

# The Patriot Press

## Hello Patriot Families!

Welcome to the **Patriot Press**! We are excited to share important news and events surrounding our Heritage community. In this week's episode we have the following:

March 2026

### Student Highlights

On Saturday, January 17, the Rising Stars seniors attended the Northern California Play Festival and earned 1st Place for their one-act play Lockdown.

**Student director Jordin La Russa was also recognized for her outstanding work, receiving the award for Best Direction by a Student.**

This past weekend, the California Thespians announced which productions will advance to the State Festival. Heritage was not only selected as one of just seven schools in the state to advance, but was also given the incredible honor of performing Main Stage at the California State Thespian Festival. **Lockdown will be one of only two plays invited to perform in front of more than 2,000 festival attendees as one of the top productions in the state.**

Please join us in congratulating these talented Senior Thespians on this amazing accomplishment as they prepare to represent Heritage at the State Festival in Upland, CA March 13-16!  
**We wish our Patriots the best of luck!**

### HHS Robotics competed at the NorCal Championship!

Although the robotics season has come to an end, the team is incredibly grateful for every event, every team, and every member of the community they had the opportunity to meet along the way. Each competition pushed them to grow stronger, smarter, and closer as a team. We are proud of their journey and even more excited for what lies ahead. Their future is bright! Congratulations to our Robotics team and their advisor, Rob Pardi, on an amazing season! HHS Robotics competed at the NorCal Championship!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



### Upcoming Events

- March 16-27: Spring Break
- April 10: Hip Hop Showcase
- April 16: Mr. Patriot Talent Show
- April 17: Improv Show
- April 18: Junior Prom
- April 20: No School
- April 21-21: Band Showcase
- April 30: Choir Spring Showcase

### Join us for the 2nd Annual Heritage High School PPO Golf Tournament!

Come out, connect with the community, and support Heritage! Scan QR code below to register and be part of the fun!

### Staff Highlights

Shannon Yancey

**Shannon Yancey**, one of our Physical Ed teachers, was inducted as the 7th female into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Class of 2026!

Shannon Williams-Yancey is a trailblazer in women's wrestling, earning four World silver medals across seven World Championships & winning six World Team Trials and four U.S. National titles. She claimed Pan American gold twice and won the Klippan Open three times, & in 1994 became USA Wrestling's Women's Wrestler of the Year and the first woman on the cover of USA Wrestler. A lifelong advocate for the sport, she helped coach the U.S. women to their first World Team title in 1999 and has served as a leader with the Sunkist Kids and on USA Wrestling's Board. Today, she coaches at Heritage High School — home to one of California's largest girls' wrestling programs — while continuing to inspire athletes through the Williams Cup, a tournament named in her honor. Another Patriot making us proud!