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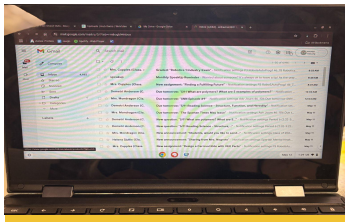

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The Top Two

By Juliett Fuentes

Every year, schools throughout the nation take on the difficult task of identifying their school's top two students: the valedictorian and salutatorian. This year, Lakeview's Valedictorian is Edie Alhasna, who is the #1-ranked senior with the highest GPA. Lakeview's Salutatorian is Julia Quintana, who earned the second-highest GPA of her class.

For a person to become valedictorian or salutatorian, they would need to have the highest and second-highest cumulative GPA, 9th through 12th grade, in their graduating class. When asked how he achieved the title of Valedictorian with a GPA of 4.1, Edie stated, "I had to take lots of AP classes and always stay on top of my work." Julia, who earned a 4.0 GPA, stated that throughout high school she "made sure to do all [her] homework and take a bunch of AP classes." However, when deciding who will be named valedictorian and salutatorian, school officials not only look at grades but also sports, extracurriculars, and clubs.

These titles also look great on transcripts when applying for colleges. Both Edie and Julia were accepted to multiple 4-year universities, including UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, and UC Davis. When asked about their plans after high school, Julia shared, "I will be going to UC San Diego to major in biochemistry." Similarly, Edie says he will also "be attending UC San Diego."

For any underclassmen hoping to achieve the same accomplishments as Julia and Edie, they advise you, "to do your work and take AP classes."

One Lunch for All

By Asher Rodriguez

Next year, Lakeview will be joining the comprehensive high schools and middle schools in the district by switching to one lunch for all students on campus. Reactions are mixed from students, but staff are hopeful that this will be a good change for the culture and safety of our campus.

According to our principal. Ms. Limbrick, one lunch will reduce the tardies and cuts during 4th period. "The biggest concern...is the number of tardies and cuts we experience during a double lunch period," stated Ms. Limbrick. As most students intentionally use the bathroom during their class time to mingle with their friends during lunch, or they don't go to class at all and take two lunch breaks.

To support the new change, approximately 10 new lunch tables and two new lunch stations will be added. The change means good things for classes like ASB and clubs, which will no longer have to manage two different lunches for events or extracurricular activities. The possible lunch change was brought up years ago by Dr. Olmstead, but was only recently reconsidered as fights on campus have significantly dropped. Dr. Olmstead, Assistant Principal, said, "I think culturally the school has made a huge shift and maybe it is a perfect time for this."

Seventh-grade student, Madilyn Krdotyan, says, "I like it; I could be with all my friends."

Shoutouts

By Lauren Williams

"Shout out to Robert, Johnny, Miguel. Have a good summer"
Nathan Contreras, 7th grade
"Thank you, Julye. You're the goat, and you're better than me at flag football."
London Payton, 8th grade
"I loved my high school soccer team. They were the best."
Xavier Molina, 9th grade
"Mrs. Cupples is a hard working and dedicated teacher."
Eason Arzadon, 9th grade
"Dear Isaac, I hope you have the best chud life in the Marines."
Ayleen Romero, 9th grade
"We love you Isaac, you're the best senior."
Cory Webb, 10th grade
"Shout out to Mrs. Gemel for always being there for me and caring for me."
Sharlotte Robertson, 11th grade

Duty-Bound

By Jennifer Perez

Approximately 10% of high school graduates go straight to the military after high school every year, but the question is, why are students so eager to serve?

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OFF CAMPUS

Pain at the Pump

By Nicky Atwell

Gas prices everywhere are increasing, with an average rate of $6.24 in Southern California 5.95% in Victorville; however, there are ways you can be fuel-efficient and get the most out of your gas.

Everybody drives at some point. Whether driving to school, work, or other places, everybody needs gas. However, some drive more than others, and those people tend to spend more on gas each year. With prices increasing due to the conflict with Iran, people have started trying to figure out ways to spend less and still drive to necessary places.

Students and staff here at LLA are figuring out ways to spend less when it comes to gas. Mr. Mendoza, a math teacher here at Lakeview, says, "To avoid the high prices, try to stay local and only do activities within or around your city."

Students here at Lakeview are also suffering from high gas prices. One of our students, Benjamin Franklin, senior, stated, "To fill my tank, prices get up to $60." With prices so high, it forces students to spend money they could use towards other things, such as workbooks. Spending money on gas is essential, but learning how to be fuel-efficient is just as important.

Spam Alert

By Mikha Sumual

Consumers in the U.S. are receiving 4.2 billion incidents of spam per month.

When asked about what students can do to protect themselves against spam emails, Ms. Ramos, Lakeview's tech specialist, stated that students should always "[make] sure spam filters are on. Email usually has an automatic filter, but your phone often has many spam filters you can manage and turn on to different levels."

Scammers are using AI to clone voices and adapt their scripts in real time. There are also apps we can install to protect ourselves from these spam emails. "Lakeview manages emails through the district office. They decide what email server we use, in our case, Google. Google has its own filters and has to work with school districts to provide even more filtering levels to protect staff and students," stated Ms. Ramos.

The next time you get spam emails, you should try these tips or go to our tech specialist, Ms. Ramos, for assistance

Senior Advice

By Firstlee Thoerhakh

As graduation approaches, seniors are sharing advice with underclassmen about how to succeed in high school. Many say students should stay involved, manage their time, and enjoy every moment because high school goes by quickly.

Senior, Phillip Hernandez, said, "Definitely get to know the staff on campus — teachers, security, and the front office ladies." Other seniors encourage students to ask for help and stay focused on their goals.

Senior, Maddox McClory, said, "Do your work, don't get too stressed on the assignments and become more close to the staffs."

Senior, Tony Hanoun said, "Don't get senioritis, do your work, and get a good GPA." Other seniors also suggest simple habits like arriving to class on time and keeping up with assignments daily.

Though their high school journeys are ending, the seniors advice offers a timeless reminder to underclassmen: manage your time, lean on your community, and make the most of the four years.

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Well, it's not just patriotism; many students join for a plethora of reasons, so let's take a look at the history of signing up to serve.

According to Military Frames, a blog that provides tips for students looking to serve, the main reason why students join is the financial benefits. Things like paying for future college, made possible by the GI Bill passed in 1944. Although some benefits have changed, it continues to provide housing and tuition to eligible veterans and their families. While this is the most popular reason, it's not the only one. Many students seek job training and experience, which can be transferred to civilian careers.

But besides the financial bonus, the military also provides formal students with something greater: a sense of purpose. It is common that after high school, students feel "without a purpose" due to the fact that they don't know what to do next. For some, college and trade school don't fill that gap, so many like Issac Gurule turn to the military to find meaning. Issac shared that, along with the financial benefits, he was also "feeling...[a] need [for] a purpose".

While the military may not be for everyone, it certainly helps those in need. Signing up to serve is a noble sacrifice, no matter the reasons. And as Sr. Martinez notes about his experience after joining the navy straight out of high school, "Leaving my parents' house at 18 and fending for myself has made me who I am now. I can tackle any task at hand!"