

Torrey Pines High School

2009-10 All-Star Accolades

Torrey Pines is a National Blue Ribbon School and a California Distinguished School. Located in Carmel Valley, California, the high school with grades 9-12 has a student population of 2,594. Here are a few of our school-wide accomplishments for the 2009-2010 school year:

- ★ In spring 2010, a total of 2,664 Advanced Placements exams were administered to over 1,420 students.
- ★ We achieved 99% participation on our STAR exams, one of the highest participation rates in the state — and a factor in our 2008 API of 861.
- ★ 94% pass rate for 1st time test –takers on the California High School Exit Exam, 89% pass rate overall.
- ★ In the 2009 competition for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship awards, 47 Torrey Pines seniors qualified as semifinalists, and 43 qualified as finalists. This is an incredible amount of students to qualify at one school! In addition, many have also received private and university sponsored scholarships!
- ★ **Academic Team News:** At the 2009 Fall Knowledge Master Open, (out of 678 schools participating across the country), TPHS placed 1st in the State of California and second in the Nation! At the Knowledge Master Open in April, the JV and Varsity playing together placed first in the State of California and **first** in the Nation! The TPHS Academic Team placed 7th (out of 200 teams) at the NAQT National High School Championship in May, our best finish ever. **Stephen Liu** won 4th place honors in highest scoring out of over 1,100 students. Varsity and JV teams were both undefeated in league play and became the North Coast Champs.
- ★ At the **Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair**, eighteen students placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their category, and won a total of twenty professional or special awards. **Carrie Cao** went on to win a 1st at the state science fair and won a special award and placed as a semifinalist at the international INTEL science fair, which had over 1,600 students from 59 countries competing!
- ★ **TPPlayers**, composed of over 200 volunteer students, produced 4 mainstage shows, sponsored 2 Actors Anthologies and also participated in VPA Day. “Arabian Nights” was awarded “Artistic Merit” award from CETA, and 4 designers earned 1st and 2nd place at Fullerton College Theatre Festival. Last summer, TPPlayers also performed their original musical version of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- ★ 100% of our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students will be attending either two year or four year colleges in the fall!
- ★ Congratulations to Seniors **Michael Dashefsky, Jessica Brown, Daniella Conde, Patrick Galvin, and Matt Spelich**, who were recognized as “Class Acts” in the June/Senior graduation issue by the North County Times.
- ★ Foreign Language Honors: At the National Japan Bowl in Washington D.C., our Level II students of Japanese took 3rd place, and our Level III team took 1st place and became U.S. Champions! This is the first time TPHS has placed at a national championship! Congratulations to **Sato Umabe** and her students!
- ★ Journalism Department Honors: At the Fall National High School Journalism Convention, **Lara Brill** won a National Pacemaker Award (the Pulitzer Prize of high school Journalism), and **Nadia Farjood** (now a freshman at Harvard, won Honorable Mention in the Pacemaker competition for Sports Story of the Year. Five other honors were awarded to TPHS students at the onsite contests. The Journalism Department earned the following awards at the Spring National High School Journalism Convention: The *Falconer* newspaper won 6th Place Best in Show and **Jonathan Gao** won an honorable mention for sports writing.
- ★ The TP Library Media Center had 95,000 student visits; 196,000 student connect minutes to our online subscription websites performing 84,669 searches from home and school; 1,000 students attended our 5 “Cutting-Edge Conversations” speaker forums throughout the year; and \$10,000 was raised by Friends of the Library/TP Foundation benefitting every student and teacher.

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- ★ **Music Department Highlights:** Seniors **Carolyn Soderberg** and **Cindy Yun** made All-State Choir. The Torrey Pines Music Department has earned top honors at several competitions. At the LA Band and Orchestra Festival in March, our **Wind Ensemble** won 1st place and Best Overall Band (all levels), and the **Symphonic Band** took 1st Place (concert band II category). The **Jazz Band and Advanced Orchestra** both placed 2nd at the San Francisco competition in March, and the TP **Jazz Band** took 3rd place and 9 individual awards at the Irvine Jazz Festival in April. In May, the **Jazz Band** took 2nd in Advanced Jazz Band category at the Colorado Jazz Festival.
- ★ **Sports Highlights** -- Boys Cross Country: League Champions; Girls Cross Country: League Champions, CIF Champions, State Champions; Girls Golf: League Champions, CIF Champions; Girls Tennis: League Champions, CIF Champions (20 years in a row!); Girls Volleyball: League Champions; Boys Basketball: Avocado League Champions; Girls Basketball: 2nd in league; Boys Soccer: Avocado League Champions; Girls Soccer: Avocado League Champions; Wrestling: 2nd in league; Girls Water Polo: second in league; Boys Golf: Avocado League Champions, CIF Champions, Regional's (6/3) and State Championships (6/8); Gymnastics: Undeclared in leagues, Palomar League Champions, Individual titles on Compulsory Vault, Optional Vault, Optional Floor and Optional Beam; **Kaitlin Mohr** was Palomar Gymnast of the Year, **Denise Sterger** was Palomar Coach of the Year, CIF individual title on Optional Floor, 3rd place team at CIF; Girls Track: Avocado League Champions, Notables: **Alli Billmeyer**—3 new school records: 800m, 1600m, 3200m; also national leader in the 1600m with a 4:45:06; Girls DMR—School record & CIF record, **Alli Billmeyer, Brianna Ellis, Ashlyn Dadkhah and Megan Morgan**; Boys Track: CIF Champions, CIF Scholar Athletes for Boys Track Notables—**Bassim El-Sabawi**—school records in the 100m & 200m and **Matt Carpowich**—school records in the 1600m & 800m; Boys Golf: 1st for Southern California CIF; Boys Tennis: League Champions, **Axel Bouillin** League Champion and CIF Singles Champion; Boys Volleyball: went to Quarterfinals, **Clint Hall** was nominated for San Diego County All Star Team; Boys Lacrosse: Senior **Erik Myers** was named to the All-American Team and senior **Alex Perkins** to the Academic All American Team. Congratulations to **Bassim El-Sabawi and Megan Morgan**, who were recognized by the San Diego High School Sports Association as Torrey Pines “Male and Female Athletes of the Year.”
- ★ Torrey Pines’ student science journal *Falconium* won the Rochester Institute of Technology’s Young Professionals in Publishing Competition. The competition was judged on the quality of photography and the layout of the magazine.
- ★ At press time, Torrey Pines students have logged in over **25,687** hours of school and community service this year! Contributing to this phenomenal total were: NHS, ASHA, TPHS Global Relief, CSF, Eagle Scouts **Cole Swanson** and **Matt Spelich**, Key Club, Mr. Posner’s P.E. students, ASB/Class Council, and Girls Softball.
- ★ At press time, the **Torrey Pines High School Foundation** raised a total of \$1,683,371 to cover program expenses and support vital student programs. Many Shared Vision were met, and we are excited to announce that the **Mac Lab will open in the fall with 35 new computers!** In addition, the Foundation funded \$1,530,291 for all programs, and over 595 parent volunteers helped Torrey Pines through ongoing assignments or one-time events.
- ★ **31** TPHS students have had **perfect attendance** for the 2009 - 2010 school year!
- ★ Seniors **Jessica Brown** and **Michael Dashefsky** have been chosen as this year’s recipients of the Golden Falcon Award. This prestigious award is given to the top girl and top boy student who are exemplary in school and community behavior, community service, ethical behavior, motivation to achieve, success in academics, and well-rounded attributes. Additionally, these students are respected by peers and faculty, display promise for success beyond Torrey Pines and model TP pride and excellence.
- ★ Science teacher **Matt Livingston** was named “Torrey Pines Teacher of the Year” and Athletic Secretary **Pam Brand** was named “Classified Employee of the Year.”

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