

May 2026

# The ART Beat

..... TUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL .....

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### THS Theatricals



#### Ajay Villanueva

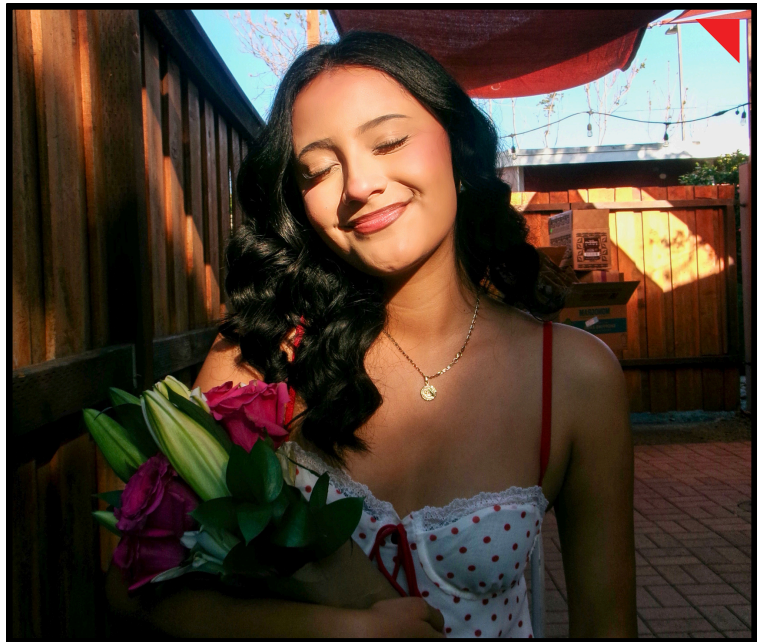
Ajay Villanueva is the senior most member of Tiller Theatricals. This year, she has stepped up to become the heart of our program.

**From writing to acting to creating props to painting a mural, she has done it all!** This year she has inspired others to rise up and work on their craft with smiles and warmth.

Ajay was integral to shaping our successful season, and we wish her the best as she forges ahead in her own career in visual and possibly performing arts!

Written by Ms. Williamson

### Choir



#### Yominhay Bravo

Yominhay Bravo started singing Spanish songs with Mom and Mariachi songs with Dad at a very young age. Her passion for singing Spanish songs has never waned.

Now finishing her fourth year in THS Choir, **Yominhay Bravo has sung the National Anthem for countless sporting events, been a featured performer for Hispanic Heritage Nights, performed in THS's "Mean Girls" production, served in "Voice Collective" singers, on top of many concerts and festivals!**

Her silky-smooth soprano voice will be missed as she begins her journey towards becoming a NICU nurse at Santa Ana College next fall, and on to Grand Canyon University in 2027! Good luck, Yami! 😊

Written by Ms. Snider

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

## Graphic Design



Our Graphic Design 2 and Graphic Design 3 students showcased their incredible work at this year's **TACFA Art Show**. Their works captured attention through bold visuals, creative concepts, and a strong command of modern design tools. From eye-catching posters to refined digital compositions, the students' work reflected both technical precision and imaginative thinking, making a lasting impression on attendees.

- **1<sup>st</sup> place: Emmanuel Gomez**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> places: Princesa Rizo Reducindo**
- **Honorable Mention: Mohammad Sultani**

Our students' ability to translate ideas into compelling visual narratives sets them apart, demonstrating skills that extend beyond the classroom. The recognition they earned at the show not only celebrates their achievements but also highlights the importance of graphic design in today's rapidly evolving digital world.

Written by Ms. Soriano

## Ceramics



The **AP-3D Art and Design** class is a challenging, hands-on class where you make three-dimensional art out of clay. It's not just about making one thing! You'll follow guidelines from College Board to create a whole collection of work, called a portfolio. This portfolio needs to show off your ideas, how well you use your art skills, and how much you've improved over time. If you score a high grade from College Board, you can even earn college credits while in high school!

In **Beginning Ceramics** classes, you learn the basic rules of working with clay and glazes. In this AP class, you'll be asked to try out new and sometimes weird ways of making art. You can even break the normal rules to create special, personal artwork that answers a big question you choose to explore. We want you to take chances, try new things, fail and try again, and make your art better by listening to feedback and making changes. While you create, you'll also document how you made your art and what you learned.

Students who took these classes at Tustin High have been accepted into great schools like the Kansas City Art Institute, Alfred University, and California State University, Long Beach. **Our former students also work with ceramics right here in our area, at places like Muddys in Santa Ana and Mud Hen in Old Town Tustin.**

Written by Mr. Brawley

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May 1 - May 9

May 1   6:30 PM <b>Choir Awards Dinner</b> Grace Harbor Church	May 4 - 6   3:35 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Colorguard Auditions</b> THS Band Room	May 6 - 7   7:30 PM- 8:30 PM <b>"Umm, I Think the Psych Teacher is Dead"</b> Little Theatre
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## May 10 - May 16

May 12   5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Visual Arts Showcase</b> 700 Quad	
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## May 17 - May 23

May 18   7:26 AM - 3:35 PM <b>Senior Finals</b> Periods 0, 1, 3, 5	May 19   7:26 AM - 3:35 PM <b>Senior Finals</b> Periods 0, 2, 4, 6	May 20   12:17 PM - 1:17 PM <b>Hello Goodbye Assembly</b> 700 Quad
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## May 24 - May 31

 May 26   6PM <b>Graduation</b>	May 27   Period 0, 1, 4 <b>Finals Schedule</b>	May 28   Period 0, 2, 5 <b>Finals Schedule</b>	May 29   Period 3, 6, 7 <b>Finals Schedule</b>
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**Have a great summer!**

## Get To Know Ms. Soriano

**Q: How long have you been teaching?**

A: 21 years

**Q: Are you a coffee or tea person? Or neither?**

A: Strawberry matcha with cold foam!

**Q: Favorite band/music?**

A: Reggaeton & Salsa

**Q: What was your favorite subject? (besides your own)**

A: Psychology

**Q: Do you have any special talents or hobbies?**

A: I teach Mat Pilates in the evenings

**Q: If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?**

A: Interior Designer

**Q: Any other languages you are learning/know?**

A: Spanish & Italian

**Q: What is something life is teaching you right now?**

A: The value of time and energy. Focus on the good...life is short!

