



Mission Viejo High School

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Message from Mrs. Osborne

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter! I would like to share with you a few highlights: Mission Viejo High School made the list again by the **Washington Post** in their annual search for “America’s Most Challenging High Schools. MVHS moved up 248 spots from last year to #1105 in the nation. We are in the top 5% of 22,000 high schools ranked by the Washington Post! \$6.6. million dollars in scholarships was awarded to the class of 2019! In terms of academics, we graduated 44 Full International Baccalaureate candidates and 981 Advanced Placement exams were administered during the month of May. In addition, 88 seniors who enrolled in the Counseling 100 course-College Success on our campus received the Saddleback Community College Promise Scholarship, which promises to pay for their two years of college, all registration fees and book costs. Numerous wins and CIF playoffs in countless sports, Girls Track CIF championships, award-winning drama productions, outstanding band and color guard performances, exceptional choir concerts, Agriscience competitions, Engineering competitions, top AVID program,

1st College Signing Day, 36th annual Model United Nations home conference, county and national science fair competitions, engaging field trips, and the 1st Annual Thirst for Change Festival. We are proud of the rich tradition of excellence at MVHS. Congratulations to our outstanding seniors and we wish you the best of luck! In closing, I would like to thank our wonderful parents who take the time from their nonstop schedules to support MVHS. A special thank you to PTSO, booster organizations, and to all who generously donate to our school programs.



Best wishes for a restful summer!

Sincerely,

Tricia Osborne

GO DIABLOS!

Summer Assignments: Be sure to start the year off right. If you are taking **AP, IB, or Honors courses**, please check the school website for further details: <https://www.svusd.org/schools/high-schools/mission-viejo/academics/summer-assignments>

**2019 High School
Summer School @
MVHS**

Session B July 8—25
8:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
Monday—Thursday

For more information, go to:
[https://www.svusd.org/
programs/summerschool](https://www.svusd.org/programs/summerschool)

Mission Viejo High School
Class of 2019
Diablos Grad Nite

Dear Graduate Families,

Grad Nite was canceled due to a bus company's failure to provide services they were paid for and contracted to complete. I must share that our Seniors took the news with maturity and compassion, even giving a standing ovation to the Grad Nite President after hearing her story of the events. Please refer to the [Grad Nite President's letter](#) for further information. Refund checks are available for pick-up in the front office from 8:00 am—12:00 pm, Monday—Thursday.

Thank you for your understanding.

Susan Denny Espinoza

In Loving Memory

Susan Denny Espinoza was a remarkable teacher, who was diligent, gregarious, confident, and hilarious. She excelled in the classroom from day one. Mrs. Espinoza would willingly give everything she had to anyone, and she never brought attention to her altruism; that's the true definition of a beautiful soul. She left us much too early, but she will live on in her students and the many, many lives she touched.



In Mrs. Espinoza's honor, a memorial garden has been established in the 200 courtyard and a memorial scholarship will be awarded annually to an MVHS senior who wants to be a teacher and make a difference. As we know, one good teacher can positively impact thousands of students. In this way, Mrs. Espinoza's legacy will live on in the classroom.

If you are interested in contributing towards this scholarship please contact, Marc McCormack at Marc.McCormack@svusd.org

Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo

The Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo held its Third Quarter Recognition on April 30, 2019. This special program recognizes students selected by their school faculty for community service, citizenship, academic achievement, or outstanding improvement.

We are proud to announce the three students who were recognized:

- Emily Boyer
- Kevin Perry
- Taylor Sami



*SVUSD Board Member Barbara Schulman, Emily Boyer, Taylor Sami, Kevin Perry,
2 Principal Tricia Osborne, and Kiwanis Member Patricia Griggs.*

2019 MEDALLION SCHOLARS

The Mission Viejo High school Medallion Scholars are recognized students with the **Top 2% Grade Point Average in the Class of 2019**



<i>Eric Nguyen</i>	<i>5.00 gpa</i>
<i>Braden Russell-Umaña</i>	<i>4.96 gpa</i>
<i>Baxter Bartlett</i>	<i>4.89 gpa</i>
<i>Elena Aquilanti</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>Keemia Beizai</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>Justin Cleaver</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>Shelby Laitipaya</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>David Lee</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>Amanda Mitchell</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>Ruslana Yurtyn</i>	<i>4.88 gpa</i>
<i>Sandy Gearges</i>	<i>4.85 gpa</i>
<i>Spencer Widen</i>	<i>4.85 gpa</i>

Congratulations to all 2018-2019 college bound students. MVHS is proud to announce that our senior class received over **\$6,600,000** in scholarships and financial aid.

Go Diablos!



International Baccalaureate Full Diploma Candidates

Elena Aquilanti	Adnan Maksoud
Marie Armas	Alea Martino
Baxter Bartlett	Mithun Menon
Jack Bloom	Amanda Mitchell
Christina Boyd	Eric Nguyen
Arianne Braswell	Danika Pagaduan
Jiu Choe	Scott Phan
Justin Cleaver	Satouri Robins
Kyle Cota	Ashley Robles
Romina Dagher	Braden Russell-Umaña
Angelina Demetry	Michaela Shields
Colin Doyle	Kassie Smiggs
Vannesa Espiritu Bustos	Ryan Tate
Kai Wen Gan	Darryl Tayag
Seth Gross	Adam Thaher
Matthew Guerra	Roselyn Trinh
Janae Huynh	John Vergara
Brittney Ibrahim	Joshua Vila
Jonathan Ku	Phoebe Weimholt
William Le	Spencer Widen
Allison Yee Lee	Ruslana Yurtyn
David Lee	Mia Zendejas

National Merit Scholarship Program

Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.



Finalist: Shelby Laitipaya

Commended: Kyra Eulo, Allison Lee, David Lee, Daniel Myrha, Andrew Tom



MVHS College Bound Seniors with Scholarships



...as of June 4, 2019

Marco Aguilar	Biola Award	Nathan Burgess	University of Nevada, Las Vegas Scholarship
Marielle Aguilar	Pace University, Merit Scholarship	Ava Butterbaugh	University of Notre Dame, Scholarship
Elena Aquilanti	UC Santa Barbara, Merit Scholarship	Angelina Calandro	University of Arizona, Merit Scholarship
Akili Arnold	Oregon State University, Athletic Scholarship Football	Morgan Calcagnie	UCLA, Athletic Scholarship - XC and Track & Field
Ryan Balding	Loyola Marymount University, Arrupe Scholarship	Chad Carter	Baylor University, Presidents Gold Scholarship
Katherine Bantle	SVEA Scholarship	Heather Cohn	Northern Arizona University, Founders Blue Award, WUE Scholarship
Syrr Jadyn Barnes	Dixie State University, Athletic Scholarship Football	Carsyn Covarrubias	University of Arizona, Merit Scholarship
Keemia Beizai	USC, National Merit Corporate Scholarship USC, Dean's Research Award	Chayse Covarrubias	Boise State University, Treasure Merit Scholarship
Lindsey Berecz	University of Arizona, Academic Scholarship	Ethan Cox	DePaul University, Academic Scholarship DePaul University, Merit Scholarship- Acting CA Ed Theatre Association, Merit Scholarship Acting
Morgan Birth-right	Michigan State, Merit Scholarship Spartan Grant	Taylor DeDen	Seattle University, Athletic Scholarship, Softball, Seattle University, Academic Scholarship
Mallory Black	Northern Arizona University, Blue Academic Scholarship	Angelina Demetry	New York University, Scholarship
Nicollette Blenker	Bossier Parish College, Athletic Scholarship Softball	Anneliese DiCamillo	Azusa Pacific University, Trustee's Scholarship
Christina Boyd	Rensselaer Leadership Award RPI Access Grant , Rensselaer Grant	Michael Dominguez	Saddleback Community College, Promise Scholarship
Emily Boyer	Liberty University, Academic Scholarship	Hanna Erickson	John Greenleaf Whittier Scholarship
Arianne Braswell	Howard University, Leadership Scholarship	Vannesa Espriu Bustos	Dollars for Scholars- AVID Scholarship
Nick Breshears	Saddleback Community College, Promise Scholarship	Madilyn Fawcett	University of Denver, Merit Scholarship



MVHS College Bound Seniors with Scholarships

Joseph Forest	Oregon State University, Athletic Scholarship - Football	Christian Jocson	University of Portland, Arthur Scholtz Merit Scholarship
Katherine French	Concordia University, Athletic Scholarship - Soccer	Haley Kamholz	Colorado State University, Dean's Scholarship
Lauren Garmo	Oregon State University, Golden State Scholarship	Hunter Keneley	Brown University, Athletic Scholarship - Football NFL Players Association Family Scholarship
Emerson Gehr	Baylor University, President's Gold Scholarship Baylor University, Distinguished Scholarship Invitation to Excellence Scholarship	Raegan Kirby	Southern Methodist University, Merit Scholarship
Sophia Grillo	University of Alabama, Merit Scholarship	Makena Kobayashi	Chapman University, Merit Scholarship
Anna Grulikowski	Jaimie Lynne Pettey Memorial Scholarship SLO FFA Vet. Sci. CDE High Individual Scholarship	Shelby Laitipaya	The Gates Scholarship
Matthew Guerra	University of Arizona, Merit Scholarship	Jason Lapop	OCADA Competition Scholarship
Andrew Hendrawan	Baylor University, Founders Gold Scholarship	Kevin Ma	Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship
Luke Henry	Samford University, Academic Scholarship Samford University, Leadership Scholarship Samford University, Legacy Scholarship	Adnan Maksoud	Reed College Scholarship
Emma Hicken	UC Davis, Athletic Scholarship-Cross	Madison Maxwell	University of Arizona, Excellence Award
Ashlyn Hollerbach	Baylor University, President's Gold Academic Scholarship ,Hubler Ministry Scholarship , Impact Community Scholarship, Baptist Ministry Scholarship	Danielle McLean	Baylor University, Dean's Gold Scholarship Baylor University, Scholarship
Patricia Hopkins	Point Loma Nazarene University, Merit Scholarship	Macy Miller	High Point University, Athletic Scholarship-Volleyball
Michelle Hunt	University of Riverside, Academic Scholarship	Aubrey Mills	Schools First FCU Member Education Award SVEA Bill Bailey Memorial Scholarship
Janae Huynh	University of Oregon, Apex Scholarship	Mohammad Montazer	Saddleback Community College, Promise Scholarship
		Melina Nguyen	University of Texas, Maverick Academic Scholarship
		Madelyn Novick	UC Irvine, Regents' Scholar Award



MVHS College Bound Seniors with Scholarships



	Jordan Odekirk	Chapman University, Dean's Merit Scholarship, Chapman University, Thurgood Marshall Scholarship, Chapman University, Schmid College Talent Award	Makenna Smith	Boise State University, WUE Scholarship
	Danika Pagaduan	UC San Diego, Athletic Scholarship - Track and Field	Luke Spillane	UC Irvine, Athletic Scholarship - Baseball
	Paola Parra Martinez	Baylor University, Deans's Gold Scholarship	Katherine Stelter	University of Oklahoma, Merit Scholarship
	Carson Perez	Baylor University, Dean Scholarship	Michael Tannehill	Northern Arizona University, Academic Scholarship
	Quinn Redman	University of Oregon, Merit scholarship	Heather Thomas	Arizona State University, President's Award
	Angelina Reynolds	Saddleback Community College, Promise Scholarship	Bianca Wanamaker	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Tech,
	Brooke Roberson	Baylor University, Academic Scholarship	Amanda Ward	UCLA, Academic Scholarship
	Satouri Robins	New York University, CAS Merit Scholarship	Evie Weinheimer	Seattle Pacific University, Deans Scholarship Award Seattle Pacific University, California Scholarship Seattle Pacific University, Early Success Award
	Braden Russell-Umaña	University of Southern California, Dean's Scholarship		
	Alyssa Sanchez	Cal State San Marcos, Athletic Scholarship - Soccer	Ashton Wheelahan	Air Force ROTC, Type 7- 4 year Scholarship
	Evelina Sergeyev	Minds Move Mountains Scholarship University of Oregon, Scholarship	Shayne Wignall	UC Davis, Merit Award
	Michaela Shields	University of the Pacific, Pacific Grant University of the Pacific, Merit Scholarship, Powell Scholarship	Sarah Young	Jacksonville University, Academic Scholarship Jacksonville University Grant Jacksonville University, Visit Grant
	Rebecca Simonji	Wilmington College- Academic Scholarship	Mark Zavalkov	Presbyterian College, Athletic Scholarship - Soccer Presbyterian College, Merit Scholarship Presbyterian College, Grant
	Lauryn Simons	Baylor University, Provost's Gold Academic Scholarship	Ashley Zoellner	Boise State University, Academic Scholarship
			Raquel Zoellner	Boise State University, Academic Scholarship

Senior Signing Day

Our first annual Senior Signing Day was a success! Sixty seniors were recognized for their commitment and aspirations towards higher education beyond our MVHS walls through this AVID sponsored event. Students inside and outside of the AVID program were recognized for their commitment to a variety of paths; be it 2-year, 4-year, vocational, or military. Students will attend many institutions to achieve their goals such as Purdue, Cornell, Saddleback, Orange Coast, Cal States, and the UCs. The opportunity available to these students is inspiring and we wish them the best in



their endeavors. Each year MVHS's AVID program further addresses the barriers to achieving higher education and we look forward to next year carrying on these students' legacy of reaching to further their academics.

Up and Atom!



On Saturday, April 27, eight students represented MVHS at the 55th annual Orange County American Chemical Society (ACS) first year exam. A total of 327 students from 44 high schools (public and private) participated in the exam. The high scorer for MVHS was Anthony Leonard (pictured left).

Anthony was honored at banquet at CSU Fullerton on May 21 and his name will appear on the school's perpetual plaque. Alongside his success were other students representing MVHS at the exam: Lindsey Crankshaw, Christine Fielding, Ava Gonick, Esther Huang, Alex Lopes, Ben Nguyen, and Paul Schroller.

To Infinity and Beyond!

MVHS Competes in First Annual Virtual Science Fair

In honor of the GOES series satellites, the Cooperative Institute for Satellite Studies in partnership (CIMSS) with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) hosted a [virtual science fair](#) where students were encouraged to enter into one of three categories: middle, high, or college level. Students were required to interpret satellite data in relation to an ongoing phenomena in our environment. Students created a scientific poster and 10 minute talk discussing their experimental studies. All student entrants of this year were surprised with special invitations to the GOES-T satellite launch scheduled for 2021, which includes Kennedy Space Center 3 day passes in Cape Canaveral, Florida and special access to view the launch. The virtual science fair will be held again next year, so stay tuned for future MVHS students competing.



Pictured from top clockwise: Patrick Wisniewski , Zachary Margala, Ella Stannard, Katrina Simon, Katie Hulse, Theo Thai, Danica Bjornestead, Alison Alves, Rebekah Konecky, Bryan Ngo, Brandon Ngo, Valio Marconi, Erik Garay, and Rhys Chappell



Diablo Excellence Awards



Career Technical Education

Danielle Anderson	Brooklyn Baggett	Maxime Dulor
Grace Fulwiler	Erik Gomez	Anthony Granados
<u>Toni Hammork</u>	Jada Joseph	<u>Lina Khatib</u>
Rebekah Konecky	Blake Millard	Brandon Ngo
Bryan Ngo	Caleb Parham	Kolby Parks
Seana Rosiak	Lacy Sagert	Courtney Stafford
Cassandra Turner	Zou Zezhong	

Auxiliary Programs

<u>Tucker Abel</u>	Kaycie Adams	Howard O'Neal Almeida Diaz
Katherine Bantle	Helene Bautista	Jessica Espinosa- Cervantes
<u>Vannesa Espriu Bustos</u>	Roselyn Estrada	<u>Madilyn Fawcett</u>
Erik Garay	Angela Gomez	Ryan Huang
Haley Kamholz	<u>Jessica Karn</u>	Erika Loo
Michael Lopez-Vargas	Tina Madani	Paola Marcial Escobar
<u>Henri Membreno</u>	Amanda Mitchell	Emily Mitchell
Kyia Mochitani	Jonathan Nava	William Newell
<u>Madelyn Novick</u>	Omar Parada	Kevin Perry
Francisco Vasquez	<u>Zezhong Zou</u>	

Physical Education

<u>Karla Antunez-Benitez</u>	Chancellor Blanscet	Allana Gervacio
Robert Kerr	Makayla Kirkland	Alexander McAlpine
Micah Miller	<u>Ubaldo Rodriguez</u>	Aaron Singh
Joseph Swan		

Science

Baxter Bartlett	Sean Beaman	Christina Boyd
Lauren Daniel	Philip Dinica	Hanna Erickson
Christine Fielding	Kaylyn Garcia	Ryan Goh
Ava Gonick	Olivia Gramza	Esther Huang
Yiyang Huo	<u>Ashley Johnson</u>	Shelby Laitipaya
Hannah Langdale	Naomi Larios	Anthony Leonard
Caden McCarthy	Sarelle Ming	<u>Amanda Mitchell</u>
Arya Mohammadi	<u>Jacob Perisho</u>	Jacqueline Perisho
Nichole Radcliff	Paul Schroller	Isabella Seccia
Hailey Walker	Brittany Wellwood	Rebekah Yarvis

World Language

Ivanna Adames	<u>Baxter Bartlett</u>	<u>Christina Boyd</u>
Lauren Daniel	Matthew Daniel	Erik Gomez
Esther Huang	Amy Iwanaga	Ryan Kupsh
Alexandre Lopes	<u>Adnan Maksoud</u>	Lana Mc Cray
Alexis Mirabal	Ana Paniagua Lopez	Jacob Perisho
Jacqueline Perisho	Victor Plesco	Michael Robles
Isabella Seccia	<u>Michaela Shields</u>	My Tran
Preston Veravanich	Brittany Wellwood	Patrick Wisniewski

Visual Arts

Ryan Balding	Anneliese DiCamillo	Paige Diomartich
<u>Katie Fitzpatrick</u>	<u>Kaylyn Garcia</u>	Kaitlynn LaCost
Jack Muller	Lauren Rexford	<u>Danielle Reynolds</u>

Performing Arts

Emily Boyer	Brigit Colwell	<u>Ethan Cox</u>
Angelina Demetry	<u>Anneliese DiCamillo</u>	Connor Felt
Jonathan Ku	Scott Macha	Charles Massey
Aidan Mella	Melina Nguyen	Carly Nolan
Kevinnam Phan	Carson Roman	Abigail Ross
Sarah Smith	Seadona Taloma	<u>Ashton Wheelahan</u>

Mathematics

Elena Aquilanti	Keemia Beizai	Cade Brown
Elizabeth Clem	Ethan Cortez	Lindsey Crankshaw
Lauren Daniel	Matthew Daniel	Matthew Delmont
Jocelyn Dorman	<u>Christine Fielding</u>	Jack Galliver
Sandy Gearges	<u>Ryan Goh</u>	Ava Gonick
Kelli Hines	Ashley Johnson	Robert Kerr
Kamille Kibria	Andrew Kim	Sophia Klueter
Jonathan Ku	<u>William Le</u>	Alexandre Lopes
Isabelle Maddox	Adnan Maksoud	Kaitlyn Menichetti
Daphne Moon	Jack Parker	Jacob Perisho
Michael Pollard	Caitlin Ree	<u>Anna Roberts</u>
Seana Rosiak	Paul Schroller	Lauryn Simons
Ryan Tolone	My Tran	Roselyn Trinh
John Kobe Vergara		

English

<u>Elena Aquilanti</u>	Brenda Arbe	Emily Brown
Emily Burk	<u>Halley Carson</u>	<u>Elizabeth Clem</u>
Lauren Daniel	Matthew Daniel	Skyla Davis
<u>Keira Deer</u>	Edgar Delgado	Keny Dominguez Fuentes
Connor Gerard	Dakota Gifford	Melissa Gjokaj
Bailey Heilman	Chantel Howard	Esther Huang
Ashley Johnson	Anthony Leonard	Bryson Mackey
Adnan Maksoud	Matthew Manea	Phoenix Mella
Amanda Mitchell	Kyia Mochitani	Amelia Newell
Jordan Odekirk	Simona Paraklis	Brandon Prizer
Wynn Revere	Jack Riccardi	Rachel Soo
Seadona Taloma	Preston Veravanich	Bianca Wanamaker

Social Science

Emily Brown	Cameron Brunson	Lauren Daniel
Kiana Farahani	Jude Gallagher	Elijah Garn
Erik Gomez	Adrian Hernandez	Esther Huang
Ashley Johnson	Alexia Kazemi	Ryan Kelly
<u>Shelby Laitipaya</u>	Juliana Lane	Lindsey Larriva
Alexandre Lopes	Tanner Maclean	Isabelle Maddox
Madison Maxwell	<u>Sophie Mendelson</u>	Sarelle Ming
Jessica Nguyen	Anthony Nguyen- Magno	Ella Pacini
Jacob Perisho	Kate Petit	Michaela Shields
My Tran	Emily Valenzuela	<u>Bianca Wanamaker</u>
Megan Westerland		

*Medallion winners underlined

Making A Difference

Pep in Their Step

On Saturday, June 1st MVHS Pep Squad cheered on children from all over the state of California at the 2nd Annual Clubfoot Races at Flo-Jo Park in Mission Viejo. This day was started to create awareness for the most common musculoskeletal birth deformity, affecting 200,000 newborn children each year. The event raises awareness about the clubfoot disability and its prevention using a non-surgical treatment. Pep Squad Members helped lift the spirits of these children by playing with them and offering them superhero temporary tattoos and glitter face paint during the fair, then cheered them on in a fun race around the park.

This was the second time MVHS Pep Squad has come out to serve at this event and we hope to continue each year as an annual tradition.



Helping and Learning

Through the generosity of the TUPE grant, Oceanography completed their fourth successful beach cleanup at Aliso Creek Beach. After earning community service, students tide-pooled, enjoyed lunch at In-N-Out, and continued on to Dana Point harbor to conduct Oceanographic experiments.



Splashing Good Times

Students in AP Human Geography, AP Spanish, IB Biology and AP Environmental put on the first annual **Thirst for Change Festival** here at Mission this spring.

The event was **ENTIRELY STUDENT RUN** under the leadership of Christina Boyd, Colin Doyle, Alexa Gubler, and Shelby Laitipaya. These four students did an amazing job motivating over 200 other students to set up, run and breakdown the festival that included food trucks, carnival games, a bake sale, a jazz band, and an art sale. A raffle was also held that included great items like an \$80 gift card to Tanaka Farms, a chance to attend the release of rehabilitated marine life, and in-out gift cards.

The festival alone raised \$1,400. That amount combined with a private donation from a student, Go Fund Me account, the Dunk an Assistant Principal contest, and several restaurant fundraisers will likely be enough to reach their goal of \$15,000 to build a well to provide clean drinking water to a community in need in Pueblo, El Salvador (the most recent tally was \$12,132).



MVHS Aquaponics

A Giant Task

Kelly LaCost headed an aquaponics club this year. With assistance, she applied and was awarded the American Assistance League Links to Learning grant. Inspired by the Paradigm Challenge and Disney's EPCOT, she set out to create a large aquaponics setup at MVHS. The setup was designed to be a large teaching tool, mindful meditative space, and a conversation starter for a greener tomorrow. She set out to create a system with as many recycled and reusable materials as possible. Discarded desks and donated tanks were the starters for what became a setup capable of handling 50 blue Nile Tilapia and nearly 100 various cuttings of lavender, basil, lemon balm, and tomato plants. Many people driving past at night may have noticed an odd purplish glowing light that was used to help grow the plants optimally.



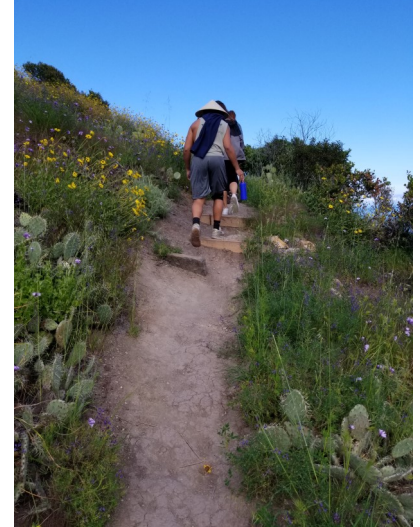
Fish Fry

The project culminated in MVHS's first "Fish Fry." Although a bit of a misnomer, the "Fish Fry" served up student raised tilapia grilled tacos and otter pops, which were enjoyed by many to help spread the message of innovation in horticulture and aquaculture technology. The previously aquaponics raised plants were potted in biodegradable pots and sold as well during and after the event. Most of the fish were of sufficient size for harvest, but those that needed a bit more time to grow were offered for sale to again spur the conversation of starting a new age "victory garden" for a greener and more sustainable future.



MVHS Makes a Splash in Catalina

Sixty-four students, led by Mrs. Kozick-Kingston and Mr. Garcia, snorkeled and participated in an array of engaging labs to fully immerse in the unique marine ecology off our coast between March 27th-29th. MVHS conducted their annual field study through Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) at Toyon Bay. Students were treated to a hike through Catalina's amazing superbloom, enjoying flowers that may not bloom again for several years. They also had the opportunity to do a sunrise hike where they witnessed the sun rising over the mainland. Students partook in several different labs and experienced bioluminescent plankton. On our final day students could embark on one last snorkel or dare to challenge the rock wall. Adventures were had by all!



Travis Moersch

Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was set up to honor a former Diablo, Travis Moersch, who graduated from high school inspired by his marine biology class to pursue a career in Veterinary medicine. Travis was a

dedicated and selfless young man who strove to give back to his community. The recipient of this scholarship is someone who is hard working, strives to give back to their community, and is pursuing a future in the marine sciences.

Though many students were high achievers, Gigi Hernandez truly stood apart from the rest with her indomitable spirit. She has the heart of a scientist with her philosophy, "you don't know your limits unless you try." It is clear there is a bright future ahead for her in her field of passion as she steps into Saddleback and eventually into Cal Poly.

Career Technical Education

Industry Mentor Day

On April 30th, MVHS hosted our first annual Industry Mentor Day. With the support of the Mission Viejo Chamber of the Commerce and the City of Mission Viejo, just over one hundred 10th and 11th grade CTE (Career Technical Education) and AVID students were able to meet with local industry professionals to speak about their dream careers. Students rotated to different tables and had the opportunity to ask questions about job expectations, current industry trends, and tips on how to be successful in the workplace. Career Pathways included Automotive, Business/Finance, Computer Science/Information Technology, Engineering, Health/Patient Care, Photography, Public Services, and TV/Video Production. Industry professionals from Land Rover/Jaguar, Partners Bank of California, Moulton Niguel Water District, Mission Hospital, Leigh Ann Rowe Photography, Orange County Sheriff's Department, and Performance Production Services participated.



Aubrey Mills, Anna Grulikowski, and Rebecca Simonji before an awards ceremony.

50 Agriscience Academy Graduates in the Senior Class of 2019!

50 students completed 4 years of MVHS agriculture science courses in order to receive the Agriculture Academy medallion and completion certificate. In addition, seven students received the California State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to the California FFA Association and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs). Students must have worked for a minimum of 500 hours, in excess of scheduled class time, on his/her SAE, and must have earned by his/her own efforts, from an agricultural enterprise or agriculturally-related work, at least \$1,000. The 2019 MVHS recipients are Lilly Montes, Anthony Granados, Rebecca Simonji, Cassie Turner, Aubrey Mills, Anna Grulikowski, and Rebecca Norris.

AGRISCIENCE

2019 Orange County Fair

Thirty two Mission Viejo FFA students will compete at the Orange County Fair, July 11 – 21, 2019.

Students will be exhibiting their cattle, sheep, and pig projects. They will participate in livestock conformation classes and display their animal handling and training skills in their showmanship classes. Students also prepare educational displays for each species, compete in informational mini-poster contests, and advocate for the wool and leather Industries in creative livestock dress-up competitions called Lads & Lassies, Belles & Beaus, and & Plaid.



Pigs

Student SAE Projects for the 2018/2019

School Year

Over 130 - Vegetable gardens

10 - Market Sheep

16 - Market Pigs

27 – Rabbit / Guinea Pig

60 – Chicken (eggs or market)

12 – Horse Care & Management

4 - Hydroponic Gardens

15 - Veterinary Assistants

18 - Farm Care & Maintenance Internships

35 – Other Project Types (reptile breeding, landscaping, pet sitting/walking, fishing/recreation, & pet rescue volunteers)



ARTS

Mr. Mark Tsang's Photography students participated in the **27th Annual Orange County High School Photography Invitational** at Orange Coast College, and did very well. Congratulations to the following students.

- ♦ Jessica Denlinger - Photographer Exchange Choice & 2 Honorable Mentions
- ♦ Jack Muller - Photographer Exchange Choice
- ♦ Morgan Birthright for Photographer of Merit
- ♦ Josh Hoopes for Photographer of Merit
- ♦ Anastasia Halverson for Best in Show & Project of Merit
- ♦ Cody Boone for Top Ten & an Honorable Mention
- ♦ Peyton Docterman for Top Ten & an Honorable Mention
- ♦ Philip Nadaskai for 2 Top Tens
- ♦ Ariane Bienoh Shabazi for an Honorable Mention
- ♦ Madison Maxwell for an Honorable Mention
- ♦ Olivia Neely for two Honorable Mentions



Anastasia Halverson, Best in Show

Will be presented at the Orange County Fair, Anastasia Halverson.



DRAMA



Acting

Rachel Golkin

2019 Cappie Winners "High School Musical"

Student Choreography-
Jacob Beaver

Male Dancer - Jacob
Beaver

"The Crucible" - Play Nominees

Lead Actor - Ethan Cox, as John Proctor

Featured Actress - Jenna Bowman, as Mary Warren



OC Register Artist of the Year Finalists

The Orange County Register, in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education, recognizes Orange County's talented theatre arts students. This year, 120 students were nominated by teachers and private instructors from 88 Orange County high schools and arts organizations as the county's standout students in the fields of theatre. MVHS is proud to have two of the top ten finalists.



Musical Theatre

Ethan Cox

"High School Musical" Nominees

MVHS Orchestra

Student Choreography-
Jacob Beaver

Male Dancer - Jacob
Beaver

Comic Actor - Charlie Massey, as DJ Jack

Featured Actor - Brandon Wagner, James
(the earthworm)

Stage Crew - Emily Mitchell, Sophia Berry,
Andrew Gallo, Cheyenne Stegall

Spirit of the MACY Awards

With over 40 schools from Southern California competing MVHS entered their winter musical *"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"* to achieve recognition in multiple categories at the Segerstrom Center

Highest Achievement Ethan Cox (Leaf), Emily Boyer (Olive), Sarah Smith (Rona)

Outstanding Achievement Charlie Massey (Barfee), Seadonna Taloma (Marcy)

Achievement Liam Shannon (VP Panch), Kayla Holiday (Logainne), Carson Roman (Chip)

Special Recognition Kevin Phan (Olive's Father), Adnan Maksoud (Mitch Mahoney), McKenzie Norris (Olive's Mother)

Bright Spot Jacob Beaver (Carl), Danny Shiekh (Jesus)

MACY Scholarship – Emily Boyer

JRAY AWARDS JRAY Awards for Youth in Musical Theater This organization sends professional judges to schools throughout Southern California including both comprehensive and arts magnet schools.

Winners:

2019 Stage Manager of the Year - Seadona Taloma

2019 Female Dancer of the Year - Kaylia Pham

2019 Male Dancer of the Year - Jacob Beaver (2nd year in a row)

Nominees

Cameo Actor - Brandon Wagner

Male Dancer - Jacob Beaver

Female Dancer - Kaylia Pham

Choreography - Jacob Beaver and Kristy Davar

MVHS Orchestra



Kaylia Pham, Jacob Beaver

National Youth Awards – Professional judges attend shows through-out the US. Southern California ceremony is held at The Rose in Westminster. National ceremony is held in New York City.

Winners:

Lead Performance in a Play: Emily Boyer as Elizabeth Proctor in *The Crucible*

Lead Performance in a Play: Ethan Cox as John Proctor in *The Crucible*

Nominees:

Lead Performance in a Musical: Jenna Bowman as Gabriella Montez in *High School Musical*

Lead Performance in a Musical: Ethan Cox as Troy Bolton in *High School Musical*

Lead Performance in a Musical: Charlie Massey as William Barfee in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Lead Performance in a Musical: Preston Vervanich as Pinocchio in *The Adventures of Pinocchio*

Costume Design: Brigit Colwell, Emy Francisco, Mia Hanson for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Choreography: Emily Boyer for *The Adventures of Pinocchio*

Musical Direction: John Massey Jr. for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Direction: Kathy Harris and Lisa Goins for *The Adventures of Pinocchio*

Direction: Kathy Cannarozzi-Harris in *The Crucible*



MVHS Theatre students participated at the **Fullerton College Theater Festival** on March 22nd and 23rd against 64 other schools from San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles and Orange County. Students competed against up to 120 other students and teams in each category.

1st Place - Lighting Design for "The Adventures of Pinocchio" - Aiden Mella

2nd Place - Improvisation - Ethan Cox, Charlie Massey, Kevin Perry, Brigit Colwell & Sarah Smith

2nd Place - Contemporary Comedic Scene - "Shakespeare, Abridged" Charlie Massey, Carson Roman & Logan Booth



Critics Nominees

This year the MVHS Critic's Team submitted 89 reviews of productions that they attended and re-viewed. The Individual Critic Nominees were published numerous times in the OC Register.

Mission Viejo Critics Team - Rachel Golkin, Michaela Shields, Emily Boyer, Adnan Maksoud, Arielle Perez, Reagan Toohey, Shane Shamas, Sofia Migliaccio, Alexa Lehnus

Senior Critics - Emily Boyer, Rachel Golkin

Junior Critic - Sofia Migliaccio

Sophomore Critic - Arielle Perez

Commendees

Carson Roman (acting)

Aidan Mella (lighting design)

Seadona Taloma (stage management)

Sarah Smith (acting)



The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee cast

MVHS Jazz Band was invited to perform as the opening act at the 2019 SoCal Jazz & Wine Festival on March 31st. The entire band was not able to participate, however Nicholas Rodriguez (seen below on the right) put together a combo, with classmates Grant Penderghast, Jordan Feng, and former student Nick Robbins, to open the show instead. The festival organizer awarded the MVHS Jazz program with a \$500 donation!



Congratulations to plant foreman **Mr. Adam Fay**. He was recognized by Mission Viejo High School and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District as the **MVHS Employee of the Year**. We love and appreciate Mr. Fay for his hard work and dedication. He demonstrates his care for the people and property at this school every day.

Diablo Athletics



Congratulations

Coach Chase Frazier was named the OC Register Track and Field Coach of the Year. This is Coach Frazier's second honor of this sort. The girls Track and Field Team finished the season as the OC Champs, SCL Champs and Division II CIF Champs. Ava Butterbaugh and Danny Lister both went to the State meet in the throws and made it to the finals where they finished 9th and 12th overall. Congratulations to everyone involved in making it all possible.

2019 Girls Track & Field Highlights

- South Coast League Team Champions, 5th year in a row, 30th in School History
- Orange County Team Champions, 10th Championship in school history
- CIF Team Champions, 2nd in School History, last time in 2016.



Girls CIF Finalists (14 athletes)

4x100m Relay- Haley Johnson, Danika Pagaduan, Gentry Gillian, Frankie Manassero

1600m- Kelli Hines, Emma Hicken

800m- Morgan Calcagnie, Ashley Johnson, Grace Fulwiler



Daneille Lister and Ava Butterbaugh



Daneille Lister throwing discus

3200m- Kelli Hines

4x400m Relay- Lauryn Simons, Danika Pagaduan, Ashley Johnson, Morgan Calcagnie

High Jump- Sara Lindenthal

Pole Vault- Jenny Kroeger

Shot Put- Ava Butterbaugh, Dani Lister

Discus- Ava Butterbaugh, Dani Lister





For the first time in school history, Boys Volleyball were the Sea View League Champions, and went to the third round in CIF playoffs.



Elite Eight CIF Playoff Team

MVP of SeaView League

Andrew Kim

1st Team All League

Everardo Castillo

Chad Carter

2nd Team All League

Colin O'Brien

Caleb Parham



Diablo Basketball finished with 22 wins and won 2 of 3 tournaments. They will return most of the team for next year's season and hope to continue to build on last year's success. Nate Hewitt was 1st Team ALL SCL and Griff Higgins was named to the 2nd Team All SCL Basketball team.

MVHS Baseball



2019 senior showcase

All-Star:

Nick Dietsch

Luke Spillane

Aaron Casillas

Jeffrey Rinehart

1st Team All South

Coast League:

Sr. C Nick Dietsch

Jr. P AJ Anzai

2nd Team All South

Coast League:

Jr. P Hayden Cody

2nd Team all Orange County:

Sr C Nick Dietsch



(Collin Doyle seen above)

Boys CIF Finalists (9 athletes)

4x100m Relay- Chase Berryman, Cassidy Welles, Devin Wollard, Peter Costelli

100m- Peter Costelli

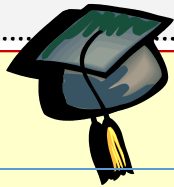
300m Hurdles- John Burns, Romy Abboud

200m- Cassidy Welles

4x400m Relay- Bryce Bushnell, Chase Berryman, Quinn Redman, John Burns

Shot Put- Hunter Keneley

Congratulations to our 2019 MVHS Graduates



School information is available to parents during summer on the District Website

Such as, summer school, 2019—2020 school calendar, immunizations, school links <https://www.svUSD.org/> or <https://www.svUSD.org/schools/high-schools/mission-viejo>

MVHS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JUNE 17 7:00 am—4:00 pm	18 7:00 am—4:00 pm	19 7:00 am—4:00 pm	20 7:00 am—4:00 pm	21 Main Office Closed <i>Summer School Open 8:00-12:30</i>
24 8:00 am —12:00 pm	25 8:00 am —12:00 pm	26 8:00 am —12:00 pm	27 8:00 am —12:00 pm	28 CLOSED
JULY 1 8:00 am —12:00 pm	2 8:00 am —12:00 pm	3 8:00 am —12:00 pm	4 HOLIDAY	5 CLOSED
8 8:00 am —12:00 pm	9 8:00 am —12:00 pm	10 8:00 am —12:00 pm	11 8:00 am —12:00 pm	12 CLOSED
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29 CLOSED	July 30—August 16 Open 8:00 am—12:00 pm Monday through Friday			

Important upcoming dates to remember:

July 30 — Data Confirmation opens

August 20 — Freshman Orientation Day

August 13, 14, 15 — Diablo Daze Registration

August 26 — First Day of School 2019-2020



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