

# THE TITAN ΣCHO

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Story by Crystal DeBerry  
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## A SHADY SITUATION: Will Titan Town Ever Get a Roof?

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# Ebola is Not the Enemy; the Enterovirus Is

**Elisabeth Martin (2016), Campus Writer**

**TITAN TOWN** - The Ebola outbreak in Africa has infected the body of a man in Texas and the minds of the students at Grand Terrace High School. Students are claiming that their fellow classmates “have Ebola” when they cough, but only about half of them are joking while the other half is seriously panicked.

Ebola is obviously no laughing matter. It’s a level four virus with a high mortality rate. That means it has a high chance of claiming someone’s life.

The symptoms of it are vomiting, bloody diarrhea, body pains, and in severe cases bleeding from bodily orifices. There is no cure for Ebola. There is only survival.

Health professionals say one should be afraid of Ebola, but only as an incurable ailment, not a pending Southern California outbreak threat.

However, the real enemy to be cautious about is a virus floating around the Southern California area, one that attacks the respiratory system and can kill. This is

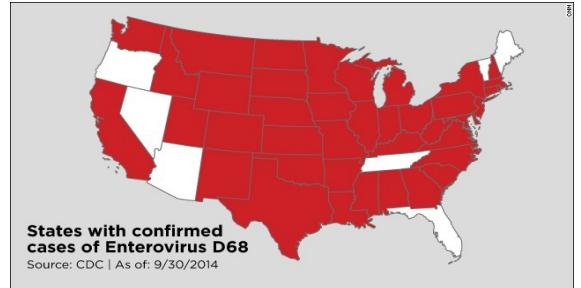
the Enterovirus- D68.

The Enterovirus- D68 is a NON- Polio strand virus that causes respiratory distress. It targets people with weak or underdeveloped immune systems, so infants, children, and teenagers generally between the ages of two and fourteen, states the Center of Disease Control. The CDC is the government organization that handles outbreaks and other virus or disease-related problems in the U.S. Those who have asthma or any other respiratory ailments are more likely to contract this virus.

Normal symptoms include fever, sneezing, coughing, and body and muscle aches; severe symptoms include wheezing or difficulty breathing, according to the CDC.

There is no specific treatment. It generally spreads via saliva and nasal mucus. According to the CDC, they plan to prevent further spreading of the disease by gathering information on the virus demographics, developing a detection kit, and studying the virus’ DNA sequence to learn more on how to fight it.

Fox News said that this virus only affected maybe two or three people in most of the states each year. However, this year the virus has boomed. There are over 590 cases recorded in 43 different



states already, confirmed the CDC. It’s predicted to die down in November.

One is advised to take caution by washing hands often, avoiding close contact and sharing utensils with those who are sick. People are encouraged to cover coughs, avoid sneezing into hands, cleaning frequently used objects, and staying home if sick, the CDC suggests.

The majority of the students at GTHS are too old and have a strong enough immune system to be affected by this virus. So, how would this appear to be important to the students? Viruses are carried through germs. Germs are transferred through contact, the CDC says. Hugs, kisses, and handshakes all transfer the germs to the other person. Many of the students have a toddler or infant sibling at home. Without the correct precautions, the children could be in danger. There is no need to be afraid of this virus. It would just be advised to stay cautious until the season ends. Wash your hands and stay safe. **TS**

# Administration on Right Track with Implementation of “Titan Voice”

**By Chase Preciado (2016), Assistant Editor**

**TITAN TOWN**- Grand Terrace High School is currently in its third year of establishment. In that time, the school and its students have had their fair share of issues, especially last year, and many felt as if they didn’t have anywhere or anyone with which to bring those issues to light.

However, in response to specific events, such as the vandalism that occurred on campus this past March, GTHS Principal Mrs. Angela Dischinger and the GTHS assistant principals, Ms. Deborah Villegas, Mr. Daniel Smith and Mr. MarLan Parker have decided to create a new

Students assemble at the Lecture Hall for the first Titan Voice Oct. 22. Principal Angie Dischinger (background) presides the forum. Photo by James Munoz



program on campus called Titan Voice. According to Mrs. Dischinger, Titan Voice will be a student forum where a team of student representatives will approach the school’s administration and inform them of issues that students are experiencing on campus with the

hopes of having those issues resolved.

At the time of our conversation, Mrs. Dischinger mentioned that Titan Voice was still in its development. Since then student representatives assembled for the first time Oct. 22 at the Lecture Hall. This was a good sign. It showed

that Administration is serious. Titan Voice is an excellent idea due to the fact that it will help students’ issues be handled efficiently and quickly, and that their concerns are expressed and considered.

The Titan Echo thinks that Titan Voice has the potential to be a vital part of the student body’s voice outside of pep rallies, club rushes and other school activities. This forum will allow the unsung Titans to reach out and make positive changes to our school. **TS**



# 9/11 Told Us To Live Your Best Life

By Chase Preciado (2016), Assistant Editor

Every September, America is reminded of and mourns the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001.

On that day, the US and the entire world was irrevocably changed. This includes the lives of the thousands of families and friends who lost someone or nearly lost someone on that day.

Every year, when I watch documentaries on the attacks and see the footage of the burning Towers and the victims jumping or hear the audio calls of the flight attendants from the hijacked planes, my thoughts always come back to the victims of the attacks. I wonder what was going through their minds as they slowly realized what was going to happen to them.

However, the most compelling things that I wonder, are the sources of the courage that many of the victims showcased that day before their deaths, and also, now that the attacks are over, what would the victims of September 11 want the world to learn from watching them die on national television or right before their eyes?

Many people showed courageous heroism that day. On United Airlines Flight 93, the passengers of the hi-

jacked aircraft voted amongst themselves to invade the hijacked cockpit and take back the plane, rather than accepting their fates.

Passengers called their loved ones, explaining what was transgressing. From those calls, investigators heard the passengers attempting to break into the cockpit, assumedly with a rolling cart. Ultimately, the hijackers crashed the plane into a field in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, killing everyone on board. However, the passengers' heroic actions prevented the hijackers from reaching their target, the White House or the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., saving countless lives. Similar talks of resistance were revealed in a phone call from United Airlines Flight 175, which hit the South Tower.

A constant I see in all of the heroic acts on September 11 is that the victims of the attacks could see how precious their lives were. It was this knowledge that inspired the courage, selflessness and bravery of the victims on that day.

I feel that the passengers on Flight 93 in particular, exemplify this knowledge because of their determination to not only try to save their lives or die trying, but also because they were outraged at the sheer thought of allowing the hate

of one group of people to cause harm and death to their fellow citizens.

Now that these brave and heroic people are gone, this constant has shown me that the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> would want people to remember their stories and what happened to them, not because of anger or fear, but instead to eradicate the fear and hate that led to the attacks in the first place.

I believe the lesson that we can learn from September 11<sup>th</sup> and the people who lost their lives that day, is to live our best lives, striving to achieve our goals, doing what we love and savoring the time we have with those we love.

The people who died on September 11<sup>th</sup> knew that they were in peril and that survival was unlikely, but something in their lives, such as their families caused them to show courage and compassion to other victims and to fight to survive regardless of the odds against them.

As witnesses to September 11<sup>th</sup>, I feel that the way to truly honor and respect those who lost their lives on that day is to thrive and live happily in our own. **TS**

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## Titan Talk: Does 10 Minutes Make That Much of a Difference?

By Drew Williams (2015), Campus Writer

**TITANTOWN** - If you attended GTHS last year and depending on your first period teacher, you remember the ten-minute grace period that some teachers gave their students to get to class without being marked late.

But beginning in the current school year, this ten-minute grace period is gone. The Titan Echo asked students what they think of the policy change.

"I don't really think it makes that much difference. People can get to class on time." - **Marvin Quevedo (2015)**

"It (is bad)! Sometimes being late isn't our fault. Parents having to do things before school and there being traffic have nothing to do with the actual student, but we're the ones who get punished for it." - **Dominique Hicks (2015)**

"It (is not good)" (Felix). "Yeah! Especially because when you're late they close the gate and make you go around to the office, which makes you miss even more class time." (Inzunza) - **Kyle Felix (2015)** and **Nissa Inzunza (2015)**. **TS**

# Will Titan Town Ever Get a Roof?

By Crystal DeBerry, (2015) Campus Editor

**TITANTOWN** — The heat is turned up and the sun's rays have been beaming down upon students on campus early in the school year.

Rain season is on its way. Yet, there appears to be no rush for shaded and covered areas on campus.

"I don't like the heat. It feels like I'm burning up every day at lunch. There are spots for umbrellas at the tables and we should use them," said Bethany Hartz (2015).

### WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SAYS

GTHS Principal Mrs. Angela Dischinger spoke with the Titan Echo on this issue and she said "shade is important." But, the decision to fund the shade is not hers. It's the district's decision, she said.

"I've asked for shade for the past two-and-a-half years," Mrs. Dischinger

said. "And, I've asked even before the school opened."

Furthermore, GTHS is behind a long line for shade. GTHS is just one of the schools in the district that has requested shade or cover, Mrs. Dischinger said.

The shade and cover is not cheap. According to Mrs. Dischinger the price for providing just the umbrellas over table tops is \$21,000. That does not include delivery. She also said the price for a shaded structure over the amphitheater is \$250,000.

The budget isn't big enough for the shade to be an immediate fix on campus, she said.

To help, Mrs. Dischinger said that students are allowed to sit beyond the white line in front of the A Building where there is shade and when there is extreme heat.

And, hot it was.

### HOW HOT WAS IT?

The average high temperature for the 18 school days in August was 93-degrees. For the twenty days in September, the average high temperature was 90-degrees, according to accu-weather.com

### WHAT STUDENTS SAY

This is GTHS' 3rd year and the lack of shade appears to be a main concern with students.

"I feel dehydrated sitting outside in the sun. I think they should grow more trees or get umbrellas up already," said Jemina Ortega (2015).

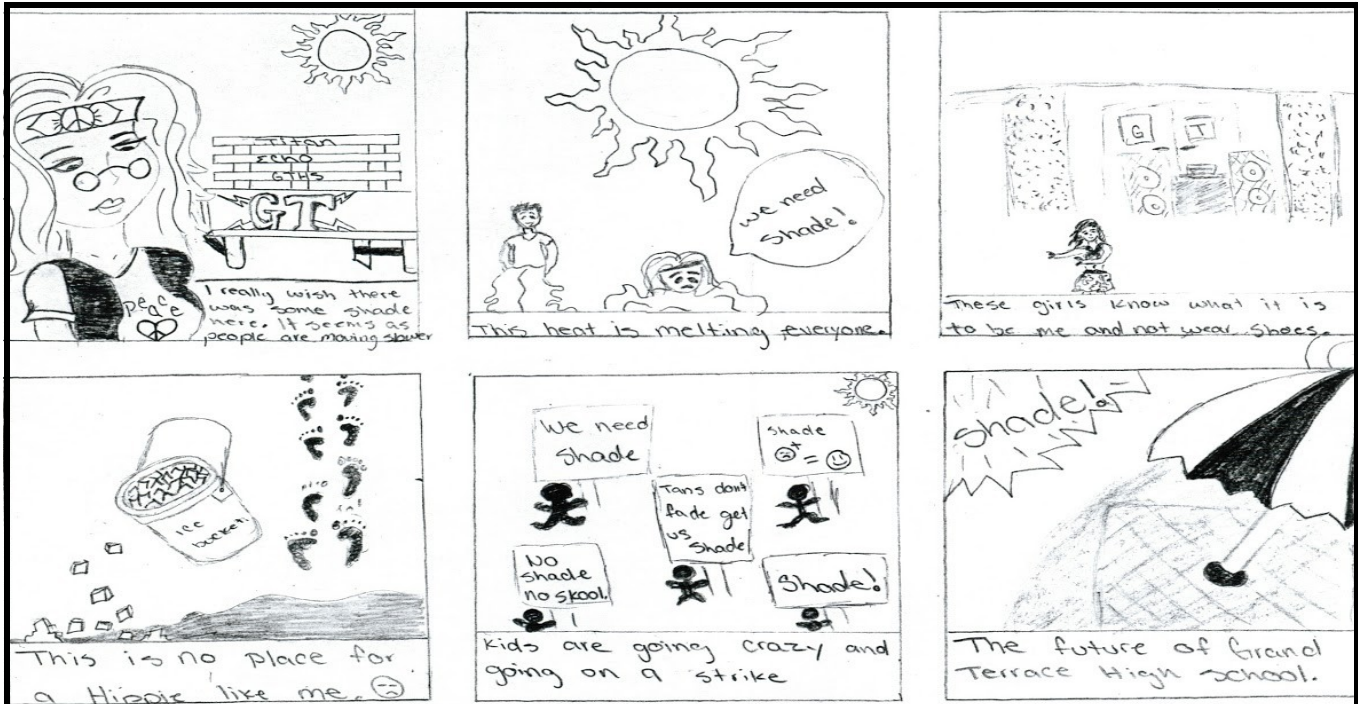
In addition, the rain season is looming and that will intensify students' complaints about the lack of cover.

During past years on rainy day schedules the gym is typically open for students for shelter. They are permitted to play basketball or lounge in the halls of the gymnasium. **TΣ**

### By the Numbers

Table Umbrellas	\$21,000
Amphitheater Cover	\$250,000
Aug. Average Temperature	93°
Sept. Average Temperature	90°

## Lucy *by Cassandra Hernandez*



# Book Budget Increased

Jennie Koning (2015), Campus Writer

**COLTON** - Colton Joint Unified schools will be seeing a big increase in funding this school year for textbooks and supplies. According to the most recent Adopted Budget, Multi-Year Projection for 2014-2015 Report, funding will increase 97.3 percent. This amounts to \$13.3 million on books and supplies. Last year the district spent \$6.7 million, the report said. This increase will be a one time chunk expected to cover future years for common core textbooks, according to GTHS librarians.

The librarians said new books have been ordered, yet it is not clear when they will be here. The books that have been ordered include A.P US History, A.P French, and A.P Spanish.

This is good news to Ms. Molly Green (Foreign Languages). Ms. Green, a French teacher, said she has not had any textbooks at all. Some of the supplies and books she has paid for herself, because they have not had the right supplies, like the A.P French textbook, she said.

"It will be great for students to have the recommended materials with them. They will be better prepared for the exam and it will greatly improve their comprehension and access to the language," Ms. Green said.

It is evident that GTHS does not have enough textbooks for home and class sets because many students did not receive textbooks to take home at registration.

According to the Williams Settlement though, schools are not required to provide home sets as long as students have access to books at school, according to internet sources.

Many students said it was inconvenient to not have both home and class sets, or even no books at all for some classes.

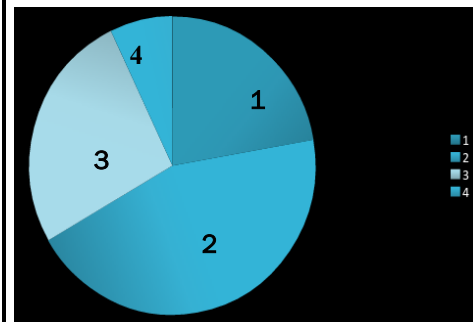
"It's hard to put the work into context without college level reading," said Taylor Curtis (2016), who has A.P. U.S. History.

Another student explained that her A.P Economics class has home sets but no class set.

"Having a class set would (be) better (for) class discussion on following up with the reading homework," said Ivonne Damitio (2015). **TΣ**

# Poll Says School Spirit Low

School Spirit Rating by Students .4 is highest.



By Crystal DeBerry (2015) Campus Editor & Lorena Hernandez (2015) Editor-in-Chief

**TITAN TOWN** — An unofficial poll conducted by the Titan Echo revealed that more than half of students polled reported to have low school spirit.

One hundred and sixty students were asked to rate their school spirit from a scale of one to four, with four being high.

Forty-four percent recorded a two. Twenty-two percent recorded a one and 28 percent recorded a three. Only six percent of students recorded a four.

However, involvement in school activities is high, football games are well attended and pep rallies are lively. This is contrary to the poll results.

"Polls can be misleading if you don't take a big enough sample or target a single population," said Mr. Victor Morales, a journalism teacher.

The poll invited students of all grades and was taken at four advisory periods.

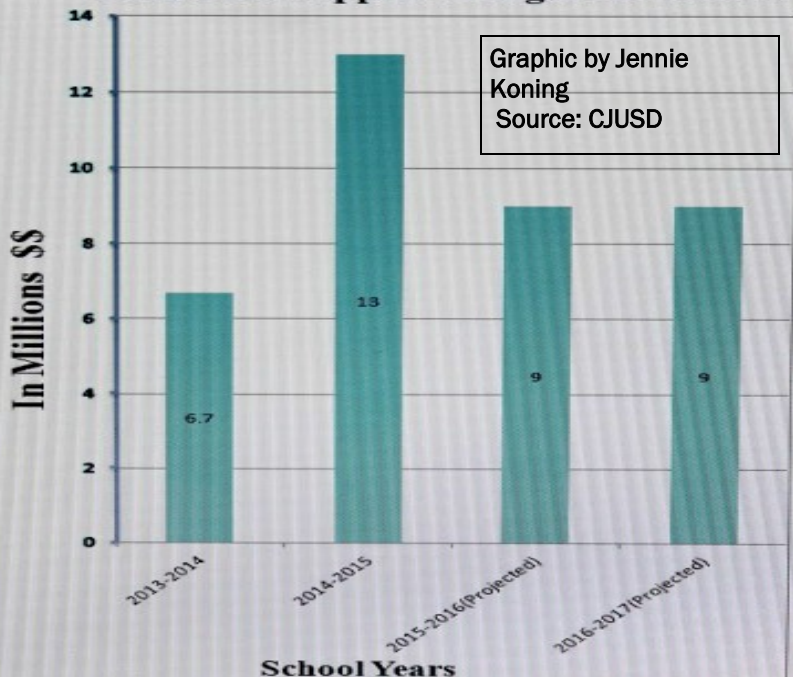
Also, the poll asked whether they believe the lack of school spirit is the cause of the litter problem on campus.

Of the students who answered this question, 38 recorded yes and 61 recorded no. Some of the students added their own comments to the polls.

"The students. . . don't have the mentality to think that Grand Terrace is their school and they don't think about keeping it clean, even if they do think it's a great school," said one return.

Mrs. Tamara Ramsden (Social Studies) said "That's definitely true. If you don't have a positive attitude towards your school then you're not going to have the desire to take care of it." **TΣ**

Books and Supplies Budget for District





# Club Says Dance Squad is Not a “Twerk” Team

Elisabeth Martin (2016), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** Grand Terrace High School’s very own Polynesian Dance Club, or Poly Club, has been receiving some bad reputation from students.

Due to last year’s lack of organization, confusion over attire, and lack of preparation by performance teams, students have been referring to the Poly club as a “twerk team.”

However, Angelica Jantes (2015) and Cassidy Graves (2015), the presidents of the Poly Club for two years, are determined to bring the club back up to the former glory.

“This year things are going to be a lot more strict and at the same time organized,” Graves explained. “So far this year I haven’t had any problems with the girls (and) it seems everyone has a good a head on their shoulders.”

The Poly club’s cultural validity was given great amounts of verified credibility at the recent performance during the Homecoming football game when they were reviewed



Members of the Poly Club audition in October for a spot on the Performance Dance Team. Poly Club leaders say the dancers go through a rigorous audition.

Photo by Elisabeth Martin

by several representatives from Disneyland.

The representatives were there to determine if the team was ready to perform at Disneyland. The club is approved for a reserved spot to perform, Graves confirmed.

Furthermore, performers must go through the rigorous trial period to maintain standards.

Also, leaders of the club say it’s a family. Members have been seen to be in a large social group. The girls sit in a circle and they share something about themselves. Occasionally, they’ll play game such as “mingle mingle” to practice cooperation. Though it doesn’t seem like much when one first observes the group’s activities, the time that the mem-

“The club is approved for a reserved spot to perform at Disneyland.”

bers have together really breaks the wall separating the different cliques and it helps make them feel connected and comfortable.

“Ohana means everything to me. As in ‘Lilo and Stitch’ it means family, no one gets left behind and that’s how I feel. I take care and watch these girls as if they’re my blood family. . . They can make me mad sometimes, but never for long because someone will always make a joke or be silly and I end up laughing. They are my life. Poly is my life,” Graves said. **TE**



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# Newest AP Has a Heart for Students

By Lorena Hernandez (2015), Editor-in-Chief

**TITAN TOWN** - "My goal is to (improve) kids' education so that they can succeed, because all kids can learn, regardless of their background," said Mr. MarLan Parker, the newest Grand Terrace High School assistant principal.

Many students believe that all APs are bland and strict, but Mr. Parker seems to break that stereotype in an interview with the Echo. He is upbeat, active, relaxed, and very student-oriented, the Echo observed.

Mr. Parker attended Etiwanda High School in Rancho Cucamonga, along with two other GTHS teachers, Ms. Lauren Tyler (Social Studies) and Ms. April Gardner (English).

As a student, Mr. Parker enjoyed playing basketball, helping out the less fortunate with the Black Student Union (BSU), and being a strong advocate for education.

When he graduated from EHS, Mr. Parker attended Chaffey College for three years. He transferred to the California State University, San Bernardino, where he joined a fraternity that was very focused on giving back to their community.

He graduated from CSUSB with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and also received his teaching credential.

After receiving his degree and teaching credential, Mr. Parker began teaching U.S. history, government, and AP government at San Bernardino High School, where he remained for seven years.

"I miss teaching and interacting with students," Mr. Parker said when asked if he missed SBHS. "I had a great time with their great staff and students."

Mr. Parker began his position at Titan Town late last year and said that although he feels slightly homesick, he is very excited to be a part of the Titan staff.

"I work with outstanding, selfless people whose beliefs coincide with my own: that all children can learn. We all strive for that daily," he said. **TS**

Photos by Jonathan Guerra



**BIO**

High School: **Rancho Cucamonga High College: Chaffey College and CSUSB**  
 Major: **History**  
 Teaching Experience: **7 years at SBHS**



**Trend**

**Kendama**  
 By Jonathan Guerra



# Varsity Volleyball Makes it a Game Against Fontana

By Jaelyn Soto (2016), Sports Writer

**FONTANA HIGH SCHOOL**— Striving for a win in their first league game of the season against Fontana High School, Varsity Volleyball put on a good game for a cheering crowd at FHS.

Losing the first set 25-17 the girls managed to shake it off and took the second set 25-21.

But, the Titans ended up playing a close four-set game losing the third set 25-17 and the fourth 25-22.

The Titans lost three sets out of four, eliminating them from playing a fifth.

Although the Titans took a loss, Captain Skyler Lewis (2015) helped her team with several blocks, gaining points for the Titans.

“I would like to make it to CIF and be a good captain,” Lewis said before the game.

“I want the girls to improve their volleyball skills and make it CIF playoffs while competing to win the Sunkist League Championship,” said Varsity Coach Ms. Camille Butts. **TS**



Senior Lindsey Lemos (left) fights for dominance at the net and sophomore Taylor Gardner (right) goes up for a jump serve in the third set against Kaiser High School on Oct. 16.

Photos by Jaelyn Soto



After beating Fontana in a two-set match, the JV Volleyball team takes advantage of their time to work on their homework.

Photo by Jaelyn Soto

## Varsity Volleyball Beats Most League Rivals in 2014

- 10/09 GT vs Bloomington @ Bloomington High School 3 - 0 Win
- 10/14 GT vs Colton @ Grand Terrace High School 3 - 0 Win
- 10/16 GT vs Kaiser @ Grand Terrace High School 3 - 1 Win
- 10/28 GT vs Bloomington @ Grand Terrace High School 3 - 0 Win
- 10/30 GT vs Colton @ Colton High School 3 - 0 Win
- 11/04 GT vs Kaiser @ Kaiser High School 3 - 0 Win

Source: MaxPreps  
Compiled by Jaelyn Soto







Above: Vivianne Ramirez (2016) gets ready to smash the ball at a tennis match versus Colton High School. Below: Jenna Chapman (2014) serves as she warms up at CHS. Photos by Vivian Meza



## Girls Tennis Eliminated from Championship Repeat

By Vivian Meza (2015), Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - With their recent loss against Summit High School, the girls Tennis team lost their last chance of gaining another league championship.

Last year the team defeated Summit to win the title, making them the first team in Grand Terrace High School history to win a championship.

"It's unfortunate, but what can you do? We lost a lot of girls from last year, so I knew this season would be different. I'm still proud of the team, and who knows what will happen next year," said the head coach, Mr. Kirk McVey.

Though a top spot in league is out of the question, the girls can still qualify for CIF playoffs if they earn second place behind Summit. In order to achieve this, they must defeat Colton High School in their match on Oct. 21.

"I think we have a good chance of taking second if all of our girls are there," said Drew Williams (2015), a member of the varsity team. "We lost a lot of players from last year, but I'm still proud of the team and how far we've come."

The Titan tennis team can still see a championship this year, however, in individual league finals being held on Oct. 29 and 30 at Summit High School. **TΣ**

## Girls Tennis Takes 2nd in League; Eliminated in CIF

By Vivian Meza, Sports Writer (2015)

**TITAN TOWN** - The Girls Varsity Tennis team won their match against Colton High School on Oct. 8, placing second behind Summit High School in the overall team season for League.

With this placement, they also qualified for CIF playoffs. This is the second season in a row that the team has made it to a postseason. Unfortunately, their CIF run was short-lived as the team lost in the first round against Burroughs High School of Ridgecrest, CA. Burroughs placed third in their league overall. The match ended in a very close score of 7-11. **TΣ**

Sports Editorial  
**Out of State  
 Team Shows  
 What Sunkist League Aspires to Be**



By Vivian Meza (2015), Sports Writer  
**TITAN TOWN** - The Varsity Football team faced Cherry Creek High School from Greenwood Village, Colorado on Sept. 19 and was met with a devastating 41-0 loss. This was the first time the Titans ever faced an out-of-state school.

The game was arranged by former head coach Harold Strauss, who felt that a game against this top-ranking team would be a great learning experience for the Titans and help prepare them for their upcoming league games.

The game was interesting to watch, but unfortunately the Titans just couldn't get on the scoreboard whatsoever. They attempted to make some solid plays throughout the game, and at times did deliver, but by the end of the first half the energy of the team completely depleted.

Cherry Creek was a very strong team, one that would definitely be difficult for any team in the Sunkist League to beat. Coach Strauss stated that if this team were to be in our division here in California, they would undoubtedly be among the top teams. **TS**

# Varsity's Odds Looked Good Before Friday Night Lights

By Vivian Meza (2015), Sports Writer  
**TITAN TOWN** - The Varsity football team had a great victory in their scrimmage on Aug. 30 against top ranking school Norte Vista.

But does this signal for a strong season ahead? According to newly appointed head coach Ryan Smalls, the team has been working hard on the field, improving a lot, and looking good.

This is great news, considering that more than half of the starting players from last year have gone on and graduated.

The Titan's first opponent this season, which they faced on Sept. 5, was Yucaipa High School, a team that had a record of 7-5 last season and qualified for CIF play-offs.

So can the Titans pull off another victory over a strong team?

Coach Smalls says he isn't too concerned yet with winning, stating that "winning will come on it's own, (the players) just need to know that there will be mistakes, but they can always learn from them."

The team ended last season with a 4-6 record, considerably better than the 1-9 record they obtained the first season. Will the numbers continue to rise this year? At this point so early on, a Titan fan can only hope. **TS**



The Titan offensive line gets ready for the Thunderbird attack at home Sept. 5

Photo By Jonathan Guerra





Defensive end and senior Domanik Richards (5) looks for yards after a turnover against Colton Oct. 30. Tackle and senior Rashad Cozart (74) looks for blocks. Photo by Vivian Meza

## Senior Night for Football Filled with Suspense

By Vivian Meza, (2015) Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - The Varsity team celebrated an exciting victory over the Fontana High School Steelers for their senior night on Friday, Oct. 25.

The Titans won in overtime 32-24 after regulation ended with the score tied at 24-24.

Students and fans alike filled the stands of Titan Stadium, making the night one of the most spirited and energetic games of the entire season.

Cheers could be heard from all around the Grand Terrace area as spectators rallied for the Titans in their tough, but exciting, final home game of the season.

The Titans faced the Colton High School Yellowjackets on Oct. 30, a matchup that could make or break their chances of advancing to CIF playoffs. Both teams currently held a 2-1 record in league play. **TS**

## Cross Country Places 2nd and Advances to CIF

**TITAN TOWN**—the Boy's and Girl's Cross Country teams qualified for CIF by placing second in League competition.

Also, runners who Nissa Inzunza, (2015), Celine Montano (2016), Oscar (2015)Saavedra, and Jared Baca (2015) were named to the Sun-kist All League Teams.

		Varsity Football 2014-15		Record: Overall 4-6 League 2-3					
Yucaipa	38	Cherry Creek	41	GT	0	GT	26	Summit	42
GT	4	GT	0	Arlington	25	Bloomington	6	GT	6
Chaffey	14	Alta Loma	16	Kaiser	44	GT	28	Compiled By Lorena Hernandez	
GT	35	GT	12	GT	0	Colton	40	Source: MaxPreps	

# Miley Cyrus' Fame Balloons After Transition: Was it by Design?

By Maile Wong (2015), A&E Writer

From the innocent teenager in Hannah Montana to a rock-hard pop star, Miley Cyrus has definitely been a hot topic among people of all ages.

Many people are still surprised how drastically Cyrus has changed. Is it an act or could this be the real Miley?

There are plenty of theories on why Cyrus changed. Many people believe that the 21-year old pop star changed because of her breakup with actor Liam Hemsworth, her ex-fiancé. After all, wasn't Cyrus' song, "Last Goodbye," all about Liam?

GTHS senior Ivon Gomez says Cyrus may have used her breakup with Hemsworth as a tool to change her entire image.

"I think it has to do a little bit with Liam, but whenever something happens like that, it always goes public. She could have used that situation as an excuse to change and get more attention," Gomez said.



Elizabeth Segura (2015) believes Cyrus' new image is both true and strong. "It looks like her. She gives it her all and it looks natural," she said.

But, there are many who do not see a good side to this change and believe it could be just for show.

"She wants attention. That's why she does it," said administration secretary, Mrs. Lillian Morales.

Either way, Cyrus has left huge impressions on people, good and bad.

And, aside from her new look, Cyrus' success has widened. Her gross income increased more than \$15 million just from her tours last year, according to Statistic Brain, a website that records statistics on celebrities.

Whether or not her success relates to her new image, Cyrus is definitely moving up on the fame scale. **TS**

## Suspicion Revolve Joan Rivers' Death



Joan Rivers, a celebrity comedienne and fashionista, passed away unexpectedly on September 4. Her cause of death resulted of lack of oxygen, thus damaging her brain.

On Aug. 28, Rivers checked in at Yorkville Endoscopy for an unexpected throat surgery. An anonymous source stated that the 81 year-old did not necessarily plan to have the surgery, but agreed to find out why her voice

has become raspy over the years. There are questions about what went wrong during the surgery. Dr. Lawrence Cohen, the medical director and surgeon who performed the procedure on Rivers, is a big target on the subject. CNN informed the situation is still under investigation as of September 4. The question still remains whether or not the throat surgeon should be convicted of malpractice. Yorkville Endoscopy denied ever doing a procedure on Rivers' vocal cords, but they did give Cohen the boot as soon as he turned in his walking papers, according to Fox News channel. The clinic gave a statement on Friday that read, "Dr. Cohen is not currently performing

procedures at Yorkville Endoscopy; nor is he currently serving as medical director."

CNN also said that Cohen decided to take a "selfie" during the procedure, just moments before Rivers went into cardiac arrest.

Melissa Rivers, Rivers' daughter, told the press that she is planning to sue Yorkville Endoscopy as soon as she can prove that the procedure was "botched," according to the gossip site, Inquisitr.

Rivers' death was unfortunate. GTHS senior, Claudia Chavez, agrees. "It's sad! She was a good person. She changed the lives of many people."

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# Tired of TV? Check out the Echo's Top 10 YouTubers

By Maile Wong (2015), A&E Writer

These days, TV has become the same old routine: record shows for later or wait until they're on Netflix. Access to YouTube is as simple as a click away on your computer, phone, or tablet, making it a prime-time source of entertainment.

Where TV has its celebrities, YouTube has its own. This list will provide you a variety of opinionated suggestions that are based on content rather than the number of subscribers recorded. All subscriber numbers are as of Oct. 3.

- 10. **tyleroakley**- Tyler Oakley is your average guy who talks about everyday things but through an entertaining way. Sarcasm and One Direction are two things that make Oakley who he is. Subscriber status is **5,541,972**.
- 9. **freddiew**- Freddie Wong does funny and extremely realistic reenactments of video games such as Call of Duty. He also films a lot of professional parkour stunts. Subscriber status is **7,004,91**.
- 8. **Paint**- Jon Cozart does hilari-



- ous versions of Disney princess songs and many more such as "Harry Potter in 99 Seconds." Subscriber status is **2,387,723**.
- 7. **ERB**- Epic Rap Battles of History has been going on for eight years. As you may know, ERB takes two or more historical characters and have them rap battle each other. Subscriber status is **10,975,523**.
- 6. **MichellePhan**- If you love D.I.Y.s and how-tos on makeup and more, this is the place to go. Michelle Phan has been at it for eight years. Subscriber status is **7,033,960**.
- 5. **chestersee**- Chester See is a singer who does various covers and hilarious skits. You may recognize the infamous Wayne Brady from Who's Line Is It Anyway? in some of his videos. Subscribers status is **1,545,550**.
- 4. **Tobuscus**- Toby Turner does many animated skits and pointless original songs that are bound to entertain you right away.

- You may recognize Turner as "Nerville" from the Cartoon Network series, Annoying Orange. Subscriber status is **6,050,744**.
- 3. **Smosh**- After nine years, Anthony Padilla and Ian Hecox have been doing farce skits as well as parodies on things like Pokemon. Subscriber status is **18,951,356**.
- 2. **markiplier**- Don't judge this YouTuber by his subscribers. Mark Fischbach has only started and his subscribers are increasing dramatically everyday. Fischbach plays a lot of computer games such as "Surgeon Simulator," a game that puts you in first-person as a surgeon. Subscriber status is **5,598**.
- 1. **PewDiePie**- Of course, PewDiePie, a.k.a. Felix Kjellberg or Pewds, is rated number one on YouTube. He has more subscribers than anyone else on YouTube. Pewds plays many games that especially includes horror. This YouTuber also has a weekly video called "Fridays with PewDiePie" where sometimes he takes dares from his fans and attempts to do it. Subscriber status is **31,159,403**. **TS**

By James Munoz (2015), Layout Editor

Today, people don't have the patience to wait for their favorite show's new episode every week. Services like Netflix and Hulu have amassed an impressive collection of old and new TV shows. The following is a list of the Titan Echo's picks for the Top Ten shows on Netflix.

- 10. **Bates Motel**- This is a drama thriller made to be a contemporary prequel to Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 psychological thriller film, Psycho. The series depicts the life of Norman Bates prior to the film.
- 9. **Kitchen Nightmares**- This is a reality show where Chef Gordon Ramsey is invited by failing restaurant owners to revive business.

## Top 10 Netflix



- 8. **Dexter**- Dexter has everything a gory and compelling show needs. With a good guy playing vigilante toward serial killers, this series is sure to entice you.
- 7. **The Walking Dead**- The Walking Dead has already wowed everyone with its hype. This series proves that in a zombie apocalypse, the zombies are not the only monsters.
- 6. **American Horror Story**- This is an emotionally disturbing series with the craziness of Wonderland, a combination made for endless enjoyment.
- 5. **Mad Men**- The LA Noire of TV, Mad Men shows you the business world at its finest and the downward spiral of one man.

- 4. **Orange is the New Black**- A comedy filled with laughs and heart, taking place in the confines of a prison.
- 3. **House of Cards**- A political drama at its best, this series is about ruthless pragmatism, manipulation, power and doing bad things for the greater good.
- 2. **Friday Night Lights**- This series presents a story about life, what is right and what is wrong, and what is easy and what is hard, all hidden in a game of football.
- 1. **Breaking Bad**- This immensely popular and critically-acclaimed series follows Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher who, after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, turns to crime. This powerful series will shake you to the core and have you question your morals. **TS**

# Robin Williams 1951-2014: You Know Him



By Deveny Garcia (2018), A&E  
Writer

Actor and comedian Robin Williams has been making us laugh since the 1970's and over the years he has touched our hearts.

According to the Lifetime website he died on Aug. 11 due to an apparent suicide in his home in California.

Williams started off as a stand-up comedian at a club in San Francisco called Holy City Zoo. He performed at various clubs until one night at the Comedy Club in 1977 TV producer George Schlatter was in the audience and introduced him to show business.

He first starred as an alien named Mork in "Happy Days," a popular TV show in 1970s, according to the Lifetime website.

But, his first big film performance was his title role of Popeye, a tough spinach-loving sailor based on the 1929 cartoon.

This film allowed him to showcase his real talent and passion for

acting, according to the Huffington Post. After taking this move he started making more motion pictures, in which he won many awards.

Probably one of his most memorable performances is his role as the Genie in the 1992 film "Aladdin." As Aladdin's best friend and wingman he is later set free.

He impressed us by performing the musical number "Friend Like Me" and doing numerous celebrity impressions such as Ed Sullivan, Robert De Niro, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and many other TV personalities.

"The one thing I said was I will do the voice, I'm doing it basically because I want to be part of this animation tradition. I want something for my children. One deal is, I just don't want to sell anything — as in Burger King, as in toys, as in stuff," Williams told New York Magazine about his role as Genie.

He also played the role of Euphegenia Doubtfire in the 1993 film Mrs. Doubtfire. He plays divorced father Daniel Hillard who dresses up as an old nanny

(Mrs. Doubtfire) to see his kids. This movie made us laugh and touched our hearts.

Another one of his most recent roles is Theodore Roosevelt in the Night at the Museum movies. He helps museum security guard Larry Daley out of sticky situations by giving him some well needed advice and wisdom. These are only a few movies he has starred in. No matter his role, Williams always found a way to brighten our day. **TS**

## Memorable Roles

Peter in Hook  
Allan in Jumanji  
Adrian in Good Morning Vietnam  
Genie in Aladdin  
Sean in Good Will Hunting  
Perry in The Fisher King  
Title role in Popeye  
John Keating in Dead Poets Society  
Title role in Mrs. Doubtfire  
Teddy Roosevelt in Night at the Museum  
Professor Brainard in Flubber  
Title role in Patch Adams



# FAQs About College

**By Vivian Meza, Sports Writer (2015)**

**TITAN TOWN** - There are many questions when it comes to the dreaded event after high school known as college, so here are some frequently asked questions along with answers that will hopefully help you out in the process of preparing for that next step. Whether you're a senior getting prepared for next year or an underclassman looking to get ahead, there are a lot of important things to learn and remember about going to college.

## When and how do I apply for college?

Start applying your senior year. Keep in mind that deadlines vary from school to school. To apply to University of California schools, go on [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu), create an account, and apply from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30.

To apply for California State University schools, go on [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu) and create an account. CSU applications can be submitted between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30.

For private schools, the time to apply varies, but many prestigious schools like University of Southern California or Harvard University accept applications via the Common Application; just go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) and create an account. The Common App. opens up on Aug. 1 and deadlines vary for different schools. If you aren't sure about how to apply to a certain school, go to their website and under

the "Admissions" tab they should have more information. Most applications allow you to save your progress and complete it later, so don't worry about finishing it in one sitting.

## I know I will need to get scholarships in order to pay for college, but where can I find them?

There are a lot of sites where you can go and find scholarships you qualify for, regardless of your family's income or your grades. One good site is [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), which offers tons of scholarships without asking for any financial information. Just make an account, answer a few questions, and they will find you tons of scholarships to apply for with hardly any problems.

Another good site is [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com). The great thing about Cappex is that it will actually send you email updates on when scholarship application deadlines are coming up.

## What is FAFSA? When and how do I apply for that?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which is pretty much what it is. It's a form that determines how much a family will contribute to the cost of attending college; the answers on the form are used to see how much a student should get in grants, work study, or loans from the

school they are attending and from the state.

There are two ways you can complete the FAFSA. Go onto [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) and complete the form online, or go onto [www.studentaid.ed.gov/PDFfafsa](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PDFfafsa), print out a form, complete it, and mail it.

The FAFSA can be sent starting January 1, but the deadline varies from school to school, so make sure you research the institution you plan on attending and find out when their deadline is.

## What should I do if I don't know what I want to major in?

So many people go into college not knowing what they actually want to study or what field they want to go into. First off, it's okay if you're unsure; applying to a college with an "undeclared" major is fine. Choosing a major isn't permanent either. You can always change your mind and pick something else once you're in college.

Still not sure what to do? To help you find the major that's best for you, go onto [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers), it will show you some majors that match what you're interested in and even show you schools that offer them and careers you can get with those majors. **TE**

## UC Vs. CSU :What's the Difference?

**By Chase Preciado (2016), Assistant Editor**

Grand Terrace High School made history last year with the Class of 2014 being its first graduating class. They were also the first class of Titans to head off to college. For seniors and juniors this year, many are considering the immensely popular higher education options in California. However, you may be conflicted between choosing the more affordable California Stat

University, or the more prestigious (and more expensive) University of California. You may not be sure what the difference between the two is. The Titan Echo broke them down.

**California State University (CSU):** The California State University system consists of 23 campuses: San Jose, Chico, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Humboldt, Maritime, Pomona, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Long Beach, East Bay, Fuller-

ton, Northridge, Stanislaus, Dominguez Hills, Sonoma, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, San Marcos, Monterey Bay and Channel Islands.

The CSU system is focused more on practical, career-oriented instruction. The system aims to provide bachelors and masters degrees to students that will prepare them to enter the workforce in the field in which they majored, or a career that closely relates to

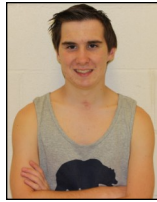
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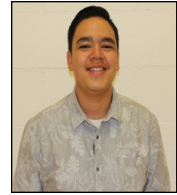
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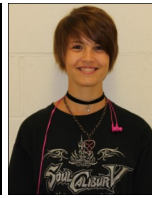
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## Continued: College Comparison



their major.

Class sizes in the CSU system are significantly smaller than in the UC system and are taught by the professor.

The CSU system is more affordable than the UC system. Tuition for the CSU system averaged approximately \$14,000-\$17,000 for students living at home with their parents, \$19,000-\$25,000 for students living on campus, and \$21,000-\$25,000 for students living off campus.

Admission rates for the CSU vary depending on the campus a student applies to. For the 2013-2014 school year admission rates ranged from 31% at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CSU Long Beach, and San Diego State University to 82% at Sonoma State University.

### University of California (CU):

The University of California system

consists of ten campuses: Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz. UC San Francisco, however, is a university that is dedicated solely to graduate education.

The UC system is both more expensive and competitive than the CSU system.

The system's education is very research-oriented, and is designed to tailor to students planning to pursue graduate degrees before entering their desired career field.

Unlike the CSU system, class sizes in the UC system, although varied, tend to be much larger and are often taught by teacher's assistants and graduate students, rather than the professor themselves.

Tuition for the UC system for the 2014-2015 school year was \$33,100 for California residents. **TE**

### California Public University Comparison

Categories of Consideration	CSU	UC
Number of Campuses	23	10
Focus of instruction	Career-oriented	Research, Career and Graduate School
Tuition	Ranges \$14,000-\$25,000 /year	Average \$33,100/year
Admission rate	Competitive	Very Selective