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## It's about the versus *Students finally win one over the staff*

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**O**ld School versus New School. Tradition versus Contemporary. Gramps versus Champs (too harsh?). Everyone in the stands had only one question... Who will win, the staff or the students? While many students sat in anticipation, other students sold concessions such as chips, sodas, waters, hot-dogs, and cookies. These teachers faced off against the basketball teams, and had been preparing themselves for weeks in advance.

Many of the students at the game came to see their teachers play against their friends and classmates. Though, it

**Catch me if you can:** *Eric Morales tries to play defense against Mr. Angel Castro (PE). This was Eric's last basketball game of his high school career.*



was sometimes difficult to decide which side they were rooting for.

"I went so I could support the teachers," said Andres Garcia, who was ecstatic the days leading up to the big game. "I was pretty bummed out that the teachers didn't get the win because Mr. Ward deserves that W."

Though they lost, the teachers held their own for most of the game, always being relatively close to the students' score. Some of the staff seemed to play with more ease than others, such as the coaches. Others seemed to be more supportive, but still made some very smooth plays.

The students were very excited to play against their own teachers, and could not wait to face off against them.

"We just wanted to beat the teachers. The last two years, the staff beat us and we did not want them to rub it in our faces this year," said Xavier Sanchez.

If you were not able to attend the last two games, the teachers beat the basketball team both times, as Xavier mentioned. "We wanted to set the tradition of the students winning. I was nervous when the score was so close, but I did my part to make sure we won."

And they did, winning with the score of 64-63...a score that went right down to the wire.

Joshua Orta, an avid fan of the Staff vs. Students games, said, "Considering the students lost last year by one point, the score was a little too close for comfort."



**O**ut played: *Garrison Sepulveda passes over Coach Lupe Lopez's head. "I liked how Coach Erik (Aubry) set up the game. I took part because it was my last game in high school and I thought it would be a fun event to play in as my last game. It was close, but we were expecting to win." However, it was no shut-out. Team Students only won by one.*

# NEWS

## Mucho Macho Game

### First Powderpuff now Macho, juniors win all

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"It's probably one of the most exciting events of the school year," said Ms. Misty Wright between yells of frustration or high fives on March 8.

In the late 1990's, BHS had an official boys volleyball team. However, because not many schools around us had a boys team, our team only lasted five years.

"We wanted to have another activity like powderpuff but for spring. We wanted to make it for everyone since powderpuff is only for juniors and seniors," said Ms. Wright.

Many activity ideas were thrown around such as a dodge ball and kickball tournament. Finally, the idea of Macho Volleyball is what stuck.

During Macho Volleyball the tables are turned and the girls are the ones coaching the boys. The girls on the volleyball team teach the boys in their class and prepare them for the game.

"Not many boys signed up so for the day of the game the coaches had to play too," said freshman volleyball player Gissele Ruiz. "But I didn't mind it because I missed playing."

For the freshmen, Macho Volleyball was a way to break out of their shell. It helped make their first year at BHS memorable.

"At the middle school I used to go to there was a boys volleyball team and I used to be a part of it. When I moved out here in the eighth grade, our middle school didn't have a volleyball team so I stopped playing. When I heard of Macho Volleyball I decided to do it because I liked playing and I missed it," said Jesse Mata.

For Erick Valdez, the game was about having fun and not about the win.

"Volleyball is a sport I love to play and since there aren't any teams here, I thought it would be best to try it. Since it was my first game I didn't care about winning, I cared about having fun," said Erick.

For the seniors, it was their last chance to go out with a bang...but not the one they expected. They lost to the juniors. Again. Making it the third time that the class of 2019 has lost to them this year.

"Since it was my senior year I wanted to win and since the seniors always win I kind of expected to win. It was disappointing when we didn't win," said Alan Brito.



**L**ending a helping hand: Since the freshman team did not have enough players, their coach, Analei Ramirez was allowed to play. "It was funny seeing the guys work so hard trying to win. We would tell them to do something and they would pick up the techniques surprisingly quick, things that took me months to learn. We beat the sophomores but lost to the juniors. Although we lost, it was an amazing few weeks with the boys."

**A**s a team: The junior team defeats the senior team for the Macho Volleyball title. Far right: Jose Martinez, Adrian Escoto, Abelardo Pena, Roberto Aguilar.

# NEWS

## Military life

### Seniors elect to serve their country

Carolina Lopez  
Staff writer

Many students rush to turn in their college applications and stress while wondering if they were good enough to get accepted. Meanwhile others relax as they wait to be relocated for their designated boot camp. The four seniors who participated in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) are all planning on joining the military.



Adam Betancourt

Future Marine Adam Betancourt is currently waiting for his birthday, June 17, to be sent to boot camp.

"It's always been a dream of mine since I was a child. I am passionate about serving my country. My MOS (military occupational specialty code) is Aviation Mechanic." He is currently Cadet Lieutenant and has been in JROTC since he was a freshman.



Roberto Cardenas

Roberto Cardenas has been in ROTC for all four years. He is Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade and has decided upon becoming a

NAVY SEAL. "I had a 'calling' as a freshmen and I knew I was meant to be a NAVY SEAL." Some background about his decision: the Navy recruits approximately 40,000 people each year but only about six percent of SEAL applicants meet the requirements.

Shirley Gonzalez is joining the Marine Corps. "I want to know I'm part of a legacy and give back to my country to proudly serve. I need to ensure the future of my daughter and I."



Shirley Gonzalez

Ahryan Cruz wants to see the world and is joining the NAVY. "I'm joining to go sail the world, to make new friends and for the benefits. My MOS is Parachute Rigger and I leave July 23." Both Shirley and Ahryan participated in ROTC for three years.



Ahryan Cruz

Not everyone who is in JROTC is getting shipped off to the military. The highest ranked officer, Leslie Rendon, has decided against joining. Still, many people who were not in ROTC are recruiting into the military to serve alongside these ROTC members.

## By themselves

### Foreign exchange students explore US culture

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We dream of traveling to different countries, experiencing the culture, familiarizing ourselves with the atmosphere, and getting to know the people. For many of us, we imagine exploring other countries with our friends or family, but foreign exchange students travel to strange countries by themselves.

"We've been hosting students from Germany since 2011 through the program 'Friendship Connection,'" said Ms. Patricia Pahner.

Friendship Connection is a four week home-and-home German exchange program for high school students in the U.S. and Germany. Students must be in German 2 in order to participate in the program. Through the program, students apply as "Hosts Only" or "Full

Participants." Those who apply as 'Hosts Only' will have a German partner of the same gender, similar age, and same interests. Those who apply as 'Full Participants' will have a German partner and will return to visit them in Germany in the summer.

On April 2, exchange students arrived at LAX where they met their German partner. Our hosts and their German partners are Juliana Garibay-Tamayo and Clara Kress, Kathleen Christensen and Adriana Hartmann, and Helen Castillejos-Hernandez and Xenia Epp.

All girls saw major differences within our school. "In Germany our teachers are the ones who rotate classes whereas here the students are the ones who rotate classes," said Xenia. Another difference they noticed

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# NATION

## What's in the news

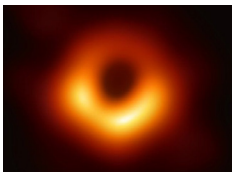
### And they're off

The 145th annual Kentucky Derby took place on May 4. The horse race is held in Louisville, Kentucky. Country House was named the winner of the 145th Run for the Roses. Front-runner, Maximum Security, had crossed the finish line first but was later disqualified for an infraction. It was determined that the horse dangerously impeded the paths of others. Country House's jockey, Flavien Prat, initially raised the objection. It was the first time in the Derby's 145-year history a horse was disqualified for action during the competition. The co-owner of Maximum Security said he was stunned by the decision and plans to file an appeal with the state racing commission.



### Black Hole Sun

On April 10, the first image of the black hole was captured. The image captured the Supermassive Black Hole (SMBH) at the center of M87 (aka. Virgo A), a super giant elliptical galaxy in the Virgo constellation. The photo was captured by the event horizon telescope. Lincoln Carr, physicist at the Colorado School of Mines, thinks scientists can become better researchers by embracing the ambiguity inherent in the arts.



### Avengers Endgame

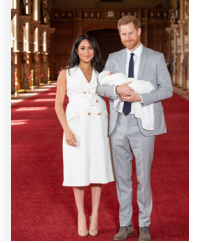
11 years after their first movie Iron Man, Marvel Studios has delivered their biggest film to date, Avengers: Endgame. The movie now holds the "biggest global opening weekend" record, previously held by Avengers: Infinity War, the movie that preceded in the Marvel saga. The film has also surpassed Avatar's domestic box office but has yet to surpass its global box office, which keeps it at the highest grossing movie of all time. Endgame is currently at \$2.6 billion, needing a little above \$100 million to bridge the gap between the two. The chances are slim, as it is the movie's 3rd week. Nonetheless, Marvel Studios has a great deal to be proud of after a successful 11 years in the industry and are not going to stop anytime soon.



### New royal baby

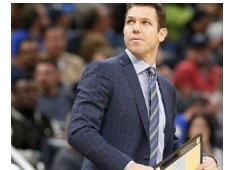
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, have welcomed their first child, a boy, the royal family confirmed on May 6. The boy was born at 5:26 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces,

the palace said. The new baby is Queen Elizabeth's eighth great-grandchild and the seventh in line to the British throne. That makes it very unlikely that he will ever make it to the throne, as grandfather Prince Charles, uncle Prince William and his children, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, and then dad Harry are all in line first, in that order. The new baby's name broke with Windsor tradition, instead of a family name the child was christened Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor.



### Having a bad week

The N.B.A. and the Sacramento Kings announced a joint investigation into allegations of sexual assault against Luke Walton, recently hired as head coach for the Sacramento Kings. Walton was accused of sexual assault in a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by Kelli Tennant, a former host for Spectrum SportsNet, a Southern California television network. In the lawsuit, Tennant said that Walton had sexually assaulted her in a Santa Monica hotel room in 2014, while he was an assistant coach for the Golden State Warriors. Walton had just been fired from the Lakers on April 12 when the allegations surfaced.

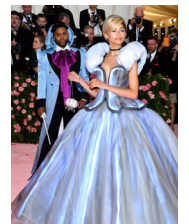


### Billboard awards

The 2019 Billboard awards ceremony was on May 1. It was held in the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. It was aired live on NBC. It was hosted by Kelly Clarkson. There was many winners but the Top Artist were Cardi B., Drake, Ariana Grande, Post Malone, and Travis Scott. Drake was the big winner that night, that was his 12th win. He now holds record for most wins in BBMA history, with a total of 27.

### Met Gala

The Met Gala, formally called the Costume Institute Gala and also known as the Met Ball, is an annual invitation-only fund raising gala for the benefit of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute in New York City. It marks the opening of the Costume Institute's annual fashion exhibit. Cost of attending the Met Gala: \$30,000 per person (or \$275,000 per table) And that's just the price of entry. This year's theme: It's "Camp: Notes on Fashion." This year's Met took place on May 6.



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# SPORTS

## No stealing home

*Baseball loses to Summit and loses playoff hopes*

Jesse Michel  
Staff Writer

The school year is coming to an end. Classes are ending, sport seasons are ending. Varsity baseball's season came close to having a shot at playoffs. It has been three years since the team has been in playoffs, and it's been 30 years since the last CIF championship.

The varsity baseball team has been preparing for this part of the season. After the 2017-18 season, the Bruins started right away into preparing for next season. They had summer practices, entered multiple tournaments, played in summer league, and were looking forward to becoming the best team they could be. Summer practices would start at 6 AM in the weight room then it would continue to 10 AM on the field for hitting and fielding until 1 PM in the afternoon.

The team also entered in six tournaments to test their growth. They placed 1st in four of them and one in 2nd. They were looking to be one of the strongest teams in the area. Then the most anticipated moment for our baseball team came, the 2018-19 season.

The beginning of the season did not go as planned, losing the first three games of the season. But the varsity team did not panic because they knew they could come back and take a playoff spot. They did exactly that going on a winning streak, sweeping Colton and winning the series against Fontana. They were looking like the team they were back in summer.

The last obstacle the Bruins had to overcome was to beat the first place team, Summit Skyhawks. The Skyhawks had a 11-2 record before the showdown. But there was another force standing in front of them.

Due to struggles in the beginning of the season, the Bruins needed Colton to beat Grand Terrace once and the Bruins needed to sweep Summit.

Summit had other ideas. Summit's high offense was too big for the Bruins. They lost the first game, securing Summit's league championship and knocking the Bruins out of the playoff hunt. It was a hard pill to swallow for our Bruin boys but they were happy with how they played and competed against every team in the league.

**C**atcher in the rye: Sebastian Salazar has been a catcher for seven years. "Many of the players give me the confidence to play. We all have a connection with each other and everyone is involved in every single play but as a catcher, you tend to set the tone of the field."



## Tracking their progress

*Five take first place in Sunkist League*

Darwin Manansala, Jago Legaspi, Eli Sebastian, Brandon Garcia  
Staff writers

The track team has the need for speed, and a select few Bruins are joining the coveted Sunkist League at first place winners. Jorge Mariscals' 1600m, Adrianna Fuentes' 400m, Jesenia Lopez's 800m, Britney Solis' 3200m, and Kevin Nava's 3200m have all been recognized.

Jorge Mariscal said, "It's a very hard sport, it's just as intense mentally than it is physically. From the outside it doesn't look painful, but I assure you it is. I had three brothers before me that came to this school and they all did track and cross country. My last brother, was actually one of the best runners at this school,

so naturally I thought I'd continue the legacy. It's nerve wracking knowing how agonizing it can be, but you gotta try your best to perform well. The feeling of winning overcomes the pain, any day. We're not the best league but it's something. It's a good experience and it helps me understand my training."

To the uninformed, track may seem to be just another sport to do after school. However, it requires just as much mental and physical strength

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# FEATURES

# Costume changes

*Luau is full of food, dance, and color*

**T**he wind blowing through your hair, flower leis all around you, and classical hawaiian music playing in the background, it must be the luau.

"The floor was so hot!"

"I have blisters now!"

"Did you see that volcano?"

These are some of the phrases yelled across room 50 while the Poly girls were rushing to get ready for their next act. They used the lounge to change into their variety of costumes, that ranged from sunflower crowns to tamal belt hitting pieces.

"My last perfor-

mance for the luau was very emotional, especially because I was in Poly since middle school. We practiced the dances mostly everyday, and we also worked on doing a photobooth background. Our advisor, Mrs. Rosemary Miller, did the volcano. She shaped it, put her time into it and gave it color. It was always my dream to be president and to organize the luau so dancing for the last time made me realize the journey is kind of over," said Daniela Lozano.

Poly wasn't the only performance of the day. Vibe also performed. They gave the crowd a surprise entrance when they started their dance with a traditional Tahitian song.

"I feel very accomplished about my last perfor-

mance, I've been dancing for three years, but this performance was the perfect way to end my high school dancing career. We had a month to prepare since the luau is one of our longest performances. We created this performance as a team, and we really wanted to capture our love for dancing," said Andy Cao.

There was more than just dancing. Clubs sold a variety of foods ranging from hot dogs to churros to crepes. People had much to choose from, but one of the vendors that stood out was the Cooking Club, a brand new club whose goal is to teach basic cooking skills and help students get their food handlers card.

"The Cooking Club was started by a group of

guys that wanted to make the campus a little bit more interesting. The luau was our first time cooking in front of people so it was kind of hard to manage. (They cooked homemade fries). We prepared three days in advance and I had three people cutting the ingredients. For our first time doing this, we raised \$70. We plan to buy a fridge so we could work with things like meat and also have more storage," said Darwin Manan-sala.

At the end of the day, whether you were a performer, a vendor, or an attendee, the luau was the place to be. "Overall I enjoyed hanging out with my friends and I look forward to going again next year," said Jose Roman.



**Pretty in Pink:** Poly did a total of 11 dances with several costume changes. Left to right: Jasmin Martinez, Noeli Villalobos, Ashley Duran, Priscilla Valenzuela, Delilah Castro, Nai Hathcock, Samantha Razo, Aerica Agda.

**L**emonade out of lemons: "Our club (Latino Culture Club) was selling lemonade, taquitos, and Cup O' Noodles. Idaly and I were pouring all the lemonade in the bin so people could start serving themselves and have a drink while they ate their snack," said Brianna Villarruel. The group took in a total of 160 tickets.



# FEATURES

## Choir selections *New club just formed is delicious*

Julian Naranjo  
Staff Writer

"I had joined choir wanting to learn how to sing well and I came out learning a lot about music with lots of friends and a overall great experience," said Alison Colchado.

Choir has had several performances with success but only a few students, such as Alison Colchado, Yurie Mkhitarian, and Paola Yanez were selected to perform at the SBCSS (San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools) Performing Arts Showcase on Tuesday, April 2 at the historic California Theater.



"It was a comfortable environment, even though we were all from different schools. I felt connected to everyone through a passion," said Yurie Mkhitarian.

This is the fifth consecutive year that BHS has had a student in this ensemble. Past BHS All-State Honor Choir participants include Al-

ison Colchado (Jr. 2018), Arden Garcia (Sr. 2017), Kenneth Wright (Sr. 2016), Amber Ascension (Sr. 2015), and Jamill Hayes (Sr. 2010).

"Seeing everyone bring together their own form of art in the same genre of performing arts getting to meet different people that you didn't expect and people with different interested but shared passion," said Paola.

Bloomington High School Choral program announce that Christopher Carrillo was selected, based upon a competitive audition process, to represent our school at the California Choral Directors Association (CCDA) All-State Honor Choir in San Jose in March 2019. This is the highest honor an individual singer from a nine California choral program can receive. Each year thousands of singers audition for a panel of judges for this opportunity and only the top 200 scoring students are accepted. This means that Christopher has officially been recognized as one of the top singers in the state.

"It was a really cool experience because I got to  
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## Clubs visit Knotts

Madison Barrera, Vlad Barrera, Sydney Barrera  
Staff writer

The German and Spanish Clubs went to Knotts on April 13. Each student had to pay \$35 to get in. The price for tickets for both clubs was reduced since both clubs had fund raised.

"We raised money by selling German donuts," said Frau Pahner, advisor of German Club.

German Club sold donuts at Open House, participated in two movie nights and sponsored

Herbstfest. Spanish Club sold candy at Link Crew's movie night and at Macho Volleyball, and had a candy sale.

Once the two clubs got close to Knotts, Frau Pahner got off to start standing in line while the kids were dropped off at the parking lot. Once the students and Mrs. Herrera got off the bus, everyone walked to the entrance of Knotts. Students got their tickets from the two teachers once they got in,

so they could leave and re-enter Knotts for the day whenever they wanted to.

"I spent \$15 on the food and the candy. I brought snacks from home since the food was overpriced. I went on the Ghost Rider, Silver Bullet, and Soul Spin rides. I was part of the German club and I hung out with Eneiry (Tavir), Keely (Nicholas), Maria (Sarabia), and Kaithlyn (Delpilar)," said Kayla



**Golden ticket:** Kayla Boganegra, Maria Sarabia, Juliana Garcia and Helen Castillejos get their tickets from Ms. Patricia Pahner (Frau) as they enter Knott's Berry Farm on a perfect Saturday on April 13.

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# FEATURES

## BIG winners

Madison Barrera, Vlad Barrera, Sydney Barrera  
Staff writer

**O**n May 8, the Tomorrow's Leader Event started at 6:00 PM but if you got there early, you could participate in drawings before the official contest started. 99.1 KGGI was hosting and supporting the event at Colton High School's football stadium.

"I was thankful for being part of the contest and for winning, but I was nervous I wouldn't get anything so I was telling my mom 'let's go.' I also got to see my friends that went to the other schools. I won a gift card to Carl's Jr.," said Erika Gonzalez.

To be invited to the Tomorrow's Leader event, students must have no more than 10 tardies, have at least a 2.8 GPA, no outside suspensions, and students have to be continuously enrolled in the school district during the contest period. Winners must be present to win. Sponsors of the event included Rotolo Chevrolet, Honda and 99.1 KGGI. This is the fourth annual event.

"I volunteered for one of the pre-games. Luckily, it was a movie alphabet game which was definitely most fitting for me, as I saw ev-

ery major movie during 2018 and 2019. I won three \$10 gift cards to Regal Cinemas," said Gabriel Gonzalez.

Students from Colton, Grand Terrace, and Bloomington High School went to the event, and all available students were entered for a drawing. There were approximately 500 students that attended along with their parents. Students win prizes like a 55" Sony TV, a scholarship worth \$500, a Sony PlayStation 4, etc. However, the grand prize, a 2019 Rotolo Chevrolet Spark car, could only be won by a junior or senior.

"I didn't expect to win. I was expecting to see someone else win the car. I didn't think our school would get it since we got the car last year. My mom didn't

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## State choir choice

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meet new people, I joined choir coming to the school due to the fact I had a friend who would give me a ride home and she was in choir, I would stay after school with her so I ended up joining the class and I enjoyed the class, enjoying every second of it," said Christopher.

The choir program was recognized for the second time in five years as an exemplary program of music education in San Bernardino county.

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## Knotts Five Leaguers

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Bocanegra.

The day was hot in the sun, rides did seem to break down or get delayed often, and the students were scattered throughout the 57-acre theme park. The two clubs had plenty of hours at Knotts before they would meet up at 8:30 to leave. Everyone seemed like they all had a good time, with two students wearing a flashing crown stating that they "married" each other. Frau Pahner was showing everyone the picture she took when she was on the merry-go-round. Thirty-nine students attended in total.

"I went on the Silver Bullet, Ghost Rider, Voyage to the Iron Reef, the Timber Mountain Log Ride, and Coast Rider. I spent \$60 on food, drinks, and Panda Express. I was part of the German Club. I hung out with Helen (Castijellos), Juliana (Gari-bay), Gilbert (Diaz), Alicia (Ayala Gutierrez), and Clara (Kress)," said Samuel Moreno.

## Exchange

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was the weather. "Back home it's raining, snowing, and now it's getting warmer. Here the weather is nice and consistent," said Adriana. All three girls have visited various places with their hosts such as the beach, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, and Hollywood.

"I was very nervous about coming here," said Clara. All three students came to experience the culture, experience the atmosphere, and to practice their English. "There's a lot of American culture in Germany so I wanted to experience it firsthand," said Xenia.

Kathleen Christensen will be returning to Germany this summer with her German partner. "I've hosted once before my freshman year. At the time I couldn't visit Germany because I didn't have enough experience with the language," said Kathleen. Kathleen will spend four weeks in Germany where she will be hosted by her current partner. "There's nothing specific I want to see but I'm excited to experience a different country and learn about the culture there," said Kathleen.



German foreign exchange students Adriana Hartmann, Xenia Epp and Clara Kress. The girls stayed with a BHS host family.

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as any other sport. Running enthusiasts have to practice daily to hone their skills on the track.



Adrianna Fuentes said, "The feeling of adrenaline pumping, the uneasiness in the air, and the cluelessness of what happens once that gun shoots surrounds me at the start of every race, but when I start to run, the feeling vanishes and I'm left relaxed. Winning feels really great, being part of the Sunkist league feels very fulfilling. I love running and I'm very active and sporty person. I really take pleasure in a little challenge.

Track was for me."

Every runner shares the same passion of running and are willing to go the extra mile in improving their attitude and advocating a positive environment on the field.

Britney Solis said, "You learn a lot of things that aren't really taught in school for running. Although I was forced by my mom, my freshman year, to join Track. I ended up really liking the new experience. The league is not as competitive as other leagues, but it gives you an opportunity to push yourself when no one else is around and prepares you for invitationals."



Part of the reason why track gives off valuable memories is because of the people. Though their goals may be different, their drive remains the same.

Jesenia Lopez said, "It's pretty fun hanging out with the people there. I joined it originally to help me get a scholarship by my senior year to go to a college. Practice takes around two hours. The beginning of the season starts off a little easy, and as we get more into the season the practice gets harder. The 800m was my main event, winning it felt awesome."



Hard work pays off in the long run. Although life will pass you by in a flash, it is worth to try your best to get the results you want. The euphoric feeling of winning a race is worth almost more than anything in the world.

Kevin Nava said, "It's fun, exciting, and very tiring. I joined it because it sounded like fun and I was not disappointed. Training in track is hard at first but after awhile you'll get used to it. The sense of competition and winning are the best parts of the program."



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## Big winners Boys State

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believe me, but my dad was super excited. I hope to drive it next year, but I don't even have my permit, which I'm hoping to get soon," said the big winner, Alejandra Lopez Rojas (Junior).

### The Bloomington winners:

Angel Rivas (LG-65"-LED-Smart-4K UHD TV w/ HDR),  
Kellee Cross (Samsung Galaxy Tab S4 10.5")  
Emma Marie Mejia (PS4 + \$250 Mastercard Gift Card)  
Javier Murillo (\$100 Target Gift Card)  
Tia-Ja Martinez (Touch-Screen Chromebook)  
Kevin Nass (SoundSport wireless headphones + \$250 Mastercard Gift Card)  
Oscar Hernandez (Samsung Galaxy Tab S4)  
Wesley Cross (Touch-Screen Chromebook)  
Leilani Suarez (\$500 Scholarship), Fernando Gomez (\$500 Scholarship),  
Briseyda Bagues (\$500 Scholarship)  
Yvette Renteria-Arreola (\$250 Mastercard Gift Card)

## Candle Power



Meet the newest members of the German Honor Society. To get into German Honor Society, you need a 3.6 GPA in German with at least two years of the class plus community service hours. There are 10 new members this year.

**Pictured:** Eneiry Tavin, Marcos Gutierrez, Kevin Solorzano, Kayla Bocanegra, Maria Sarabia, Vlad Barrera, Pablo Guerrero, and Christian Moreno. Not pictured: Margarita Ortiz, Cristofer Baca.

*Kevin Garcia will represent BHS this summer*

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Boys state is an educational program of government instruction for U.S high school students. The American Legion invites high school juniors who have completed their junior year or have one semester left, to participate in this program. Applicants must also have the following qualifications: leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and serve in their community and school.

Kevin Garcia, the winner, said "I didn't know about boys state until the counselor came into my history classroom to discuss about the subject to the class."

Mr. Johnson, counselor, is the one in charge of choosing who goes. He goes to the AP US History classes and asks the junior boys if they are interested. From those, he chooses the top 6-8 boys with the best GPA.



They then go through an interview with three members of the American Legion.

Only one student is chosen to go and they choose a runner up in case the first boy can't make it or ends up not meeting qualifications. Ben Walton was chosen to attend the program, however he can not make it due to personal reasons. So the runner up, Kevin, will be attending the program instead. Garcia expressed his excitement: "I feel like it's something new and it's worth the experience. I feel excited about it."

This is a one week camp during the month of June. They stay in the dorms at Sacramento State University. The boys participate in a government, experience California government, go to the Capitol, watch the senate in session, talk to lawmakers from their own government and do a lot of recreational activities.

"I feel excited about it because I know that there is knowledge I'll gain out of the experience. I think it's pretty cool as well because only one junior from my school gets to go and I feel a bit nervous about that. But overall, I am willing to go to learn new things about what goes on in the country."