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## Getting ready for Prom

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“Walking on stage while everyone watched, hearing your name being called, I was nervous and shaky,” said Esperanza Zamora. There were several couples that were waiting to show off their prom attire on what to wear or what not to wear. While the juniors and seniors slowly started filling up the auditorium on Mar. 9, during fifth period, the anticipation grew for some behind the stage.

The Prom Fashion show included examples of appropriate prom attire for guys and girls. Prom rules as well as warnings to be safe were given.

“I was not nervous but nervous at the same time when it was time to walk. You want to do your best while everyone is watching and hoping for the best while being out on stage,” Leslie Martinez said.

The couples were starting to

come out one by one, showing off their beautiful dresses and well fitting tuxedos. “We borrowed some dresses from Leslie Martinez, who was also in the fashion show. She knew we needed dresses, so she let some girls use hers,” said Kimberly Moya.

The dresses were all owned from the girls, and the tuxedos were loans from Men’s Wearhouse. The models showed that the girls need to have a dress with no high cuts, no baring midriffs, and guys cannot show up in casual wear.

“I wanted to be in the Fashion Show because it’s a way for me to experience a high school memory with my friends and for myself,” Kimberly said.

Ms. Misty Wright (ASB) along with Mr. Matt Sutherland (Link Crew) were behind the fashion show. Everyone in the show volunteered their time, and dresses. The show was a good way to get the correct information out and answer any questions for the junior and senior only audience.

“During the fashion show, the couples that came out were not just guy and girl, there were same sex couples and groups, to show that you don’t have to go to prom with a date, and you can just go with friends and still enjoy prom,” Zamora said.

Prom is May 19 from 7-11 p.m. at the Coto Valley Country Club. Many were wondering about the late date, prom

normally falls in April.

“Historically, when school would get out in June, prom was always in May. But then when our school schedule changed and we got out in May, prom was moved to April. This year we get out in June, so we moved prom to May,” said Ms. Wright.

Prom tickets are on sale now: the Early Bird price is \$100 (w/ASB) and \$110 (w/o). Early Bird pricing ends May 4 and prices will become \$120 (w/ASB) and \$130 (w/o). The last day to buy your ticket(s) will be Wed., May 16. All students must turn in the permission and quest forms at the time of purchase.



**Rustic Romance:** Hannah Martin (left) shows off her prom dress with Micaehla Mendoza waiting in the background for her turn. “I was modeling for the prom fashion show and I was showing off the beautiful back. I got the dress from Noell’s in downtown L.A,” said Hannah.

**The voice:** MC Anecia Maestas (above left) and Junior Class President Lauren Rodriguez showcase proper prom wear. “The fashion show went smoothly, everything went on time and everyone was on cue,” said Lauren.



# FEATURES

## It's open

*Eighteen months later, students have a centralized place to eat and hang out*

Vlad Barrera  
Staff writer

**Y**ou know that gag on TV shows where students discuss the 'Mystery Meat' served in the lunch cafeteria? Well, this is not about the food, but about the new cafeteria that has been opened, as of April 2.

"I think it's great! There is a lot of room, it's very spacious!" stated Tristyn Gomez from nutritional services.

The late start Wednesday allowed for a twenty minute ceremony, complete with band and cheer performances, several speeches and, of course, the traditional ribbon cutting.

Two hours later, as lunch started, a few students trickled through the cafeteria; but as lunch progressed so did the students, and the students started to appear in large groups; all slowly shambling towards or vigorously walking to the entrance of the cafeteria.

"I'm excited about the new cafeteria, and I wanted to try it because I'm a senior," said Natalia Peralta.

When the students had their lunch, they went to the many tables inside the cafeteria, or they went outside in the shade to enjoy their lunch.



"I liked the new cafeteria, it was very spacious, and I was able to get my food fast," said Jacalyn Armenta.

As the first station became crowded, a second station quickly opened up. "The new cafeteria is dope! It's nothing like I imagined

it to be. It's really like spacey, we have a lot of storage rooms. We have more stations to work at, so not everything is crowded," said Jennifer Ahumada, a cafeteria worker.

However, the new cafeteria wasn't without its detractors. A few students remarked how there were not enough tables or chairs to accommodate all the students. "We should get more chairs because it's big in this cafeteria, and it's hot outside. Everyone wants to chill in the shade," stated Gyselle Mendoza. The cafeteria is set up currently with 133 chairs and 23 tables but the space has an occupancy capacity of 603.

**Bruin blue:** Officially opening the new cafeteria are (from left): Pilar Tabera (board member), Dan Flores (board member), Patt Haro (clerk), Randall Cenicero (board member), Joanne E. Thoring-Ojeda (VP), Jerry Almendarez (superintendent).

## Winter is coming

*Winterguard competes for the first time in three years*

Lizbeth Gudino and Beatrice Padilla  
Staff writers

**T**hey literally started at the bottom, but keep steadily climbing up. This is the first time in five years that the winter guard went to competition. As all starting groups are, they were very small. They only had thirteen members.

"We thought a lot more people were going to join, but people ended up leaving. I wish they would have stayed. It was a much better experience than I thought it was going to be. It was just our small group and it helped us strengthen our bond," said Ixchelle Boyd.

"We should have a varsity and a JV team but both teams would have been too small. Next year, we are getting new, better, and more equipment so hopefully we get more recruits," Jacqueline Rodriguez, rifle captain, said.

The difference between the fall (which is part of marching band) and winter competition is that judges are solely focusing on them. There are no other components to the show besides prerecorded music and the show the team puts on.

"It's pretty nerve wracking if you think about it at first, but once you're out there, all you want is for them to look at you and get the connection that the show gives," said Cynthia Hernandez, a first year winter guard member. "It's not that bad."

There is a difference between color guard and winter guard. Not only is the component different, but so are the classifications.

"For our first competition we kept our scores down so we would be placed in a smaller pool," said Stefany 'Mango' Martinez-Barajas, the flag captain. "Since this was our first competition season in quite a while, it was important to not compete against seasoned groups. After that, we worked on being the best team we could be."

Next season, with their JV and varsity teams, they hope to have an even better season.



Winter guard performs at the spring sports pep assembly on April 13. Melissa Hernandez, Cynthia Hernandez, Stefany Martinez-Barajas, Yaneisi Tapia, Sheila Ponce, Ixchelle Boyd, Arianna Valverde, Irinea Del Toro, Jacqueline Rodriguez, Roel Villafana



# FEATURES

## Another blue ribbon day

Beatrice Padilla, Lizbeth Gudino  
Staff Writer

**T**itans may be powerful, but Bruin baseball is unstoppable. The boys beat the best team in the league at the ribbon cutting for our new dugout and field.

"We still practiced on the field, but it was just cramped. As soon as we got the full field back, it was so



much easier and it looked so much better. Our old dugouts were gross and dirty. The new ones are clean and I hope they

stay that way," said George Ruiz.

The field was rededicated to the memory of Mr. George Iddings. He was a dedicated man, not only to his family, but to the Bruin family as well. He considered the students from Bloomington his children as well.

"My father was an assistant principal before he transferred to counseling. He coached frosh football and JV baseball. He worked here for seven years ('71-'77). He taught while I was attending school here (Class of 1977). It's a great honor. We made a lot of memories. Most of them were here at this school," said Mitch Iddings, son of Mr. Iddings.

There were a few of his family members in attendance at the game. They got to see our Bruins defeat the Grand Terrace Titans. Grand Terrace was the first in league with a record of 16-0. Now, they're 16-1 since our Bruins came out victorious in the grand clash.

"We had the home advantage. I'm confident we are going to win this one," said Dylan Bayless, a catcher and outfielder, before the game.

"It was very overwhelming especially because they're our rivals so it basically felt just like winning the lot-

tery. They're a very good team, but we came out on top. We're 2-1 in league and 9-10 overall," said Sergio Zaldivar.

*The new baseball field is rededicated to George Iddings, a former coach and counselor. From left to right: Sandy Torres, Frank Ibarra, Dan Flores, Patt Haro, Mitch Iddings, Katie Kistner, Megan Ditty, and Steve Iddings.*



## How will you spend your summer

Patrick De Los Rios  
Staff Writer

**S**ince 1937, The American Legion has sponsored a summer leadership and citizenship program. Only males and females who have successfully completed their junior year of high school are considered. Only those who illustrate leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service in their schools and community are selected. Counseling puts together a list of candidates and someone from the American Legion comes in to interview all the candidates.

Ulysses Leon was selected represent BHS at the summer conference in Sacramento.



"This is a leadership event; I will be able to display patriotism and leadership to other schools and learn from others," said Ulysses. "I was pre-selected due to my GPA," said Ulysses who is also part of the 2018 Honor Guard. "I am excited to go, I believe it would be a fun experience. I'm guaranteed there would be kids just like me so it would be fun," said Ulysses.

While Ulysses will travel to Sacramen-

to, Idaly Gomez will travel to Claremont College for a week and participate in activities such as Mock Trials, leadership meetings, and activities on how the government works. "Out of the top 20 girls, six of us went on to the interview. I was selected to go," said Idaly.

"I was surprised when I got in because I am usually a nervous person but during the interview I felt confident."

She was in it to win it so she had to do a lot of practice. "I had to practice over the weekend's because I didn't know what they would ask me, I typed what I was going to say and tried to memorize it.

At first I didn't want to do it but my counselor told me that no girl has ever backed out so I felt as if I had to do it," said Idaly.

But Idaly doesn't have anything to fear. According to Mohamad Awad, last year's winner for Boys State, "I walked into Boys State not knowing anything about politics. Through the nine day sessions I got to learn a lot about politics, and how the presidency works and laws. It was something I really enjoyed because it was interesting to learn about my country."

The American Legion picks up the complete tab for the two winners, including travel, tuition, and meals.



# FEATURES

## The Pen IS Mightier

### Pencil, Pen, and Brush winners announced

By Nereida Chavez, Maria Blancarte-Sierra  
Staff writer

“There are certain situations in life that you can’t stop from happening, at the end of the day you either move on or you don’t. Unfortunately, my situations in life forced me to accept and move on,” said Silvia Serrano.

Senior Silvia Serrano won BHS’ Pencil, Pen, and Brush and earned the



right to compete at the district level with a poem she wrote about herself. **Acceptance** is mainly

about her life. It revealed her own personal experiences and how she learned to accept what happened to her.

“What inspired my poem was my mom and the fact that I was never able to get answers from the questions I wish I could ask her.”

Silvia’s poem comes from the pain of losing her mother. She did not have that reassurance from her mother growing up like most of us do. Silvia is a senior and will be moving to Maryland for college and it just makes for another question that she won’t have answered.

“My mom died when I was six and now that I’m graduating, I have been beating myself up for not knowing what she wanted from me. I ask myself if she would be okay with me moving to Maryland for college and leaving my dad alone. I guess it’s just another question

to put into my bucket of unanswered questions,” said Silvia.

Silvia has learned to accept a lot of things in her life and that is where the name of her poem comes from. Sometimes unexpected things happen and we lose the most valuable things in life. We all have different stories to tell, Silvia just happens to be good at putting it into poetry.

“When I found out that I won, the first two people I told were my brothers. They were really proud of me; they told me that our mom would be proud too. I cried a little; I believed it when they told me that she would be proud. They are my reassurance, always have been,” said Silvia.

The junior winner was Valerie S. Garcia.

“I decided to take a challenge and write the poem about a bee rather than it reflecting my inner self,” said Valerie.

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#### Acceptance By Silvia Serrano

*I can't even cry that my mom is dead  
If I cry that means I accept  
Accept that she's gone.*

*It's been 10 years now  
I still haven't cried  
Not because I don't accept  
But because I do accept  
I'm just afraid I'll never stop.*

*The funny thing about death is,  
You're forced to accept,  
Eventually.*

*I've accepted  
Accepted that she's gone.*

*But I haven't accepted that I'm leaving  
Leaving my dad  
The only thing I have left.  
How can I be so selfish?  
Just leaving him  
Would she have accepted  
Like I accepted her leaving?  
I guess that's just another question I have to accept  
Accept that it won't be answered.*

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# SPORTS

## Hey Now You're an All-Star

By Evelyn Harbor and Lesley Tapia  
Staff writer

"We were playing the second playoff game and by the second quarter I had already scored 40 points. I'm pretty sure I'm in the record books now," said Tyler Hullett about his most memorable moment of the year.

Although the team lost in the semi-final round of CIF, for these two players the season wasn't over yet. Tyler, along with McKinley Tarpley, were both chosen to compete at the Inland Valley Classic All-Star Basketball game at AB Miller on April 15.



"Being chosen for All-Stars makes me feel excited in a competitive stance because I'm competing against the best

in the Inland Empire and it makes me more determined to prove myself. My family and friends were all happy and excited for me and that made me feel good," continued Tyler.

Tyler has been playing basketball for over 15 years but this was his first year on the basketball team. This was also McKinley's first year here; he's been playing since the age of seven.

"I think it's cool that I got to be chosen for all-stars. For everyone who wants to join basketball always keep trying, if you keep trying you'll be set," said Tarpley.

This game was different from the regular season because there were recruiters from UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Chaffey, and others.

The two athletes were the most valuable players on the Bruin team. McKinley averaged 10 points, 5.3 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 4.1 steals per game; Tyler averaged 10.7 points, 4.8 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.7 steals per game during the season.

The boys varsity team was on a winning streak most of the season, losing only a few games.

"One of the best parts about basketball is going to the away games and

upsetting the other team's crowd," said Hullett.

During the all-star game, McKinley scored 4 points, had 3 assists, and 3 rebounds. Tyler had 5 assists, 4 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Coach Aubrey was selected to coach the all-star team.

"It was important being an all-star because they were the best players from each team in our area and we all had similar goals. The most memorable part of the game for me was when I blocked someone from the other team from dunking on me," said Tyler.

The end score was 72-65 with Tyler and McKinley's team winning the game.

*Tyler Hullett (left) and McKinley Tarpley (above) were selected to the Inland Valley Classic All-Star game.*



## Bruins selected for special teams

Darwin Manasala  
Staff writer

Both soccer teams qualified for the playoffs and CIF recognized their achievement. One boy and one girl were selected as All-CIF.

From the boys soccer team, Ronaldo Flores was chosen First Team All-CIF.

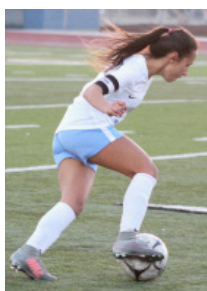


Ronaldo said, "It feels good when you work hard for something you deserve, you really appreciate it when it all pays off. Although my grades are not where I want them to be, I managed and ended the

season with 11 goals and 6 assists in a total of 21 games."

Girls soccer brought out their very best this season, especially Nayeli Sandoval, who was selected First Team All-CIF also. Nayeli played 20 games this year as the team came in first in the Sunkist League and went to the first round of playoffs. She ended the season with 45 points, 25 goals, 8 shots, and 3 assists.

Nayeli said, "I feel accomplished since it's my senior year and I feel really thankful and grateful for all the coaches



putting in their hard work to train us everyday."

In a related achievement, volleyball player Mc Kenzie Jones was selected First Team All League. Her height (6'41/2) struck fear onto her opponents this season; she plans to bring her very best in college next year.

"I feel happy since I worked all these years to get this, so to see what I overcame and got through feels good," said Mc Kenzie.



*From left: Ronaldo Flores, Nayeli Sandoval, and Mc Kenzie Jones.*

# FEATURES

## Not so foreign

*Germany exchange program continues its annual visit*

By Indira Alvarez  
Staff writer

High school is tough enough. Trying to figure out who your teachers are, what classes you have, if you're going to have any friends in class, and of course let's not forget homework and tests. What about starting school in a different country that doesn't speak your language? That can be someone's worst fear, settling somewhere where people have known each other for so long and you feel like you're the elephant in the room.

But for foreign exchange student Marie Schnorr, that's not a problem at all. She has been here for two weeks and has settled in perfectly, "I have been here for two weeks now and so far, the school and people are really cool. These classes are way easier than mine back in Germany."

Her BHS companion, Jazmine Lopez, who is a freshman, has been guiding and helping her navigate around this crazy campus.

"Marie is a really cool person. I'm glad I got to be her guidebook."

While here in America, Marie got to experience enough to make this whole exchange thing a memorable time.

"We went to the beach and had lots of fun. We ate burgers and pizza and stuff like that."

Back in Switzerland and Germany, where Marie grew up, school is somewhat similar to ours. "School isn't that different, we get out the same times but we have different subjects each day. On our free time, everyone has to do a sport." They join a sport's club as an extracurricular activity and have the class for at least 60 to 90 minutes.

Now that Marie's getting closer to her senior year, she plans on keeping her studies on track and hopes to travel around the world.

"I plan on working and traveling around Germany and Switzerland."



Host student Jazmine Lopez and German foreign exchange student, Marie Schnorr.

## Early scholarship winners

Students signed up for the Horizon Test Prep to help them with their SAT's. However, they were also told that attending all classes, taking the test, and improving their scores, could benefit them in more than one way. Students who attended all

the classes and took both parts of the SAT, were eligible for a \$500 scholarship.

"I really didn't do it for the scholarship, I mainly did it because I wanted to improve my SAT score," said Idaly Gomez.

The class taught her new strategies. Idaly is indecisive about which college she would like to attend but she'd really like to stay in-state.

"I knew I needed to take the test for college, so I attended the classes on Saturdays; I really wanted the scholarship," said America Ramirez the other winner.

Idaly Gomez and America Ramirez had the highest growth on their test scores by almost 200 points from the very first test to the very last test. They were both rewarded for their hard work with a \$500 scholarship.



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She was very surprised and never expected to win since there were so many other students who had participated. Her English teacher (Ms. Leticia Desrochers) told her students that poems that are about themselves tend to be better and do better at judging, but she took the risk on doing a poem about a bee.

"It was fairly simple to write the poem since I already knew what I wanted the poem to be about so it was just a matter of finding the right words to rhyme," said Valerie.



Writing poems was something she wasn't really interested in but it's something she would consider doing again next year. Valerie took two days to write her poem.

BHS took 27 places out of 44 at the art portion of district competition, with GTHS coming in a distant second place with 15 places, and Slover with 2. Valerie and Silvia's submission, unfortunately did not go on to compete at the district level because of an error in

submission by the school's coordinator.

However, district category winners in art include:

9th Grade:

Kayla Sepulveda-Sosa, 3-D 1st Place, "Mystery on the Run"

Na'K'Adia Finex-Macauley, 3-D 2nd Place, "Spidee"

Ivan Zaldivar, Drawing 2nd Place, "VW Bus"

Janessa Robles, Photography 1st Place, "In the Eyes"

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**Bee**

**By Valerie S. Garcia**

*I look by the window, and right by the tree,  
what else could be flying, but a little yellow bee.  
Floating over flowers and viewing the plains,  
the bee knows it's over as soon as it rains.*

*The little bee, with its wings so frail and wet,  
was no longer optimistic, but now upset.  
It was pushed to the ground with the rain as a tether,  
but the bee trudged on despite the weather.*

*The bee climbed, dragged, kept on and fought,  
"I'll go through the open door there," I'm sure the bee thought.  
Sneaking past the first human, the bee thought it could go,  
but the second human came, and the sandal it did throw.*

*I got closer to the door trying to get a better view,  
got there just in time to see it crawl into a shoe.  
But the dog came over to the shoe, and sniffed around,  
sniffed up the bee, got stung, and exhaled it out.*

*You can only imagine what a surprise to the dog it was,  
but the bee was worse, letting out the faintest buzz.*

*Without its stinger, the last little breath was drawn by the bee,  
and never, ever, ever had I been so happy to be me.*



**Laughter**  
**Montserrat Rivera Martinez**  
**11th grade, Second place**



**In The Eyes**  
**Janessa Robles**  
**9th grade, First Place**



**ROTC**  
**Lizbeth Ruiz**  
**10th grade, 2nd Place**

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Darwin Manansala, Photography 2nd Place, "Eclipse"  
Kimberly Chacon, Mixed Media 1st Place, "Geometry"  
Jessony McDaniel, Mixed Media 2nd Place, "Color Wheel"

### 10th Grade:

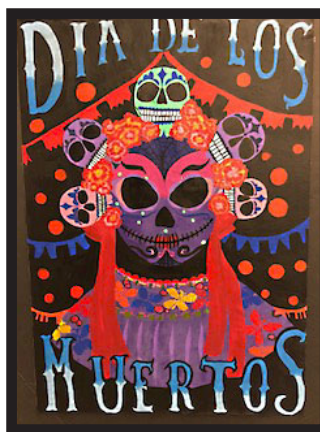
Arelly Argueta, Photography 1st Place, "Dusk"  
Lizbeth Ruiz, Photography 2nd Place, "ROTC"  
Gabriela Hernandez, Mixed Media 1st Place, "Seeing Green"  
Gabriela Hernandez, Graphic/Print Making 1st Place, "Sad Thoughts"  
Alexa Rodriguez, Graphic/Print Making 2nd Place, "Abstract Witch"

### 11th Grade:

Abigail Martinez, 3-D 1st Place, "Lizard"  
Leslie Sanchez, 3-D 2nd Place, "Axolotl"  
America Ramirez, Photography 1st Place, "The Run"  
Montserrat Rivera Martinez, Photography 2nd Place, "Laughter"  
America Ramirez, Mixed Media 1st Place, "Fall Decline"  
America Ramirez, Mixed Media 2nd Place, "Out of the Norm"  
Khadeeja Shalabi, Graphic/Print Making 2nd Place, "Merica"  
(This entry was pulled from being shown due to the image of a gun in the artwork)

### 12th Grade:

Brittany Vazquez, 3-D 1st Place, "Roar"  
Cristina Banuelos, 3-D 2nd Place, "Ship Wrecked"  
Hector Martinez, Drawing 2nd Place, "Jennifer's Raven"  
Brandi Brito, Painting 2nd Place, "Tainted Purity"  
Bryan Guzman, Photography 1st Place, "The Couple"  
Miyori Bennett, Mixed Media 1st Place, "Muertos"  
Estrella Hernandez, Mixed Media 2nd Place, "Full Moon"  
Veronica Castro, Graphic/Print Making 2nd Place, "A Fish Life"



**Her blue ribbon day:** Senior Miyori Bennett took first place in mixed media with her creation entitled "Muertos." "It was ok, but it could have been a little better. I used a bunch of different mediums: colored pencils, paints, oil paint, acrylic paint, and markers... stuff like that. It took me about two weeks but at least I got first place."



**Lannister alive:** Taking first place in 3-dimensional is Brittany Vazquez. "My inspiration of the artwork was my boyfriend, he wanted me to make a lion. I don't really like how it came out because it looks ugly and it wasn't exactly what I planned it to be. It took around maybe 3 weeks working with clay and then I had to paint it which took about a week and a half. The hardest part would be painting it since I'm not used to painting clay works."



**Well represented:** Several winners attended the Pencil, Pen and Brush ceremony on April 26. From left to right: Gabriela Hernandez, Cristina Banuelos, Bryan Guzman, Abigail Martinez. Cristina explains her winning entry. "The tentacles in the drawing each represent something something I went through. The drawing let me express everything and let me lift everything off my shoulders."



**Bringing it to the table:** The senior winners' display from top clockwise: Viviana Guerrero (SMHS), Cristina Banuelos (BHS), Brandi Brito (BHS), Cynthia Ibarra (GTHS), Brittany Vazquez (BHS), Estrella Hernandez (BHS), Michael Cardenas (SMHS), Hector Martinez (BHS).