



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Troy High School's Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony 5-30-2024

Troy Family,

We held our graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 last evening on what was a beautiful ceremony on an equally stunning night. Congratulations to all the graduates from the Class of 2024!



Troy's NJROTC cadets performed the color guard at the Nixon Library for Memorial Day on Monday. It was a very nice morning as the event began at 10:30am and was a moving

ceremony in remembrance of our fallen servicemen and women.



Our cadets in front of the reflecting pool at the Nixon Library. The next photo is of the airplane flyover during the ceremony.

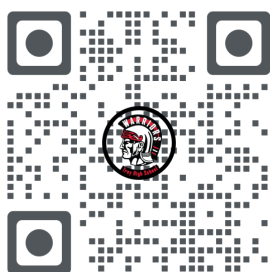


Mental Health Resources:

FJUHSD Virtual Calming Room: <https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>

FJUHSD Mental Health Resources: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1476>

OC Support and Crisis Resources: <https://www.namioc.org/help-support-overview>



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We love Troy High School! It is also rewarding to see when other entities that rank schools also agree, and reward the hard work of our Students, Teachers, Parents, Counselors, Staff, FJUHSD Board and Administrators! Thank you, Warrior Family!



Warriors, this is the QR code for all the FJUHSD social media. There are many, many, awesome events, activities, athletics, and recognitions happening in FJUHSD and Troy High School! Additionally, for even more information for the happenings in FJUHSD here is the link to the May, 2024 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events! <https://conta.cc/44qBwGb>



Here are Troy's IB diploma candidates from our Class of 2024, taken last week before the IB recognition ceremony. Congratulations to all of our IB diploma candidates!





On Wednesday we held our Reflections and Senior Awards ceremony in the North Gym. It was great to see and hear from some of our Class of 2024 and see some of the scholarships received from various ROTC, service academies, National Merit, as well as the school awards that were given such as the Troy Medal of Honor and the Salutatorians and Valedictorians medals.



Each year after our graduation ceremony, I always include the commencement addresses from all our speakers in the last *Warrior Weekly* of the school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the ceremony last night and will have the memories to last a lifetime.



Board of Trustees' Address

Lauren Klatzker Board Member:

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed faculty, proud parents, and most importantly, the remarkable graduating class of Troy High School,

As a trustee of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, it is both an honor and a privilege to stand before you today on this momentous occasion. Graduation is a time of celebration, reflection, and anticipation, and I am deeply honored to share in this special moment with each and every one of you.

To the graduates, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your lives. Today marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. From the early days of freshman year to the final moments of senior year, you have faced challenges head-on, overcome obstacles, and emerged stronger and more resilient than ever before.

The journey to this moment has been filled with countless memories, friendships forged, and lessons learned. Each one of you has grown and evolved in your own unique way, leaving a

mark on this amazing school. As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your lives, I urge you to carry with you the invaluable lessons and experiences you have gained here at Troy. In a world filled with uncertainty and complexity, it is essential to remain steadfast in your values, to embrace diversity, and to strive for excellence in all that you do. The education you have received here has equipped you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate the challenges that lie ahead. As you step out into the world, remember that you are capable of achieving greatness, and that the possibilities are endless.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." As you embark on this new journey, I challenge you to be agents of positive change, to lead with compassion, and to make a difference in the lives of those around you. Whether you choose to pursue higher education, enter the workforce, or follow your passion, remember that your actions have the power to shape the future for generations to come.

As you celebrate this momentous achievement with your loved ones, take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey that has brought you to this point. Cherish the memories, embrace the challenges, and hold fast to your dreams. The world is yours to explore, to conquer, and to transform, and I have no doubt that each and every one of you will go on to achieve remarkable things.

On behalf of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, I extend my warmest congratulations to the class of 2024. May your future be filled with success, happiness, and fulfillment. Go forth and make your mark on the world!

Congratulations, graduates of Troy High School! You have made your teachers and your families immensely proud. Thank you.

Senior Commencement Address #1

Gio Kim

“Warriors of Resilience”

Good evening, esteemed guests, cherished faculty, proud parents, and, of course, the remarkable graduating class of 2024. I am honored to stand before you tonight, on this long-awaited graduation evening—a moment we've all eagerly anticipated. As we gather here today to

commemorate this significant milestone, let us take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary journey that has brought us to this moment.

The first time I stepped onto the Troy campus was during the Troy Tech Open House. I vividly remember a senior proudly talking to me: “If you come to Troy, you will be surrounded by friends who share your drive. You'll see friends gathering during breaks and lunch, studying together and supporting each other. That’s what I love the most about Troy.”

And that’s what Troy delivered. As I reflect on our collective journey, I'm reminded of the countless moments that have shaped our high school experience—the good, the bad, and the downright comical. From adapting to virtual learning to pulling all-nighters to study for 5 exams on the same day, each obstacle we've faced has been a testament to our resilience and determination.

I remember getting my first tardy in Mrs. Ngo’s biology class because of my Zoom lagging—a humorous reminder of the peculiar challenges of online learning. There’s also the memory of 200 students all gathered in the 500s hallways at 7 am for a last-minute APUSH review session, illustrating the collective dedication to academic excellence. And who could forget Mr. Sutton’s wonderful EdPuzzle videos sprinkled with chickens to make sure we aren’t falling asleep?

Yet, amidst the laughter and shared struggles, we confronted moments of uncertainty and discomfort—awkward silences in breakout rooms, the weight of academic pressure, and the challenge of navigating personal growth and identity. However, it was in these moments of vulnerability that we discovered the true essence of resilience and perseverance.

Strength isn't found solely in success, but in embracing our flaws, acknowledging mistakes, and recognizing the value of every experience—good or bad. Belief in oneself means navigating the twists and turns of life's journey with unwavering confidence.

Adversity and failure are the threads that add depth and resilience to our lives. Each setback presents an opportunity for growth and self-discovery. As the saying goes, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." It's through these trials that we evolve into the best versions of ourselves.

And this is what I love about Troy the most—the people here. Studious academic weapons during exam seasons. Supportive and spirited friends and athletes at games. Inquisitive, passionate learners. Together, we've faced successes and failures, supporting one another along the way. I'm filled with pride to say that I am now THAT senior who can speak proudly about Troy.

So, my fellow graduates, as we prepare to take our leave from these cherished halls of Troy High School and step boldly into the unknown, let us do so with heads held high, hearts open wide, and unshakeable belief in ourselves and our ability to conquer whatever challenges may come our way. We are Troy warriors, destined to achieve greatness and leave an indelible mark on the world. Let us embrace the journey ahead with courage, confidence, and conviction, knowing that with belief in ourselves, anything is possible.

Congratulations, class of 2024. It's a GREAT day to be a warrior!

Senior Commencement Address #2

Krish Gupta

“Our Experience”

What's up Warriors, for those that do not know, my name is Krish Gupta and Welcome to Graduation! First, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for being here especially to the Administration Teachers and Parents, and to the Class of 2024 we made it. It's been a CRAZY 4 years we started from the bottom and now we are here. As you all know we are the COVID Class, and I will make a really biased statement here but The Class of 2020 and the class of 2024 were impacted the most. Nothing is harder than graduating online and starting your high school career online. It's funny because as freshmen we didn't actually see each other until sophomore year, we just woke up rolled out of bed and started our zoom meetings and I remember at the

beginning of Sophomore year when everyone actually came back in person I was constantly asking those that knew me to “remind me of your name again.” Everyone also had masks at that time so later when we took the masks off it was the same thing “who are you” then you would cover their mouth with your hand and it's like “oh it's Heta from Chem.” But we took the remaining 3 years at Troy and we made the most about it. We have done more than previous classes and accomplished so much this year. From being the Freeway League Champions in Golf, Football, Cross Country, Water Polo and Tennis to our NJROTC who won 1st in the Nation in Drill, Drones, Cyber, and competed nationally in Orienteering, Seaperch and Robosub We did it all! As someone that came in as an out of district transfer what I can say I learned the most at Troy was interacting with the many different people we have here, I can honestly say that Troy is one of the most diverse schools in the State, you will find people with many different personalities here and it is really hard to not find friends. At Troy you will find at least 3 people that share the same niche hobby or interest that you do. That's probably my favorite part of Troy.

On the Topic about friends, I want to thank everyone in the class of 2024 for a wonderful 4 years of memories. As a whole class we did so much together from worrying about our outlines in Bio Honors, to cramming the APUSH terms for our daily quizzes, and from what I've heard struggling with the Daily Formative Assessments in Mr. Rods class, then the fun stuff from the amazing dances hosted by ASB to the various different sporting events. Not to be cliché but now that we close this chapter of life I think it's safe to say that we are prepared for the next part of our lives and before I leave today I would like to leave you with a Quote from one of my Favorite poets. The quote is by Kendrick “Duckworth” Lamar and it goes like this “Do you hear me, do you feel me? We gon' be alright”

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

Senior Commencement Address #3

Jessie Wang

“The Troy Difference”

Good evening faculty, staff, family and friends, and of course, my fellow graduates. Well, we did it. Take a look around, soak it all in. Whether you're sitting next to your best friend of years and

years or you're sitting next to someone you've literally never seen before today, we all share one thing in common: we are the graduating class of 2024. Together, we endured Zoom after Zoom. Together, we shared as many thrilling Friday Night Lights as we did tireless study sessions. And together, we are here tonight.

Everyone here tonight is fully aware of just how capable each and every one of you are. Whether you're a scholar, an athlete, an artist, or anywhere in between, each of us have accomplished amazing things in our time at Troy. The very fact that you're sitting here right now speaks to that. I'm sure that we've all heard the phrase, "The Troy Difference", right? Well, what is "The Troy Difference"? Is it our high-achieving test scores? Our national recognitions? Surely yes, but I'd like to add onto that definition.

At Troy there exists an entirely distinctive community of students. Contrary to popular belief that individual excellence fosters mean-spirited competition, Troy students continuously share in our strengths and, more importantly, in our weaknesses. From simply putting our heads together for a difficult assignment to facing the impossible challenge that was college app season, our ability to come together with a shared understanding and mutual respect for one another is, quite simply, incredible. And at a school like Troy, it is so important that, not only are we capable of uniting together, we are more than willing to. Each and every one of us are uniquely special, and it is these differences that make our ability to come together even more spectacular. Each of our individual strengths and talents have become pillars from which we can guide one another and through which others can learn from us. You can teach something to anyone. You can learn something from everyone. There are few high schools where this fact rings as true as it does here. That's what "The Troy Difference" is. And we are all the better for it.

As we all step into the next chapter, our lives will never again look as similar as they did in our shared time at Troy. And though our paths may only have crossed for these four short years, each of our journeys have been fundamentally and forever sculpted by our time together. Thank you.

Principal's Commencement Address

William Mynster

Good evening Troy Family!

Thank you to all of you who have joined us tonight both in person and streaming online as we celebrate our Troy High School Class of 2024!

We are here today to not only celebrate the Class of 2024's accomplishments over the past four years, but we are also here to mark the end of one chapter and moving to the next in the lives of our graduates tonight. High school is a formative time. For all of us, the classes and teachers we had, the lessons learned, the friends made, the sports played and watched, the clubs joined, the dances attended, the failures from which we learned, the challenges overcome, the successes, all of these are the shared experiences in high school woven together that will last an entire lifetime, and probably longer, as the stories get passed on to family and friends. I still can recall stories told by my grandfather and my parents about their high school experiences. I graduated in 1986, and I can tell you about my high school experience, filled with numerous stories that shaped who I have become today. Of course, with the passage of almost 40 years some of these stories may be better now than they were then.

Tonight, for our graduating Class of 2024 your time in high school is still fresh in your minds. Your fellow classmates Gio, Krish, and Jessie wrote of their experiences in their commencement addresses, and as you listened, I hope took a moment to reflect and think of the times these past four years at Troy of which they spoke. Perhaps you thought how your own experiences mirrored or were interwoven with theirs...realizing that this "collective journey" you have all taken is also a solitary journey, one in which each of you individually have met all the requirements to be a high school graduate as well as being prepared for college and/or careers. Seniors, all of you are the heart and soul within this collective journey that makes the Troy experience so meaningful. I love Jessie's description of "The Troy Difference. To paraphrase Jesse, fundamentally who we are at our core is demonstrated by our willingness and ability to come together with a shared understanding and a mutual respect for one another... and use each of our individual strengths and talents to teach one another and learn from one another...and we are all better for it." It is our love of learning, of being engaged with each other and our school, and the community we

have continued to nurture and grow. This truly exemplifies why we love Troy High School, and this is why you choose to come here.

The Class of 2024 also had some amazing things to celebrate for which they can take pride and much credit. As we returned to school last summer, this class predictably did well on the California Standardized Test Scores showing our 11th graders performed well above State, and County averages in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. This class also played a huge role in Troy posting the highest Advanced Placement scores in six years as Troy students had an overall pass rate of 90%. Our IB diploma candidates were also strong with a 99% pass rate on their exams. Cambridge scores were impressive with a 96% pass rate.

Tonight is also a special night for students in Cambridge. In 2020, Troy began a new program during the depths of the COVID pandemic, called the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education or AICE diploma. This international diploma is based upon college-level curriculum, and tonight we are graduating our first cohort of Cambridge AICE diploma candidates. Currently, in the United States, Troy is the only school in which students have completed their academic requirements for the AICE diploma with only AS and A-Level examinations! Our 35 AICE Diploma candidates combined with our 38 International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates between the two programs give Troy a total of 73 International diploma candidates this year. There are not many schools in the United States with more International Diploma candidates than Troy.

This is the last year of the Freeway League's existence, and our athletes left everything on the fields, courts, and tracks. We had tremendous success in each season, and earned Freeway League Championships. In the Fall, our Football team beat La Habra High School for the first time in 17 years and earned their part of the Freeway League Championship. In the Winter Season, Troy senior, Mattrina Ifopo-Aisea earned our first ever female CIF championship in Wrestling, Girls' Soccer won the League Championship, and Girls Water Polo went to the CIF Final. In the Spring, Boys' Swim and Dive, Boys' Tennis, and Girls Track & Field won Freeway League Championships.

Our Visual and Performing Arts Programs had another amazing year, showcasing the talents of our students. Who can forget the plays, musicals, band, orchestra, and choir concerts and performances? Our students have never been better, and some are performing here tonight.

Clubs are a big part of Troy High School with over 100 different clubs. This year our Troy FBLA took 3rd place overall in the State championship and are headed to Nationals in June. Our Speech and Debate went to the State championship and performed well. Last weekend our Science Olympiad team, in the National Championship finished 3rd place, an outstanding result after having won the State Championship for a 29th time! Troy's Red Cross club over the course of the year collected 463 units of blood, and our students were crucial by donating when blood supplies were low. This was a truly lifesaving gift for others and impacted so many lives beyond those receiving blood.

Our NJROTC, led by our seniors has been resurgent this year and did something they have never done, when they won the first ever National championship in the JROTC All-Service Aerial Drone Championship. Also for the first time ever, Troy's NJROTC won the National Championship in the NJROTC Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship competition, held in Florida.

Seniors, you have done the work, and with you through this journey every step of the way have been your teachers. By this I mean your parents, family, Troy Teachers, coaches, and fellow students, all have been critical to your success and have supported you throughout the journey. In the Fall our graduates will be attending some outstanding colleges universities, this is not an exhaustive list, but among them we have students who will be attending Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Princeton, Columbia, MIT, Cal Tech, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania, Embry Riddle, Harvey Mudd, APU, Fullerton College, Rutgers, Purdue, Carnegie Mellon, NYU, the UC's... Berkeley, Riverside, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, Merced, Santa Barbara, Irvine, and San Diego. The Cal States, Fullerton, Los Angeles, Pomona, San Luis Obispo, San Diego. Military service academies, Air Force Academy and Naval Academy round out this list.

It is clear the Class of 2024 is ready to begin the next chapter of their lives. Yesterday evening during our Reflections and Senior Awards, Troy History Chair, and 1982 Troy alum, Mr. Rich Liem expressed his confidence in the Class of 2024, his hopes for the future and what this class will accomplish. Mr. Liem encouraged all of you to continue building upon what you have learned throughout the past four years. He reminded you that like him, all of you are Warriors for life. You know how to get things done, and you know how to Fight strong like a Warrior!

Graduates, is your responsibility to apply what you have learned and use your knowledge to change our world, a world that needs the right kind of change inspired by your values of kindness, appreciation, love, humility, tolerance, confidence, acceptance, learning, and leadership, supported by your shared experiences these past four years. This is who you are. From our entire Troy High School Family, we are proud of you and look forward to what you will accomplish for decades to come!

Congratulations, to our Troy High School Class of 2024!



Have a fantastic summer! To our graduates, I look forward to hearing about college and careers! For all of our returning students, have a fantastic summer and get ready for the Fall! We are going to have a wonderful 2024-25 school year!

Everyone, get in the much-needed rest and relaxation over the summertime! Do whatever makes you happy and allows you to unwind and recharge. Pictured above, Luna is excited to have more excursions and fellow boxer doggie friends over to visit. It is going to be a great summer!

W.V. Mynster