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FRIDAY UPDATE
November 4, 2011

Student News!



Congratulations to **Mrs. Diane Winter** and her amazing **Chemistry Club**! They received the **ChemClub Community Activities Grant**, awarded by the **American Chemical Society**. Special congratulations and thanks go to sophomore student **Jeff Borreta** who wrote the grant! The grant committee writes: “We congratulate your [Pacifica High Chemistry] Club recipient of one of our **ChemClub Community** in the amount of **\$300**. The selection process was

so many wonderful activities proposed by clubs. Thank you so much for all of your work. We will be announcing all of the winning projects on the website in the next week. Thank you and congratulations!” The grant monies will allow the Chemistry Club outreach work with **Brekke Elementary School**. It will cover the cost for lab students will need in the creation of **slime, flubber, borax snowflakes, and ice cream** over the course of this school year! **Jeff wrote in the grant proposal**: “Pacifica High Chemistry Club has demonstrated several generous deeds for the community in Oxnard, California. For example, our club [enabled] elementary school children to learn more about the amazing world of chemistry. The ChemClub students of Pacifica were ecstatic to teach their younger pals to become real scientists!”



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ASB is hosting the American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, Nov. 4 in the PHS gym. Over 120 students have signed up to donate.

Additionally, the **TIDE** recognized students whose GPA increased by 1.2 pts from last semester. About 80 students were honored at the inaugural event. Each student received a personalized certificate, a Halloween Treat bag, and their name will be featured on the marquee!!



Special Thanks go to **ASB** for blowing up balloons, providing music, and making 2 beautiful posters with all the honorees names on it; the **TIDE's** student staff who folded invitations, delivered certificates, and made the Halloween goodie bags, and all the teachers who participated by giving up a little bit of their lunch time. The following students were honored:

Paola Flores by Mrs. White
Jacqueline Pliego by Ms. Resnik
Adrian Castaneda by Mrs. Houser
David Hernandez by Mr. Sheehy
Erik Crespo by Mrs. Huizinga
Juan Bazaldua by Mrs. Corey
Evelyn Raigoza by Mrs. Kawaichi
Jonathon Sanderson by Mr. Carr
Jonathin Riebe by Ms. Indendi
Susanna Mendez by Ms. Lupe Vazquez
Jacqueline Rangle by Mrs. Huizar
Estephan Guzman by Mr. Penland
Savannah Chapman by Mrs. King
Christian Ortega by Ms. Espino

Angela Cortez by Mr. Lee
Janelly Cervantes by Mr. Balden
Alexis Guerrero by Mrs. Pugh
Esmeralda Aguilera by Ms. Anttila
Christian Ybanez by Mr. Valdez
Devina Gonzales by Ms. Kane
Daniel Rodriguez by Ms. Boden
Patricia Cervantes by Mr. Castro-Ibarra
Mariah Valdez by Mr. Haverstock
Daisy Cancino by Mrs. Ramos
Sergio Navarro by Mrs. Hartman
Josh Dayrit by Mr. Sipple
Rhett Burke by Ms. Sims
Amanda Baez by Mr. Flesher

Rosa Lazcano by Mr. Guzik
David Oros by Mr. Riley
Miguel Moreno by Mrs. Pierson
Stacy Morales by Mrs. Simpson
John Trihn by Ms. Rogers
Esperanza Barrera by Mrs. Christianson
David Lopez by Mrs. Ramos
Brandon Aphayaraj by Mrs. Dandy
Victoria Zambrano by Mr. Edison
Dongnan Pan by Mrs. Akune
Jacari Jackson by Ms. Reed
Isshel Cortes by Mrs. Rodriguez
Johanna Rosiles by Mr. Diaz
Diana Gomez by Mrs. Ramos
Robert Ayala by Mr. Hitchner
Amanda Baez and Danielle Camacho by Mrs. Beltran

Liset Mendez by Ms. Maggio
Isshel Cortes by Mrs. Whitlock
Maribel Chavez by Mrs. Abbott
Regina Pacheco by Mrs. Barretto-Flores
Elisau Pablo and Elizabeth Sanchez by Ms. Mills
Odalis Larios and Lonny Padilla by Mrs. Castañon
Nayely Mata by Ms. Figueredo
Luis Perez by Mr. Daw
Luis Alfaro by Mrs. Wolfe
Fanny Ceja Navarro by Mr. Camacho
Jennie Acosta by Mrs. Chin
Crystal Castañon by Mr. Magner
Ricardo Oros by Mrs. Zehner
Julia Aguayo by Ms. Calote
Alejandra Gomez by Mrs. Evans
Anthony Zavala, Nayeli Mata, Daisy Gonzales,
and Alexandria Sosa by Mr. Hayes

GPA Increase Honorees:

Melissa Flores
Katelyn Herrera
Cynthia Moreno
Irene Maciel
Christabel Carlos

Nancy Uribe
Ana Rodriguez
Roberto Rodriguez
Erik Garcia
Emilio Mendoza

Stephany Ruiz
Libia Silva
Jonathon Jimenez

Student Spotlight-Genesis Mena

Her award is the Nestle/Magic Johnson Entrepreneur Award. It was given at the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Great Futures Gala. The presentation was on October 20th at the JW Marriott Los Angeles hotel, and coincided with celebrating Magic Johnson's 2010 induction into the B & G Clubs' Alumni Hall of Fame. Genesis is a member of the Hueneme B & G club, and last January she and another girl came up with the idea for a business plan competition. When the competition ended, it didn't end for Genesis and the other young lady. Instead, they continued and made their business a "reality." When you see Genesis, ask her about, "Shamazze's Dazzles" – Way to go, Genesis!

Counselors' Corner!

Higher Education Week

Head Counselor **Betty Patterson** reports: "We celebrated Higher Education Week on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, during 3rd period. The event was hosted by the counseling department. Seventeen college representatives presented information to seniors; the event was held in the Performing Arts Center. The presentation included information on post secondary options and financial aid. College representatives included the UC, CSU, private colleges, community colleges and technical schools. Following the presentation students attended a college fair in the gym. Students visited with the college representatives and received valuable information about each campus. A Higher Education Family event was held later that evening at Oxnard Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for all parents to receive the same valuable information. College representatives were also available. **Cuba Montero** and I attended the events."



U.C. College Application Night

On Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. PHS counseling department hosted their annual UC College Application Night. They met in room E-114. About 50 students and parents received help in filling out the UC college application on-line. Students can submit their applications beginning November 1, 2011. Cuca Acosta, Assistant Director of High School Services, UC Santa Barbara, served as facilitator. Counselors who assisted were **Yolanda Barretto-Flores**, **Patrice Kawaichi**, **Elmer Umipig**, **Betty Patterson**, and **Emelina Coronado**.

Staff Development!

English and Drama teacher **Leah Calote** shares: "I'm currently halfway through the intermediate level of **Theatrical Puppetry at Puppet School**, where I'm learning skills to help kids with the spring musical, *Avenue Q*, which features both arm rod puppets and hand puppets. When I graduate from this level, I'll send you the link to our class' final ☺!"



English (and now Spanish) teacher **Cristina Huizar** shares: "About four weeks ago on a Friday afternoon, **Lupe Murillo** and I collaborated on the curriculum for Spanish 1. She was a huge help! She gave me wonderful ideas that I have implemented in my Spanish 1 class. Thank you, Lupe!"

Roman Garcia and **Nic Gafurri** attended the **Dennis Parker Seminar** for (Social Science) on Friday, October 28, 2011, at the D.O.

English teacher **Jane Akune** and **Michael Flesher**, and Assistant Principal **Graham Gurney** attended a morning session on Friday, October 28, 2011, with Dennis Parker where he presented his **Twelve "Bread and Butter" strategies** from his three-Phased *Strategic Schooling* Model. Jane writes: "According to Dennis Parker, implementing these strategies, alone, in Phase I can improve API scores from 20-50 points in a single year. It was very validating to realize that at PHS we have been utilizing **nine** of the twelve strategies to some degree for many years. We:



- #1. Target Content: Align the taught curriculum with the tested standards
- #2. Target Content: Do test prep weekly
- #4. Target Students: Choose 2-3 students who are close to proficient to whom to give extra attention
- #5. Target Students: Provide after school, before school help to the lowest performing students
- #6. Feedback: Provide each students and teacher with a test chat by looking at the data
- #9. Know-How (classroom): Improve students engagement: every student answers every question asked by the teacher every through utilizing EDI and TAPPLE
- #10. Know-How (Classroom): Improve visual support every **60-90 seconds** by focusing on our school wide adopted ELD standards **Repetition-Visuals-Scaffolding**.

We discussed that we need to reinforce the importance of using these and all the techniques schoolwide on a consistent basis."

Our locally famous **50 Sticks of Mark “Whitey” Wingland**, have such a *Sticks of Dynamite CD* (available with loving soul will thank you. AND you from each sale goes to the **Faculty All Student Choices) Foundation.** simultaneously...what a deal!!! Check



Dynamite band members **Ian McFadyen** and deal for YOU! When you spend \$10 on a *50 Nicole* in the copy room), your ears and music will be supporting our PHS students because \$2 **Scholarship Fund** and \$2 to the **BASC** (Bridging Supporting your local musicians AND students out the website: www.thebascfoundation.org

ATHLETICS



Congratulations to both Girls' Tennis and Boys' Water Polo for qualifying for the 2011 CIF Playoffs. Both teams finished 3rd in PVL and are automatic qualifiers for this year's playoffs. Friday night will be the last home football game this season as we host the Hueneme Vikings at 7PM before we take on our rival from down the street next week at OHS. Also on Friday, both our Boys' and Girls' X-Country teams will be running in their final PVL meet of the season with the opportunity to still qualify for 2011 CIF meet.