

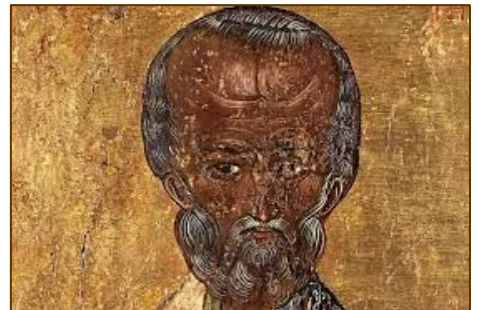
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

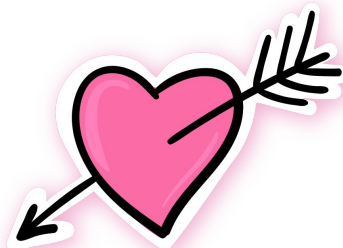
- February is Black History Month. It is time to celebrate the contributions of black American patriots who have shaped United States history.
- Throughout our history, black Americans have been among our country's most consequential leaders, shaping the culture of our Nation in profound ways. Two members of the Golden West Black Student Union (BSU) shared about people of color they admire. Alexandria Morgan (11) admires Ida B. Wells. Ida helped with women's suffrage and was involved in expanding school access for black children. Ida inspires Alexandria because of her bravery. "She battled racism, sexism, and violence to make sure African Americans have their rights." Janessa Williams (11) admires Saint Nicholas because of his kind heart and how he gave back to the poor. Janessa appreciates Black History Month as a time when we acknowledge black ancestors and what they have done. We encourage Golden West students to study influential people of color this month to find someone who inspires them.



Ida B. Wells, St. Nicholas, and GW Black Student Union members



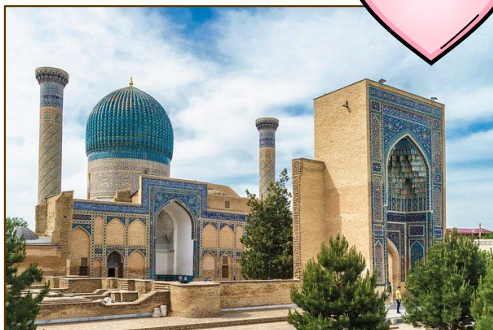
GW Academic Decathlon team



ACADEMIC DECATHLON

The Golden West Academic Decathlon team had fabulous results this year. The team received 24 medals overall. Cova Angulo Beltran is the Top Scholastic Decathlete in Tulare County! She received a trophy as well as three scholarships. Other GW medal winners were Nicholas Torres, Pedro Angel Ornelas, Jersee Nesmith, Miguel Garcia, and Maria Natasha Sanchez. Ms. Gage said the team "put in countless hours of hard work to build their knowledge and put it to the test." Great job Trailblazers!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DAVLATBEK & MARJONA SHAVKATOV



Golden West students Davlatbek (12) and Marjona (10) Shavkatov moved from Kattakurgan, Uzbekistan to California when they were in elementary school. First their family moved to the Bay Area and later they moved to the Central Valley. Uzbekistan is a beautiful country with a very rich culture and history. They moved to The United States because their parents wanted more opportunities and better education for their children. Davlatbek said that school in California is much more relaxed than in Uzbekistan. Although they have adapted to the culture here, they miss their family in Uzbekistan very much. In Kattakurgan, Davlatbek and Marjona lived very close to their extended family and they could easily walk to family members' houses after school. Now they communicate with their family in Uzbekistan through FaceTime and visit every few years. Although they are far from their native country, the Shavkatov family stays connected to their culture through food, music, dances, and holidays.

GW MOCK TRIAL LAID DOWN THE LAW

Mock Trial is a competitive activity where high school students simulate a courtroom trial by taking on roles as attorneys and witnesses, presenting a case based on a hypothetical legal situation. They argue before a judge and aim to win a verdict. This year Golden West's Mock Trial team was on fire! In round 1, GW's defense won against Woodlake High School. In round 2, GW competed against Lindsay High School and won again! GW seniors Savana Silveira and Mel Uribe received MVP awards during this round. In round 3 GW was victorious over Granite Hills, giving the team 3/3 wins. After a scrimmage with Lindsay High, the team ended the regular rounds in 1st place in the county! During the last round, Redwood barely beat Golden West, but the performance was still epic. Aubrey Woods won MVP for her stellar objections and cross examinations. Coach Giles said, "I could not be prouder of these students. They have worked incredibly hard and have earned the title of Finalist." Amazing work, GW Mock Trial!



GW Mock Trial team

CSF STATS ARE UP

This semester Golden West had the largest number of CSF applicants ever in a semester, with a total of 314 applicants. Wow! 224 applicants qualified and 54 members qualified to become lifetime members (also the highest numbers ever)! GW students who are interested in learning more about CSF can reach out to Mr. Gluckmann.

