

# PUSD EDUCATION NEWS

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## Hands Across the Grass



Wesley Gaines School is in a unique situation. We are one grassy field away from a school full of mentors, tutors, and role models. Leona Jackson School and Wesley Gaines School are initiating an athletic program wherein 8th grade students from Jackson are volunteering their time to coach 2nd and 3rd grade students from Gaines in the finer points of varied sports.

For three weeks now up to six student-coaches from Jackson have been running thirty plus Gaines students through basketball drills on dribbling, passing, and shooting. The Gaines students are more eager than ever to get out to recess. They readily line up and are attentive and responsive to all the directions that the coaches give.

The Jackson student-coaches are just the type of role models

that are needed for the young Gaines students. They are a smart bunch of students that take initiative and follow through on what they begin. The student-coaches are given the responsibility of creating the drills to improve the skills of their 2nd and 3rd grade charges. The Jackson student-coaches take on the challenge willingly and do a fantastic job of organizing the students, running the drills, and providing feedback to improve whatever skill is being worked on that day.

The Gaines students are tired after their recess workout, but still are heard to exclaim, "That was fun!"

A hearty thank you goes out to Mrs. Nunley-Macon and Coach Steve Sanperi from Leona Jackson for helping to organize our student-coaches.

I would like to extend a special

thank you to Adrian Hernandez, Rudy Garcia, Allen Diaz, Aaron Washington, Ervin Allison, and Humberto Salazar for being great student-coaches and good role models for Wesley Gaines students.

This year Wesley Gaines has been lucky to have student readers from Jackson involved in our Read Across America Events and now we have the student-coaches improving the level of basketball proficiency on our campus. These are just two examples of what we are calling, Hands Across the Grass- A plan to encourage cooperation between Leona Jackson and Wesley Gaines in the areas of academics and athletics to the benefit of students on each campus.

So hooray for the Knights and hooray for the Grizzlies!

## Jackson Knights Make History Come Alive



On April 25, 2013, famous historical figures, like Abraham Lincoln and Alexander the Great, walked onto Leona Jackson School's campus to participate in the school's annual Wax Museum.

The Wax Museum was an intensive culminating social studies research project for all middle school students at Jackson School. Students were required to select a historical character from their social studies curriculum and research the details about their character's background and accomplishments. Then, students wrote and memorized a speech pretending to be the character they chose. Finally, students literally stepped into the shoes of their characters by creating a historically accurate costume and delivering their speeches to parents and community members.

In the weeks leading up to this event, there was a surge of energy on campus as students finished up their research, turned in their speeches for revisions, and nervously rehearsed their speeches in character. All of the hard work paid off on the evening of the event as students watched the enormous outpouring of support from their family and community who came out for this anticipated event. Hundreds of students lined up on the field in full costume and froze as statues as they waited for museum guests to wander down the walkways and tap on the presentation sign. It was the largest event of the year at Jackson School, bringing about a thousand proud visitors.

Heather Downs, teacher at Jackson School, described Jackson's Wax Museum from the perspective of a visitor, "You can take a historical journey through the point of view of the characters that have shaped our history." The Wax Museum was another Jackson School event that brought the school and community together for an exciting and memorable learning experience.

## Summer Food Service Program

According to a recently released report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the number of families struggling to put food on the table has skyrocketed. Children who eat nutritious meals and participate in safe activities during the summer are more creative and productive at school and at home.

Paramount U.S.D. and the City of Paramount Parks and Recreation Department are collaborating in a joint effort to provide two nutritious

meals a day and two hours of recreational opportunities at no cost to the students or their families to combat hunger and the increase in childhood obesity. The program is available for students up to age 18.

District and City staff will open all elementary and middle school campuses (except Jackson) Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 17th through Friday, August 9th. The day will start with breakfast

and board games from 9:00-10:00, Parks and Recreation staff will then take students to play areas where they will have a host of activities to choose from including, sports, arts and crafts and physical fitness from 10:00 to 12:00. Star Program staff and children will then return to the dining area for a sizzling BBQ from 12:00 to 1:00 and will then be released after a nutritious day full of healthy activities that enrich their summer day.

### Graduation Dates

Paramount High School \* July 25, 2:00 p.m.

Buena Vista High School \* July 25, 2:00 p.m.

Paramount Adult School \* July 25, 6:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE

July 10, 2013

Board of Education meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, and are open to the public



# Valedictorians

## Jasmine L. Esparza

Ever since ninth grade, becoming Valedictorian has been a goal of mine. I had to make sacrifices and study hard but in the end I couldn't be more proud of what I have achieved. I have learned to go for my dreams and ignore the negative voices who have tried to put me down. I thank my family for being my motivation and inspiration and always reminding me that when someone says you cannot do it, it is because they cannot do it themselves.



## Anthony Meza

I would like to say it is a real privilege to become Valedictorian. It is something I thought I was never going to accomplish since freshman year but with hard work and the help of God I was able to do it. Most of all, I am especially happy because I was able to make my parents proud. Also, being Valedictorian is a great honor because not everyone gets it and it is a reward for all of my dedication I have put into school.



# Salutatorian

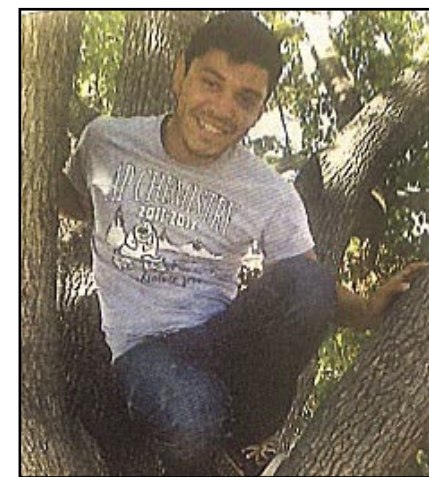
## Lucio Lopez

It is an honor to be Salutatorian. It is also a validation of the work that I have put in throughout high school.



## Pete Pirate - Xavier Aldana

After graduation Xavier is planning on going to the University of Southern California, where he wants to major in film. He is a well rounded student, great athlete, participated in school and community events, works hard and is always with an uplifting school spirit. Xavier has taken CTE courses since freshman year, was awarded the outstanding ROP award recipient and is a Gates Millenium Scholar finalist. He was in the Boys' Volleyball team and also in the Varsity Swim team. He has shown his dedication and time in clubs such as Corsaires, Class of 2013, CSF, Unity Club and ASB. Outside of school Xavier shows his great affection and love towards his community by volunteering for the



City of Paramount and Norco. He has had a summer job every year since 9th grade, attending majority of school events since 9th grade and worked for the City of Paramount many times.

## Polly Pirate - Faviola Zuniga

After graduation Faviola is planning on attending Brown University. She is a hard working student who loves doing hands on activities on and off campus. Faviola is a strong leader when it comes to club activities and volunteering. She has participated in the spring musicals for 3 years, always attends Advanced Concerts and events (won superior), attends part clean ups and Emmanuel fence paintings and is also a Gates Millenium Scholar finalist. Faviola has shown her strong leadership abilities in clubs such as Corsaires, Class of 2013, AP Club, Video Yearbook, and Student government club. She shows participation in ASB, English Liturgy and Eucharist minister,



spiritual guidance counselor for youth groups, helps in Christmas convalescent home goodie-bag drive, Thanksgiving elderly banquet, Halloween carnival and Santa breakfast, advanced choir.

## Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten (TK) registration continues for the 2013-14 school year

### Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Children are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) if their fifth birthday falls between October 2 and December 2 for the 2013-14 school year. If your child qualifies for the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program then they will attend one of the five schools: Collins, Gaines, Lincoln, Tanner and Roosevelt. Please register at the corresponding TK Site. If your home school is Mokler, for example, then you would register at Collins School (see chart below).

TK Sites	Collins	Gaines	Lincoln	Roosevelt	Tanner
Home School	Mokler	Keppel	Jefferson	Hollydale	Los Cerritos
			Wirtz		

### Kindergarten

Do you have a child who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2013? If so, you can register your child for Kindergarten at your designated school.

<b>Collins K-5</b> (562) 602-8008	<b>Lincoln K-5</b> (562) 602-8036	<b>Tanner K-5</b> (562) 602-8060
<b>Gaines K-3</b> (562) 602-8012	<b>Los Cerritos K-5</b> (562) 602-8040	<b>Wirtz K-5</b> (562) 602-8068
<b>Jefferson K-5</b> (562) 602-8024	<b>Mokler K-5</b> (562) 602-8044	<b>Hollydale K-8</b> (562) 602-8016
<b>Keppel K-5</b> (562) 602-8028	<b>Roosevelt K-5</b> (562) 602-8056	

To enroll in our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten program, you will need verification of residency within the Paramount Unified School District boundaries, original documentation of birth certificate, current immunizations and parent will need to provide current identification.

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*Great things are happening in Paramount Schools*

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## WALKING SAFELY

These student safety guidelines were developed by Paramount Unified School District. Please review the following safety precautions with your children:

- Do not speak to strangers.
- Do not walk alone, particularly in isolated areas not intended for walking, especially along the railroad tracks.
- Use the appropriate dismissal gates, ones where there is supervision.
- Walk in areas where you can be seen by others.
- Travel in groups whenever possible.
- Report any suspicious behavior school authorities and the Paramount Sheriff Station at (562) 220-2002, Lakewood Sheriff Station at (562) 623-3500, Long Beach Police at (562) 570-9800 (Collins School) or South Gate Police at (323) 563-5400.

Please remind your children to be careful and constantly aware of their surroundings.

# PHS Senior Scholarship Winners 2012-2013

## Gates Millennium Scholars - \$300,000

Xavier Aldana  
Crystal Estrada  
Thalia Hernandez  
Lucio Lopez  
Faviola Zuniga

## Edison International Public Scholarship - \$40,000

Jasmine Esparza

## UC Berkely – Regent's and Chancellor's Scholarship - \$32,000 (Full Scholarship)

Anthony Meza

## UC Berkeley – Football Scholarship - \$32,000 (Full Scholarship)

Christopher Borrayo

## Maureen McCarthy Foundation Scholarship for Teacher Education (5-year Teaching Scholarship to Cal-State Dominguez Hills) \$30,000 Tuition and Books

Jacqueline Hernandez

## 2013 Buick Achievers Scholarship - \$25,000

Luis Salazar

## UC Irvine Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship - \$6500

Alexandro Medina  
Jannely Peralta Mena  
Luis Salazar

## Odessa College, Texas –Softball Scholarship \$8294 (Full Scholarship)

Monica Caporal

## Dr. Sumie Imada Scholarship - \$1000

Chavisa Klunglukchup  
Mario Castaneda Martinez  
Anthony Meza  
Anthony Rios  
Vanessa Robles

## Dr. David Verdugo Superintendent's Scholarship - \$500

Jessica Casillas

## Management Association of Paramount Schools (MAPS) - \$500

Manuel Orlando Argueta  
Chavisa Klunglukchup  
Judybeth Ramirez

## Randy Cantrell Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Angel Castillo  
Alan Cortez  
Crystal Gonzalez  
Alexandro Medina  
Yessenia Reveles

## Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) - \$300

Elizabeth Bravo  
Jessica Casillas  
Brandon Desiqueira  
Tanya Garcia  
Gabriela Herincx  
Chavisa Klunglukchup  
Mario Castaneda Martinez  
Anthony Meza  
Cristian Reynaga  
Vanessa Robles  
Adeeba Shafique  
Marlen Villasenor

## African American Cultural Club - \$500

Destinee Ellis

## Paramount Women's Club Scholarship: \$400 Academic Scholarship

Jessica Casillas  
Marlen Villasenor

## \$400 Vocational Scholarship

Janay McGowan

## \$200 Music/Art Scholarship

Maria Del Carmen Bolanos

## McPherson College – Academic Scholarship \$28,000

Jacoi Bernard

## McPherson College – Track and Field Scholarship - \$5000

Jacoi Bernard

## Rotary Club of Paramount

Xavier Aldana  
Maricruz Zuniga Arteaga  
Gilberto ArteagaCejia  
Carla Barrera  
Isabela Cardenas  
Mariana Magdalena Cardenas  
Jessica Casillas  
Brandon Desiqueira  
Bianca Felix  
Almaruth Lopez  
Lucio Lopez  
Jannely Peralta Mena  
Anthony Meza  
Isabel Aurora Paredes  
Joany Perez  
Emily Santos  
Adeeba Shafique  
Marlen Villasenor  
Faviola Zuniga

## Elk's Student of the Month - \$50 October 2012

Carla Barrera  
Evelyn Lopez

## November 2012

Brandon DeSiqueira  
Thalia Hernandez

## January 2013

Chavisa Klunlukchup  
Edith Ramirez

## March 2013

Annette Joseph  
Isabel Paredes

## April 2013

Manuel Argueta  
Faviola Zuniga

## May 2013

Noemi Corona

## Teacher's Association of Paramount (TAP) - \$500

Anthony Meza  
Cristian Reynaga  
Alexa Tapia  
Ruby Zepeda

## Counseling Department Worthy Student Award - \$500

Mario Castaneda Martinez

## QuestBridge Scholar College Match Program - \$250,000 Scholarship Brown University

Faviola Zuniga

## Special Needs Network - Beyond Barriers Award - \$1000

Maliek Trimble

## Cal-SOAP - \$2000

Tanya Garcia  
Adilene Godines  
Thalia Hernandez  
Lucio Lopez  
Jannely Peralta Mena  
Anthony Meza  
Tung Nguyen  
Abby Romero  
Luis Salazar

## Paramount Tepic/Sister Cities Association Scholarship - \$250

Greicy Madrid  
Jade McMahan

## EARTHWATCH 2013 – Summer Scientific Expeditions (\$3500-\$4500 Scholarships)

Jennifer Garcia - Coral Life in the Bahamas  
Ian Leon - Protecting the California River Delta  
Dhamar Lopez - Caterpillars and Climate Change in Arizona  
Gisel Lopez - Shark Conservation in Belize  
Daisy Macias - Protecting the California River Delta  
Oliver Mendez - Protecting the California River Delta  
Patricia Ortiz - Songbirds in Wyoming  
Judith Santano - Songbirds in Wyoming  
Dante Valenzuela - Mammals in Nova Scotia

## PEP Scholarship – \$1000 Community College - \$3000 4-Year University

Paramount High School Students  
Carla Barrera  
Jasmine Benitez  
Monica Caporal  
Mariana Cardenas  
Carlos Coronado  
Valerie Delgadillo  
Tanya Garcia  
Gabriela Herincx  
Chavisa Kluglukchup  
Mario Castaneda Martinez  
Anthony Meza  
Edith Ramirez  
Cristian Reynaga  
Abby Romero  
Noe Rodriguez  
Luis Salazar

## College/University Students

Cesar Arturo Castaneda  
Nallely Cruz  
Eva Gonzalez Gomez  
Gina Luiz  
Janet Segura  
Priscilla Saucedo  
Bunyoung Tuy  
Yesica Vasquez

## Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Conference (Sophomore)

Christian Vazquez

## California Mathematics Council for Exemplary Mathematics Achievement

Nick Hernandez

## QuestBridge –2013 College Prep Scholars (Juniors)

Leonardo Silva  
Kenneth Teeples

## National Hispanic Recognition Program – 2012-13 Scholar

Ilene Calderon

## Paramount High School ASB Awards:

Crystal Estrada  
Valerie Delgadillo (American Red Cross Service Award)  
Marlen Villasenor  
Jesus Milian

## JROTC Awards

### Outstanding Female Cadet:

Diamond Outlaw

### Outstanding Male Cadet:

Joshua Soto

## 2012-2013

### PHS Athletes of the Year

### Pirate Male Athlete of the Year

Chris Borrayo

### Pirate Female Athlete of the Year

Tanayri Novoa

### Senior Male Athlete of the Year

Brian Fineanganofa

### Senior Female Athlete of the Year

Monica Caporal

### Junior Male Athlete of the Year

Jeneum Toalepai

### Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Tracy Shumpert

### Sophomore Male Athlete of the Year

Noe Sandoval

### Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year

Melissa Perez

### Freshman Male Athlete of the Year

Jibri Walden

### Freshman Female Athlete of the Year

Justine Padilla

## Graduating with High Honors GPA 3.75 and higher – Class of 2013 Medallion Worn at Graduation Ceremony

Xavier Aldana  
Daisy Alvarado  
Chelsea Alvarez  
Manuel Argueta  
Maricruz Arteaga  
Gilberto ArteagaCejia  
Dayana Arzeta

Ramon Barajas  
Elizabeth Bravo  
Sarai Bustos  
Ilene Calderon  
Isabela Cardenas  
Mariana Cardenas  
Stephanie Chavez  
Amy Delgado  
Brandon DeSiqueira  
Jasmine Esparza – Valedictorian  
Crystal Estrada  
Stephanie Estrada  
Silvia Fausto  
Bianca Felix  
Tanya Garcia  
Adilene Godines  
Andrew Gonzalez  
Crystal Gonzalez  
Jacqueline Hernandez  
Thalia Hernandez  
Karina Herrera  
Janine Juarez  
Chavisa Klunglukchup  
Lucio Lopez - Salutatorian  
Victor Lopez  
Greicy Madrid  
Cecilia Martinez  
Mario Castaneda Martinez  
Kevin Martinez  
Raul Martinez  
Jade McMahan  
Alexandro Medina  
Jannely Peralta Mena  
Cassandra Aguilar Mendoza  
Miguel Mercado  
Anthony Meza - Valedictorian

Isabel Mora  
Yessenia Padilla  
Isabel Paredes  
Erik Pena  
Yessenia Reveles  
James Reyes  
Rodolfo Rios  
J-Anne Robielos  
Edith Rodriguez  
Luis Salazar  
Osbeli Salazar  
Evelyn Samaniego  
Alicia Sanchez  
Emily Santos  
Adeeba Shafique  
Erika Tapia  
Stephanie Trejo  
Efrain Urena  
Damon Walker  
Faviola Zuniga

## Graduating with Honors GPA 3.50 –3.74 – Class of 2013

### Gold Cord Worn at Graduation Ceremony

Jonatan Chavarria Alarcon  
Mariel Alarcon  
Brenda Alcalá  
Ramon Alvarez  
Gabriela Banderas  
Andrew Bardales  
Carla Barrera  
Monica Caporal  
Angel Castillo  
Eric Castro  
Carlos Coronado  
Jennifer Deleon  
Patricia Ann Francisco  
Gerardo Rios  
Rosemary Gonzalez  
Daniel Rizo Jacobo  
LaQuenlyn Johnson  
Henry Kim  
Skyler Larrainzar  
Evelyn Lopez  
Lizeth Lopez  
Brenda Lozado  
Gregory Marin  
Tanya Martinez  
Tung Nguyen  
Stephanie Nieto  
Alejandra Quezada Nieves  
Javier Arreola Perez  
Bianca Plascencia  
Edith Ramirez  
Salina Ramos  
Cristian Reynaga  
Arnold Rodriguez  
Aaron Romero  
Abby Romero  
Alexis Sanchez  
Oscar Sandoval  
Yessenia Santiago  
Roger Silva  
Dalma Torres  
Adrian Toscano  
Stephanie Trujillo

Dania Valenzuela  
Gabriel Viramontes  
Jesus Zarate  
Martin Zuniga

## 2013 California Scholarship Federation Lifetime Memberships Highest Honor 100 % Highest Honors (6 semesters)

Isabella Cardenas  
Jasmine Esparza  
Bianca Felix  
Tanya Garcia  
Chavisa Klunglukchup  
Victor Lopez  
Greicy Madrid  
Miguel Mercado  
Anthony Meza  
Luis Salazar  
Adeeba Shafique  
Faviola Zuniga

## 2013 California Scholarship Federation Lifetime Memberships: Life Membership (4 semesters)

Xavier Aldana  
Chelsea Alvarez  
Daisy Alvarado  
Karina Alvarado  
Gilberto ArteagaCejia  
Ramon Barajas  
Carla Barrera  
Jasmine Benitez  
Elizabeth Bravo  
Sarai Bustos  
Mariana Cardenas  
Mario Castaneda Martinez  
Stephanie Chavez  
Valerie Delgadillo  
Amy Delgado  
Crystal Estrada  
Andrew Gonzalez  
Thalia Hernandez  
Janine Juarez  
Ivette Lopez  
Lucio Lopez  
Tanya Martinez  
Alexandro Medina  
Tung Nguyen  
Isabel Paredes  
Jannely Peralta Mena  
Sergio Perez  
James Reyes  
Glendy Salinas  
Evelyn Samaniego  
Alicia Sanchez  
Yessenia Santiago  
Emily Santos  
Stephanie Trejo  
Efrain Urena

## Biliterate Diploma Seal – Proficient in both English and Spanish

Brenda Alcalá  
Julie Arguello  
Manuel Argueta  
Maricruz Arteaga  
Gilberto ArteagaCejia  
Alejandro Avalos  
Elizabeth Bravo  
Monica Caporal  
Mariana Cardenas  
Guillermina Cuevas  
Brian Diaz  
Jasmine Esparza  
Jocelyn Gallegos  
Gissel Gonzalez  
Jacqueline Hernandez  
Lucio Lopez  
Victor Lopez  
Greicy Madrid  
Alexandro Medina  
Isabel Mora  
Isabel Paredes  
Joany Perez  
Aron Pleitez  
Cristian Reynaga  
Abby Romero  
Alicia Sanchez  
Emily Santos  
Adrian Tamayo  
Stephanie Trejo  
Natalia Villarreal  
Marlen Villasenor  
Faviola Zuniga  
Irma Zuniga  
Maria Vargas  
Silvia Fausto  
Edith Ramirez

## Golden State Merit Seal Diploma – Proficiency on 6 California State Tests (CST)

Elizabeth Aguirre  
Xavier Aldana  
Chelsea Alvarez  
Aaron Amezcua  
Mark Andrade  
Brandon Aparicio  
Gilberto ArteagaCejia  
Kevin Avila  
Gabriela Banderas  
Ramon Barajas  
Andrew Bardales  
Christian Borbor  
Elizabeth Bravo  
Sarai Bustos  
Ilene Calderon  
Isabela Cardenas  
Eric Castro  
Jennifer Colchado  
Carlos Coronado  
Alan Cortez  
Amy Delgado  
Brandon DeSiqueira  
Jasmine Esparza  
Rommel Estal  
Crystal Estrada  
Bianca Felix  
Steve Figueroa  
Irvin Flores  
Patricia Ann Francisco  
Alejandra Franco  
Pedro Galindo  
Adrian Garcia  
Tanya Garcia  
Ruben Gonzales  
Andrew Gonzalez  
Crystal Gonzalez  
Diego Gutierrez  
Melina Guzman  
Jacqueline Hernandez  
Thalia Hernandez  
Adolfo Jimenez  
Chavisa Klunglukchup  
Luis Lazzano  
Evelyn Lopez  
Lucio Lopez  
Ricardo Lopez Gomez  
Greicy Madrid  
Gregory Marin  
Fausto Marin  
Cecilia Martinez  
Kevin Martinez  
Raul Martinez  
Joseph Mayorga  
Travis McLaughlin  
Alexandro Medina  
Brandon Menjivar  
Miguel Mercado  
Roger Meyer  
Anthony Meza  
Erick Morales  
Carlos Nava  
Juan Neaves  
Tung Nguyen  
Valeria Oropeza  
Sergio Perez  
Joany Perez  
Bianca Plascencia  
Yessenia Reveles  
James Reyes  
Karen Rios  
Gerardo Rios  
Daniel Rizo Jacobo  
J-Anne Robielos  
Vanessa Robles  
Arnold Rodriguez  
Alexandra Rodriguez  
Gilberto Rodriguez  
Edith Rodriguez  
Tyler Romero  
Luis Salazar  
Evelyn Samaniego  
Angelica Sanchez  
Oscar Sandoval  
Emily Santos  
Adeeba Shafique  
Adrian Sosa  
Adrian Toscano  
Mario Ugarte  
Efrain Urena  
Kevin Uriarte  
Daniela Valente  
Jesus Velasco  
Gabriel Viramontes  
Jesus Zarate  
Evelyn Zendejas  
Vincent Zimmerman  
Faviola Zuniga  
Christopher Zuniga



# Paramount West Celebrates Student Excellence

On Tuesday, May 28, 2013, over 250 students, parents and staff members from Paramount High School West Campus in the gym to partake in our fifteenth annual Night of Recognition. The purpose of this gathering was to recognize some of our highest achieving, and hardest working students. The students in attendance were nominated for the various awards by their teachers. Each nomination was required to be accompanied by a submission of student work that demonstrated the academic achievement of the student. Each department examined and evaluated the student submissions and assessments to select each student. After much reflection and discussion, the recipient of each award was agreed upon. Each student was awarded a medallion and certificate which listed their accomplishment.

## **Athletes of the Year:**

Justine A. Padilla  
Jibri Q. Walden

## **CTE Awards:**

Gamaliel I. Fernandez, Media  
Marc Mendoza, Medical  
Priscila J. Romero, Engineering

## **Counselor Award:**

Lejon Eason  
Matthew Manning  
Steve F. Varela

## **English Language Arts 1 Award:**

Danna Ojeda, Excellence  
Noemi Reyes, Outstanding  
Ariana Diaz, Academic  
Amelia Espanio, Pirate  
Leslie Rivera, Pirate

## **English Language Arts 1 Honors Award:**

Janet Diaz, Excellence  
Juan D. Alvarado, Outstanding  
Elideth Salazar, Academic  
Ana S. Andrade, Pirate  
Stephanie Ayon, Pirate

## **JROTC Award:**

Rubi G. Meza  
Carlos Joaquin D. Robielos

## **Mathematics – Algebra 1 Award:**

Linda Rodriguez, Excellence  
Lizzeth G. Gonzalez, Outstanding  
Maria C. Perez, Academic  
Brandon D. Isrel, Pirate  
Dennis S. Liberona, Pirate

## **Mathematics – Geometry Award:**

Avery De La Cruz, Excellence  
Guadalupe Quirarte, Outstanding  
Daniel A. Lopez, Academic  
Carlos Joaquin D. Robielos, Academic  
Xandra Y. Avila, Pirate

## **Maroon and White Award:**

Hector Delgadillo  
Stephanie A. Garcia  
Jose I. Guerrero  
Irene A. Hernandez

## **Modern Language Award:**

Guadalupe Quirarte  
Asia S. Wilson

## **Perfect Attendance Award:**

Rose E. Alejandro  
Martha C. Corona  
Brayan Gabriel  
Stephanie A. Garcia  
Rodolfo Hernandez  
Conrado Jauregui  
Giselle Lucero Valles  
Mayra A. Medina  
David A. Mireles  
Daisy J. Nava  
Rudy E. Ortiz  
Guadalupe Quirarte  
Carlos Joaquin D. Robielos  
Jaime Rodriguez Jr.  
Maria R. Rodriguez  
Juan P. Rosales Jr.  
Alexis E. Salazar  
Benjamin A. Sanchez  
Michele Santana  
Miriam S. Torres  
Wendy Uriarte  
Simon J. Velasquez  
Leonel Zaragoza  
Anthony C. Zarate

## **Principal's Award:**

Avery J. De La Cruz

## **Principal's Honor Roll:**

Gabriela Aldrete  
Juan D. Alvarado  
Xandra Y. Avila  
Stephanie Ayon  
Jishaly Castillo  
Martha Corona  
Avery J. De La Cruz  
Tieranie R. Hawkins  
Karla Lira  
Ivan Madrigal  
Jessica Martinez  
Lucia Martinez  
Maria D. Martinez  
Rubi G. Meza  
Daisy J. Nava  
Elizabeth O. Ochoa  
Guadalupe Quirarte  
Luis E. Rayon  
Carlos Joaquin D. Robielos  
Juan P. Rosales Jr.  
Elideth Salazar  
Benjamin A. Sanchez  
Betsy Solares  
Elizabeth Solorzano  
Onneka M. Taitano  
Jessie M. Vargas  
Simon J. Velasquez



## **Science Award – Biology**

Guadalupe Quirarte, Excellence  
Carlos Joaquin D. Robielos, Outstanding  
Daniel A. Lopez, Academic  
Ana S. Andrade, Pirate  
Avery J. De La Cruz, Pirate

## **Science Award – Earth Science Award:**

Ariel Sanchez, Excellence  
Stefanie E. Acosta, Outstanding  
Matthew Manning, Academic  
Lizzeth G. Gonzalez, Pirate  
Javier Rodriguez, Pirate

## **Sportsmanship Award:**

Daniel R. Lopez  
Guadalupe Quirarte

## **Student Government Award:**

Avery J. De La Cruz

## **Visual and Performing Arts Award:**

Xandra Y. Avila, Advanced Band  
Isaac Castaneda, Beginning Strings  
Valeria Huerta, Advanced Strings  
Valentin Lopez Jr., Beginning Band  
Alexis M. Martinez, Concert Choir  
Lucia Martinez, Theater  
Jazsai Raglin, Dance  
Betsy Solares, Art



## **World History Award:**

Guadalupe Quirarte, Excellence  
Avery J. De La Cruz, Outstanding  
Carlos Joaquin D. Robielos, Academic  
Anthony Martinez, Pirate  
Jessica Martinez, Pirate

## Superintendent's Message:

### New Administrative Assignments

As we begin the summer holiday, I wanted to share some exciting news with our community and bring to your attention that there will be some new faces at our school sites when our students return to school in the fall. The changes I am referring to are new principals and assistant principals at various school sites across the District that have been selected.



Administrative changes for the upcoming 2013-14 school year:

#### **SCHOOL**

Jackson  
Jefferson  
Los Cerritos  
Mokler  
Wirtz  
Zamboni Middle School  
Paramount High School-West  
Buena Vista High School

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

Hilda Verdugo, Assistant Principal  
Kelly Williams, Principal  
Rose Vitetta, Principal  
Linh Roberts, Principal  
Connie Toscano, Principal  
Scott Law, Assistant Principal  
Gwen Yates, Assistant Principal  
Andrea Aguilar-Nuno, Assistant Principal

I wanted to make sure that we informed our parents and community of the changes that are taking place. I can assure you that the new principals and assistant principals will continue to focus on improving student achievement and will work collaboratively with staff, teachers and parents.

**David J. Verdugo, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

## Paramount High School Color Guard Wins Gold



Superintendent Verdugo and the Board of Education recognized and provided each senior student on the Paramount High School Color with a Certificate of Achievement during a recent Board of Education meeting. Throughout the year, the Paramount High School Color Guard participated in various invitationals sponsored by the Winter Guard Association of

Southern California.

The Color Guard's season started out with over 60 guards from over Southern California. At the end of the season, only 15 guards remained with Paramount High School's guard winning GOLD in the Intermediate A Division. This is Paramount's second gold medal. They won their first gold in 2011 and a Bronze medal in 2012.