

News

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News, events and resources for students, parents and the Torrey Pines community

Last day for current students to make changes to their course requests for next year: May 28th

Memorial Day Holiday: May 31st
Classes resume June 1st, a 1-3-5 day.

TP Falcon Awards Night: June 8
TP Gym, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Senior Finals: June 11, Periods 1-3-5
Senior Finals: June 14, Periods 2-4-6

Senior Check-out Days: June 11, 14

Senior Distribution Day: June 12
Pick up Yearbook, Cap & Gown in West Quad, "E", "G", and Lunch Pavilion, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Finals: June 16, Periods 1 and 5
June 17, Periods 3 and 4
June 18, Periods 2 and 6

Graduation: June 18
4:00 p.m., Stadium, No tickets required

Fall '10 Readiness Days: August 17 -20
Seniors, August 17, 9 - 12 noon
Juniors, August 18, 9 - 12 noon
Sophomores, August 19, 9 - 12 noon
Freshmen, August 20, 9 - 12 noon

First Day of School: August 31
Single Period Day (1-3-5-2-4-6)

Another Fantastic Year: Torrey Pines by the Numbers

Here are some highlights from the past year!

- ★ This May, 2,664 **AP tests** were given to 1,420 TPHS students!
- ★ This year we had **47** seniors who qualified as **National Merit Semifinalists**. This is an incredible amount of students to qualify at one school! Of this group, **43** students were selected as **National Merit Finalists** and honored by the National Merit Program, and many have received private and university sponsored scholarships!
- ★ We achieved 99% participation on our **STAR** exams, one of the highest participation rates in the state — and a factor in our 2009 API of 861.
- ★ 94% pass rate for 1st time test – takers on the California High School Exit Exam, 89% pass rate overall.
- ★ At press time, with only six TPHS student clubs (**NHS, ASHA, TPHS Global Relief, CSF, Key Club, and Sam Posner's classes**) and two of our **Eagle Scouts** reporting, TPHS students have logged in over 18,977 **Community Service hours** this year! And we're still counting!
- ★ The TP **Library Media Center** had 95,000 student visits; 196,000 student connect minutes to our online subscription websites for 84,669 searches from home and school; 1,000 student attendees at our 5 "Cutting-Edge Conversations" guest speaker forums throughout the year; and \$10,000 was raised by **Friends of the Library/TP Foundation** benefitting every student and teacher.
- ★ 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."
- ★ **TPPlayers**, composed of over 200 volunteer students, produced 4 main-stage 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.
- ★ 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 goals 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.
- ★ At the **Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair**, eighteen students placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their category, and also received over 20 professional society awards.
- ★ At press time, **412** TPHS students have had **perfect attendance** for the 2009-2010 school year!
- ★ 100% of our **AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students will be attending either two year or four year colleges in the fall!
- ★ Science teacher **Matt Livingston** was named "Torrey Pines Teacher of the Year" and Athletic Secretary **Pam Brand** was named "Classified Employee of the Year."

Principal's Corner

BY BRETT KILLEEN

End-of-Year Highlights

In the last month, our students have taken a battery of tests: The California High School Exit Exam, the California Standards Tests (STAR), Advanced Placement exams, SATs and ACTs. Most of our graduating seniors have also committed to their universities and solidified their college and career-path plans. They've been incredibly busy, but also composed and focused—as principal, I'm very proud of them, and I'm sure you are, too. The results are impressive, to say the least. Forty-three of our students are National Merit Finalists—a record here and 13 more than last year's record-setting class. Our students' performance on the AP exams should put our school among the top 125 out of 30,000 schools in the upcoming Newsweek recognition of "America's

Best Schools." Our students' performance on the STAR assessments resulted in our school earning a statewide ranking of 10 out of 10 and we're the highest performing comprehensive boundary school in San Diego County. We wish our 633 graduating seniors the very best as they go on to make positive contributions to our world!

Trends and News Heading into Next Year

Districtwide enrollment is down several hundred students this coming year, primarily because we no longer accept inter-district transfers. As a Basic Aid district, we would receive no funding for inter-district students. At press time, there are still some students on the waitlist for CCA and SDA, but some relief may be forthcoming. Some students on

waitlists change their minds and elect to remain at their boundary schools, while other families elect to go to private school, or happen to move out of the area. As a result, the waitlists are not as long as some people may believe. It is our hope, as a District, that most, if not all, students end up going to their school of first choice. At TPHS, we expect to have about 2,450 students next year, which is a very manageable size for our campus. Over the last several years, our 9th-12th grade class sizes have been a little over 600 students. 600 students per grade level is pretty consistent at each of the four high schools in our District right now. LCC will have about 2,300 students next year; CCA will have about 1,900 students, and SDA will have about 1,600 students. Class sizes are the same at all of our schools, and the average is about 35.

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A New TP Record!!!

Meet our 43 National Merit Scholarship Finalists!



Amin Aalipour, Emily D. Cai, Justin T. Chen, Jacob J. Cole, Mollie S. Friedlander, Ilya I. Gaidarov, Sally Z. Gu, Eric Y. Guan, Benjamin S. Hong, Kevin G. Hsu, Prabhav Jain, Diane T. Jeon, Sunny S. Jeon, Jeffrey J. Lee, Theresa Y. Lee, Margot R. Levy, Helen J. Liang, Chang Liu, Jung Hoon Liu, Ashley R. Lo, Yining Lu, Harding Luan, Corry

E. McDonald, Anne Y. Ning, Nimish K. Pratha, Kevin Qian, Aarthi L. Reddy, David L. Rosenthal, Guhan V. Shastri, Weston J. Saubus, David Teng, Oleg R. Tsvikovski, Lawrence S. Wang, Lezhi Wang, Lucia L. Wang, Christopher K. Wu, Emmeline Molin Ye, Caroline Y. Yu, Rodger Yuan, Jimmy S. Zhang, and Kelu Zhao.

accolades & Appreciation



Kudos to **Lynn Truong**, a senior and AVID student, who recently received the Jim Beyster Health Care Scholarship, a \$2,000 scholarship from the San Diego Foundation. Lynn had to write an essay and interview with a 3 person interview panel!

Lynn plans to attend UCSD next year and possibly major in Human Biology.

Eric Guan, Casey Fu, Robi Bhattacharjee, and Daniel Teng recently competed in the USA Mathematics Olympiad (USAMO). As a result, **Robi** has qualified for the Mathematics Olympiad Summer Program (MOSP). This is a prestigious opportunity awarded to only 60 students nationwide! Well done!

Math teachers **Abby Brown, Nikki Green, and Erica Offerman** attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Annual Conference in San Diego in April. Nine students from the Advanced Topics in Math class also attended (courtesy of Wolfram Research, the makers of *Mathematica*). Students attended sessions, presented their work at the Wolfram Research booth, and explored the exhibit hall giving them a true introduction to a large conference experience. Attending students included **Eric Gu, Alex Jafek, Lucia Wang, Sally Gu, Justin Chen, Helen Liang, Henry Huang, Oliver Chen, and Kevin Hsu.**

Congratulations to the recipients of the 3rd quarter "I am the Change" award! This quarter's recipients are:
9th Grade: **Jake Ashby**
10th Grade: **Garrett Braun**
11th Grade: **Caitlin Mackey**
12th Grade: **Marissa Minnick**

At the Spring National High School Journalism Convention in Portland April 15-18, the **Falconer** won 6th place Best in Show, and **Jonathan Gao** won an Honorable Mention in Sportswriting! Congratulations, **Journalism** students!

Congratulations to our **Gymnastics** team for winning League Championships this year!



Congratulations to **Megan Morgan and Bassim El-Sabawi**, who were named as this year's Scholar Athletes by the San Diego High School Sports Association. **Megan and Bassim** are pictured above with Principal Brett Killeen.

Congratulations to Falcon pitcher **Joey DeNato**, who has been named Papa John's Player of the Week, McDonald's Channel Player of the Month, and NCT and SD Union Player of the Week. Some of Joey's stats: 8-1, 1.01 ERA, 17 2/3 inning of hitless ball, and 65 strikeouts. Joey will be attending the University of Indiana on a scholarship next year.



Congratulations to the following students for earning their student certification for *Mathematica*. This distinction is awarded by Wolfram Research, the publishers of *Mathematica* software.
—*Mathematica* Foundations Level: **Emily Cai, Eric Gu, and Alex Jafek.**
—*Mathematica* Advanced Foundations Level: **Amin Aalipour, Michelle Chen, Oliver Chen, Eric Guan, Henry Huang, Prabhav Jain, and Samvit Ramdurgam.**

AVID Club President, **Daniela Conde** is one of only 1,000 high school students nationally to receive the Gates Millennium Scholarship. She will attend USD in the Fall.

Congratulations to senior **Alex Wagner**, who won individual league honors at the league golf tournament at SCGA/Woods Valley.



^ **THANK YOU!!!** Due to an **anonymous parent donor**, AP Biology students will be able to again participate in a Comparative Anatomy Dissection this June. The students will work in small groups dissecting one of 6 organisms - frog, perch, dogfish, rat, fetal pig or cat - identifying key system components and analyzing structural differences and similarities to further explore the theme of Unity and Diversity amongst life. The dissections allow students to take those 2D textbook images and see the 3D nature of them, while gaining a true appreciation for the amazing complexity of life.

In early May, eight TPHS students participated in the American Chemical Society experiential contest, and TPHS came in third in both division 1 and division 2. We were the only school to place in both divisions, which shows the depth of our chemistry program. Please congratulate these students: **Florence Lambert-Flizar, Marissa Pittard, Erwin Li, Jack McParlane, Justing Song, Anson Kahng, Ahmed Mohamed Farouk, and Robi Bhattacharjee.**

Congratulations to **Angela Wu (9) and Sophie You (9)**, who both were winners in an essay contest sponsored by the Rancho Santa Fe Literary Society. Angela and Sophie tied for second place, and each won a check for \$500, which was presented to them at a luncheon program at The Grand Del Mar on March 12th!

Congratulations to the following 5 Seniors, who were recognized by the *North County Times* as "Class Acts" for their June/senior graduation issue: **Michael Dashefsky, Jessica Brown, Daniella Conde, Patrick Galvin, and Matt Spelich.**

Bravo to the **Jazz Band**, which received a u-superior rating and placed 2nd in the Advanced Jazz Band category at the Coronado Jazz Festival in May!

(Accolades continued on p. 9)

Counseling Corner

by Jayme Cambra
Head Counselor

June, 2010

Registration Update

The 2010-2011 registration process is complete! All students completed their registration and course selections and students confirmed their course requests through the Aeries ABI portal in May. In some cases, alternate classes replaced electives that will not be offered due to low enrollment or classes that have been limited in enrollment by grade. Students had until **Friday, May 28th, 2010** to make changes to their course requests. After May 28th, students will not be able to change their elective courses due to staffing limitations. This will help ensure that all students are in the correct classes on the first day of school.

Students will receive their 2010-2011 class schedules the week of August 17th-20th, during Readiness Days. Schedule changes will be made at that time for students who have completed summer coursework, are missing a class, are enrolled in the wrong class or wish to change the course level, space permitting. Students and/or parents will not be able to select specific teachers and/or periods.

Please keep in mind that all students must earn a second semester grade of a "C" or better to move on to the next level of Math and World Language. If your student receives a D or F in one of these subjects at the end of the semester, please consider enrolling him or her in summer school.

Summer School Information

If a student plans to take an off campus class, they must complete an Off Campus Permission form, which are available at www.tphs.net/counseling. Non-district schools must be accredited and all courses must be approved by our district. Students must see that a transcript of completed work is submitted to the Torrey Pines Registrar immediately after the class has ended. Off campus classes that are accepted to meet high school graduation requirements MAY NOT be accepted by colleges for admissions. Be sure to check with an admissions officer from each campus to which you wish to apply for clarification. Please remember that there is a 30 credit limit for off campus courses.

If a student earns a "D" or "F" in a UC/CSU (college prep) approved class, the class should be repeated. However, the exact class must be repeated in order to have the higher grade used in the TPHS grade point average. Please be aware that many colleges will average *both* the higher and lower grades together.

IMPORTANT! As soon as your student successfully enrolls in a summer school class, her/his counselor will be able to substitute an alternate class in place of the summer class. Please be sure to let the counselor know that she/he is enrolled AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Attention Seniors! Class of 2010!

Graduation and Senior Check-out

Graduation is upon us! In order to walk in the graduation ceremony, all seniors must complete the senior check out process on Friday June 11th (1-3-5 day) and Monday June 14th (2-4-6 day). This process will include various check-out stops around campus. All stops highlighted on the student's check out forms are required in order to complete the check out process and be eligible to walk in graduation.

One required stop is in the College and Career Center (room 401) for students to input post high school data into our NAVIANCE program. In order to save time waiting in line to check out, we highly recommend that students plan ahead to complete this process early. To do this, log into NAVIANCE and select the 2010 Senior Survey on the left side menu. Please remember to enter the status of each college you applied to.

Final Transcripts

To request final transcripts to be sent to colleges, please bring an addressed and stamped envelope to our registrar, located in the Administration Building.

Attention Juniors! Class of 2011!

The checklist below is a great resource in planning ahead for your student's senior year!

1. Ensure that your student has signed up for a NAVIANCE account on the counseling website. Use your students' ID number with a p after it for the parent account. NAVIANCE is the primary database for all of our college information.
 2. Use the college search feature on NAVIANCE to narrow down the list of colleges and universities in which your student plans to apply to. Most applications are due in the Fall, and the UC and CSU applications are due between November 1st and November 30th.
 3. If your student is applying to private colleges and universities which require a letter of recommendation, it is useful to have them begin the TPHS "Brag Packet" over the summer. You can find the counselor and teacher letter of recommendation "Brag Packets" on NAVIANCE.
- Keep in mind, the UC and CSU's do not accept letters of recommendation.
 - "Brag Packets" will be due to their counselor by **October 1st, 2010** for college deadlines December 1st and before. "Brag packets" will be due on **November 1st, 2010** for college deadlines December 2nd and after. The sooner the packet is turned in, the sooner the letter will be written.

From the Registrar's Office...

Seniors: If you are taking a class at one of the community colleges you may get a Preliminary Report of Semester Grades that can be mailed from the college. This form is available from the Admissions and Records Office at the community college.

Final Transcript Request: Seniors need to bring a **stamped envelope** to the Registrar's Office addressed to the College or University that will be attended in the fall. Print your name legibly on the lower left of the envelope. Bring your envelope to the Registrar's Office. **DO NOT PUT YOUR HOME ADDRESS AS THE RETURN ADDRESS.** The return address should be: Torrey Pines High School, 710 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas, CA 92024. Include enough postage on the envelope. Unless your college has requested otherwise, a long #10 envelope is all that is required.

Final transcript envelopes may be brought to the Registrar's Office. Envelopes should be brought in before graduation day. **Be sure you ADDRESS YOUR ENVELOPES LEGIBLY, neatness counts!**

There is **No Charge for the Final Transcript.** The transcripts will be sent out after graduation, as soon as second semester grades are posted in Aeries.

End of Year Reminder from the Health Office

*by Laura Hernandez,
Health Tech*

Parents of students with medication at the health office need to stop by and pick up the medication before the last day of school. Medication not picked up by June 18th will be thrown out. All medication and forms need to be renewed for next school year 2010-2011. The forms for this year will not be enforced for next school year. Students may not carry or bring in any medication to school without medication authorization forms on file.

Be Ready for 2010-2011!

Mark your Calendars Now for Readiness Days!

Seniors: Tuesday, August 17th
Juniors: Wednesday, August 18th
Sophomores: Thursday, August 19th
Freshmen: Friday, August 20th

Readiness Days activities take place between 9:00 a.m. and noon each day. Watch for the alphabetical breakdowns for each day that will be posted in the online materials that will let you know what time you should come on your day. Check the alpha listing for the student's last name.

Summer Office Hours

8:00 - 11:45 a.m., M - F

Closed July 5th

Fun Facts from the Library Media Center for the 2009-2010 School Year!

- Online subscription usage: 196,000 minutes of connect time for 84,669 searches from school and home.
- Reservations made through the library: 2,434
- Student visits per school year: 95,000

Fashion Show on June 9th to Benefit Fashion Programs at TPHS and CCA

Torrey Pines High School and Canyon Crest Academy will hold their 1st annual collaborative Fashion Show fundraiser Wednesday, June 9th at 7:30 at the CCA Proscenium Theater. Students from the **Fashion Design** classes will show off their garment creations and students from the **Fashion Merchandising** class will showcase their wardrobe coordinating techniques featuring retail merchandise from their boutique internships. General admission is \$7. Student admission is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Fashion Programs at both schools. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun event!



Principal's Corner *(continued from p. 2)*

Summer School for our District is by invitation only, meaning that counselors have identified 11th and 12th graders who are credit deficient and in danger of not graduating. Our District will house summer school at TPHS. If your child is served by special education, you will hear directly from case managers about summer learning.

This summer, we will be installing a new MacLab for digital imaging in our fine arts building, and we will be putting the final touches on adding machines and stations to our PC computer lab in the library/media center. We re-

cently converted our thin clients in one of our labs to Eboxes, and they are functioning much better. We will make the same upgrade to our College and Career Counseling Center computers, which are used for Naviance.

Our District is facing budget constraints, just like everyone else in California, but our conservative approach to spending in the "good years" is helping us now. Unlike most districts, we are not currently talking about shortening the academic year, nor are we talking about furloughs for employees. Class sizes were bumped up slightly several

years ago, but we have not increased it for next year. Thank you for your support as we weather this financially challenging period; we don't want our students to feel the ramifications of cuts.

Have a terrific end of the school year, and a restful summer. If you are the parent of a graduating senior, and this is your last child in the District, I just want to wish you a special thanks for all that you have done as a parent to help your child be successful throughout life!



Senior Reminders

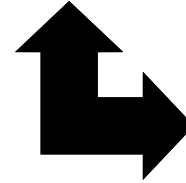


- Senior Week Passports are now on sale in the Student Store – \$130 with ASB, \$135 without. A current Student ID Card is MANDATORY to purchase the passport. Senior Passports are non-refundable. Tickets are sold first come/first served. Senior Week includes 1) Monday–June 14th–Movie Night; 2) Tuesday–June 15th–Disneyland; 3) Wednesday–June 16th–Senior Breakfast/Dodge Ball (a.m.) and Senior Dance (p.m.); 4) Thursday–June 17th–Senior Picnic directly follows the Graduation Rehearsal.
- Transcript Fees due **June 1st**. Please pay Registrar in the Admin. Bldg. for any outstanding transcript fees.
- TPHS Falcon Awards Night, **June 8th**, Gym, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **June 11th is Senior Finals/Senior Check-Out Day–Period 1-3-5 classes. Pick up an official check-out sheet in the Quad from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.; keep your check-out sheet in a safe place as you will need it again on Monday!**
- Senior Cap & Gown/Yearbook Distribution Day, Saturday, **June 12th** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the "E", "G", West Quad, and Lunch Pavilion Areas.
- **Monday, June 14th is Senior Finals/Senior Check-Out Day–Period 2-4-6 classes. MANDATORY–turn in the official check-out sheet to the Counseling Center at the end of the school day between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.!**
- **Monday, June 14th: Senior Week Event** – Movie Night– A pre-purchased Senior Passport is required to attend: 7:00–10:00 p.m. – Movie Max Theatre, located near the Carlsbad Mall at the corner of El Camino Real and Marron Drive in Carlsbad. Movie Selection - TBA.
- **Tuesday, June 15th: Senior Week Event** – Disneyland Field Trip - A pre-purchased Senior Passport is required to attend. Buses load and drop-off at the TPHS turn-about, off Del Mar Heights Road. Loading 8:30 a.m. SHARP! Return 9:00 p.m. (ETA). **Seniors are required to check-in to period 1.**
- **Wednesday, June 16th: Senior Week Event** – Senior Breakfast and Dodge ball – A pre-purchased Senior Passport is required to attend. Takes place in the Gym between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. **Seniors must check-in to period 1.**
- **Wednesday, June 16th: Senior Week Event** – Senior Dance–A pre-purchased Senior Passport is required to attend. Location: Party Pals, 10427 Roselle Street, San Diego, CA Time: 8:00–11:00 p.m. Theme: "Alter Ego"
- **Thursday, June 17th: Graduation Rehearsal**–MANDATORY for ALL Seniors–located in Falcon Stadium @ 10:45 a.m. SHARP! Entry at Main Gate to Stadium. **Senior Week Event** – Senior Picnic & Cap Decorating – A pre-purchased Senior Passport is required to attend: Go directly to the TP Upper Field following rehearsal. **Seniors are required to check-in to Period 3.**
- **Friday, June 18th, Graduation Day** – Graduates report to the "B" Building Math & Science wings @ 2:30 p.m. IF ELIGIBLE, Seniors will pick up Principal's Honor Cord, CSF, NHS, and AVID Cords; Ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m. SHARP!
- **Friday, June 18th, Grad Night**– This is sponsored by the TPHS Foundation. For more information or to purchase Grad Night Tickets, contact the Foundation Office.

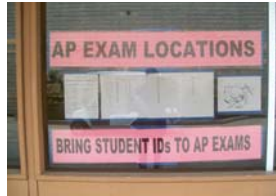
Seen Around Torrey Pines ...



Falcon Fear Factor Contests featured twinkies smothered in whipping cream, a cracker with cheese and black licorice, and gummy worms in caramel sauce. **Clint Hall** was the winner of both contests!



Prom Week Activities, May 3 - 7



Math Honors

AP Statistics Team Captures 1st Place at Honors Statistics Contest!



The AP Statistics class assembled a team that took 1st place in the Honors Statistics Contest for the 2nd year in a row! The competition was open to all county schools at UCSD on Saturday, May 1st. Four of the 6 team members placed individually in the Top 5 overall! Please congratulate our Honors Statistics Team: **Albert Chen** (1st), **Margaret Guo** (tie 3rd), **Allison Zhao** (tie 3rd), **Henry Huang** (5th), **Casey Fu**, and **Jessica Zeng**.

^ The **Honors Statistics Team**, shown above with Advisor **Nikki Green**, was honored at the SDCOE Board Meeting on May 12th.

Math Club Wins County Competition!

by Abby Brown, Math Club Advisor

The **TPHS Math Club** tied for first place in all of San Diego County at the 53rd Annual High School Honors Mathematics Contest held at UCSD in April. Four of our students had perfect scores on the team component and three more missed perfect by one question. Nine of our 12 students placed in the top 25! Please congratulate the following students. Their rankings among all of the students who competed are noted.

Robi Bhattacharjee - 1st Place
Casey Fu - 3rd Place
Soumya Basu - 6th Place
Eric Guan - 9th Place
Henry Huang - 10th Place
Stephen Liu - 12th Place
Andrew Liao - 19th Place
Anson Kahng - 24th Place
Daniel Teng - 25th Place
Praneet Mylavarapu (alternate)
Young Kang (alternate)
David Zheng (alternate)

The team was recognized at the SDCOE Board Meeting on May 12th.

19 AVID Students Accepted to Four-Year Colleges!

Daniela Conde: USD, **Lynn Truong:** UCSD, **Claudette Enriquez:** Syracuse, **Emilie Mandic:** UCONN, **David Troyce:** Babson, **Victoria Torres:** UC Davis, **Shelby Brown:** UC Davis, **Aaron Windmiller:** UCSB, **Matt Gluschankoff:** NYU, UCSB, **Jessica Chang:** University of Wisconsin-Madison, **Colby Lowenstein:** San Francisco State University, **Maddi Silvas:** San Francisco State University, **Paula Hoang:** UC Irvine, UC Davis, USD, **Warsame Hussein:** SDSU, **Linda Carter:** Cal State San Marcos, **Concha Espana:** Cal State San Marcos, **Shervin Ghannadian:** Cal State San Marcos, **Mirian Sanchez:** Cal State San Marcos.

AVID is a rigorous college prep program taken during the school day as an elective. There is an acceptance process including an application and interview. Students must qualify by meeting criteria while demonstrating potential and a desire to improve. A student must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- Low Socio-economic status
 - First Generation to attend college in family
 - Being a part of an underserved population
 - Other special circumstances (indicate on the application)
- The AVID application can be found online at: <http://www2.sduhsd.net/tp/documents/Counseling/Avidapp.pdf>.

For more questions, email the AVID Coordinator at John.Donahoe@sduhsd.net.

Academic Team News

Academic Team Wins the Nation!

by Barbara Swovelin, Freshmen Academic Team Coach

WOW!!! THEY DID IT!!! The Torrey Pines Academic Team participated in the Knowledge Master Open on April 21. The Frosh, JV and Varsity playing together placed **first in the state of California and FIRST in the NATION (WORLD?)!!!** This is a computerized competition where schools all over the world (mostly US) play on the same day. This year there were 622 entries at the high school level. To me these results are a validation of the high educational quality at TPHS and we thank all of our teachers for your time, effort and dedication to teaching.

Please congratulate our **Academic Team** members:

FROSH: Robbi Alpert, Brock Bergum, Lucy Chen, Amanda Gao, Jenny Li, Neal Nathan, Samuel Shu, Katie Shubat, Ken Zhang and David Zheng.

JV: Robi Bhattacharjee, Siddhartho Bhattacharya, Priya Bisarya, Carrie Cao, Albert Chen, Margaret Guo, Ling Jing, Anson Kahng, Hong Joo Kim, Howon Lee, Xinting Li, Praneet Mylavarapu, Ethan Song, Justin Song, and Sharad Vikram.

VARSITY: Amin Aalipour, Michelle Chen, Stephen Liu, Ashley Lo, Nimish Pratha, Larry Wang, Chris Wu and Allison Zhao.

Thank you all for supporting the A-TEAM!



< JV North Coast Champs!

by Nona Killmar, Varsity Academic Team Coach

The North County Academic League season is over with the JV and Varsity going undefeated and placing first in the North Coast League. We made headlines in April when all three teams (Fr., JV & V) competed against over 600 teams across the country in the Spring Knowledge Master Open and placed First in California and FIRST in the NATION!!!

Next to come are the national tournaments. **Stephen Liu, Chris Wu, Allison Zhao, Ashley Lo, Michelle Chen, Sharad Vikram and Howon Lee** will be attending the NAQT High School Championship in Chicago over Memorial weekend. Then with a quick turnaround, **Stephen Liu, Chris Wu, Amin Aalipour, Allison Zhao, Sharad Vikram, Howon Lee, Praneet Mylavarapu and Albert Chen** will head off to

George Mason University near Washington, D.C. for the PACE National Scholastic Championship the next weekend. Best of luck to both teams!

< Varsity North Coast Champs!



Congratulations to our 2010 - 2011 Falconer Editorial Board

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TPHS Athletic Physicals - June 2, 2010

Upper Level of B-Bldg. * 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$25 cash or check made payable to TPHS.

Questions? Contact tpathletics@sduhsd.net.

Dance Department Presents Expression Session 2010

The Torrey Pines High School **Dance Department** will present a final, dazzling performance next month to conclude its best-ever season.

Expression Session 2010 will highlight the award-winning skills of dancers who received regional and national honors this year under the guidance of **Director Sarah Kaye** and **Coach Michael Langford**.

The Expression Session also will showcase the talents of the school's music, film and visual arts students.

"The Body Poets," a professional dance troupe led by Torrey Pines alum **Omeed Simantob**, also will perform.

Expression Session 2010 is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 5 at the Torrey Pines High School gym. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the door or from the Foundation office.

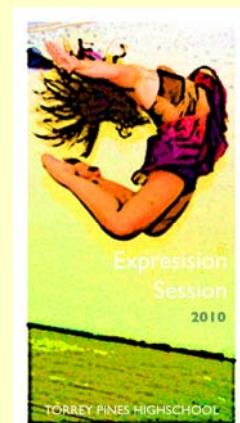
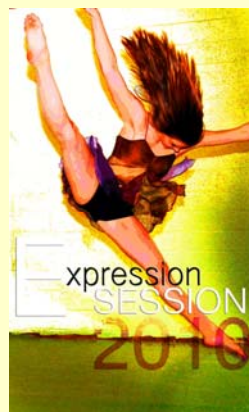
"Expression Session will be an artistic extravaganza you must not miss!" Kaye said.

The year-end performance will wrap up a record-breaking season for the Torrey Pines Dance Team, which made its best showing ever in April during the Dance Nationals in Anaheim. With its rendition of Austin Powers, the team placed second in the "Open Character Dance" category. Dozens of teams from across the country participated in the event.

The competition marked the first time that Torrey Pines had competed in the championship division of the national competition. The team was eligible to compete at that level after a strong finish at regional trials in March. Dancers brought home a tall trophy.

Today, the dance department is working hard to prepare for the June 5 finale, Kaye said.

"Torrey Pines is a creative hotbed," Kaye said, "and our many talents will be on display at the Expression Session."



Seniors with Perfect Attendance, 9/1/09 - 5/24/10!

Heather Brennan, Jin Choi, Jose Conde, Melissa Coy, William Diaz, Zhiqiao Dong, Andrew Goodman, Liam Hearne, Hyemin Kim, Paul Ko, Jeffrey Lee, Jenny Liao, Jung Hoon Liu, Lourenco Lopes, Joo-hyeon Oh, Natalie Prussak, Arantxa Ramos, Jasmin Recendiz, Joy Shi, Kate Skarvan, Jeongyoon Song, Stephen Wu, Raymond Xu, Brandon Yang, and Yan Zhao.

(Accolades *continued from p. 3*)

Congratulations to **Boys Golf**, which won the Avocado League Championship! **Bobby Gojuangco** Qualified as an individual (not part of the 6-man team) to advance to Southern California sectionals.

State Science Fair results just in-- With 394 schools participating, **Carrie Cao** won 1st place in Chemistry with her project entitled, "Malleable Polymer-Imprinted Porous Silicon Photonic Crystals";

Rebecca Su took 2nd Place in Chemistry with "Separation and Analysis of Marine Compounds Using Thin Layer Chromatography"; and **Mike Wu** won Honorable Mention in Electronics and Electromagnetics with his project entitled, "The Use of Background Suppression in MRI's to Increase Signal."

Our **Falconium** science journal has won the grand prize in the Rochester Institute of Technology's Young Professionals in Publishing Competition.

Cheers from WorkAbility!

by *Katherine Shoecraft*
WorkAbility Advisor, TPHS, CCA

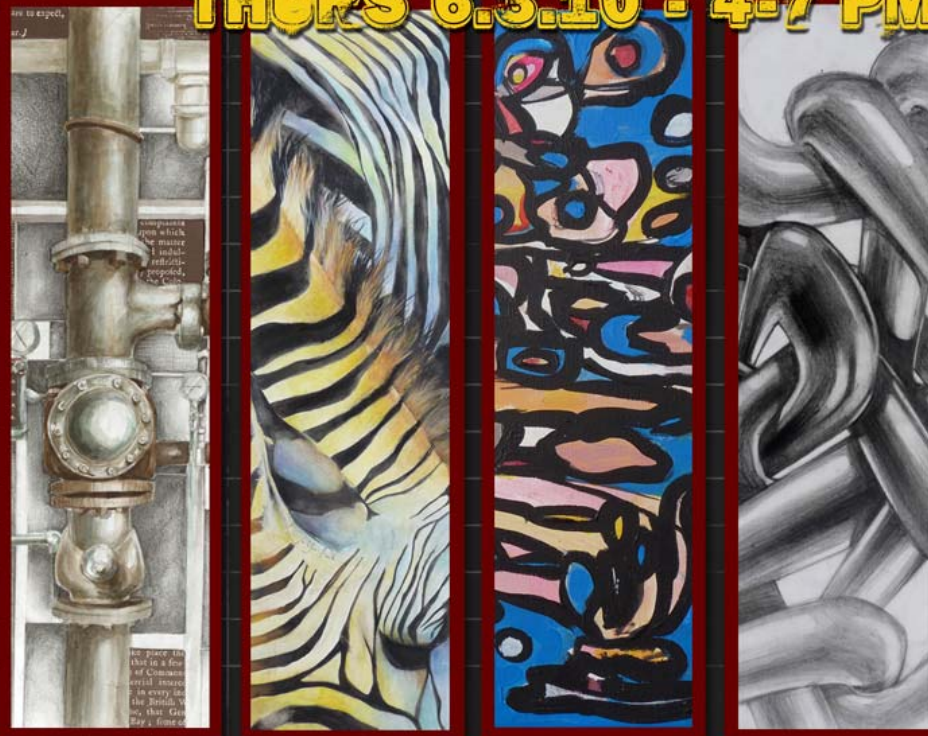
The four senior TAP students are once again working in the community, at a work-site we are all very happy about. Cheers to our local **Jimbo's** for welcoming our seniors into their Carmel Valley store to gain work experience, learn additional job skills and increase their self confidence as they transition to life post high school. We welcome **Jimbo's** into the family of businesses that hire and support our students as they become skilled and experienced employees!! It is businesses such as these that allow our students to truly succeed. For more information about WorkAbility, please note my contact information.

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Please join us for the
Torrey Pines High School Annual Student Art Exhibition

FOR ART'S SAKE

THURS 6.3.10 - 4-7 PM



Isabelle Song

Ashley Park

Chris Kafka

Ivan Tae

Showcasing artwork created by students in our Visual Art classes

In the TPHS Art Studios • 3710 Del Mar Heights Road

TPHS Student Art Exhibition • Student Art Sale • Refreshments

Open House on Friday June 4th & Monday June 7th 8:00am-2:30pm

In addition to the For Art's Sake show here at school, this year for the first time, TPHS Visual Artists are privileged to have the opportunity to exhibit their exceptional works of art at 2010 Southfair Artistspace in Del Mar from May 14th through June 11th. The renowned artist and architect, **Herb Turner**, who designed the Southfair Building as well as many notable and recognizable homes in Del Mar, graciously donated the Artistspace to the Torrey Pines Visual Arts Department. Being a passionate supporter of the arts, his intent is to give young student artists a venue in which the public may also view the results of their inspiration and imagination. On Saturday May 22nd, friends and family were invited to a reception to celebrate what these TP artists have accomplished this year in their visual arts classes, however the courtyard exhibit is open for viewing at any time between now and June 11th. Please take your friends and stop by and see this amazing display of art by our very own Torrey Pines students.

Southfair Artistspace, 2010 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar



Self-portrait of **Julia Biernacki**, made entirely of written words.



Greg McMahon
with his surrealism art



Charlie Yang's
metal sculpture



Artist, Architect, and supporter of the arts **Herb Turner** and **Julie Limerick**, TPHS Art Teacher.

Falcons Taking Flight

This June marks the retirement of several teaching legends at Torrey Pines High School - **Gail Zides, Jon Robertson, Lisa Goldberg, and Jerry Galiley.**

Jon Robertson began teaching at TPHS in 1975, the first year with a senior class, and has coached a variety of sports for 32 of his 35 teaching years, including 21 years as varsity golf coach. During his tenure as golf coach, the team won many league championships, 10 CIF championships and 3 SoCal championships. Mr. Robertson taught English for 20 years, with interesting topics such as “rock poetry” in the early days. He created a video course around 1980, wrote the curriculum and battled for approval for the course, and finally won approval to make video a part of VPA. TPHS film students have won many awards for their talent and several have gone on to work in the industry. Says Robertson, “I finally got old enough to graduate from high school.”

Lisa Goldberg: Thinking back over 40 years of working; 36 years in education, including 25 years as library teacher at Torrey, completing a couple of grad degrees, and raising two wonderful children, my life has been very full. I’m looking forward to a major life shift that’s about to occur momentarily!

During my 25 years at Torrey, the library has morphed from being a quiet place filled with print to an extremely busy, dynamic, ever-changing information center that houses an open computer lab, 3 printers (1 color) and excellent print and digital resources. Technology has revolutionized the ways information is obtained, analyzed, synthesized and evaluated with libraries at the center of this change. Creating and implementing those changes has been challenging and fun!

Over the years, I also initiated Luncheon Concerts in the Library; wrote and coordinated many State and local grants for the library and school, advised clubs, and developed author events and “Cutting-Edge Conversations” forums. I’m proud to be one of the founders of the 23 year old Friends of



Jon Robertson, Lisa Goldberg, Jerry Galiley, and Gail Zides



the Library. Our parents continue their mission to bring excellent library resources. Over the years, they’ve raised more than \$300,000.

I’ve also had the privilege of helping tens of thousands of students who have walked down the library ramps asking all types of questions. (With an average of 3 students/minute everyday, that’s a lot of questions.) Now, I’m ready to pursue my own interests, including more time with my 3 grandchildren, volunteering to help those in need, training my dog as a therapy dog, raising orchids, gardening, reading, drawing and traveling with my husband.

Jerry Galiley is the last original teacher that opened the school in 1974. He has worked in the district since 1971, has taught Applied Technology, and will return part-time next year. Says Galiley, “I’m very blessed to have had this career.”

Gail Zides has been at TP for 24 years and has taught every grade and level of English during her career here. For the last twenty years she has taught AP English 12, and was voted Teacher of the Year in 1998, first from students, then from faculty. Ms. Zides is most proud of the ‘92 Review, a monthly newsletter which she conceptualized, advised and edited for four years. The ‘92 Review was published by her students for the entire student body each of their four years here at Torrey Pines. Already a world traveler, Ms. Zides plans to continue traveling in her retirement. She sums up her career saying, “I have always focused on kids first, last, and always.”

TP Botball Team Won 1st Place in Southern California Botball Tournament!

by Jyothi Undavalli, Botball Team Parent Volunteer

Working diligently in a two-car garage after school and weekends, **the Torrey Pines High School Botball team** created two robots and went on to grab first place at the Southern California Regional Botball competition. Botball is a robotics competition where students construct robots to complete various tasks on a gameboard in a limited amount of time. This year’s goal was to save rubber ducks and frogs in a simulated polluted environment. According to junior **Prithvi Undavalli**, “We first prioritized which items to target so that we could realistically score the most points.” After this step, the team split into three groups: hardware, software, and documentation, to work on the robots. The Botball team has met daily since late January, and this dedication



Top Row: Samvit Ramadurgam, Jesse Vismonte, Prithvi Undavalli, Victor Pontis, and Eric Liu

Front Row: Carrie Yang, Praneet Mylavarapu, Mark Liu, and Jackie Avis

shows in their victory at the competition. Even more impressive is that the team is entirely student driven, with veteran team members mentoring newer members. Senior **Jacob Cole** states, “We worked really well together. We had some people who have done Botball for a couple of years and some newer members who picked it up really quickly.”

The Botball season is not over as the team is now preparing for the International Botball competition in July. This year they are flying to Illinois to participate. This trip is sponsored by Qualcomm, which has also sponsored the team throughout the year. With so much support behind them, the Botball team is ready to represent Torrey Pines High School and Southern California at the international level.



Torrey Pines High School *Foundation Update*

Grad Nite registration will close on June 1st!

Information and Registration Forms are available on the TPHS Foundation website at www.torrey.pines.foundation.org. Completed forms can be dropped off in the Foundation office located in the Administration building on campus.

Buses were reserved a year in advance. The only way to get to the Grad Nite All Night Party site is on a bus.

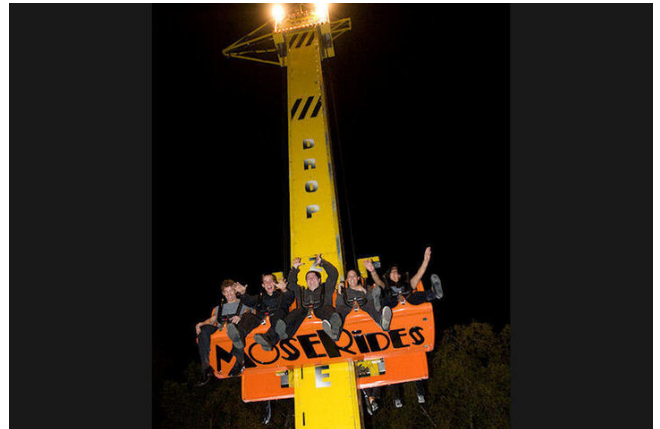
For those of you who have registered or will register, here's some important information:

- Parents should drop you off at school between 9:15 & 9:30PM - no later. Do not drive yourself. Buses will leave promptly.
- The best place to be dropped is the staff lot on the west side of the campus. There will be no access to the senior lot.
- **Check in at the gym.**
- Dress comfortably, bring a sweatshirt and wear tennis shoes.
- No back packs or purses.
- You don't need any money.
- Parents pick you up between 6 & 6:15 AM - they should park in the lower lots but not park in the Senior lot. **The buses will drop students off in the senior lot.**

Photographers will be taking hundreds of pictures that will be available to you for free on a website within 24 hours. We will give you that info on the way home...

There will be many things for you to do – amusement park rides, roller coasters, a huge arcade, casino, night club and entertainment – including a hypnotist – last year a large group of boys did an amazing ballet performance for their classmates! The organizers surprised us with a group of MTV dancers who performed and stayed to party with the grads.

Don't miss the fun! Get your registration in today!



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23 May	24	25	26 Cutting Edge Conversation; DFS Awards Night, Solana Pacific Elem., 6:30 p.m.	27 "The Realities of College Athletic Recruiting," LH, 7:00 p.m.	28 Last day for current students to make final changes to '10 - '11 course selections	29
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30 Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.	31 H Memorial Day	1 June	2 Athletic Physicals, Upper Level B Bldg., 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	3 For Arts' Sake Opening Reception, Art Studios, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.; School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	4 For Arts' Sake Open House, Art Studios, 8:00 - 2:30 p.m.	5 SAT, Off Campus; "The Expression Session 2010," Gym, 7:00 p.m.
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6	7 For Arts' Sake Open House, Art Studios, 8:00 - 2:30 p.m.	8 TP Awards Night, Gym, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	9 TPHS/CCA Fashion Show, CCA Proscenium Theater, 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Senior Check-Out Day and Finals, Periods 1-3-5	12 ACT, Off Campus; Senior Cap & Gown/Yearbook Distribution Day, "E", "G", West Quad, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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13	14 Senior Check-Out Day and Finals, Periods 2-4-6	15 Single Period Day (1-3-5-2-4-6)	16 Finals, Periods 1 and 5	17 Finals, Periods 3 and 4; School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	18 Finals, Periods 2 and 6; Semester 2 ends; Graduation, Stadium, 4:00 p.m.; Grad Night	19
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Minimum Days, School ends at 12:00

15 August	16	17 Readiness Days for Seniors, 9:00 to 12:00.	18 Readiness Days for Juniors, 9:00 to 12:00.	19 Readiness Days for Sophomores, 9:00 to 12:00; School Board Mtg., D.O.,	20 Readiness Days for Freshmen, 9:00 to 12:00.	21
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Watch for daily alphabetical breakdowns in Readiness packet materials online.

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29	30	31 First Day of School; Single Period Day 1-3-5-2-4-6.	1 Sept.	2 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	3	4
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5	6 H Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22 Back to School Night	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	1 Oct.	2 Senior "Brag Packets" due to Counselors.
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