

# Oak Views

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## Donations for Homeless Requested:

- Toiletries, especially travel-sized
- Wipes, facial and body
- Shoes and socks, new or gently used
- Underwear and other clothing, new or gently used
- Backpacks, rolling luggage, carryalls
- Sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, tents, tarps
- Food, especially single-serving (fruit cups are much appreciated)

## Long Beach Aquarium

We made our annual trek to the Long Beach Aquarium this month. Students enjoyed some hands-on activities with various animals, feeding the lorakeets and petting rays and jellyfish. Our main activity was a game show that covered much information about

Thanks to the students who had the courage to get up on stage and represent their team! After the gameshow, we all enjoyed lunch and



Olivia Ecklund & Nathan Aguero



the ocean and the creatures inhabiting it. Students went head to head to capture the right to answer the question, and then got the help of their teams in determining the correct answer. Collin Carson acted as score-keeper and all participated in the responses.

some free time in the aquarium to view the exhibits.



Kai Balke & Jackson Spence

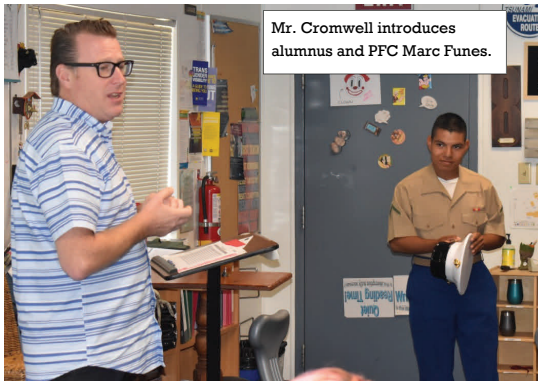


# Principal's Corner

## Field Trips

Oak View students visited the Long Beach Aquarium on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The students were excited about this opportunity and they learned about the oceanic eco-system. The students were involved in a fun learning activity created by the aquarium staff and learned about a variety of sea life facts. Oak View teachers also created lessons which incorporated parts of the field trip into their subject matter. It was a great day.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a



Mr. Cromwell introduces alumnus and PFC Marc Funes.

field trip to Anacapa. On that trip, students will learn about the island ecosystem and actually contribute to the sustainability of the island by planting native species of plants and removing invasive species of plants. More to come on that trip...

## Pancake Breakfast

The Oak View Staff cooked up a pancake breakfast for our students on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>. We wanted to show how much we appreciated the students and also wanted to give them an opportunity to taste some of our fine cooking! We offered them gluten and sugar free options as well as healthy fruits and juices. The students and staff had a blast and enjoyed each other's company. We are planning more of these in the future.

## Step-Up Awards



Oak View staff held a step-up awards ceremony for our students recently.



Mr. Cromwell and Mrs. Liepman face off at the aquarium..

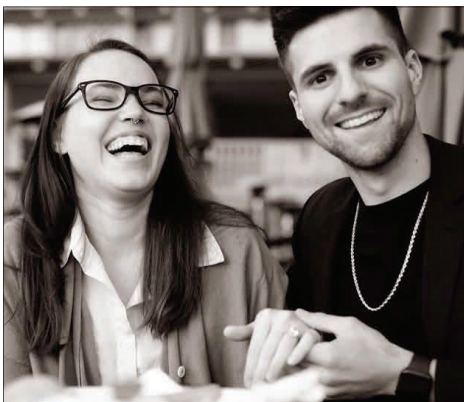
The step-up awards are awards that are given to students who have made significant changes in their academic, motivation, behavior, etc. These awards

are very meaningful to the students. For many of them, it is the first award that they have ever received. These are the types of things that make Oak View High School a very special place.

# Alumni Update

So much wonderful news from our alumni!

Below, our newly engaged alums **Ashlea Sneed** ('11) and **Tony Millas** ('10). This is just one more event in a lovely relationship that started at Oak View a decade ago. Congratulations to you both!



At right, **Blake Piloto** ('xx) with his dad Leo returns to civilian life after a stint in the Marines.



Andrew Tamisen ('19) let us know that he is taking a full load at Moorpark College: Intermediate Algebra, Public Speaking, English Composition, and of course, AutoCad. He's off to a strong start in his quest for a 4-year degree and a career in computers.

**Sam Jones** ('07), seen at right with his wife, stopped by for a transcript. He is going through a background check to become a deputy sheriff having completed a six-year enlistment in the Navy. It's nice to know he'll be patrolling our community soon!

And last but not least, we were treated to a visit by **Marc Funes** ('19), right, who just finished basic training as a

Private First Class and a squad leader. He will spend time at home before heading off for more training and further adventures.



## NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the September 17th regular meeting of the OPUSD Board of Education, four OPHS students spoke during public comment about a non-agenda item of not receiving PE credit for sports played in 9th grade while at OPHS. In addition, four other members of the public spoke on another non-agenda item related to elementary gender diversity lessons in grades K-5. Since these items were not on the Agenda, per Board Bylaws, the Board did not discuss the matters nor were any decisions made regarding the issues raised during public comment at this meeting. Every person who submitted a speaker card wishing to address the Board on these topics was able to speak before the Board. The Board also heard reports from School Board Members and the Superintendent.

### **Discussion on Parent Opt-out Option Related to the K-5 Counselor Lessons on Gender Diversity**

This item was placed on the Board's Agenda because a member of the community asked for it to be, and the Board President and Superintendent agreed to do so. Dr. Knight read a statement about opting-out, nine members of the public spoke, and the Board President read a statement.

### **Report on the 1:1 Chromebook Program**

The Board received an update on the 1-to-1 Chromebook Program for Grades 5-12. Enoch Kwok, Director of Information Technology, and Ellen Chevalier, Lead Technology TOSA and 1:1 Chromebook Program Manager, shared this presentation and the following statistics on the Chromebook 1-1 program:

Grades 5-12 student population: 2829,  
63% Borrowed (including gr 8 & 12),

24% New Lease To Own, 10% Previously Purchased/Leased, 2% Purchased New, Chromebooks leased by parents 691, +293 from prior year = 984 combined. Chromebooks purchased by parents 52 (for 2020 school year), Grades 8 and 12 were issued old district Chromebooks (all borrowed)

The Board held a Discussion on and/or approved the following items:

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved Resolution #19-19, Establishing the GANN Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 - The Gann Initiative (Proposition 4, 1979) created a constitutional requirement for school districts to annually adopt a resolution establishing its maximum appropriations limit. The completed appropriation limit forms are included in the District's Unaudited Actuals and will be submitted to the State Department of Education, and approved by the State Board of Education.

### **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Approved District of Choice ("DOC") Reporting Requirements - This report summarized the information required of DOC school districts pursuant to Education Code 48313 in regard to students enrolled in OPUSD for the current school year. This information will now, and prior to October 15, be disseminated to local adjoining districts, the county office of education, the State Superintendent of Instruction and the Department of Finance.

Approved the Unaudited Actual Reve-

nues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 - The District's 2018-19 books were officially closed on September 12, 2019, and the fiscal year's revenues, expenditures, and year-end balances were finalized. The District has ended the 2018-19 fiscal year with an unrestricted General Fund ending balance that is sufficient to meet the Designated Amount for Economic Uncertainties required by Education Code.

Approved Spending Plan for 2019-20 Education Protection Account Funds - California voters approved Proposition 30, which established the Education Protection Account (EPA). The Board must approve the use of the EPA funds in an open session of a public meeting. District's spending plan allocates 100% of the revenue to go towards teachers' salaries..

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Approved Out of State Travel for the following certificated employees from Oak View High School to attend the following conferences funded by a state grant specific to the continuation high school: Susan Allen - International Literacy Association - October 9-12, 2019, KC Kelem and Randi Liepman - National Alternate Education, October 28-30, 2019, Susan Allen - National Council of Teachers of English - November 21-24, 2019

Held a Public Hearing and Approved Resolution #19-20, Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials, for 2019-2020 - Education Code 60119 requires that districts, in order to receive the textbook and instructional materials funding from the state, hold a public hearing regarding the sufficiency of core textbooks and instructional materials in the district. During the 2019-2020 school year, OPUSD has followed the state curriculum framework guidelines and all associated recommendations.



## Senior Spotlight — Michael and Matthew Ruble

Soccer will never be the same in the Conejo Valley after this season when Michael and Matthew Ruble retire from playing soccer after thirteen years of awesome antics on the field. Their whole family plays soccer, and they started at age five. Michael who plays forward and midfield is grateful for the many friendships he has forged over the seasons and spending time with teammates. Matthew has enjoyed his many years of play likes playing defense and is a fierce competitor. His favorite part of the game is getting physical, and though he has gotten his share of yellow cards over the years, he got his first red card this season. Michael has made many goals, but this year scored a doozy — hitting the net with a kick just past midfield! Their father has been their coach and they enjoy their time together both on and off the field. Their mom is there cheering them on.

They are hanging up their cleats after this year, however. Matthew is looking to have more time to work and also surf. He likes that it is a solo sport, though he and Michael have been on the Oak Park surf team since their freshman year. Michael will also continue surfing and has enjoyed being on the surf team with his cousins, coached by uncle Mr. Kingberg. They are open to one day watching their kids from the sidelines, or maybe coaching the team, but for certain, you will find them with friends and family in the waves surfing to their heart's content.

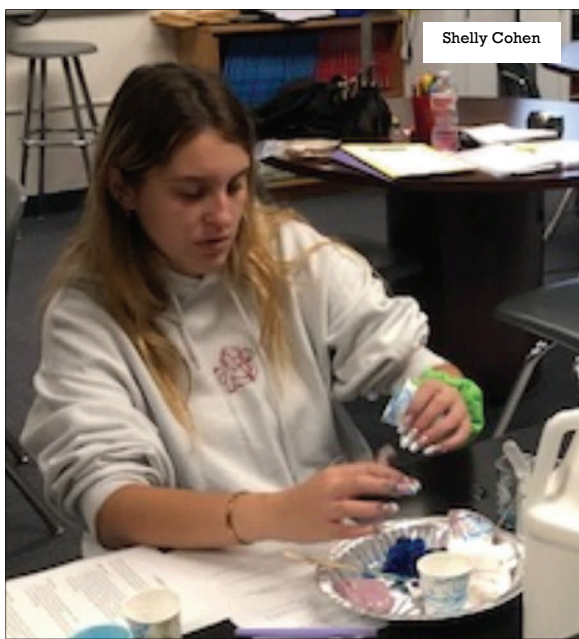


# Chemistry

Chemistry students explore non-Newtonian fluids creating different types of slime. After the inquiry lab the students create poems demonstrating their knowledge on the physical properties of the fun fluids!



Juliana Parker & Jacqueline Mathers



Shelly Cohen



Nathan Lewis



Ethan Pimstone

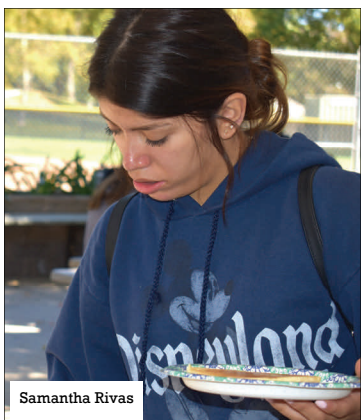
# Pancakes!



Kai Balke

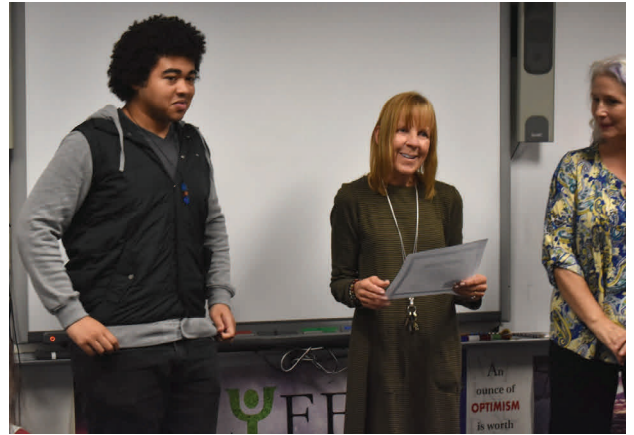


Ramona Reeder & Ora Rosen



Samantha Rivas

## Step Up Award Recipients

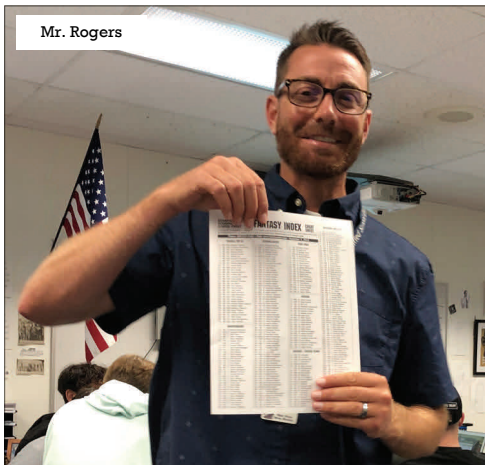


Adi Emintente, Callie Beeman, and Collin Carson — honored for stepping up at school!

## Fantasy Football Draft



Mr. Rogers



On Thursday, September 5th OVHS/OPIS held its fourth annual fantasy football draft! Team managers included: OVHS students, OPIS students, Mrs. Liepman, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Cromwell. The OVHS/OPIS league has an all time high number of teams with a total of 14, including alumni Blake Hayward and Jordan Eminentente. Fantasy football is a game in which managers select NFL players from different offensive positions and are then rewarded points based on yards gained and touchdowns. Each manager will play head-to-head against one of the other managers, and the team with the highest points wins. Playoffs will begin in week 14 of the NFL season - the team who is crowned champion in week 16 has traditionally been rewarded with NFL gear or custom Vans or Converse. It was an exciting draft and luckily Mrs. Liepman was able to get Philip Rivers once again on her team. We have had some very close games so far and we are excited to see who will be this year's fantasy football champion. We are all looking forward to a fun season with lots of good hearted banter. Go Chargers! (that's a shout out to Mrs. Liepman's favorite team ).

## Luc Bodden Day of Gratitude

On September 14, we celebrated the life and legacy of Luc Bodden with an assembly, a speech, and a gift of stories. JD Slajchert spoke of his friendship with Luc and the gratitude he feels for the many lessons he got from the relationship. Slajchert has written a book that includes a fictionalization of this friendship, with many of the proceeds going to the LucStrong Foundation, supporting families dealing with sickle cell anemia, the disorder that caused Luc's life to end.

His mother Stacey Bodden, seen at right, was on hand to speak of her son and the foundation. She was delighted to receive a book of stories about Luc written by students in our English classes. Students crafted myths featuring Luc as the god of gratitude as part of their study of ancient Greek mythology.



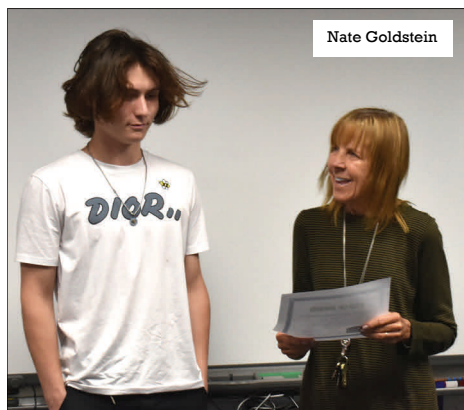
JD Slajchert



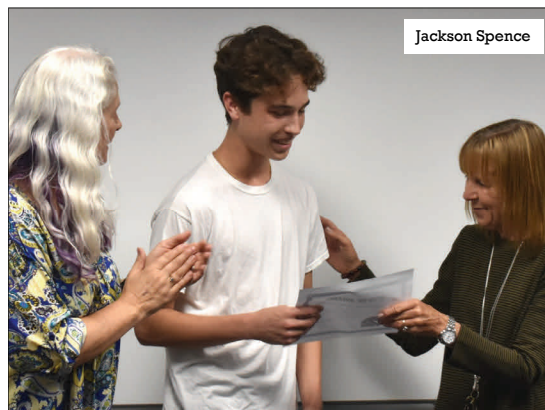
## Step Up Awards Recipients



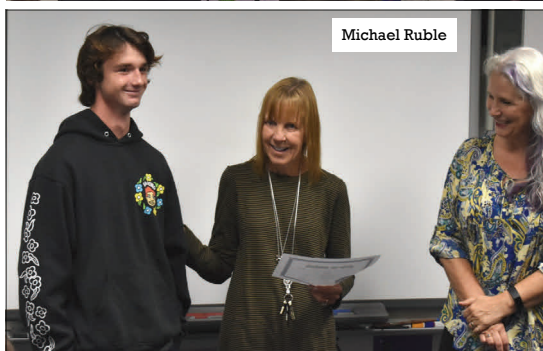
David Roberts



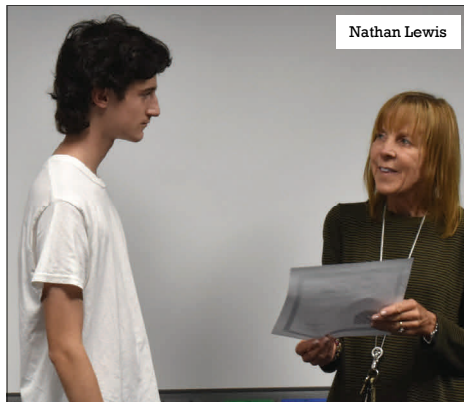
Nate Goldstein



Jackson Spence



Michael Ruble



Nathan Lewis



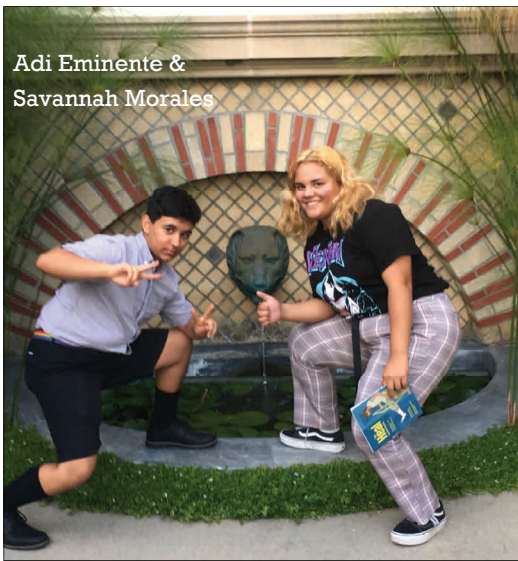
Matthew Ruble

# Getty Villa Field Trip

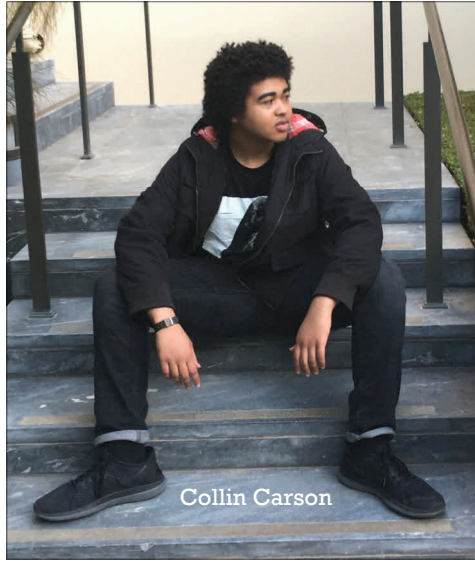
By Adi Eminente

A select few Oak View students got the opportunity to take a tour around the Getty Villa and see the modern rendition of *The Heal* directed by Aaron Posner, inspiration taken from Sophocles' play *Philoctetes*.

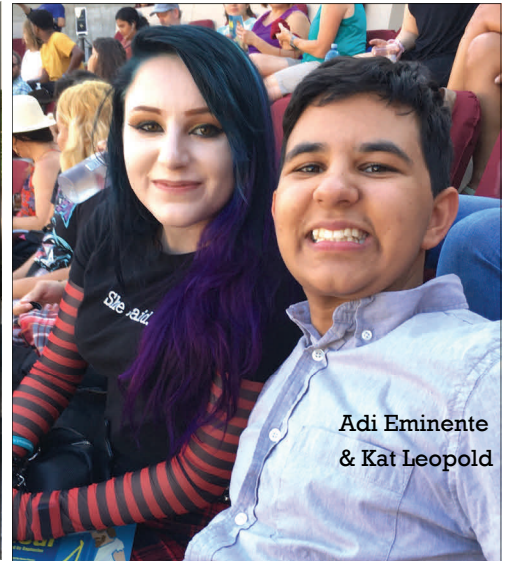
It was an interactive play about wounds, emotional and physical. The combination of comedy and tragedy made it an enjoyable and comprehensible experience. One of the big themes was how to take responsibility for the way your actions affect others and also how your actions affect yourself. They also presented the idea and understanding that everyone has wounds whether we can see them or not. We all have regrets and sorrows in our life and understanding that we all are hurt in one way or another can connect us together and overall heal our wounds.



Adi Eminente & Savannah Morales

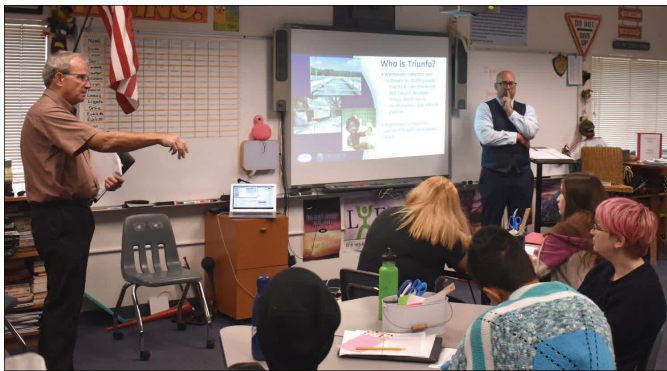


Collin Carson



Adi Eminente & Kat Leopold

## Water, Water Everywhere... How We Can Make Even More to Drink!



Mike McNutt and Sandy Warren from the Las Virgenes Water District and Triunfo Water and Sanitation District came to Oak View High School to talk to the students about all the different aspects that go into water filtration and reuse. They also promoted their new water recycling center hoping to make the idea of drinking recycled water a normal thing. One of the things that I found interesting is that the earth is 70% water but only 2.5% of that is fresh water and less than 1% is accessible. Some people may seem grossed out by the idea of drinking recycled wa-

ter, but when you really think about it, all water has been recycled over and over again for the past millions of years. In general I think they want to destroy the stigma against recycled water so they can create a more effective system. That would allow us all to enjoy clean water for many years to come.





# Long Beach Aquarium

Kellen Lignitz and Kai Balke dig deep for the answer.

Audience participation matters!



Hillah Deri & David Roberts



Collin Carson, master of ceremonies



Samantha Rivas, Callie Beeman, Jacqueline Mathers



Makenna Shoaf

Jackson Spence and Jacob Saul face off.



Ms. Allen and Savannah Morales feed the lorakeets.



Touching jellyfish in the salt-water pools.



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# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	All Here	4	5
6	7	8	No School Adam Wolfson's birthday	9 Bryce Lewis's birthday	10 End of Quarter 1 All Here	11 Bryce Lewis's birthday	12
13 Kai Balke's birthday	14	15	16	17 Anacapa field trip Samantha Rivas's birthday	18 Flex Friday	19	
20	21	22	23 Hillah Deri's birthday	24 Kat Leopold's birthday	25 Flex Friday	26	
27	28	29 Collin Carson's birthday	30	31 Halloween	Flex Friday		