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Mayfair's 2015 Valedictorian: Austin Hui

By Daisy Dominguez
Reporter

The esteemed title of valedictorian for Mayfair High School's class of 2015 is awarded to Austin Hui with a total GPA of 4.67.

Hui, has taken 12 AP classes throughout his high school career, including AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP English 11, AP Calculus AB, AP Physics B, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus BC, AP Government, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics and AP Statistics. His favorite AP class was AP Calculus.

"AP Calculus was my favorite AP because there was so much work that kept me indoors so it made my complexion lighter," said Hui.

On his free time, Hui likes to play video games, watch T.V., sleep, talk to friends, work out, eat and play tennis.

Hui has been on Mayfair High School's tennis team since ninth grade.

"My experience with Austin...a quiet and shy individual who has a big heart. You have to know him well to realize that he is 100% genuine and always helps his friends and

those around him. He is able to compete with the best because he acknowledges his weaknesses. I have seen it first hand as a tennis coach and as an APES instructor," said tennis coach Chris Tran.

One of Hui's favorite teachers is Oliver Bacay who teaches AP Economics

"Mr. Bacay is hilarious. He smiles a lot but never laughs. He's impacted me the most," said Hui.

Bacay has not only impacted his present education but also his future. Hui plans to receive a degree in economics or math while attending UCLA.

"Austin is an intellectual powerhouse. Yet, he is very humble. I've enjoyed his humor and incredible calves," said Bacay.

Hui was also offered acceptance to many other prestigious schools including CSULB, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Irvine and USC.

"I chose UCLA because it is close to home, and I received a regent's scholarship for it," said Hui.

Over the years, Hui has made many close friends in tennis and other clubs, whom he will miss dearly.

"I'll miss all my friends because I won't make any in college," said Hui.



Ryan McDonough - 3rd Rank



Evelin Escobedo - 4th Rank



Tyler Logan - 5th Rank



Angela Wong - 6th Rank



Ann Nguyen - 7th Rank



Kelly Clark - 8th Rank



Grant Nolasco - 9th Rank



Alexander Egipto - 10th Rank

And Our Salutatorian: Justin Lasao



By Keaulani Quiatchon
Copy Editor

The boasted salutatorian title for Mayfair High School was awarded to Justin Lasao with an overwhelming 4.62 GPA.

Within the course of high school, Lasao has taken 11 AP classes, five of which are taken during his last year at Mayfair. A few favorites of his include AP Environmental Science, AP US Government, AP Macroeconomics and AP Microeconomics. His motivation to take these difficult classes was driven by the content of the subjects, the great people and the diligent teachers.

"I want to be the very best that no one ever was," said Lasao.

Lasao is not simply an academic success. He is involved with several extracurricular activities on campus: president of History Club, member of the California Scholarship Federation, Mayfair Academic Program and a four-year varsity tennis player.

English teacher Alexandra Fletcher said, "Justin may be quiet, but his writing would reveal a strong, perceptive mind and a sweet personality. I saw Justin compete at a big History Bowl competition once. He's a beast with history facts."

In the fall of 2015, Lasao will be studying actuarial science at UCLA; this involves mathematical and statistical methods to evaluate risk in insurance, finance and other industries.

"I got accepted to UC Riverside

and UC Berkeley. I chose UCLA because it's the best mix of studies, community and is close to home. I didn't do much research on Berkeley, but I hear it's more competitive and cutthroat," said Lasao. "UCLA was the most realistic option."

Some teachers that have influenced him include Chris Tran—AP Environmental Science teacher and tennis coach—because of his funny personality and Mr. Oliver Bacay—current AP Macro/Microeconomics teacher—because of his nice biceps. Others include AP Government teacher Kim Jacobsma, fellow tennis partner Danny Le, Angela Wong, valedictorian Austin Hui and his parents, who instilled their good values in him.

"He's a quiet force. He's a patient student who stands out even though he blends in," said Jacobsma. "My only regret is that he wasn't more actively involved in class discussions, but he knows what he wants and will be successful in whatever he chooses. I'm proud to have had both outstanding Lasao brothers in my class."

Lasao answered that his most unforgettable high school memory was getting to the final round of League Finals during his sophomore year for tennis.

When asked if he could go back to freshman year and offer his younger-self any advice, Lasao said, "Try and put yourself out there more. Get more involved in clubs, sports and in the classroom."

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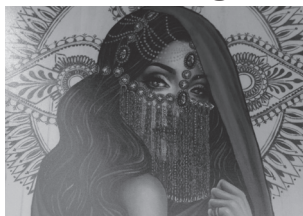
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- June 15 • Senior Kickball Game
- June 16 • Grad. Practice @ Gym
- June 16 • Senior Luau
- June 17 • Catalina Island Trip
- June 18 • Graduation!

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Mr. Mackenzie Stays Strong

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Mayfair High School Presents:
The Top Ten Scholars

Austin Hui



GPA – 4.67
Birthday – February 20, 1997
College – University of California, Los Angeles
Major – Mathematics/Economics
Influential Teacher – Mr. Tran
Favorite Artist – Taylor Swift
Clubs – MAP, History Club, Italian Club, Environmental Science Club, CSF
Favorite Class – AP Environmental Science
Career Goal – Get a job
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Crazy in Love
Greatest Accomplishment – I got a pentakill with Teemo
Random Fact – I bench 50,000 grams
“I don’t eat cats.”

Justin Lasao



GPA – 4.62
Birthday – September 8, 1997
College – University of California, Los Angeles
Major – Actuarial Science
Influential Teacher – Mr. Tran
Favorite Artist – Daft Punk
Clubs – History Club, MAP, CSF
Favorite Class – AP Environmental Science
Career Goal – Actuary
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Single Ladies
Greatest Accomplishment – Catching all 150 original Pokemon
Random Fact – I was attacked by monkeys
“If you’re not first, you’re last” – Ricky Bobby

Ryan McDonough



GPA – 4.57
Birthday – January 8, 1997
College – University of California, Los Angeles
Major – Biology
Influential Teacher – Mrs. T Smith
Favorite Artist – Luke Bryan
Clubs – MAP, Key Club, CSF, History Club, Italian Club, Spanish Club, Red Cross Club
Favorite Class – Ceramics
Career Goal – Dermatologist
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Naughty Girl
Greatest Accomplishment – Teaching kids to swim
Random Fact – I’m a little gullible and too many people tap my shoulder
“Stop using clichés!” – Mrs. Brown

Evelin Escobedo



GPA – 4.53
Birthday – October 25, 1997
College – University of California, Los Angeles
Major – Biology
Influential Teacher – Mr. Phinizy
Favorite Artist – Sara Bareilles
Clubs – CSF, MAP, Medical Club, French Club
Favorite Class – AP Economics
Career Goal – Nutritionist
Favorite Beyoncé Song – If I Were a Boy
Greatest Accomplishment – One time, I beat up Daisy Dominguez.
Random Fact – My hair looks like Troy Polomalu
“The sky is not the limit, it is the requirement.”

Tyler Logan



GPA – 4.51
Birthday – October 20, 1996
College – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Major – Electrical Engineering
Influential Teacher – Mr. Headley
Favorite Artist – Arctic Monkeys
Clubs – CSF, MAP, Italian Club, Medical Club, History Club
Favorite Class – Ceramics
Career Goal – Electrical Engineering
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Partition
Greatest Accomplishment – Winning MVP in the student-faculty game
Random Fact – I can play the bass guitar
“Not all blondes are dumb.”

Angela Wong



GPA – 4.42
Birthday – June 9, 1997
College – University of California, Riverside
Major – Business Administration
Influential Teacher – Mr. Tran
Favorite Artist – Beyoncé
Clubs – CSF, MAP, History Club
Favorite Class – AP Environmental Science
Career Goal – Property Manager
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Partition
Greatest Accomplishment – I beat Cole Rogers at Smash Bros.
Random Fact – I don’t know how to swim
“Each time you open a book and read it, a tree smiles knowing there’s life after death”

Ann Nguyen



GPA – 4.37
Birthday – January 20, 1997
College – University of California, San Diego
Major – Chemical Engineering
Influential Teacher – Ms. Fletcher and Mr. Nguyen
Favorite Artist – Childish Gambino or Kanye West
Clubs – MAP, CSF, International Affairs Club
Favorite Class – Band & Art
Career Goal – Engineer
Favorite Beyoncé Song – 7/11
Greatest Accomplishment – I’m graduating
Random Fact – I sleep upside down like a bat
“Flawless.” – Beyoncé

Kelly Clark



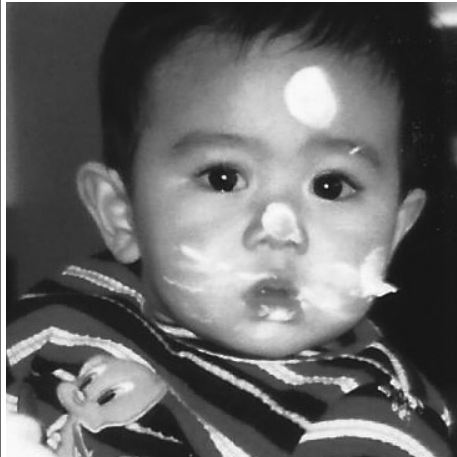
GPA – 4.36
Birthday – June 12, 1997
College – University of California, Santa Barbara
Major – Linguistics (tentative)
Influential Teacher – Mrs. Kodesh
Favorite Artist – The Maine
Clubs – Key Club, MAP, CSF, NHS, Red Cross Club, Spanish National Honor Society
Favorite Class – 3D Art
Career Goal – Work for the U.N. or teach English in other countries
Favorite Beyoncé Song – ***Flawless
Greatest Accomplishment – Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award
“If you can do liquid eyeliner, you can do anything”

Grant Nolasco



GPA – 4.36
Birthday – August 30, 1997
College – University of California, Santa Barbara
Major – Computer Science
Influential Teacher – Mr. Tran
Favorite Artist – J. Cole
Clubs – MAP, History Club
Favorite Class – AP Economics
Career Goal – Make six figures
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Run the World
Greatest Accomplishment – I got level 99 woodcutting in Runescape
Random Fact – I love Tanner James Perez
“Winter is coming.”

Alexander Egipto



GPA – 4.35
Birthday – June 13, 1997
College – University of California, Irvine
Major – Nursing (tentative)
Influential Teacher – Mrs. Fletcher
Favorite Artist – Oh Wonder
Clubs – MAP, CSF, History Club, Red Cross
Favorite Class – AP English 12
Career Goal – Ophthalmologist
Favorite Beyoncé Song – Halo
Greatest Accomplishment – I did the MOP in one day. Sorry, Mrs. Brown
Random Fact – I carried Chris Columna in a game of counter-strike.
“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.” – John F. Kennedy

Farewell to Legends of Mayfair

Mrs. Teri Smith: The Conqueror

By Joe Salazar
News Editor

Mayfair High School has undoubtedly seen remarkable teachers come and go through our halls. However, Mrs. Teri Smith's retirement will indisputably be one of the most difficult departures in recent years. An epitome of effort, care and love, her years at Mayfair have gone far from unnoticed.

After a compilation of four schools and 37 years of teaching, her teaching record ranks her among the best.

Mrs. Smith has impacted our school in her 33 years at Mayfair teaching the Success course and her 7th grade combo course of History and English – a way of teaching no one has done at Mayfair. Though she once dabbled in 9th and 11th grade English, the middle school classes will always be hers. Additionally, she was department chair for English for 12 years.

Mrs. Smith will also be forever remembered and missed for her exciting and inventive

class activities. From adventurous field trips, such as the Medieval Times and the Brass Rubbing Trip, to the Kite Making, Cultural Feasts, and the iconic Historical Wax Museum, her hard work and unceasing efforts have impacted numerous children throughout the years.

And that is still not all. Along with being a leader and a revolutionary on Mayfair's campus, her famous sewing skills remain unmatched. Mrs. Smith has single handedly sewn all costumes, with help from Ms. Burford and others, for the elaborate musicals the Drama Club presents.

"The musical program has really kicked off; these last five years of great productions will really be a great way to end my career."

Yet still, her Speech and Debate skills mark as one of her greatest accomplishments. Through her years at Mayfair, she has been our speech coach assisting all speakers - Valedictorians and Salutatorians and all who wish to publically speak - and, again, single handedly helping each

student with all their speech competitions.

After these 33 years of hard work, Mrs. Smith will enjoy her much deserved retirement. She plans to spend time with her grandkids (and hopefully teach them as much as she has taught us), gardening, sewing, and reading whatever she wants – instead of essays.

"If I've learned anything from Mayfair – and I have learned a lot – it's that we must bloom where we are planted: get settled, develop something unique and exceptional and make it your own."

Mrs. Smith is family. She has blessed our campus day after day and her retirement will be one of the biggest blows in Mayfair's history. Rarely do we get a teacher that cares as much as Mrs. Teri Smith. I, personally, have been touched by her ceaseless efforts to help each student to be the best they can be and every student who has been fortunate enough to have her can attest to her impact. Mrs. Smith, enjoy yourself and remember us as we will surely never forget you.



Mrs. Ellen Swieck: Queen of Grammar



By Isabella Gorme
Reporter

After more than 40 years, Ellen Swieck, Mayfair's longest present staff member is retiring this year on June 19.

Swieck has taught in the Bellflower Unified School District for over 40 years. She taught 5 years as a sub and has taught in every school in the district from elementary to high school. She has also taught night school, homeschool and independent study.

"This district has really been life for the past 40 years. The students have made it exciting and rewarding," Swieck said. "I'm really going to miss them. Nowhere in life will you ever have the experience of a classroom."

Swieck attended elementary, middle and high schools in the

Long Beach area. She began attending Millikan High School the first year it opened.

Her fondest memories at Mayfair consist of her loving, friendly and intellectually curious students who gave her handmade awards, as well as, the MAP college tours. She recalled that she always felt loved by the people around her.

"She always brings her sense of humor to everything we do," said science teacher Diane Duacsek.

"She has influenced me to become a funnier person and has helped me become a more creative writer. I will miss her very much," said senior Ryan McDonough.

When she retires, Ms. Swieck will be taking courses at CSULB, cruising to Alaska with her friend and colleague Mrs. McDaniel, volunteer work, and sleeping in past 5 a.m.

Mr. Arnaldo Baptista: The Portuguese Fury

By Isabella Gorme
Reporter

Arnaldo Baptista, a Mayfair Spanish teacher is retiring on June 19 after 32 years of wonderful dedication to the school's faculty and students.

He graduated from East Side High School in New Jersey before going to Atlantic University for his Associate's degree, University of New Mexico for a Bachelor's degree, UC Santa Barbara for a double Master's, and Cal State University of Fullerton for his teaching credentials. Baptista

chose to teach at Mayfair because the opportunity presented itself and he decided to take it.

Baptista began teaching at Mayfair in 1983. He was also in charge of coaching several sports including soccer.

He was also the former advisor of *The Windjammer* in the 80's.

"I will miss the students and interactions with other teachers," said Baptista, "I liked the the family atmosphere of knowing teachers, and hundreds of fantastic students who were eager to learn."

"Mr. Baptista has inspired me with his passion for teaching. I use this inspiration in my pursuit of my boxing career. He has been a great teacher for the past year and I hope he enjoys retirement," said senior Devon Luong.

As of now, Baptista's plans for retirement are taking care of his mother, learning how to edit videos, and publishing his second poetry book "Deliciously Exhausted" by the end of this year.

"Thanks to all of the students and parents for being patient when I taught them. I hope and pray I taught them well," said Baptista.



We still love you top two

Staff Editorial

Valedictorian and Salutatorian are the highest titles available for high school students. These titles honor the two individuals with the highest GPA in every graduating class, and both students are given a chance to speak at graduation. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian titles are highly sought after, and the top two students definitely deserve them after all of the hard work they put in throughout their four years of high school. So why are schools across the country starting to get rid of the titles?

Many of the schools that have tossed out the Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors

argue that the competition over titles creates unnecessary animosity among classmates, leading to problems and not-so-friendly competition in every grade level. Not only is the competition intense, but the titles only consider a student's grades, not the difficulty of their classes or any of their extracurriculars. This punishes students who might've taken harder classes and gotten lower grades because they challenged themselves, and it doesn't account for the students who spend hours volunteering and practicing for sports while trying to keep their grades up.

Some schools make up for this by adding honors instead of eliminating them. For example, instead of just the Valedictorian and

Salutatorian giving speeches at graduation, the top fifty students or the top ten percent of students in the graduating class would give speeches. However, this solution has proved troublesome and time consuming. Instead of graduation starting at 6:30 in the evening, they have to start at 3:00 in the afternoon. Imagine having to listen to FIFTY graduation speeches with the same cliché storyline. Not the best way to celebrate the end of your last year of high school.

All in all, while the Valedictorian and Salutatorian titles have faced heavy criticism from some high schools around the country, and while the system may have a few flaws, we believe that the titles are well-deserved and here to stay.

Car Chaos: Parking lot mayhem

By Emily Steele
Reporter

Mornings for the average student are tough enough, without the added challenge of traffic or finding a place to park. Mayfair has three main parking lots: the front, middle school and high school student and faculty parking.

The students who drive are supposed to park in the south parking lot, while faculty have the option of parking in the front parking lot or the north parking lot. Although it is expected for there to be traffic when

school begins and ends, there should be more rules in place that help keep it organized and safe.

First off, the student parking lot is mainly meant for students and staff, yet parents dropping off or picking up their kids often take advantage of the location and break the law by parking along a red curb. It is difficult for students to get into the parking lot due to the amount of traffic at the entrance of the parking lot.

"Not being allowed to park along the red curb needs to be enforced because when parents park there it creates a hazard and makes it difficult for people to leave or emergency personnel to get through if ever needed," said AP teacher Kim Jacobsma.

Secondly, not only is the traffic an inconvenience for students and faculty, but it can also pose a danger to pedestrians. Traffic often causes confusion and frustration in drivers, which can lead to unsafe situations. There have been accidents surrounding school and the parking lot that have involved pedestrians getting hit.

"People speed out of the parking lot as soon as they have the chance, and they don't pay attention to those trying to cross the street," said senior Chyna Chin.

The large amount of traffic makes the issue of the parking lot's design more prominent. The parking lot is small and only has one entrance that also serves as the exit, which only makes the traffic worse. Also, the parking spaces are angled, so many people have trouble being able to tell whether or not they are parked correctly. This leads to cars that are slightly blocking the lane and it makes it difficult for even small cars to fit through.

Although traffic is unavoidable, I believe that there are ways to lessen the traffic, which will help both students, faculty, and even parents. Parents should not be allowed to park along the curbs of the parking lot because it makes it difficult to leave or enter the parking lot, and people need to check that they are not blocking the lane after they park so that cars can pass. Also, in order to keep parents from parking where they should not, a sign should be put up and the red along the curb needs to be repainted. Overall, if we can reduce the amount of traffic surrounding our school, it will help relieve some frustration and make life easier for everyone.



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The south parking lot after school on a normal day.

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LEADERS OF TOMORROW, WORKING WITH THE LEADERS OF TODAY



The officer transition meeting was held on June 6, 2015, in the Mayfair library. Attended by district board members, and Mayfair's Principal Mr. Eeles, officers were commended for their school and community involvement.

The Leo club serves the community in various ways. Leo Club is a club devoted to serving the community on both a local and regional level. From beach clean ups, to food baskets, members of this club do their part to improve the world they live in. By providing a sense of community within the club, we are confident that members will utilize the skills and characteristics they have been acquiring and apply it to their life in the years to come.

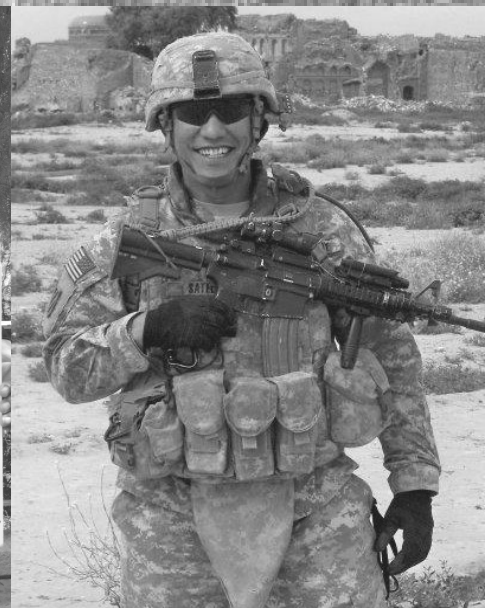
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- Beach BBQ Clean Up
- Holiday Food Distribution
- Leo Holiday Party
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Art work shows off immense talent

By Keaulani Quiatchon
Copy Editor

The 34th Annual Mayfair Art Show occurred May 28 from 6:30-9:30 p.m in the library. The first hour featured a viewing of works done by the Academy of Animation and Digital Art, Art Academy for short, ceramics, 3-D art and general art. Following the viewing was an awards ceremony composed of 13 awards and four major awards presented by art teachers Robert Nelson (illustration), Dwight Tablason (digital medium), Samantha Brown (ceramics and 3-D art) and Gaby Gutierrez (general art).

Some awards given out at the awards ceremony included digital media, illustration, life drawing, beginning computer graphics and beginning drawing and painting. The major awards included sweepstakes, judges and two grand prizes.

The Judges' Trophy was based off a collaboration piece done by the groups of three-four juniors and/or seniors in Art Academy. The trophy was awarded to Lisa Mizouchi, Allen Rogers, Carolina Romero and Jasmine Clemons.

The Art Academy has grown over the span of its existence—16 years—in terms of its student size and art program. The Academy has a heavy focus on graphic design and animation, the latter being much more time consuming and expensive. The Advanced Placement art class has been thriving for seven years now.

"[The art] gets better and better every year. The extra space in the library and the ability to

use the projector to play senior portfolios on loop with sound gave a sort of art show ambiance," said Tablason.

Ceramics and 3-D art joined the mix six years ago. General art made its appearance over nine years ago. With the advancements in the program, this calls for more art to be produced.

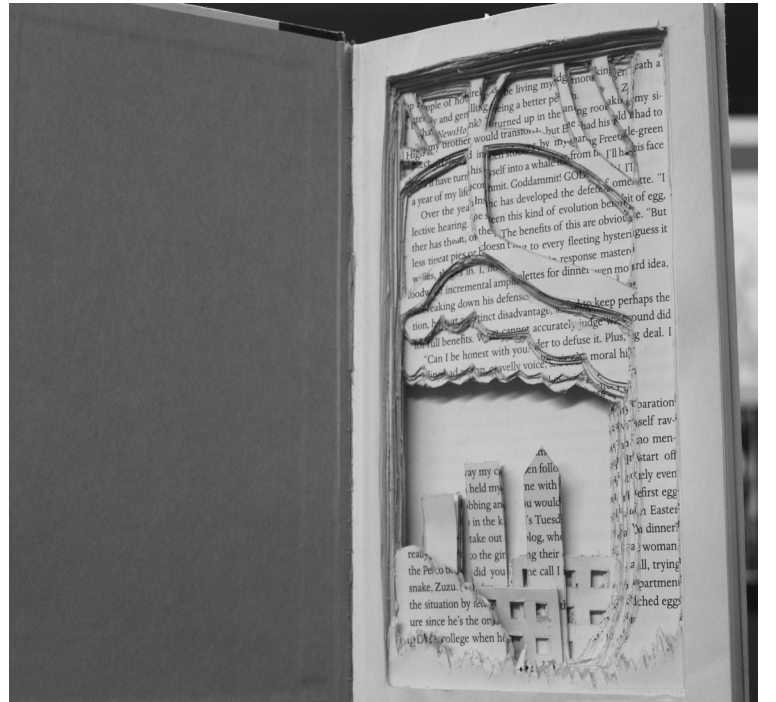
Brown said, "Having non-Art Academy students featured in the show is eye-opening. It gives drawing and painting students a sense that there are other ways to create art and lets them appreciate it more."

First, second and third place winners in the ceramics category were given to senior Victoria Maglonzo, junior Jordan Cassiani and senior Valeria Temblador, respectively. For General Art Best Overall, first place was presented to senior Cheyenne Avila, second place to junior Danielle Parra and third place to senior Kirsten Pineda.

Brown describes one of Maglonzo's best pieces—an octopus for the first semester final—as being very realistic and intricate. Cassiani was described as a master at glazing. Temblador, a Ceramics B student, was defined as being highly skilled at sculpting to reveal a realistic piece.

When asked about her experience, Maglonzo said, "I never took classes, but I like [the ceramics class] and how I'm able to make things."

Frostbites was on campus to sell Italian ice to the general public who came out to observe the artworks. Students from Art Academy sold popcorn and refreshments.



KEAULANI QUIATCHON/ THE WINDJAMMER

Students in Art Academy, 3-D art and general art were able to display their pieces of art at the Art Show. In the top right corner, is an altered book by 3D art student senior Kelly Clark. The top left corner and bottom pieces of art are group projects by Art Academy.

Special Olympics: Field of Dreams



Photos Courtesy of Marcia Burford

Students participated in the first ever Field of Dreams. Field of Dreams is a Mayfair version of the Special Olympics.

By Emily Steele and
Daisy Dominguez
Reporters

Field of Dreams was an event held May 29th during second and third period by Mayfair Middle School ASB on Mayfair High School's track field. When Mayfair Middle School's ASB received a service grant,

they thoughtfully decided to organize this event in order to give back to their community at Mayfair and showcase LAFF Club.

"LAFF Club is one of the most underappreciated clubs on campus," middle school ASB advisor Brian Saunders said.

Field of Dreams consisted of six events: the 50-meter

dash, hula hoop run, water gun skeet shooting, nerf gun archery and two different types of tosses. The events were set up in five minute intervals and were created around the LAFF club members' disabilities.

"I was a game master so I got to see every kid that participated in it and help them. It was a really good experience

for everyone," LAFF club member Jayden Robinson said.

Students with disabilities were put into groups and each given a chance to highlight their talents in the events while groups of middle school ASB provided assistance and rotated with them.

"My favorite part of the Field of Dreams was the water

gun skeet shooting event because it was fun," senior Brandon Ngor said.

Although the event was put on as a service event for just this year, it is hoped that it will become an annual special olympics game in the future because it was a fun event that allowed for everyone to participate.



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 Melissa Rios
 Joe Salazar
 Isabella Gormé
 Leticia Ortiz
 Nicholas Huynh
 Devon Luong
 Kannara Hon
 Alexander Lam
 Amber Clark
 Hannah Gasparac
 Alexander Lucero
 Francisco Quiroz
 Christopher Columna
 Hailey Cudd
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 Matthew Crane
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 Jonathan Gonzalez
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Eduardo Gutierrez
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San José State University

San Jose State University

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Cal State Monterey Bay

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One battle won, another going on

By Rebecca Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

Beloved football coach and P.E. teacher Ian Mackenzie is going through a struggle for his life.

Mackenzie is battling a staph infection that has left severe complications.

"He is a great friend, a good role model for kids," former football coach and opportunity teacher Mike Fitch said, "I personally have trouble understanding with the 'why him?' question."

In an email, Mackenzie explained the timeline of events in his own words:

"My wife checked me in the ER on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. I was transferred to ICU that evening and had surgery on my arm the following morning. I was in septic shock and had renal failure. I was in a medically-induced coma for the next five days. I awoke to my family and friends by my bedside. I was released from the hospital on May 8. I was told that I had a staph infection that went septic. I had a minor setback three weeks ago when my visit to the wound center landed me back in ER and a three day hospital stay."

The news struck many people who were close to him, especially his football players.



Ian Mackenzie is pictured above, after waking up from a coma.

Photo Courtesy of Mike Fitch

Senior Nick Pettaway has known Mackenzie since he was a freshman football player and described the moment when he found out what happened to Mackenzie.

"The life got sucked out of me," Pettaway said. "I just want to tell him that I love him and I wish him well."

Mackenzie had major

surgery on his lower and upper extremities, and the surgery took place at Hoag Hospital on June 10. He will not be coaching next year.

"My motivation all along has been my family. My wife has been a rock. She was by my side in the hospital throughout the whole ordeal," Mackenzie said. "She helps with every

aspect of my care ever since I was discharged from the hospital. I also have three very active children aged 9, 10 and 12 and we try to be as normal as possible with their schooling, sporting activities and events."

Mackenzie was very well-liked on and off the field.

"I knew Ian [Mackenzie] as the athletic

director and football coach," instructional aide Bob Decker said. "He was somebody you would like immediately."

Decker reminisced on a unique situation that happened whenever he saw MacKenzie.

"I'm a numbers guy, but not names," Decker said. "Ian MacKenzie was somebody I could

not remember his name. So whenever I'll see him, I'll say, 'Mr. ... (dramatic pause) ... Ian.' He'll say right back 'Makenzie.' I thank Ian for helping me remember his name."

Numerous staff and students from Mayfair have visited Mackenzie in the hospital, especially Mike Fitch who has been there since day one.

Spanish teacher Amarillis Kodesh was encouraged by Mackenzie's positive outlook on life.

"He inspires me. No matter what he's going through, he shows that you can truly overcome anything with the right attitude. He's a true Monsoon," Kodesh said.

Fitch described Mackenzie as "a man committed to Christ" and taught Sunday School.

"My faith has provided me with the strength to be grateful that I am still here and take everything in stride. It will be a long process ahead but I am ready to work hard to get better," Mackenzie said. "The hardest thing so far in this ordeal is seeing the stress placed on my family. But we have many supports from family and friends and we are very appreciative of that. In many ways, I am very fortunate."

Prefontaine Challenge conquered

Keaulani Quiatchon
Copy Editor

Steve Prefontaine—nicknamed Pre—dominated the track and long-distance running scene. He set American records from 2,000 meters through 10,000 meters, seven NCAA titles for the University of Oregon and a fourth place Olympic finish in 1972. He was to continue his career and prepare for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, but at the mere age of 24, a fatal car crash led to his death in 1975.

The Prefontaine Challenge is offered to any daring middle or high school student during physical education running days. After completing 12 laps around the baseball field, you are eligible to qualify for a Prefontaine t-shirt.

Freshman Robert Gomez said, "You can do it if you don't stop running. It's a good thing to do because the shirts are cool."

Although the challenge is open to all grade levels, most of the victors are middle school students. It is open to both boys and girls alike. It has been two

years since they have started the challenge and given away t-shirts.

"[The Prefontaine Challenge] is a good incentive for students," said physical education teacher Yvonne Hibbing.

Normally, students run seven-eight laps around the baseball field. The 12 laps you complete for the Prefontaine Challenge is the equivalent to three miles in a P.E. period. You have the entire class time to complete the challenge; if you factor in the ten minutes at the beginning of class to dress into your P.E. clothes and ten minutes at the end of class to change back into your casual clothes plus time spent stretching, you have about 25 minutes to run those 12 laps.

This year alone, 60 people have completed the challenge.

"If you qualify for the Prefontaine Challenge t-shirt, you can wear that in place of your P.E. shirt," physical education teacher Lorie Rienstra said. "You kind of have bragging rights since you're part of an 'elite club' that has completed the challenge."



KEAULANI QUIATCHON/ THE WINDJAMMER
Seventh graders, Darro Kay (left) and Samantha Villegas (right) are two of the sixty middle schoolers who have completed the challenge.

Spring sports season windups

Junior *Tamia Prince* qualified for the track CIF Finals at Cerritos College on May 23.

Round One

- ◆Boys tennis lost the first round of CIF-Southern Section, Division 3 against Warren on May 13. Final score was 6-12.
- ◆Boys volleyball lost the first round of CIF-SS, Division 4 against Garden Grove on May 12. Final score was 0-3.

Wild Card Round

- ◆Baseball lost a Division 2 Wild Card round against Carter (Rialto) on May 20. Final score was 0-1.
- ◆Softball lost a Division 3 Wild Card round against Santa Fe on May 19. Final score was 3-6.

League Update

Boys golf finished third in league, but did not qualify for playoffs this year.

SENIOR ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

♦As of June 10, these are the senior athletes receiving scholarships. Photos are courtesy of Yearbook.

Charles "CJ" Walker

Walker will be attending Willamette University in Oregon on a partial scholarship. He will be graduating with high honors. He plans to major in business marketing and then go on to work for Nike Corporation.

Who's your role model?

"My mother, she is the strongest person I know and has always pushed me in the right direction."

Why did you choose this sport?

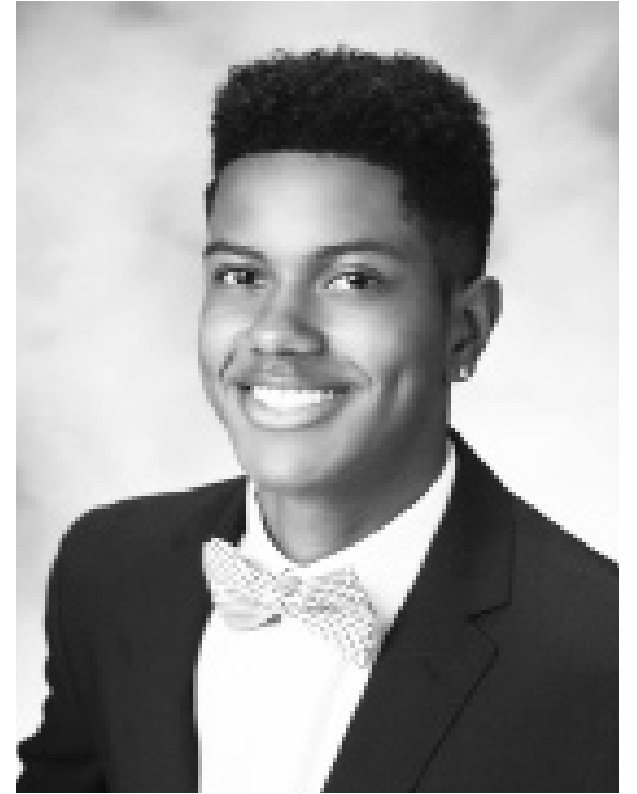
"All of my cousins played basketball so I just followed them. I have continued to play because basketball is something I have grown to truly love."

Favorite professional athlete:

Kevin Durant

In your opinion, what makes up a "perfect" student in high school?

"A perfect student is someone who is a great student academically and also involved with his classmates through sports, clubs, etc."



"I have failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."
-Michael Jordan

Heidi Snyder



Snyder will be receiving a partial soccer scholarship to the University of Tampa in Florida. She plans to major in kinesiology and then eventually work in something she loves.

Who's your role model?

"My mom because I wouldn't be where I am today without her."

Why did you choose this sports?

"My best friend Lauren Miguez and I kept with it because I fell in love."

Sport and involvement:

Cross Country, Track and Field, and Soccer

Favorite professional athlete:

Alex Morgan

"Stay positive." -Terri Snyder

Tyler Johnson



Johnson will be receiving a partial scholarship to the University of Memphis in Tennessee. She plans to major in Psychology in order to become a kids and family therapist.

Who's your role model?

"My role model is my uncle Dennis Johnson because he came from so little and ended up playing for the Boston Celtics."

Why did you choose this sport?

"My mother got me to play softball when I was 11 years old. I've continued with it because I fell in love with the game."

Sport and involvement:

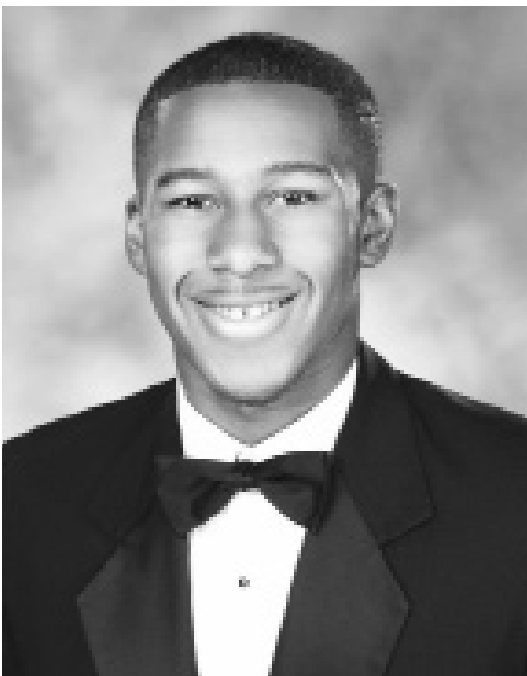
Softball, Link Crew and Varsity Club

Favorite professional athlete:

Lauren Chamberlinww

"I don't sweat, I sparkle!"
-Tyler Johnson

Kendall Small



Small will be receiving a full scholarship to the University of Orgeon. He plans to major in business marketing and maybe one day become a professional basketball player.

Who's your role model?

"My parents because they push me to be the best."

Who got you first playing this sport and why have you continued on with?

"My parents, and I continued to play the sport because I love the game of basketball."

Sport and involvement:

Basketball

Favorite professional athlete:

Dwayne Wade

"Chicks only choke Kendall."

Andrew Quezada



Quezada will be receiving a partial scholarship to UC Irvine. However, he will be attending Arizona Western College for a semester then transferring to UC Irvine. He is currently undecided in his major. He aspires to play well in college and eventually get drafted in the MLB.

Who's your role model?

"My godfather. After I began playing baseball he influenced me to continue practicing and putting all my effort into playing."

Why did you choose this sport?

"I started playing when I was four, thanks to my father, and brother, and basically ever since then I exhibited a passion and taunt for baseball."

Sport and involvement:

Baseball and Varsity Club

Favorite professional athlete:

Mariano Rivera

"The world is filled with good people; if you can't find one, be one."

"Mrs. [Samantha] Brown is my favorite teacher because she is extremely passionate about what she teaches, and you can see it through her students' work. She is also a very genuine and kind-hearted woman who is easy to talk to. I love her."
-Alexis Prullelo

"Mrs. Skorka. She has helped me become a better student and helped me out with AP English last year. She gave me great advice when I asked for it."
-Kyla Orozco

"Mr. Green because he is really helpful and gives his point of view about the education system."
-Marisol Vallejo

"Coach Mackenzie because he's always been a father figure at school, and I can go to him for anything. He was the reason why I started playing football."
-Nick Huynh

"Thanks to Mr. Tran for being the best teacher ever. When I had you for AP Environmental Science, I really looked forward to going to class everyday. Your weirdness and failed attempts at trying to be funny made learning the subject not so bad. You made APES one of my favorite classes."
-Angela Wong

"A teacher that has inspired me the most is Mrs. McDaniel. She's my favorite teacher here at Mayfair because she has inspired me to learn how to speak English, and she's always helping me with my work. Thank you Mrs. McDaniel."
-Aldrin Ortiz

"Mr. Fong because he's not only a teacher but a best friend to me, and he's always giving me advice that goes beyond the golf course."
-Sydney Sagisi

"Ms. [Angela] Smith is my favorite teacher because she is always welcoming and happy. She makes the class energetic everyday, and she always pushes us to be better than we were before."
-Marco Jose

"Thank you to Mr. Sandquist for being the best teacher for the past four years. You've been a great mentor and I appreciate all the advice you've given me. Gonna miss you next year."
-Camille Dejoras

"Mrs. Holcomb has greatly inspired and helped me become the person I am today. I thank her for all the hard work and dedication she puts into helping her kids."
-Savannah Volmar

"Dear Ms. Chick, thank you for all the time you spent last year helping me with understanding Algebra 2. You're awesome!"
-Emily Frondarina

"Ms. Swieck has been a constant influence in my life. I had her in eighth and 10th grade, and she has been supportive of me up to today. She always brightens up my day by greeting me with a hug. Because of her, I don't throw away my newspapers without looking for a wordy gurdy to complete. I'm going to miss her when she retires."
-Keaulani Quiatchon

"Dear Mrs. [Teri] Smith, thank you so much for being such a great teacher and influence during my six years at Mayfair. Our time at Mayfair has come to an end way too fast, but I'm grateful that I got to have a mentor like you."
-Ryan McDonough

"Mr. El-Ayoubi, he has always kept it real."
-Brandon Nuñez

"Mr. Tablason and Mr. Nelson because they have helped me develop my art in a way I wouldn't have been able to do on my own. I'm grateful."
-Chyna Chin

"Thanks Mrs. Kodesh! You have honestly been such an amazing teacher. I appreciate everything you have done for me these past years that I've known you. Also thanks for mentoring me as I held my position as president for NHS. You are an amazing teacher and deserve the best."
-Eddie Gutierrez

"Mrs. Balogh because she cares about her students and hopes that they all genuinely succeed in life. She's also funny and cool."
-Garrett Tornello

"Mrs. McKay because she's really nice, helpful and understanding."
-Jazmine Bathan

"Mr. Jacobsma because he's a great teacher and a great friend. He's the home skillet. He lets people make fun of him."
-Jenna Matson

"Madame Fauben because I feel like she's so underappreciated, and she's really great."
-Jonathan Gonzalez

"Mr. Rodriguez is one of my favorite teachers of all time because he's funny and cares a lot about his students. He is also extremely patient and takes time to make sure his students understand the lesson."
-Lizandra Salazar

"Mr. Shaheen because he never gave up on me, even when I didn't do my homework."
-Kory Sutton

"Dear Mr. Saunders, thank you for showing me that the stage is my home, for teaching me that it is worth doing something important even if I don't get thanked. And Mrs. Ellis, thank you for showing me who and what I want to be in life."
-Brenda Vidaca

"Ms. Johnson. When I first took Algebra, I failed it. But then I had Ms. Johnson my sophomore year and she helped me out a lot. I got an A in her class."
-Stifon Jones

"Ms. Lindsey Brown. I've known her since 7th grade. I love the way she interacts with students. When I become a teacher, I want to be the type of teacher she is. The type that cares for each student."
-Ryan M. Hunt

"Mrs. Garvin because she's so sweet and has encouraged me to work hard throughout high school."
-Carolina Romero

"Mr. Baptista because he has inspired me though his work ethic and has pushed me to achieve my goals in lifting weights."
-Devon Luong

"Ms. Dwyer and Ms. Carmichael because they are honest and supportive."
-Ally Synsteliem

"Mrs. Garvin because you can tell that she loves the subject she is teaching and that she cares about her students."
-Kerrina Williams

"Mrs. McAndrew because she has taught me a lot about life, and she's like a mom at school for me. She helps me with many aspects on different parts of life."
-Austin Santos

"Mr. Philips has made a huge difference in my time at Mayfair because he has taught me about being loyal and dedicated to an amazing cause. He has pushed me to become a better person."
-Emily Orozco

"Mr. Nguyen because he tests the limits of my capabilities so that I can become better and work harder. Although he's a strict teacher, he's actually really funny."
-Mary Co

"Ms. Fletcher inspired me to become a better writer and to look at the world with a different perspective."
-Mireya Velazquez

"Mr. Falk influenced me the most because his strong teaching ethics made it possible for me to enjoy chemistry. He inspired me to major in chemistry."
-Marissa Paredes

"Mr. Ravelo. He's a very dedicated and friendly person. His personality is really funny and welcoming. He's never gives up and is always on the move."
-AJ Romero

"All my teachers influenced me one way or another, but the most inspiring person is the Career Technician Cindy Solano Bowns. For four years I have known her, and she is just amazing. Ever since freshman year, I see her help the endless students with the scholarships, college and career help, etc. And she did a lot of this during her free time. Thank you Mrs. Bowns for dedicating your life to the needs of students."
-Rebecca Johnson

"Mrs. Garcia because of her being there to support me with school and motivating me to have better grades."
-Astrid Santiago

"Mr. Coulter because he has always supported me in dancing ballet folklorico. He gives the best advice to his students and does actually care about their future. He is also an understanding teacher, he will always listen to his students problems if they come up to him during lunch or snack. He is one of my biggest supporters at school."
-Samantha Rivera

"Mrs Ellis because she is the reason why I want to become a literature major in college next year and become a teacher. She showed me that English is fun, and that there is never really a wrong answer in an essay. She's fun and energetic and inspires my future goal. I know a lot of students hated doing work in that class, but it was so fun to do because you never just sat there and did nothing. And everything we learned actually stuck in my head the year after."
-Crystal Garavito

"Mrs. Aragon because she has motivated me a lot and has helped me through a lot of stuff."
-Claudia Perez

"Mr. Headley because he's just a good guy- he's a great coach, he's motivational, inspiring and genuinely devoted to the students."
-Alex Aguilar

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