

# Aviator News

## ACT

BY JENNIFER CAMACHO

Most juniors took the ACT on April 14th. The ACT (as well as the SAT) is an important test for high school students to take in order to be eligible for certain colleges or scholarships. A few HMSA students felt the ACT was the more difficult of the two. The reason for this, students say, is because the ACT includes a science portion that many struggled with. The average scores for the ACT range between 21 and 26. Most students were pleased with their scores (which were available on April 30), however, many want to retake it on June 9. HMSA students, let's score high on these tests!

## Multicultural Recap

By Chris Gomez

It was that time of the year again here on HMSA's campus, an event most students and teachers look forward to: the eighth annual Multicultural Event. It is the show headed up by Ms. Jordan and the Spanish department, Mr. Rico Ramirez, who supplied the sound setup, and the students that help with setup and clean up. As most people know, the Multicultural Event is a two part presentation consisting of a Fashion Show (featuring clothing designs of different nationalities) and a talent portion (talents from different nationalities are displayed). This year the event was me'd by Estefani Alcaraz (12th grade), Christian Gomez (10th grade), and Jose Cordova (9th grade) who were all very honored to host.

Starting things off was the Fashion Show, where the nationalities ranged from one side of the globe to the other. All students are welcome to represent their own culture or chose to represent another culture if they want to. After the Fashion Show the talent portion began, starting out with Alejandra Villa (12th grade) singing a Spanish song called "Me Gusta Estar Contigo," followed by the aforementioned Estefani (12th grade) and her group dancing a Hawaiian dance. A Spanish dance by Gustavo Ocampo (11th grade) and his group was next, followed by Phebe Boye doing a Latin American dance mixture. After that a native African dance done by Leone Nwabueze (9th grade) and a friend. After that group, a very colorful Mambo performance was led by Ms. Queta (receptionist) and parents of HMSA students. Following that Katherine Leon (10th grade) sang Skyscraper by Demi Lovato in Spanish; then Mau Kaveinga (11th grade) and her group performed a Tahiti native dance. Then Nasima Khan and Saima Ubaray's group performed a native Indian dance; after them Kelly Atanga (12th grade) and her group performing a native Cameroon dance. That was followed by a heartfelt serenade sang by Giovanni Villa called "Sueno" by Intocable, then Lubna Malik (11th grade) and her group danced a native Indian Dance choreographed with the help of Ms. Khan. Then Stephanie Tran (9th grade) and her group performed a Vietnam hat dance, followed by, out of nowhere, a surprise performance by none other than Ms. Khan. She performed an Indian wedding dance that she will later do at her very own wedding. The last performance of the night was Danae Martin and her group performing a native Mexican dance.

The show ended with all the performers and the hosts on stage dancing to a final song however they wanted. To close the entire night Yasmin Gutierrez was brought onto stage and the crowd was asked to sing her Happy Birthday to her. With all those "then's," there was something for everyone, including more than enough reasons to come back next year

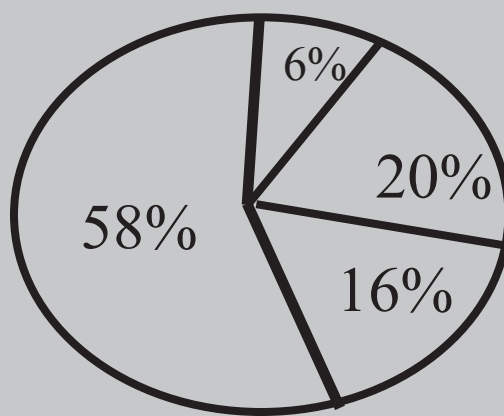
## Seniors and COLLEGES

As the 2011-2012 school year comes to an end, many students are making exciting plans for this summer. For the seniors, many are thrilled, stressed, and nervous to start college. HMSA's goal is to equip students with an excellent education that will prepare them for college. As of April 25th, 142 acceptance letters have been counted. Some of the excellent colleges that this year's seniors have been accepted to are...

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## NEXT YEAR ANTICIPATIONS

BY SHAMERA JOHNSON



6% - New Teachers  
16% - New/different classes  
20% - Joining a Sport  
58% - Next year? I'm focused on this summer.

## Summer Interviews

By Kenia Espinoza

Question: School is ending soon, what are your plans this summer?

### Seniors:

"Travel and sleep." – Dyana Magdaleno

"Make money and move out to prepare for college." – Xayvier William

"[I'm] going back to my hometown, Oaxaca, Mexico." – Steven Umetsu

"Finally going to start college! Yay! And go to Hawaii." – Aileen Santos

### JUNIORS:

"My plans are to go to three different concerts." – Anthony Santos

"Play WoW and eat hot pockets." – Carlos Gutierrez

"Go to Six Flags every weekend." – Ricky Amaya

"Do everything on my summer bucket list." – Emely Martinez

### Sophomores:

"Go out, everywhere." – Merissa Vasquez

"Go to new places, travel to Palm Springs, the Westin Resort." – Marc Ninapaytan

"[I'm going to] Texas." – Taylor Plummer

"[I'm going to] hang out with my girl, hit the beach, skate, keep working out and work." – Adrian Salgado

### FRESHMAN:

"[I'm going to] hang out with my boyfriend, friends, and it's [going to be] my birthday." – Karen Aceves

"[I'm going to play] softball, [hang out with] boyfriend and friends, and hopefully no summer school." – Ashlee Gomez

"[I'm going to] Mexico and Catalina." – Dalia Chaidez

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Silverstein

By Yasmine Gutierrez

It's hard to put just one label on the infallible Canadian band, Silverstein. Formed in 2000, the alternative band has had 4 albums released up to this point, and are continuing to gain fans and write music. Their initial rise to fame began in 2005 when their album *Discovering The Waterfront* reached #34 on the Billboard 200; their two follow-up albums charting at similar positions. There is no end in sight for the musicians and they will continue their trip up the charts.

Personal picks from each album:

When Broken Is Easily Fixed (2004)	Discovering The Waterfront (2006)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving Up</li> <li>• November</li> <li>• Hear Me Out</li> <li>• The Weak And The Wounded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smile In Your Sleep</li> <li>• The Ides of March</li> <li>• Discovering The Waterfront</li> <li>• My Heroine</li> <li>• Already Dead</li> <li>• Three Hours Back</li> </ul>
Arrivals & Departures (2008)	Shipwreck In The Sand (2010)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound Of The Sun</li> <li>• Here Today, Gone Tomorrow</li> <li>• Still Dreaming</li> <li>• Rain Will Fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Great Fire</li> <li>• American Dream</li> <li>• A Shipwreck in the Sand</li> <li>• You're All I Have</li> <li>• I Am The Arsonist</li> </ul>

## Summer Events!

By Azucena Castillo

**Anime Expo – June 29-July 2 at the Los Angeles Convention Center**

•Go to the convention for as many days as you like, watch anime, shop, take pictures, get autographs, check out panels, and most importantly have fun

**Camp Bravo – Various Stage Camps from June-August at the Benneville Pines Camp Facility**

•Each week has different workshops ranging from playwriting to dance. So if you're into performing arts, this is the place for you.

**Levitated Mass – Opens to the public in the early summer at LACMA**

•Come visit the 340-ton boulder found in Riverside used in Michael Heizer's artwork *Levitated Mass*.

**LA Film Fest – June 14-24 at varying venues**

•Tickets may be expensive, but if you're really into films, this festival should be worth it; almost 200 films, shorts, and music videos from over 30 countries will be screened.

### CONCERTS:

*Vans Warped Tour* – in California from June 21-27 at the normal venues

*Linkin Park*– May 18 at the House of Blues West Hollywood (this is an LP Underground-exclusive event).

*Starkid Apocalyptour*– May 22-24 at the House of Blues Los Angeles

*American Idol Live!* – July 23 at the Nokia Theatre

## MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS

By TIFFANY GUTIERREZ

If you're a Marvel fan, then watching *The Avengers* will feel like Christmas. Thanks to director Joss Whedon, all your favorite characters are here: Iron Man (Robert Downey, Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), the incredible Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), and Thor (Chris Hemsworth). When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, this collaboration, formed by Nick Fury (Samuel Jackson), shows up to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. The amazing thing about the movie is that it gives each and every character his/her chance to be the center of attention, but in a less wooden way than most comic book movies. Among the actors and their characters, Robert Downey, Jr.'s Iron Man never fails to deliver the punch line to several of jokes. There is also a lot of talent in Chris Evans' portrayal of Captain America; he makes the hero admirable by his beliefs in God and his country. The movie flows so well that there is no problem embracing newcomers Mark Ruffalo (as the Hulk) and Jeremy Renner (as Hawkeye). At times, though, it was difficult to weave together the story from so many sources and other movie parts, but overall the film does fulfill a great deal of action with constant scenes of fighting off the villain Loki (Tom Hiddleston). Overall, *The Avengers* is a great superhero film; it's smart, fast, and fun.

Cancelled Shows this week  
That No One Cares About  
by Elsa Ayala

*Alcatraz*  
*Are You There, Chelsea?*  
*Awake*  
*Bent*  
*Best Friends Forever*  
*Breaking In*  
*I Hate My Teenage Daughter*

*Missing*  
*Pan Am*  
*Ringer*  
*The River*  
*The Secret Circle*  
*Terra Nova*

*The Dark Night Rises*  
*The Expendables 2*  
*The Amazing Spider Man*  
*G.I. Joe: Retaliation*  
*The Bourne Legacy*

## Most Anticipated Summer Releases

By Victoria Rosito

*Snow White and the Huntsman*  
*Prometheus*  
*Ted*  
*Lawless*  
*Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*

# SPORTS

## DASHING PAULA

BY JUAN DOMINGUEZ

Paula Jane Radcliffe is a long-distance runner who participated in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics. She is currently the women's world-record holder for running a marathon in 2 hours and 15 minutes (a marathon is 26.2 miles). Despite being a great runner, Radcliffe suffers from asthma, but chooses to avoid the use of drugs. Radcliffe's honesty and sportsmanship set a great example for aspiring runners. Before the 2008 Olympics, Radcliffe experienced a foot injury during a marathon that later resulted in a broken leg. However, she proved to be a strong competitor in the Olympics because, although she cramped during the marathon, she still managed to finish in 23rd place amongst hundreds of entrants! However, her injuries began to worsen with every marathon she participated in, which resulted in her inability to run competitively for 10 months (talk about pain)! With the 2012 Olympics approaching, Paula Radcliffe has a few weeks to condition and prepare herself for competitive runs. Even though she has experienced many injuries in the past, if dedication is any indicator, she will do great in her run this year and inspire people to continue pursuing what they believe in, while disregarding the pain they must endure.

## Mexico: Aiming for Gold

By Enrique Ruvalcaba

After their disappointing failure to qualify for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the Under 23 Mexican soccer team has met the qualifications for the 2012 London Olympics. The team has well-built chemistry since most of the players were part of the squad that earned third place in the 2011 Under 20 World Cup. While Mexico will most likely reach the bronze medal they could still put up a good fight if they choose the three correct players over the age of 23 to compete.

Mexico has one of the best defenses but their Achilles' heel is their offense. This is where Mexico will have to utilize their three free passes on one or two goal-scoring forwards to cover up for their deficiencies. Players that could make an impact are defender Diego Reyes, and midfielders Javier Aquino and Marco Fabian. There's no denying the talent available to Mexico, but the key to Mexico's success comes down to the experience and choices that manager Luis Tena makes on the field and with the free passes.

## The U.S.A. Gymnastics Team

By TeMera Evans

During the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the USA Gymnastics Team won a total of 10 medals, including two gold medals by Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson. Although the team performed adequately, their performance was hugely overshadowed by the Chinese team, who brought home 9 gold medals for both the male and female divisions. Even though their 2008 Beijing Olympics was disappointing, Alicia Sacramone (who was injured during the 2008 games) thinks, "this team has all the opportunity in the world to go to the Olympics and take home the gold medal. I definitely think the last Olympics [is] a big motivating factor. We have a good mix of young and old and some new faces, and [this] will be a huge advantage for the U.S." With talent like Shawn Johnson, Jordyn Wieber, and Anna Li, and one more run from Liukin, the team has exactly what it takes to bring home the gold. GO TEAM USA!

## Michael Phelps and his Olympic Gold

By Marisela Gomez

The greatest athlete alive is back and ready to add more gold medals to the 14 gold medals that he gained in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games. Michael Phelps has broken more records than any other swimmer in history. Although Ryan Lochte and some other swimmers have broken Phelps' records, he is back and ready to break even more records. After having been the first swimmer to gain eight gold medals in a single Olympic Games, Phelps has gone through some scandals and, sadly, a few letdowns. It is only justifiable that after winning all those medals he decided to take some time off and let other swimmers get past him. That does not mean that he won't be on top again, it means that he is ready for his comeback, currently adhering to strict workouts and training and with his amazing talent he will leave Lochte and every other swimmer behind. There is no one that will be able to stop Phelps in these upcoming 2012 London Olympics, so get ready to fill your heart with pride when Michael Phelps wins us more gold.

## Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh "going for the gold"

By Kristine Locsin

Defending two-time gold medalist beach volleyball duo, Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh, are again the 2012 London Olympic hopefuls. The pair showed strong potential to win during their '08 matches, but the final match against China was a very close call. China was not going to just hand the gold medal over, and was ahead 5-3 and tied the US team many times. May-Treanor and Walsh did not lose any sets of the final 7 matches and won their second gold medal. On July 3-8, the National Olympic Trials will begin and the teams representing the US will be chosen, undoubtedly this duo will qualify. Although May-Treanor suffered some injuries, and Walsh had two sons and surgery for her right shoulder, they are still the team to beat. They are on their way to their third consecutive gold medal, which has never happened before.

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*Interview with Ms. Davis*  
By Jazmine Umanzor

## 1) How did you hear about HMSA?

I was tanning in Maui in the process of transferring to a school that was closer to my house (less driving, better on the environment) and smaller (2,000 instead of 5,000 students). My transfer fell through because the teacher who was supposed to retire, didn't. I decided to be proactive and started looking for teaching jobs.

## 2) Why did you decide to apply?

I had no idea about the awards the school had won or anything like that. But I did like that it was a very, very small school and the staff seemed close and the administration seemed very on top of things and communicative with the staff. I also liked the accountability for students (log entries) and that it was so college-oriented.

## 3) What do you like about HMSA?

The staff - they're all working together for the students, [and the] administration has been pretty awesome and supportive.

## 4) How was the interview process?

[It was] difficult. I had an informal interview with Hernandez, followed by a panel interview with Smith, Bayani, and Flint. And then [I had] another interview with Hernandez. I went home, received a phone call from Hernandez and then had to drive all the way to HMSA for another interview that day. [It was] very draining.

## 5) How is HMSA different from the previous school that you taught?

I can't bring Blitzen to school anymore; that makes me sad (Blitzen is Davis' dog). He used to come every day and my students would feed him hot Cheetos. It's also smaller, has more accountability, and the students are more engaged in learning.

## 6) What don't you like about HMSA?

I have to leave Blitzen at home.

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**IT'S GOOD TO BE  
A GEEK**  
By NARDEEN GORGY

Throughout the four years spent at HMSA, one dominant complaint seems to linger on each and every student's mind: not having a "genuine" high school experience. We don't have a homecoming dance, a football team, a basketball team, a cheerleading squad, or even exciting elective classes. HMSA focuses on enlightening us, so we're more able to use that knowledge in college and in careers. We all complain about the summer reading, the physics projects, the anatomy dissections, the AR reading points, and so on; but, we struggle to realize the true worth of these assignments. Every student gains knowledge (well, at least most of them), but applying that knowledge to everyday situations is what an HMSA student does. When the sophomores compare their rebel friend to Holden Caulfield or when they refer to salt as NaCl, they're applying their knowledge outside of the classroom. When the juniors or seniors fall down during a basketball game, hurt their knee and call it patella instead, or they compare their shy friend to Emily Dickinson, they're applying knowledge. Only an HMSA student would laugh when the penguin in Happy Feet is trying to beat gravity, but that's what makes us who we are. Believe it or not, thanks to HMSA, you won't be that one individual who has no idea what the surrounding intellectual people are conversing about. HMSA plants your nerd roots deep into the ground and those roots continue to expand as you progress in life. We are Aviators and we should be proud.

In closing, here are some jokes that will bring out your inner nerd:

A neutron walks into a bar; he asks the bartender, "How much for a drink?" The bartender looks at him, and says, "For you, no charge."  
Where does bad light end up?  
Answer: In a prism!

Pi and "i" get into an argument. Pi is yelling for no reason and "i" says, "Be rational," so Pi responds "Get real."

Why do you rarely find mathematicians spending time at the beach?

Answer: Because they have sine and cosine to get a tan and don't need the sun!

The past, present, and future all walk into a room at the same time, it was tense!

How was the Roman Empire cut in half?  
Answer: with a pair of Ceasars.

*If you're laughing, you're a true HMSA nerd!*

**INTERVIEW WITH MRS. CARLSON**  
By ABDUL ZAHID

**1. What was your worst year at HMSA?**  
My worst year would have to be my first, which would be 08-09.

**2. What do you like most about HMSA?**  
I like that it's a small school, everybody is like a little family.

**3. What do you not like about HMSA?**  
I don't like that you don't have a football field, or an auditorium, or other fun high school stuff, the fact that you have no real electives, and I hate my CP.

**4. What is your best memory at HMSA?**  
[My best memory is] seeing Mr. Jahnke in a skirt.

**5. What's your worst memory?**  
[My worst memory is] being laid off twice. Another would be when my AP class got a DBQ on Nixon for the AP test, which never happens.

**6. How do you compare this school to others?**  
It's much better than other schools. The students are more driven and parents are more involved, although [I feel bad that] the students have no social lives.

**HMSA Stereotypes**  
By Elizabeth Arguellez

Every student here on campus has encountered stereotypes from other local high schools. When we show up with our dorky uniform, the "normal" high schools can't stop looking and pointing, but on the other hand adults can't stop praising us. Other stereotypes:

- All HMSA students do is study
- Everyone at HMSA has a 4.0 GPA
- HMSA students only talk about homework (somewhat true)
- HMSA students love math and science
- Old people love HMSA students (fact)