

Oak Views

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Ventura County Innovates, and So Does OVHS!

Below, Mrs. Lomax teaches the guitar making class AKA STEAM Guitar Building, CAD, CAM, CNC & 3d Printing. It is offered every Friday morning from 8—9:30 in room R-1 on the OPIS campus. The Business of Digital Graphics, Design and Heat Transfers runs from 8:35—10:05 in room 104 on the OVHS campus. Both classes are run through Ventura County Innovates (VCI) in cooperation with Oak View. Students from our program as well as OPIS are learning to use all sorts of technology to create some very interesting items. These students will be offered internships semester 2 where they can practice their craft and perhaps even obtain employment.

We are also developing our own programs using the same construct. Introduced by OPUSD school board member Derek Ross, The InVEST Program is one more in our collection of vocational offerings at Oak View High School. It provides the knowledge and understanding of the insurance industry and careers in the industry to students, enabling them to qualify for internships at agencies. In addition to learning about the insurance industry,

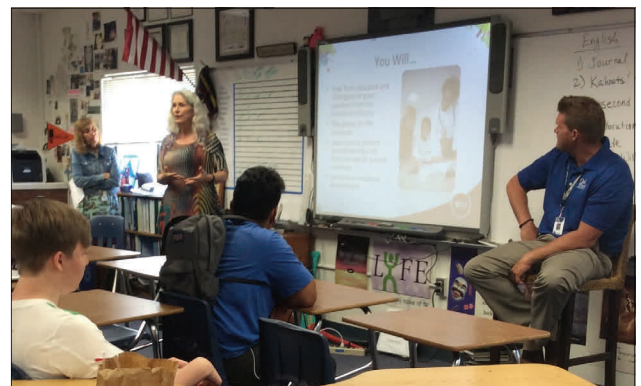
various types of insurance, and the role insurance plays in our daily lives, students will be prepared for careers in the industry itself. They will participate in traditional and project-based learning developed by Invest.

The InVEST program provides curriculum both online and as texts, workbooks, and presentations for teachers and students to use in a quarter long class that will earn students 2 credits. Completing an internship at an agency can provide participants with an additional 3 credits. Finally, by finishing the course materials, students are eligible for a scholarship from the Invest program to get them started in college programs that can lead them to a degree toward a career in insurance.

This class will be taught quarter 2 during 6th period. Students who finish the course will be eligible to

apply for \$500 scholarships as well as internships at a local insurance agency. We appreciate board member Ross's help in getting this program started at our school.

In October, Ms. Allen and Mr. Rogers will attend a VCI summit at CSU Channel Islands to learn more



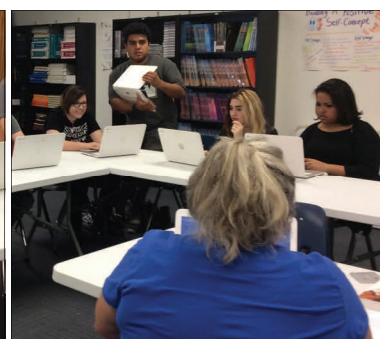
about the programs and opportunities available through this new county-wide program. Mr. McGugan continues to make connections and seek opportunities as well.

This year, teachers will develop courses to introduce students to careers in education, mental health, and veterinary science to be implemented in next year's schedule.

2014/5 survey question:

What is the best thing about Oak View?

“The teachers really care for your learning style and want you to be comfortable in your learning environment. It is not a ride-or-die school, and it caters to its students who need the help the most.”



Above, Ms. Allen and Mr. McGugan introduce the InVEST course to interested students. At left, Jordan Eminent, Jordan Corbett, Scott McIntosh, Hallie Bueneffe, Rudy Escobar, Amanda Rosen, and Sadara Polk learn the computer software in Guitar Making with instructor Mrs. Lomax.

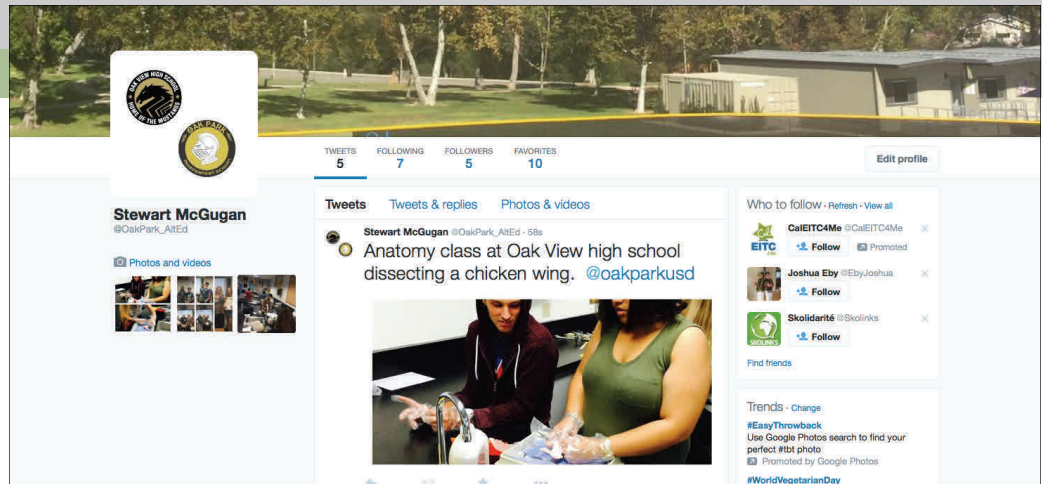
Principal's Corner

To increase our communication with our Oak View High School Families we are excited to announce our new Twitter account. We plan to use this medium as another way to communicate daily with parents so they can see what our students are doing throughout the day. We are so proud of our students and teachers and the many creative and productive lessons they experience and we want to make sure parents are able to enjoy it as well.

We will also use twitter to show great assignments, projects, assemblies, and upcoming events



Alumni Roundup



Sign up for our
twitter feed at
@OakPark_AltEd

for students and parents. We will continue to use our all call and all email system, but we think this is an active way to keep constant communication with

parents and students. We have already posted several photos of students dissecting chicken wings, receiving AAA awards, and other exciting things going on at OVHS.

We would like all parents, teachers, and students to sign up for our twitter feed at

Aryanna Dunn ('14) has been named to the staff of Pierce Community College's student newspaper, a goal she has held since her junior year of high school. Congratulations, Aryanna! We can't wait to read your articles.

Nico Renyer ('10) just fulfilled a life-long goal of skydiving, with his first jump taken just recently in Camarillo. Way to go, Nico!

@OakPark_AltEd. If you do not have a twitter account then you can sign up free at <http://www.twitter.com> <<http://www.twitter.com/>>. Once your account is created make sure to "follow" Oak-Park_AltEd.

If for any reason you would not like your son or daughter to be pictured on the twitter page, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you, Stewart McGugan

Alex Voneiff ('15) stopped by to let us know he is currently enrolled at El Camino Community College and is studying computer science. He is grateful for the scholarship he earned at last year's graduation as it is helping him to afford college, and he is grateful for the care, attention, and education he got here at OVHS, especially as he compares it with college!

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

September 15, 2015

At the regular monthly meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on September 15th, The Board heard a report from Dr. Tiffany Morse from the Ventura County Office of Education in regard to the Ventura County Innovates Grant, and regular reports from Board Members, the Superintendent, and the Student Board Representative. The Board also heard reports from BES, ROES, and OPHS School Site Councils.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

CONSENT ITEMS

Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2015 and Special Board Meeting September 1, 2015

Public Employee/Employment Changes
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Approve Purchase Requisitions - July 1 through August 31, 2015

Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Cross Country Team – October 9-10, 2015

Approve Out-of-State Trip for Oak Park High School Journalism Members – November 11-14 2015

Approve 2015-16 Transportation Agreement with Tumbleweed Transportation

Approve Notice of Completion, Project 15-03, Roof Repairs and Replacement, Building C, Medea Creek Middle School

Approve Notice of Completion, Project 15-12, HVAC Replacement, Library Building Medea Creek Middle School – Equipment Installation

Approve Resolution #15-16, Establishing the GANN Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Approve Renewal Agreement with Ventura County Office of Education for 2015-2016 Escape Financial and Payroll/Personnel System Services

Approve Overnight Trip for Medea Creek Middle School 8th Grade Astrocamp – October 28-30, 2015

The Board took action on the following items:

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Overnight Trip(s) for Oak Park High School Fall Athletic Teams Who Qualify for CIF Play-offs

Approve District's Response to Oak Park Citizens Oversight Committee's 2014-2015 Annual Report.

Approve Resolution #15-17, Authorizing Issuance of Measure C6 General Obligation Bonds. The amount is approximately \$3.8 million and is the balance of the bond. These funds will be utilized primarily for the purchase of technology and equipment.

Approve Unaudited Actual Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Approve Consultant Agreement for School Gardens Program with 2Eden Design Studio. The program will provide a school garden educational experience incorporating Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards for the preschool, elementary schools, and the middle school beginning in October.

Approve Measure C6 Bond Fund Equipment – Food Services Equipment.

Approve Purchase of Equipment from Measure C6 Bond Fund – Replacement of School Photocopiers.

Approve District of Choice Reporting Requirements. A chart was presented that shows the number of new students attending on permits, the districts they come from and the demographics.

Public Disclosure and Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Oak Park Teachers Association. This provides a 6% salary increase as well as an increase in the Health Benefits Cap.

Public Disclosure and Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Oak Park Classified Association. This provides a 6% salary increase as well as an increase in the Health Benefits Cap.

Approve Salary Adjustment to Specified Administrative Positions. This moved most administrative positions to rank between #1 and #3 among the unified school districts in Ventura County. Currently, teaching and classified employees rank #1 in that group.

Approve Compensation Adjustment for Administrative, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees. This provides a 6% salary increase as well as an increase in the Health Benefits Cap.

Approve Amendment to Employment Contract with Superintendent. This provides a 6% salary increase and longevity steps.

Approve 2015-2016 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Approved five Contracts for Non-Public School or Non-Public Agency services Special Education Students.

Approve Special Education Local Plan Area – Local Education Agency Assurances.

Approve two Additional Courses for Oak View High School – Art and Science Engineering – STEAM Guitar Building, CAD, CAM, CNC & 3d Printing and The Business of Digital Graphics, Design and Heat Transfers.

POLICIES

The Board approved policies related to:

Required Parental Attendance

School Plans/Site Councils

Uniform Compliant Procedures

Bullying

Student Use of Technology

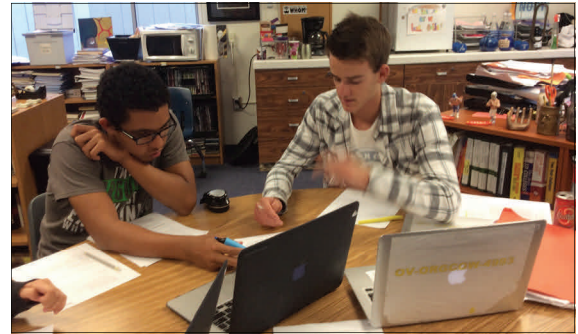
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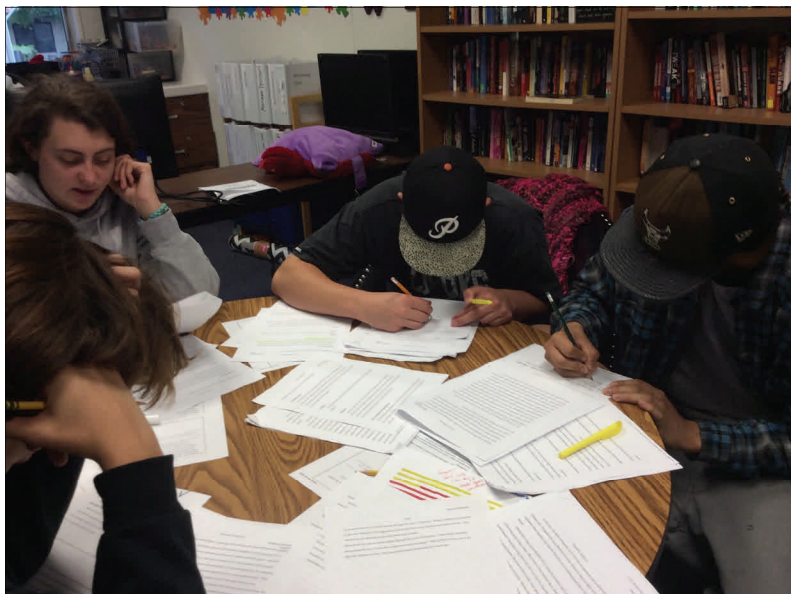
What Students Say About Our School — from 2015 su



Above, Trevor Feemster, Heidi Specker, Laura Williams, Sadara Polk, Chloe Hall, Parisa Tarani, and Marselienna Von Eschen join Mrs. Liepman on one of their Thursday Walks. Above right, Ethan O'Connor, Antoine Bouimer, and Mrs. Kelem working away in Anatomy and Physiology class. At right Jordan Corbett and Scott McIntosh aid each other in improving their writing. Below, McKenna Skelton, Cody Boskovich and others do the same in Writer's Group during English class.



The sports. The way staff treats students. It prepares me for the real world such as Consumer Math (most practical class I've been in. I finally know how to write checks, pay my bills, etc. instead of being oblivious to everything. But thank gosh, I know the quadratic formula). Basically, it's a second family, always open for change, easy to relate to other people. We don't have to work out of textbooks all the time. The school schedule is easy for people who work or have after school activities. It is non-judgmental. I love Clean Teen Team, the counseling sessions, Girls/Boys group, and field trips.



I have enjoyed a lot, and I really like the relationships here and how close everyone can be. I have really enjoyed going to Clean Team, surfing with my principal (and snaking him on the waves), and how close everyone is to each other.

What I like about Oak View — The way they teach us in different learning styles so everything is easier. The sports, the field trips, the amazing electives such as knitting and stained glass. All of the positive social interaction. How the day is not as long as other schools. It helps us learn and promote great attendance. The no-homework policy is the best thing. I have been doing better in school overall and mentally because there's not at-home work. It helps me focus and learn more in class. I have made so many close friends.



Girls Empowerment Workshop

GOAL- provide OVHS and OPIS female students (grades 9,10,11, 12) education and resources

"The mission of the Girls Empowerment Workshop is to empower girls with the information necessary to make decisions for a positive, healthy, involved and successful life. To inspire, enrich and educate young women through raising awareness, teaching assertiveness and cultivating self respect."

"A young woman with a mind full of knowledge and a deep self respect, is better equipped to speak her mind clearly, step out of her comfort zone, set clear boundaries, know she is worthy of going after her dreams and being a part of healthy relationships."

"Our workshops create a safe, directed environment, where girls of all races, individualities and socio-economic backgrounds can find common ground and engage in intelligent, open discussions."

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED (will include but not be limited to)-

- Media Literacy
- Healthy relationships and communication
- Personal safety and assertiveness skills
- Sexual assault awareness
- Girls & Women and the way we treat each other
- Comprehensive Sexual Education

GROUP FACILITATOR- Tobi Jo Greene

Registration

- Space is limited to the first 25 students
- See Mr. Rogers (OPIS/OVHS counselor) for registration information and parent permission forms
- Please contact Mr. Rogers at 818-735-3262 or jrogers@oakparkusd.org with any questions

DATES and TIMES-

Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28, and November 4 from noon to 1:40pm (snacks provided)

The workshop is intended as a four-week training (consecutive)- students will be expected to attend all dates if possible

LOCATION-

Oak View High School Room #104

-Published Author

- Provides Girls Empowerment Workshops to female students in public and private schools in Ventura County**
- Multiple speaking engagements throughout Ventura County**

For additional information visit:

www.thegirlsempowermentworkshop.com

On Facebook- www.facebook.com/girlsworkshop

Instagram- "Girls Empowerment"

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE NIGHT of Workshops

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015 at Oak Park High School

Welcome Reception 6:30—6:45

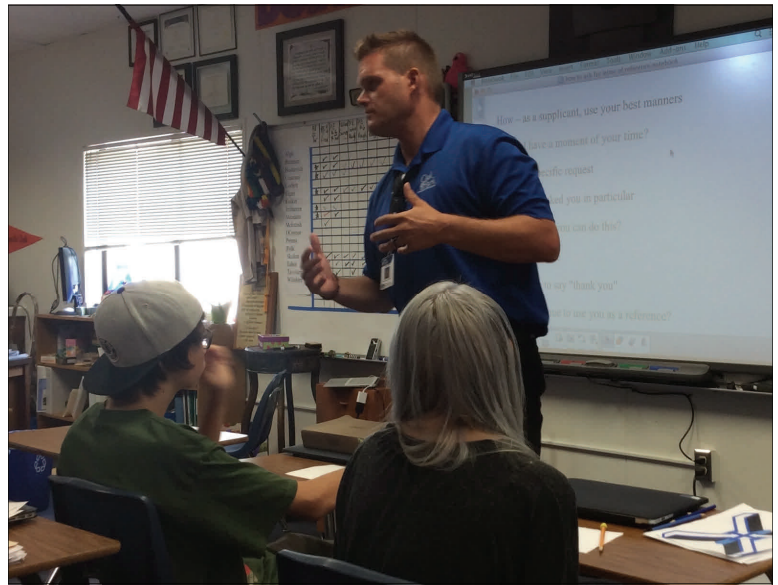
Workshops begin at 7:00 PM

**Workshop Topics Include: "California State University System," "UC System," "How to Choose a College & How a College Chooses You," "California Community College Option," "504/IEP Students: Laying The Groundwork for College," Stanford: Admissions & Programs at a Highly Selective College," "Advantages of Going Out-of-State to College" "How to Choose a College Major/Career," "Visual and Performing Arts Colleges," STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Majors for 21stCentury," "The Cost of College," "Write a Smashing College Essay," "I'm Not an A Student, Now What?" "Military Academies," ...and more!

Sponsored by Agoura, Calabasas, and Oak Park High School's Parent Faculty Association with Coordinator/Consultant Jean Gilbert Hawkins

Jobs Class Takes the Plunge

Our new Junior requirement is Jobs class, where students learn all about how to get, then keep a job. In the final weeks, students are honing their interview skills. Having figured out what work is best for them, learned how to look for jobs, written resumes, and asked for letters of reference, they are now practicing all of these skills and then some. At right, Mr. McGugan gives words of wisdom on how to ask for a letter of reference. Far below, Hallie Buenafe practices with him, getting comfortable with the process. She later did request and get a letter from Mr. McGugan. Below, Bailey Watson, Marselienna Von Eschen, and Stephanie Greenberg practice answering their interview questions on each other. Next will be actually performing an interview with handshakes and everything!



Staff Members Speak

What is the most rewarding aspect of your work at OVHS?

- I have been at Oak View High School since the beginning, which I over half of my life. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with people who are willing to work together as a team and are ALWAYS willing to help me when needed. I am blessed to have known so many wonderful student sthroughout the years and watch them grow into responsible adults. Nothing is better than when a former student returns to share his/her accomplishments with me. I can honestly say that teaching at this school has enriched my life beyond belief.
- Our students. We see how well they grow and the impact our school has in their lives. Secondly, the team (staff, administration, and District Office) that I work with is very supporting and collaborating.
- Knowing that what we do here is important, valued, and supported. Our kids are in need of a lot of support and everyone here pulls his or her weight and then some. When we need something, the district provides it. We are continually growing and evolving to meet the needs of our students and help each other achieve at our maximum capacities. We grow together.

Halloween Happenings!

Dust off your costume, put in your fangs, and come by The View October 29 at 11:00 for our annual Halloween Extravaganza and BBQ.

ASB will be organizing the event, which will include games, pumpkin carving, and a feast. Games include Bobbing for Donuts, Wrap the Mummy, Worm Chomp, and more. The feast will feature turkey and veggie burgers, salads, and a potluck. All participants are welcome to bring a dish. The staff at the district office will be there and parents are especially welcome to come join in.

Costumes are encouraged, and there will be prizes in several categories. What will Mrs. Kelem wear this year? Who will have the most creative and innovative costume? The usual dress code requirements do apply, but the possibilities for creativity are unlimited.

Peanut, Peanut, Who's Got the Peanut...Butter!!

Santa Comes to Westlake/Agoura and Beyond is an annual event wherein schools and community organizations collect food and monetary donations for those in need. As in previous years, OVHS has volunteered to collect jars of peanut butter (though other nut butters are also welcome).

During the week of November 16-20, the period 1 classroom will compete to see who can collect the most poundage per capita in each class. The winning group will receive a pizza party as a reward. Start collecting now! It's for a good cause AND for some good pizza.

Pie a Staff Member!

Only \$1 per chance!

Pie-splatting to happen during Halloween BBQ

Get the tickets while they last.

All proceeds go to OVHS Kiva.org project.

Sponsored by the Community Service Club.

The Most Important Things Oak View Has Offered My Student

Parent Responses from 2014/5 Survey

- The individualized attention he needed. He is doing fantastic at Oak View, and I am so grateful for this school.
- Understanding, working at own pace, support where needed, an environment where she feels comfortable and safe.
- Intimate learning environment with amazingly talented and caring teachers who have recognized and nurtured her talent and intellect. In a small setting, she cannot go unnoticed by the staff, so this has helped her to be accountable.
- Guidance, individualized ways of learning, and a very good learning environment.
- My child is confident again and believes in herself. Emotional support by staff, teachers, and counselors has been ongoing and helpful. My child isn't anxious to go to school.
- A sense of achievement, success, and a vision into the future for employers and/or collegiate expectations.
- A sense of actually caring about him and positive reinforcement that he is responsible for his participation.
- Opportunity to enjoy learning! Support and a crazy amount of compassion!
- Personalized learning, challenging goal achievement program, open communication with both students and parents to facilitate partnership, most importantly a program based on trust and leadership.
- Reengaging him in learning and making the curriculum interesting.
- Oak View High School offers my daughter an opportunity to learn in an environment that is much smaller and lower pressure than Oak Park High School. Teachers are able to utilize more creativity due to small class sizes.

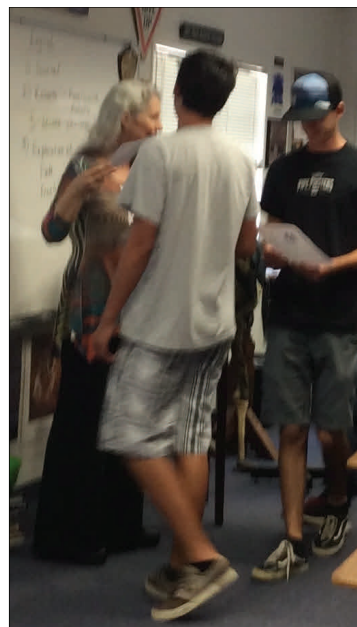
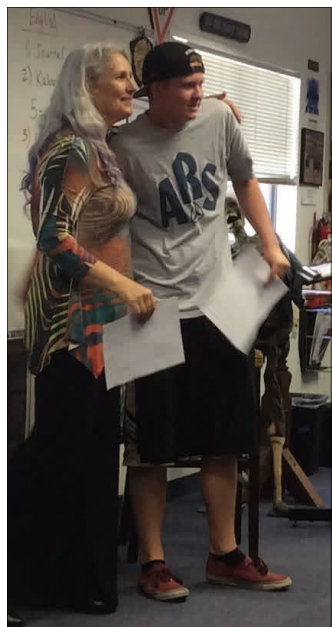
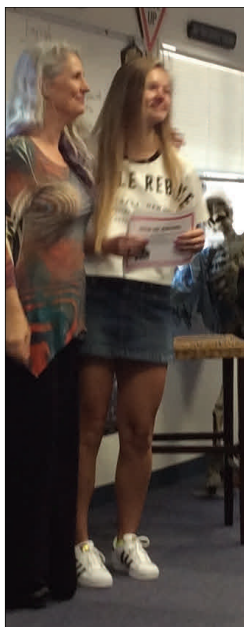
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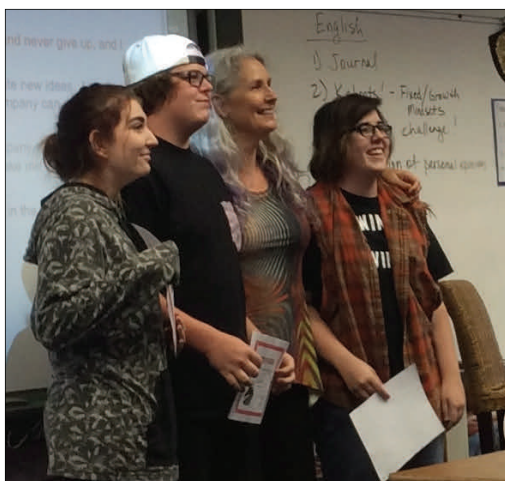
Regularly throughout the year, OVHS check out, but not in the usual way. With us, checking out means checking in. We meet to review policies, talk through issues, introduce new opportunities, and mostly to celebrate successes. Above, Ms. Liepman hands out Step Up Awards for personal growth and achievement. Her selections included Rudy Escobar for completing all of his work in class and his wonderful attitude. Jordan Corbett for getting up early and commuting to school. Billy Gulkin for completing his work, being friendly and a good friend to everyone. Derren Cruz for having a great attitude, completing all his assignments and being friendly to everyone. Parisa Tarani for stepping up in class, getting her work done, and for getting a job at Taco Bell. And finally for Jules Cesarani (not pictured here) for stepping up in class and being a good friend to others.

Below, students watch the proceedings — Hallie Buenafe, Stephanie Greenberg, Laura Williams, Marselienna Von Eschen, Trevor Feenster, McKenna Skelton, Lily Algie.





At right, Ms. Allen celebrates Laura Williams for growth in her confidence and assertiveness in class and Cody Boskovich for being a hard-working, high-achieving student while he still maintains a healthy social life. McKenna Skelton and Madison Giger are congratulated for the tremendous effort they put forth in reaching their goals of earning a great number of credits in their senior years. The video yearbook staff of Devon Irribarren, Scott McIntosh, and Jules Cesarani (off camera) is lauded for their considerable progress so far. At far left, the yearbook staff of Amanda Rosen, Bailey Watson, and Hallie Buenafe are thanked for their hard work and creativity in setting up this year's book.



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October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	Flex Friday 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Last day of Quarter 1 Flex Friday 9	10
11	12	OVHS Site Council 3:00 13	14	15	Flex Friday 16	17
18	19	20	21	22	Flex Friday 23	24
25	26	27	28	Halloween Party 11:00 29	Flex Friday 30	31