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How many feet apart?

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With campus resembling that of a scary post-apocalyptic movie, life still goes on.

The threat of Covid-19 continues to grip the nation as the once lively student population that roamed the concrete flooring of Bloomington High School has become secluded and dormant. However, although spirits are low and hysteria is high, many students have found ways to bring school to them, and keep the virus further.

Giselle Magana said, "I feel really sad for all of the people who are currently dealing with this virus, and may the people who passed away, rest in peace. Social distancing, while small and seemingly pointless, gives us a chance to focus on ourselves and take a break

from people. Through the time you'll learn how much you miss them which will make the next time you see them that much more special."

The break has given people a new and refreshed view on things, like Giselle, however to some people this so-called, "change," never occurred to them.

Anthony Perez said, "Well as a person who is antisocial, it doesn't really affect me too much because I still talk to my friends and play games with them on-line but I do still miss hang-

ing out with them and having fun face to face. I don't really fear for my own safety, but I do fear for those around me. These kinds of times really bring out the worst in

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Celebrate COVID way: Ms. Patricia Pahner along with about 25 faculty and staff cheer on seniors as they drove through the solar parking lot on May 6 to pick up lawn signs.

NEWS

Pencil, Pen, goes on

One thing COVID-19 didn't take away was the annual Pencil, Pen, and Brush contest. Applicants submitted their poetry, narratives, or argumentative writing at the end of February before COVID hit.

Eleventh grade, second place poetry winner Ashley Rodriguez was happy to have won. "I was surprised to see that I had won because while Ms. (Leticia) Desrochers read the poems that we all wrote out loud during class, all the others stood out much more to me. Mine felt too gloomy, and maybe even self-pitying but I still hoped it would make it."

Senior Karime Ramos (who is also the editor of *The Bruin Press* for the last three years) took first place in the narrative category.

"My essay was actually for an assignment for my English class. We were assigned to write about a time in our lives where we experienced being a stranger in the village. I really liked the meaning behind my essay so I figured I would submit it for the contest. I never thought it would win first place, but I was excited that it did." Her essay is reprinted below.

The freshman winner in poetry, Bresidya Rodriguez (a staff writer for *The Bruin Press*), also submitted her poem through Ms. Desrochers. "I really don't do poetry, but I write for fun because I don't have anything to do like watch Netflix or go on Youtube."

The art portion of the competition hasn't been announced as of this writing.

A Stranger in the Village

By Karime Ramos, Grade 12 Narrative winner, first place

Being in a situation where you are like a stranger in someone's village is nerve wracking. When I experienced being a stranger in a village, I felt embarrassed and uncomfortable. My sister enrolled in an American Sign Language class that required her to attend an event. She decided to attend a Halloween festival that was being hosted by a local deaf school. Going in, I knew I would feel out of place. My sister knew a good amount of Sign Language whereas I knew none.

On our way to the event I was nervous because I had not been to an event where almost everyone except me knew Sign Language. My sister told me multiple times, "No one's going to talk to you." When we arrived and were waiting in line to buy tickets I immediately felt like I was being stared at. Everyone around me was signing to their friends and family and the only way I could communicate with my sister was through text. From only being there for two minutes, I knew something was bound to happen that would make me feel out of place.

At the event there were various booths that

consisted of people selling food or games that you could play. Any food I wanted to buy I had to have my sister buy for me because all the workers were deaf, so they only knew Sign Language. During this moment, I started to feel even more out of place. I was feeling regretful because I did not know almost everyone's primary language. There were children there that knew more than I did, granted maybe they grew up needing to learn it. I felt bad for being there without having known any Sign Language.

My sister's friends from her ASL class later showed up. When they arrived I got more anxious because my sister started to stray away from me. My sister was going around the festival and playing different games. While we were waiting in line for a game, my sister's friends came to wait with us. While we were in line, I felt a tap on my shoulder. I turned around to find a lady signing at me. When I saw she was trying to communicate with me in a language I knew nothing about I panicked. When I comprehended that she was trying to tell me something all I could say was "Oh uhm."

The woman could tell that I did not understand Sign Language so she spoke to me instead. The woman said to me, "Are you in line?" I responded to her with a "Yes" and turned back around.

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NEWS

C/O 2020 on COVID-19 Seniors express sadness, disappointments

Carolina Saldana, Serena Sanchez
Staff writers

“We’re the class with perfect vision” is what we heard when we began our senior year. This year’s seniors were going to be the first to graduate this decade, all eyes were on us. When the horrid COVID-19 struck, no one took it seriously and everyone believed this was just some virus that gave people flu-like symptoms. No senior expected the moments they’ve worked hard for 12 years would get taken away from them in a matter of days. Everyone had the idea that we would go away for spring break, come back after two weeks, and things would return to normal.

“When it was said that school was shutting down until May 4, I was upset because I was so ready to go back and learn, see my friends again but I understood that they were doing this to keep us safe from the virus,” said senior Cindy Melgarejo.

All of social media was being flooded with comments and tweets by seniors who were rightfully so upset about getting robbed of their prom and not being able to return to school with their friends.

“I felt sad when I found out about school being canceled for the rest of the year, I understand why we have to do it, but it all happened so fast,” said another devastated senior, Michelle Harrigan. “None of us knew that the day before our spring break was going to be our last.”

For most seniors their last day of school is filled with heartfelt goodbyes as they leave their favorite teachers, underclassmen, and prepare for graduation day. Sad to say, this can never be for the class of 2020.

“These were the final moments I was looking forward to, my final season of softball, prom, grad-
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OUTSTANDING BOY AND GIRL SURPRISED Awad and Jacobs gets visit at home for announcement

By Adrianna Fuentes
Staff Writer

In a surprise visit by a dozen faculty and staff and school board member Mr. Israel Fuentes, Outstanding Boy Mohammad Awad and Outstanding Girl Jaidyn Jacobs were honored at home with honking horns, balloons, a specially made sign, and a check.

Jaidyn, part of the CIF championship soccer team also participated in Link Crew, NHS and AVID. “I felt really honored and joyed because it showed that all of my hard work that I have done in high school has paid off. I honestly had no thoughts because I was so surprised, and it was just a moment that I will never forget,” said Jaidyn who was also the girls Ken Hubbs winner for BHS won the Mr. Phelps scholarship of \$1000.

Mohammad played both varsity basketball and track and also won the Phelps scholarship and was our Ken Hubbs winner.

“I feel honored to say the least. I had so many thoughts but the one that stood out the most was seeing my parents very happy at that moment. I knew Ms. (Ruby) Navarro was coming because Ms. (Anna) Collins has texted me telling me that Ms. Navarro is coming to give me the award and she wants to make sure that my parents and myself are home but I didn’t expect it to be like that nor did my parents. It was crazy because I called my dad telling him the vice principal was coming to give me an award and she wanted him to be here. My dad didn’t want to come because he thought it was just a regular award so I texted Ms. Collins telling her it might just be me by myself. She said, ‘No make sure your parents are there.’ When my dad came home, he said it better be a good award. Little did we know it was great.”



(Above) Jaidyn Jacobs with her parents Trevor and Shay Matcham and (left) Mohammad Awad with his parents Saber and Rania Awad.

NATION

What's in the news

Karime Ramos
Staff Writer

Coronavirus Updates:

On April 8, the US recorded its highest death toll in 24 hours, with 1,800 Coronavirus fatalities. On April 11, America became the first country to document 2,108 deaths in one day due to Coronavirus.

On April 12, the US officially reached the highest Coronavirus death toll worldwide. More than 20,000 people in the US have died, marking a higher death toll than Italy.

On April 15, President Trump announced that he will cut funding to the World Health Organization because it "failed in its basic duty." President Trump has accused the WHO of covering up statistics when the outbreak first occurred in China.

On April 16, it was revealed that almost 22 million Americans have filed for unemployment in a single month due to COVID-19 lockdowns, the worst unemployment crisis since the Great Depression.

On April 22, two autopsies revealed that two Californians died from Coronavirus weeks before the first US death was reported.

On April 24, researchers announced that they believe the first US Coronavirus death was actually a 57-year-old Southern Californian woman who died suddenly on February 6.

On May 9, it was revealed that various White House staff have tested positive for Coronavirus. Vice President Mike Pence's aide and President Trump's personal valet are the two names who have been released.

Michael Atkinson Fired:

On April 4, President Trump fired Michael Atkinson, a senior official. It is believed that Atkinson is the whistle-blower that began the impeachment process of President Trump.

Bernie Sanders Suspends Campaign:

On April 8, Bernie Sanders suspended his presidential campaign, clearing Joe Biden's path to the Democratic nomination.

Murder Hornets:

On May 4, a highly venomous and invasive hornet species, dubbed "Murder Hornets," have been spotted in the US. The hornets originated in Asia, but have now been spotted in Washington state. They have been killing the already dying bee population in the state. The hornets are longer than two inches, and if stung multiple times, a human can die from the sting.



SoCal Fairs Canceled:

On April 27, the board overseeing the OC Fair voted unanimously Monday to cancel this year's event due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The annual three-week event was scheduled to kick off on July 17. The OC Fair attracted more than a million people last year, but they made the decision to cancel after considering the recommendations of state and county health care

officials and the improbability of mass gatherings this summer. San Bernardino and San Diego have also canceled their county fairs, along with the California State Fair. The one other time the OC Fair had been canceled in its 130-year history was for World War II, between 1942 and 1947. On May 14, it was announced that the 2020 Los Angeles County Fair was also canceled. The fair, which would have been held from Sept. 4 through Sept. 27. It will be the second time in the nearly 100-year history of the fair that it was canceled. The fair closed for World War II from 1942 to 1947, and closed for one day on Sept. 11, 2001, but reopened the following day.



Death of a Rock Legend:

Little Richard, one of the originators of rock and roll, died May 9 at age 87. Little Richard's ecstatic, flamboyant performance style single-handedly paved the way for generations of popular music entertainers, from Elton John to Prince. With his trailblazing run of singles in the mid-'50s, which included hits like **Long Tall Sally**, **Tutti Frutti**, **Slippin' & Slidin'**, Little Richard helped establish the very core of rock and roll's original American songbook.

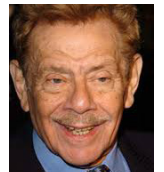


Hollywood Bowl Canceled:

On May 13, the Hollywood Bowl officially canceled its summer season. The move marks the first time in 98 years that the iconic amphitheater located in the Hollywood Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles has canceled its season. Shows have never ceased for more than two weeks during the last 100 summers at the Bowl. The Los Angeles Philharmonic Assn., which manages the venue, cited a lack of resolution on the Coronavirus crisis as the reason for the season cancellation.

Death of Jerry Stiller:

Jerry Stiller, the character actor who comprised half of a beloved husband-and-wife comedy team with Anne Meara and father of actor/comic Ben Stiller died of natural causes, on May 11. He was 92. He went on to have an unlikely late-career run playing barking TV curmudgeons on *Seinfeld* and *The King of Queens*.



CSU's to Continue Remote Learning:

On May 12, California State University, the nation's largest four-year public university system, announced that campus classes at its 23 campuses would be canceled for the fall semester, with instruction taking place almost exclusively on-line. The system is the first large American university to tell students they will not be returning to campus in the fall. California's other four-year university system, the University of California, with nearly 300,000 students on 10 campuses, has not announced whether its fall classes will be held on-line, in-person, or a mix.

Death of Fred Willard:

Comedy legend Fred Willard, known for his performances in Christopher Guest's many mockumentaries and on *Modern Family* and *Everybody Loves Raymond*, died May 15 of natural causes.



FEATURES

NO SPRING IN THEIR BREAK

Staff Writers

Brenden Cates and his family always travel to fun and exotic places during breaks. (See page 110 in the Bruin Yearbook 2020 for a details story about Brenden and his travels). This spring break was no exception. "This is my worst spring break because my family and I were going to London and Paris with the family. But we didn't go because of the Coronavirus. Then my family got frustrated and mad because we all had to stay home. My dad had to try to get our money back from hotels and airlines. For the last six weeks I've done nothing except watch TV and did school work."

Brenden isn't the only one who missed out on spring break plans.

A group of 14 ROTC students and teachers were supposed to take their traditional Hawaiian trip which was canceled at the last minute.

"I was disappointed because I was really looking forward to going. And I didn't get the money back because they said we're going next year; I let them keep it so I can have a spot already," said Karlo Dones.

Some trips were important for the future. "I was going to visit colleges with my parents over the summer but now we can't," said Jesenia Lopez.

Something as simple as having friends over for vacation was wiped out. Anthony Perez had planned on having pool parties. "We have a pool and I was going to invite my best friends over spring break to hang out and swim." Anthony never got a chance.

Others took chances and were not so lucky. Some

of Aeric Agda's family traveled just as the stay at home order was given. "They've been stuck in the Philippines for two months and are working on some plantations to earn money. They have no idea when they can come home."

It's the little things that hurt the most. So many had simple yet important plans..the list is long.

"I had camping and church that was canceled because of the virus, it made me sad because those are my favorite events of the year and especially track I was excited for this season." -Rebecca Santos

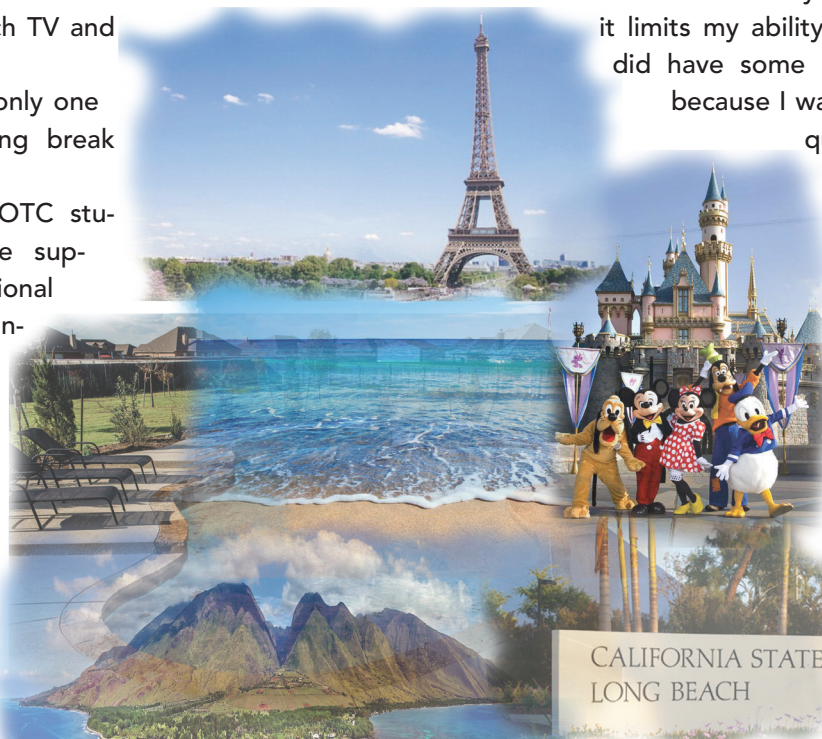
"I didn't have any vacation plans although it limits my ability to go out anywhere, I did have some church things canceled because I was supposed to have my quince but its going to be postponed." -Jaylene Gallardo

"I wanted to go to an amusement park I've never been to, with my friends for my birthday and now I can't. I also wanted to go to the beach at night and watch the sunrise and have a picnic." -Kiriam Castro

A few were lucky. Adrianna Fuentes managed to squeeze in a small vacation before the shut down.

"My family and I went to Arizona before the lock down that was my only plan. We couldn't do more because we knew something was going to happen with the virus."

Yes, even teachers were effected by the cancellation of spring break. Mrs Christina Mojica said, "I looked forward to celebrating my husband and I's wedding anniversary with the kids on a getaway but I had to cancel the hotel room reservation; I did what made most sense to do at the time."



FEATURES

Pencil winners...

A Stranger In The Village continued from page 2

After this encounter, I was embarrassed. When I turned around, I tapped my sister and said, "Someone was just signing to me." I was a little mad just because she had told me before that if anyone tried to communicate with me she would step in and do it for me. When I first turned to the lady I immediately tapped my sister but she did not turn because she was talking to a friend. My sister said, "I'm sorry you should have tugged my arm." After that I was even more irritated and embarrassed because if I had known basic Sign Language we would not have been in that situation.

Throughout the rest of the night all I could think about was my encounter with the woman. I felt like at that point everyone had seen me struggling to communicate with the woman and were shaming me. Every booth that we went to I made sure to look busy as a way to get people to not talk to me. If I saw anyone looking like they were getting close to me I made sure my sister was paying attention. Seeing the woman around the festival made me feel even more humiliated.

After that situation, my entire mindset changed. I took it upon myself to self-study ASL. My sister, luckily, still had her beginner books lying around for me to use. Everyday after school I got home and dedicated an hour to learn the ABC's first. After I learned the ABC's, I moved on to learning basic words and phrases. It took me a lot longer to understand how to sign certain words and phrases because they were way more complex. When I was able to get most phrases and words down I started to incorporate the facial expressions that go with it. The facial expressions were by far the hardest to incorporate because it takes a lot of effort. The facial expressions were a crucial part because it determines the meaning and tone of a sentence. Afterwards, I moved on to putting everything together. Forming actual sentences was also a very difficult part. In Sign Language, sentences are not structured the same. Sentences in English usually follow a subject-verb-object format. In American Sign Language, the sentences are structured in an object-subject-verb format. Forming sentences took longer for me to get the hang of. When I was finally able to hold a basic conversation with

someone in sign language, I went to another event with my sister hosted by the deaf school.

I was still nervous about what other people would think of me. At the event, I was able to communicate with my sister in Sign Language. I was also able to talk to the workers at the booths with little to no problems. It was relieving to feel like I belonged there because I was finally able to communicate. I never felt like I was being judged or shamed for being there.

Going through a situation in which I felt like an outsider helped me grow mentally. I learned the importance of determination and dedication from oneself. The experience really put me down because I never want to be in a situation where I can't help someone due to a language barrier. Learning Sign Language for me was important because it gave me a sense of belonging at events like those with my sister. Feeling like I was a stranger at the first event took a toll on me, but I knew I could change that so I did.

Dad

By Ashley Rodriguez, 11th grade poetry winner, 2nd place

I remember the way the sky looked
Pitch black
Like the darkness that swallowed me when you left.
I remember the day you walked away
I remember how you always told me you would stay.
A lie you would always say
Why did you leave?
You left me to write about teardrops and loneliness
Metaphors and similes like a
Puzzle piece
Filling the gap you left in me
I was incomplete.
They say tough times make or break you
They say time heals
They say things will get better.
But ever since that day
Nothing has felt okay
Deep
Deep
Down
I still miss you
It would be a lie of mine to say
I don't miss you everyday.

FEATURES

Awards Night

Annual event held via video

Lesley Tapia, Evelyn Harbor
Staff writers

The end of the year Senior Awards Night, usually very well attended, was held via several videos put together by BNN advisor Ms. Julie Urquizu.

The five minute plus videos were released one at a time during the week of May 11-15. The first video, announcing the Bronze medalists, had a congratulatory introduction by school board member Mr. Israel Fuentes.

Various teachers volunteered to read names through the week, including Ms. Misty Wright (ASB director) and Mrs. Elizabeth Morlock (Math), Mr. Fabian Carballo (social science), Mrs. Cynthia Horta (Spanish), Ms. Megan Pincott (math), Mr. Chris

Kotlewski (AP), Mr Dave Johnson (counselor) and Ms. Lisa Padilla (English). Seniors will be able to pick up their award during senior check out on May 21 and 22. The following are the GPA medalists:

Bronze awards (GPA of 3.0-3.49)

Ismael Barragan Puentes
Anthony Sanchez
Christian Cruz Fuentes
Ivan Figueroa
Marlyn Castillo
David Ramirez
Eric Moreno
Elijah Matthew Baldonado
Ivan Fuentes-Ramirez
Alex Treglia
Valeria Medina
Jessica Morales-Holguin
Cesia Muniz
Emily Orosco Hernandez
Jocelyn Paz
Luis Ramirez
Valerie Ramirez-Pena
Camila Rodriguez
Kevin Rodriguez
Jose Roman
Lizbeth Ruiz
Alberto Sanchez
Arianna Serna-Osorio
Miriam Serrano
Lizbeth Solano
Emilio Arriaga
Alfredo Davila
Jennifer Orozco
Alina Robinson
Alejandro Rodriguez
Anahi Trujillo
Ronny Castaneda
Elizabeth Abundis
Jaylen Barclay
Angel Holguin
Marlene Gonzalez
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Dying in February

By Briseyda Rodriguez

9th grade poetry winner, 1st place

The sound of the door slamming
The sound of the engine running
Her eye a nasty red
Lonely as ever as her heart bled
Her happy soul leaving her body
As the day goes from sunny to cloudy
Minutes to hours and hours to days
And whenever you see her she's always in a daze
Her smile turns fake
Due to her heartache
She slowly loses hope
And she can no longer cope
So out comes the rope
And all the other envelopes
She wrote down her reasons
Than kills herself during the love season

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FEATURES

Be careful what you wish for

Students actually miss school and campus

Briseyda Rodriguez, Jahir Pineda, Victoria Perez
Staff Writers

Imagine not going to school and not being forced to go out to places you didn't want to go to by your parents. That would be the dream of any teen. Well, at least the dream of any teen a couple months ago. Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 it has made several teens wishing to be at school.

"Right now, the thing I miss most about school is getting to see my friends, and not having to be at home 24/7," said Daniel Perez.

"I miss seeing my friends, but also being in class with Mr. Castro and Ms. Marcie because of the laughs I had in there," said Jasmin Martinez.

With everyone being in quarantine and having to stay six feet apart and not going out at all, everyone has to find a way to entertain themselves. Without being able to leave the house there is not much one can do; many people have started to try new things like drawing, reading, video games, working out, or painting. Desiree Pedroza has recently tried working out during quarantine.

"I work out for about 30 minutes and I do this on a regular basis."

You would think go-

ing out during quarantine would be somewhat fun but in reality it is not the streets are emptier than usual, stores are closed, you don't see kids playing outside, and the local stores are packed with people, even to go in the store is a whole line. Talking to friends might cure your boredom somewhat, but it might not. Some people might even get distant. Almost every school district is going to start on-line classes which too many kids might help pass time or cure boredom.

"I think the on-line classes probably will help with boredom but I don't know if students will want to do the work," said Brian Hernandez.

However, the on-line classes just did not work for others.

"I'm missing on-line school since I've come to have no motivation for on-line classes since I like hands-on things that I can interact with others. The assignments aren't tough at all but it just feels like busy work. I do admit I feel guilty from not doing my assignments but I just can't help to get any motivation," said Eduardo Garcia.

Luca Carballo managed to find a few things to
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Perfect vision

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nite, and so many other events we won't get to experience," said Brianna Sandoval. Just as the prime moments of the school year were arriving, everything was either postponed or canceled, and that was just salt in the wound for seniors.

For some seniors, they may not care as much, but it's still hard for others to process and accept the unfairness this virus has brought.

"I'm honestly very disappointed, it's still hard for me to process. I was looking forward to gradnite the most!" said Frank Urbina.

"COVID-19 took my privilege to go to school and run, but it didn't take my will to continue school on-line and running during quarantine. I was devastated when I heard that we would not be coming back to school during spring break because my friends keep me motivated in doing things," said Kevin Solorzano.

Seniors are the ones holding out hope more than anyone, but unfortunately, schools in California have now been closed for the rest of the year, and the class of 2020 will be notoriously known as the class of COVID-19.

Too perfect??

ALICIA AYALA GUTIERREZ
PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

It was announced on May 14 during Senior Video Awards Night that Alicia Ayala Gutierrez was the only senior that had perfect attendance all four years; that 720 days of not missing one class.

"Having perfect attendance was a struggle, sometimes I would have to stay up late and still go to school early that morning. I couldn't miss a day of school without falling behind in my AP classes. Overall looking back at it, it's hard to believe I did it, but I'm glad I made it."

In this Coronavirus atmosphere, she stayed connected to most of her classes. "I didn't connect with a few because I felt I needed a break. It felt weird not going to school, but then it felt weird getting perfect attendance. But I'm so glad I did get it."

By Edeny Gomez



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Senior awards...

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Emmanuel Banuelos
Aisha Campos
Litea Akau
Isaiah Lopez
Jharely Maldonado
Gabriela Hernandez
Krystalle Lagunas
Alany's Jaramillo
Joseph Lozano
Cindy Melgarejo
Kevin Garcia Martinez
Esther Gutierrez
Nathan Ita
Destiny Gonzalez
Emily Juarez
Sabrina Leal
Patricia Martinez
Luis Sanabria
Betsaida Viera
Vivianna Rodriguez
Alexander Martinez Gonzalez
Kailah Zepeda
Manuel Villalvazo
Sashi L. Torres
Tanijha Kilpatrick
Alejandra Cruz Lopez Rojas
Nayeli Villalobos Sanchez
Alexis Luevanos
Emily Cordero Perez
Yadira Vazquez-Villasenor

Silver awards (GPA 3.5-3.99)

Jorge Pulido Chavez
Alina Marie Chavez
Angie Esqueda Cazares
Michelle Argumedo
Gerardo Loera
Lizbeth Marely Felix
Jared Enriquez Benasfre
Gabriela Davalos-Zamudio
Kate Hernandez
Andres Perez
Jasmine Quezada
Gisselle Rendon
Christopher Rosas
Ashley Bonilla
Mariana Rivera
Itzel Carillo
Carolina Saldana
Rosa Salgado
Lesley Tapia
Yvette Renteria-Arreola
Karime Ramos Naranjo
Alexis Ascencio
Joshua Alvarez Reyes
Jacob Contreras
Arayancy Gallegos
Aaliyah Cisneros
Gilbert Diaz
Karen Lizarraga

Quincy Amajoyi
Larissa Esquibel
Dahlia Alcocer
Arianna Garcia
Angalique Jimenez
Peaceval Amajoyi
Dessire Polanco Garcia
Christy Aduache Anyiam
Arturo Franco Villanueva
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Hugo Lopez
Ivan Herrera
Adam Leon Martinez
Jeanne Gonzalez
Hannah Michelle Garcia
Jasmin Martinez
Adriana Rios
Leslie Moreno-Polito
Kevin Nava Hurtado
Angelica Ortega-Escobar
Nadine Serrano
Sahara Solares Munguia
Taylor Ramirez
Stefany Martinez-Barajas
Jacqueline Ortiz
Jennifer Pedroza Ramirez
Emily Millan
Bailey Manning
Emily Zavala
Sarah Leon
Paola Loera

Gold Medalist (4.0-5.0)

Joseph Barrera
Michael Velado
Ivan Guerrero Meza
Alicia Ayala Gutierrez
Helen Castillejos-Hernandez
Justin Frogge
Samuel Moreno
Evin Parsons
Yazmin Serna-Leal
Andrew Ramos
Eduardo Reyes, Jr.
Nataly Hernandez
Dennis Lustre
Adan Gutierrez
Ashley Hernandez
Daisy Camacho-Varela
Marilynn Ibanez
Mohammad Awad

Be careful wish

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do.

"Ever since COVID-19 all I have done is eaten food, watched TV, played FIFA, and gone to the park to play basketball. The park was full of people even when it shouldn't have been. It was really frustrating, like let me play basketball without people being near me," said Luca.

Band member Ivan Garcia was glad band's New Year's Eve trip to London wasn't canceled like so many other events.

"Right now, I mainly play video games or do chores my parents tell me to do. I miss band because it's where I get to see some of my best friends. Band was full of so many funny and great memories. Much like high school, I know that I will never be able to experience these memories again," said Ivan.

And there is always those who can see the bright spot in any pandemic.

"I feel sad and happy because I miss my friends and teachers but happy because I can relax all day doing nothing," said Miguel Cano.



Happier Times

Obviously, a pre-COVID get together. Seniors gather for the tradition panorama photo on Nov. 21. Due to bad weather, the panorama was done inside the gym. S-Isabel Enriquez; E-Aisha Campos; N-Ruby Ortiz I-Evelyn Harbor; O-Frank Urbina; R-Valeria Ramirez-Pena; S-Manuel Lievanos. "My favorite part of high school was participating in the rallies when I was still in cheer. Now I enjoy being in auto shop because of the love I have for cars," said Ruby Ortiz.

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Senior awards....

Jaidyn Jacobs
Kellee Cross
Shabeli Zepeda-Sandoval
Katherine Ochoa
Catherine Orellana
Benjamin Walton

Seal of Bi-Literacy

Acosta	Jose	Spanish
Angulo	Vanessa	Spanish
Ayala	Alicia	Spanish
Blancarte	Christopher	Spanish
Calderon	Giselle	Spanish
**Campos	Aisha	Spanish, French
Castillejos-Hernandez	Helen	German
Castillo	Juliette	Spanish
Chavez	Alina	German
Corona	Fabian	Spanish
Fernandez	Elsa	Spanish
Fuentes-Ramirez	Ivan	Spanish
Gallegos	Arayancy	Spanish
Garcia Martinez	Kevin	German
Garibay-Tmayo	Juliana	German
Hernandez	Nataly	Spanish
Ibanez	Marilynn	Spanish
Lizarraga	Karen	Spanish
Loera	Gerardo	Spanish
Lopez-Rojas	Alejandra	Spanish
Maldonado	Jharely	German
Martinez-Barajas	Estefany	German
Melgarejo	Cindy	Spanish
Morales-Holgin	Jessica	Spanish
Moreno	Samuel	German
Ochoa	Katherine	Spanish
Orellana	Catherine	Spanish

Ortega-Escobar	Angelica	Spanish
Paz	Jocelyn	Spanish
Pedroza	Jennifer	Spanish
Perez	Andres	Spanish
Pulido	Jorge	Spanish
Ramires	Luis	Spanish
Ramirez	Joselynn	Spanish
Ramos	Andrew	German
Renteria	Yvette	Spanish
Rodriguez	Camila	Spanish
Roman	Jose	Spanish
Sanabria	Luis	German
Sandoval	Brianna	Spanish
Serna	Yazmin	Spanish
Solano	Lizbeth	Spanish
Solares	Sahara	Spanish
Solorzano	Carlos	Spanish
Tapia	Lesley	Spanish
Vazquez	Celene	Spanish
Velado	Michael	Spanish
Villalvazo	Manuel	Spanish
Walton	Benjamin	German
Zepeda	Shabeli	Spanish

** Aisha Campos was the only student who received the TRI-Literacy seal on her diploma. Students receive a seal by completing four years of English with a 2.0 GPA or better, completing four years of a foreign language with a 3.0 GPA or better and passing the AP test with a 3 or better.

Local Scholarship winners

Dora Zaragoza Memorial Scholarship	Bailie Manning Tracy	300
Ascension Delgado Scholarship	Kevin Nava	1500
Roger Kowalski Family Scholarship	Justin Frogge	3000
Paul Russell Memorial	Lizbeth Felix Dahlia Alcocer	(2) 200
Everett Phelps	Jaidyn Jacobs Mohammad Awad	(2) \$1,000
Alvarez Memorial	Peaceval Amajoyi	(1) 1000
German Club	Juliana Garibay	(1) \$100
AVID	Arturo Espinoza, Sahara Solares	(8) \$250
	Sara Leon, Katherine Ochoa, Marilyn Ibañez, Paola Loera	
	Gisselle Gomez, Angalique Jimenez	
	Catherine Orellana	(1) \$500
Serna Family "Outstanding Senior"	Jaidyn Jacobs, Mohammad Awad	(2) \$600
American Red Cross	Kevin Rodriguez	(1) 750
Doris Jackson Memorial	Jeanne Gonzalez	1000
George Iddings	Jennifer Pedroza	150
BHS Bruins Scholarship	Justin Frogge	500
Kiwanis Club Cooley Ranch	Joshan Alvarez	500
The Almazan Family "La Luche Sigue"	Marilynn Ibanez	300
Reed Walker Memorial	Angelica Ortega-Escobar	(1) \$250
Cayetano Trevino Memorial	Arturo Franco Carolina Saldana	(2) \$ 300
Terry Pike Memorial	Yazmin Serna-Leal	\$200
Karma Blessings (laptop/printer/backpack)	Arturo Franco	
Carballo Family Scholarship	Marlene Gonzalez	(1) \$800
APPLE Scholarship	Mohammad Awad, Alberto Sanchez	(4) \$1,000
	Ivan Guerrero, Yazmin Serna	
Norm Sharp Memorial Scholarship	Peaceval Amajoyi	\$500

How many feet apart...

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are in a bind because the stimulus checks, provided to aid them during these troubling times, just aren't enough to get them by. For Lauro Salazar, the rough transition brought upon by social distancing and the closure of essential businesses paints a different story.

Lauro Salazar said, "A one time payment of only \$1,200 or so is not enough to cover an isolated family through what is about to be the 3rd month of quarantine. I think more funds are necessary and I think the government should stop crying about money and help their people before they run a nation built upon the dead. A part of me can't help but think that several government officials are using this disaster to boost their political gain and deepen their pockets."

Eli Sebastian also chimed in by saying, "If you look at the stock market everything has crashed, especially cruise lines. If they were to invest now when they reopen everything they could be 10x richer. I

can't speak on the idea of whether or not government officials are using the virus to push their political agendas but what I can tell you is the response to the virus has been insanely slow. They know that families are struggling and are using taxpayer money to help, but I can't say the money is enough."

Thus, the nation is split once again. Whether or not the halt on social gatherings and the closing of non-essential businesses stopped the spread of the virus, it definitely divided the country in more ways than one. I suppose one could say the quarantine and isolation practices may have saved lives but at what cost. Luckily, a student by the name of Margarita Ortiz did the thinking for you.

Margarita Ortiz said, "People may not see it now but the use of social distancing and wearing face masks will be key in stopping the disease any further. You can always pay to get a business up and running again but you can't pay to get a life back."