used to think that doing homework on Friday afternoons or maybe during lunch was lame, but now that I do stay in, I have spare time to go eat at Buffalo Wild Wings or go drink coffee with my family after school.

Another thing I



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recommend for next year's juniors is to consider their classes carefully, especially AP classes. Maybe consider taking three AP classes, so you can balance your schedule equally. It is very important to not overload yourself, not that being an overachiever is wrong, but consider taking AP courses that are related to your career path.

Although it is important to keep your head in the game, "remember to give yourself a break when you need it and have fun because by the time you know it, you'll be graduating," Gonzalez says. If times get tough, remember that others have probably gone through it too.

Grizzlies, remember to always give your best and if you are ever in need of help I will be here next year too.

This is my Melody: Senior Swan Song



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Andrea Diaz

Staff Writer

With over seven billion people across the globe, the universe decided to put the Godinez student body and staff in my life. Call me crazy, but I definitely consider myself lucky. Initially, I was not suppose to attend Godinez. I was called off the waitlist on the first day of school.

I came from the Garden Grove School District, so I did not know anyone as a freshman. I was surrounded by students who had known their friends since kindergarden. On the other hand, I had never been in a school for more than two years because I had always moved around from house to house and school to school. Nonetheless, every school presented an opportunity to create myself and lose myself. Godinez was no different.

Throughout high school, I learned to embody many different personas -the timid freshman, scholar, delegate, leader, follower, volunteer, dancer, confident senior- and in turn, I underwent the process of creating myself. "Who am I becoming?" was a question I was always trying to avoid. It is like hiding behind a huge heap of leaves and with a simple swoosh, the winds scatters them, leaving me face to face with the question every time.

I do not know who I am becoming. I realize that I don't need to figure myself out entirely at this time. I just have to do and do without fear. And exploring the world and its paradoxical beauty is all I want to do.

As we anticipate all the cherished memories we will create in the remaining couple of days, fear lingers as those life changing experiences await us. And it's okay. Find you. Find your passion. Go and chase the rising sun. Experience life wholly because every waking moment is singular.

The Godinez staff and faculty have held a bright torch over the past four years; and one by one they lit the torches for each of us. Now, it is up to us to decide the purpose of our new light. Continue the legacy and pass it on.

As senior year comes to an end, I can feel—an exhilarating feeling—that a whole new experience is awaiting for the Class of 2016. This is not the end, but a new beginning. Fight on Grizzlies!

SPORTS

Sports Spotlight: John Navarrete & Jhonny Nguyen

Oliver Rivero

Staff Writer

Tennis is a sport that sometimes goes unnoticed. John Navarrete, a senior, and John Nguyen a sophomore, are two of Godinez's prominent tennis players.

Navarrete said, "My goal of the season was to make it to CIF and go to Prelims by myself." Navarrete was able to accomplish his goals and played in the first round of CIF.

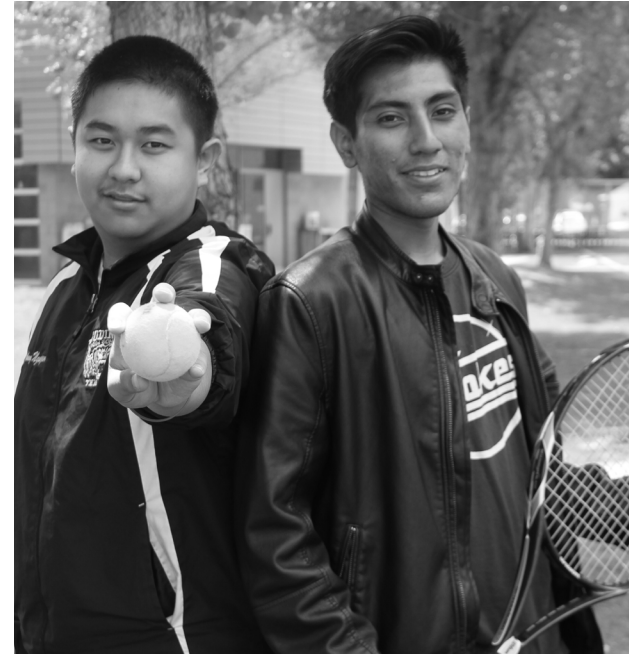
Season highlights that Navarrete had this year was getting Athlete of the Month for Tennis and being named captain. Navarrete has played tennis since he was six. Navarrete said, "I primarily wanted to join the soccer team, but I didn't make the cut. So I joined the tennis team since it was a sport I was familiar with."

Navarrete said "Tennis has shown me leadership skills and responsibility. I put the team against all else, and try to look after my teammates. This has been the best season we've ever had."

Nguyen is a sophomore in tennis, he described tennis as, "The only sport where you have to keep hitting a moving ball with an object, but I like how that's part of the hard work."

Nguyen's goal for the season was to have fun, compete in league finals, and move on to CIF.

Navarrete and Nguyen both played in a doubles tennis team and were able to compete at CIF this year. Unfortunately they were eliminated in the first round, but Nguyen is still a junior and hopefully be returning next year and return with growth and improvement.



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Left, Jhonny Nguyen, right, John Navarrete.

Lady Grizzlies Win Powder Puff Game Again



Maria Tejada (#10) stays alert on the field.

Jennifer Chavez & Maria Perea

Staff Writer

As the crowd cheered from both sides of the field, "Grizzlies, Grizzlies!" the 2015-2016 Powder Puff team was ready for the second annual game against Valley High School.

The crowd was entertained by the male cheerleaders with their amusing moves as they

awaited the first touchdown.

Both teams competed extremely well, leaving everyone in suspense while keeping an eye on each player's moves.

"I was speechless. I wanted to run to my team and give them all a hug." said senior, Brittany Soriano. In the first quarter, the first touchdown and the crowd went wild cheering for our team.

In the second quarter, the game became

intense at the 14 minute mark. The lady Grizzlies made a touchdown and the score became 13-6.

"I feel we did great, we came out and executed our blaze," said senior and head coach, Simon Garcia.

At last, the buzzer went off and the lady Grizzlies took the powderpuff win 19-6 against the Valley Falcons.

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Staff Writer

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Boys' Varsity Baseball (10)
Izak Verduzco



"Izak has done a great job for the varsity baseball team this season." -Coach Luke MacLennan

Girls' Varsity Cheerleading (10)
Alexys Soto



"She is a role model. She pushes herself and her teammates at practice." -Coach Selena Prawl

Girls' Varsity Softball (9)
Keana Pola



"She has been the backbone of this team. She works harder than anyone I have come across." -Coach Ed Medina

Girls' Varsity Swimming (12)
Priscilla Pereyra



"She has earned a varsity spot this year and holds her own in competition." -Coach Jessica Morris

Boys' Varsity Swimming (9)
Jason Acuna



"We know that he has only begun to show us what he is capable of doing." -Coach Jessica Morris

Boys' Varsity Tennis (12)
Jonathan Reyes



"Jonathan has emerged as a team leader. He takes the initiative in organizing the team." -Coach Heriberto Cortez

Girls' Varsity Track & Field (10)
Kaylina Moreno



"Kaylina has excelled in the 4x100 relay, the 100m, 200m, and 4x100 meter relay." -Coach Kevin Pola

Boys' Varsity Track & Field (11)
Marcus Harrell



"Marcus has been our top and most consistent sprinter for our Varsity Boys Track and Field team." -Coach Kevin Pola

Boys' Varsity Volleyball (12)
Joey Guillen



"His enthusiasm and determination to always do his best is contagious among his fellow players and our fans." -Coach James Koeler

Boys' Varsity Baseball (12)
Rafael Salas



"Rafael has incredible work ethic and love for the game." -Coach Luke MacLennan

Girls' Varsity Cheerleading (11)
Raquel Ramirez



"She had stepped out of her comfort zone and has taken on more of a leadership role on this team." -Coach Selena Prawl

Girls' Varsity Softball (12)
Leslie Lopez



"She has been a four year starter for the Varsity program and was one of only players returning with experience." -Coach Ed Medina

Girls' Varsity Swimming (12)
Stacy Rivera



"Stacy is one of the most accomplished swimmers our school has ever had. She will be greatly missed next year." -Coach Jessica Morris

Boys' Varsity Swimming (11)
Joseph Reyes



"Joseph Reyes is a first year swimmer. We are extremely proud of how his season turned out." -Coach Jessica Morris

Boys' Varsity Tennis (11)
Frederick Xongmixay



"He helped us secure 2nd place all season long and he even qualified for the individual league tournament." -Coach Heriberto Cortez

Girls' Varsity Track & Field (10)
Swemicarley Avendano



"Swemi has been our top girls' distance performer, and only continues to get better." -Coach Kevin Pola

Boys' Varsity Track & Field (9)
Aristeo Miranda



"As a freshman, he scored points at the varsity level as a freshman in 3 events." -Coach Kevin Pola

Boys' Varsity Volleyball (12)
Nikolas Escobedo



"Niko is one of our middle blockers and has grown in character and in skill over the season." -Coach James Koeler

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