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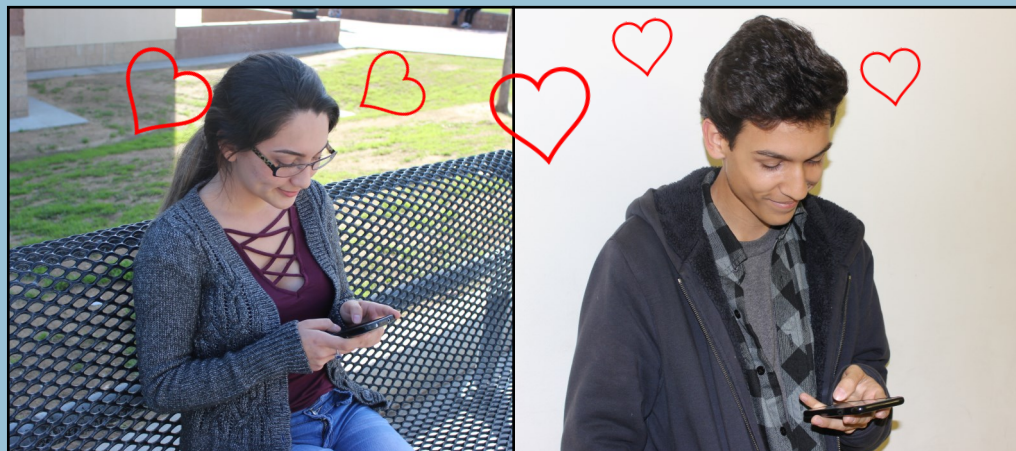
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## The State of the Presidency

By Angie Sanchez (2018), Editor in Chief

As of Jan. 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump is officially the 45th President of the United States. Though the campaigning and debates may be over, the controversy remains aflame. Now, there are protests all over the nation, most due to the unorthodoxy of Donald Trump's already consistent use of executive orders. He is ferociously undoing previous work while simultaneously putting new ones in effect without intervention.

Trump ran on a bold and dangerous platform which is why many supported him. They were persuaded by his affirmative and persuasive nature. This is also why so many were dubious of him coupled by his terrifying promises, with the most prevalent being the seemingly persecution of different groups in the U.S.

It has been a mere two weeks since Trump's inauguration and he has taken the meaning of "executive orders" to a new level. Trump's inaugural address had much talk of populism, but his current actions fail to demonstrate that. His racist, misogynist, and bigot ways have started to show by his signing of putting forth of what is being called the "Muslim Ban," "The Wall," Keystone XL Pipeline, and Mexico City Policy. Refugees, immigrants, environmentalists, Native Americans, and soon-to-be mothers have and will continue to be affected.

These actions defy his purpose of bringing the people together. These social injustices have not gone unnoticed and the American people are gaining momentum as Trump ruthlessly continues to sign new policies. The people are uniting but not in ways Trump hoped.

Moreover, people are second-guessing the voting system. After all, Trump lost the popular vote by nearly 2.9 million votes which quickly escalated to the questioning of the electoral college. For now, people of all ages, ethnicities, and sexes are executing their right to petition; the Women's March on Washington gathered the largest numbers since the 1960s and soon spread to other parts of the country.

It is imperative that the American people not only hold Trump accountable for his actions but his spiteful words. As so commonly shown in his tweets, he does not take time to consider the possible effects or repercussions they may have. In several cases they have been used against him, and it is baffling how he has gotten away with it.

Growing up with Barack Obama as president, I and so many others my age had a role model to look up to, and it is saddening to say that Trump will not be that person for children now. He is unfit for the presidency for the lack of political (or even military) experience. He is unfit for the presidency for a lack of compassion. He is unfit for the presidency for a lack of common sense. Being president should not be about obtaining power but becoming a leader of the people, by the people, and for the people.

## Trump is What the Nation Needed

By Eybin Heraz (2020), Contributor

There are lots of reasons why I like Donald J. Trump. No. I'm not a racist and have immigrant parents. It may seem weird that I'd support Trump. But in an election between "Crooked Hillary" and Trump, I saw the latter as the clear and better option.

His business background and hundreds of successful companies shows he is a real money man and will get things done on time and under budget, like he's done many times before in his own business. Also, I find that his credibility was higher than other candidates. Many people say he speaks his mind too much and has no filter. But I see a man who wears his heart on his sleeve. What you see is what you get. I'd rather have that than someone who is probably a liar, any day.

America is in debt. It's about time we had a real business man in office. In addition, after the election and while being sworn in, he turned over control of all his business holdings, and flat out rejected a presidential salary. He gave his sons control to his businesses so that he wouldn't make biased decisions to favor himself. He denied the salary for the same reason. He didn't want to be influenced by money or personal gain, which in my eyes shows how much he truly loves this country.

Many people call Trump a racist, fascist, or a misogynist. Most of these claims can be disputed or are wrong. Trump's message has never been about Mexicans or other minorities. Its about illegal immigrants. He simply wants to keep Americans safe, which should be the president's priority.

When it comes to being a so called fascist, it is usually about his opinions on the LGBT community. But, his opinion on gay marriage is completely pro. He stated that he is fine with the idea, and has no interest in changing it.

One of the biggest reasons I like Trump are his views on the War on Terror. He is very aggressive and transparent about terrorists, perhaps a little too aggressive. But, at least, you know things will change. His plan includes bombing runs on oil reserves, disrupting the monetary influence of radical groups and bleeding their economy and completely destroying their ability to produce weapons. Now you see, there are many reasons I like Donald Trump. But, I like him the most because he's not "Crooked Hillary."

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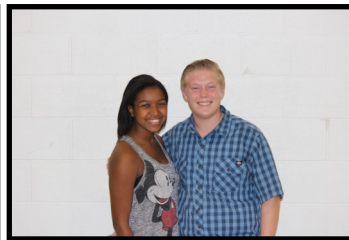
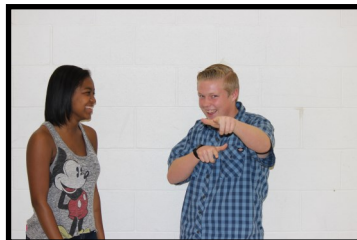
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## Meet the Faces Behind the Voices of the Titan Charge



By Jillian Deuel (2019), Campus Editor

**TITAN TOWN-** Most mornings, the vibrant voices of **Joey Lopez** (2018) and **Kiana Douglass** (2017) keep students up to date on important announcements through the bulletin, “The Charge.”

Although their cheerful voices are easily recognizable, what it’s like to be a voice behind the scenes of The Charge personalities is left to the imagination.

This year, the morning announcements have witnessed a big change with the

addition of Kiana’s co-host Joey. Douglass was one of the personalities last year, and chose Lopez to be her new partner after he was reportedly spotted in the school talent show, she stated.

The two agreed that interest in the bulletin last year could have been higher, and sought to make it more exciting and appealing for both staff and students.

“Personally, I think it’s a healthy change. It’s more alive and has brought the school morale up,” Lopez said.

Just the thought of having

the entire school listen to you speak is something that many people get nervous just thinking about. However, the task is not so daunting for Douglass and Lopez.

Both agreed that they had never been nervous while doing the announcements, except for when they had to do it by themselves.

“It’s just like talking on the phone,” Douglass stated.

With the job comes recognition from many students and staff around campus. According to Lopez, people often get excited and make playful jokes when they see him.

“Everyone knows who I am without me knowing them,” Lopez said.

The goal of “The Charge” is to inform students about important announcements while at the same time providing entertainment.

So far, Joey and Kiana are doing just that. They reported that they have received positive feedback from both teachers and students.

“They give a positive vibe and people are entertained, whether they laugh with us or at us,” Douglass said.

*Photos by Jillian Deuel*

## Donald Trump Wins. What Now?

By Isabel Zaragoza (2020), Campus writer

**TITAN TOWN -** The wait is over. Donald J. Trump is the 45th President of the United States. Many Trump supporters are elated, while others are disappointed.

According to cnn.com, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by 1.7 percent. However, Trump won the election with 306 electoral votes toppling Clinton with 232.

Now, one may wonder, what will Trump do. Apparently, NPR, says that, he will do various things such as fund the construction of “The Wall” and rebuild military bases.

At the time this article was written, he had been inaugurated, nominated cabinet posts, and signed executive orders that could eliminate some aspects of the Affordable Care Act and clear the permit process for the controversial South Dakota pipeline projects.

Students have their opinions too, such as **Gracelyn Nichols** (2019), who likes Trump’s business credentials.

“I’d rather have someone who knows business in the White House than a liar,” she said.

**Eybin Heraz** (2020) agrees.

“I think from a business perspective he is very good. I think he will help out our economy and improve our trade

treaties with foreign nations,” he said.

**Kassandra Pedroza** and **Valerie Jimenez** (2019) both agreed that Trump is “very racist.”

**Jacob Miranda** (2020) said he is “concerned about the wall he is supposed to build.”

However, some are neutral such as **Kelsey Pablo** (2020) claiming that “either way, it wouldn’t turn out well.”

Those perspectives reflect the outcome of a mock campus election conducted by the Social Sciences Department. Clinton received just 2.5 percent more votes than President Donald J. Trump, according to the department chair, **Ms. Tamara**

### GTHS Mock Election Results

**Clinton 42.9 %**

**Trump 40.4%**

**Other 16.7 %**

*Source: Social Sciences Dept.*

### San Bernardino County

**Clinton 52.64%**

**Trump 41.89%**

*Source: San Bernardino County Office of Elections*

### California

**Clinton 61.5%**

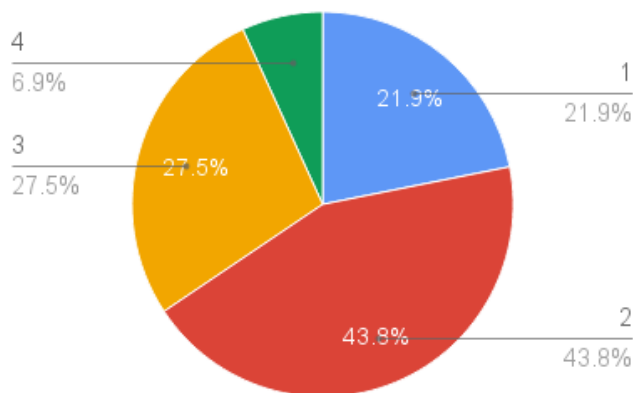
**Trump 31.5%**

*Source: The New York Times*

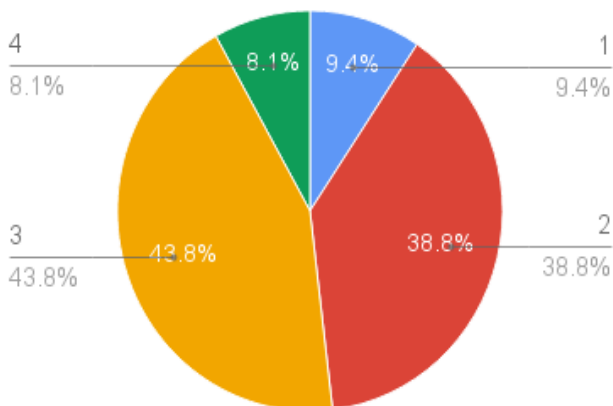


# Poll: School Spirit Increases in Year 5

2014 School Spirit Ranked by Students. 1 is the Lowest.



2016 School Spirit by Student Ranking. 1 is the lowest



By Lillyana Rodriguez (2019) and Raeleene Wilbur (2019)

**TITAN TOWN-** Two years ago the Titan Echo Staff conducted a poll to measure school spirit. The poll was replicated in October with the same methodology. The Echo found that our school spirit has slightly improved, according to poll results.

The poll asked 160 students, 40 from each grade to measure school spirit with numbers one through four. One is the lowest and four is the highest. In 2014, when the school was just three years old, the number with the highest percentage was two at nearly 44 percent.

This year (2016-17), almost 45 percent of students polled rated a three, a switch.

Graphic by Lillyana Rodriguez and Raeleene Wilbur

The poll showed that many seniors and freshman tended to rate the school's spirit with a high number of three. This, while sophomores and juniors tended to rate spirit level as two. This could be explained by the rigor of students' schedules. As students get to their sophomore and junior years, the toughest and most saturated with core classes, they may not have time or interest for showing school spirit.

Meanwhile, seniors and freshmen have less stress in school, which may allow them to participate in more activities, thus taking part in the overall school spirit attitude.

"School spirit should be shown more at rallies, I think that the shouting and chanting mainly comes from the seniors and juniors," said Alexis Johnson (2017).

## Solar Panels Installed

By Jillian Deuel (2019), Campus Editor

**TITAN TOWN-** Two large, solar panel-covered shade structures were built in the quad recently. These structures, along with several ones located in two parking lots, are part of a Solar Proposal Plan, which was approved and put into action by the school district.

The panels are an eco-friendly energy solution as well as a source of shade for students during the hot, sunny days that make up the greater part of the year in the Inland Empire. They will finally give some relief to students seeking shade during the summer, an issue that has sparked conversation (and two articles in the Titan Echo) in past school years.

Originally, the structures were thought to be placed near the cafeteria, but instead were constructed next to the amphitheater area beside the library.

Additionally, there are solar panels affixed to parking structures in the teachers parking lot and the parking lot located behind the PE area.

Solar Panels were installed at other sites in the district as a district-wide effort.

### BY THE NUMBERS:

#### Projected Savings per year District-Wide

Year 1 \$543,918

Year 2 \$ 609, 654

Year 3 \$677,012

Year 4 \$746,039

Year 5 \$816,786

Cumulative after 5 years \$3.3 million

Source: CJUSD Business Services Division

# Boys Soccer Improves Over Last Year

By Raeleene Wilbur (2019), Campus & Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** The boys soccer record improved greatly since their last season. The boys' varsity soccer team ended last season with a record of 1 win, 16 losses, and 12 ties. This season they have beaten last year's record with five wins, five losses, and two ties.

The team has shown that they have good coordination while playing together. They have also shown good strategies during the games such as making sure a player is open to make a goal by defending the player. They have shown that they can defend their goal from the other team, whether that be keeping the ball away from the goal or the goalie keeping it out of the net.

The players and coaches have made this improvement possible with great teamwork and strategy.



GT soccer players attack and defend against Arroyo Valley in a win Dec. 9. Photos by Raeleene Wilbur

## Boys Soccer 2017

Source: MaxPreps

- 2/2 Loss vs. Summit
- 1/31 Tie vs. Kaiser 1
- 1/26 Tie vs. Bloomington
- 1/24 Tie vs. Colton
- 1/19 Win vs. Fontana
- 1/17 Loss vs. Summit
- 1/12 Win vs. Kaiser
- 1/10 Loss vs. Bloomington
- 1/3 Tie vs. Beaumont
- 12/16 Tie vs. San Geronimo 1
- 12/15 Win vs. JW North 3
- 12/14 Loss vs. Banning
- 12/9 Win vs. Arroyo Valley
- 12/8 Loss vs. Citrus Valley 4
- 12/6 Loss vs. Yucaipa
- 12/1 Loss vs. Perris 5
- 11/29 Loss vs. Pacific

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*"We were better as a team and our communication was better. We had good chemistry and we had a lot more heart." - Alejandro Martinez (2017)*

# Wrestling Showed They're in it to Win it

By Rodri Smith (2019), Sports Editor

**TITANTOWN-** GT wrestling had a great season. The team as a whole did great. Both the girl and boy wrestlers cheered each other on at every match and always supported each other. On the date this story was written, their records were improving and were getting ready to compete in the league finals.

Both JV and Varsity captains stepped up and helped their teammates when needed.

JV Captain **Mujahid Ahmad** (2018) said, "My motivation is to improve my wrestling skills... Like my coach tells us 'The way you practice in the wrestling room is the way you perform.' Our coaches help better us by going over the mistakes we made during our



match so we don't repeat the same mistakes again."

**Luis Garcia** (2019) said, "...I really feel that our team has a great chance at being the best. We have the willpower to do anything..."

Throughout the season, the wrestlers have been their for one another and have shown what it is like to be a winning team. They have won some matches and lost some as well, but throughout the season they have taken every match and learned from them. Winning or losing they gave it their best and that's all the coaches could have asked for. The wrestlers can't wait for next season. Most say they will be coming back and can't wait to dominate next year.

Photos by Rodri Smith



## Five Softball Players Sign Off To Play College Ball

By Rodri Smith (2019),  
Sports Editor

**TITAN TOWN-** Five varsity softball players signed away to go play ball in colleges throughout the nation.

They signed the commitment papers on Nov. 9, 2016. All of the girls picked different schools from Grand Canyon University, University of Oklahoma, University of Mississippi, University of Hawaii, and North Carolina State. Their family and friends were there during the festive signing to support them. "I am very blessed to have my education paid for and to play division one college softball," said



From left Alyssa Martinez, Morgan Parsons, Eliyah Flores, Yessina Morrison, and Lilly Bishop.  
Photo by Rodri Smith

Eliyah Flores, who is bound to the University of Oklahoma.

The players pushed themselves in a program that won a divisional state championship last year. The GT softball program is known for its tough work ethic and workouts.

Senior **Yesenia Morrison** (Grand Canyon University) said, "I am excited and all the work my parents and I did paid off." Morrison committed to Grand Canyon University. The other players are **Morgan Parsons** (University of Hawaii) **Lily Bishop** (North Carolina State), and **Aly-**

**sa Martinez** (Ole Miss).

## GTHS Varsity Volleyball Player Makes All Star Team

By Raeleene Wilbur (2019), Campus & Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** After being the Player of the Match six times and Player of the Year, it came as no surprise when senior **Roni Rea Lopez** was selected to represent GTHS in the Inland Valley All Star Volleyball Classic game.

Roni was selected to play in the game by the Inland Valley All Star Committee. This is a great achievement for her and the GTHS volleyball team.

Roni ended the year with 50 sets played, 118 kills, 203 points, 2 triple blocks, 230 digs, and 33 assists. With a record like that, it leaves you to wonder how good the other team members are.

"Great Job" reads the GTHS website on the announcements of Roni's achievement on making the team. With this enlightenment, it is safe to say that GTHS is excited to see the outcome of this game. The game was held on Dec 4 at AB Miller High school. The game ended with team 1 winning with a 3-1 margin. This means that the team Roni played on sadly lost. Although she lost, it is still a great achievement to make it to the game.

"Roni is a four-year varsity volleyball player (with 2 years at GTHS)," said GTHS Coach Bill Beloro. "Roni was an integral part of the Varsity Team. She was our all around player and led the team....," he added.

Coach Beloro said Roni was a Coaches Sunkist League unanimous choice for 1st Team All League.



Photos courtesy of Roni Rea Lopez

# Artist Review: *Death Grips*

By Jack Garrison (2018), A&E Writer

This issue's featured artist is the experimental rap group Death Grips. The group consists of drummer/producer Zach Hill, rapper/vocalist Stefan Burnett (MC Ride), and keyboardist/co-producer Andy Morin (Flatlander). The band has collaborated with artists such as singer Bjork, bass player Les Claypool, electronic artist The Bug, guitarist Nick Reinhart, and actor Robert Pattinson, who



had recorded himself playing guitar and sent it to the band to use in their song "Birds." The group formed in Sacramento on

December 21, 2010 and released their first self-titled EP. A year later, they released their mixtape, Ex-military, for free on their website, which garnered favorable reviews from several critics. On February 27, 2012, Death Grips signed on with Epic Records and released two more albums, titled The Money Store, and No Love Deep Web. After Death Grips leaked the latter album through torrent websites, Epic dropped them from the label.

Death Grips developed their own label called Third Worlds, and released three more albums before they announced their disbandment. Zach Hill and Andy Morin released an instrumental album entitled Fashion Week. On March 24, 2014, Death Grips announced they would be going on tour, saying they had never broken up completely. In 2015, they announced a new album, and released a single entitled Hot Head. The following year, they announced a new album entitled Bottomless Pit, which released on April 29, 2016.

While the history behind Death Grips isn't conventional, neither is any of their music. Their styles change from each album. They release all their songs on YouTube or free on their website, and have sexually explicit songs and album covers. However, because of this unorthodoxy, they have torn down the walls of what it means to be a musician, and have influenced other artists, such as David Bowie when he created Blackstar.

You can find Death Grips on their website, third-worlds.net, their Twitter account, @deathgripz, and their Soundcloud or Spotify accounts. (WARNING: Death Grips lyrics and imagery are extremely explicit. (Listen with caution.)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuq1H-HXWoW4JL-hX5bWxzw>

## Band Members are Accomplished

By Isabel Zaragoza (2020), A&E Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** Out of the many accomplished band students at GTHS, there are some that have extraordinary talent. Some of them have traveled across the country to go to events.

Seniors **John Brannon**,



From left: John Brannon, Kanitha Buntoum, and Melissa Estadilla.

**Melissa Estadilla**, and **Kanitha Buntoum** are only a few of the many top musicians from the marching band. John had the honor of marching in the Tournament of Roses Parade in the Tournament of Roses Honor Band. He is the first student from GTHS to achieve this accomplishment. Both Melissa and John auditioned for the world champion Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps. Each received a call back to the primary and Vanguard Cadet Corps, but each declined due to challenges in funding and traveling.

Kanitha, John, and Melissa, are going to be touring the US as members of the Pacific Crest Drum and Bugle Corps for 2017. They also performed in the Rose Bowl at July 1. Mr. **Robert Ransdell**, the band director, said many positive things about the students. "They have strong work ethics, self discipline, and self motivation," said Mr. Ransdell. He is also "very proud of all his students." John Brannon has been with Mr. Ransdell for four years, Melissa for six, and Kanitha for eight.



## Teen Dating: Then and Now

By Jillian Deuel (2019) and Kylee Sanchez (2017)

**TITAN TOWN**– Throughout the decades many teens have experienced high school relationships. Many adults today still remember their high school sweethearts years, their first loves, years after graduating. However, as time has gone by, technology has advanced and changed our way of communicating, and the way teens date has changed as well.

So what are the differences between our relationships today and those of past generations? The most prominent difference is the role the internet and social media plays in modern day teen relationships. Texting, tweeting, snapchatting, liking photos, and additional ways of interacting with others online provide opportunities for teens to develop connections (and possibly flirt) with each other.

According to a study done by the Pew Research Center, about half of teens surveyed have expressed their romantic interest in someone through exchanges with others on social media. Previous generations of young people didn't have these means of communication and that we now see as a part of everyday life.

The Titan Echo interviewed teachers **Daniel Johnson** (Social Science) and **Karla Huesca** (Foreign Languages) to offer their personal experiences and insight on the "good old days." It was generally agreed among the two that relationships were more face-to-face and on a personal level when they were teenagers.

"One-on-one time was the only option," Mrs. Huesca said. Both teachers, who attended high school more than 30 years ago, said that friends played a vital role in connecting couples. "'Social media' was through friends. Friends would set up dates and hang out as a group," Mr. Johnson said.

Cellphones play a vital role in teen dating today, just as home phones (landlines) did years ago. According to Pew Research Center, 72 percent of teens in relationships text their significant other daily, while 39 percent talk on the phone daily. Now, with almost everyone having their own cellphone,

teens have the privilege of privacy, something they can take for granted.

But, both teachers reminisced about the troubles of sharing a phone with their whole family. Having the possibility of someone listening in on the call, the fear of tying up the line, or having to go through parents who answered the phone first was something teens back then had to deal with.

Passing notes in class was also a method of "messaging" each other. "If you liked a girl in class, you'd pass notes," explained Johnson. Now, teens can text or snap each other in class as an alternative.

While getting a glimpse on how relationships worked back then, there does not seem to be a crucial difference compared to now. The only major difference is connecting online rather than connecting through friends.

The Titan Echo interviewed **Kyremina Youssef** (2017) and **Shomari Sterling** (2017) to evaluate Pew Research Center's claim, and compare Huesca and Johnson's perspective on teen relationships now. The results were a bit surprising with Kyremina and Shomari's "love story" because they didn't meet by direct messaging each other, but through a school club. Yet, most of the aspects Pew Research Center points out are apparent through their relationship. Teens may not have to worry about sharing a landline with their whole

household, but today it's knowing where their own phone is 24/7.

Most of the attachment for cellphones comes from the social media accessed on it, causing many relationship issues. For Kyremina, the struggle with social media is "[It] makes you feel more pressured to be that perfect couple"- having to go out on dates a lot, and buy each other gifts. Shomari's response to social media was it causes jealousy over your partner or crush liking another person's photo, which the Pew Research Center described as too much surveillance on a person.

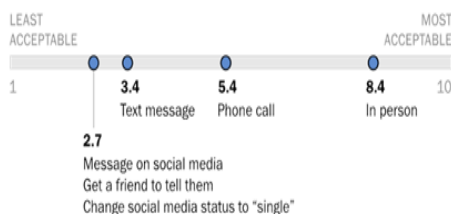
Although social media may have unreasonable representations of a relationship or cause issues, having your own phone is the ideal form of communication now. With technological advances, many teens can not only hear their partner, but see them face-to-face, allowing couples to be together *almost* in person.

Shomari defended himself saying that "If we didn't have Facetime I would make more of an effort to see [Kyremina]", but Facetime has made seeing one another effortless by the push of a button.

Through the years, the only thing that has really changed in teen relationships is the ease teens today communicate. Face-to-face contact is accompanied by interaction through social media and more public display of relationships.

### Breaking Up In Person Is Most Socially Acceptable Method

On a scale from 1 to 10, teens' average rank of the acceptability of each breakup method



Source: Pew Research Center Teens Relationships Survey, Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 2014, and Feb. 10-March 16, 2015 (n=1,060 teens ages 13 to 17).

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# Prosthetics Meets the Aesthetic

By Kylee Sanchez (2017), Fashion Writer

**CANADA-** Prosthetics are usually an item kept hidden by a piece of clothing due to its stigma given by society, but they are now finding a place in fashion and becoming an icon for a new small business founded by two college students- McCauley Wanner, an industrial design major, and Ryan Palibroda, an architect major.

For McCauley's thesis project, she had to do research on an industrial design, so she looked into prosthetics and decided to make them fashionable by designing them with intricate and unique designs. She paired up with Palibroda and created "Alleles" in order to bring this product to the public in 2013.

The response to this was positive, boosting the confidence of those with prosthetics by making it an accessory to an outfit rather than what

some people may see as a distraction.

Outsiders who see the custom designs of Alleles on someone's prosthetic approach her/him differently now.

Instead of asking the personal and typical question of "what happened?", they take interest in the design of the prosthetic and ask the wearer the place of purchase.

**Susan Danilewicz** (2017) thought it was an interesting concept, stating, "Instead of being ashamed of it they make it more acceptable," which is the whole motive of the Alleles producers. They wanted to create something that flows with the wearers outfits to get rid of the stigma given to it. These uniquely designed prosthetics are a foot in the fashion world and a foot in the medical world, merging the two together to make something ordinary become extraordinary and accepting.



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## Blooming Fashion Trends

By Kylee Sanchez (2017), Fashion Writer

With spring arriving, so are new trends in the fashion world. Here is a little synopsis of what you may see out on the streets during the months of March, April, May, and June.

For color schemes, Pantone's fashion color report presented us with colors that are vibrant and flirty, with a coral color called Flame, an aqua color Island Paradise, a denim blue color called Niagara" and a Kurt green that will show a lot more in men's clothing.

The colors you wear are an important aspect of how you present yourself, especially this spring. But, another important aesthetic are the prints you wear. Stripes may be a big trend for this year's spring as claimed by fashionisers, mainly a classy looking scheme of multicolored stripes, as well as classic pinstripes in black and white. You will also see lots of retro prints inspired by the 80's that will give Spring a throwback vibe.

As for hair and makeup for girls, it will be simple yet eye-catching. Hair will consist of beachy type of waves, or sleek and polished, and for makeup many will be going for a soft, feminine look, or girls will switch out their light, natural-pink lipstick for a bold pastel lip color.

This spring there seems to be a division between settling in with the crowd or standing out.

## Think outside the box for Beauty

By Kylee Sanchez (2017), Fashion Writer

Searching for new beauty products can always be a hassle, whether you're finding the time to look for them or finding the money to purchase them, trying something new isn't easily accessible.

Companies have now created subscription boxes that allow subscribers to receive a box at their doorstep filled with 5 or 4 products that range from cosmetics, skin care, hair care, and fragrance samples. Having these boxes mailed to you is convenient because it is ordered online. But, it may leave a dent in your wallet. It's not free, but compared to buying some of the products individually, buying a monthly box subscription may be cheaper.

Some of the boxes that are available are Birchbox (\$10 per month), Boxycharm (\$21 per month), Glossybox (\$21 per month), Play! By Sephora (\$10 per month), Lookfantastic Beauty Box (\$19 per month), and Love Goodly (\$30 bimonthly). Most of these beauty box subscriptions give a discount when subscribing for a 6-month or yearly plan, which makes ordering a bit cheaper. Some boxes has certain preferences as well such as Birchbox having custom boxes for one's product gender preference, or Love Goodly which only uses vegan products.

## Marissa Paternoster is the Underrated Guitarist

By Lillyana Rodriguez (2019), A&E Writer

Marissa Paternoster is a female guitarist that is highly underrated. She grew up in Elizabeth, New Jersey and was taught how to play guitar by age 14 by her father, Angelo Paternoster. Marissa, an artist, singer, and songwriter, possess her own style that is unimaginable. In 2012 she was named the 77th greatest guitarist of all time by Spin Magazine. She may be in 77th place, but that doesn't mean that she should not- or cannot- be in the top five. Quite frankly, Paternoster deserves to be near the top. Marissa has an incredibly diverse guitar style that distinguishes her from other guitarists. She started playing music while she was at school at Roselle Catholic High School, and during her time there, she joined an after school club titled Music Club which led her to create her first band with King Mike and two other neighborhood kids. Their band was called Surgery On TV. King Mike and Paternoster's band ended in high school.

Marissa later went on to attend Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts. While attending this university, she became more interested in music. Paternoster then created an indie band called Screaming Females. She performs as the guitarist and lead vocalist. The members of The Screaming Females are Marissa Paternoster (lead vocals and guitarist), Jarrett Dougherty



(drums) and King Mike (bass guitar). Contrary to most indie bands tendency to be quite mellow and calm,

Screaming Females is loud and in your face, perhaps due to the fact that they also fall under the punk rock and alternative genre. They have produced six albums in the past ten years and also performed with many other bands such as Arctic Monkeys, Garbage, Throwing Muses, to name a few.

"Marissa is so special and unique in her own way and never judge a book by it's cover is strongly used when I think of her," said **Christy Lucero-Chase** (2019). Paternoster and her talent are extremely underestimated. Marissa is now 30, and she is better than ever. When she plays it seems as if she is being taken over by something paranormal. She captures you in a wonderful and powerful trance that cannot be broken. There are many great guitarists in the world, and Marissa Paternoster is among them with her own beautiful style. Being a female guitarist is hard enough, but when Marissa performs all of that is forgotten.



Listen to "Criminal Image" by Screaming Females and see for yourself.-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECIURtpwRnk>

## The Renaissance of Adventure Games

By Jack Garrison (2018), A&E Writer

Video games have been around for decades. Since the simplest Pong, to the newest Pokemon, we have always been playing these pixelated pleasantries. Some of the earliest games were adventure games, text-based games that had you type in the commands for your character to solve puzzles and interact with other characters. Games like Zork and the adaptation of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy were the first to spearhead this genre that most critics today mark as video games first plunge into storytelling.

Eventually, games such as The Secret of Monkey's Island and King's Quest would give visualization to the genre, as well as added difficulty. Now, developers are becoming even more bold, getting rid of most elements that make these experiences games, and are now focusing entirely on the story.

This resurgence began with Fullbright's game Gone Home, which put you in the shoes of a girl who comes home after college, only to see that her family is missing.

You search throughout the house, looking for clues and opening cabinets and doors with keys. And other developers want to do the same thing.

Recently, games such as Firewatch and Virginia have used this first-person exploration, putting you in the roles of a fire lookout in Shoshone National Park or an FBI agent looking for a lost boy. Games such as Night in the Woods or The Wolf Among Us, use side-to-side cameras or a cinematic view, as if watching the game through a camera. Most adventure games involve talking with characters and solving puzzles. However, some games add elements such as action, or rid dialogue altogether.

The one similarity between all adventure games is they all tell a story. Video games used to (and sometimes still are) regarded by the public as mindless gore-fests filled with violence. But because a number of programmers reinvented gaming, games are now being regarded as art, some are even being presented in art museums. Furthermore, video games are still in their infancy. With the emergence of simpler-to-use game engines such as Unity, more and more people are making their own video games everyday, constantly evolving what a game is.



## Seniors

Many events will be coming up that you won't get to experience twice, so mark these in your calendar:

**March 2** - Financial Aid Application deadline.

**March 6**—Final day to purchase Prom tickets



**March 11**—Senior Inspiration Night

**April 8**- Prom at the Disneyland Hotel



**May 13**— Saide Hawkins Dance

**May 15**- cap and gowns will be delivered, which should have been ordered in the months of January and February



**May 17**—Senior Scholarship Awards Night

**June 1**- Senior BBQ at sunset



**June 2**- Graduation practice

**June 5** Graduation!



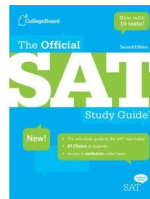
**June 6**—Grad Night at Disneyland

## Events to Know

Want the chance to win a new car? Tomorrow's Leaders is hosting a raffle for all students with 97% attendance and a minimum of 2.8 GPA by the end of the year. Last year's prizes included Beats headphones, game consoles, gift cards, and a car to one lucky junior or senior.

Remember, after school tutoring is provided Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the library from 2:30 to 3:30 to make up tardies.

Remember that you must register a month beforehand for a SAT date. The dates include **March 11**, **May 6**, and **June 3**. Go to [sat.or/register](http://sat.or/register) to register for the test.



**Feb. 23**—The Life Stream Blood Drive is coming back to GTHS. You must be 15 years old and weigh 110 lbs. Get a permission slip in room B202.

**Feb. 24**—is the 5th Annual Black Student Union's showcase.

**Feb. 28**— Pencil, Pen & Brush Competition submissions due. See Ms. Creel in room A107.

**Feb. 25, Mar. 4, and Mar. 11** are the only remaining Saturday schools for this school year.

**Feb. 24**— Academic Rally

**March 6**—Final day to purchase Prom tickets

**March 17**—ASB Applications due for 2017-2018

**March 20– March 31**—Spring Recess



**April 8**- Prom at the Disneyland Hotel

**April 10-14**- Sprit Week

**April 14**- Spring Sports Rally

**April 22**—Earth Day Campus Clean up



**April 24–28**—ASB Elections



**May 8-12**—Staff Appreciation Week

**May 11**—Titans Got Talent

**May 13**—Sadie Hawkins Dance

**May 18**—End of the Year Multicultural Festival



**May 25**—Academic Assembly



## Love For Pets On Valentine's Day

Story and Photos by Rodri Smith (2019)

We all know the usual Valentine's Day gift: flowers, candy, a stuffed animal, balloons and many more. However, not many realize that pets, especially dogs and cats, play a key role on Valentine's Day. They give affection, love and companionship. The flower and candy industrial complex that is Valentine's Day has gone to the dogs, literally. One of five Americans will take their pets into consideration on February 14, according to Time.com. Time says that on average, Americans will spend about \$5.28 on their pets on Valentine's Day.

Most single people will spend the day out with their other single friends or stay home with their pets. Most people know that dogs and cats are comforting animals. Many people feel loved by their animals and will give back to them on Valentine's Day by either buying them a treat, a collar, or toy. This Valentine's Day give back to your pets. Make your pet feel loved, just like how they do when you need them.

The animals in the photos above don't have a special someone. They are being housed at the Rialto Animal Shelter. Don't take your pet for granted.