



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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This was an extraordinarily busy week and it is not over yet. For clarification purposes, for me a school week begins on Monday and ends on Friday. This past week began last Saturday with our Girls' Basketball playing Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills. Against the sports papers projections, Troy won a tough game and moved to the next round vs. Long Beach Poly!



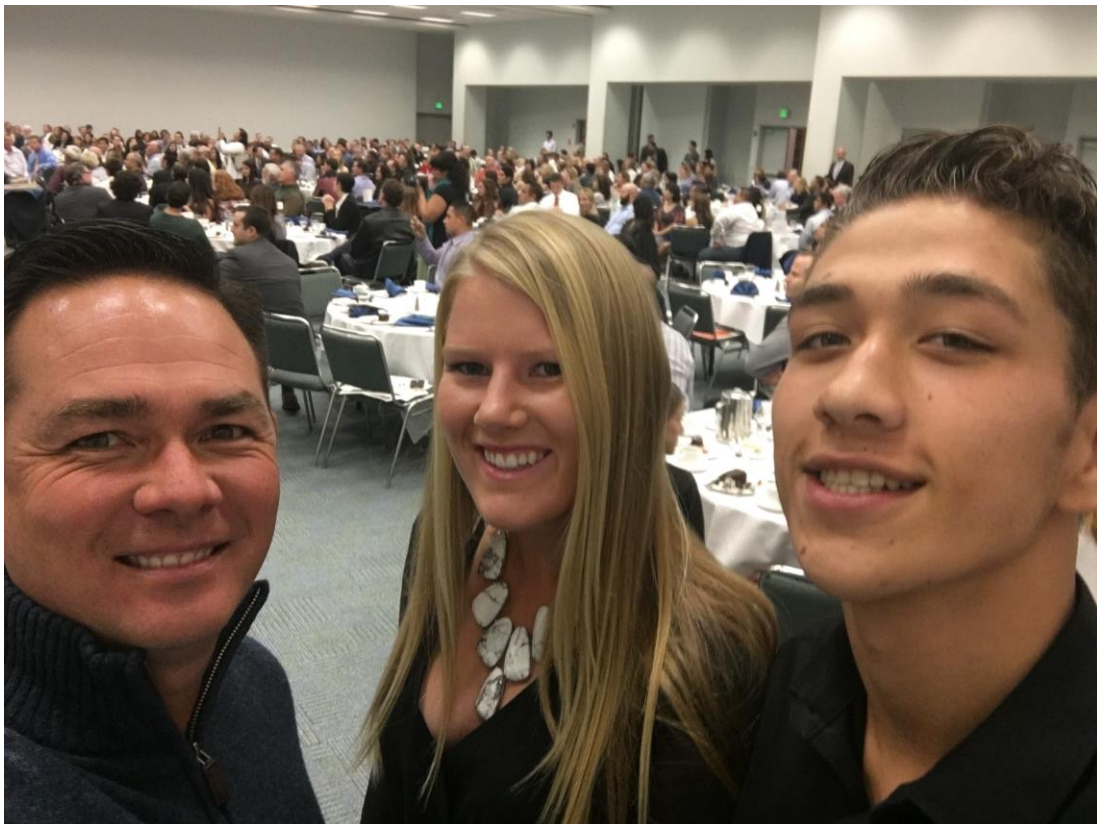


In a previous Warrior Weekly, I mentioned senior Elizabeth Bongco was selected by Disney as a “Shining Star.” Elizabeth was one of sixty students in Orange County to be recognized at a luncheon held at the Disneyland Hotel last Saturday. The guest speaker was Jennifer Friend the CEO of the Project Hope Alliance. Project Hope serves 300+ homeless children in approximately 120 schools throughout Orange County. It was very nice to see all these high school students be recognized for their contributions to our community. It is inspirational to me to take some time and recognize the wonderful volunteer projects in which our students become involved to make a positive difference in our world. Congratulations to all of these students, and congratulations again to Elizabeth Bongco!

Our Girls’ Water Polo also played an exciting match at Fullerton College against Santiago High School from Corona-Norco. In what a very exciting game, our girls unfortunately lost in overtime. However, this loss should not detract from what was an absolutely amazing season filled with many dominating performances. This team is even more remarkable with we consider how they have excelled without a home pool! This is a great team, and thank you to all parents, students, coaches, and anyone else that has enabled our team the opportunity to perform at this level! Go Warriors and I look forward to the 2016-17 season!

Congratulations to our NJROTC Academic Team qualifying to advance to the National Championship in Washington D.C. on June 24-28th! Additionally our NJROTC and Computer Science teams are also competing in the Cyber Cup Challenge today and next Friday. If we do well we will qualify for the finals on April 1st in San Diego! Last but not least, tomorrow the NJROTC Area 11 championships are being held in Santa Ana and the main body of our NJROTC is preparing to position themselves for a state championship and then move on to compete for the national championship! These are all highly motivated and skilled students that make Troy proud! Go Warriors!

On Monday night, the Orange County Athletic Directors Association held its annual Student Athletes with Character Dinner. Our honorees were 12th grade Girls' Soccer goalie, Katelyn Carter and 11th grade Boys' Wrestler, Tommy Hoover. Our coaches and Troy Athletic Director, Mike Silzer made a couple of wonderful selections in these two athletes! I would like to add that as someone that taught History for a number of years, I can appreciate that both of these students bear very presidential last names. ☺ Congratulations to Katelyn and Tommy on their achievements both in and outside of the athletic arena!



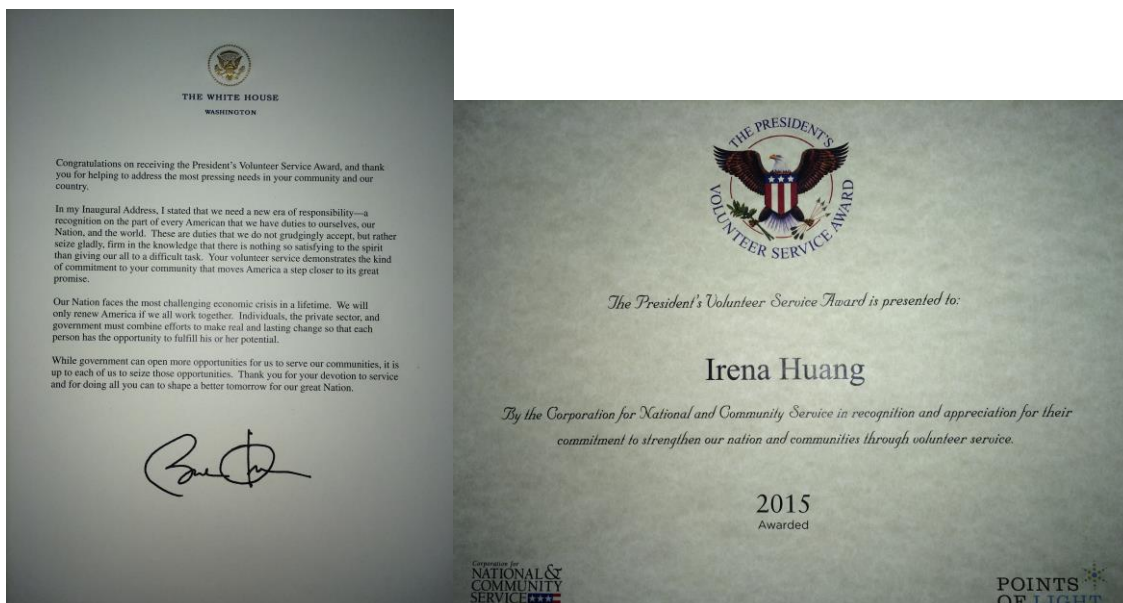
Wednesday night our Girls' Basketball played in the second round of CIF against Long Beach Poly. We played hard and we played well, but in the end we lost by four points. However, because of the strength of our team, we are in the Open Division which means our season is not over and we have another game on Saturday night against Oaks Christian High School! Also, beyond Saturday night our Girls' team has qualified for the State Basketball tournament which will begin in two weeks. For anyone that has not yet seen our Girls' Basketball team play this season, I highly recommend taking the opportunity to see them Saturday night! This picture below is of the Opening Ceremonies from the game on Wednesday.



Wednesday evening was happening at Troy! In addition to the basketball game, we also had a Choir concert happening in the Performing Arts building. I was able to step in and see a few of the performances, and as expected they sounded great! Our choir also performed the national anthem prior to the basketball game, so they too were performing in multiple arenas!



On Thursday in Mr. Madrid's IB History of the America's class, I had the opportunity to present the President's Volunteer Service Award to senior, Irena Huang. This award is one of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards that recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their countries. Irena devoted a significant number of hours working for a law firm that represents U.S. military veterans in need. It was this service that caught the attention of Prudential and this recognition for Ms. Huang. Congratulations Irena!



Congratulations to our Certificated and Classified Employees of the Year! Yesterday we held a brief ceremony at break to honor teacher and Troy Tech Coordinator, Laurie Downum and Lead Night Custodian, Mike Rubalcava! Both Laurie and Mike do very different, but equally critical jobs that keep Troy running. Laurie is critical in the organization of Troy Tech testing, internship development and placement, as well as coordination of departments within Troy Tech. Mike makes a huge difference in our facilities management and the upkeep of the school that can only happen at night when most of us are at home. We know what Mike does, and we would really notice if Mike were not here! Thank you to both these wonderful employees for their dedication to Troy. I cannot think of a better feeling than to be recognized and appreciated by your fellow employees. Congratulations Laurie and Mike!





On Tuesday, our Girls' Soccer Team travelled to Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Corona-Norco, and won their match 2-0! I took this photo right after the teams shook hands and the girls were recognizing the Troy fans for their support. Yesterday, our team was on the road again, this time to Newbury Park to face another team on the road. Unfortunately, our girls lost 0-1 despite a great effort by our team. Our team is exactly that, a team. We had a great season, I had the opportunity to witness some of the most amazing soccer I have seen at any level, and our team has enriched our school and community in the way they played the game. This is a great team, and my only regret for them is they are done for this year. But they will return again in 2016-17, and I look forward to their return to the field!



Look for another wonderful weekend with temperatures in the 80's! This is primetime weather to be out in the sunshine and I am going to take full advantage! Of course, for students looking for something to do on Saturday night, we have two events on campus! Our Sadie Hawkins Dance (starts at 7:30pm) and Girls' Basketball game (starts at 7:00pm) will both be at Troy and happening at the same time! This is that epic high school evening in which a sporting event and dance are both woven into our high school memories! This will be a great weekend! No matter what, take a break where possible, get some rest and relaxation and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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I don't know who took this picture, but it was forwarded to me by our Athletic Director and is awesome! Ms. Smith is the Troy player with the block!