

Highlander News

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Principal's Message ...

Hello Highlander Families!

La Habra High School is well on its way to accomplishing its goal of becoming recognized as a truly Great high school. We continue to dedicate ourselves to offering our students the most rigorous courses as well as graduating college-ready students who are prepared to meet all the challenges that await our future generations. We are able to enhance the lives of our students in many ways by making our school a place to call home. Our faculty, staff, students, and supportive parents continue to be the foundation for Highlander accomplishments and success.

The Highlanders celebrated with our incoming 8th grade parents and students during our two registration nights in March. We were excited to unveil our new format of having parents and students meet in the gym for introductions and then Ms. Stevens and the counselors took the parents to our Lecture Hall and Library for a presentation on the 4 year academic plan and class options for the freshmen year. Students remained in the gym for a pep rally, assembly, and presentations from current students on how to be a successful Highlander.

We are proud to announce that we successfully completed registering all of our students for next school year. This was the second year we had our registration completed online with ABI and the help of our student tech team, our counselors, and classified support.

Our HiArts program is thriving with the Theater Guild's winter play, *Noises Off*, a great success in our theater and very well attended. *Oklahoma!*, our spring musical had over 3,500 attendees and included a closing performance by Theater Guild Alumni to celebrate the Guild's ten year anniversary. *Pride and Prejudice* was the Guild's sixth and final performance of the year and received a wonderful review in the *OC Register*.

The La Habra drum line made it all the way to the regional finals and received three first-place trophies for marching band, color guard, and drum major at the San Juan Capistrano Swallow's Day Parade. This was also the first performance in our much needed new marching band uniforms. A special thanks goes to our booster club and all of the parents and students who raised money for many years to buy these uniforms.

The La Habra improv team, the Well Behaved Villains, had a recent show where all proceeds went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The show was sold out and was held in honor of the Garberg family. Jacob Garberg, a freshman, is part of the Theater Guild, Well Behaved Villains, and Heritage. His 2 younger brothers suffer from cystic fibrosis and his family was grateful for this event that raised 3,000 dollars.

Principal's Message (cont.) ...

HiSTEP had a 10% drop in our D/F rate for 3rd quarter progress reports from 55% to 45%. With this drop below 50%, we will now be incorporating a GPA component into the long lunch criteria. The Highlanders are very proud to report that in addition to no Ds or Fs or behavior problems, students must now have a 2.9 GPA to receive a long lunch.

Our guidance office is pleased to announce that we have over 500 AP students signed up to take over 900 AP exams this year. This is an increase of more than 200 students and over 300 tests (up from from last year). We are very proud of our AP teachers and AP students who understand enrolling in an AP class is committing to experience a college level exam.

This past weekend twelve of our Heritage students competed in five categories at the California State History Day contest in Sacramento resulting in our best performance since we began competing in 2007. Elizabeth Broderick earned a trip to the National History Day Championships in Maryland for her individual website entitled *Joseph Smith's Murder Spurs the Mormon Exodus West*. Elizabeth is only the second student in the history of the school to earn this remarkable achievement. In addition to Elizabeth's outstanding performance, Emily Moreno, Rhianne Esparza, and Robert Fernandez finished 3rd place in the state for their group website entitled *Sputnik: The Zenith of the Cold War*, as did Brian Funke, Andres Owens, Jeffrey Hubbard, and Jason Stephens for their group performance entitled *Prohibition: A Turning Point in the Development of Organized Crime*. It was a truly remarkable and exciting day as these seven students narrowly missed the chance (by one place!) to attend the National Championships in June with Elizabeth. Join us in congratulating these students for their tremendous effort in representing La Habra High School in this statewide competition. They are excellent examples of the fine work we strive for here at LHHS. Thanks to everyone for your support in this valuable educational experience for our students.

Lastly, *US News* recognized La Habra High School for the second year in a row with a Silver Medal. This recognition puts La Habra as one of the top high schools in the State and Nation and is a result of our collaborative effort to provide our students with the best high school experience possible.

Respectfully,
Karl R. Zener, Ed.D.

TEACHERS LIKE THIS DYNAMIC DUO ARE WHAT MAKES LA HABRA HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL

If you attend any of the LHHS student and parent nights, assemblies, dodge ball tournaments, or any event where teacher support is needed, you will notice a commonality with all of these events: the ever-present, positive, and enthusiastic (almost obnoxious at times) support of these two great Highlanders. Mr. Fanning and Mr. Marshall's passion for all that is La Habra High School represents the kind of teacher involvement that is helping our campus redefine itself as a top school in Orange County. These two innovators have embraced the initiatives that are helping to project LHHS into new territory. If you were at the 8th Grade Registration events, you may have witnessed Mr. Marshall coaching student volunteers as they worked the incoming students into a frenzy, culminating into a full-gym dance party. Mr. Fanning was the catalyst who encouraged kids to "rip up their cool card" and have fun in the form of dancing like nobody was watching. Yes, Mr. Fanning has moves you have probably not seen. From helping with Jump Start, to speaking at the 800+ assemblies, these two-of-a-kind leaders represent the spirit that has helped lift our AP participation to an all time high, reduce the D and F rate to an all time low, and set the stage to surpass our competitors and shine like the star we all know LHHS is. Thank you Mr. Marshall and Mr. Fanning--two true Highlander Heroes.

PROM 2013

This year's Prom will be held from 7:00 pm until midnight on Saturday, May 18, in the Grand Salon of the historic Queen Mary. If students choose to have pictures taken at school, they may sign up for an appointment after buying their tickets.

Tickets will be on sale at Lunch in room 120 from Monday, April 29th, until Friday, May 10th. The absolute last day to buy tickets is Friday, May 10th, but students with ASB stickers are encouraged to buy their tickets at a discounted price during the first week. When purchasing tickets, Juniors and Seniors must bring photo ID and cash (no charge or checks). All guest passes must be approved before tickets will be sold.

Prices include dinner, unlimited soft drinks, and parking.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/29 \$80/person \$160/couple Jrs. and Srs. w/ASB card only	4/30 \$80/person \$160/couple Jrs. and Srs. w/ASB card only	5/1 \$80/person \$160/couple Jrs. and Srs. w/ASB card only	5/2 \$80/person \$160/couple Jrs. and Srs. w/ASB card only	5/3 \$80/person \$160/couple Jrs. and Srs. w/ASB card only
5/6 \$85/person \$170/couple All Jrs. and Srs.	5/7 \$85/person \$170/couple All Jrs. and Srs.	5/8 \$90/person \$180/couple All Jrs. and Srs.	5/9 \$90/person \$180/couple All Jrs. and Srs.	5/10 \$95/person \$190/couple All Jrs. and Srs. <u>LAST DAY!!!</u>

"NJROTC participates in National Drill Competition"

Over 40 La Habra NJROTC cadets were members of the National Drill Competition in April 2013. Our NJROTC unit was one of two California schools selected to compete in the event. It was conducted as a Virtual Competition this year due to restricted travel funding, so each team event was filmed on campus during spring break and submitted to the evaluation team in Pensacola, Florida. The filming was conducted by the local organization "Our Town Media." The events filmed were Color Guard, Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams, and Exhibition Teams. A National Academic exam was also administered to 15 cadets. The results of the competition will be announced in May 2013.





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May 2013

My goodness! Big doin's on the Heritage front right now!

National History Day: Our LHHS-Heritage History Day was in February and 49 students (more than ever before) qualified to compete at the Orange County level—far too many to list here! Of those, 18 were named finalists or alternates and were qualified to move on to the CA state competition. The state contest was held in Sacramento just last weekend and of the five groups of students who participated, three groups were named as finalists. Brian Funke, Jeffrey Hubbard, Andrés Owens, and Jason Stephens earned 3rd place in California for their group performance, *Prohibition—A Turning Point in the Development of Organized Crime*; Rhianne Esparza, Robert Fernandez, Noah Juarez, and Emily Moreno also earned 3rd place for their website entitled *Sputnik, the Zenith of the Cold War*; and to cap it off, Elizabeth Broderick was named California state co-champion and will compete in Washington DC in June, presenting her website, *Joseph Smith's Murder Spurs the Westward Movement*. Kudos to all these kiddos! And we are very grateful to both the Heritage Boosters and the FJUHS District for their financial support! Look out, D.C., Heritage is on its way!

Not to be second fiddle, we also held our Heritage Awards Banquet this week. We so appreciate our Boosters for supporting our students all year long, but especially with this annual event when we can recognize their marvelous abilities and talents. Many students were recognized, but the coveted Ann Elms Memorial was won this year by...drumroll please.... Shandale Thompson! Shandale has been an ideal Heritage student for four years, which means that she not only has stellar grades, but is also a model for others in the community and in her personal life. Shandale works easily with both her peers and adults, puts in hundreds of hours of community service, and is a young woman of virtue and honor in all aspects of her life. We are proud to honor her with this award.

Many of the students have also been busy with the theater program! Again, too many to name, but several took lead roles in *Pride and Prejudice* and have won awards for their performances in that as well as other shows this year! Not only does theater promote great acting, but thoughtful, academic students as well.

And, may I just add a note to welcome to those who are planning to come to La Habra through the Heritage Humanities Magnet next fall. Registration is relatively complete, but we have scheduled one more test date on May 23rd for those who may have missed one of our six prior dates. Details of time and place will be provided on the school website. So as we gear down from this year's excitement, we're all ready to gear up for the next one.

Get the Scoop! Incoming Heritage freshmen and all their family members are invited to join us in Senior Park (in the center of campus) for an orientation event and ice cream sundaes on Sat. June 15! We'll have games and activities beginning about 11:00 and end with the last drop of chocolate syrup about 1:00. Please save the date. We look forward to meeting you then!

Any questions? Email Mrs. Giles at dgiles@fjuhsd.net.

Get involved with the biggest celebration of the year



██████████ *Grad Nite 2013*

SUPERHEROES

Graduation will be here before we know it and we want to have a great party for our graduates.

You don't have to have a senior to get involved!

Save \$10 on the 10th !!!

Ticket Sale May 10th only \$75 (save \$10)

Seniors:

- 1) Buy your ticket before the night of the party for the best price.
- 2) Turn in 5X7 or larger baby pictures to the office (bring copies these WILL NOT be returned to you.)
- 3) Turn in your permission slips (available at our website) to the Activities Office.

Order your Grad Nite T-shirt, Banners, and Leis....check out our website for the order form:

<http://www.highlandergadnite.com/>

We need help with food purchases – please donate gift cards for grocery and specialty food stores... contact Debbie Slifka **562-900-4251**

Great Opportunity for
Community Service Hours

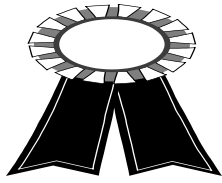
Love to Paint and Create? Come out to our Saturday work parties!

Saturday Work Parties:
Date: Saturdays May 4th thru June 1st
Time: 9:00 am to noon
Location: Grad Nite Bins (behind tennis and handball courts)

If you have any questions...

Contact Cathy Gomes:
562-479-4461

or Marie Scheiern:
mescheiern@hotmail.com



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

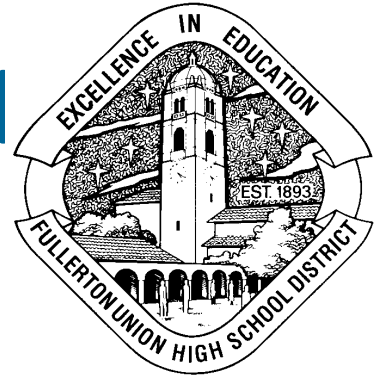
Students of the Month receive an **Outstanding Student of the Month Certificate** and their pictures are posted in a special bulletin board in the Principal's Office.

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
Boys' Athletics	Bernie Hefner Robert Coronado	Boys' Athletics	Michael Rangel	Boys' Athletics	Sean Pedersen Tim Efseaff
Girls' Athletics	Samantha Sipes Catalina Norris	Girls' Athletics	Brooke Mays Sarah Pfaff	Girls' Athletics	Gabbi Garcia Serina Acosta
English	Devin Phommachanh Juliana Huerta	English	Fernando Carrasco Kimberly Guzman Adam Bankes Hannah Puga	English	Helena Frakes Joseph Espinoza Jacob Burreesch Hannah Salgado Keith Clark Marina Gontang-Hamner
Heritage	Adam Glenn Joshua Danielson	HiArts	Hakeim McKenzie Amanda Perseke Daniela Varela Edward Mijares	Heritage	Lillie Muir Kendall Haworth
HiArts	Amanda Sowa Cesar Moreno	MBA	Kyle Esparza Amy Abarca	HiArts	Brayan Basave-Gomez Maria Covarrubias Denise Arevalo Ashley Brimmage
MBA	Evelin Gonzalez Alondra Gonzalez	NJROTC	Hugo Sosa Ruby Ochoa Emily Davila Michael Mocano	MBA	Parker Rhodes Juliana Fierro
NJROTC	Aiden Gutierrez Isaac Castro Deven Phommachanh Dallas Hodges	ROP Auto Tech	Vanessa Torres Luis Zaragoza	ROP Business Ed	Darshan Patel Darya Skok
ROP Business Ed	Soledad delCarmen Ortiz Laura Pantaleon	ROP Business Ed	Roberto Marmolejo Taylor Brewer	ROP Legal/Law	Felisha Erikson Ryan Champ
ROP Culinary Arts	Ben Russell Nicholas Patin	ROP Legal/Law	Sarah Ramirez Alexander Tinoco	ROP Visual Comm	Anthony Allred Brandon Salinas
ROP Legal/Law	Jacob Corona Krista Bryant-La Fleur	ROP Visual Comm	Justin Angelo Bryant Perez	Science	Joshua Danielson Noemi de Santiago Ofelia Sanchez
ROP Visual Comm	Melanie Pflug Ryan Kozycz	Science	Ashley Ramirez	World Languages	Elizabeth Broderik Tim Efseaff
Science	Carly Wong Nathan Lenski	World Languages	Manuel Gutierrez Tanya Cea		
Social Science	Hana Park				
World Languages	Jacqueline Estremera Damian Juncaj				

Rotary Students of the Month

March	Parker Rhodes Amy Wilbourn
April	Vanessa Torres

Accessing Report Card Information 24/7



Parents/guardians may access their student's report cards and progress reports 24 hours per day, seven days a week, via the online tool Aeries Browser Interface (ABI). Parents may receive ABI account logon information from the Attendance Office, room 17.

Access ABI at: <http://www.fjuhsd.net>

\$\$ Going Green and Saving Resources \$\$

Report cards and progress reports will no longer be printed and mailed unless requested in writing.

Written requests must be submitted to your student's counselor.

Thank you for your support.

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- ▶ Stay current with your student's academic progress. Logon to ABI regularly to view daily attendance information and each teacher's Gradebook entries.
- ▶ Partner with your student's counselor and teachers to keep your student on track for graduation. Print unofficial transcripts easily.
- ▶ Confirm that attendance entries are cleared in a timely manner. Take no chances with your student's attendance record.



“Like” La Habra High School (LHHS) on Facebook! Just go to the LHHS website at www.lahabrahighschool.net and click on the Facebook icon. Once you select “Like”, you will receive periodic updates on early dismiss and holiday schedules as well as congratulations to our outstanding students and staff. If you know some good news that should be posted, please send an email to lmatsuyama@fjuhsd.net.

News from the Farm

Spring is in the air down at the farm and this means student projects galore! Agriculture students are raising cattle, calves, pigs, sheep, goats, turkeys and chickens. Students are also growing strawberry gardens and nursery plants in the greenhouse. They will be exhibiting their projects at the La Habra Valley Community Fair on June 7th-9th at Sonora High School and at the Orange County Fair in July. Students on the Farm Tour project team recently hosted a farm tour for 80 kindergarteners from El Portal Elementary School. The kindergarteners had 8 hands-on learning stations that included watching a sheep shearing demonstration and then feeling the wool, planting a mini salad garden, and petting the animals. All learning stations were led by La Habra High School Agriculture students. Students in the Agriculture Mechanics have been busy building a playhouse learning skills such as framing and construction. They also built their own concrete forms and poured and floated their own concrete slabs. The Agriculture Department will be hosting another Drive-Thru BBQ on May 29th so get your orders in by May 24th; see an agriculture student or teacher for an order form. As some wind down the school year, we are just gearing up, so come see us at the La Habra Valley Community Fair and the Orange County Fair.

